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Community rallied to support emergency personnel fighting blaze



With a peanut butter and jelly sandwich on the stand before him, Patrick County Emergency Management Services (EMS) Director Scottie Cassell praised the community's support for fire crews battling a wildfire.

By Taylor Boyd

The sincere efforts of a little girl illustrate the community's support for fire crews battling what has been referred to as the Tuggle's Gap Fire wildfire better than any words Scottie Cassell could use.

As he faced the Patrick County

Board of Supervisors at its Nov. 20 meeting, Cassell gently placed a plastic sandwich bag, filled with a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, on the stand in front of him.

Cassell, the county's director of Emergency Management Services, explained that a church group in Fan-



Calvin Davis, of Enterprise Mobility, gave an update about the Enterprise Fleet.

cy Gap held a drive to collect food and other items to help support the fire and rescue personnel.

Cassell said he was told that a "little bitty girl," who "doesn't talk" much due to a speech impediment, was among those who wanted to help. "She'd come in" to the drive "carrying

this little sandwich bag, and all she could muster up was, 'Help firefighter.'

Cassell said he kept the sandwich in the command center as a reminder of what the community means to him and others involved in the firefighting (See Community Rallies p. 3)

Board hears solar presentations



Energix Senior Director of Development Dominika Sink gave a presentation on the company's solar project for Patrick County.



Christopher Dadack, of Guynn Waddell, P.C. law firm, which serves as the county attorney, spoke about solar at the meeting.

By Taylor Boyd

The Patrick County Board of Supervisors heard presentations on solar at its November 20 meeting.

Christopher Dadack, of Guynn Waddell, P.C., which serves as the county attorney's law firm, said the General Assembly has generally delegated the land use authority through zoning ordinances.

"So, typically the way I've seen utility-scale solar regulated is through zoning ordinances. Patrick County doesn't have zoning, and that's not highly unusual for rural counties. It does leave you less options on how to regulate solar development," he said.

Dadack said a review is really the only meaningful way for Patrick County to regular solar development on its own.

There is also a siting agreement

where a county can negotiate with a solar developer and put together an agreement as to how these fully-scale developments will progress.

"It can be very detailed in terms of the project itself, the financial terms involved, but that is a conversation, a negotiation if you will, in terms of them imposing approval or denial," he said. "The 50.2-2232 review is the main opportunity the county has to unilaterally regulate utility-scale solar."

Traditionally, Dadack said those types of reviews have been considered a big-picture view of a project because the reviews include the general and approximate locations of the features.

"Traditionally, the language will be broader and not as detailed as you may see in a zoning ordinance,"

(See Board p. 7)



Banjorama to be held at PCHS Auditorium



By Taylor Boyd

The Patrick County Music Association's (PCMA's) biggest show of the year - Sammy Shelor's Banjorama - will be held at the Patrick County High School Auditorium on Saturday, December 9. Doors open at 5 p.m., and

the music will start at 6 p.m.

The show is sponsored by Hopkins Lumber and Patrick County Tourism.

Denny Alley, president of the PCMA, said the Lonesome River Band will headline the show along

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Hometown Christmas
 Dec 1 & 2 Stuart VA

- GRAND ILLUMINATION**
 Holiday Market & Santa Pics
 Friday Dec 1 6PM Courthouse
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 Saturday 10AM to 12PM
- LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE**
 Charlie Brown Christmas
 Saturday 10:30AM to 12PM
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 Saturday 10AM to 1PM
- FREE HOT CHOCOLATE**
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Hometown Christmas celebrations kick off on December 1

By Rebecca Adcock

There's no better place to be this holiday season than in your own hometown, and no better way to get in the spirit of the season than by participating in some of the many events scheduled throughout our county for Hometown Christmas.

The Christmas season officially

kicks off on Main Street in Stuart on Friday, December 1 with the seventh annual "Grand Illumination" tree lighting ceremony in front of the courthouse at 6 p.m. The program will include carolers, remarks from the Town Mayor, and others, as well as the tree lighting by the parade Grand

(See Hometown Christmas p. 3)

Local eatery under new management

By Taylor Boyd

Terry Dalton officially became the new owner of the Stuart Family Restaurant in October.

"I've always dreamed of owning my own restaurant," Dalton said. "I enjoy the food industry and then I was with Wendy's for several years, and I was ready to own my own business again."

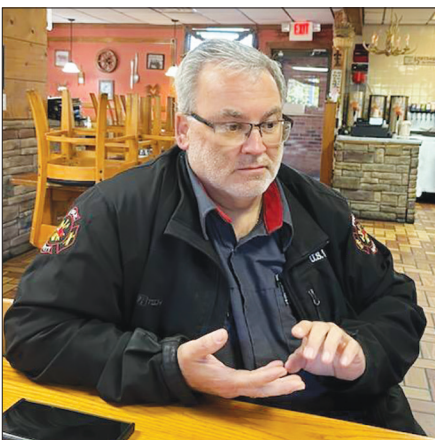
He previously tried to purchase Tony's Pizza, but that venture fell through. Now, Dalton said the biggest change at Stuart Family Restaurant is the hours of business.

The restaurant will be open seven days a week. Monday-Saturday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dalton also plans to implement some changes to the menu in the coming weeks.

"We're looking to do Jessie Jones hot-dogs, my plan is to" potentially "do a potato bar and a salad bar for lunch only, like 11-2, and then I'd like to do homemade personal pan pizzas," he said.

On Sundays, Dalton said he is considering narrowing the menu down to about



Terry Dalton is the new owner of Stuart Family Restaurant.

four meats and vegetables, seafood, or lasagna that can be paired with combos.

If possible, Dalton said he wants to be able to make breakfast every day, provided he can get more cooks and a little more kitchen help.

(See Local Eatery p. 3)

Bright Star Touring Theatre returns to Reynolds Homestead

Bright Star Touring Theatre, based in Asheville, N.C., will bring its show, *Holidays Around the World*, to Virginia Tech's Reynolds Homestead in Critz, at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 7.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children and may be purchased in advance by visiting the Reynolds Homestead website: <https://reynoldshomestead.vt.edu/upcoming-events/victorian-christmas.html>. Before the performance, the historic home will be open for docent-guided tours beginning at 4:30 p.m.

The performance is part of the Reynolds Homestead's annual Victorian Christmas celebrations, which also will include a Victorian Christmas Open House from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10. The free event is open to the public and will offer guided tours of the beautifully decorated home, crafts, holiday music, and photos with Santa.

Bright Star Touring Theatre specializes in literary, curriculum and

character-education based performances, and the group has earned a national reputation for high quality performances that play to a young audience's intelligence and meet National Standards of learning. *Holidays Around the World* is suitable for all ages, and features a story of tour guides getting separated at holiday time, during which time a worldwide adventure awaits. As they travel around the world in search of each other, the guides share what they learn about the season from a wide variety of places and cultures. Celebrate holidays from all over the globe – the Lohri Festival, St. Lucia Day, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Christmas and more.

For more information about the event, contact Kristin Hylton, communication and program support assistant at the Reynolds Homestead via email at krhylton@vt.edu. To RSVP for the event and pay at the door, please call Terri Leviner at (276) 694-7181 ext. 21.

Create a Safe Driving Jingle for the Holidays for a Chance to Win Up to \$500

Virginia teens are being encouraged to jingle their way to a safe holiday by creating a safe driving song or tune for a statewide competition and a chance to win cash prizes of up to \$500.

The Jingle Your Way to a Safe Holiday: Buckle Up and Celebrate Responsibly Contest is happening now across the Commonwealth with a goal to keep teen drivers and passengers safe during the Christmas and New Year's holidays. The contest, sponsored by Youth of Virginia Speak Out About Traffic Safety (YOVASO), the Virginia State Police (VSP), State Farm, and the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), is an effort to reduce teen fatalities during what has become a high-risk period for young drivers.

Over the past three years during the month of December, 17 teens aged 15 to 19 have died in motor vehicle crashes in the Commonwealth and 1,235 were injured, according to statistics from DMV. During the same time period, young drivers aged 15-19 accounted for 4,245 crashes and 14 fatal crashes in the Commonwealth during the month of December. Many of the fatalities occurred when teens were on break for the Christmas holiday.

This fun and educational initiative is designed to encourage teens to buckle up and celebrate and drive safely throughout the holidays. The jingle competition is open to Virginia youth ages 11-19 and involves developing a safe driving jingle (short song or tune) that promotes traffic safety and the holiday campaign theme. Teens are encouraged to enter the contest individually and/or as part of a school club or youth group. Jingle entries must be in video for-

mat and no more than 30 seconds in length. Submissions are due to YOVASO by December 7, at 11:59 p.m. The top six jingles in the middle and high school division, as selected by YOVASO staff, will be shared on the Holiday Campaign landing page for public voting December 11-14, 2023. The winning jingle in both divisions will be announced on December 15, 2023, and will be shared on social media throughout the Christmas holiday to remind students to buckle up and drive safely.

The winning jingle in the high school division will receive a \$500 cash prize; second place will receive \$200 and third will receive \$100. The winning middle school jingle will receive \$200 with second place being awarded \$100 and third place \$50. All prizes are made possible by a grant from State Farm. For the official jingle guidelines, winner selection process, and prize information, visit the YOVASO website or Holiday Campaign Page.

"The jingle competition is a fun and creative way for teens to remind each other to buckle up and drive safely during this high-risk period," said Mary King, YOVASO Program Manager. "We know all youth and teens love music and these safe driving jingles are a great way to reach youth statewide. We encourage all teens and youth groups to get creative and have fun while creating a catchy and memorable jingle for the holidays."

For more information on how your teen, school, or youth group can get involved, contact Casey Taylor, Program Development Coordinator at 540-739-4392 or email casey.taylor@vsp.virginia.gov.

Pets of the Week



This gorgeous German Shepard was found on Stella Loop and must belong to someone.

This cute little terrier mix was found in Patrick Springs. It is not housed in the shelter, but the shelter can provide more information.

If you recognize either of these dogs, please call the 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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Community Rallied

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Numerous residents attended the November 20 Board of Supervisors meeting.



Jeb Stuart Rescue Squad members Troy McAdams, NREMT- Paramedic, and Shana Baliles, NREMT- Basic, were recognized for their work in saving a woman's life.



The Patrick County Board of Supervisors recognized the county's school division for academic achievements.

efforts. The community, he said, stepped up to ensure fire crews had no unmet needs. If there was a need, Nick Bie-neck, owner of Tuggle's Gap Roadside Inn, put out a call for it on the Inn's Facebook page.

"We had more than enough show-up. To the point I think the administration called me when we put out (a call for) Tylenol and stuff for the sore aches and joints," Cassell said, adding he was told those products sold out in many stores.

"That's what our community is," he said and noted that some people came from as far away as Greensboro, N.C. to donate to firefighters who were working to control a wildfire that bur-geoned to nearly 1,200 acres.

The blaze began October 30 with a downed powerline, Cassell said.

"A tree blew across a powerline in the mountains a" very difficult "ter-rain to get to. The first fire burned for three days. We contained it to 36 acres," he said.

Cassell said the Department of For-estry (DOF) deemed the fire to be out, but the weather conditions turned, and the fire reignited. In its efforts to try and control the fire again, the DOF and National Forestry team lost control of the fire.

"It ended up burning almost 1,200 acres before we could get ahead of it and stop it," Cassell said.

There were 28 homes in the affected areas, and none were damaged, Cas-sell said, adding there also were no injuries reported.

During an initial assessment, Cas-sell said one of the houses was in the endangered area and deemed it un-savable.

But that determination was re-fused, and "due to efforts of the For-estry Department and the volunteers, they were able to save it. It was ac-tually a cabin nestled on the edge of a cliff, so they did actually save that somehow," Cassell said. "The volun-teers refused to leave that structure" until it was safe.

The DOF brought in four dozers, he said, and residents brought in at least two personal dozers to help with the firefighting efforts.

"The community worked great hours. The Woolwine (Volunteer) Fire Department put in over 1,100 hours themselves. We're still getting the numbers in for the total volunteer hours, but they're looking to be in excess of 3,000 hours for the volunteers," he said.

Cassell said the U.S. Forestry team also brought in teams from Washing-

ton state, Pennsylvania to help fight the fire and the National Guard used a Blackhawk helicopter to airdrop wa-ter on the fire.

Departments from Montgomery County, Surry County, and all the surrounding counties came to help.

"Floyd was a great help. They brought in UTVs to man the lines at night. Without that, we'd have lost a lot more land. Our original estimate was 2,700 acres, which is comparable to the last Bull Mountain Fire," he said.

Other fires occurred in the county while the Tuggle's Gap Fire was un-derway, he said.

"The Patrick Henry Fire Depart-ment in Patrick Springs had another 15 acres burned. We had another three acres out there burned in the same locality. Ararat had another 15 acres brush fire," Cassell said, adding "that is all caused by people" doing outdoor burning.

In other matters, the board:

*Heard an update from Calvin Da-vis, of Enterprise Mobility, about the Enterprise Fleet.

*Recognized Jeb Stuart Rescue Squad members Troy McAdams, NREMT- Paramedic, and Shana Bal-iles, NREMT- Basic for their work in saving a woman's life.

*Recognized Patrick County Schools for academic achievements.

*Heard from Kurt Bozenmayer, who thanked firefighters, rescue, and county personnel for their efforts in containing and extinguishing the Tug-gle's Gap Fire. He also congratulated the winners of the recent election.

*Heard from Galen Gilbert about the intersection of U.S. 58 and Spring Road.

*Heard from Ed Pool about solar energy.

*Heard from Vance Agee about so-lar energy technology.

*Approved the October 16 meeting minutes.

*Approved the bills, claims, and ap-propriations.

*Heard an update on the Blue Ridge Regional Library Patrick County site from Rick Ward and Garry Clifton.

*Approved a declaration of emer-gency/burn ban.

*Heard the county administrator's report.

*Heard the supervisors' reports.

*Approved closing the county offices for Friday, December 22 to give coun-ty employees the day off.

*Appointed Clyde DeLoach to the Dan River Alcohol Safety Action Pro-gram (ASAP) Board for a term expir-ing November 2026.

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with Nu-Blu.

Since its formation in 1982, the Lonesome River Band has released 15 recording projects. The latest album, Outside Looking In was re-leased in May 2019. Bridging the Tra-dition, released in 2016, is the group's highest-performing album peaking at number two on the US Bluegrass.

Group leader Sammy Shelor, a Meadows of Dan native, also has ap-peared on more than two dozen other albums.

He received the 2001 International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA) Instrumental Album of the Year award, the IBMA Banjo Performer of the Year award for 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, and in 2012, was inducted into the 2009 Virginia County Music Hall of Fame, and received the 2011 award for the Steve Martin Prize for Excellence in Banjo and Bluegrass.

Alley said Nu-Blu has a nationally syndicated TV show called "Bluegrass Ridge," a countdown of Bluegrass

songs. The show is aired in more than 100 million homes worldwide.

"They host the show every Friday night. It comes on at midnight," he said.

Other performers include Jay Ad-ams, Clyde Bailey, Charlie Chaney, Barry Collins, Ronny Harrison, Nes-sie Hunt, Doug Joyce, Larry Mabe, Hersie McMillan, Tommy Morse, Gene Parker, and Sidney Watson.

Alley said all the performers are "within 30 miles of town" (Stuart).

Admission is free, though dona-tions are encouraged. Prizes will be awarded throughout the night.

Concessions will be available for purchase from the Patrick County Shooting Education Team, with pro-ceeds used to teach children in the area firearm safety.

For more information or to watch past music performances, visit Face-book.com/PatrickCountyMusicAsso-ciation.

Hometown Christmas

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Marshals; The Patrick County High School 2022 Baseball State Champi-ons. Merchants on Main Street will extend their Friday hours, allowing plenty of time for holiday shopping. Santa will be making an appearance for pictures following the tree light-ing. Coming back for a second year, shop the vendors that will be set up along Orchard Street.

Hometown Christmas continues on Saturday, December 2nd with a day jam-packed with holiday cele-brations and plenty more shopping opportunities, including the Mistle-toe Market at the Stuart Farmers' Market (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.), the hol-iday bazaar at the Stuart Church of Living Water (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.), Stu-

art Elementary School PTO's "Win-ter Blender" (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.) The Patrick County Library will host an open house (10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.) celebrating Charlie Brown Christ-mas, with viewing of the cartoon and crafts. And don't forget to stop by Circle K for some free hot chocolate before or after the parade (1 p.m. to 4 p.m.).

Back this year, the P&HCC Fab Lab will be hosting a DIY make-your-own ornament at the college (10 a.m. to 12 p.m.) Come create a unique keepsake for your tree or as a gift. Connect to all the great events around the town on Saturday with the free trolley rides. Hop on at one event and get off at the new shop-

ping destination. Trolley rides will be given from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The 51st annual Patrick Coun-ty Christmas Parade, presented by One Family Productions, begins at 2 p.m. The theme this year is "Cel-ebrating Patrick County's Heritage and Future," in honor of the heritage and rich tradition of baseball in this county and the future of the sport. The Grand Marshal distinction will be bestowed on the 2022 Patrick County High School Cougar Base-ball team. This team was the first team to win a Virginia State Cham-pionship in Patrick County school history.

New for the parade this year, WHEO Radio, along with One Fam-

ily Productions and the Chamber of Commerce, will be announcing and running live complementary for the parade. So, tune into 1270 AM or 92.7FM WHEO Radio to listen.

Patrick County's Hometown Christmas weekend (December 1 and 2) is a collaborative effort of lo-cal merchants, the Patrick County Chamber of Commerce, the Town of Stuart, Patrick County Tourism, and One Family Productions.

'Find yourself here,' in Patrick County, and enjoy the many festi-vities of Hometown Christmas along with all of our other holiday events, contact the Patrick County Cham-ber of Commerce at (276) 694-6012 or online at PatrickChamber.com.

Local Eatery

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Adding that he is currently learning the restaurant's recipes and how to pre-pare the food because all of the offerings are homemade.

"Our fish is really popular, and we bread that ourselves. So, it's hand-bread-ed, fresh seafood. A lot of people don't realize that," he said. "We cut our own steak, we cut our own meat, we cut our own cheese."

Dalton said the previous owners, a father-son duo, decided to sell after 12 years as they were driving from Clem-mons, or a three-hour round trip, to the restaurant.

"The son would open, and the father would close. The son had hip surgery and it's not going well, and he's been out of work for over a year," said Dal-ton, who also is a member of the Stuart Town Council. "So, the dad has been leaving at 8 a.m., getting here at 9:30 a.m. opening up and doing all the prep, working until 8 or 9 p.m., and leaving here to get home at 10:30 p.m. He's ready to retire."

Dalton, who is the fifth owner of the eatery, said one thing he's been sur-prised about is how far people will trav-el to eat at the restaurant.

"The other day, we had people from Roanoke, High Point, Greensboro, Arch-dale, people come from Rocky Mount. I'm totally impressed with how far peo-ple come to eat here," he said. "It's not uncommon every single night to see someone" drive more than an hour "to come here."

Dalton said the community seems to be excited that he purchased the estab-lishment.

"I've heard nothing but positive, ev-erybody's happy. The biggest thing they're happy (about) is we're open on Sundays and Mondays. That's the num-ber one thing I hear because there's nothing (open on) Sundays and Mon-days around here," he said.

The Sundays the restaurant has been open have resulted in a full house, Dalton said, with people waiting at the door to get in, adding the restaurant's drive-thru window will remain open.

"We do a lot of business through drive-thru. People call their orders in and swing by to pick them up. We do pretty well there," he said.

Changes to the interior include the installation of new LED lights, refur-bished tables, and other minor changes.

"We'll do a little remodeling on the inside, nothing" too major, Dalton said. "Everybody seems to like it the way it is."

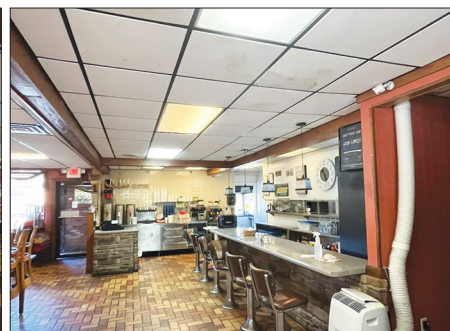
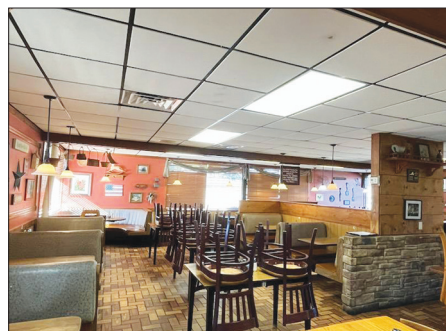
A new sign for the exterior is expected to be installed before the end of the year.

Since taking over, Dalton said he has hired six new employees and he hopes to hire another four or five workers, "which is always good to hear, that you've got an increase in your employ-ment staff."

Those interested in applying for a po-sition should go to the restaurant and ask for an application.



A new sign is expected to be installed by the end of the year.



Some changes are planned to the interior spaces of Stuart Family Restaurant, which is now open seven days a week.

Fire Investigation

This fall, forest fires have been significant in the 9th District and causes are yet to be determined.

In September, I held a hearing in the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee of the Energy and Commerce Committee, to discuss the devastating Maui fires that occurred this past August. Our focus was investigating what role Maui's electric infrastructure might have played in the events leading up to the fires.

As I said after the hearing, I was disappointed the Committee could not get answers on the timeline leading up to the deenergizing of the power lines on Maui from our witness, Hawaiian Electric President and CEO Shelee Kimura. The disappointment stemmed from the fact that notice was given to Hawaiian Electric that we were specifically looking at the timeline and Ms. Kimura was not prepared with the answers. Notwithstanding that, in the aftermath of a crisis sometimes it takes leaders time to gather all the appropriate answers.

Accordingly, I followed up with a series of written questions in order to get a better picture of the sequence of events and more information on Hawaiian Electric's fire protocols and procedures. Ms. Kimura has since submitted detailed responses for the record.

I was particularly interested when on August 8th Hawaiian Electric deenergized their power lines. According to Ms. Kimura, Hawaiian Electric was aware of the Red Flag Warning issued by the National Weather Service, meaning there was an increased risk of fire. She said because of this, Hawaiian Electric implemented their Reclose Blocking Procedure. Under this protocol, if a fault causes a line to trip offline (or deenergize), the circuit breaker or recloser cannot automatically attempt to reenergize the circuit. It must be done manually after the line has been inspected and determined to be found "clear and intact".

According to Ms. Kimura's written answers, a power line tripped early the morning of August 8th and, following the protocol, was inspected, and deemed clear and intact. The company reenergized the line at 6 a.m. The same line was then tripped offline again at 6:39 a.m.

What is most concerning about this sequence of events is that the morning fire in Lahaina was reported at 6:37 a.m. Further, the fire was reported in the same area as the tripped line. It is reported that the morning fire was contained by 9 a.m. but, there is specu-



Morgan Griffith

Representative

lation that the morning fire might not have been completely extinguished, thus reigniting, and causing the deadly afternoon fire.

This leads many to wonder what would have happened if the line hadn't been turned back on. Was it improper for the company to have reenergized the lines at 6 a.m., despite high winds continuing?

The Committee will continue to investigate and will hold more hearings to learn as much as possible about these fires and how to prevent such fires in the future.

One of the other things that came out during the hearing was the use of a "public safety power shutoff" program. This program, created due to fires in western states, including California, uses modern technology to quickly deenergize the power system in areas of high risk. This allows utility companies to cut electricity to specific areas before dangerous weather in order to limit the risk of fires. The program was not used in Hawaii.

My hope is that other power companies in the United States, including those in Virginia, will consider adopting this technology.

This was particularly pressing on my mind the last several weeks because in early November, Cardinal News reported that Virginia had five fires that had consumed more than 1,000 acres each. Of those, four were located in the 9th District. At that time, the Yocum Creek fire in Lee County covered 1,500 acres, the Rocklick Fire in Buchanan County covered 1,200 acres, the Rachel's Chapel fire in Dickenson County covered 1,100 acres, and the Tuggle's Gap in Patrick County covered 1,050 acres.

And as I write this column, the Matt's Creek fire in Bedford County has already consumed over 11,000 acres. I hope to be with the forest service soon and see the damage.

While there is no indication at this time that any of these fires were caused by electric power lines, and while we did not experience high winds prior to these fires as occurred out west and in Hawaii, I believe this technology deserves due consideration.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

America Needs Another Ronald Reagan (Heritage Foundation, National Review)

From 1981 through 1989, Ronald Reagan led a great American comeback. He not only achieved what his critics said would be impossible; he made it seem easy. His leadership transformed a sputtering U.S. economy into a rocket of growth that led to a generation of prosperity. He restored a neglected U.S. military and its alliances, engineering the eventual defeat of the Soviet empire, without firing a shot.

Despite his astonishing success, some dismiss Reagan as no longer relevant to America in 2023. I beg to differ. While issues and conditions change, people's motivations and goals do not. They still revolve around home, family, and their hopes and dreams for the future. His profound respect for the dignity, rights, and responsibilities of the individual, was rooted in constitutional principles and 5,000 years of Judeo-Christian history and tradition.

Of Reagan's many strengths, the following four in particular enabled him to connect with the American people. These gifts of leadership are desperately needed in the 2024 election.

First: Reagan united America. He never sought to divide. He always spoke to us as "we" – citizens connected by the same love for America, the same values of family, faith, neighborhood, work, peace, and freedom.

Second: Reagan inspired America. Throughout his presidency, he challenged us to lift our sights. He assured us that every American is created with the rights to life and liberty. His optimism always reflected that in this land we have greater potential than anywhere else to be creative and heroic, and to excel in imagining and building a

better future.

Third: Reagan emboldened America. His goal was not just to heal our economy, but to make America the growth, jobs, and investment leader of the world. Accordingly, he cut taxes deeply and equally for everyone, eventually dropping the top rate all the way from 70 percent to 28 percent, while providing enterprises strong incentives to compete. He fought hard against ever expanding, encroaching bureaucracy, reduced non-defense spending, and eliminated subsidies and price controls.

Reagan's critics never stopped insisting he would fail disastrously. A strong dollar slew double-digit inflation and restored and helped propel America's technology boom in the 1990s. In short, he unleashed the most powerful postwar recovery in history, reducing poverty, raising incomes, and creating a prosperity that benefited every income group, rejuvenated our communities, and lifted up the entire global economy.

Finally: Reagan protected America. He not only called our enemies what they were – evil – he rallied the free world. His policy was crystal clear; from day one, he pursued peace through strength by rearming America, conventionally and strategically, from top to bottom.

When his work was done, he sought no praise, and gave all credit to God and to the American people, whom he loved more than anything else on earth.

During his eight years in office, he left America stronger, freer, and better. Fittingly, Mother Theresa noted, "In this man, greatness and simplicity are one."

Pray for our country.

William Salser,
Stuart



Entries now accepted for Chamber's Christmas Secret Santa Drawing

The Patrick County Chamber of Commerce once again will present the Chamber Christmas Bonus. Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, the chamber has been granted a fund to give five Patrick County citizens a \$1,000 Christmas bonus. A random drawing will be held to pick the winners.

To be eligible for the drawing, employees must have worked for a company, organization, business, or county department or office for at least two years and make \$45,000 or less and meet the criteria listed below. Also, with several new businesses opening in the county, some of which have not been in operation for two years, if your business is less than two years old, an employee who has worked for you the majority of the time you have been open is eligible for the bonus if the employee meets the other requirements, which are:

1. Be a Patrick County resident.
2. Have worked for a Patrick County company, organization, business, or county department or office for a minimum of 28 hours per week for two years or, in the case of a new business less than two years old, worked the majority of the time since opening. Also, one check of the five awarded will be dedicated to an active member of a local fire department who participated in fighting the recent Raven's Den Fire. Please note the fire department status on the en-

try.

3. Make \$45,000 per year or less.
4. No more than 25 entries per company, organization, business, or county department/office.
5. Entries must be submitted using the Google Form by business owners, human resources, or supervisors. Fire department entries must be submitted by a chief, manager, supervisor or president of the organization. No family or friend nominations.
6. Only one winner per company, organization, business, or county department/office.
7. Business owners are not eligible.
8. Past winners are not eligible.

The validity of all entries will be the responsibility of the employer submitting the entry and will not be the obligation of the Patrick County Chamber of Commerce to verify, though the Chamber may contact a place of employment to confirm eligibility. The contest began on November 27. All entries must be received no later than 5 p.m. on December 15.

A random drawing will be held on or before December 18. Winners will be notified through the company or organization submitting the entry and checks will be delivered during work hours. Contact the chamber office at (276) 694-6012 if you have any questions. Nominations will only be accepted through the online form. To access the form, visit the chamber's website or Facebook page.

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Patrick Pioneers

William McAlexander, 1744-1822

By Beverly Belcher Woody

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William McAlexander Obituary...

“on Friday, the 8th ult. at his residence in Patrick County, after a short illness, which he bore with Christian fortitude. Mr. William McAlexander, in the 79th year of his age. Few have descended to the tomb more regretted. On the stage of life his conduct has been most exemplary. At an early age he became a professor of religion and a member of the Presbyterian church--he was a strict observer of the sabbath, and never known to use the name of God irreverently. He was firm in his purpose, inflexible in his integrity, unbound in his benevolence, he was the friend of the poor, and the protector of the widow and the orphan. The good, disinterested neighbor, his heart was open to every noble feeling. Mr. McAlexander was one amongst the first settlers in that part of Virginia, and as a true republican soldier placed himself under the standard of his country, and with active zeal bore a faithful part in obtaining our independence. In him we have lost one of the fathers of our freedom. He has had three wives and 21 children--and now a widow and 18 children, besides a numerous train of connections and friends, are left to mourn their irreparable loss.”

William McAlexander was a first generation American, born to James (1717-1798) and Sarah McAlexander who emigrated from Ayrshire, Scotland around the mid 1700's. The McAlexanders settled in the part of Albemarle County that would later become Nelson County, Virginia and had five sons, James (1740-1830); William (1744-1822); Samuel (1748-1786); John (1750-1834); and Alexander (1756-1840).

William married Miss Agnis Henderson in 1772 in Albemarle County, Virginia. The couple had three children: Jane (1773-1820); James (1775-1838); and Margaret Ann “Peggy” (1776-1831). Agnis passed away in 1776 at the age of twenty-nine; the same year her last child was born.

William married again--this time in Henry County--to Miss Jean Ferguson

on February 21, 1778. William and Jean had eight children: Esther (1778-1822); William Jr. (1779-1846); Agnes (1781-1842); Sarah (1783-1827); Mary (1785-1852); Elizabeth (1790-1830); Alexander (1794-1877); and Hannah (1795-1863). Jean passed away in 1797 at the age of 43.

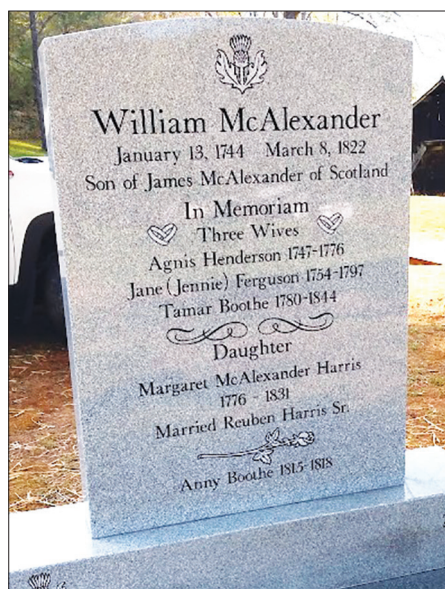
Fifty-four-year-old William married for the third time in 1798, to 18-year-old Miss Tamar Boothe. The couple had seven children: Johnnie (1800-1870); Millie (1801-1870); Daniel (1804-1853); Samuel (1808-1876); Isabelle (1809-1870); little Tamar (1815-1865); and Rachel (1817-1881).

We know that brothers William and John McAlexander had made it to Patrick County by 1791 and were landowners because both men are listed on the Commissioner of the Land Tax list for that year. William settled in a beautiful valley along Rock Castle Creek and John settled nearby on Little Widgeon Creek.

In the midst of raising his large family, William also fought in the American Revolution alongside General Joseph Martin at Long Island in Tennessee and was at the surrender at Yorktown with Haman Critz.

William McAlexander's will gives a wonderful snapshot of who his neighbors were at the time of his passing. Here is only a brief excerpt from his will that was probated in Patrick County Circuit Court Clerk's Office in March of 1822...

“I give and bequeath unto my son, John McAlexander, one certain piece of land lying on the waters of Rock Castle Creek known by the name of the rich Hollow, beginning on a branch and leaving the branch about a hog pen and running up a ridge near William Harris' land ...running down to the old hog pen until it comes down just below the place of the Bubby blossoms to the beginning; also I give and bequeath unto my sons John & Samuel McAlexander the piece of land known by the name of Bob's Place & bound by the land of William McAlexander on the N W and Bijah Booth and Gabriel Bowlings on the S & SW and William Ayres & John Massey's land on the N & SE until it comes to the



William McAlexander marker, donated by John and Rosa Rogers.

old wagon road... I give and bequeath unto my son, Daniel McAlexander, my home tract of land beginning at the mouth of the branch near the old hog pen thence up the same branch until it comes near the Bubby blossoms to the land laid off for my son, John, thence up the branch 'til it comes up to the new ground fence on the line laid off for my son John and far as my land extends to Elijah Dehart's land & round on the line to my own Wm. McAlexander's land and still following the line between him and myself till it comes to the old Wagon Road & thence along the old road until it comes to John Massay's line ...I give and bequeath to my son Samuel McAlexander the rest of my land the place where the widow Ayres family lived & my lower field and bounded by lands of John Massay, Jesse Dehart & Elijah Dehart - Rock Castle Creek & by the land I have here laid off for my sons.”

William McAlexander mentioned all of his children in his will, but as was the custom until only recently, land was given to the sons while chattel, such as furniture and milk cows, were bequeathed to the daughters.

In memory of William McAlexander, his wives, and descendants, John and Rosa Rogers, commissioned David and Katy Trent of Trent Memorials to create a new monument, befitting a Revolutionary War hero. John Rogers is the sixth great grandson of William McAlexander

through his daughter, Margaret Ann “Peggy” McAlexander. 17-year-old Peggy married 33-year-old Revolutionary War veteran Reuben Marshall Harris, Sr. in Patrick County on November 11, 1793. Peggy and Reuben raised twelve children in Patrick County before the family decided to head out west in 1830.

In 2022, on the bicentennial anniversary of the death of William McAlexander, the monument donated by descendant John Rogers and wife Rosa was dedicated to McAlexander's memory. The Patrick Henry Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution also held a marker dedication and presented a bronze DAR marker to be mounted at the gravesite. The dedication ceremony was attended by many McAlexander descendants, the local Boy Scout troop, and neighbors in the community. Members from the Patrick Henry, Colonel Abram Penn, Floyd Courthouse, Old Carolina Road, and General Joseph Martin Chapters of the DAR participated in the ceremony and the Colonel George Waller Sons of the American Revolution chapter honored McAlexander with a musket salute.

Thank you so much to John and Rosa Rogers for sharing information for this article and for honoring William McAlexander and his wives with such a beautiful monument.

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Social Security Matters

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

Ask Rusty – About the Fairness of “WEP” and “GPO”

Dear Rusty: I was married to my ex-husband for 30 years. For 14 of those years, I was an unemployed mom and community volunteer. After my sons were grown, I began teaching in California and earned a teacher pension. That teacher pension eliminates ALL the spousal benefits my husband paid for. How can that be justified? I, like a number of my retired friends, rent out rooms in my house to be able to live on a small teacher's pension and get none of my earned spousal benefits. Signed: Frustrated Teacher

Dear Frustrated Teacher: I can only say that your frustration is shared by many retirees from public service in States which do not participate in the federal Social Security program – that is, neither the employee nor the State contribute to the federal Social Security program. There are about 26 states (including California) which exempt at least some of their employees (and

themselves) from paying Social Security payroll taxes, but those states are obligated to provide retirement benefits robust enough to offset the loss of Social Security benefits which will occur later in life after the employee retires. As controversial as these laws - the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO) - are, they have withstood legal challenges since they were enacted four decades ago.

Because you have a “non-covered” pension from your state employment, WEP reduces any personal Social Security retirement benefit you may have earned elsewhere and, to your specific point, the GPO has eliminated the spousal benefit you might otherwise have been entitled to from your ex-husband. Like you, many who are affected believe this to be unfair, but Congress has steadfastly failed to enact legislation to repeal these provisions, or even to soften their impact. The likely reason is that Congress has evaluated the fundamental premise of the provisions and concluded they appropriately equalize the way benefits are paid to all Social Security beneficiaries.

It might help to think of it this way: in normal circumstances, if one spouse has a personally earned Social Security retirement benefit which is more than 50% of their partner's full retirement age (FRA) amount, no spousal benefit is paid (the spouse benefit is offset by the recipient's own SS retirement benefit). The GPO (the provision which affects SS spousal and survivor benefits) applies that same logic for a spouse who has a “non-covered” pension earned outside of the Social Security program, their spousal benefit is offset by the amount of the person's own “non-covered” retirement pension. The one difference is that the GPO offset is actually a bit smaller (2/3rds of the non-covered pension vs. 100% offset for a spouse with their own SS retirement benefit).

Both WEP (which reduces SS retirement benefits) and the GPO (which reduces spousal or survivor benefits) are consequences of working for a State which has chosen to not participate in the federal Social Security program, and those states are obligated to inform their employees of those consequences. I know that doesn't make your situa-

tion any less frustrating, but Congress “justifies” these provisions as being necessary to equalize how benefits are paid to all Social Security beneficiaries. There are about 2 million beneficiaries affected by WEP and over 700,000 affected by the GPO, most of whom share your displeasure. Nevertheless, Congress has so far maintained both these provisions as originally enacted. If you wish to add your voice to those who believe WEP and GPO are unfair, you may wish to contact your federal Congressional Representatives to express that point.

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The 3 Things I Did To Lose My ‘Marriage Weight’

I've been married for almost four years. For the first three years of our marriage, I ignored what people said about “marriage weight gain”. I thought I was the exception because I exercised regularly, ate a vegan diet, and looked pretty much the same as I did before I got married.

Then, I turned 30.

No joke. A few weeks after my thirtieth birthday, I woke up, looked in the mirror, and it was like I had grown a watermelon in my belly overnight.

All right, it might not have been as bad as an entire watermelon, but I was shocked by the huge change in my body. I had been busy with school and work, and although I was still eating a “vegan” diet, I was eating a lot of vegan junk. I must have weighed at least ten to fifteen pounds over my typical weight by that point. I knew that if nothing changed, I would continue to put on the pounds.

What did I do? Well before I tell you what I did, I will say that each person is different and that different things work for different people. Don't take

this as the final word on weight loss, but simply as my journey to regaining health.

1. I eliminated refined and processed sugars

Sugar is sneaky! It's in everything but disguised in so many forms that we don't even know it. Fructose, sucrose, cane sugar, beet sugar, coconut sugar, maltodextrin, rice syrup, agave – and that's only to name a few. What did I do to navigate this sticky situation? I didn't eat any of it. I avoided all foods with labels and stuck to whole plant foods instead.

Now you might be asking, “Don't we get energy from sugar?” Well, yes, but we can get all the energy we need from the natural source of sugar, i.e., plant foods, rather than in its refined forms. Although things like fruit have a considerable amount of “sugar”, they also include fiber that allows your body to release the sugar at a moderate and healthy rate.

2. I ate whole plant foods

I mentioned before that I've been on a vegan diet for a while but being a vegan doesn't automatically quali-

fy you as healthy. Did you know that Oreos, potato chips, and Ben and Jerry's new dairy-free flavors are all vegan? Again, just because they're vegan doesn't mean they're healthy. For me, unprocessed plant sources were the answer. I got back to eating food in its most natural form.

My daily menu was filled with things like fruits, nuts, veggies, beans, and whole grains. I had always been a theoretical believer in the whole food, plant-based diet, but now I was finally putting it into practice in my own life. I read Dr. Michael Greger's book *How Not to Die* and was blown away by the science-backed argument for a plant-based diet. If you haven't read it, you should.

3. I exercised

Everyone knows that they should exercise, but not everyone does it. I hadn't been exercising as often or as intensely as I had in the past. Sure, I still golfed. I even walked eighteen holes on the golf course rather than riding in a cart, but my growing belly made it obvious that what I was do-

ing wasn't working.

So instead, I started doing CrossFit three to five times a week. CrossFit is a group fitness gym model that does constantly varied, functional movements at a high intensity. I had done CrossFit before, but it had been a year and a half since I had gone consistently. At first, it killed me but after about two weeks, I started to feel so much better! It was an incredible feeling. I was hooked on exercising – so much so that I got my CrossFit level 1 certificate three months later.

Where am I now? I'm currently in the best shape of my life. I lost those extra pounds, I'm faster, stronger, and eating healthier than ever. This is just a part of my journey over the past nine months, and I hope that reading this has encouraged you to make a change or to continue on your path to a healthier you – with your partner.

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

It's not too early to get your home winter-ready

With El Niño returning for the first time in four years, Virginia could be in for a cold, snowy winter.

While last winter was relatively mild and lacked significant snowfall, this year may look different. The 2023-24 Farmers' Almanac forecasts a chilly, wet season for Virginia and the mid-Atlantic, and homeowners should take steps now to winter-proof their homes before the weather arrives.

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," said Laurie Gannon, vice president of claims for Virginia Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co. "Ensuring your home systems are working properly and efficiently helps protect your largest investment from loss or damage."

The Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety encourages people to assess their homes' winter exposure, and create a plan for before and after a winter storm. Some older homes, particularly in the South, may be more susceptible to freezing temperatures. It's important to insulate pipes near exterior walls and in hard-to-reach places like attics and crawl spaces.

IIBSH also suggests scheduling preventive maintenance for home heating systems and to keep homes cozy by caulking and sealing the exterior around windows and doors and adding weatherstripping as needed.

Ensure chimneys, fireplaces and woodstoves are cleaned each year and in good working order to prevent fires and keep carbon monoxide from building up indoors.

And if leaving home, even for a few days, "maintain your heat at a reasonable temperature—over 60

degrees," Gannon advised.

"Around Christmas 2022, some of Virginia had bitterly cold temperatures," Gannon explained. "Many people were traveling, and they turned down their thermostats to save on heating costs. Because there wasn't sufficient heat in the structure combined with the cold, their pipes burst. Imagine returning home from a holiday trip and finding your home underwater!"

Outside the home, check your roof and replace loose, damaged or missing shingles. Fix any gaps or broken seals around vents, chimneys and roof corners. Roof leaks and ice dams can be avoided by clearing debris from gutters and drains.

Trim tree branches near or overhanging your house, as they can damage the roof, siding and windows. Shut down sprinkler systems, and drain outdoor faucets, irrigation systems and hoses.

Also, take an inventory of your home, and know what's covered, noted Gannon.

"It's always time well spent to review your policy with your insurance agent. Our agents can provide details on any new enhancements to the farm, home or business policies that you may be missing out on."

Finally, don't forget to protect yourself. Monitor weather alerts, and plan accordingly. Having an alternate heating source like a generator is recommended in case of a power outage, along with keeping an emergency kit with water, non-perishable food and other supplies.

For more tips on winter preparation, check out the IBHS Winter Ready Home Checklist at bit.ly/3SpDqCT.

Local business receives Virginia Tourism Corporation grant for marketing

The Mayberry Trading Post in Meadows of Dan received a \$5,000 grant from the Virginia Tourism Corporation (VTC)'s Microbusiness Marketing Leverage Program (MMLP) to host a pig pickin' weekend celebrating the store's 132nd birthday in April 2024.

The Mayberry Trading Post partnered with other local businesses to supply matching funds for the project in order to attract visitors to the Meadows of Dan area during the Blue Ridge Parkway's off-season.

Virginia Tourism Corporation awarded more than \$757,000 to 131 marketing programs, ultimately impacting 655 combined partners, and supporting more than 1,300 jobs across the state to help increase off-season visitation to tourism businesses and destinations.

"The Patrick County Chamber of Commerce is so pleased to see one of our members, The Mayberry Trading Post, receive the microbusiness marketing grant. The Trading Post has been given new life with the renovations and updates that occurred last year, and we are excited to see this historic building and business continue to serve not only the community of Meadows of Dan, but also those who travel along the Blue Ridge Parkway," said Rebecca Adcock, executive director of the Patrick County Chamber of Commerce.

"The Microbusiness Marketing Leverage Program is part of VTC's strategy to grow year-round visitation in Virginia and is designed to

support small tourism businesses with marketing dollars to drive out-of-state visitation during off-peak travel seasons. We are excited about this program because we see it as a gateway for small businesses to engage with VTC's marketing and development ecosystem to grow their business and build on the Virginia is for Lovers branding," said Rita McClenny, president and CEO of Virginia Tourism Corporation.

The VTC Microbusiness Marketing Leverage Program is designed to increase visitor spending in the off-season by leveraging limited marketing dollars, stimulating new tourism marketing through partnerships, and extending the "Virginia is for Lovers" brand. This is a program focused on supporting tourism businesses with less than 20 full-time employees through marketing partnerships. A minimum of five Virginia entities must partner to apply for the microbusiness marketing grant. Partners may consist of Virginia cities, towns, counties, convention and visitors' bureaus, chambers of commerce, other local or regional destination marketing organizations, private businesses, museums, attractions, cultural events, and other tourism-related businesses.

The Mayberry Trading Post is an old-fashioned general store built in 1892, and which continues to offer a variety of mountain crafts produced by local artists and artisans. It is located at milepost 180.5 on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

PCHS Sports Schedule

Patrick County High School Cougars Sports Schedule for the week of Nov. 30 - Dec. 6

12/1 7 p.m. Girls Basketball vs Staunton

12/1 12 p.m. Wrestling at Mt. Tabor (tournament)

12/2 12 p.m. Wrestling at Mt. Tabor (tournament)

12/1 7 p.m. Boys Basketball at Staunton

12/4 7 p.m. Girls Basketball vs Bassett

12/6 7 p.m. Girls Basketball vs Chatham

12/6 7 p.m. Boys Basketball at Chatham

Arrests Reported

The Patrick County Sheriff's Office reported the following:

*Wyatt Lee Pack, 18, of Ararat, was charged Nov. 18 with drive after illegally consuming alcohol age < 21. Trooper J.A. Armes was the arresting officer.

*Kevin Dwight Wasoski, 48, of

Stuart, was charged Nov. 18 with assault and battery. Inv. Tennille Jessup was the arresting officer.

*David Wayne Trent, 47, of Claudville, was charged Nov. 18 with protective order violation. Deputy C. Gilbert was the arresting officer.

Local divisions among 483 to receive school security equipment grants

Henry and Patrick counties, and the City of Martinsville are among local school divisions to receive grants announced by the Virginia Department of Education. The state department recently announced \$12 million in state School Security Equipment Grants will be used to protect students, faculty and visitors in 483 schools in 98 school divisions via grants that will pay for security card access systems, visitor ID badging systems, surveillance cameras, security vestibules, two-way radios, voice and video internal communication systems, interior school bus cameras, two-way radios for buses, mass notification systems and other security enhancements.

Grants for the 2023-2024 school year were awarded on a competitive basis to school divisions and grant funds awarded were based on a ranked order on the competitive application criteria. The criteria devel-

oped by the VDOE, and the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services gives priority to schools most in need of modern security equipment, schools with relatively high numbers of offenses, schools with equipment needs identified by a school security audit, and schools in divisions least able to afford security upgrades. Henry County received \$188,000 for upgrades at Campbell Court Elementary, G.W. Carver Elementary, Rich Acres Elementary, Sanville Elementary and Stanleytown Elementary schools.

The City of Martinsville received \$205,222 for upgrades at Albert Harris Elementary, Martinsville High and Martinsville Middle schools.

The school division in Patrick County will receive \$77,617 for Blue Ridge Elementary, Patrick Springs Primary and Stuart Elementary schools.

Unemployment filings edge up in latest report

The number of initial unemployment insurance claims edged higher in the latest filing week to 1,770 and remained slightly below 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 18, the figure for seasonally unadjusted initial claims for unemployment insurance in Virginia was 1,770, which was an increase of 59 claimants from the previous week. Continued weeks claimed totaled 12,083, edging downward from the previous week but an increase of 61% from the 7,490 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 (1,814), administrative and support and waste management (1,732), manufacturing (1,276), and health care and social assistance (1,084). 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 18, the advance U.S. figure for seasonally adjusted initial claims was 209,000, a decrease of 24,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 2,000 from 231,000 to 233,000. The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 238,677 in the week ending November 18, an increase of 21,239 (or 9.8 percent) from the previous week. There were 248,916 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022.

Looking at preliminary data, most U.S. states reported increases on a seasonally unadjusted basis. California's preliminary weekly change (+7,911) was the largest increase. Oregon's preliminary weekly change (+2,305) was the second largest increase. Kentucky's preliminary weekly change (+1,940) was the third largest increase. Illinois's preliminary weekly change (+1,480) was the fourth largest increase. Virginia had the 37th largest increase (+35).

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Board

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he said.

The board recently adopted and amended its Comprehensive Plan to incorporate a policy on siting development. Dadack said that is a best practice in terms of providing guidance for a review, “but traditionally speaking, that’s where review has not been as detailed as a zoning ordinance.

“Even if you compare the Comprehensive Plan and your policy, you’ll see it probably may be shorter than zoning ordinances in other counties,” he said.

Dadack said there are exemptions through the 50.2-2232 review, for example, the siting agreement.

“Should a county enter into a siting agreement approval after a public hearing, the code provides that that automatically satisfies the 2232 review. The statute also provides that if you have zoning and you allow a utility-scale by right, no such review is necessary. So, there are exemptions to a review,” he said.

Dadack said the contours of a review are not as well defined as a zoning ordinance. There are also a lot of case laws on zoning ordinances, with few for the 50.2-2232 review.

“So, the bounds of that review have not been fully tested as they have with the zoning ordinance,” he said.

Dadack said no matter what regulations a county has, a review, or a zoning ordinance, certain preemptions may occur in either federal law, federal regulations, state law, or state regulations.

Denise Stirewalt, of the Peter’s Creek District, asked if the board could potentially not vote for any solar company to come into the county, or if the state and federal government could mandate that it has to accept them.

Dadack said his best guess is two things would occur. One is there

would be lobbying, but the greater risk is potential litigation.

“If you do an outright ban, which I think your question entails, that may prompt a lawsuit. That may be worthwhile for someone to litigate an outright ban,” he said. “There’s no specific case law on solar as it relates to that, so I can’t tell you the answer for sure, but I do anticipate probably litigation. Then if not, I know there’s already pushes to preempt some local authority to regulate solar.”

Regarding timelines to get everything set up, Dadack said unfortunately it’s out of the board’s hands to some extent because of the General Assembly.

“In some instances, already in a zoning ordinance, your powers to regulate solar are restricted to some areas. Not as much in utility-scale, but residential for example, there are specific statutes” you’re restricted in, he said.

For example, Dadack noted the board would be restricted in what it can regulate residentially for people who have solar panels on their roofs, and agriculturally if there is solar purely for the property or the adjoining parcels.

Stirewalt also asked if the county could have just solar zones without adopting any other zoning like residential or commercial zoning.

Dadack said that would be complicated, and will require more research.

Brandon Simmons, of the Dan River District, asked if the board wants to adopt one type of zoning, would it have to be across-the-board zoning.

“I don’t know if any of us want” to become a zoning locality, “but I don’t know, moving forward in the future, it may be what comes to protect us more,” he said.

For better or for worse, Dadack said zoning does give the county more tools to work with.

“Probably one of the biggest benefits I’ve seen for my clients is it provides a lot of guidance to your Planning Commissions, to your boards. They know what your priorities are, and they’re all spelled out. It gives guidance to” solar companies “as to what your requirements are, and they can decide if they’re interested in coming to this county or not,” he said.

Energix Senior Director of Development Dominika Sink also gave a presentation on the company’s project for Patrick County.

Energix is a global company that has operations in the U.S., Poland, and Israel, where its parent company is also located.

“The U.S. is our primary market, it’s our main growth market. We employ over 90 people in the U.S. We’ve invested over \$1 billion in energy infrastructure, and we’re proud of that,” she said.

The company has an American-made policy, with the majority of its equipment coming from American manufacturers and companies, including solar panels, wiring, steel products, and any on-site components.

Sink said there are 10 operational projects in Virginia, with six currently under construction. There are two operational sites in Henry County, with two more starting construction in the upcoming weeks.

“We have projects in Wythe County, the city of Chesapeake, the town of Mount Jackson, and Prince William. So, coverage all over Virginia,” she said.

Approximately 300,000 homes will be powered by the energy produced by all its Virginia projects, Sink said, adding the Fairy Stone Solar project is located on Commerce Drive, and the proposed capacity for the Patrick County project is 12 megawatts, or approximately enough to power 2,000 homes.

“The project is located, the entire parcel associated with the project, is over 200 acres, but we’re going to be using a fraction of that. So, we’re right now anticipating using around 100 acres,” she said.

Currently, Sink said the land produces \$6,000 annually in taxes.

“With the proposed project, that revenue will be over \$40,000. That’s six times the (current) amount, and over the anticipated lifetime, the project will yield over \$2.4 million. That’s approximately 40 years,” she said.

Sink said the company is voluntarily proposing several things for its siting agreement, which is being proposed to the board. Those same conditions were voluntarily presented in its comprehensive plan.

“The reason for that is, we understand there is no zoning,” she said. “We wanted to make sure that we provide some guardrails, some minimal guidelines, for us to follow so that you all know what project is coming to your community.”

One guideline is a minimal distance from nearby properties and roads, with a proposed 50-foot setback from property lines.

“We’re maintaining existing vegetation where it’s available and under areas where there is no existing vegetation, we’re going to be planting additional trees to provide for screening for the” nearby property owners “or folks traveling down Commerce Drive,” she said.

Sink said Energix has also spoken with one of the neighbors who is uniquely positioned where they will be exposed to the project.

“We met with them, we spoke with them, and we changed our plans. We increased the setback so there’s no real close residential dwelling to the project, and in their case, it’s over 1,000 feet that we’re able to move the project to accommodate” them, she said.

Sink said the project’s fencing will also be internal to the buffers and will be behind the vegetation.

“So, the neighbors or passersby will not see the metal fencing. They will see first the vegetation and then the fencing will be behind it. That fencing will be done in accordance with the National Electric Code,” she said.

According to the Comprehensive Plan review the project went through, Sink said it would have no impact to surface or groundwater

and is outside of flood zones. The project is also already in an area where there’s existing industrial development, with the Transfer Station and Patrick County Sheriff’s Office nearby.

“This is a location where there already is some commercial/industrial use,” she said. “The project will produce no noise, odor, pollution, or any long-term increased traffic. The only traffic will be experienced during construction and decommissioning.”

Sink said the land will also be leased from the current landowners for a period of time. The landowner will maintain the ownership of the property.

“After that lease expires, we will either have the option to renegotiate with the landowner, and if the landowner does not want to pursue that any further, then we will decommission, remove the project, and in that case, the landowner can pursue any other type of development,” she said.

Sink said Energix will work with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) on a permit called the Permit By Rule (PBR), which requires the company to go through extensive field surveys to work on finding any cultural resources, historical resources, threatened or endangered species, and then consult with other departments like the Department of Conservation, Department of Historic Resources, and the Department of Wildlife.

Sink added that Energix is not legally allowed to control the flow of water from before the proposed solar project.

“We show the finding, and we try to make sure we don’t impact any resources. Once that is done, we’ve spoken to the agencies and they don’t have any concerns, we are granted” the PBR, she said.

In addition to the comprehensive plan, Sink said Energix has proposed a siting agreement that provides protection for a lot of the items discussed and clarifies the minimal requirements of the project.

“We also wanted to participate and contribute to the community. We hope we can support the county’s budget with a voluntary additional payment of \$100,000. That would be when the project starts construction,” she said.

“It’s a shame that there’s a lot of misinformation out there,” Sink said, adding that the solar technology used for the project would be developed by First Solar, Inc., an American manufacturer of solar panels.

“This is a technology that is protected by patents. Of the top 10 manufacturers, only one American company, the rest are Chinese. So, this is an American manufacturing success story,” Sink said. “In business for over 25 years, 250 million panels installed. It’s installed by government institutions, schools, and Oceana Naval Air Station uses this technology.”


Sink said Energix has used this technology for years as it is tried and tested and is the higher quality equipment.

“There are over 50 researchers worldwide that have tested this technology, and that’s from universities to federal laboratories,” she said.

Sink also quoted a March 2019 study from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University’s Virginia Center for Coal and Energy Research, which found “the panels pose little to no risk under normal operating conditions and foreseeable accidents such as fire, breakage, and extreme weather events like tornadoes and hurricanes.

“This is the same conclusion that consistently adheres across all the 50 researchers,” she said, adding that the solar panels also pass the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) toxicity leaching procedure testing, the test Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP).

“Which essentially means it does not leach, it is fairly classified as nonhazardous material. It is a piece of electronics, so of course it is not for consumption, but for it to be out in the field, operational,” she said. “It absolutely doesn’t pose any risk to the environment or human health.”



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James "Carl" Handy

Mr. James "Carl" Handy, age 69, of Stuart, Virginia went home to be with his Lord and Savior and his beloved wife, Trish, on Thursday, November 23, 2023, at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital.



He was born in Patrick County on December 1, 1953, to James "Jim" Hobart Handy and Emma Mae Foley Handy. Carl was preceded in death by his father, Jim Hobart Handy; and the love of his life, Patricia "Trish" Leigh Hubbard Handy. Carl was a loving husband, father, son, Papa, and friend. In his professional life he spent several years working at Tultex and Pannill Knitting before finding his niche as a butcher, a role he filled in the community for over 30 years. A lover of the great outdoors, he found joy in the simple pleasures of life. Whether it was hunting deer, squirrel, rabbit or birds, camping, casting a line for trout, or perfecting his swing on the golf course, he embraced every moment

with enthusiasm and always had a story to tell. You could often find him watching the Redskins or Yankees with his little dog, Jeter. He enjoyed collecting rocks and cherished every piece brought back from the travels of his friends and family. He lived a very full life, loving his family and friends deeply, but was ready to go home and be reunited with his wife. While he will be missed by so many people, there is comfort in knowing he is now at peace. Carl will be dearly missed by all that knew and loved him.

Left to cherish the special memories of Carl Handy are his daughter and son-in-law, Leigh Anne Handy Grigas (An-

drew Grigas) of Rocky Mount, Virginia; two beloved grandchildren, Ethan James Grigas, Madeline Johanna Grigas, both of Rocky Mount, Virginia; his precious mother, Emma Mae Foley Handy of Stuart, Virginia; and many dear and special friends.

A Celebration of Life memorial service for Carl Handy will be held on Sunday, December 3, 2023, at 4:00 P.M. at Moody Funeral Home Chapel in Stuart with Reverend Jim Churchwell and Pastor Samuel Leonard officiating. A memorial visitation will be held on Sunday afternoon from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. at Moody Funeral Home Chapel in Stuart. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in memory of Carl, may be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 5216, Glen Allen, VA 23058-5216. Moody Funeral Home in Stuart is serving the Handy family, and online condolences may be sent by visiting www.moodyfuneralservices.com.

Faith "Fay" Marie Delapp Coger

Ms. Faith "Fay" Marie Delapp Coger, age 61, of Claudville, Virginia gained her angel wings on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. She was born February 27, 1962, in Cobleskill, New York. Fay enjoyed collecting angel figurines and could always be found soaking up the sun, mainly by the pool on sunny days. She will

be greatly missed by all who knew her, especially her precious border collie, Missy with whom she had an undeniable bond. Surviving Ms. Coger are her father, Jimmy Long; her mother, Bonnie DeLapp; her father through adoption; and John DeLapp; three half-sisters, Denise Long, Lisa Long, and Denise Williams; three children, To-

nya, Michael, Jr., and Leann; several grandchildren, all from Cobleskill, New York; special friends, Penny, Chuck, Lynn, Cindy, Joy, Bonnie, Jackie, and cousin, Jimmy Kearney.

A private celebration of life service will be held for Ms. Coger. Online condolences may be sent by visiting www.moodyfuneralservices.com.

Paul B. Foley



Mr. Paul B. Foley, age 82 of Stuart, Virginia passed away peacefully Friday, November 24, 2023 at Blue Ridge Nursing Home. He was born in Patrick County on March 19, 1941, to the late Roy Benton Foley and Mary Agnes Ross Foley. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one great-granddaughter, Julie Shelton. Paul retired from Fieldcrest Mills with over thirty years of loyal service. He enjoyed being outdoors, was an avid hunter and fisherman, and liked tending to his garden. He was very intelligent and enjoyed a challenging card game or puzzle. The joy of his life was his family, his dogs, and especially

his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Left to cherish the memories of Mr. Foley are his wife of 43 years, Peggy Lynch Foley of the home; two daughters, Portland Joyce Shelton and husband, David and Debby Joyce Jones and husband, Ricky, all of Bassett; three grandchildren, Amber Fizzano, Sarah Martin and

husband, Tommy, and Taylor Shelton and husband, Brad; five great-grandchildren, Rocky Fizzano, Joanna Shelton, Rhiannon Martin, Josie Shelton, and Jack Shelton; one sister, Sue Kodenski and husband, Mike of Bassett; and one niece Laura Jones.

A memorial celebration of life visitation will be held on Thursday, November 30, 2023, from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at Moody Funeral Home in Stuart. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to Ross Harbour United Church, c/o Cathy Adams, 35 Goblin-town Road, Stuart, VA 24171. Online condolences may be sent by visiting www.moodyfuneralservices.com.

Madison Vernon "Matt" Hubbard



Madison Vernon "Matt" Hubbard, 98, of Ridgeway, VA passed away on Friday, November 24, 2023 at Blue Ridge Therapy Connection. He was born in the Rock Castle Gorge Community in Patrick County, to the late Mabel Dillon Hubbard and Madison Vernon Hubbard, Sr. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife Shirley Adkins Hubbard.

He graduated from Spencer Penn High School, was a member of Rich Acres Christian Church, worked as a Technical Specialist at Dupont in Martinsville, VA and served in the Marine Corp during World War II in the Pacific theater. He was a member of the Martinsville Civil Air Patrol and served as Chairman of Henry

bard, Jodi Light, Tink Cooper, and William "Jack" Buckman, and four great-grandchildren.

A funeral will be held at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at Norris Funeral Services in Stuart. Burial will follow at Roselawn Burial Park in Martinsville with Pastor Alan Vass officiating.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm.

Military honors are by the Henry County Honor Guard.

Memorials may be made to Martinsville/Henry County Honor Guard P.O. Box 1002 Collinsville, VA 24078

Norris Funeral Services in Stuart is serving the Hubbard family

Online condolences may be made at www.norrisfuneral.com.

Report finds steep decline in young driver crash rates

Traffic crash and fatality rates for young drivers have improved drastically over the past two decades—even more so than for older drivers, according to a recent report by the Governors Highway Safety Association.

"Young driver crash rates are nearly four times higher than that of older drivers per miles driven, but the good news is that we're making progress," said Pam Shadel Fischer, report author and GHSA senior director of external engagement, during an Oct. 31 GHSA webinar.

The Oct. 2023 report, "Young Drivers and Traffic Fatalities: 20 Years of Progress on the Road to Zero" defines young drivers as 20 years or younger and examined Fatality Analysis Reporting System data for 2002 through 2021.

The young driver crash fatality rate improved in all but three states and Washington, D.C. In Virginia, fatal

crash involvement rates per 10,000 licensed drivers under 21 fell 37%.

Fatal crashes involving a young driver fell 38% while they increased nearly 8% for older drivers. At the same time, deaths of young drivers fell about 45% compared to an 11% increase in fatalities for older drivers.

"I believe that young drivers, more than any other age group out there, have the greatest potential for reaching this milestone of zero fatalities," added Fischer. "But it's going to take us doing more to get there."

She outlined the policies and programs responsible for gains in teen driver safety, including Graduated Driver Licensing. This is a three-step system that includes a supervised learner's period, an intermediate phase with restrictions for novice drivers and a license with all privileges.

"We know it's the most effective tool we have in our toolbox for teen driver safety," Fischer noted.

"This three-step licensing process is really responsible for novice driver crash rates falling anywhere from 20-40%."

Other effective tools include parent involvement, driver education, behind-the-wheel training, peer-to-peer traffic safety education programs and the emergence of safer vehicles and teen-specific technologies.

GHSA recommends building upon proven countermeasures, including strengthening GDL laws by raising the minimum permit age to 16 and intermediate licensure age to 17, and applying GDL laws to 18- to 20-year-olds. GHSA additionally recommends making driver education and training accessible to all.

Fischer added that parents and guardians "play a critical role" in their teen's driver education and recommends building a parent education element into state licensing requirements.


Involved parents who set high expectations, as well as nurture their young drivers, will see their children more likely to drive safely at far greater rates than teens with permissive or uninvolved parents, according to research conducted by the Center for Injury Research and Prevention at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

"The most effective safety feature in the vehicle is a safe and engaged driver," added Mike Speck, lead instructor for the Ford Driving Skills for Life program. He encourages parents to remain involved with their teens throughout their learning process and strategize ways to enforce safe driving habits.

GHSA recommends incorporating more information on vehicle safety features into driver education programs.

For the full report, visit ghsa.org/resources/GHSA/young-drivers-spotlight-report23.

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PUBLIC HEARING: The Patrick County Board of Supervisors will hold a Public Hearing, Monday, December 11, 2023, at 6:00 PM to hear comment on amending the fiscal year 2023-2024 budget with an increase of \$2,427,679.98 for Patrick County Public Schools as follows:

Revenue	State Revenue	\$ 839,696.06
	Federal Revenue	923,853.92
	County Contribution Reduction	-135,870.00
	Other Revenue	300,000.00
	1% Additional Retail Sales & Use Tax	500,000.00
	Total	\$ 2,427,679.98
Expenditures	State & Local Funded Programs	\$ 1,927,679.98
	Capital Projects	500,000.00
	Total	\$ 2,427,679.98

The hearing will be held in the 3rd floor Courtroom in the Patrick County Veterans Memorial building, 106 Rucker Street, Stuart, Virginia. A vote will be taken at the meeting. Anyone wishing to view the proposed budget amendments may do so at the County Administration office, Suite 218 located in the Patrick County Veterans Memorial building.

If you plan to attend and have any special needs requirements, please contact the County Administration Office at 276-694-6094.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
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In execution of the Deed of Trust dated November 22, 2021 and recorded on November 22, 2021 in Instrument # 210002584 of Patrick County land records, Trustee Services of Virginia, LLC, the appointed Substitute Trustee, will offer for sale at public auction at the front of the Courthouse of the Circuit Court for Patrick County, Main Street, Stuart, Virginia on January 4, 2024 at 10:00 AM the property more particularly described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust, located at the property address listed below and briefly identified as follows:

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Hal Tenny



Pottery



Concept artist for "Guardians of The Galaxy Vol 2"

The Stokes County Arts Council will host the opening of an exhibit of original art, by Hal Tenny in the Apple Gallery. The official gallery opening will be Sunday, December 3 during the 'Christmas in Danbury' festivities at The Arts Place of Stokes 500 Main Street Danbury, NC.

The images in this show are of various themes, though for the most part, Tenny's work is science fiction and fantasy based. He also has some abstract and organic like images. They are all fractals created with a combination of math formulas and adjustments of their given variables. In some images, he has composited into the work real life objects and plants to create surreal life like images.

A portion of the pottery is traditional such as plates, bowls and coffee mugs, but Tenny also likes to manipulate clay into unique designs, almost like sculpturing. Tenny said, "Clay can sometimes be un-cooperative, and it takes a certain patience to get what my mind comes up with. I like to create pottery that almost seems alive."

Tenny said, "A few years ago, I found a renewed interest in a past love of mine, wheel thrown pottery. I created pottery extensively in the mid-70s to the mid-80s, and then somehow, my potter's wheel got packed away in the closet where it sat unused until March of 2019. I learned throwing on a kick wheel in high school in '73. Both my potters' wheel and kiln were over 40 years old, but I've since replaced them with modern equipment. I now create both wheel thrown and hand built pottery as well as a combination of both that are unique as well as functional."

Tenny is also a digital artist that

creates 2d and 3d fractal images. His artwork is created with software that processes mathematical formulas into visual art in the form of fractal imagery. Fractals are present in many places in real life including for instance the shape of branches and root structures of trees, snowflakes and frost patterns on windows. Tenny strives to make his digital art as realistic and believable as possible.

Tenny is a high school graduate and was an art - music major. After graduating, he continued making wheel thrown pottery for several years. He once took a long break from making art, but he shared that his work in construction was, in a way, an outlet to create something, even if not artwork. "I took the same pride in my trade as I did in my art," said Tenny. Later on in life, Tenny slowly accumulated the tools for woodworking and made many things that further

satisfied his desire to create. He is self-taught in all the software he uses.

Tenny's work has earned a best of show award at the Hammondsport Art Festival in New York.

His fractal work was selected as one of the 25 winners in the Benoit Mandelbrot Fractal art Contest 2011. That same fractal piece was chosen by the editor as the cover art for the magazine REDES. "REDES para la Ciencia" (NETS for Science) is the print magazine format of a well-known Spanish Science TV program. Tenny participated in an invitation only digital art exhibition in May 2011, sponsored by Paper New England. The event was titled The Digital Palette and was held at the Artspace Gallery in Hartford, CT.

In 2017, Tenny's fractal art was featured prominently in the Marvel

film, "Guardians Of The Galaxy Vol 2". Much of his fractal work was further conceptualized by other concept artists as well as four or more visual effects companies. His art appeared exclusively on the planet 'Ego' and was used in part to create 'Ego's' palace, various floor and wall designs, furniture and separate bedroom buildings. Much of the underground caverns were almost entirely based on Tenny's fractal work. He received onscreen credit as a concept artist for his work.

He also created numerous CD and album covers and a few book covers on commission.

Hal Tenny is currently retired and spends most of his time creating art and reading. He is an avid science fiction fan and has also written and published two novels, two short story collections and several single short stories that are available on Amazon as Kindle books. He also enjoys woodworking and has a complete woodworking shop that shares space with his pottery studio. Tenny and his wife currently live in Danbury with their son, daughter and two grandchildren.

This exhibit in the Apple Gallery will be on display through December 31. The Stokes County Arts Council is open to the public Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday 12-6 p.m. For additional information about the exhibit, contact the Stokes County Arts Council at (336) 593-8159 or visit www.stokesarts.org.

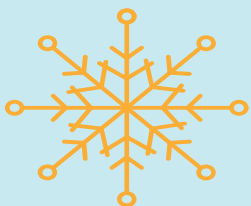
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Meetings

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.

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

Events

Friday, Dec. 1
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 provided on page A7.

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

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.

Sunday, Dec. 10
High Point Baptist Church will hold an Outdoor Christmas Drama with the shows starting at 6 and 7 p.m., 2381 Big A School Rd. Stuart. Rain/Snow Date is December 17. For more information, contact Pastor Wayne Moore at (336) 793-7991.

Tuesday, Dec. 12
The newly formed Breast Cancer Support Group will hold its third monthly meeting at the Carroll County Wellness Center from 6-7 p.m. For more information, contact Rhonda Horton at (276) 733-6877 or via email at hortnrhonda@gmail.com.

Thursday, Dec. 14
The Patrick County Senior Citizens Group will hold its December meeting at 11 a.m. in the Hooker Building at Rotary Field in Stuart. Entertainment, a Christmas group sing-a-long, will be led by Phyllis Eastridge and Paula Drady. Grilled chicken breasts and beverages will be provided for the meal. Attendees are requested to bring vegetables and desserts to share with the group.

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. For more information, call (276) 694-3352.

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

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.

NOTICE

All announcements to be included in the Community Calendar must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday the week before publish date. Items are published as space permits. Email to: dhall@theenterprise.net

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

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Black Friday Open Jam

The Willis Gap Community Center's Open Jam (The Crooked Road) was held on Friday, Nov. 24 in Ararat, with David and Annette Freeman attending along with a large group of their family, visiting from Florida, N.C. and VA. Annette and some family members sang to music by (left to right) Ralph Keen on harmonica, Dwight Lawson on banjo; back row: Don Rierson on fiddle, and Dot Shikenjanski on bass. Like us on Facebook, where you can watch their videos.



A large group of musicians, and guests of all ages attended the jam. Pictured, left to right, are Ralph Keen on harmonica, Lead Singer/Musician Tommy Nichols on guitar, Mike Pyburn Sr. on banjo, Andy Nichols on guitar, Dot Shikenjanski on bass, Alan Cray on guitar; back row: Don Rierson on fiddle, Dwight Lawson on banjo. Like us on Facebook, where you can listen to their videos. (By Mary Dellenback Hill)

Kendrick celebrates 90th birthday



Eleanor Adams Kendrick, a Patrick County native and an octogenarian, recently became a nonagenarian and celebrated her 90th birthday in Collinsville, at a party at El Ranchito restaurant.

Surrounded by her beloved family members, consisting of her nonagenarian sisters, their children and spouses, her son, Danny Kendrick, and her grandchildren, Meagan and Christopher Kendrick to honor her birthday. Eleanor enjoyed a casual and social afternoon at the local Mexican restaurant El Ranchito. Guests travelled from as far as Eastern Virginia, and North Carolina to attend her birthday celebration.

Eleanor was born on November 20, 1933, and recalls using a horse and buggy to navigate the bumpy roads of Patrick County. She married Otha Kendrick in 1958 and lived faithfully with him in Bassett Virginia, where they made their home. Blessed with a son, Danny, born in 1964, she stayed home to raise him. She worked at Hardee's in Bassett, where she was a steadfast employee and retired at the age of 82, after 30 years of service. She was an instrumental part

of creating the group of singers and players that Bassett Hardee's was known for. Every Tuesday, a group of musicians gathered at Hardee's to entertain and brighten the mornings of Bassett residents and visitors alike, under the gentle leadership of Mrs. Kendrick. A devout woman, she continues to attend The Church of God of Prophecy in Patrick Springs, where she has attended for many years.

Mrs. Kendrick continues to live independently in Bassett, where she has resided since 1958. Before retirement, she devoted time volunteering at Stanleytown Rehab to help the "old folks" in the retirement center. No one ever wanted to tell her that she was older than some of the residents! Since then, she has enjoyed playing the piano at church every Sunday morning, talking to her sisters on the phone, and hosting visits from her beloved family.

The family wishes to thank the guests who attended her small party, and, importantly, the many members of this community who made her birthday special by sending her cards, calling her, and bringing her flowers.

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Land Transfers in October

The following land transfers were recorded in the Patrick County Circuit Court Clerk's Office in October:

David Christopher Barbe and other to NG Investments LLC, Unit #102, Dan River District.
 Phillip E. Belcher and others to Fred R. Burke and wife, 2.3743 acres, Blue Ridge District.
 Phillip E. Belcher and others to William Scott Hengerer and wife, 2.4348 acres, Blue Ridge District.
 Carl E. Bell to Doren Child, 41.70 acres, Dan River District.
 Lillie Mae Smith Belton to Allison M. Belton, 2 acres, Peters Creek District.
 Christie Brandolini and other to Deborah Aguilar, 1.46 acres, Mayo River District.
 Christina Butterworth to Bannock Land LLC, 12.218 acres and 23.631 acres, Mayo River District.
 Raymond L. Carter and others to Joshua A. Newman and wife, 4.92 acres and 4.468 acres, Mayo River District.
 Jack Ronald Doss and wife to Ian C. Doss, 0.8829 acres, Dan River District.
 Kathy Marie Eastridge to Kelly Burleigh Stevenson III and wife, 2.75 acres and 0.05 acres, Dan River District.
 Christopher Alan Gunter to Sebastien Couture and wife, 12.56 acres, Smith River Dis-

trict.
 Damian Scott Halstead and other to Wayne Monroe Parker, lots, Blue Ridge District.
 Nash J. Heath to Charles Banton and other, 60.588 acres and 14.366 acres, Peters Creek District.
 Daniel G. Kelly and other to Jonathan David Altizer and wife, 4.644 acres, Mayo River District.
 Jason Mare Lovejoy and other to Commonwealth of Virginia, 3 state highway plats, district not listed.
 Makang2 LLC to Singh Brothers Investments LLC, 0.254 acres, Mayo River District.
 Caroline Maness to Jean Jacques Devaux, 5.66 acres, Peters Creek District.
 Marvel Martin to Charles Michael Glassey and wife, 4.5 acres and 5 acres, Dan River District.
 Mayo Mountain Church Inc to New Beginning Church Trustees, 0.79 acres, Peters Creek District.
 John Michael McCutchen and other to June A. Sullivan, lot, Peters Creek District.
 Gary Moore and wife to Matthew C. Lovings and other, 3.298 acres, Peters Creek District.
 Mortgage Assets Management LLC to Michael J. Hartman and other, 1.65 acres, Peters Creek District.

Sarah Lynn Nester to Larry Joseph Scott and other, 6.0 acres, district not listed.
 Patriot Land Group LLC to Sandra Rose Rivas, 2.166 acres and 2.215 acres and 2.941 acres and 3.897 acres, Dan River District.
 Eldon L. Presnell to Nicole Reynolds, Tract 9, Peters Creek District.
 RAS Trustee Services LLC to Wintrust Mortgage, 2.332 acres, Blue Ridge District.
 Jason Rich to Kenneth Marcus Watson and wife, 6.644 acres, Blue Ridge District.
 Gary Richards to Zachary Coleburn Steffey and wife, tract, Dan River District.
 Felix Rodriguez to Jeffrey William Parrish, 2.5 acres, Peters Creek District.
 Teresa Lynn Ross to Joseph S. Hall and wife, 1.4073 acres, Dan River District.
 The Secretary of Veterans Affairs to Mark A. Godfrey, 17.833 acres, Peters Creek District.
 Brian E. Thomas and others to Brandon Lee Davis and wife, 2.0016 acres, Peters Creek District.
 Triple W LLC to Rozan Handman and other, 2.66 acres, Mayo River District.
 Esau Orion Underhill to Kim Shrophire, 7.422 acres, Blue Ridge District.
 Nikolaos V. Xenakis and wife to Flex Stuart Properties LLC, 0.863 acres, Mayo River District.

Quilters sought for history project

The Virginia Quilt Museum is unveiling an ambitious and meaningful project, "Stitching Together History," in commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution. This groundbreaking initiative will see the creation of 250 quilts, each telling a unique story about the rich history of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The project, set to launch on July 4, 2026, will transform the Virginia Quilt Museum into a vibrant tapestry of historical narratives as told through a specially curated collection of quilts displayed throughout the entire museum until December 22, 2026.

To ensure a cohesive and inclusive representation, the quilts will be based on adaptations of four key themes proposed by the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) for the 250th Anniversary: Unfinished Revolutions, We the People, Power of Place, and Virginia Experiments.

Quilters from all corners of the United States are invited to contribute to this monumental project. The advisory committee, comprising experts in both content and technical skill, will carefully select quilts for display during the exhibition. Subsequently, the quilts will be returned to the artists or offered for sale as part of a fundraising initiative.

Complementing the exhibition, the Virginia Quilt Museum will roll out a diverse array of programming beginning in the fall of 2023 and extending through 2026. The programming will include both virtual and in-person events across the state, with a focus on assisting quilters in their research and creation process. Activities such as lectures, office hours, and discussion groups

will be led by historians and museum staff, fostering a collaborative and enriching environment.

Opportunities for public participation will be integrated throughout the project, providing visitors with avenues to suggest topics to be covered by quilters. In addition, an artist-in-residence will be hosted to create a quilt during the exhibition, reflecting the final theme of "Doing History" as outlined by AASLH.

A highlight of the project is the development of a comprehensive book divided into four sections, corresponding to the exhibition's themes. Each section will feature pictures of the quilts alongside historical information, with a prominent figure contributing the forward. Schiffer Publishing, known for their commitment to quality quilt-related books, is being approached as the potential publisher for this significant work.

The Virginia Quilt Museum invites the community, historians, and art enthusiasts to join in this remarkable journey of "Stitching Together History," as the Museum works to weave together the fabric of Virginia's rich and diverse past.

For more information about the project, submission guidelines, and programming updates, please visit vaquiltmuseum.org.

The Virginia Quilt Museum, located in downtown Harrisonburg, Virginia, is dedicated to preserving and celebrating the art of quilting. Through exhibitions, educational programs, and community engagement, the museum strives to enrich the cultural landscape and foster an appreciation for the craftsmanship and storytelling inherent in quilts.



Retired teachers prepare a surprise for Developmental Center

The Patrick County Retired Teachers Association Board recently decorated gift bags and stuffed them with presents for Developmental Center clients. If you are a retired teacher

from anywhere, you are welcome to come to the next PCRTA meeting on Dec 4 at 12:30 p.m. in the Community Room, Patrick & Henry Community College in Stuart.

Ruritan club gives money, supplies to BRES



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Travels with Dellenback Hill



Tom Perry (Author and Historian) led a Walking Tour at JEB Stuart Birthplace, Laurel Hill in Ararat on Saturday, Nov. 4. Pictured (far left) is Desmond Kendrick, Archivist for Henry and Pittsylvania counties. He took photos as we all walked. His motto is: "History is who we are and why we are the way we are." Tom Perry is pictured at one of the kiosks, showing the various hiking trails located throughout the park. The couple at the back are Suzan Albright, an author, and Tim Smith, from Floyd County.



Hunters Chapel Assembly Church hosted the Home Alone Meals on Saturday, Nov. 28, with donations from various other churches and a large group of volunteers that prepared, served, and delivered 300 meals to the Ararat, Willis Gap, and Claudville areas of the Dan River District. Pictured left to right is Lori Easter, who is sorting out the various meals and will deliver them, Josiah Easter, server, Joshua B. Hill, driver and Maggie Easter, server, Aubrey Tucker, server. Some of the kitchen helpers, Kitty Easter, Emily and Jeff Ubanks, Matthew and Novella Nester, Kenneth and Eitheca Vaught. (By Mary Dellenback Hill)

Cucurbits turn into Thanksgiving turkey decorations

The young and young at heart learned about Cucurbits with a Thanksgiving twist recently. Master Gardeners Jess Hines, Jen Harrison and Norma Bozenmayer taught all about the Cucurbitace-

ae family to some residents of The Landmark Center and during Storytime with Ms. Sam at the library. Sam Edmundson also joined to read some Thanksgiving stories. The family of plants includes pump-

kins, squash, gourds, cucumbers and about 900 other plants. Many in the family make yummy thanksgiving dishes.

A special Thanksgiving turkey decoration was made using squash

and pumpkins that were donated by Wayne Kirkpatrick for the program. For more information on cucurbits or other Master Gardener programs, email mgpcva@gmail.com.



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Who's Wintering With You?



By Ginnie Conaway
Patrick County Master Gardener

Have you seen new birds in your yard recently? There is a shift in our bird population in the winter. Some of our favorite summer birds migrate south while others, often the same species, remain to winter with us. Some of the more northern bird varieties that fly south stop to winter in this area. Add to those the few that go off course during their migration and present us with unique opportunities to briefly spot a bird not known around here.

Robins are one of the birds whose population actually increases in the winter although they stay mostly in the woods rather than on our lawns. If you forget to take down your hummingbird feeder you might spot a rufous hummingbird as they are increasingly found here during the winter. They can tolerate much colder weather than the ruby-throated hummingbirds.

Some of the less common winter visitors to feeders are the evening grosbeak, pine siskin, common redpoll, and purple finch. Patrick County is more likely to see the strikingly colored evening grosbeaks than those who live in central or eastern Virginia. Cedar waxwings, often in large flocks that might include robins, common grackles, rusty grackles, and starlings, gather on dogwood trees to strip the berries in late fall.

What do these birds eat in the wild?

During the winter wild birds forage for seeds from tall grasses and harvested grain fields. They eat dried fruit on trees and shrubs, and insects in fallen leaves and on plants. Blue jays eat acorns and hickory nuts, crows and ravens will clean up roadkill.

We can help by not cutting back our flower beds or removing all those fallen leaves. The vegetation often hides insects, grubs, and larva that songbirds will devour. Brush piles offer winter protection for wild birds, as does an old live Christmas tree tossed near a bird feeder. Blue Jays, Chickadees, Titmice and Nuthatches will hide their food in the brush piles. Leaving hedgerows and rough areas at the edge of woods provides both food and cover. Don't mow fallow fields until spring for the same reason. Many of the native fall asters and sunflowers provide quantities of seed. Joe Pye Weed, New York Iron Weed, Yellow Wingstem are just a few.

Planting native fruit and seed-bearing trees and shrubs will increase the natural food supply. Pine, oak, mulberry, dogwood, blackgum, wild cherry and holly all provide winter fruit or drupes for the birds. So do shrubs such as elderberry, blackberry, blueberry, Virginia creeper, grape, wax myrtle, and even poison ivy. Tall native grasses like foxtail and switch grass provide seeds, as do pokeweed, ragweed, smartweed, and native sunflowers.

Feeding Winter Birds

Black-oil sunflower seeds attract the widest variety of birds. These seeds have a high meat-to-shell ratio, they are nutritious and high in fat, and their small size and thin shells make them easy for small birds to crack. Striped sunflower seeds are larger and have a thicker seed coat that many birds can't crack.

Cheap bags of birdseed contain fillers such as red milo and cracked corn which most birds will not eat.

Remove wet seed and scrub feeders after a hard rain. Moldy seed will sicken the birds.

Toss some seed below patio tables or deck edges so ground-feeding birds can forage easily.

Clean off feeders immediately after snowstorms so birds can quickly replenish their energy.

Birds will use their oil glands to spread the oil over their feathers to keep them insulated from the cold wind and air.

Suet - High-energy suet is probably one of the most important offerings you can provide for your birds during fall & winter. Suet is a quick source of energy and a great way to substitute for the protein-rich insects that are hard to find in winter. Use wire cage feeders to hold suet cakes.

Water - A source of unfrozen, fresh water is vital to birds in winter. Offering fresh water in your backyard will double the amount of birds you can enjoy during these

colder months. Birds need water to preen and clean their feathers. This helps insulate their bodies from the harsh weather. Invest in a heated birdbath or heating element for your existing birdbath. At the very least, place a small bowl of warm water out each day for your birds.

Fruit - Birds may appreciate cut-up fruit (grapes, sliced citrus, apples or bananas) and frozen berries in the winter, as well. You can put these in a shallow bowl on a platform feeder.

Bluebird Crumbles You Can Make

Almost all birds that eat insects during the summer will enjoy these crumbles in the winter and spring.

Easy to make and stores for months. Serve in a covered container, like a milk jug with a hole cut out so the crumbles don't get wet. Throw wet crumbles away.

- 1 part Lard
 - 1 part Peanut Butter
 - 2 parts Sunflower Hearts (ground fine in food processor or blender, Tractor Supply)
 - 2 parts Old Fashioned Oatmeal (ground fine in food processor or blender)
 - 2 parts Corn Meal (NOT self-rising)
- Melt lard and peanut butter, add to dry ingredients. Mix well, let sit for a few hours to absorb liquid. Crumbles should form a ball in your fist but break apart if poked. Store in a cool, dry place.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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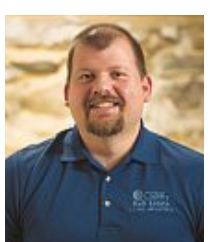


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