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Reward offered for Thomas Stuart's return



The amount of a reward offered for the return of Thomas Stuart stood at \$800 on Tuesday.

Marcy Boots

By Debbie Hall

A reward offered for the return of Thomas Stuart, the town cat, started at \$500 on Monday and was up to \$800 on Tuesday.

If Thomas is returned safely, the reward will be paid, no questions asked, according to Erica Cipko Wade. The feline, who is a mascot of sorts for Stuart, was last seen around noon on Thursday, November 30.

Thomas, who was wearing a green and black bowtie collar when last seen, typically splits his time between the law office of Chris Corbett, where Wade is employed, and Divine Designs Salon. Both are on Main Street in Stuart.

"Tom's been here for four, four and a half years now, doing the same thing every day," Wade said. "It's not like him to just get gone."

Another concern is that one of Thomas' daughters, Marcy Boots, was reported missing by her family at Quilted Colors on Monday, November 27.

While many sightings of Thomas have been reported on his Facebook page, so far, they are thought to be his offspring.

"He sired a lot of cats before" he was neutered, Wade said. "He's just special and we want him back."

In addition to his bowtie, Thomas has a distinct nick on one of his ears, and is unable to retract one of his toenails, Wade said.

Anyone with information on his whereabouts is asked to call Corbett's office at (276) 694-7145; the salon at (276) 694-4455, the Stuart Town Office at (276) 694-3811, or on Thomas Stuart's Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/STUARTSCATTOM>.

Kornett to retire at end of year

By Taylor Boyd

After 42 years, Dr. Noel P. Kornett will retire from his dental practice in Stuart on Wednesday, December 20.

Those in some careers can plan for their retirement based on the number of years they have invested in a career, Kornett said.

"You know, military, post office, you name it, if you work for so many years, you're eligible for retirement. In dentistry, especially dentistry that's a single owner, private practice dental office, it's much more difficult," he said.

Kornett said this is in part because work involves physical factors, like hand-eye coordination and the ability to be comfortable working.

"You rely a great deal on your skeleton, and so when your skeleton begins to degenerate, you have the tendency to not be able to do the things you used to be able to do," he said. "So, mostly it has to do with just the body is wearing out."

Kornett said this helped him come to the decision that he's probably not doing as good of a job as he should be.

"So, it's better for myself and my patients that their care be trans-

ferred to someone who's a little bit more capable," he added.

Kornett started as a dentist in Patrick County in June 1981, right after he finished dental school.

Fellow dentist Dr. Akers, who had been in practice in the county for several years, was instrumental in getting him started in Patrick County, Kornett said.

"He was very kind, and we didn't actually work together. He wasn't in very good health at the time, and so basically, I just came in and took over" his practice "and ran with it," he said.

It was Kornett's first and only practice.

A graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Kornett said his original plan was to return to the Blacksburg/Christiansburg area and open his own practice.

"But that didn't work out. I did, finally through a network of individuals, find that Dr. Akers was going to be closing his practice, and so I did come up here and talk with him, and we came to an agreement with that. That's when I decided it would be here I would work," he said.

Throughout his more than four

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The exterior of The Coffee Break.

Eatery celebrates 50 years of service

By Taylor Boyd

If walls could talk, those in the Coffee Break Café on Main Street in Stuart would have plenty to say, as the eatery celebrates 50 years in business.

It also has the distinction of being the longest-running restaurant in the county's history, according to its owner, Denny Alley, who decided to rent the restaurant space in 1973.

"I was walking from The Enterprise to the Post Office one day and noticed it was empty. I stopped at Appalachian Power Company, it was next door here, and asked who owned the building," Alley said.

He then called the owner and inquired about renting part of the building.

"What color do you want it," was

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Woolwine resident discusses blended family at annual meeting



Gloria Barbour is pictured with John Reynolds, president of the Patrick County Historical Society. Barbour was the featured speaker at the society's annual meeting.



Photographs of Gloria Barbour's family were displayed at the Patrick County Historical Society's recent annual meeting.



Gloria Barbour

By Gabrielle Walker

Gloria Barbour, a Woolwine resident and long-time Martinsville library employee, was the featured speaker at the Patrick County Historical Society's recent annual meeting. Barbour captivated her audience during the event that was held in the Patrick County Museum, located in the same building as the public library.

A Virginia native, Barbour, and her family moved to West Virginia for her father to work in the coal mines. Barbour remembered visiting family in Patrick County each summer. Going to Patrick County was an adventure for her.

While there, Barbour thought it was exciting that African-American children went to a one-

room schoolhouse. She usually stayed with her great-great-grandmother, Dicey Prillman Conner, who was born into slavery on the Prillman Plantation in Rocky Mount. Before Emancipation, Conner gave birth to her white master's child.

Barbour's family moved to Woolwine when she was 13 years old. Shortly after returning to Virginia, Conner moved in with them.

Barbour explained that her grandmother never freely spoke about her life in slavery, but later in life, dementia brought those traumatic memories to the front of her mind. Barbour remembered that her grandmother used to sit on the front porch and when her mother would pull

into the yard, her grandmother would run and hide, begging them not to tell her master. Conner passed when she was at least 102 years old, never having seen a doctor.

Around the time Barbour's family returned to Virginia, Patrick Central School opened to provide a high school education for African Americans. The one-room schoolhouse for Black children only taught through the seventh grade, and

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Tourism Talks

Hey Patrick, I hope you had a great meal this holiday season. If you missed out, don't worry; Christmas is just around the corner, and you'll have another opportunity to enjoy a festive meal. I encourage you to check out the various lights and displays throughout the county. Several events are taking place that you would enjoy, including a free concert at the High School this Saturday featuring Nu Blue, Sammy Shelor, and the Lonesome River. It's an excellent opportunity for some fun and fellowship. You can find more information about these events and others on our events calendar at vis-

itpatrickcounty.org or by visiting the visitors' center. Let's not let another holiday go by without enjoying all the wonderful activities. Tourism has a long list of things to accomplish this upcoming year, and we need your support. So, as we wind through the holidays in the next few weeks, let's plan to work even closer as the new year approaches. Stop by, and let's dream and prepare together.

Have a very Merry Christmas, and thanks for all you do, James Houchins, Director of Tourism (jhouchins@co.patrick.va.us)

Pets of the Week



This sweet very affectionate gal (left) that is a little shy but very well behaved and waiting for a home would love you to come by and meet her. She is a beautiful tri colored hound.

This guy (right) is just waiting for someone to come by and see how friendly and affectionate he is, and he has lots of personality.

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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Kornett

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decades, Kornett said he's seen countless patients.

"I really do not know how many," he said.

During retirement, Kornett said he will miss the contact he had with people each day.

"It was tantamount to always" being able to "count on a good story. Always news, events, keeping up with peoples' lives. There were happinesses and sadnesses," he said.

Kornett will also miss being part of the community, as well as understanding and knowing what was going on because of his job.

"This whole area really relies on that community spirit. That's something I really will miss is not

being part of that in the same way. I will still be able to see some of the same people, but not all of them," he said.

Kornett said those who have worked in his office are like a family.

"We've always tried to respect each other, and basically to work with each other in a way that shows we were a team," he said. "That's one of the things I've enjoyed the most. I've always looked at each one of my office staff and members as the most important people in my life. So, to me, that makes a big difference, and I will miss them, I really will."

The first portion of his retirement

will be dedicated to resolving a few personal medical issues. After that, he mainly wants to play a bigger role in his children's and grandchildren's lives.

"I'm not a big traveler, but I'm not saying I wouldn't travel if I had the opportunity to do that," he said.

Kornett also plans to focus on his hobbies, including working on computers, woodworking, and doing other work around the house.

"Nothing that's too strenuous. I'm pretty much beyond that," he said.

The office will be closed to patient visits starting Thursday, December 21. Records will be made available at request, or at the request of a patient's chosen new dental office.

Kornett said the office's phone message will change.

"Right now, they can call," and somebody will answer the phone and help "to guide them through the transfer process. Later on, it may be a bit more automated," he said.

When it comes to finding doctors and dentists, Kornett said it's difficult for smaller communities to compete with larger areas.

"It's just unfair. Right now, there's no real competition. We can't really compete for those people," Kornett said. "There's such a shortage of them. I'd love to see that change, but I don't think it's going to change in the next two months."

Local Eatery

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Denny Alley has operated The Coffee Break Café since 1973. His tagline, "Come hungry," has been repeated many times throughout his 50 years in business.



Customers often watch as Denny Alley cooks. Many perch on a stool at the 1949 soda fountain booth.



The booth and grill area as seen from the front door.



Photos of various musicians and guests line the walls.



the first thing he said," Alley said of the previous owner. Then, "I'll have it ready next week." Then he put down new flooring and had the ceiling painted. Mr. Vaughan, who ran the nearby drug store had a "1949 soda fountain booth that come out of the drug store" he wanted to sell, Alley said.

Alley, who was the newspaper's ad representative at the time, chose to buy the booth himself. The booth is still in use.

"I went home and told Momma and Daddy I bought stuff for a café out of the drug store. 'What are you going to do with it?' they asked. 'I have no idea,'" Alley replied.

The grand opening was held in November 1973. Diners could get an entire meal for 0.50 cents, Alley said. Meals included the choice of a hot dog, barbeque, or chicken salad sandwich and a coke.

When Alley walked up the street from his office in the newspaper to see how his mother and staff were doing at the restaurant, he said customers were lined down the street, three

people wide.

"I said, 'has there been a wreck, or somebody got killed or something,'" Alley asked. "No, we're waiting to get in the Coffee Break' somebody said. I'm like oh" goodness. "I came up here, there was no air conditioning, nothing. I came up here and Mom and Mable's (Alley's sister's) faces were as red as blood."

Although he came up with the name "Coffee Break," Alley doesn't know where it came from.

Because there originally wasn't a grill, morning fare was ham biscuits bought from a vendor, Krispy Kreme doughnuts, and coffee, he said.

"So, we said people could just take a break, go to the Coffee Break, get them some doughnuts or a biscuit," he said, adding it was years before a grill was bought.

The people of Patrick County have been Alley's favorite part of owning the Coffee Break.

"The people I used to know, now I'm feeding their grandkids, three generations. So, if I want to know who somebody is, tell me who your grandpa or grandma was," he said, chuckling.

Since opening, Alley has easily served several thousand customers.

"Some days... there were so many people in here at 10 a.m. you could hardly walk in the door. And" some days "at 10 a.m. you could unload a bus," he said.

Over the years, Alley has also had numerous funny experiences, but none that "could be put in the paper."

Since its opening, the menu has drastically changed. The Coffee Break now offers several breakfast items available all day, including a variety of pancakes, eggs cooked your way, and breakfast platters. Its lunch menu has also expanded to include burgers, salads, and several side items.

Alley began live musical performances in

1990. That year, his son who loves music, was young and wanted to play.

"Anyway, Bluegrass had hit a hard time, and I knew a lot of the boys that didn't have no jobs and had nowhere to go to play music," Alley said. "So, I told a bunch of them, 'I'll tell you what if you want to play on Saturday nights, I'll feed all of you and you can come here and hang out.' That's how we got started."

The next thing he knew, there was no room to stand.

"You couldn't breathe because there were so many people jammed in here. I said, 'Well, go to do something,'" he said.

Regena Handy, who was the county administrator at that time, told Alley she would help get him money together to move the musical portion to the Rotary Field area. "That's where we've been ever since," Alley said.

When he started the restaurant, Alley said there were numerous plants operating in Patrick County.

"I had a girl that would just come by here and carry boxes of hotdogs every day to the factories and run deliveries to the plants. A lot of times mom liked to make hotdogs, a lot of times she would make 200 to 300 every morning to be delivered to the factories," he said.

Workers had an hour-long lunch break – plenty of time for them to visit the restaurant, get their food, and sit down to eat and talk. Now, Alley said most employees don't have the time to come to the eatery for their lunches.

To celebrate the 50th anniversary, Alley is holding a drawing for the chance to win a \$50 bill. With each purchase, a customer can enter their name into a box for the drawing, which will be held in December.

The Coffee Break is open Monday-Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is open on Saturday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Route 8 (Salem Highway) and
Route 836 (Ashby Drive)
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Patrick County

Find out about a project to improve safety at the intersection of Route 8 (Salem Highway) and Route 836 (Ashby Drive) in Patrick County. The project entails adding a left turn lane from northbound Route 8 onto Route 836 and improving sight distance at this intersection.

Review the project information and National Environmental Policy Act document in the form of a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion at VDOT's Salem District Office located at 731 Harrison Avenue in Salem, 540-387-5353 1-800-FOR-ROAD, or TTY/TDD 711. Please call ahead to ensure the availability of appropriate personnel to answer your questions.

If your concerns cannot be satisfied, VDOT is willing to hold a public hearing. You may request that a public hearing be held by sending a written request to Ankur Patel, Virginia Department of Transportation, 731 Harrison Avenue, Salem, VA 24153 on or prior to **December 22, 2023**. If a request for a public hearing is received, notice of date, time and place of the hearing will be posted.

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Deadline nears to enter annual Creative Writing Contest

Entries to The Enterprise's annual Creative Writing Contest will be accepted through 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 8.

The contest is open to all Patrick County students.

To be considered for publication, stories must be typed and received via email to dhall@theenterprise.net. Each entry must include the first and last name of the student, the grade level and

school (if applicable).

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

Winners may claim a prize by calling The Enterprise, (276) 694-3101.

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

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

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Energy and Inflation

As December begins, Virginians have begun to experience cold winter weather once again. Lows so far have reached the teens in some areas and that means it's time to crank up the heat in our homes to stay warm.

Unfortunately, for many, turning on the heat comes with extra costs these days. Due to energy policies enacted in the Obama years and continued during the Biden Administration, the cost of energy has been driven up. These increased energy costs have in turn been one of the major contributors to the high inflation we've experienced in the past few years.

Republican members of the U.S. Senate Joint Economic Committee recently analyzed Consumer Price Index and Consumer Expenditure Survey data and announced that, due to inflation, the typical American household must now spend an additional \$11,434 annually in order to have the same standard of living as they had in January of 2021.

This is unacceptable! How many Americans have an extra \$11,000 to spend the same items they normally buy?

Americans all around the country are feeling the burn from inflation.

According to an October AP/NORC poll, 69% say their household expenses have risen over the last year, but only 23% have seen their income increase during the same period.

And it makes sense why Americans are feeling this way. According to Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), since President Biden took office, the consumer price index (cost of goods and services) is up 17.1% percent, meanwhile average hourly earnings are only up 13.6%.

Now Americans head into another season of high costs.

In early November, the U.S. Energy Information Administration released their winter fuel outlook for the 2023-24 season. And as predicted, things aren't looking good.

According to the agency, southern states are projected to see their electricity bills increase by 2%, the cost of propane increase by 6%, and the price of heating oil increase by 8%. (Natural gas prices, thankfully, are projected to decrease by 15%.)

That's not all, if winter is just 10% colder than predicted, these prices skyrocket.

With everyone's margins already so thin, these increases will be painful for many.

But wait, there's more. It was just announced that Virginia customers of Appalachia Power will see yet another cost increase. Virginia



Morgan Griffith

Representative

state regulators have just approved a rate hike of about 10%, or around \$16 a month, which will take effect on January 29th. This is after the average Appalachian customer saw their monthly bill increase by \$35 between July 2022 and July 2023.

Then there are gas prices. The Biden Administration is trying to tell Americans that the price of gas is in a good place. A recent tweet from President Biden reads, "Folks, no matter where you're headed this holiday season, you'll be heading there for less. Gas prices are down \$1.70 from their peak..."

Unfortunately, these talking points don't hold much water.

I'm sure many people remember how low gas prices were before President Biden took office. The national average in January 2021 was \$2.39 per gallon. In some parts of the Ninth District, it was as low as \$1.99 per gallon.

Gas prices being down \$1.70 from their national peak of over \$5 in June of 2022 is nothing to write home about! In November, the Ninth District experienced gas prices of around \$3.20 per gallon – that's more than a \$1 more per gallon than before Biden took office.

Just another increased expense many can't afford.

As I mentioned in a recent Energy and Commerce Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee hearing, Americans of lower income will be hit the hardest this winter.

Folks in the Ninth District, and around the country, may be faced with the decision of heating their homes, affording their medications, and/or feeding their children.

Additionally, some folks may turn to alternate unsafe ways to heat their home, like a kerosene heater, which can turn deadly. This is an avoidable tragedy if we are able to find ways to keep energy prices down.

It's time to get real about the inflation and the impact it is still having on Americans. We must work together to cut spending and enact commonsense energy and economic policies that will benefit everyone's pocketbook.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Blood drive set

The Patrick County Blood Drive is scheduled for Tuesday, December 12, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., at the John D. Hooker Building, Rotary Field.

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

The American Red Cross recommends before donating that all do-

nors: Get a good night's sleep; eat a well-balanced, nutritious meal; and drink lots of fluids 48 hours before donation.

The volunteers will be celebrating the Christmas season during the blood drive with "special snacks" in the canteen. Come join us in celebrating the holiday season.

We look forward to seeing you at Patrick County's oldest Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, December 12.

Gene Stirewalt,
Stuart

Open House for Victorian Christmas to be held Dec. 10



The Reynolds Homestead Victorian Christmas Open House is on Sunday, December 10, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Join the docents in Critz for a historic home tour, take in the period-accurate decor, visit with staff and volunteers while enjoying light

refreshments and music by our Christmas Quartet featuring Mary Jo & Charlie Leet, Ron Pendleton and Tommy Morse, and take home your very own handcrafted Victorian Christmas ornament.

The open house is free to the public.

'Tis the Season to Stay Safe

Do you know how to be #WinterReady? As winter settles in and we celebrate the holiday season, FEMA Region 3 is joining in on the spirit of fellowship and care by urging individuals and communities to prioritize your winter weather safety and preparedness.

The festive season brings joy and celebration, but it also comes with unique challenges, especially in colder climates. From navigating icy sidewalks to preparing for winter storms, here are some essential and practical tips to ensure a safe and enjoyable holiday season:

Create a Winter Emergency Kit: Assemble a kit containing essential supplies, including blankets, non-perishable food, water, medications, and a flashlight for your home. Keep essential supplies in your car as well, including food and water, a shovel, windshield scraper, blankets, tow chains, reflectors, and other supplies, in case you become stranded.

1. **Develop an Emergency Plan:** Establish a clear and concise communications plan with your loved ones so you know how to get in touch in an emergency. Before a winter storm or drop in temperatures, check in on your neighbors and friends, especially older adults or others who may have unique needs, to help them prepare.

2. **Stay Informed:** Keep abreast of local weather forecasts and official alerts. Stay informed about any advisories, watches, or warnings issued by authorities. This information is critical for making timely and informed decisions during severe weather events.

3. **Protect Your Home:** Winterize your home by insulating pipes, sealing drafts, and checking heating systems. Home

heating is the second leading cause of home fires, and winter is when most home fires happen, so ensure that heating sources are in good working condition. Taking these precautions can prevent damage and ensure a warm and safe living environment.

4. **Practice Safe Driving:** If travel is necessary during adverse weather conditions, drive cautiously. It takes longer to slow down and stop on icy roads, so increase your following distance from 3-4 seconds to 5-6 seconds. Keep a winter emergency kit in your vehicle and be aware of road conditions.

As you're preparing this winter, follow along with FEMA's #WinterReady campaign and FEMA Region 3 on X, LinkedIn, and Nextdoor, as we share more preparedness tips and resources.

We also invite you to join us for a free family-friendly holiday-themed webinar on Tuesday, December 12 at 3:30 p.m. on Zoom. This webinar will be focused on sharing winter, holiday, and home fire safety tips, to help foster a safer and healthier environment for everyone. This fireside virtual event will intertwine the joy and peace of the holidays with safety and preparation.

Register at https://fema.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_FrF39P4BQC-U_gtGp0W-6LA#/registration for the one of a kind "A Partridge and a Prepared Me" webinar. Once registered, you will receive an email with a link and passcode to join.

Everyone is welcome to join, especially kids who would like to speak with a firefighter about home safety and hear a preparedness spin on a classic holiday tale. For more information, visit FEMA.gov.

Arrests Reported

The Patrick County Sheriff's Office reported the following:

*Tracy Leon Jessup, 50, of Ararat, was charged Nov. 22 with warrant of extradition. Deputy M.R. Hodges was the arresting officer.

*Brittaney Nicole Campbell, 29,

of Ararat, was charged Nov. 24 with two counts of probation violation. Deputy E. Sain made the arrest for Montgomery County.

*Gerald Randolph Lyons, 57, of Ararat, was charged Nov. 27 with shoplift. Lt. D.L. Foley made the arrest for Wythe County.

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Letters to the Editor/Viewpoints Policy

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Patrick Pioneers

Langhorne Mill

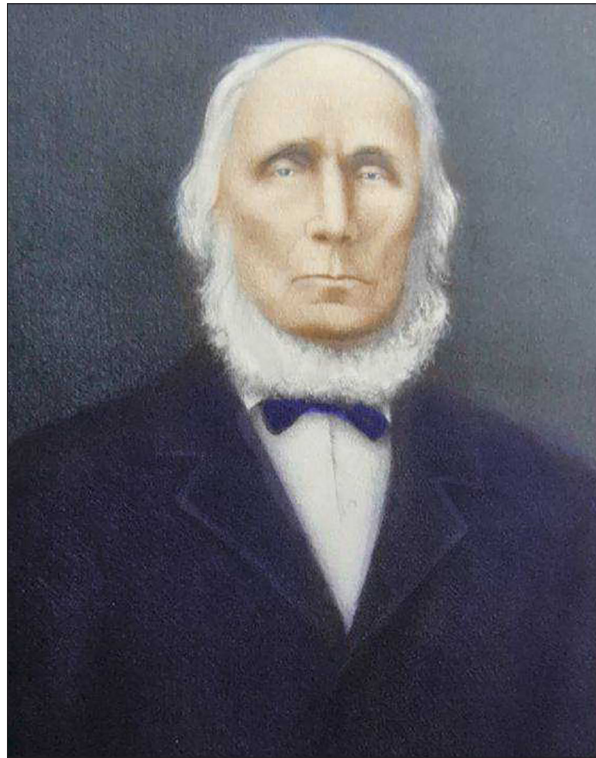
By Beverly Belcher Woody

A couple of weeks ago, we took a look at the T.J. George Mill in downtown Stuart. Today, we will go to Meadows of Dan to learn about Langhorne Mill and its' owner, James "Steptoe" Langhorne.

According to a 1935 Martinsville Bulletin interview with his daughter, Fanny Langhorne Spangler, James Steptoe Langhorne moved to Meadows of Dan from Lynchburg in 1847. Langhorne had married Elizabeth Rachel Omohundro on Christmas Eve 1846, and the couple built their home along the headwaters of the Dan River in the Mountain View section of Patrick County.

Steptoe Langhorne built a mill on the Dan River and hired James Rutledge and his son, Henderson Rutledge to run it. Then the war came.... Both Rutledge, father and son, were called away to fight for the Confederacy where they were both killed in 1863, one in Gettysburg and one in Chancellorsville. I recently wrote several columns about the Rutledge family who was struck by so much tragedy during the war, including the two men's deaths and losing eight of their thirteen children to the diphtheria epidemic that struck Patrick County in 1862. Thanks to Mr. John Martin, (the same gentleman that donated the Jeff Penn carriage to the museum), the Rutledge family letters can be viewed at the Patrick County Historical Society and Museum. Martin recently discovered the letters at an auction in Gettysburg and purchased them to donate to the museum.

Steptoe Langhorne was completely blind and needed assistance running the mill after losing the Rutledge's, so he hired his brother-in-law, Samuel Hopkins Turner. Turner was married to Elizabeth's sister, Ann Maria Omohundro Turner. It wasn't long until Samuel Hopkins Turner was called up for service, so a petition filed in 1864 in Patrick County Circuit Court was sent to the Secretary of the War Department for the Confederacy. The petition stated the following: "It appears to the satisfaction of the Court, from the statements of James S. Langhorne and a petition of citizens of that portion of the county lying on the Blue Ridge, known as Meadows of Dan, that James S. Langhorne is the owner of a grist mill and saw mill situated on the Meadows of Dan, that said Langhorne is blind and unable to attend said mill, that he was also having an addition built to said mill, and that said addition is very important. That the demand for the proper operation of said mill is very great. That the stopping of the mill has caused great inconvenience to



James Steptoe Langhorne (Photo from Helen Holhouser.)

between 80 to 100 families, a very large majority are poor people who have to carry their grain on their backs at least twelve miles up and down the mountain and it is further appearing that Samuel H. Turner was the miller and millwright for said Langhorne and that he had been regularly detailed by the local board of the county as miller and remained in the discharge of his duties until taken to the army until the recent order revoking all details and that the mill cannot be operated until said Turner be detailed and sent home to take charge of it. The court, being satisfied that this mill is very important, and that Mr. Langhorne cannot employ anyone to fill the place of Samuel H. Turner, respectfully and earnestly requests the Secretary of War to detail said Turner as miller for James S. Langhorne who is blind."

Steptoe Langhorne's daughter, Fanny Langhorne Spangler, shared with Mr. Charles F. Adams other ways the war effort devastated the Langhorne family. The interview was published in the Martinsville Bulletin on May 27, 1935...

"At the time Miss Fanny Langhorne was ten, and the Civil War was being fought, Stoneman brought his Yankee army from Tennessee down what is now the J.E.B. Stuart highway. In passing they annexed one of Mr. Langhorne's horses which happened to be his favorite. He, though blind, accompanied by his small daughter Fanny, insisted on following the army to Stuart in search of his horse. There the captain agreed to



Clabe and Alice Hubbard and Tella Mae Conner baptism at Langhorne Mill 1929. (Photo from Ivalien Reynolds.)

allow him to retrieve his horse if he could recognize him. Mr. Langhorne sent Fanny to hunt the animal. After walking down the long line of horses hitched to the racks along the road and back again, she was unable to find him. On her return, however at one side, away from the rest, she saw her father's mount and immediately squealed in delight. Mr. Langhorne was led over to a tall roan mare, not his, but near the one Fanny had discovered, and told to see if that were his. Fanny squealed to the contrary, but Mr. Langhorne turned to her and said, "You don't understand the joke." Then his hand was placed on another, his own; this time he said, "This is my horse, but not my bridle." Shortly following his return home with the horse, it was again stolen along with another by a detail of the Rebel army. Sometime after the close of the war, over in Floyd County, the horse was again found. He had received an injury in the war of such a nature that it was said that swimming him in water would cure it. It was Fanny Langhorne's only brother who was drowned while riding the horse for this purpose."

Henry Ellis Langhorne, the oldest child of James Steptoe Langhorne and Rachel Elizabeth Omohundro Langhorne, was born on the 7th of July 1849. His death, recorded in the Patrick County Circuit Court, states that he died from drowning on the 12th of August 1865; he was sixteen years old.

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

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 – We're Planning to Claim at 62; What Do We Need to Know?

Dear Rusty: My wife (born May 1962) and I (born April 1963) are retired and will soon be looking to start collecting our Social Security as we each hit 62. As this is new to us, I'm wondering what things we may need to be aware of or consider as we get closer to her 62 birthday in May. Any advice or information will be appreciated! Signed: Planning Ahead

Dear Planning: If you and your wife are both retired from working and have decided to start your (reduced) Social Security as soon as you are eligible at age 62, then there is nothing you need to do in advance of applying. The Social Security retirement benefit amount for each of you will be determined by your individual lifetime earnings record and your age when you claim. If either of you will be eligible for a spousal boost from the other, that will be automatically applied when both of you are collecting.

If your wife plans to claim her Social Security as soon as she is eligible, she should apply for her benefits about 3 months in advance and choose the option on the application which states "I want benefits beginning with the earliest possible month and will accept an age-related reduction." For information, an applicant must be 62 for an entire month to get benefits, so your

wife's first month of eligibility will be June 2024. Social Security deals only in whole months and pays benefits in the month following the month earned; so if your wife's birthday is between the 11th and 20th of the month her first Social Security payment will be received in her bank account on the third Wednesday of July. All subsequent payments will be on that same schedule. Then, when it's time for you to claim, you should follow the same process as your wife and, if either of you is entitled to a higher amount as a spouse, it will be automatically applied when your benefits later start.

Applying for benefits is a relatively simple process if done online at www.ssa.gov/apply. Note that to apply online your wife will need to first create her personal "my Social Security" account, which is easy to do at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. To prepare for applying later, you can also create your personal online account now (it's required to apply online), at which you will see what your estimated benefit will be at different ages. Of course, your wife first (and later you) can also call Social Security at 1.800.772.1213 to request an appointment to apply for SS retirement benefits in person. Applications which are not done online are usually taken over the phone vs. requiring a visit to your local Social Security office, but applying online is, by far, the most efficient method (you can link to the application process from your online account).

One important thing to be aware of: By claiming at age 62, the monthly payment for each of

you will be 70% of what it would be at your full retirement age (FRA) and that is a permanent reduction. If you expect at least average longevity - about 84 for you and 87 for your wife - and if it is financially feasible, then waiting longer to claim would yield a higher monthly amount as well as the most in cumulative lifetime benefits. For those with an FRA of 67, SS retirement benefits claimed at FRA are 30% higher than at 62 and, if claimed at 70 are 75% more than at 62. And, although the decision on when to claim is always personal, a married couple should also evaluate their joint needs when deciding.

One final word of caution: although you and your wife are now retired from working, be aware that if you claim SS benefits before your FRA and return to work, Social Security has an earnings test which limits how much you can earn before some benefits are taken away. The earnings test lasts until you reach your full retirement age.

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The Secret to Winter Exercise You Need to Know

Part 1

The holiday season is strange. It's filled with happy things, like food, family, and fun, but as the season grows colder and darker, and the holidays throw your schedule off kilter, you end up getting out of whack, too. Exercise gets put off until the New Year when you realize that a whole 'nother year has passed, and you haven't made any progress - or worse, you've gone backward - on your health goals. Well, I'm here to tell you that this doesn't have to be the case. There are some secrets to exercising in the winter.

Okay, I'll admit I did click bait you just a little with the title of this post. There is no secret, per se, to getting good exercise in winter. First off, it's not just one secret, but several. Also, the secrets are not bound by any season. Excuses like, "it's too cold today," or "it's too dark outside," or

"I'm too busy" are just that: excuses. They can be and are used all year-round. The same goes for the "secrets" I'm about to share - they can be used all year-round, too.

So listen up. These principles will help you exercise regularly, regardless of location, people, time, climate, and virtually any other excuse for not exercising.

What is your "why"?

The biggest reason people don't exercise is because they cannot find a good enough reason to do it. It may sound too simple to be true but please read on because it's true. If the reason isn't important to you, you're not going to spend the time and effort on it.

There's a flip side to this. Nowadays, medical care is so good that a lot of people just don't care about their health. They think, when I have my

heart attack, they'll just put one of those stent things in me through my wrist and I'll go home in a day. As a cardiologist, I see this all the time. Years ago, heart attack patients used to have to be placed under medical care for months. (The medical community stopped requiring this after many of those patients died from blood clots from inactivity). When I was in training to be a cardiologist, the typical stay after a heart attack was one week. In the past twenty years, that has dropped down to just 48 hours for an uncomplicated heart attack! It's no wonder people don't worry about their health - it just doesn't seem as serious as it did before!

Medications have made a big difference, too. The father of one of my cardiology friends was so excited when the drug Lipitor came out. He

(See Winter Exercise p. B2)

Arnold Named New Golf Coach at P&HCC

Patrick & Henry Community College announced that Jim Arnold was hired as its next head golf coach. Arnold is set to take over for James Draper, who led the Pats to the 2022 Region 10 Golf Championship and was awarded Coach of the Year.



“As the father of a former student-athlete at Patrick & Henry Community College, Jim understands the power of athletics on young men and women,” said Brian Henderson, Assistant Vice President for Student Engagement and Athletic Director. “As a former NCAA Division I student-athlete himself, he also understands the commitment that must be made by both the coach and student-athlete. We are thrilled to have him take on this head-coaching position and trust he will lead the team to achieve in all aspects of their life at P&H.”

Arnold is a Henry County native who graduated from Fieldale-Colinsville High School in 1989. While at F-C, he was a member of back-to-back State Championship golf teams, while adding a runner-up individual finish and was the Roanoke Times “Timesland Player of the Year” in 1988 when he claimed the State Individual Championship. Arnold also played on the golf team during his time at Elon College, making multiple All-Conference and All-District teams, as well as being the South Atlantic Conference Freshman of the Year in 1990. Additionally, he was named an NCAA Academic All-American in 1993 and voted the Scholar Athlete of the Year for the South Atlantic Conference the same year.

Arnold was in the golf business for twelve years in various roles at multiple golf clubs. During his tenure in the golf industry, he also ran numerous golf camps/schools, taught individual golf lessons, and began a middle school golf program in Halifax County, Virginia, coaching the team for three years prior to moving back to Henry County in 2005.

“I would like to thank the search committee and Brian Henderson for selecting me for this role and believing in my vision for not just the Patrick & Henry Community College Men’s Golf program, but also the addition of a Women’s Golf program, which will be a priority for me,” said Arnold, adding, “I would also like to thank my family and friends for their unwavering support. My family has a special relationship with Patrick & Henry and I can’t wait to help grow the program that Coach Draper has done such a fantastic job with the past few years.”

Coach Arnold is actively recruiting student-athletes interested in joining the program beginning this Spring 2024. If interested, please visit www.phccsports.com for more information.

After playing on multiple mini tours after graduation, Arnold



Kendra Worley drives to the basket in the Chatham win.

Girls Team Gets Road Win

By Ashlee Mullis

The Varsity Lady Cougars took a hard fought 35-27 road win over the Chatham Cavaliers, Wednesday, November 29th. The Cavaliers had a 5-3 lead at the end of the 1st, but the Cougars got

warmed up in the 2nd. Aniya Penn had 10 points, 5 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals, and 3 blocks. Kendra Worley had 9 points, 2 rebounds, and 3 steals. Lilly Hazelwood had 6 points, 9 rebounds, and 2 blocks.

JV Lady Cougars Get Another Win



Gracen Conner puts up a shot in the win.

By Ashlee Mullis

The JV Lady Cougars jumped ahead early, and never looked back in their 37-9 road win against Chatham on Wednesday, November 29th.

Gracen Conner had 5 steals and 8 points for the Cougars. Lauren Hazelwood had 3 steals and 8 points. Martina Hubbard and Maddie Fain

had 3 points each. Chloe Hubbard had 9 rebounds and 12 points. Meredith Wood had 8 rebounds and 1 point.

Aubreigh Large had 7 rebounds, and Skye Ayers had 5 rebounds and 2 points. Coach Grace Helms said, “These ladies played well, and I couldn’t be more proud.”

PCHS Sports Schedule

Patrick County High School Cougars Sports Schedule for the week of Dec. 7-13:

- 12/8 7 pm Girls Basketball vs North Stokes
- 8:30 pm Boys Basketball vs North Stokes
- 12/11 7 pm Girls Basketball at Staunton
- 7 pm Boys Basketball vs Staunton
- 12/13 5 pm Wrestling at Bassett (vs. Bassett, Martinsville, Tunstall)

PCHS awards student athletes at Fall Sports Banquet

By Ashlee Mullis

The Patrick County Athletic Department held its annual Fall Sports Banquet on Thursday, November 30. Those receiving awards are:



Golf (l-r) Coach Philip Steagall, Most Improved Lauren Worley, MVP Chance Corns.



Cross Country (l-r) Coach Eli Roberson, Cougar Award-Xavier Torres, MVP- Fisher Martin, Cougar Award-Mackenzie Williams, MVP-Sadie Martin.



Cheerleading (l-r) Coach Payton Errichetti, MVP-Elizabeth Rose, Most Dedicated- Heather Edwards, Coach Angela Rose.



Football (l-r) Most Improved-Ethan Cobbler, Cougar Award-Trevor Joyce, Offensive Player-Jermaine Penn, Defensive Player- Jay Howard, Blood, Sweat, and Tears Award- Conner Goad.



Volleyball (l-r) Coach Heidi Moore, Lady Cougar Award- Madi Heath, MVP-Lilly Hazelwood, Most Improved- Madison Scott, Best Defensive Player- Journey Moore, Coach AK Scruggs.

Lady Cougars win last-minute thriller



Lady Cougars reacting to their hard-fought win.



The Cougar student section and cheerleaders loudly react to the go-ahead basket.



Every loose ball was contested during the hard fought game.



Lilly Hazelwood driving past the Staunton River defense.



Head Coach Tony Mosley encouraging his team during a timeout.



The Cougars played tough defense throughout the game.

By Pat Delaney

In a battle of unbeaten 2-0 teams, the Patrick County Lady Cougars came away with a thrilling come from behind victory to remain unbeaten, besting the visiting Staunton River Golden Eagles, 46-44 on December 1.

From the opening tip, it was a physical, hard fought game. Both teams played tight, aggressive defense, forcing turnovers and making scoring difficult in the early going. At the end of the first quarter, Staunton River led 13-10.

The Lady Cougars started strong in the second quarter with an 8-0 run, taking the 18-13 lead. The Golden Eagles came back with a run of their own, tying the game at 18 with 2:34 to go in the half. Physical play continued with players on both sides, contesting every loose ball and rebound. Staunton River

hit a 3-pointer with seconds left to take a 25-22 lead into halftime.

It was the Golden Eagles that came out strongly in the second half, going up by ten with 3:09 to go in the third quarter. Patrick County closed the gap to eight with 1:45 to go before tough defense prevailed, holding both teams scoreless for the rest of the quarter.

Down by eight, the Lady Cougars chipped away at the deficit in the fourth quarter with smothering defense. With 2:51 to go in the game, Patrick County had closed the gap to two points as the home crowd grew louder with every Lady Cougar point scored. Following a Staunton River free throw, the gap grew to three points.

Aniya Penn hit a three pointer to tie the game at 44-44, causing an eruption of cheers from the Cougar faithful. The crowd would get even

louder when the Lady Cougars, once again led by smothering defensive play, caused another turnover that led to the go ahead basket with 38 seconds to go.

The Golden Eagles broke the full court press, getting off a potentially game-winning three-pointer that sailed over the basket. Staunton River won the battle for the loose ball, but the Lady Cougar defense came up big, not allowing the Golden Eagles a good look at the basket as the last seconds ticked off. When the buzzer sounded, the Lady Cougars celebrated their hard fought, 46-44 victory.

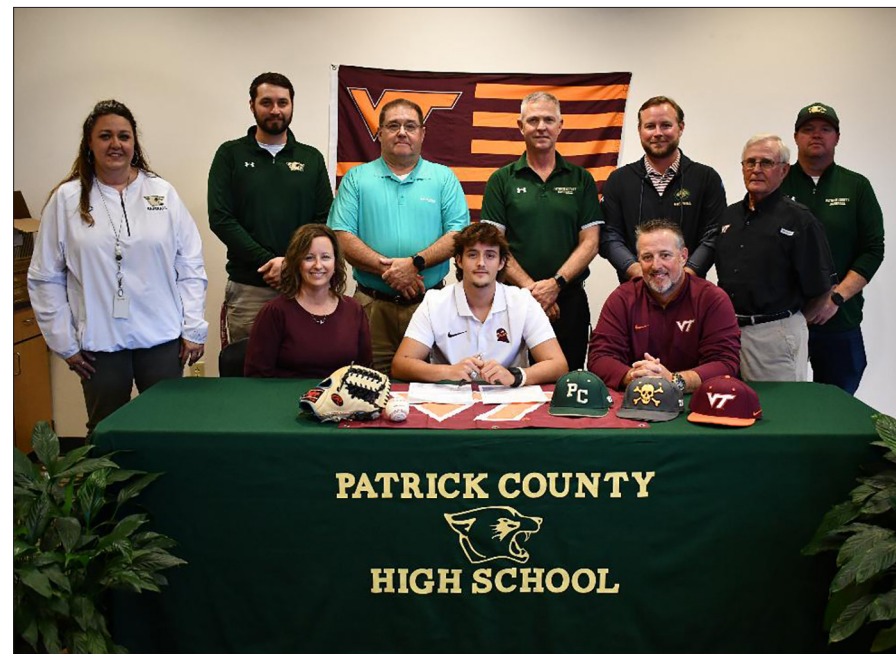
Despite being down, the Lady Cougars never let up on defense or effort. "That's something we've been stressing," said Head Coach Tony Mosley. "We're going to make mistakes. Other teams are going to make plays. We have to recov-

er from that, and we did that tonight."

Defensively, the Lady Cougars were relentless, forcing 28 turnovers and putting pressure on the Golden Eagles the entire game. "I'm happy because we've spent a lot of time working on defense and it showed tonight," said Coach Mosley.

Leading the way for the Lady Cougars was Aniya Penn with 13 points, 4 rebounds and 2 assists. Lilly Hazelwood chipped in 8 points, 6 rebounds and 2 assists while Journey Moore and Allanah Mitchell added 6 points each.

Coach Mosley liked his team's effort on the night and what it means going forward. "I'm so happy and so proud of these young ladies. I hope this is something that we're going to keep building on and just get better and better."



PATRICK COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Swails Signs to Play Baseball at Virginia Tech

By Ashlee Mullis

Patrick County High School senior, Tucker Swails, signed his letter of intent to play baseball at Virginia Tech.

Swails said, "I am very blessed to have this opportunity to play baseball at Virginia Tech. Without my family and God, none of this would have been possible."

In attendance for the signing were: Front (l-r) Mother Missy Swails, Tucker Swails, Father and Head Coach Tal Swails; Back (l-r) PC Principal Hope Perry, PC Coach Tyler Belcher, PC Coach Dale Overfelt, PC Athletic Director Terry Harris, PC Coach Wes Martin, Grandfather and PC Coach Sonny Swails, PC Coach Chad Corns.

What to Know Before Your Next Web Search

Most of us do it several times a day. We have a question, need a phone number or are looking for a website, so we open a search engine and type in our request. What happens next is becoming more and more dangerous.

To steer clear of impostor scams, a widely recommended precaution is to avoid clicking on links or dialing numbers provided in emails or texts. Instead, contact the company or agency using a verified website or phone number. Beware however that even web search results can be manipulated.

The easiest way that scammers do this is with advertising dollars. By paying to promote their fake websites that mimic legitimate sites, a criminal can jump to the top of your

web search results. Complicating matters, some app-based companies lack customer service numbers, so web searches only bring back malicious phone numbers.

This doesn't mean you can't trust web searches, just search carefully. Always look closely at the top results to make sure that they are what you are looking for before clicking. You may also want to avoid clicking on links that are advertisement or "sponsored." Not all promoted links are fake, but it's important to understand that promoted web ads are a tactic of scammers.

Visit the AARP Fraud Watch Network at aarp.org/fraudwatch-network or call the AARP Fraud Watch Helpline at 1-877-908-3360.

Sports Briefs

By Ashlee Mullis

Team Suffers Loss

The JV Lady Cougars took a tough 24-32 loss when they hosted the Staunton River Lady Golden Eagles on Friday, December 1. Martina Hubbard led the team with 5 steals, 3 rebounds, 2 assists, and 7 points. Chloe Hubbard had 4 rebounds, 6 points, and 1 steal. Gracen Conner had 3 rebounds, 2 assists, and 5 points. Lauren Hazelwood, Skye Ayers, and Meredith Wood added 2 points each.

Coach Grace Helms said, "They played hard but got outworked in the paint. We will work on boxing out moving forward. I am very

proud of their effort."

Varsity Boys Get a Loss

The Boys Varsity Cougars suffered a 53-68 home loss to Dan River, Monday, November 27. Vishal Somasundaram had 9 points, all behind the 3-point line. Noah Jessup had 9 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists, and 2 steals. Nate Large had 9 points, 4 rebounds, 1 steal, and 2 blocks. Jackson Horton had 9 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, and 2 steals. "I thought our young men played hard and gave it all they had," said Coach Brian Chitwood. "I like how we played 'the press' and was able to play ourselves back into the press game. However, Brooks and Watson had their way."

Varsity Lady Cougars Win Big

By Ashlee Mullis

The Varsity Lady Cougars scored a big 61-11 win over the Dan River Lady Wildcats on Monday, November 27.

The Cougars put up 18 points in the 1st, while limiting Dan River to 2 points. PC went into halftime with a 38-9 lead, and came out

strong in the 2nd half.

Aniya Penn led Patrick County with 14 points, 5 assists, 2 steals, 6 rebounds, and 1 block. Lilly Hazelwood put up 13 points, 1 assist, and had 8 rebounds. Allanah Mitchell had 11 points, 1 assist, and 4 steals. Eliza Clifton had 9 points, 23 assists, and 4 steals.



Aniya Penn takes a shot in the win over Dan River.

Hansel Leon Conner



Mr. Hansel Leon Conner, age 83, of Meadows of Dan, Virginia passed away Saturday, November 25, 2023, at The Joan and Howard Woltz Hospice Home in Dobson, North Carolina. He was born in Patrick County on July 7, 1940, to the late John Edward Conner and Essie Hylton Conner. He retired from Hutchens Petroleum with over 30 years of service. He loved farming, especially working with cows and tractors, and mowing his yard. He will be remembered as a hardworking man, devoted father, loving grandfather, caring brother, and friend.

Surviving Mr. Conner are four children, David Leon Con-

ner, Sr. (Elizabeth) of Meadows of Dan, Darrell Lane Conner (Amy) of Meadows of Dan, Donita Conner Houchins (James) of Stuart, and Ricky Dean Conner (Penny) of Meadows of Dan; 14 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; a sister, Helen Marie Spradlin of Roanoke;

Donald Ray Hylton



Mr. Donald Ray Hylton, age 87 of Stuart, passed away Monday, November 27, 2023, at the Blue Ridge Therapy Connection. He was born in Henry County on July 26, 1936, to the late James Emmett Hylton and Pearl May Ingram Hylton. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by seven brothers and sisters, Oscar Hylton, Leonard Hylton, Blanco Hylton, Eva Prillaman, James V. Hylton, Fannie Turner, and Elsie Gravely. Mr. Hylton had retired from Fieldcrest Mills with 42 years of service. He had been a Board Member with the Fairystone Volunteer Fire Department

and was a member of New Hope Church of the Brethren.

Surviving is his loving wife of 68 years, Virginia Alice Shough Hylton of the home; two daughters and sons-in-law, Susan and Matt Palmer of Ridgeway, Patricia and David Bellamy of Lumberton, NC; four grandchildren, Chris-

Johnnie Leon Puckett

Mr. Johnnie Leon Puckett, age 74 of Stuart, passed away Saturday, November 25, 2023 at his home. He was born in Patrick County on January 28, 1949. He was preceded in death by his father, John Taylor Puckett; his birth mother, Mary Simms Puckett Hylton; and a sister, Eva Sue Vaught. He had worked for United Elastic and Hanes Brand for over fifty years in the IT depart-

ment. He was a kind and generous soul who was a friend to many. He enjoyed his time coaching Little League Baseball and cherished the friendships he made.

Mr. Puckett is survived by his step-mother, Bernice Banks Puckett of Stuart; a brother-in-law, Keith Vaught of Claudville; an aunt, Ann Pendleton of Stuart; two sisters, Kathy Sharpe and Carol Hancock (Ken)

Teddy Ray Doss

Mr. Teddy Ray Doss, age 75, of Stuart, Virginia passed away on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at his home. He was born on December 31, 1947, to the late Coy Lester and Emma Odell Doss.

Teddy was a loving husband, father, and

grandfather. He was a quiet-natured man who enjoyed working, spending time with his family, and attending his grandson's ball games.

Teddy is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Geneva Doss; two sons and daugh-

his nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mr. Conner will be held Thursday, November 30, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at Moody Funeral Home in Stuart with Rev. James Houchins officiating. Burial will follow in Mountain View Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. If desired, memorials may be made to Mountain View Church Cemetery Fund, c/o Richard Wood, 441 Busted Rock Road, Meadows of Dan, Virginia 24120. Online condolences may be sent to www.moodyfuneralservices.com.

tina Palmer, Matthew Palmer and wife, Kelli, Ashley Skelton and husband, Josh, Shelby Merrill and husband, Justin; three great grandchildren, Ellie Skelton, Nathan Skelton, Rosalina Merrill; special family members, Paul Craddock, Jan Mawyer; several nieces and nephews; and his special caregiver, Regina Massey.

All services will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Fairystone Vol. Fire Department, 6887 Fairystone Park Hwy, Stuart, VA 24171. Online condolences may be sent to www.moodyfuneralservices.com.

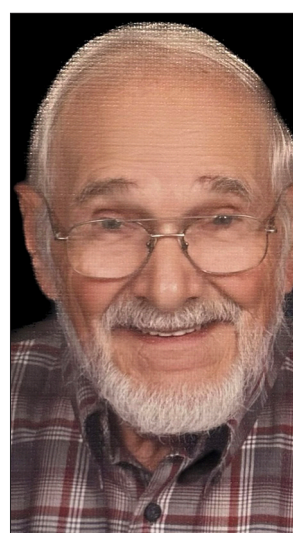
of Henry County; and a special friend, Carol Taylor of Stuart.

A graveside service will be held Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. in the Puckett Family Cemetery. Donations may be made to the charity of the donor's choice. Moody Funeral Home in Stuart is handling arrangements and online condolences may be sent by visiting www.moodyfuneralservices.com.

ters-in-law, Dwayne and Kathy Doss and Darrin and Jennifer Doss; and a grandson, Hunter Doss.

All services for Mr. Doss will be private. Online condolences may be made to www.moodyfuneralservices.com.

Clyde Russell "Pete" Perry



Mr. Clyde Russell "Pete" Perry, age 81 of Stuart, passed away Thursday, November 30, 2023 at his home. He was born in Floyd County on June 29, 1942 to the late Christopher Clyde Perry and Mildred "Mim" Bonningline Hall Perry. In addition to his parents, Mr. Perry was preceded in death by a brother, Kenneth Wayne Perry; two brothers-in-law, Lonza Hatcher and Jimmy Hatcher; and a sister-in-law, Charlotte Fain. He attended Ross Harbour Methodist Church and retired from Narroflex with many years of service. He loved everyone at the plant that worked for him. He served in the United States Army from 1960 through 1963, first at Fort Belvedere and later in Frankfort, Germany. He loved working in the garden and orchard, anything involving outdoors, and was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Mr. Perry is survived by his wife, Etta Hatcher Perry of the home; four children, Rhonda Cooper (Charles) of Anderson, South Carolina, Becky Harris (Jeff) of Patrick Springs, Julie Mize of Fieldale and Jay Slate of Stuart; six grandchildren, Ryan Mize (Emily) of Fieldale, Nate Harris (Ashley) of Patrick Springs, Perry Cooper of Phoenix, Arizona, Bennett Cooper of Clemson, South Carolina, Kristian Reynolds of Stuart and Aiden Slate of Stuart;

one great-granddaughter, Ella Grace Mize, and one on the way; a brother, Christopher Perry (Betty) of Roanoke; two sisters-in-law, Barbara Kaufman (Ira) of Pleasant Grove, Betty Browne (Fred) of Clawson, Michigan; a brother-in-law, Herbert Hatcher of Colinsville; several nieces and nephews; and several great-nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at Ross Harbour Methodist Church. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends Monday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Moody Funeral Home in Stuart. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Ross Harbour Methodist Church, c/o Cathy Adams, 35 Goblintown Road, Stuart, Virginia 24171. Online condolences may be sent by visiting www.moodyfuneralservices.com.

Ronnie Paige Newman

Mr. Ronnie Paige Newman, age 74 of Stuart, passed away Friday, December 1, 2023, at the Blue Ridge Therapy Connection. He was born in Patrick County on June 30, 1949, to the late Henry Camden Newman and Manie Lucille Hill Newman Gammons. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, William

Robert Hill and Ethel Irene Hill; his paternal grandparents, Gabe Newman and Alice Newman; his stepfather, Frank Gammons; aunts, Mary Virginia Hill Brim, Vernell Coleman; and uncles, Charles, Larry Jessie, William Stanton, Joseph Glen, Arthur Marion, and Ralph Herbert Hill. Ronnie was the owner/operator of Ron's Auto Shop in Mt. Airy, NC.

Surviving are his uncle and aunt, Fred and Sue Hill of Stuart; and several cousins and special family members.

A family held graveside service will be Friday, December 8, 2023, at 2:00 PM at Hills Grove Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. David Heath officiating. Online condolences may be sent to www.moodyfuneralservices.com.

Initial claims on par with 2019

The number of initial unemployment insurance claims declined in the latest filing week to 1,104, to remain slightly below typical pre-pandemic volumes experienced in 2019, according to the most recent data from the Virginia Department of Workforce Development and Advancement (DWDA).


For the filing week ending November 25, the figure for seasonally unadjusted initial claims for unemployment insurance in Virginia was 1,104, which was a decrease of 666 claimants from the previous week. Falling on a holiday week likely played a part in the large drop. Continued weeks claimed totaled 11,522, which was a decrease from the previous week but an increase of 57% from the 7,347 continued claims from the comparable week last year. An industry was reported for ninety-three percent of continued claims. Of those, over half (52 percent) of continued claims were from administrative and support and waste management (1,676), professional, scientific, and technical services (1,675), manufacturing (1,190), and health care and social assistance (1,031). 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 25, the advance U.S. figure for seasonally adjusted initial claims was 218,000, an increase of 7,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 2,000 from 209,000 to 211,000. The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 198,843 in the week ending November 25, a decrease of 42,136 (or -17.5 percent) from the previous week. There were 199,323 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022.

Looking at preliminary data covering Thanksgiving week, most U.S. states reported large decreases on a seasonally unadjusted basis. California's preliminary weekly change (-13,806) was the largest decrease. Texas's preliminary weekly change (-6,017) was the second largest decrease. Oregon's preliminary weekly change (-2,959) was the third largest decrease. Florida's preliminary weekly change (-2,451) was the fourth largest decrease. Virginia had the 21st largest decrease (-627).

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God's Restoration Plan

By Alan Dean, retired Seventh-day Adventist pastor

In John 10:10 Jesus says: "the thief (Satan) does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." And 1 Corinthians 5:17 states: "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things are passed away, behold all things have become new."

These verses tell us that God loves to restore what sin has destroyed. The world-wide flood was a result of sin overtaking the whole world. In its aftermath God brought a new beautiful world into existence. But today sin and selfishness are destroying the world again. Our misuse of the earth's natural resources is leading to famines, starvation, climate change and more.

Revelation 11:18 predicts that when Jesus comes, He will "destroy those who destroy the earth." But after Jesus comes again, He promises to make a new heaven and earth, much like God's original creation (Isaiah 65:17, 2 Peter 3:13, Revelation 21:1).

God gave us a good example of His restoration work following the volcanic eruption of Mount St. Helens on May 18, 1980, in the state of Washington. The mountain completely blew its top with a mushroom plume appearing much like an atomic bomb blast. Exploding debris filled the air at speeds up to 730 miles per hour. An avalanche of hot debris tore down the north side of the mountain blowing over and splintering timber and covering everything in its path with vol-

canic rubble and dust.

What was left was a wide swath of immense destruction. The dead and missing people numbered 57; more than 200 homes were damaged or destroyed; 27 bridges were washed out; 15 miles of railway were ripped away; and 185 miles of highway were gone.

But God is in the business of rebuilding and recreating. Today, when visitors arrive at the mountain, they stand in awe at what they see. Not just the massive volcanic crater blasted from the side of the peak, but the wondrous and glorious rebirth and recreation of the environment that recovered so quickly.

Plants like willow, vine maple, black cottonwood were able to sprout from roots protected in the moist soil. Pacific silver fir and mountain hemlock trees also gratefully survived. Other vegetation slowly returned like red alder, fireweed, thistle, lupine, and wildflowers. Within 10 years after 1980 almost 20% of the surface was already covered with grasses and other vegetation.

Today 110,000 acres of designated land surrounding Mount St. Helens has been set apart for the purpose of research, recreation, and education. There are a variety of top-rated hiking trails with panoramic views, camping and fishing, snow sports, and ranger-led educational programs.

All this should remind us how Jesus wants to restore each of us as well. He sees what we can be if we cooperate with Him. Like Mount St. Helens we can have a brand new life.

Capewell manager named to board

Gov. Glenn Youngkin announced additional key administration and board appointments last week.

Cathy Roberts of Meadows of Dan, Quality Assurance Manager, Capewell Aerial Systems was among those appointed to the A. L. Philpott Manufacturing Extension Partnership, Board of Trustees, along with Tracy Fitzsimmons, PhD, of Winchester, President, Shenandoah University; John Gaskins of Charlottesville, CEO, Laser Thermal and Dr. Quentin R. Johnson of South Hill, President, Southside Virginia Community College.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

BY WILSON CASEY

1. Is the book of 1 Corinthians (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. For not believing his wife would conceive, who was struck mute, not being able to speak? Gabriel, Zachariah, Joash, Meshah
3. The Lord's Prayer, the Beatitudes and the Golden Rule are found in what sermon? Lamb blood, Agnus, On the mount, Dry bones
4. According to David, what does God's spiritual cleansing make us

whiter than? Light, Clouds, Wool, Snow

5. How many times is the name "Lucifer" mentioned in the Bible (KJV)? 1, 7, 9, 13

6. From Psalm 19, what do the heavens declare? Holiness, Glory of God, Creation, Mighty wind

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Zachariah, 3) On the mount, 4) Snow, 5) 1 (Isaiah 14:12), 6) Glory of God

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 - 22 She talks on iPhones
 - 23 Parasites plaguing the Cheshire cat?
 - 25 A party to
 - 26 Everlasting, poetically
 - 27 Above ground
 - 28 Bedazzled threads
 - 29 Worked to get a different reward?
 - 35 Pizza base
 - 38 Tic-tac-toe win
 - 39 Geometry assignments
 - 40 "Dr." who raps
 - 41 Above, poetically
 - 42 Yard separators
 - 45 Prefix with cyclist
 - 46 Combat vet's affliction, for short
 - 47 One giving technical advice to wizards?
 - 52 Bull in a ring
 - 54 Structure near a tonsil
 - 55 "Othello" adversary
 - 56 Relatives of alpacas
 - 59 Adversary
 - 60 City area where lots of radiators are produced?
 - 63 Sword variety
 - 66 Medic
 - 67 Hiking aid
 - 68 Disgusting
 - 69 Untwisting threads overseas?
 - 75 "I think —!"
 - 77 Mobile's state
 - 78 Smell horrible
 - 79 Big ape
 - 83 Hoofbeat
 - 84 Math student doing sums correctly?
 - 87 Mötley —
 - 89 — hub (tech device)
 - 91 Widely known
 - 92 "Nope"
 - 93 Narrow estuary
 - 94 Guinea pig's cousin
 - 97 Ring legend Muhammad
 - 98 Speechify
 - 100 Clock setting at the rear of a ship?
 - 105 Makes grimy
 - 106 Eye color, e.g.
 - 107 Non-Spanish spelling of an Arizona tribe's name
 - 111 Pack neatly
 - 112 Trim request ... or what this puzzle takes, based on what its missing letters spell?
 - 117 Sicilian peak
 - 118 Use a hammer to fix, perhaps
 - 119 Angry cry to a captor
 - 120 Promising
 - 121 Lacey's partner on TV
 - 122 Hugh Jackman film about robot boxing
 - 4 Certain plows and tractors
 - 5 Give a smile
 - 6 Ed of "Gus"
 - 7 Trim grass
 - 8 "Do Ya" rock gp.
 - 9 Wash. bigwig
 - 10 Good, in Spain
 - 11 Freeway access point
 - 12 More shrewd
 - 13 Begin
 - 14 "X" number
 - 15 Eccentric
 - 16 Consuming
 - 17 Popular highball
 - 18 Gardeners, farmers, etc.
 - 19 Well-muscled
 - 24 Affront, in rap
 - 28 GEICO's bus.
 - 30 Incessantly
 - 31 Geologic spans
 - 32 Lead-in to drama
 - 33 Sweetie pie
 - 34 Should that be the case
 - 35 Super-deep sleep
 - 36 Skim, say
 - 37 Spur (on)
 - 42 Pâté de — gras
 - 43 Hollywood's Kazan
 - 44 Eye color, e.g.
 - 46 Itchy, medically
 - 48 Make weak
 - 49 Pigeon sound
 - 50 Geologic span
 - 51 Shearer of "A Free Soul"
 - 53 Sept. follower
 - 56 Bigwig
 - 57 Comic strip cry of dismay
 - 58 Sloppy farm area
 - 60 Animal in a 58-Down
 - 61 Greeting with a GIF, maybe
 - 62 June honoree
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 - 65 Pre-hurricane orders
 - 66 Stuff in the gene pool
 - 70 Thai language
 - 71 Oppose as false
 - 72 Snoozing site
 - 73 Atoll feature
 - 74 Sticky pod in Cajun cuisine
 - 75 Entre — (between us)
 - 76 Tolkien beast
 - 79 Astronaut's wear
 - 80 "Girls" creator Dunham
 - 81 Legal exam, for short
 - 82 Former court king Arthur
 - 84 Lying adjacent to
 - 85 Epps of "A "Scream 2"
 - 86 Give up a poker hand
 - 87 More boorish
 - 88 Trattoria rice dish
 - 90 Distress call
 - 94 — Antiqua
 - 95 Plaid design
 - 96 Even-scored
 - 98 Nebraskan Native Americans
 - 99 Reinstate in an office
 - 101 1999 Super Bowl MVP John
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 - 103 Wolfed down
 - 104 Spying info
 - 108 To — (perfectly)
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Parade officially ushers in the holiday season

Christmas came early in Stuart on Saturday, as the rain held off until after the 51st annual Patrick County Christmas Parade concluded, delighting parade goers young and old who lined the streets for the event.

Organized by One Family Productions, the parade was led by Grand Marshals - the 2023 State

Champion Patrick County High School Baseball team and coaches.

Featured in the lineup were fire and rescue vehicles with sirens and lights, horns of all sorts and antique autos, seasonal sounds by the Pride of Patrick County performing "Joy To The World," flags, and dancers.

The Grinch and Christmas trees, horses, including one dressed in a pair of overalls, and another accompanied by a dog, and floats of all sorts were also among the entries.

The parade ended with Santa Claus wishing everyone a Merry Christmas. (Photos by Pat Delaney)



The 51st annual Patrick County Christmas Parade gets underway.



Patrick County High School's Baseball team, the State Champions, were Grand Marshals for the 51st annual Patrick County Christmas Parade.



Several veterans are pictured on one of the floats.



Bobby Johnson rides his horse, which is 'dressed' for the occasion.



Santa Claus made an appearance.



Fire and rescue vehicles participated in the parade Saturday.



Floats and other entries delighted the throngs gathered Saturday for the 51st annual Patrick County Christmas Parade.



One of the many crowd pleasers.



Participants waved to the crowd as the parade made its way along the route.



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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.

will hold a food distribution day at the Stuart site from 8:30-11 a.m. and from 5-6:30 p.m. There will be a morning distribution in Ararat from 8:30-11 a.m., and an evening distribution in Meadows of Dan from 5-6:30 p.m.

Thursday, 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.

Friday, Dec. 15
The Community Mobile Food Pantry will be at the Fairystone VFD from 3-4 p.m.

Ongoing

The Coffee Break Café hosts live music on Tuesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. Bring an instrument, or just come and listen.

The Patrick County Library hosts Story Time with Ms. Sam at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays, with books, songs, finger plays, and more. For more information, call (276) 694-3352.

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

call the library at (276) 694-3352.

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

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

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

The Patrick County Veterans Memorial Honor Guard meets the first Tuesday of every month at the American Legion Post 105 at 7 p.m. Interested veterans are welcome to attend.

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

Messianic Bible Study, Fridays from 6-7:30 p.m. at The Honey Pot, 106 N. Main St., Stuart (across from The Coffee Break). Call (276) 694-2356 for more information.

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

Events

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 hortonrhonda@gmail.com.

Wednesday, Dec. 13
The Patrick County Community Food Bank

Winter Exercise

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proclaimed, "I get to eat more steak now and all I have to do is take this little pill." A recent study found that after suffering a heart attack or stroke, only 4.3% will make a comprehensive lifestyle change. That's four-point-three percent, not 43%!
Having said that, you may be one of the 4.3% that would become motivated to exercise after a life-changing event. Sometimes, that "event" is a medical event. Maybe it's a heart attack, stroke, or false alarm that scares you into making a lifestyle change. Other times, it's not that serious, but still works like a wake-up call. For me, my motivating event was when I

tore ligaments in my knee and realized that if I didn't drop the 45 pounds I gained, I'd be watching my life go by instead of being a part of it.
Other times, the event is totally outside of you. Sometimes, you see your friends or family get sick and realize that their lifestyle has finally caught up with them. Sometimes, it's the birth of your child. Even though childbirth can be the most joyous time in your life, you may realize that the beginning of your child's lives marks the countdown of yours. Again, in my case, one of my big motivators was that I wanted to be around as long as possible to see my kids grow up and to

help them as their father. You can't do that when you're sick all the time, or worse yet, dead.
Motivations such as losing weight, looking good for a class reunion, wanting to have a six-pack, wanting to look good in a bikini this summer – you get the picture – are all too weakly motivating to make true, lasting changes.
Purpose-filled "whys" make all the difference. For example:
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I want to live a long time to see my

kids, grandkids, and great grandkids grow.
I want to feel good, feel strong, feel healthy – not sick, taking a ton of pills and having my main social life be comprised of doctor visits.
In other words, you have to find your own deep, meaningful why.
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Gloria Barbour is pictured with John Reynolds, president of the Patrick County Historical Society. Barbour was the featured speaker at the society's annual meeting.



Photographs of Gloria Barbour's family were displayed at the Patrick County Historical Society's recent annual meeting.



Gloria Barbour's great-great-grandmother, Dicey Prillman Conner, was born into slavery. Before Emancipation, Conner gave birth to her white master's child. Conner passed when she was at least 102 years old, never having seen a doctor.

African-American students had to go to a different county if they wanted to continue their education. Barbour graduated from Patrick Central and chose to send her children there until the school closed, rather than send them to Patrick County High School. She explained that at the time there were many people against school integration, and she wanted to protect her

children.

Throughout her life, Barbour has faced discrimination, but she remembered West Virginia as having fewer restrictions. She said, "I never remember the white and black thing in West Virginia. The first time I took my husband back to West Virginia after we had been married for a few years I said, 'When we get to Powtan (Powatan) you can sit beside the white man and drink your beer.' He was afraid but did it anyway."

Working at JD Bassett Furniture Company, she remembered seeing signs for white and Black toilets. Eventually, Barbour attended and graduated from National Business College.

At the time, Black people were not allowed in the public library, but her teacher, Mrs. Patterson, went with her to get a library card, which she still carries. After owning and operating a successful beauty shop for 12 years out of her home, Barbour eventually went to work for the Martinsville public library, where she recently retired.

At the end of her talk, Barbour pointed out several family pictures she brought with her to the meeting. As she displayed each picture she said, "Through all of the past I see no colors. I have one of the most blended families around."

The largest picture was an artist's rendering of a photograph of Dicey Prillman Conner toward the end of her life. Barbour's life may have been scarred by the effects of slavery, but she never let discrimination stop her

from enjoying life or pursuing her dreams.

The Patrick County Historical Museum is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated. Books, maps, and a few other items related to Patrick County history are for sale at the museum. Curator Kayla Webb also offers additional hours by appointment only. Please call the museum at (276) 694-2840 to make an appointment.

Interested in volunteering or becoming a member? Please contact the museum by phone during operating hours or email them at pcvahistory@gmail.com. Board members of the Historical Society were featured on the local Be Real podcast on November 14. The episode will be posted on the YouTube channel [@berealthepodcast](https://www.youtube.com/@berealthepodcast), on Thursday, November 16.

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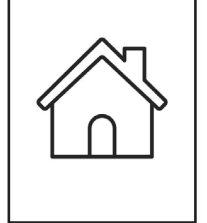
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VDOE launches new online licensure system

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) has launched its Virginia Licensure Online system (VALO) to help modernize the teacher licensure process and make the application and renewal experience more user-friendly for perspective and current teachers.

"Every Virginia child deserves a high-quality licensed teachers in their classrooms," Superintendent of Public Instruction Lisa Coons said.

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teaching license. This new licensing system is a solid step forward in making it easier for qualified individuals to apply for a teaching license and will help reinforce to Virginia's teachers that we value the work they do with students every day."

Bringing current technology such as smart prompting and enhanced communication tools to the user experience, VALO is designed to assist applicants as they move through the licensure process. VALO will make it easier for prospective teachers to submit complete and accurate applications, keep track of their application status, and timely correct any needed information in their application. VALO is designed to provide applicants with a modern technological user experience that is common across professions.

The new VALO system is now online for all new and initial applicants for Virginia teacher licensure. Potential teachers can access the new system at the Licensing Services section of the VDOE website. Renewals for current licensed teachers will begin in VALO later in the school year.

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Perry to present program on Dec. 11

Tom Perry will be the featured speaker at a meeting sponsored by the Surry County Genealogical Association and the Mount Airy Public Library, on Monday, Dec. 11 at 6 p.m.

Perry will discuss his book, "A Dinky Railroad- The Mount Airy and Eastern Railway," and relate the his-

tory of the Dinky Railroad and the train that came from Mount Airy, N.C. nearly to the trestle that crosses the Ararat River. Heading into the quarry, a round table was built so the train could get on the round table and be turned around to go up the Dinky Railroad past White Sulphur Springs, and into Kibler Valley

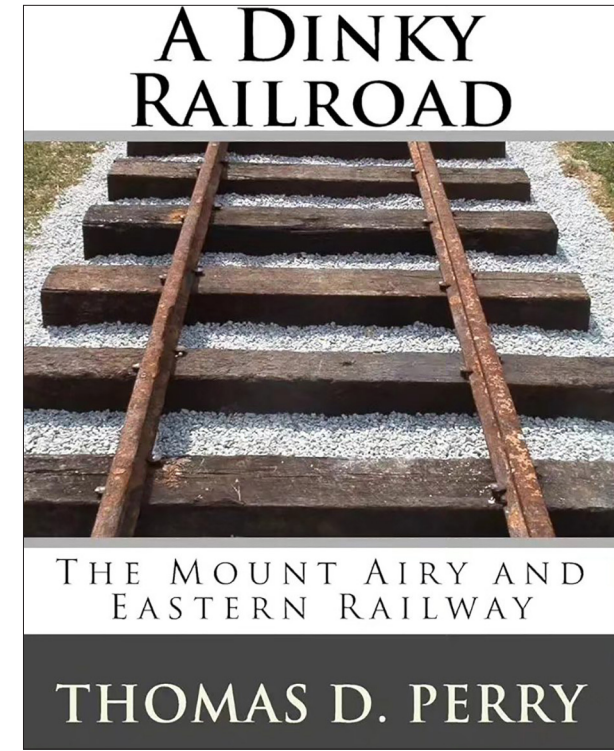
to hook to the cars that were loaded with timber, which then was hauled to the furniture factories in Mt. Airy to be used in making furniture.

Although this was over 100 years ago, there are lots of stories about the train and the railroad.

Chip Bondurant will bring his train and have it set up. If you have

a train set, you're encouraged to contact the association by emailing its president, Esther Johnson, at EPDJ1@traid.rr.com.

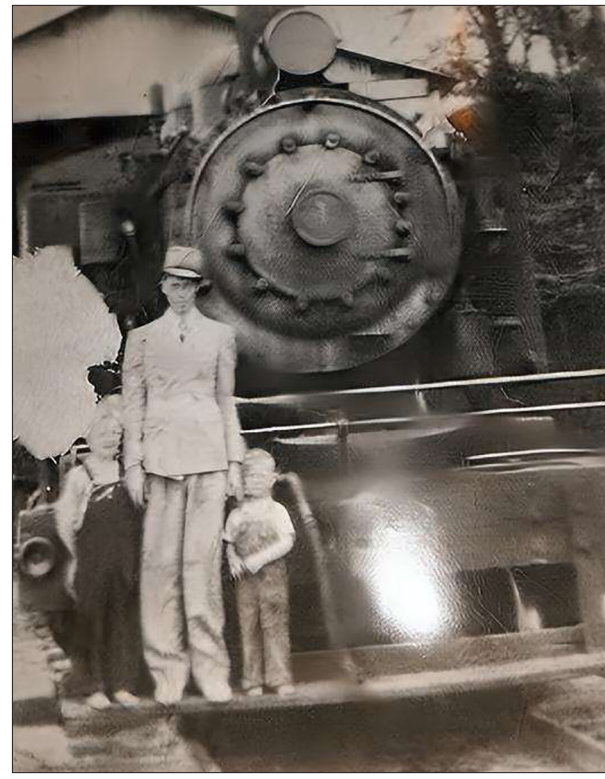
The man and children pictured with the Dinky Train are Johnson's uncle, Woodrow Worrell and his oldest children, Vernon and Cecil Worrell.



The cover of "A Dinky Railroad- The Mount Airy and Eastern Railway," by Tom Perry, who will discuss the book at a Dec. 11 meeting.



Chip Bondurant



Woodrow Worrell and his oldest children, Vernon and Cecil Worrell.

NRCS Announces New Partners, Projects in Virginia

The USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is investing in partnerships in Virginia to assist the agency with delivery of its conservation programs, including the funding available through the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022. To strengthen implementation of the IRA, NRCS will be investing \$2.93 million into seven Virginia partnerships during Fiscal Year 2024.

The IRA represents the single largest investment in climate and clean energy solutions in American history.

"These agreements already have been successfully executed," said Dr. Edwin Martinez Martinez, NRCS' state conservationist in Virginia, "and each of these projects has the potential to create, maintain and enhance what we're doing now while giving us new avenues for targeted outreach and education that will help us add staff, raise our level of technical expertise and expand our current roster of partner groups and agencies."

The new agreements will assist NRCS in addressing its priorities, including but not limited to equity, climate-smart agriculture and forestry, urban agriculture, staffing capacity and leveraging innovative partnerships.

The working relationship, trust and collaboration the USDA/NRCS Virginia team has developed with all these conservation partners is vital to our success as we expand our conservation efforts to every location in the commonwealth, support the state economy, provide job opportunities and works toward a comprehensive climate mitigation effort.

A brief summary of the new agreements:

- Virginia Department of Forestry: \$555,000. This agreement deals with the cost of technical assis-



Education is a component of many newly announced NRCS projects. Here, agency soil scientist Alexandra Schmidt (far left) conducts a soil health demonstration for farmers attending an ag expo. (Photo by John Markon, Virginia NRCS.)

tance to forestland owners associated with the Farm Bill programs. These include the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP), the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) and any other future programs that include forestry components.

- Virginia Tech - Integrated Conservation Agronomy: \$1,130,866. The goal of this effort will be to improve the economic and environmental sustainability of agriculture across the state by emphasizing enhanced soil health and climate-smart agriculture along with outreach and technical assistance to producers and landowners. This three-year project also includes funding for a Mentor Farmer program.

- American Farmland Trust: \$300,000. This will feature targeted outreach to 250 state producers promoting adoption of cli-

mate-smart practices and NRCS conservation programs. Project rules have been written to assure access for Historically Underserved segments of the agricultural community. The program will also cover the cost of 12 "farmer-focused" events sponsored by the Farmland Trust and its partners.

- Virginia Tech/Soil Health Coalition: \$295,805. This will allow NRCS and Virginia Tech to work closely with the 2020 Farmers Cooperative to increase outreach and conservation delivery to the Co-op's more than 200 members in Virginia. Through an innovative partnership involving the Soil Health Coalition, the Co-op and NRCS, the project will fund 12 conservation-oriented webinars hosted by the Co-op, two on-farm presentations

engaging more than 150 producers and 35 visits to individual farms. It will also subsidize 50 conservation plans NRCS will prepare for Historically Underserved farmers.

- American Bird Conservancy: \$58,072. NRCS will work with the Appalachian Mountains Joint Venture to build capacity to deliver Farm Bill and IRA conservation programs and provide technical conservation assistance for foresters. A key element will be a three-year series of in-person training sessions for foresters in addition to regular online educational presentations.

- Virginia State University: \$300,000. Will assist VSU in increasing the number of participants in its Small Farm Outreach program and program participants with implementing soil and water conservation practices. The project will also provide educational workshops to increase awareness of climate-smart practices.

- Ducks Unlimited: \$297,895. To raise the level of technical assistance to producers interested in addressing wildlife and/or water quality resource concerns through the delivery of climate-smart practices on the western shore of the Chesapeake Bay.

To learn more about these projects and/or partnership with NRCS, please contact John Womack, assistant state conservationist for partnerships and initiatives, at john.womack@usda.gov.

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Funds allocated to help prevent foreclosures, help emergency loan borrowers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is providing approximately \$208 million in automatic financial assistance for qualifying farm and emergency loan borrowers. The agency announced Nov. 30 that the funding is made possible by \$3.1 billion in assistance for distressed farm loan borrowers provided in Section 22006 of the Inflation Reduction Act.

To help prevent foreclosures, USDA will cover approximately \$80 million in delinquencies for an estimated 210 borrowers whose qualifying guaranteed loans were flagged for liquidation as of Nov. 30. USDA will also provide approximately \$128 million for an estimated 1,120 borrowers with currently outstanding direct Emergency Loans as of Nov. 30. Any distressed borrowers who qualify for this assistance and are currently in bankruptcy will be addressed using the same case-by-case review process announced in October 2022 for complex cases.

“At USDA, we are working hard every day to keep farmers on their farms. With the Inflation Reduction Act, we’ve begun charting a very different course than the one taken during the farm financial crisis in the 1980s,” said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. “We continue to work on credit reforms centered around this better approach and I encourage our lenders and borrowers alike to work with our local offices and our cooperators to capitalize on all available flexibilities in these important programs prior to foreclosing or liquidating farms.”

Since the Inflation Reduction Act was signed by President Biden in August 2022, the USDA’s Farm Service Agency has provided approximately \$1.7 billion in immedi-

ate assistance to more than 30,000 distressed borrowers as part of an ongoing effort to keep borrowers farming and ranching, remove obstacles that currently prevent many borrowers from returning to their land, and improve the way that FSA approaches borrowing and loan servicing in the long-term. More options to prevent avoidable guaranteed loan foreclosures are currently being developed.

For any qualifying guaranteed borrowers that also qualified for previous Inflation Reduction Act assistance announced in October 2022 or August 2023, payments may be adjusted to account for that assistance.

Individual Requests for Distressed Farmers Seeking Assistance

In addition to the assistance announced today, FSA continues to accept individual distressed borrower assistance requests from direct loan borrowers who missed a recent installment or are unable to make their next scheduled installment on a qualifying direct farm loan due to cash flow issues, or those distressed borrowers who took certain extraordinary measures to avoid delinquency on their qualifying direct loans. More information on eligibility criteria for this assistance may be found on the Inflation Reduction Act Assistance for Distressed Borrowers page.

Borrowers can submit requests in person at their local FSA office or by sending in a direct request using the extraordinary measures or cash flow-based assistance portals found on farmers.gov. All requests for extraordinary measures or cash flow-based assistance must be received by Dec. 31.

New medical director named to lead Tri-Area

Dr. Jeffery Peele has been appointed as the new Medical Director of Tri-Area Community Health. He assumed the position in November following the planned retirement of Dr. William Bess.

Dr. Peele attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill before going to UTESA for medical school. After graduation, he did a 3-year residency in Family Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri, becoming Board Certified in 1989. He worked in Family Medicine for 9 years in St. Louis before relocating with his family to Orlando, Florida. He practiced Family Medicine and Urgent Care medicine in Orlando for 25 years. He and his wife have relocated to the Laurel Fork area.

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Dr. Jeffery Peele

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Submitted by Patrick SWCD

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What is a Soil and Water Conservation District? Conservation districts trace their formation to the 1930’s when national attention was focused on the soil erosion crisis of the Dust Bowl. From that point, Conservation Districts

have evolved into a “unique” unit of local government that utilizes state, federal and private sector resources to solve today’s conservation problems, ranging from water quality to flood control to wildlife shelter and beyond.

There are nearly 3,000 Conservation Districts in America, with 47 in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Authorized under state law, each District assesses conservation problems on the local level, sets priorities for conservation efforts and then coordinates and carries out appropriate programs.

Each Conservation District is guided by a governing board of district officials, either elected or appointed, who give their time and talents voluntarily. These officials work closely with landowners and others interested in conservation programs.

Conservation Districts serve as the bridge between federal and state resource management agencies and land managers. Direct funding for Conservation Districts comes from a variety of sources, including governments, grants, special projects and others. While natural resource conservation is a national priority, the guiding philosophy of all Conservation Districts is that decisions on conservation problems should be made on the local level, by local people, with technical assistance provided by government.

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Some eye drops recalled due to ‘insanitary conditions’

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration recalled a batch of eye drops weeks after it warned consumers about more than two dozen eye drop products. The FDA announced that 27 products from brands including CVS Health, Leader (Cardinal Health), Rugby (Cardinal Health), Rite Aid, Target, Velocity Pharma, and Walmart were being recalled due to potential safety concerns “after FDA investigators found insani-

tary conditions.” Kilitch Healthcare India Limited is voluntarily recalling the eye drops products with expiration dates ranging from November 2023 to September 2025 due to potential safety concerns.

For those patients who use these products, there is a potential risk of eye infections or related harm. These products are intended to be sterile. Ophthalmic drug products pose a potential heightened

risk of harm to users because drugs applied to the eyes bypass some of the body’s natural defenses. To date, Kilitch Healthcare India Limited has not received any reports of adverse events related to this recall.

These products were distributed nationwide to wholesalers, retailers, and via the product distributor, Velocity Pharma LLC.

Kilitch Healthcare India Limited, is notifying its distributor Velocity Pharma LLC and its distributor Velocity Pharma LLC, shall be further notifying the wholesalers and (See Eye Drops p.B6)

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Eye Drops

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retailers via mail of this voluntary recall and is arranging for return of all impacted products listed above.

Consumers, distributors and retailers that have any product which is being recalled should cease distribution of the product. Consumers should stop using the recalled eye drops and may return any of the listed products to the place of purchase.

For a complete list of products recalled, visit [https://www.fda.gov/safety/recalls-market-withdrawals-safety-alerts/kilitch-healthcare-in-](https://www.fda.gov/safety/recalls-market-withdrawals-safety-alerts/kilitch-healthcare-in-dia-limited-issues-voluntary-nationwide-recall-various-eye-drops-potential?utm_campaign=20231121_&utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

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Consumers with questions about the recall may email regulatory@velocitypharma.com or regulatory@kilitchhealthcare.com.

Consumers are advised to contact their physician or healthcare provider if they have experienced any problems that may be related to taking or using this drug product.

Adverse reactions or quality problems experienced with the use of this product may be reported to the FDA's MedWatch Adverse Event Reporting program either online, by regular mail or by fax.

Complete and submit the report online at www.fda.gov/medwatch/report.htm.

Download the form at www.fda.gov/MedWatch/getforms.htm or call 1-800-332-1088 to request a reporting form, then complete and return to the address on the pre-addressed form, or submit by fax to 1-800-FDA-0178.

| DECEMBER | | | | | | PATRICK COUNTY BRANCH LIBRARY | | | | | | 2023 | |
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| Monday | | Tuesday | | Wednesday | | Thursday | | Friday | | Saturday | | | |
| Interested or have questions about our programs? Call us at 276-694-3352. Need to wrap presents or write a Christmas card? We've got you covered. Ask at the front desk for more information. | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 2 | A Charlie Brown Christmas 10:30-12:00 | |
| 4 | | 5 | | 6 | | 7 | | 8 | | 9 | | | |
| Yoga 10:00 Registration required | | Storytime 10:30 Dogs | | Yoga 1:15 Registration required | | Senior Chair Exercise 10:15 | | | | | | Board Game Day | |
| Senior Chair Exercise 1:30 | | | | | | Christmas Wreath Making Class 2:30 Registration required | | | | | | | |
| LEGO Club 4:00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | | 12 | | 13 | | 14 | | 15 | | 16 | | | |
| Yoga 10:00 Registration required | | Storytime 10:30 Clothes | | Yoga 1:15 Registration required | | Senior Chair Exercise 10:15 | | | | | | | |
| Senior Chair Exercise 1:30 | | | | | | Not Your Mother's Book Club 5:00 | | | | | | | |
| LEGO Club 4:00 | | Introduction to Zen 1:30 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 18 | | 19 | | 20 | | 21 | | 22 | | 23 | | | |
| Yoga 10:00 Registration required | | Storytime 10:30 Christmas | | Retired Teacher's Book Club 11:00 | | Senior Chair Exercise 10:15 | | | | | | | |
| Senior Chair Exercise 1:30 | | | | Yoga 1:15 Registration required | | Open Art Studio 1:00 | | | | | | | |
| LEGO Club 4:00 | | Books & Bakes 5:00 | | | | | | | | | | | |
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by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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