

Congratulations Class of 2024!

Special Graduation Section Inside

Due to a press issue, page 3B was printed incorrectly. It is reprinted, with our apologies, on page 2 of this section.

Commencement set for Friday

"We are the people our parents warned us about." Jimmy Buffett



By Staff Reports

With a line from a Jimmy Buffett song as its motto, the more than 180 members of Patrick County High School's Class of 2024 are poised to take their place in the annals of history on Friday, May 17, when the graduation ceremony gets underway on the football field at 7 p.m.

Visitors and guests are asked to please refrain from talking during the proceedings out of respect for the graduates.

Several class members are among the scheduled speakers, including 'Reflection,' by Dakota Michelle

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-EMS Director Scottie Cassell

Squads weigh in on outlook of EMS in county

By Taylor Boyd

The Jeb Stuart Volunteer Rescue Squad responded to more calls than any other in the county until April 14, when it's paid staff was furloughed. Since then, the number of calls it answered has plummeted to one call.

Patrick County EMS Director Scottie Cassell said Station 8, the county's paid staff, has put a second truck into service full-time to pick up as many of those calls as possible.

"I know there's a couple days a week where we only have one truck,

Ashworth, and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Bobbijo Jean Roberts. Ashworth and Roberts are among those serving as Senior Class Officers. Roberts is vice president, and Ashworth, a member of PCHS Praise and Worship team, is Secretary.

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Peace Officer Memorial Day, Police Week recognized locally

Noting that May 15 is National Peace Officer Memorial Day, and this week is declared National Police Week, Patrick County Sheriff Dan Smith said the designation was signed into law by President John F. Kennedy in 1962.

Three Patrick County law enforcement officers have been shot and killed in the line of duty, Smith said of Deputy Sheriff Robert Bunyon Sheppard, Deputy Sheriff Walter W. Willis, and State Trooper Charles Eugene Morris.

Then, as now, the dangers are real, Smith said.

"We are on call 24/7, serving residents in this rural county," he said, and noted that statistics show that law enforcement officers in rural areas like Patrick County "face an exceptional risk of being seriously hurt or killed in the line of duty."

That is partly because in many cases, "our deputies and troopers answer dangerous calls alone, and they have to travel extended distances on curvy, mountainous roads to get to those calls," said Smith, adding "they have to be on their 'A' game to protect themselves and those they serve."

Although "improvements in medical technology and mandatory body armor

Benefit ride set to help local man

By Taylor Boyd

God's Revenge, a Christian organization that seeks to help others in need, will hold a benefit ride on Saturday May 25 to support David Cassell, a Patrick County native who was injured in a car accident.

The event will take place at 11 a.m. at the CVS/Food Country parking lot in Stuart. Engines will start and kickstands will go up at 1 p.m.

The cost to join is \$20 per vehicle with \$5 per additional rider. Those 15 and under can ride for free. All donations will be given to Cassell for his and his family's needs while he is out of work.

Cody Ravon, organization leader, said Cassell, a father and self-employed local mechanic, was in a vehicle accident about two months ago. Due to his injuries, Cassell was airlifted to Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital and taken to the intensive care unit (ICU).

"He's just got a long road of recovery, so we're holding a benefit ride to try and gather some money for him and his family. He was the sole provider of his kids, and he also has one kid on the way," Ravon said. "We're just trying to do what we can to help him out."

Dena Hall, secretary of the group, said the ride will leave the shopping center in Stuart and proceed to Virginia 8, and up Floyd Mountain to get on the Blue Ridge Parkway, to Meadows of Dan, where participants get onto Squirrel Spur Road.

"We'll ride that down to (VA/NC) 103, and then come back to the same parking lot we started. It's about 65 to 67 miles, and it shouldn't take more than a couple of hours," she said.

Hall said monetary and item donations can be dropped off at various locations in Stuart, including Little Caesars, Dollar General, Stuart Family Restaurant, and Patrick & Henry Community College (P&HCC).

The organization is also willing to pick up donations.

"We'll be happy to make accommodations. We'll be happy to pick up any donations that people would want to give," she said.

Hall said diapers and baby wipes currently are among the most needed items.

"I talked to David's wife, and they've got a 10-month-old and one on the way," she said.

Hall said the 10-month-old needs Huggies diapers in sizes 7 and 8. The baby boy is "sensitive to the different brands, and then anything smaller than that would be useful for the" new arrival.

The benefit will also include raffle gifts, prize drawings, and a 50/50 split after the ride. You must be present to win.

For more information or to donate, contact God's Revenge via email at GodsRevenge612@gmail.com or call (336) 552-7721.

Perry's latest book to be released next week

By Taylor Boyd

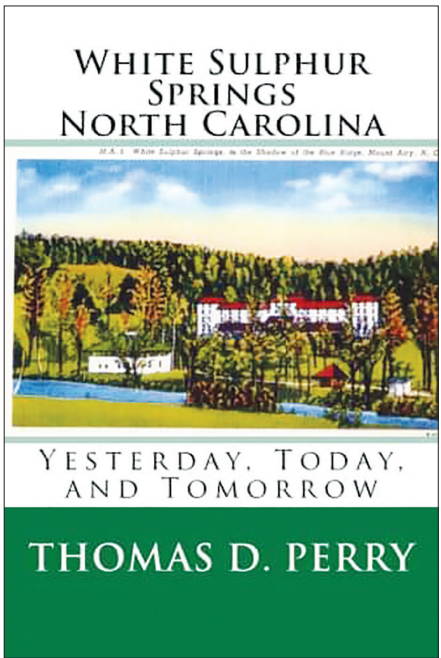
Local author and historian Tom Perry's latest book, "White Sulphur Springs North Carolina: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow," is set to be released on Sunday, May 19 during his Tom Talks History event at the Ararat Ruritan Club at 2 p.m.

Perry said the book is about the history of the White Sulphur Springs on Riverside Drive, Highway 104, just north of Mount Airy, NC.

The approximately 100-page book is in chronological order, and will cost around \$10.

"It starts during the 1800s and comes up to today. It ends with the" current wedding venue site. "But most of it's the history of who owned it and who visited and stories about everything from murders to ghosts to people coming and drinking the water," he said.

Perry said he saw a reference that Gen. J.E.B. Stuart's mother, Elizabeth Letcher Pannill Stuart, wrote that when the family was living at the Laurel Hill Farm, or the current J.E.B Stuart Birthplace, that people were coming to White Sulphur Springs to "take the waters" before the Civil War.



Tom Perry's latest book, "White Sulphur Springs North Carolina: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow," will be released on Sunday, May 19.

"You know, they'd drink all this old sulphur water thinking it would cure everything, and over the years the hotel developed. It had multiple owners and it got bigger and bigger, and by the time that it was in its heyday in the early 1900s, it was an

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Class of 2024

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tary. Levi Austin Vipperman, who will present “The Journey,” is the president, and Sabrina Lane Rorrer is class treasurer.

Elizabeth Joselyn Rose is president of the Student Government Association and Kali Raven Craig is vice president.

Class Colors are dark green, gold and black. **The Class Flower** is a Tulip.

Class Motto is “We are the people our parents warned us about.” - Jimmy Buffett.

Class Song is “Sweet Child of Mine,” by Guns N’ Roses.

Room Mothers are Lisa Allen, Matthew Allen; Jordan Baliles, Broc Taylor; Melissa Barbour, Jackson Barbour; Melanie Beasley, Seth Beasley; Kristie Bentley, Marissa Bentley; Jackie Bolt, Cooper Bolt; Rhonda Brown, Marissa Brown; Amy Byers, Jonah Byers; Tashia Corns, Ethan Cobbler; Amy Cutchins, Luke Cutchins; Tammy Durham, Trace Durham;

Alison Easter, Colt Easter; Candi Edwards, Heather Edwards; Susanne Errichetti, Austin Errichetti; Ada Fain, Austin Hylton; Candice Fulcher, Lauren Fulcher; Connie Goode, Bethany Goode; Brenda Hall, Miranda Hall; Mary Handy, Kyle Handy; Misty Hazelwood, Stuart Callahan; Merrill Hopkins, Miller Hopkins; Samantha Joyce, Kylee Joyce; Joy Large, Nate Large; Tina Layman, Colby Layman; Santa Leon, Cecilia Cisneros; Phyllis Meade, Hunter Meade; Angie Norman, Hayden Norman; Crystal Perkins, Quentin Perkins; Summer Pike, Bryley Pike; Angela Rose, Elizabeth Rose; Wendy Smith, Bishop Smith; Michelle Spencer, Stephen Spencer; Missy Swails, Tucker Swails; Ana Tejeda-Martinez, Reyli Tejeda-Martinez; Myra Trent, Emily Trent; Rozina Turner, Maria Turner; Sara Vernon, Will Vernon; Brandi Williams, Lauryn Williams; Holly Wood, Levi Vipperman; Mandy Worley, Lauren Worley and

Shannon Young, Audrey Young.

Class Sponsors are Melanie Culler, Melissa Fain, April Harris, Chris Jensen, Ashlee Mullis, Ryan Pendleton, Kiran Penn, Angela Rose, co-chairman, Jennifer Turner, Andrea Williams, and Elizabeth Wood, co-chairman.

Junior Marshals are Dante Marshall Belcher, Bryan Nathaniel Clark, Eliza Lin Clifton, Tara Elizabeth Collins, Daryl Lynn Combs, Williams Chancellor Corns, Mason James Delenback, Blake Lee Dillon Emily, Claire Eastridge Jackson, Blake Horton, Noah James Jessup, Whitley Katherine Kruse, Zachary Ryan Letchworth, Sadie Jane Martin, Raeli Jo Adriana Moran, Owen Kyle Nutter, Mason Wyatt Scott, Dhrithik Deepa Tanna, Xavier Orlando Torres-Seda and Kendall Tate Williams.

Refer to the B section for more of our annual graduation coverage this week, and the May 22 edition of *The Enterprise*.

Class of 2024 Congratulations!

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Matthew Logan Allen



Draiden Jacob Archambo



Andi Willow Arnold



Dakota Michelle Ashworth



Seth Wayne Atkins



Jackson Douglas-Sanders Barbour



Alexandria Nichole Barker



Danielle Grace Barnett



Seth Garrison Beasley



Carlos Alberto Becerril



Riley Lynn Bell



Marissa Rae Bentley

Not pictured:
Johnny Dean Bowman
Jeremiah Dalie Lestat Hernandez
Cynthia Jenet Hernandez
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Squads

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| Station | Total Calls In Area | Answered Calls | Mutual Aid Coverage For Other Stations | Total Answered Calls | % Covered in Area | Total Co Wide Tones | Avg Dispatch to Enroute | Avg Dispatch to Scene | Avg Scene to Hospital (Transport) | Avg Dispatch to Hospital |
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The monthly data sheet shows the amount of calls each rescue squad answered in April.

squad. “They covered 26 of them,” Cassell said, and added the coverage was “before they made their announcement or anything. They mutual aided once, which means they went into someone else’s area and covered a call.”

Cassell said he remembers instances of Jeb Stuart running with three or four trucks and that still not being enough on some days.

“It’s just (the nature of) EMS. Call volume is not the same every day,” he said, adding that “Station 8 is a backup system. By no means are we trying to be the primary here. We are a backup, that’s what we started as, that’s what we’ll remain as long as we possibly can, but we will answer every call that we possibly can.”

The fact that Jeb Stuart hasn’t been running calls obviously has put a strain on everyone, county wide, Debbie Foley, captain of the Smith River Rescue Squad, said.

“Our station has been able to put together a few crews a few times to cover Station 3’s calls throughout when we can, but it’s definitely put a strain on the county. There’s no doubt about it, particularly Station 8,” she said.

While she’s uncomfortable answering for the squad itself, Foley said she thinks she can speak for everyone is saying that she hopes some type of solution is found quickly.

“Much sooner rather than later,” she said. Mike Fulk, captain of the Ararat squad, said he supports Jeb Stuart’s request for \$100,000 from the county.

“I don’t understand why the county won’t do that. You know, Jeb is providing a service for the county, and employed several people in the county, so I don’t know what the issue is,” he said.

Fulk said all of the county’s volunteer rescue squads are currently struggling to make it because of the minimal support they get from the county.

“But Jeb Stuart, in my opinion, they run more calls than anybody in the county. My understanding is they ran 1,200 and some odd calls last year versus the next would be Station 8 I guess at what, 800 and some calls,” he said.

Fulk said when a rescue squad is running that amount of calls, it’s a big service to the community “at a very minimal cost for what

they’re actually doing for the community.”

In his understanding of what’s going to happen, Fulk said every rescue squad in the area under the Western Virginia Emergency Medical Services (WVEMS) umbrella is going to have to switch over to provide their own drugs.

“That’s going to be even more expense. I don’t know, I think they’re asking for \$100,000 per year in four increments, like \$25,000 per quarter. I don’t know what’s been discussed between them and the county administrator or the board of supervisors,” he said.

If it comes down to Jeb Stuart shuttering its doors, Fulk said the county would end up having to pay several million dollars to provide the services the squad had provided for virtually nothing.

“They’re going to have to add more county employees, they’re going to have to have more trucks. I mean, it’s going to be a domino effect, it’s going to probably eventually at some point in time increase taxes. So, to me it’s almost a no brainer that they support Jeb Stuart if they continue to provide the service that they’ve been providing,” he said.

Howard Alderman, of the Vesta squad, said he personally spoke with Derek Wagner, president of the Jeb Stuart squad to voice his support.

“I told him he had our support, as much as what we could do,” he said.

Alderman said he doesn’t have an issue with Jeb asking for additional funds.

“I do know that they have a large call volume, and I understand that it’s going to take at least two, probably three paid trucks to be able to keep up with the call volume a lot of times,” he said.

Alderman said it’s obvious that the number of volunteers gone down significantly in the county, state, and country. He noted the county’s population is also decreasing.

“So, that’s fewer people we’ve got to pull from to get volunteers, and the volunteers just aren’t there,” he said.

Alderman said there are four providers in Vesta, “and a lot of times with the call volume we have, sometimes it’s not enough. And everybody works, and a lot of people, like me, work out of the county. That makes it even harder for

people to volunteer,”

Short of getting more volunteers to be able to cover more calls, Alderman said crews will have to be paid to be there to answer calls.

“Whether that means adding more staff to the county services already there or helping to supplement JEB Stuart, but you’re going to have to pay people, because it’s obvious the volunteers just aren’t there anymore,” he said.

Alderman added he fully supports both Jeb Stuart and Station 8.

“We’ve loaned both organizations a truck in the past, you know, when they get in a situation where they had one down and it was going to be in the garage for a couple days. We fully support both of them,” he said.

Cassell said the county has made it well aware that county residents need EMS, and they will get it - one way or another.

“Whether it be volunteer or paid staff needed. They are committed to helping the citizens. In the same breath, we don’t want any volunteer to close down,” he said.

Like all other county agencies, Cassell said Station 8 soft bills for its services.

Cassell also said doesn’t want to see any squad dissolve. The county needs every volunteer it can get.

“I appreciate every minute a volunteer gives,” he said.

Cassell said the future is a hard call if the Jeb Stuart squad dissolves, particularly because Station 8 and several of the other volunteer agencies have had a downslide.

“I mean, it’s not their fault, it’s just volunteerism itself is on a downslide. Being a volunteer myself, going on 35 years now, every minute a volunteer can give the county is greatly appreciated,” he said. “It’s just nobody’s hardly volunteering anymore. We have a few success stories in there, like Patrick Springs, but the majority is few and far between.”

In the fiscal year 2024-2025 budget, Cassell said he requested an additional four paid staff members for Station 8.

“That will put two full-time trucks on at Station 8 around the clock,” he said.

CCDF President Randy Burge and Captain Shana Payne, and Blue Ridge Captain Billy Aldridge did not respond to calls for comment.

Perry

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almost 200-room resort hotel,” he said.

Perry added he believes Patrick Springs was like the White Sulphur Springs because it turned into a resort-type place where people could come and drink the water.

“People back in the 1800s thought that by drinking water like this it would cure all kinds of things. Probably the most famous guy I know is Stonewall Jackson, he really believed in taking the waters before the Civil War. He was notorious for” it, he said.

Over the years, Perry said the spring had multiple owners.

“It grew, and then they’d have a fire, and it would burn down, and then they’d have to build it up again,” he said.

While people don’t think of Mount Airy as being a resort area, Perry said it boasted multiple hotels and multiple springs that were tourist destinations.

“It started attracting actresses and millionaires, and the book talks a little bit about some of the famous people,” he said. “Supposedly, there was a woman who got murdered in the hotel and her ghost haunted it for years, I mean you hear all kinds of stuff like that.”

The spring’s last resort eventually burnt down around 1960. Perry said by then it was primarily used as a chicken coop.

“They kept chickens in it, so it became the world’s largest chicken fire I guess,” he said with a laugh.

Perry believes some of the people who own it also own the 13 Bones restaurant in Mount Airy.

“They’ve turned it kind of into a wedding site and they have cabins, and you can get married and have your pictures made and all that. I think they only let tourists come out there on Mondays - I believe is their rule,” he said.

The rest of the time, Perry said the site can be rented for events like concerts and weddings, and of course, visitors can also still drink the Sulphur water.

“The spring is still there, and you can go down there and have you a big gulp. It (water) smells like rotten eggs, but I’d always heard if you get some and leave it out over-



Tom Perry will give a talk on the White Sulphur Springs at the Ararat Ruritan Club at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 19, to raise funds for his Perry Family Scholarship.

night the smell would go away and that the water is pretty good. The smell would really turn you off when you first get around it,” he said, chuckling.

Perry added postcards of White Sulphur Springs can still be found in Mount Airy.

While the idea for the book started about a decade ago, Perry said he never got around to finishing it until now.

“It really came about because of the Dinky Railroad. The hotel was right on the Dinky Railroad, so a lot of people would ride up the railroad to stay at the hotel,” he said.

Perry chose the hotel as a book topic because he likes history that’s along the Virginia-North Carolina line.

The Tom Talks History program helps raise money for the Perry Family Scholarship Fund, which he started in honor of his late parents. Scholarships are awarded annually.

Unlike past years, the event will be held on a Sunday afternoon instead of on a Saturday.

We’re “thinking that maybe Sunday afternoon, people will have more time for that

sort of thing. The Ararat Ruritan Club supports me in this, and allows me to use their facility,” he said.

Perry estimates 40 to 50 typically show up for the event.

Perry said this is the first of three different programs that will be held this year to benefit the scholarship:

Beverly Belcher Woody, the author of the “Patrick Pioneers” series in the Enterprise will hold a program on July 28.

On September 29, Perry will hold a program about J.E.B. Stuart and his brothers, William Alexander Stuart and John Dabney Stuart, in the Civil War. This will be the weekend before the Civil War Encampment at Laurel Hill on October 5-6.

The book will be available on Amazon, select book racks in the county, and on Perry’s website, <https://laurel-hill-publishing-llc.square.site>.

Pets of the Week



Two sad-looking pups were found in Walmart parking lot, most likely dumped. One male and one female probably 3-4 months old. One is hiding behind their litter mate.

This sweet brindle boy is neutered and was found on Spring Road. He looks to be a Dachs-hund mix. He is waiting for someone to claim him because is certainly being missed.

Adoption fees are \$10 and include spay/neuter and a rabies vaccination. Visit the Patrick County Public Animal Shelter (PCPAS) Facebook page to view available pets or call (276) 694-6259 for more information.

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Critz Resident Earns Doctoral Degree from Vanderbilt University

CRITZ, VA. Raven van den Bosch of Critz graduated from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee on Friday, May 10, 2024 with a Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degree. Combining both research and application, van den Bosch earned her doctorate degree in Leadership and Learning in Organizations (LLO), which leverages educational leadership skills in both educational institutions and a broad range of business settings.

In addition to her degree, van den Bosch was recognized by Vanderbilt University as a First-Generation College Student in Vanderbilt's Intersectionality Ceremony honoring first-generation college graduates. The honorary white and gold Intersectionality stole was placed on her shoulders by her youngest son, United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Joshua L. Donovan, of Vernon Hill, Virginia.

In 2021, van den Bosch was one of 40 professionals from across the United States selected for Vanderbilt's top ranked LLO program. She studied subjects such as data science, applied statistics, research design, public policy and administration, economics of human resources, organizational theory, leadership theory, psychological perspectives in business, and more.

In van den Bosch's dissertation, titled "Organizational Evolution and Capacity Building: Membership Recruitment, Retention, and Diversification in a Professional Membership Nonprofit Organization," she partnered with the Outdoor Writers Association of America (OWAA) to help increase membership and membership diversity in the organization. She researched professional membership organizations, designed a conceptual framework, and collected and analyzed an extensive set of data. Her findings from the data gave her solid recommendations for OWAA to strategically increase their membership and membership diversity before their 100th anniversary in 2027.

A lifelong learner, van den Bosch is a Dean's Scholar Graduate from New York University (NYU) in New York, New York with a Master of Science in Professional Writing. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Graphic Design and Illustration from Meredith College in Raleigh, North Carolina. van den Bosch also graduated from Hope Ministry Institute in Apex, North Carolina with a certificate in Pastoral Ministry with a concentration in Pastoral Care and served as a Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for Henry and Patrick County and City of Martinsville, Virginia.



Dr. Raven van den Bosch

van den Bosch's career spans thirty years as an award-winning creative director for advertising agencies in the Raleigh, Durham, and Chapel Hill area. In North Carolina, van den Bosch also worked in elementary education, teaching media and technology. She designed a technology-based science curriculum that led to the highest end-of-year science scores in the history of the school, and started a successful writing club in another school pairing younger students with 5th-graders as peer-mentors.

van den Bosch moved to Critz a decade ago and works remotely for a Fortune 5 company while serving as a consultant to guide new business start-ups and editing award-winning novels for new writers. Since 2021, van den Bosch is also a judge for NYU's School of Marketing Masters Capstone Projects, as well as a marketing mentor for NYU masters students.

An active researcher, writer, and photographer, van den Bosch's studies span the breadth of her life science interests as a conservationist, wildlife management advocate, geologist, and horticulturist. Her studies also include social science matters such as domestic violence, child abuse, generational bigotry, and both childhood and corporate bullying. van den Bosch's writings are published both under her name and several pseudonyms.

With her doctoral degree from Vanderbilt, van den Bosch says, "I am humbled to be a graduate of such an esteemed program. I studied under some of the most brilliant researchers in the world and the skills I've learned are already invaluable assets to the established businesses and new businesses I coach and mentor."

van den Bosch is the daughter of Larry and Karen DuFour of Stuart, Virginia, and the mother of two sons, Samuel van den Bosch of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Joshua Donovan of Vernon Hill, Virginia.

FTC report shows increase in fraud

Theft through fraud has risen exponentially over the last five years. A recent report from the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), found that reported fraud losses topped \$10 billion in 2023, up from \$2.4 billion in 2019. A recent survey from the AARP Fraud Watch Network showed that this growth is not going unnoticed with 58% of people worried about fraud.

The survey also showed many people have lost money or personal data due to scams and fraud. Overall, 42% of people reported losing money, but among African Americans (56%) and veterans (50%) significantly more people lost money. Unfortunately, less than half

(46%) of those who were victims of fraud shared their experience with friends and family.

Having money or sensitive data stolen from a fraud criminal can be a traumatizing experience and all too often victims want to keep that trauma private. However, it's often more harmful and isolating because victims end up suffering in silence. It is also a missed opportunity to protect friends and family by sharing an important story that could help keep them safe.

Report scams to local law enforcement. For help from AARP, call 1-877-908-3360 or visit the AARP Fraud Watch Network at www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork.



Boone Honors Program (BHP) seniors were recognized during the annual BHP banquet held April 21. Pictured left to right is BHP Director Lana Whited, Ryan Gobble, Madison Cline, Emily Arrington, Aubrey Billings, Sarah Crawford, Reagan Lawson, and BHP Assistant Director Ed Hally. Not pictured are fall 2023 graduates Nathan Girardi and Daphne James.

Lawson recognized at banquet

A student from Claudville was among those recognized last month at the annual Boone Honors Banquet held at Ferrum College.

Reagan Lawson, of Claudville, was among the eight graduating seniors of the Boone Honors Program honored. Reagan will receive a B.S., Political Science and B.S.W., Social Work,

The Boone Honors Program was established in 2001 under the direction of Dr. David Homeland named and endowed in honor of former

Ferrum College President Dr. Jerry Boone and Mrs. Shirley Boone. Program members complete five honors designated seminars, twelve hours of enrichment projects, and language study through the intermediate level. Many receive a travel scholarship for study abroad. At Commencement, students completing all requirements are presented the Boone Honors Medallion.

The program will have eight students who graduated on Saturday, May 4.

More than \$22 million offered to help farmers

An estimated \$22.3 million is available to community-based and nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, and Tribal entities that help underserved and veteran farmers and ranchers own and operate successful farms. Funding is made through USDA's 2501 Program. This program is administered by USDA's Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement (OPPE).

"2501 Program partners are based in local communities and rural areas where they serve a critical role in maximizing USDA's outreach efforts to underserved communities," said OPPE Director Lisa Ramirez. "They provide training and technical assistance to help these agricultural producers succeed and also connect them to USDA programs and services."

For more than 30 years, and in partnership with organizations nationwide, the 2501 Program has helped reach underserved farmers and ranchers. The 2014 Farm Bill expanded the program to include

assistance to veteran farmers and ranchers. The 2018 Farm Bill increased mandatory funding for the program through fiscal year 2024. With 2501 funding, organizations conduct education, training, farming demonstrations, and conferences on farming and agribusiness.

Since 2010, the 2501 Program has continued to increase access to USDA's programs and services and has awarded 615 grants totaling more than \$194 million.

Eligible applicants include not-for-profit organizations, community-based organizations, and a range of higher education institutions.

Applications must be submitted through [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) and received by Friday, July 5, 2024. Visit the 2501 Program page for more information on the 2501 funding opportunity.

Learn more through upcoming webinars:

Session 1: May 22, 2024, at 2 p.m. EDT

Session 2: June 26, 2024, at 2 p.m. EDT

National competition doubles top prize for innovative rural entrepreneurs

Innovation drives progress and pushes the boundaries for what's possible in agriculture and farming.

That's the mission behind the American Farm Bureau Federation Annual Ag Innovation Challenge, a business competition that showcases innovative agricultural entrepreneurs who address issues facing America's farmers, ranchers and rural communities.

AFBF, in partnership with Farm Credit, is seeking online applications for the competition through June 15. The Farm Bureau will award a total of \$145,000 in startup funds throughout the course of the competition.

Now in its 11th year, the contest identifies top rural entrepreneurs and startups that tackle both traditional and new challenges, including access to labor; optimizing yields; reducing operating costs; and supporting farmers and their communities.

The overall winner will receive \$100,000 to fund their business—double the prize amount from last year. One runner-up will be awarded \$25,000, and two additional business owners who advance to the final round will receive \$10,000.

"The decision to double the prize comes from the realization that everyday entrepreneurs are working to address the challenges facing the agriculture sector," said Chase Heineman, director of industry affairs for AFBF.

"Farm Bureau wants to ensure they have the resources to continue that great work, and so by doubling the prize money, AFBF hopes to double the impact."

Last year's winner manufactured autonomous robots that support small and midsize farms by assisting in planting, soil sampling, weed control and spraying. And the runner-up from last year developed a new autonomous system that improves sanitation and enhances milk flow as dairy cattle are milked.

After the application period closes, 10 semifinalist teams will be selected and announced on Sept. 3. The 10 teams will pitch virtually to compete for a spot in the final round of the contest. The final four teams will be awarded \$10,000 each and will compete live in front of Farm Bureau members, investors and industry representatives at the AFBF Annual Convention in January 2025 in San Antonio, Texas.

Entrepreneurs must be Farm Bureau members to qualify as top 10 semifinalists. Applicants who are not Virginia Farm Bureau members can join. Visit va.fb.com/membership-at-work/membership/join-now to learn about becoming a member.

Interested applicants can view eligibility guidelines and the competition timeline at fb.org/challenge.

DMV Select in Stuart to close for training

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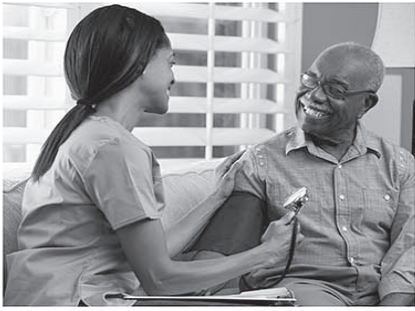
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From the Ararat Ruritan Club...



Hunters for Hungry - Gary Arrington, Ruritan VP Tom Perriello, Bryan Young.

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The Ararat Ruritan Club has had a tremendous first quarter continuing on into the second quarter this year.

In January, a donation was made to the Blue Ridge Elementary School for second semester school supplies. “As the school year progresses, the students need more supplies, and our club is always happy to help the youngsters in our community,” said board member Mary Slate, who also is a teacher at BRES, noted the teachers are appreciative of this gesture. The club will accept donations of school supplies at the July bingo to donate to the school, just in time for the next school year.

In February, the club members assisted with a fundraiser held to help with medical expenses for 18-month old Willow Guynn. This BBQ fundraiser was successful in helping Willow’s family to the tune of nearly \$5,000! “It is no secret that our club has the best BBQ in town, and we were honored to be asked to help this family,” said Claude Smith, the club’s resident cooking king.

During the March meeting, Gary Arrington and Bryan Young presented information on the Virginia Hunter’s for the Hungry Program. The Ararat Ruritan Club is pleased to announce a partnership, starting this fall, with this organization. Legally harvested deer in Patrick County can be brought to the club building, as it will be the ONLY collection site in the county. The meat will then be processed and distributed locally to help feed those who are in need.

Speaking of food, the club has also partnered with the Patrick County Disaster Relief Food



President Michael Noonkester and ‘his’ popcorn popper.



Ruritan’s mascot, Rudy Ruritan and the Easter Bunny.

Ministry. Members are helping with the distribution on the last Saturday of each month held in the parking lot. Jimmy Willard, who is the founder of this food ministry said, “Members of the community can just pull up, provide general household information, and let us load their vehicle for them. They don’t even have to get out of their car.”

Pamela Smith, past president, said she is glad to see the formations of these partnerships. “This year, we decided to partner with Dan River Park for a community Easter Egg Hunt, and it was very successful.” Noting the club just started the egg hunt back up about three years ago after being absent for the community for a few years, the participation was low at the building. “The park was the perfect place, because we could split the age groups and have lots of room. I think the popcorn was a big hit not only for the kids, but also for the parents/grandparents,” continued Smith.

The club voted to assist with purchasing equipment for the spring/summer league baseball teams in the area.

After hearing a very informative spiel from Sally Smith and Debbie Tatum, the club made a donation to their Patrick County Alzheimer’s Group organization. Sally said money donated to them goes right back to help folks in Patrick County.

Local Author Tom Perry is scheduled for his series “Tom Talks History” to start back up this month. Sunday, May 19 at 2:00 his topic will be the White Sulphur Springs and how it ties into local history. This series of programs is free to attend, but donations are accepted to help fund scholarships Perry has started in memory of his



President Michael Noonkester with Debbie Tatum and Sally Smith.

parents.

The club will host a breakfast on Saturday, June 1, from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Plates are only \$8 (\$5 for kids) and will include ham, sausage, eggs, gravy, biscuits, apples, pancakes, and a beverage. The club is offering a free meal to local first responders (fire, rescue, and law enforcement) to show our appreciation to them for all they do!

If you would like to know more about the Ararat Ruritan Club, you are welcomed to come to one of our meetings - 1st Thursdays of each month, 7 p.m., at 4711 Ararat Highway.

Congressional staff to hold office hours

Congressman Morgan Griffith’s Ninth District staff will be available in Patrick and

Henry counties on May 22.

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

Staff will visit Patrick County from 12:30 – 2 p.m. in the Patrick County Administration Building, Conference Room, 106 Rucker Street, Stuart.

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Organizational meeting for Patrick County Young Democrats on Tuesday May 28th, 5:30 pm, at the Patrick County Library in Stuart.

The Carroll County Genealogy Club is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Winners selected in PUP campaign

Group winners in the Pick Up Patrick litter campaign were recently announced. The winning

groups were randomly selected, and include Meadows of Dan Ruritan Club, Woods Cold Storage, Ararat

Ruritans, Stuart Ruritans, Caring Hearts Free Clinic, Dan River Park, Hall Hammerheads Baseball team

9u, Pickle & Ash, Blue Ridge Ozone Baseball Team, and Woolwine Ruritans. Pictured are:



Caring Hearts Free Clinic - Christie Fain, Rebecca Adcock, Amber Rakes



The Hall Hammerheads 9 & under baseball team



Pickle & Ash
Chris Lester, Rebecca Adcock and Mia Stowe



Meadows of Dan Ruritans
Aaron Shelor and Rebecca Adcock

Twilight service set for May 27

A Twilight Memorial Day Service will be held at Alice DeHart Park Pavilion in Stuart at 8:30 p.m. on Monday, May 27.

The event is presented by American Legion Post #105 and the Patrick County Veterans Memorial Honor Guard. The ceremonies will feature lit luminaries placed along the roadway in honor of a deceased veteran, a living veteran, or a person currently in active duty.

Luminaries may be purchased for a special veteran for \$10 each or 3 for \$20. Please indicate if the veteran is deceased, living, or on active duty.

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Farmworkers get updated heat protection guidelines

Edwin J. Viera
Virginia News Connection

Some Virginia farmworkers will have updated heat protection guidelines.

The Farm Labor Organizing Committee is enacting heat and safety protections for

all its members. Neither Virginia nor the federal government has comprehensive heat guidelines for workers. It comes as summer temperatures are getting hotter because of climate change.

Mario Vargas, lead organizing development coordinator at the Campaign for Migrant Worker Justice, said being mindful of heat stress is important.

"It should be important every season," Vargas asserted. "There's been some deaths not only in some fields, not only in North Carolina but in some other states, because of these supervisors or contractors, independent contractors, that they push the people to their limit."

The new protections say if temperatures are near 85 degrees, anyone experiencing heat stress or dehydration symptoms should leave the field and seek shade. For temperatures close to 95 degrees or higher, workers should take a

break every two and a half hours with water in the shade or as often as needed, regardless of whether a supervisor is present.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates an average of 43 workers died from environmental heat between 2011 and 2021.

Baldemar Velasquez, president of the Farm Labor Organizing Committee, said the new guidelines are preventive measures since lawmakers at any level have yet to act.

"The problem with legislation, whether it's federal or state, it takes forever, and enforcement is always an issue," Velasquez emphasized. "We're not talking about big factories with a lot of workers in a big city somewhere. We're talking very remote labor camps, isolated."

He added workers should know how to protect themselves without necessarily filing a complaint with a federal agency.

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Sat. August 24
Mt. Top Park, Meadows of Dan
The Croods "A New Age"

Sat. September 21
Patrick Springs Park
The Nightmare Before Christmas

Movies will start at dusk. Concessions will be available.

Movies In The Park series gets underway May 25

The Patrick County Parks & Recreation Department and Patrick County Tourism are partnering on a new summer community event: "Movies In The Park."

The summer series will be a free family friendly event, created to promote exploration and community fellowship to each of the county's five parks. Everyone is welcome to attend. Concessions will be available. Showings will begin at dusk.

Each of the movies were chosen by the individual park boards.

The schedule and movies are:

*May 25 DeHart Park in Stuart, Finding Dory.

*June 22 IC DeHart in Woolwine, Elemental.

*July 20 Dan River Park in Ararat, Kung Fu Panda 4.

*August 24 Mt. Top in Meadows of Dan, The Croods "A New Age."

*Sept. 21 Patrick Springs Park, The Nightmare Before Christmas.

Correction

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Red Cross urges planning ahead of hurricane season

The 2024 hurricane season is on the horizon and the American Red Cross urges everyone to make their preparations now.

“The American Red Cross is taking this year’s forecast for an above average hurricane season very seriously,” said Allison Taylor, Regional CEO of Humanitarian Services, Red Cross North Carolina region. “The American Red Cross works closely with local, state, and federal officials, along with partner community organizations, to respond to disasters and meet basic emergency needs before, during, and after disasters.”

The Atlantic Hurricane Season officially runs from June 1 through November 30 and early forecasts indicate there could be a near-record number of storms this year. Experts even warn that the first named storm could form before the season begins. They are calling for as many as 25 named storms with 4 to 6 having a direct impact on the U.S.

“We encourage everyone to take time now to get ready for potential disasters this spring and summer,” said Taylor. “You can do so by updating your emergency supply kit, building a plan, and staying informed of weather risks in your area.”

GET READY NOW: There are simple steps you can take to be prepared:

- Create an evacuation plan. Plan what to do in case you are separated from your family during an emergency and if you have to evacuate. Coordinate your plan with your child’s school, your work and your community’s emergency plans. Plan multiple routes to local shelters, register family members with special medical needs as required and make plans for pets. If you already have an emergency plan, update it and review with household members so everyone knows what to do if an emergency occurs.
- Build an emergency kit with a gallon of water per person, per day, non-perishable food, a flashlight, battery-powered radio, first aid kit, medications, supplies for an infant and pets if applicable, a multi-purpose tool, personal hygiene items, copies of important papers, cell phone chargers, extra cash, blankets, maps of the area and emergency

contact information. If you already have a disaster kit, make sure the food and water is still okay to consume and that copies of important documents are up to date.

- Be informed. Find out how local officials will contact you during a disaster and how you will get important information, such as evacuation orders.
- Download the free Red Cross First Aid app so you’ll know what to do if emergency help is delayed and the free Emergency app for weather alerts, open Red Cross shelter locations and safety steps for different emergencies. Choose whether you want to view the content in English or Spanish with an easy-to-find language selector. Find these and all of the Red Cross apps in smartphone app stores by searching for the American Red Cross or going to redcross.org/apps.

In addition to taking these preparedness steps, we also have important safety information available for you on hurricanes.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Because of extreme weather, the Red Cross is now launching nearly twice as many relief operations for major disasters than we did a decade ago. This growing need for assistance is prompting us to increase our volunteer capacity so we can continue responding on a near-constant basis.

The need to help during disasters has never been greater. Join us to provide relief and hope when it matters most. Visit redcross.org/volunteertoday to sign up for opportunities with your local chapter. Our most-needed disaster positions include supporting shelters and providing health services.

SHELTER SUPPORT: Help at a shelter during a large disaster by welcoming and registering residents, serving meals, setting up cots, distributing blankets and personal hygiene kits, and providing information and other assistance to people in need.

HEALTH SERVICES: We also need volunteers who can use their professional skills as a licensed health care provider to deliver hands-on support, including care and education to people staying at a shelter during a large disaster. Qualified licenses include RN, LPN, LVN, EMT,

Paramedic, MD, DO, PA, NP and APRN.

DISASTER ACTION TEAM: While big disasters get the most news coverage, smaller emergencies, such as home fires, are no less devastating to those affected. Join your local Disaster Action Team to help families in need by providing food, lodging, comfort, recovery assistance and other support.

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ABC NOTICE

Critz Gas and Grill Inc. trading as Critz Gas and Grill, 2716 Abram Penn Hwy, Critz, Patrick County, Virginia 24082. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Convenience Grocery Store license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Yuvraj Patel, President

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or (800) 552-3200.

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE
710 Doe Run Road, Ararat, VA 24053

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated March 3, 1993 and recorded March 4, 1993 in Book 292 Page 331 in the Clerk’s Office for the Patrick County Virginia Circuit Court, Virginia, securing a loan which was originally \$50,000.00. The appointed SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Circuit Court for Patrick County located at 101 W Blue Ridge Street, Stuart, VA 24171.

June 06, 2024 at 2:00 PM

improved real property, with an abbreviated legal description of the following described property, to wit:
NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the loan(s) Borrower does hereby grant, bargain, sell, convey, and assign unto trustee with general warranty the following described property situated in the State of Virginia, County of Patrick, in the Dan River Magisterial District:
Containing 0.8702 acres as shown on a plat of survey titled “RUTH M. DIENGES & EUGENE T. ELLIOTT”, prepared by Larry G. Rakes, L.L.S., dated July 31, 1990, revised March 3, 1993, which plat is recorded immediately prior hereto in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court of Patrick County;
AND as more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
TERMS OF SALE: The property will be sold “AS IS,” WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND AND SUBJECT TO conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, rights of way, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust to be announced at the time of sale. A deposit of \$20,000 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required at the time of sale, in the form of certified check, cashier’s check or money order by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price, with interest at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date said funds are received in the office of the SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale. In the event of default by the successful bidder, the entire deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs and expenses of sale and Substitute Trustee’s fee. All other public charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, whether incurred prior to or after the sale, and all other costs incident to settlement to be paid by the purchaser. In the event taxes, any other public charges have been advanced, a credit will be due to the seller, to be adjusted from the date of sale at the time of settlement. Purchaser agrees to pay the seller’s attorneys at settlement, a fee of \$470.00 for review of the settlement documents.
Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustees a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

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| Sewer Fund | FY 2025 |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| PSA SEWER INCOME | \$ 22,960 |
| SEWER FEES IN-TOWN | \$ 334,000 |
| Sewer Revenues Total = | \$ 356,960 |
| DEBT RETIREMENT | \$ 131,808 |
| SEWER ADVERTISING & PUBLIC NOTICE | \$ 600 |
| SEWER CAPITAL EXPENDITURE | \$ 12,000 |
| SEWER DUES, LICENSES, & PERMITS | \$ 5,500 |
| SEWER ELECTRICITY | \$ 54,000 |
| SEWER INSURANCE | \$ 15,000 |
| SEWER INTERNET & COMMUNICATION | \$ 1,440 |
| SEWER MATERIALS & SUPPLY | \$ 30,000 |
| SEWER MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE | \$ 5,000 |
| SEWER PROFESSIONAL SERV. | \$ 24,000 |
| SEWER REPAIRS & MAINTEN | \$ 16,000 |
| SEWER SLUDGE DISPOSAL | \$ 46,000 |
| SEWER SYSTEM FICA | \$ 9,835 |
| SEWER SYSTEM GROUP INS. | \$ 47,000 |
| SEWER SYSTEM RETIREMENT | \$ 5,500 |
| SEWER SYSTEM WAGES | \$ 111,253 |
| SEWER SYSTEM WAGES P/T | \$ 17,306 |
| SEWER TELEPHONE EXPENSE | \$ 1,200 |
| SEWER TESTING FEES | \$ 9,600 |
| SEWER VEHICLE EXPENSE | \$ 1,200 |
| Sewer Expenses Total = | \$ 544,242 |

| Water Fund | FY 2025 |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| PSA WATER INCOME | \$ 35,000 |
| WATER FEES IN TOWN | \$ 363,480 |
| Water Revenues Total = | \$ 398,480 |
| DEBT RETIREMENT | \$ 113,580 |
| WATER ADVERTISING & PUBLIC NOTICE | \$ 1,200 |
| WATER DUES, PERMITS, LICENSES | \$ 2,500 |
| WATER ELECTRICITY | \$ 56,400 |
| WATER HEALTH DEPT ASSESSMENT | \$ 3,000 |
| WATER INSURANCE | \$ 15,000 |
| WATER INTERNET & COMMUNICATION | \$ 1,440 |
| WATER MATERIALS & SUPPLIES | \$ 50,400 |
| WATER MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE | \$ 4,000 |
| WATER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | \$ 20,000 |
| WATER REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE | \$ 16,800 |
| WATER SLUDGE DISPOSAL | \$ 12,000 |
| WATER SYSTEM FICA TAX | \$ 8,605 |
| WATER SYSTEM GROUP INS | \$ 30,000 |
| WATER SYSTEM PART TIME | \$ 17,846 |
| WATER SYSTEM RETIREMENT | \$ 6,000 |
| WATER SYSTEM WAGES | \$ 94,640 |
| WATER TELEPHONE EXPENSE | \$ 1,200 |
| WATER TESTING FEES | \$ 7,800 |
| WATER VEHICLE EXPENSE | \$ 1,800 |
| Water Expenses Total = | \$ 464,212 |

| Sanitation Fund | FY 2025 |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| GARBAGE FEES | \$ 178,800 |
| Sanitation Revenues Total = | \$ 178,800 |
| INSURANCE | \$ 10,000 |
| SANITATION DUMPSTER EXPENSE | \$ 12,000 |
| SANITATION FICA | \$ 8,150 |
| SANITATION GROUP INS | \$ 30,000 |
| SANITATION LANDFILL FEES | \$ 60,000 |
| SANITATION MATERIALS & SUPPLIES | \$ 5,000 |
| SANITATION MISCELLANEOUS | \$ 8,000 |
| SANITATION RETIREMENT | \$ 4,000 |
| SANITATION VEHICLE | \$ 18,000 |
| SANITATION WAGES | \$ 106,538 |
| Sanitation Expenses Total = | \$ 261,688 |

| All Funds | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Revenues | FY2025 |
| General Revenues | \$ 1,225,310 |
| Enterprise & Utility Revenues | \$ 934,240 |
| Total Revenues FY2025 = | \$ 2,159,550 |
| | |
| Expenses | FY2025 |
| General Operating Expenses | \$ 889,409 |
| Sewer Expenses | \$ 544,242 |
| Water Expenses | \$ 464,212 |
| Sanitation Expenses | \$ 261,688 |
| Total Expenses FY2025 = | \$ 2,159,550 |

Town of Stuart, Virginia
Utility & Service Rates
Effective July 1, 2024

| | | Base Residential, <2000 gal/month | Residential >2000 gal, \$/1000 gal | Base Commerical <2000 gal/month | Commerical >2000 gal, \$/1000 gal |
|---------|----------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Water | In-Town | \$21.11 | \$4.22 | \$35.00 | \$4.22 |
| Sewer | In-Town | \$21.11 | \$5.58 | \$35.00 | \$4.90 |
| Garbage | In-Town | \$11.04 | | \$20.14 | |
| | | | | | |
| Water | Out-Town | \$30.13 | \$5.85 | \$50.00 | \$5.85 |
| Sewer | Out-Town | \$30.13 | \$6.30 | \$50.00 | \$5.90 |

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
29 Perry Bowman Rd
Ararat, VA 24053

In execution of the Deed of Trust dated December 17, 2004 and recorded on December 20, 2004 in Instrument # 040003505 of Patrick County land records, Trustee Services of Virginia, LLC, the appointed Substitute Trustee, will offer for sale at public auction **at the front of the Courthouse of the Circuit Court for Patrick County, Main Street, Stuart, Virginia on June 20, 2024 at 11:00 AM** the property more particularly described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust, located at the property address listed below and briefly identified as follows:

TRACT NO. 1: CONTAINING 0.8899 acres, more or less, and being all of the remainder of a 1.3217 acre parcel of land conveyed to the Grantors herein from Stephen Gray Willis by Deed dated October 9, 1998, recorded in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office of Patrick County, Virginia, in Deed Book 334, Page 261, as shown on plat of survey by David B. Scott, CLS, dated November 6, 1987, revised December 29, 1987, recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Plat Cabinet 1, Slide 38-C.

LESS, HOWEVER, that certain tract containing 0.4318 acres, more or less, conveyed to Clyde W. Bowman and Angelena D. Bowman, by Deed dated March 28, 2000, recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office as Instrument No. 0000983, and being tract No. 1 on plat of survey by D. B. Dudley, CLS, dated January 11, 2000, revised February 4, 2000, recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office as part of Instrument No. 0000984.

TRACT NO. 2: CONTAINING 0.4318 acres, more or less, and being all of the land conveyed to the Grantors herein from Clyde W. Bowman and Angelena D. Bowman, by Deed dated March 28, 2000, and being tract No. 2 on plat of survey by D. B. Dudley, CLS, dated January 11, 2000, revised February 4, 2000, said deed and plat being recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office as Instrument No. 0000984.

There is further convey that certain right-of-way across a private drive leading to the property herein conveyed from Virginia Route 762. Reference is here made to a Deed recorded in Deed Book 168 Page 51, a certain right-of-way agreement recorded in Deed Book 262, Page 350, and Plat of Survey recorded in Plat Cabinet 1, Slide 38-C, all of the Circuit Court Clerks Office of Patrick County, Virginia, for a more complete description of the rights and obligations with respect with said easement of right-of-way. Tax No.: 4010-4 and 4010-4-A

Property address: 29 Perry Bowman Rd, Ararat, VA 24053
The property will be sold "AS IS," WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND AND SUBJECT TO conditions, covenants, restrictions, reservations, easements, rights of way, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust, if any, as might be listed in this notice or may be announced at the sale.

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of \$10,500.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is less, by cashier's or certified check required at time of sale, except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss is on the purchaser from date and time of auction. Balance of the purchase price must be paid by cashier's check within 14 days from sale date. Except for Virginia Grantor tax, all settlement costs and expenses are purchaser's responsibility. Taxes are pro-rated to the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. If purchaser defaults, deposit may be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses, and attorney's fees of both sales. If Trustee does not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a forbearance, repayment, or other agreement was entered into, the loan was reinstated or paid off, or whether the property became subject to an automatic stay under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code prior to the sale; in any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. Pursuant to the Federal Fair Debt Collections Practices Act, this law firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

(23-21766)
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Initial unemployment claims increase by double digits

At 2,497, the number of unemployment insurance weekly initial claims filed during the week ending May 4 is 10.2 percent higher than last week, when 2,266 claims were filed. The number is 25.1 percent lower than the 3,336 filed in the comparable week of last year, according to Virginia Works.

Nearly 83 percent of claimants self-reported an associated industry; of those reported, the top five industries (66 percent) were Manufacturing (343); Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (292); Administrative and Support and Waste Management (246); Health Care and Social Assistance (195); and Retail Trade (179).

An initial claim is a claim filed by

an unemployed individual after a separation from an employer.

Continued weeks claims (15,546) were 0.2 percent higher than last week (15,518) and were 21.7 percent higher than the comparable week of last year (12,769). Nearly 93 percent of claimants self-reported an associated industry; of those reported, the top five industries (59 percent) were Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (2,354); Administrative and Support and Waste Management (2,148); Health Care and Social Assistance (1,434); Manufacturing (1,298); and Retail Trade (1,289).

A person who has already filed an initial claim and who has experienced a week of unemployment files

a continued claim to claim benefits for that week of unemployment. On a weekly basis, continued claims reflect a good approximation of the current number of insured unemployed workers filing for UI benefits, and are a good indicator of labor market conditions. While continued claims are not a leading indicator, they provide confirming evidence of the direction of the economy.

Arrests Reported

The Patrick County Sheriff's Office reported the following:

*Lawrence E. Mishoe, 61, of Fieldale, was charged May 3 with probation violation. Senior Deputy I.R. Wood was the arresting officer.

*Kelsi Merritt Templin, 32, of Ferrum, was charged May 4 with probation violation on felony offense. Senior Deputy M.R. Hodges made the arrest for Halifax County.

*Steve Adam English, 42, of Arlington, was charged May 4 with two counts of fail to appear. Sgt. C.L. Elgin made the arrest for Nelson County.

*Anthony Don Davis, 29, of Bassett, was charged May 5 with one count each drive while intoxicated and reckless driving. Trooper J.N. Mabe was the arresting officer.

*Preston Howard Norman, 19, of Oak Ridge, N.C., was charged May 5 with trespass. Sgt. C.L. Elgin was the arresting officer.

*Charles Christopher Maines, 21, of Kernersville, NC, was charged May 5 with trespass: entry-sing posted by authorized person. Sgt. C.L. Elgin was the arresting officer.

*Shahil Patel Thakore, 25, of Kernersville, N.C., was charged

May 5 with trespass. Sgt. C.L. Elgin was the arresting officer.

*Sherry Lee Stowe, 50, of Bluff City, TN, was charged May 6 with two counts of fail to appear. Deputy Margie Stowe was the arresting officer.

*Richard Ray Burgart, 75, of Patrick Springs, was charged May 7 with two counts pointing/brandishing firearm. Senior Deputy C.M. Gilbert was the arresting officer.

*Lawrence McKinley Martin, 64, of Winston Salem, N.C., was charged May 8 with attempt to obtain money by false pretense. Senior Deputy Douglas Perry was the arresting officer.

*Gregory James Montgomery, 34, of Spencer, was charged May 9 with one count each cruelly treat/beat child while in one's custody and abuse/neglect child. Inv. T. Jessup was the arresting officer.

*Nicole Marie Montgomery, 31, of Spencer, was charged May 9 with one count each abuse/neglect child and endanger a child while in one's custody. Inv. T. Jessup was the arresting officer.

*Jarrett Harley Goins, 21, of Patrick County Jail, was charged May 9 with probation violation. Deputy B. Fields was the arresting officer.

Results of public safety surge to combat fentanyl announced

More than 17,000 pounds of illicit drugs and 18,000 pounds of prescription medications during Operation Free Virginia, a 30-day statewide fentanyl operation coordinated through 114 state, federal, county, and municipal agencies to protect the Commonwealth and combat the fentanyl crisis.

"I'm immensely proud of the work done by The Secretariat of Public Safety and Homeland Security and Virginia State Police," Gov. Glenn Youngkin said. "Through their tireless efforts this first-of-its-kind operation seized enough fentanyl to kill more people than the entire population of Virginia. While we still have a long way to go towards our goal of eliminating fentanyl in the Commonwealth, these results are significant, and proof of the positive work being done in our communities."

Last May, Youngkin signed Executive Order 26 to help combat the fentanyl epidemic in Virginia. The order, amongst other things, directed the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security to develop a strategic plan for law enforcement agencies across the Commonwealth to combat illicit trafficking and the sale of fentanyl in Virginia. In response, the Department of Public Safety and Homeland Security, being led by the Virginia State Police conducted a statewide fentanyl operation focusing on increased enforcement, whole of community train-

ing, education, and partnerships to reduce supply and demand across the Commonwealth.

"Through the leadership of Governor Youngkin and the success of Operation Free Virginia, our Commonwealth has become safer," said Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security Terry Cole. "The Governor's operation brought 114 state, federal, county, campus, and municipal agencies together to protect our Commonwealth. It's a reminder that when we work together in an all of government approach, we can make our communities more secure. I'm happy to see that Virginia is one step closer in our fight to eliminate the deadly impacts of fentanyl."

The data collected from the operation detailed clear and significant positive results in stemming fentanyl's devastating impact in our communities. Operation Free Virginia seized 23.45 kilograms of illicit fentanyl and resulted in a total estimate of denied revenue of over \$1.3 billion.

"The hard work of law enforcement, community partners and stakeholders across the Commonwealth, builds on our continued efforts to make Virginians safer and healthier," said First Lady of Virginia Suzanne S. Youngkin. "We will continue to educate around the dangers of fentanyl — stressing that 'It Only Takes One' pill to take a life and one important conversation to save a life."

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TAXPAYER NOTICE
JUNE 5TH DEADLINE FOR FIRST HALF
2024 REAL ESTATE TAXES

This is a public service reminder to all the taxpayers of Patrick County from the Patrick County Treasurer's Office reminding you that:

WEDNESDAY-JUNE 5, 2024 is the **due date** for the **first half** of the **2024 Real Estate Taxes**. If you have not received your statements, please contact the Treasurer's Office immediately. 10% penalty is added to the first half unpaid taxes on Thursday June 6th. 10% per annum interest begins to accrue on the unpaid tax plus penalty 26 days after the due date. Payments are honored if postmarked by the post office June 5, 2024. Payments may be made: In Person at the Treasurer's Office located in the Veterans Memorial Building, Room 221, by Drop Box located outside doorway of 2nd floor Veterans Memorial Building. Please put your check, cashier's check or money order for payment along with your payment stub(s) in a sealed envelope. Please include a phone number that we can call in case of any questions. **PLEASE DO NOT DROP CASH OR COINS OF ANY KIND IN THE DROP BOX.** By mail to: Sandra K. Stone, Treasurer, P.O. Box 668 Stuart, VA 24171. Make check or money order payable to: Treasurer, Patrick County. Office hours: Monday-Friday 8:30-5:00 (open through lunch). Telephone 276-694-7257. By Credit Card call: 1-833-398-6729 or go to www.acipayonline.com, enter jurisdiction code 6215, your eleven-digit bill number (located at the top right corner of your bill) and the amount you are paying (this is not automatically filled in). **Note: We cannot take credit card payments over the phone in the office.**

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Students recognized for achievements

The following schools released a list of students recognized for outstanding achievements:

Blue Ridge Elementary School

3rd Grade

Academic Awards: Jase Bowman, Lydia Clement, Marlee Dailey, Grayson Guynn, Kara Hiatt, Kasen Rupert, Brooklyn Stanley.

Principal's Award: Ian Roman, Landree Simmons.

4th Grade

Academic Awards: Mackenzie Cain, Raven Hernandez, Early Hill, Dallas Lawson, Staci Martin, Daniel McGrath, Chloe Quesinberry, Brody Scales.

Principal's Award: Olivia Chaney, Renesmee Moody, Karleigh Saunders, Evan Seal.

5th Grade

Academic Awards: Emily Adams, Cailey Arnett, Arieanna Crews, Brent Crocker, Dilan Diego Juan, Lucas Hall, Tanner Horton, Austin Marshall, Matthew Morales, Payton Odell, Tobin Simmons, Bentley Stanley, Wyatt Thompson, Ariella Valerio, Olive Waycaster.

Principal's Awards: Kaylee Bowles, Sadie Bowman, Montana Cain, Jay Hill, Lincoln Puckett.

6th Grade

Academic Awards: Haylee Bowman, Gavin Burris, Ryan Chaney, Carly Dellenback, Mason Epperson, Camdon Fain, Maddox Frye, Jayden Gonzalez, Kimberly Gutierrez, Grayson Holland, Christian Humble, Brody Hunger, Chloe Lawson, Tommy Lawson, Josue Rios.

Principal's Awards: Bronx Beasley, Elijah Brown, Reese Horton, Brigham Meredith, Beckham Terry.

7th Grade

Academic Awards: Cassidy Brim, Sydney Easter, Ean Martin, Aiden Moody, Ashland Noonkester, Hunter Sawyers, Midori Waycaster, Gage Whitaker, Isaiah Willard, Bella Wright.

Hardin Reynolds Memorial School

4th Grade

Academic Awards: Bentley Brooks, Matthew Clifton, Ella Dollarhite, Natalie Ferguson, Holly Lawrence, Amya Stephany, Aubree Triplett.

Principal's Award: Paisley Holt, Timothy Hough, Jasen Puckett.

5th Grade

Academic Awards: Aleigha Biggs, Wesley Burge, Atticus Colson, Simon Frazier, Nataley Graham, Jensen Harbour, Mackenzie Harman, Avalynn Huffman, Andrew Keen, Jasper Keffer, Miles Lange, Amilya Lawson, Andrew Nelson, Ethan Nelson, Jada Stump, Linnea Tankersley, Elena Turner.

Principal's Award: Taelyn Blankenship, Braiden Brooks, Savannah Carroll, Dylan Clark, Colston Collins, Aiden Hagwood, Lucas O'marra, James Pombo, Leila Stephany, Alice Terry, Mason Whitlow.

6th Grade

Academic Awards: Kody Agee, Kira Barker, Eli Collins, Mason Collins, Caden Harris, Kendra Howell, Benjamin Hudson, Jayden Johanknecht, Gabriella Johnson, Alaina McBride, Dane Orton, Savannah Sanchez-Austin, Jennifer Stowe.

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

7th Grade

Academic Awards: Lily Boyce, Steven Brooks, Anna Dixon, Conor Dollarhite, Evan Eastridge, Tiffany Eckrote, Robert Goff, Laila Hairston-Slater, Levi Hankins, Wesley Kruse, Rosalinda Medina Mauricio.

Meadows of Dan Elementary School

3rd Grade

Academic Awards: Jennings Hatcher, Emersyn Wood.

Principal's Award: Banner Davis, Carter Puckett.

4th Grade

Principal's Award: Hayleigh Phillips

Academic Awards: Easton Hall

5th Grade

Academic Awards: Happy Martin.

7th Grade

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

Academic Awards: Isabel Wilson, Mendoza-Gonzalez, Natalie Moore, Lily Pritt, Madison Purdy, Bethany Rakes, Collin Rakes, Aishwraya Tatum, Kody Townsend, Jayson Turney, Cooper Wikstrom.

Principal's Award: Cali Jade Biggs, Faith Callahan, Kylee Childress, Bentlee Davis, Sky Evans, Grahm Foley, Sarah Hagwood, Maddyson Kendrick, Anna Long, Gabrielle Reynolds, Ava Rigney, Jenna Robertson, Gavin Smith, Samuel Tatum, Reagan Underwood, Damian Wolfe.

Patrick Springs Primary School

Principal's Award: Rebbecca Handy, Will Keffer, Destiny Plaster, Trinity Plaster, Sarah Wyatt.

Academic Awards: Landon Correll, Ryan Graham, Mia Hagwood, Sophia Hylton, Porter Keffer, Jeremiah Lester, Emma Nelson, Harlem Smith, Caroline Whitlow, Taelyn Wilson.

Stuart Elementary School

3rd Grade

Academic Award: Addison Bowman, Hunter Briley, Annie Crowell, Carley Rae Fain, Raelynn George, Landon Hall, Hayden Hall, Whitney Hanks, Adelyn Hutchens, Jennifer Juarez-Luna, Scarlett Kendrick, Skilynn McDonnell, Alana Morris, Olivia Morrison, Colton Overby, Bristol Pack, Ethan Parsons, Nora Post, Jacob Pruitt,

Bentley Queen, Isabella Queen, Madisyn Redd, Conner Scott, Bella Terry, Reina Tucker, Bradley Wheeler.

Principal's Award: Avery Brown, Wyatt Fain, Brooklyn Fulcher, Preslie Hall, Maewyn McCraw, Korbin Puckett, Canon Rakes, Jocelyn Stevens, Zion Turner, Wesley Whitener.

4th Grade

Academic Award: Peyton Adkins, Nella Bembry, Braeden Campbell, Easton Conner, Tomias Devers, Kaythan Gray, Emily Hawks, Adrian Hodges, Emma Hutchens, Courage Jackson, Parker Jones, Dallas Martin, Leah Miller, Harper Russo.

Principal's Award: Caleb Allison, Lucas Black, Aiden Brown, Carter Foley, Kay'Cee Glenn, Cooper Hall, Lyric Houchins, Hadley Jones, Jose Matias Gonzales, Paige Ragsdale, Lucas Wheeler.

5th Grade

Academic Award: Elizabeth Allison, Brooklynn Bocock, Easton Childress, Sofia Gonzalez-Hylton, Charlee Handy, Milayna Helms, Ava Lawson, Alex Leon Cisneros, Addyson Minter, Jayden Repass, Maddox Scott, Evangeline Stimac, Madilyn Tate, Hope Walton, Ivy Witt.

Principal's Award: Elise Cagle, Eli Fain, Avery Hubbard, Adalee Hughes, Ethan Lester, Sophia Martin, Hana Martinez-Tejeda, Chandler Moles, Keller Muse, Hannah Post, Milli Scott, Juliet Turner.

6th Grade

Academic Award: Ian Baker, Eli Briley, Carles Campos, Tessa Curry, Milli Foley, Brantley Fortner, Carrie Gregory, Madison Handy, Kiah Jackson, Megan Johnson, Jesse Minter, Nathan Spencer, Mya Taylor, Izzabella Walker.

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

7th Grade

Academic Award: Noah Bembrey, Kobe Bogle, David Clark, Leia Cobbler, Tucker Collins, Emalynn Corns, Ethan Hawk, Layla Hege, Riley Hostetter, Ethan Hutchens, Ben Joyce, Jameson Lawson, Audrey McGhee, Nexaniel Martizes De Jesus, Ellie Post, Abigail Quesinberry, Mariah Scott.

Principal's Award: Elena Cagle, Molly Cassell, Kinsleigh Harris, Jillian Turner.

Woolwine Elementary School

3rd Grade

Academic Award: Zoey Mabe, Talin Maselli.

Principal's Award: Maelynn Jones, Asher Perez.

4th Grade

Academic Award: Emmalyn Hubbard, Moncerat Joaquin-Ortega, Cameron Kendrick, Raina Newsome, Sophia Otero-Garcia, Joel Shaffer.

Principal's Award: Charlee Shuff.

5th Grade

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

6th Grade

Academic Award: Kaitlyn Gunter, Grant Iacovone, Jasper Lockhart, Nathan Shuff.

7th Grade

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

Principal's Award: Paisley Shuff.

Patrick County High School

8th grade: (88 or higher average)

Hailey Anderson, Kloe Armentrout, Braylon Arrington, Rylee Barker, Benjamin Bowman, Lily Bowman, Casey Boyer, Cody Boyer, Logan Brown, Jake Bryant, Mysteri Campbell, Ariel Clarke, Isabella Clarke, Caleb Clement, Olivia Clifton, Carter Cockram, Presley Combs, Gracen Conner, Oliver Cruise, Rain Davis, Eli Dillon, Jordan Draper, Carson Farrar, Kaylene Garcia, Karson Gillispie, Draden Goins, Scarlett Gregory, Ashton Gurley, Evan Hancock, Mason Hancock, Morgan Handy, Abigail Hanks, Jordan Hardee, Autumn Hawks, Arabella Haynes, Sierra Helms, Lowell Hopkins, Martina Hubbard, Soledad Huerta-Dominguez, Kiera Hylton, Ivan Joaquin-Ortega, Analeigh Jones, Riley Jones, Mason Keith, Leah Kendrick, Olivia Kendrick, Owen Kruse, Savannah Lawrence, Halo Martin, Madelyn Martin, Isabella Mashburn, Peyton McBride, McKenzie Mitchell, Jayme Moose, Kinley Morrison, Kyara Nieves, Christian Pendleton, Camryn Perkins, Asher Perry, Cameron Rakes, Mark Register, Kamiya Reynolds, Alexa Rivero, Marion Rowe, Maggie Rutledge, McKenzie Sanchez, Brisan Scott, Eva Sechrist, Josiah Shelor, Aiden Slate, Kalix Smith, Gabriella Swisher, Jared Thompson, Julianna Turner, Caleb Vaughn, Jonathan Walton, Deron West, Ethan White, Haileigh Wingfield, Anna Witt, Carly Wood, Conner Wood, Kayleen Wood, Meredith Wood, Jenna Woods.

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

9th grade:

Caleb Ashworth, Myhia Ballenger-Mijes, Melissa Barker, Brooklyn Barner, Joseph Beasley, Ruth Belcher, Nathaniel Bright, Noah Cain, Mason Cassell, Isobel Clay, Madison Corns, Caroline Dalton, Jason Day, Sierra Easter, Adam Edwards, Jacob Edwards, Laine Errichetti, Mason Fain, Jaylee Foley, Aedan Frazier, Allison Gonzalez-Barajas, Kaylee Gravley, Cynthia Gutierrez, Elijah Hairston-Slater, Addisyn Hall, Chloe Hancock, Natalie Hancock, Kaydence Harman, Wheeler Helms, Ava Hiatt, John Hicks, Chloe Hubbard, Willow Hylton, Kyra Ingalls, Elyjah Jenkins, Lily Kelly, Aubreigh Large, Taylor Lawless, LeMia Lemons, Fisher Martin, Hunter Martin, Kimatai Martin, Nexander Martinez De Jesus, Michael Mitchell, Landon Moles, Brady Moore, Oren Osborne, Alyssa Overby, Emily Pearson, Kendra Penn, Anderson Philpot, Riley Pruitt, Jayden Radford, Logan Rakes, Ryder Richardson, Hayden Rowe, Alexia Shuff,

Abigayl Slate, Jacob Spencer, Mason Spencer, Lacey Sutphin, Maddox Taylor, Tripp Thompson, Zachary Thompson, Karleigh Vasquez, Isabella Walker, Emily Whitaker, Lilliana White, Paige Whitt, Jonas Wooden.

10th grade:

Skye Ayers, Jaxon Ayers-Rosas, Robert Banister, Amber Barnett, Kylei Blevins, Devon Booth, Autumn Bowman, Isaac Boyer, Rachel Branch, Reggie Brown, Abigail Bryant, Lilieann Butler, Jayden Callahan, Ethan Casstevens, Tyler Cobbler, Brooke Collins, Tonya Collins, Alexandra Cotoc Santos, Alexis Cox, Tristan Cox, Dylan Cruise, Lacey Easter, Bronson Edwards, Carrington Fain, Daniel Finnegan, Avery Foley, Camille Gonzalez, Carter Gregory, Jaeden Hairston, Jykevis Hairston, Aiden Handy, Logan Handy, Johnathan Harbour, Peyton Hazlewood, Will Heath, Cynthia Hernandez, Joselin Hernandez, Shyanne Holt, Zachary Holt, Chloe Hostetter, Hunter Hubbard, Kristopher Huerta, Christian Hylton, Hannah Ingalls, Jacob Jones, Mitchell Keith, Avone Kidd, Raegen Kingsley, Sadie Knight, William Lancaster, David Lawson, Kylee Leonard, Jacob Lester, Alyssa Light, Evan Martin, Kiley Martin, Erik Martinez Tejeda, Draysin Maselli, Jose Mendoza Gonzalez, Callie Montgomery, Ellianna Montgomery, Journey Moore, Virginia Nations, Samantha Nester, Angela Overby, Lexus Owen, Emmi Pack, Abigail Pendleton, Michael Perez, Angel Plaster, Brandy Ponce, Braydon Priest, Haley Rakes, Nathan Register, Aailyah Reynolds, Jazmyne Reynolds, Hunter Roberts, Parker Roop, Elijah Rorrer, Abigail Royall, Madison Scott, Cayden Smith-Adame, Rylee Soliday, Vishal Somasundaram, Katelynn Spillman, Mitchell Stovall, Zane Tankersley, Sydney Tatum, Adara Taylor, Greely Terry, Alyssa Titular, Kyra Titular, Jennifer Venegas, Wyatt Westmoreland, Dana Wilcox, Xena Wilcox, Kade Williams, Jaiden Parker, Callie Wood, Eli Wood, Kathryn Wood, Zoe Wooden, Kendra Worley, Savannah Wright, Jed Young, Denali Zimmerman.

11th grade:

Anna Arellano, Dante Belcher, Jordan Belcher, Burke Black, Abbigail Bowman, Kali Bowman, Heather Brim, Donovan Buchanan, Alyssa Callahan, Sasha Campos, Carrie Cassell, Bryan Clark, Amelia Clement, Eliza Clifton, Cameron Collins, Tara Collins, Taylor Collins, Zachary Collins, Daryl Combs, Benjamin Conner, Alysha Copening, Paige Corns, Williams Corns, Lexi Cutchins, Kayleigh Davenport, Mason Dellenback, Emma Dellinger, Blake Dillon, Emily Eastridge, Gavin Fain, Rachel Fitzjarrald, Brett Foley, Joshua Freeman, Seth Geiger, Haley Gillispie, Conner Goad, Nicol Gonzalez, Jacob Gosnell, Nicolas Haden, Breanna Hall, Easton Harris, Evan Havens, Lilly Hazelwood, Richard Hazelwood, Hunter Heath, James Hensley, James Hodges, Sydney Hopkins, Jackson Horton, Caleb Hostetter, Riley Hubbard, Scottie Hubbard, Allison Hughes, Jackson Iacovone, Noah Jessup, Elena Joaquin, Tessa Johnson, Kalynn Jones, Justin Keen, Autumn King, Alivia Kirk, Whitley Kruse, Ryanne Lary, Chelsea Lawson, Haley Lawson, Cindy Leon-Cisneros, Zachary Letchworth, Jymasias Manns, Jude Martin, Sadie Martin, Katy McBride, Lilly McDowell, Kenzie Mize, Raeli Moran, Ethan Morrison, Matthew Nester, Chase Norman, Owen Nutter, Rocio Olivares, Sydney Peer, Hunter Pendleton, Quentyn Penn, Tyrese Penn, Rhythm Poynter, Carley Quesinberry, Dylan Quesinberry, Lane Ross, Kijah Rothrock, Mason Scott, Sophie Scruggs, Sadie Shelton, Jonah Shockley, Talan Smith, Josiah Spangler, Emily Stiltner, Benjamin Sutphin, Dhrithik Tanna, Lucas Taylor, Xavier Torres-Seda, Isabelle Turner, Sydni Turner, Katie Vernon, Josilene Williams, Kendall Williams, Mary Beth Williams, Kimora Wimbush, Noah Wingfield, Brayden Wolfe, Cheyenne Wood, Jackson Zeigler, Allie Zwerling.

12th grade:

Matthew Allen, Draiden Archambo, Andi Arnold, Dakota Ashworth, Seth Atkins, Jackson Barbour, Alexandria Barker, Seth Beasley, Carlos Becerril, Riley Bell, Marissa Bentley, Daniel Betancourt, Jack Blaylock, Bailey Bolt, Jeremiah Bowman, James Brintle, Marissa Brown, Paul Bryant, Curtis Busick, Jonah Byers, Stuart Callahan, Morgan Cambron, Seth Cassell, Isabela Cisneros, Moises Cisneros, Cheyenne Clifton, Lillian Cobbler, Journey Collins, Kali Craig, Luke Cutchins, Alura Day, Dustin DeHart, Coby Dillon, Colt Easter, Heather Edwards, Austin Errichetti, Lauren Fulcher, Hannah Gay, Brayden Gilley, Haley Gilley, Bethany Goode, Evan Hall, Miranda Hall, Kyle Handy, Madeline Heath, Myranda Helms, Tanner Herring, Shyanne Hicks, Shauntel Hill, Jonathan Hodges, Trinity Holt, Miller Hopkins, Austin Hylton, Chase Hylton, Jewel Iacovone, Hannah Janney, Anaiah Jenkins, Katelyn Johnson, Aaron Jones, Lindsey Jones, Kylee Joyce, Shyann Kerce, Danyel Koger, Nathan Large, Colby Layman, Cecilia Leon Cisneros, Gabriel Lomibao, Cherilyn Lopez-Gonzalez, Cordelia Martin, Hunter Meade, Remi Miller, Madison Mills, Caleb Morris, Hayden Norman, James Nunez, Lance Overby, Montana Oxendine, Arya Patel, Nicholas Pell, Aniya Penn, Jermaine Penn, Verity Perez, Dalyce Pike, Kaitlyn Puckett, Brandy Quesinberry, Abigail Ramsey, Rebekah Ramsey, Brayton Reynolds, Isabella Rivero, Bobbijo Roberts, Sabrina Rorrer, Elizabeth Rose, Gina Rubio, Anna Bella Russo, Rayshawn Sawyers, Heather Spencer, Stephen Spencer, Joseph Stiltner, Bradley Swails, Andrew Taylor, Emily Trent, Maria Turner, Levi Vipperman, Nathaniel Whitaker, Lauryn Williams, Mason Wright, Audrey Young, Jaylan Younger.

Season in bloom at Stuart Farmers' Market



The season has officially kicked off at the Stuart Farmers' Market, with vendors offering a variety of items for sale. The market is open 8 a.m. until noon on Fridays. It is located at 320 Chestnut St., Stuart. (By Taylor Boyd)



TEDx event kicks off at Green Rock Correctional Center



VADOC Director Chad Dotson gave his presentation.



Warden Mike Seville was among the speakers at the TEDx event correctional center in Chatham.

More than two dozen speakers shared inspirational stories, music, and more at the TEDx GreenRock-CorrectionalCenter on Tuesday, May 7 at Greek Rock Correctional Center in Chatham.

The event is the first of its kind in a Virginia prison and was hosted by the Virginia Department of Corrections, in partnership with Proximity for Justice.

Speakers included Del. Rae Cousins, D-79th District, Pittsylvania County Sheriff Mike Taylor, VADOC Director Chad Dotson, First Piedmont Corporation Chairman and CEO Ben

J. Davenport Jr., and several members of the Green Rock inmate population.

"I appreciate every speaker for their uplifting stories of hope and redemption that demonstrate the importance of second chances," said Dotson, who spoke about lessons he learned from a Southwest Virginia drug court during his tenure as a commonwealth's attorney and judge. "I thank Proximity for Justice Founder Delia Cohen and her organization for their part-

nership on this special project."

TED stands for Technology, Entertainment, and Design. TED's mission is to research and share meaningful new ideas through conferences. A TEDx event is independently organized and features short, carefully prepared talks. More information can be found on the TED website.

Proximity for Justice is a nonprofit that has organized several TEDx events at prisons across the Unit-

ed States, bringing leaders, victims, philanthropists, law enforcement and many more into prisons to encourage dialogue, forge connections, and inspire change. More information can be found on the Proximity for Justice website.

The VADOC will provide more information about where to stream the TEDx GreenRockCorrectionalCenter talks when videos are available.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY, FOR APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED UPDATE TO THE RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF A UNIVERSAL SERVICE FEE TO BE PAID BY RETAIL CUSTOMERS TO FUND THE PIPP CASE NO. PUR-2020-00117

On April 12, 2024, Appalachian Power Company ("APCo" or "Company") filed an application ("Application") with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") requesting approval of an updated Universal Service Fee ("USF") to fund the Percentage of Income Payment Program ("PIPP") of \$0.00132 per kilowatt-hour ("kWh") effective June 1, 2024.

The PIPP was established as part of the 2020 Virginia Clean Economy Act as a mechanism designed to limit the electric utility payments of persons or households participating in certain, specified public assistance programs, based upon a percentage of their income, for customers of Virginia Electric and Power Company and APCo. The General Assembly further addressed the PIPP, its funding, and implementation, as part of the 2021 legislative session with the passage of Chapter 308 of the 2021 Virginia Acts of Assembly, Special Session I.

The Commission issued an Order on July 29, 2021 ("July 2021 Order") directing, among other things, that (i) APCo begin collecting the USF from statutorily designated customers to fund the estimated start-up costs that the Department of Social Services ("DSS") needed to establish the PIPP; (ii) calculate a USF on a per kilowatt hour basis to recover \$0.6 million on an annual basis, file tariffs reflecting such fee with the Commission; (iii) begin making payments to the state treasury to enable DSS to undertake the actions necessary to establish the PIPP, and (iv) defer its PIPP administrative costs and seek their recovery at a later date. The USF established in the July 2021 Order was directed to be effective on service rendered on and after September 1, 2021, and to remain in place until further order of the Commission. Additionally, the July 2021 Order required the Company to submit certain reporting and filing requirements within 60 days ("60-day Report") after the DSS rules or guidelines are promulgated. On September 9, 2021, the Commission issued an Order on Motion granting APCo's request to have the effective date for USF implementation delayed until September 7, 2021.

On July 14, 2023, the Commission issued an Order which, in part, found that DSS published PIPP guidelines on its website on June 26, 2023, and directed APCo to file its initial 60-day Report by August 25, 2023. APCo filed its 60-day Report on August 25, 2023.

In its current Application, APCo seeks to increase the USF on June 1, 2024, to build the PIPP fund prior to implementation and ensure the program will be properly funded for participants in the future without risk of underfunding while remaining under the statutory cap. APCo states that the current USF is \$0.0000407/kWh, and that the Company is requesting to increase the USF to \$0.00132/kWh to collect its proposed revenue requirement from Virginia jurisdictional customers. The Company states that the increase is intended to recover a revenue requirement of \$19,252,260.69 from Virginia Jurisdictional customers. According to APCo, the monthly bill of a typical residential customer using 1,000 kWh per month will increase \$1.28 if the Application is approved.

Additionally, APCo asks for expedited approval of the increased USF by May 15, 2024, and authority to implement new rates effective June 1, 2024. Further, APCo seeks clarification on whether participation in energy efficiency and weatherization programs is optional for PIPP customers and the effect this has on customer participation in the program and APCo reporting requirements. According to APCo, it was determined in a prior Commission order in this proceeding that participation in weatherization and energy efficiency programs is a requirement for customers to participate in the PIPP program, while DSS subsequently has determined that "[f]ailure to have the audit completed or to install the additional energy efficiency measures will not impact PIPP eligibility."

TAKE NOTICE that the Commission may apportion the USF among customer classes and/or design rates in a manner differing from that shown in the Application and supporting documents and thus may adopt rates for the USF that differ from those appearing in the Company's Application and supporting documents.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Comment that, among other things, directed the Company to provide notice to the public and provided interested persons an opportunity to comment on the Company's Application, to file a notice of participation and to request a hearing in this matter. Regarding the Company's request for approval to implement the proposed increase to the USF by June 1, 2024 through an Order entered on or before May 15, 2024, the Commission established an expedited procedural schedule, but found that given the timing of the filing of the Application and issues to be considered arising from the proposed USF increase, that a proper review of the Application, with notice to customers and interested parties, cannot be accomplished in the time requested by the Company.

Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules of Practice"), the Commission has directed that service on parties and the Commission's Staff in this matter shall be accomplished by electronic means. Please refer to the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment for further instructions concerning Confidential or Extraordinarily Sensitive Information.

An electronic copy of the Company's Application may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company: James G. Ritter, Esquire, American Electric Power Service Corporation, 1051 East Cary Street, Suite 1100, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or jritter@aep.com.

On or before June 5, 2024, any interested person may file comments on the Application by following the instructions on the Commission's website: scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments. Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such comments by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2020-00117.

On or before June 5, 2024, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation electronically may file such notice at the address listed above. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel, if available. The respondent shall send a copy of the notice of participation to counsel for the Company. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Rules of Practice, any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by 5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2020-00117.

On or before June 5, 2024, any interested person may file a written request for a hearing by filing such a request at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a request for hearing electronically may file such at the address listed above. Requests for hearing shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel, if available. A copy thereof also must be sent to counsel for the Company. Requests for a hearing shall include: (i) a precise statement of the filing party's interest in the proceeding; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; (iii) a statement of the legal basis for such action; and (iv) a precise statement why a hearing should be conducted in this matter. All requests for a hearing shall refer to Case No. PUR-2020-00117.

Any documents filed in paper form with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, except as modified by the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Rules of Practice.

The Company's Application, the public version of other documents filed in this case, the Commission's Rules of Practice, and the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment, may be viewed at: scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY



New retail store opens downtown

A ribbon cutting hosted by the Patrick County Chamber of Commerce was held on Friday May 10 for new business, Sweet Water Trading Company LLC, a new retail store located at 334 Patrick Avenue in downtown Stuart.

This store is purveyors of gemstones, minerals and natural arts (handmade and handcrafted arts from the earth). It also offers a selection of tapestries, wood and stone carvings, pottery, honey and soaps. The store is open Tuesdays

through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Pictured, left to right, are Danay Harris, Mountain Valley Hospice and chamber board member; Kurt Bozenmayer, Patrick County Music Association and chamber board member; Amber Agee, owner of Pet Provisions; Rebecca Adcock, director of the Patrick County Chamber of Commerce; Tiffany and Matt Blevins, owners and James Houchins, director of Patrick County Tourism.

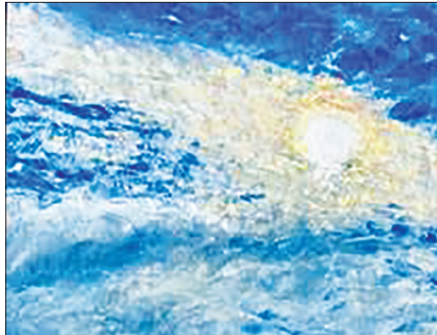
Saturday's benefit ride attracts hundreds


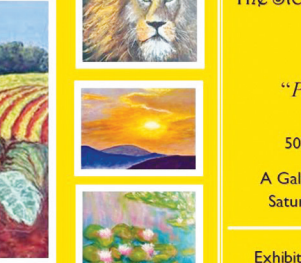



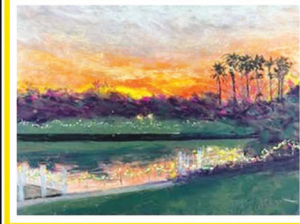


The Fraternal Order of Eagles 4007 held a ride to benefit Lauren Worley on Saturday attracted hundreds of people, and everything from antique cars to tricked out motorcycles. The event included live music, an auction and a 50/50 drawing. A video of participants departing from the Eagles' building can be viewed at www.theenterprise.net. (By Jamie Hall)



Exhibit of original works open through June





The Stokes County Arts Council Presents:

"Pure Pigment Pastels"

In The Apple Gallery-
502 Main Street, Danbury, NC

A Gallery Opening is scheduled for
Saturday, May 25 - 3:30-5:00p.m.

Exhibit Dates: May 16-June 30, 2024

An exhibit of original art by Eileen Wilhem is slated to open in the Apple Gallery. A reception is scheduled for Saturday, May 25 from 3:30-5 p.m. in the Apple Gallery of the Stokes County Arts Council 500 Main Street Danbury, N.C.

"Living on a horse farm in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, I am never at a loss for images and inspiration," Wilhem said. "Watching how the light changes with the seasons and trying to capture its beauty. My paintings attempt to recreate the mood, whether a drizzly day in France, foggy sunrise on the mountain, the cocky strutting of a rooster or the curiosity of a pig. The grace of people and animals enchants me

so that I must pick up my pastels and paint. I mostly paint everyday scenes, which keep me grounded."

Wilhem was juried into numerous exhibitions, including:

- The Milton Rhodes Center for the Arts, Winston-Salem
- 311 Gallery, Raleigh
- Red Dog Gallery, Winston-Salem
- Hanging Rock Gallery (Solo exhibit)
- Apple Gallery (Solo exhibit)
- Red Dog Gallery Featured Artist exhibit
- The Art Gallery, Greensboro
- Ambleside Gallery, Greensboro
- Welborn Gallery (Yadkinville Cultural Arts Center)
- Captain White's Gallery (Alamance Arts)



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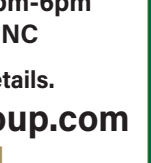
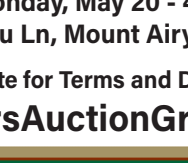
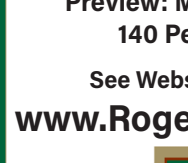











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Wilhem is a featured local artist at The Arts Place of Stokes, and the Red Dog Gallery. She is a member of Art for Arts Sake, Piedmont Pastel Society (Past President, Member Chair and Treasurer), Pastel Society of NC Pastel Guild of Europe, Juried in as an Associate member of the Pastel Society of America, and Stokes County Arts Council. She previously served on the boards of Associated Artists and Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art (SECCA).

This exhibit will be on display through June 30. The Stokes County Arts Council is open to the public Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday 12-6 p.m. For additional information about the exhibit, please contact the Stokes County Arts Council at (336) 593-8159 or visit www.stokesarts.org.