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A five-man team visited Patrick County to conduct a fire/EMS study, according to Spencer Willet, Government Affairs Manager for the Virginia Department of Fire Programs.

Fire and EMS issues focus of town hall

By Taylor Boyd
 Many of the issues that have been expressed by residents and fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) volunteers were reiterated at an August 26 town hall meeting held by the Virginia Department of Fire Programs.

Department of Fire Programs Government Affairs Manager Spencer Willet said the five-man team visited the county on behalf of

the board of supervisors, which requested a study be done earlier this year.

“The purpose of us being here this evening is a public hearing, so we are not necessarily here to answer questions on what we’re seeing other than if you have questions about what the study process is. We’re here to hear from you and what your concerns for fire and EMS are”

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New accreditation system may impact school system

By Taylor Boyd
 Schools Superintendent Jason Wood believes the state’s new accreditation system that will go into effect for the 2024-25 school year will not have an impact on how students are taught in the Patrick County school division.

It won’t change anything “as far as making sure kids are well-educated, our teachers are trained and doing the best they are every day,” he said, but the new system may change how the schools are perceived and publicized, especially as the state estimates that 60 percent of schools will be either in the ‘off track’ or ‘needs intensive support’ categories.

“That is definitely going to be a public relations issue that those communities have to face,” he said.

Assistant Superintendent of Administration Shannon Brown said the new system is completely changing the way schools are accredited. Under the current system, she said schools are either accredited or not accredited.

Under the current system, Brown said SOL scores are also the main thing school systems looked at for accreditation.

“Now, they’re a fraction of a fraction

if you’ve seen those pie charts. The SOL scores are just a small part of a chunk of a pie, not even the whole piece of the pie,” she said.

“Now the accreditation system’s going to be based on your student’s SOL (Standards of Learning) scores and growth, and schools will either be classified as distinguished, on track, off track, or needs intensive support,” she said.

Wood said this new system means “your accreditation in the future will be more factors that you’re checking off to make sure that SOQs (Standards of Quality) are correct, that your staffing is high quality,” he said.

In October, Brown said school systems are supposed to get an example of where they would fall on the new system using the 2023-2024 SOL scores from the state.

Wood said the division is hoping it will achieve the distinguished category, or at least meet the benchmarks, in the October mock-up.

“We are anxiously anticipating that mock-up of what the new accountability system would have looked like if it was in place based on the spring 2023-2024 scores. We are very fortunate.”

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The Story of Blind Man Martin’s House

By Joanne Hill
 The little gray cottage that most locals knew as the Blind Man Martin house has been completely removed from its location on the north side of Route 58 going up Lover’s Leap Mountain. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has completely demolished to the last splinter the humble abode which was a landmark for many years to so many travelers.

As VDOT continues its march up the mountain to widen Rte. 58 to four lanes, this house, where 13 children were raised, had to be cleared out of the path of the new roadway. Many who traveled the mountain daily, weekly or even for yearly trips watched for this landmark, and remembered numerous truck wrecks in the Blind Man Martin curve.

The house was built by Edgar and Della Martin in the 1930s and they occupied the house for about 50 years. Seven of their children were born there and the Martin’s provided comfort and nurturing as they each grew up and left home. Their oldest daughter, Ruby Jean, left home at the age of 15 to go to work at Stanley Furniture in Stanleytown, VA, as told by her daughter, Linda Smith. Most of the other children followed suit, leaving home as soon as they married or got a job and went to work. The youngest daughter, Cathy, finished high



The humble abode known to many local residents as Blind Man Martin house is pictured before it was demolished to the last splinter as work on the U.S. 58 project continued its march.



The cottage is now relegated to memory.

school and went to VA Tech.

When all the children were at home, they worked hard helping to run the household; there was a big garden, canning to do, water to carry from the spring and a cow to milk. Travelers often saw the children playing ball or running in the small yard, and they sometimes saw a man or woman sitting on the little front porch. Often times, there were well tended, colorful flowers growing around the

house.

The earlier children walked down the mountain to Central Academy School, the others who were born later went to Stuart School. According to an interview with Mrs. Martin in 1985, she birthed 15 children and 2 died at a very young age. Presently 7 of the children are still living. Brenda Worley, one of the daughters, talked about a good home life

(See Blind Man Martin House p.3)

Garland Hall Memorial Ride set

By Taylor Boyd
 The 4th annual Garland Hall Memorial Ride is set for Saturday, September 14. The ride will begin and end at the Fraternal Order of Eagles at 101 Wayside Park Road in Stuart.

Registration starts at 12 p.m. and kick stands go up at 1 p.m.

Event organizer Alan Hamm said the ride is to honor his deceased father-in-law, Garland Hall.

“He was an avid motorcycle rider, and he went to any benefit that was ever around that was close by, or it didn’t matter how far away it was he tried to get to all of them. He didn’t get to ride all the rides, but he at least tried to donate,” he said.

Hamm said Hall did this for as long as he knew him.

“It’s just something he liked to do. He liked to help raise money for good causes and stuff like that. So, me and my wife decided that we would toy around with the idea of starting the first one, and every year they keep getting more and more successful, so we decided to do it annually,” he said.

Hamm estimates the ride will be about 40-50 miles long. It will all be on main highways, and there will also be two stops during the ride.

Hamm said the first one will probably be close to the Henry County line on U.S. 57 at a store as a bathroom break.

“Then the second stop, we always

stop at Patrick (County) Memorial Gardens. That was where my father-in-law was laid to rest, and we always stop by there and honor him and then back over to the club,” he said.

Following the ride, Hamm said there will be a cookout with barbecue, chicken, and the fixings that will be sold by the plate, an auction, and a 50/50 drawing.

“Everything we can make is extra money for the cause,” he said.

For the auction, Hamm said he’s accepting donated items from the community.

“They can either call me, or I’d be glad to pick it up, or they can drop it off at Hamm’s Garage, or whatever we need to do to make it right,” he said.

Proceeds from the event will go to the Ronald McDonald House.

For the ride’s first two years, Hamm said proceeds went to Mountain Valley Hospice. Last year was also for the Ronald McDonald House.

“So many people from this area use the Ronald McDonald House, and I think it’s a great organization, that they do great things helping people in their time of need, and they’re a non-profit organization, and we just like to try to help them out, do the best we can and raise some money for them,” he said.

For more information or to donate, call Hamm at (276) 692-6498.



Warren and Crystal Lenehan take a break in the new Blue Ridge Taphouse, located in the former Leonardo’s Pizzeria & Bistro.

Blue Ridge Taphouse to Open Next Month

By Taylor Boyd
 The Blue Ridge Taphouse is set to open in October in the former Leonardo’s Pizzeria & Bistro location on Main Street, according to owners Crystal and Warren Lenehan. The new venue aims to offer a space for adults in the Stuart area and beyond to enjoy craft beers and food.

Crystal Lenehan said the inspiration for the taphouse came from the couple’s travels and love for exploring different beers. “Warren is from New Hampshire, where taphouses are popular. We noticed there was nothing like that in our community,

so we saw an opportunity to bring something new to Main Street,” she said.

The Lenehans also operate the Buckin Good Eats & Lemonade LLC food trailer, which is set up at Tractor Supply. Crystal Lenehan explained that the idea for the taphouse grew from their existing business. “We were looking for ways to expand since the community already enjoys our food. After seeing the space, we could see the potential for this new venture,” she said.

Warren Lenehan views the taphouse as a great addition to the community.

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Blue Ridge Taphouse

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phouse as a natural extension of their business. “We seem to grow a little each year,” he said.

Crystal Lenehan added that their culinary journey began with a hot-dog cart, then moved to a horse trailer, and now they’re venturing into a brick-and-mortar location. “Now, we’re trying something new with a physical location,” she said.

The taphouse will cater to adults looking for an affordable yet enjoyable experience. “We do a lot for kids in the community, which I love, but we wanted a space for date nights with good drinks and affordable food,” Crystal Lenehan said.

The taphouse will feature a fast-casual model where customers can dine in or take out. Orders will be placed at the bar, with food served in disposable containers. “You won’t need to tip waitstaff,” Crystal Lenehan said. “You’ll use a pager to get your food, or you can pick it up if you’re in your car.”

Initially, the taphouse will offer eight taps, with a focus on Virginia-based brands. The menu will include lemonade flights and other alcoholic beverages, along with food



Due to the building’s size, seating will be primarily at the bar.

items like smash burgers, wings, meatball sliders, pretzels with beer cheese, and more. The eatery also may introduce weekly specials and transition some popular items from their food trailer.

The food trailer will be used only for special events or festivals moving forward. “Our followers have requested that we continue offering some of the food we served from the



The exterior of the Blue Ridge Taphouse is pictured. The business is expected to open in October.

trailer,” Crystal Lenehan said.

The taphouse will operate with limited seating due to the building’s size, but there are plans for outdoor seating and a potential beer garden in the future. Although specific opening dates have not been set, the taphouse expects to be open at least five days a week, with current hours planned from 11:30 a.m. to



The Lenehans, who also operate Buckin Good Eats & Lemonade LLC, said their new business on Main Street in Stuart will highlight a variety of Virginia-based craft beers.

10 p.m., subject to change.

For more details, visit Facebook.com/BlueRidgeTaphouse.



By Rebecca Adcock

Hello September! We have made it to the ‘Ber’ months! Looking forward to the cooler and less humid weather along with all the changing of the leaves and all the fall events in Patrick County. Before we can get there though, let’s have a quick recap of August.

Chamber Chat

The month kicked off with the Friends of Southwest Virginia Tourism Awards. Patrick County was lucky to win three awards. The Patrick County Tourism office won “Best New Website.” We jointly won for the “Patrick County Magazine” and One Family Productions won “Tourism Partner of the Year.”

The chamber made visits to many of our businesses and met with new individuals looking to start businesses. After being open for a month, the chamber officially welcomed Tony’s Pizza by hosting their ribbon cutting ceremony. We hosted another “Coffee Talk” in Meadows of Dan and kicked off the holiday planning with an informal discussion of all the holiday events happening in Patrick County. This early start will help the chamber and tourism department plan and market our events.

We also want to congratulate Caring Hearts Free Clinic on their twenty years of service to the community. We are fortunate to have such a facility in Patrick County. We also welcomed the new health-care facility that does dental and medical to Patrick Springs. This clinic is operated by Connect Health + Wellness, formerly the Martinsville Henry County Health Coalition.

The weather was great for all the events that happened this past month, the rescheduled River Run, the 20th annual Folk Fair in Meadows of Dan, and we ended the month with great music at the Dominion Valley Gospel weekend and Front Porch Fest. We also were excited to celebrate our hometown racing team, the Wood Brothers Racing, collecting their 100th career win.

September is always a whirlwind of activity with the Patrick County Agricultural Fair. The fall issue of the Patrick County Magazine will be available at the fair. We will also be helping to celebrate the 75th business birthday of Dalton & Associates on September 17 from 1 to 4 p.m. as well as welcoming a new business, Dynamis Submission Grappling with a ribbon cutting on Sept 19 at 4 p.m.

In August, we welcomed new members: Dynamis Submission Grappling and Ole Joe’s Trading Company.

For more information or questions, please contact the Chamber office at (276) 694-6012 or visit our website at www.patrickchamber.com.

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



Tourism Talks

Hello Patrick, It’s been a while since we last talked, and a lot has happened. The Front Porch Fest and the Dominion Valley Labor Day Gospel sessions just concluded this weekend. Both events were successful, with many attendees camping and enjoying all the activities. Our Marketing Manager, Grace Cooper, had a fantastic time at the Front Porch Fest, while our Tourism Council member, Jeanie Clark, hosted one of the Labor Day gospel shows. Other team members were also involved in our marketing efforts in the county.

I had the opportunity to set up at the Curtis Turner 100th Birthday Celebration hosted by the Floyd County Historical Society. We had a great turnout, with several hundred people in attendance. We also unveiled our new brochure for the Mountain Spirit Trail, a driving trail through Floyd, Franklin, and Patrick counties. This trail aims to continue telling the history of moonshining in our three counties. If you’d like a brochure, please pick one up at our visitors’ center. Looking forward, the

Amazing Sunflower trail at Doe Run Farms is open for visitors to enjoy. Our county fair began on the 10th, and the Rotary Club would love to welcome all of you. Later this month, the PCMA will host another Song Writers Series at the historic Star Theater; tickets are going fast.

There are many more events scheduled throughout the county—too many to list here. You can check out our events calendar on our website for more information.

Lastly, I am excited to share that I am the new Director of Economic Development and Tourism. I am looking forward to this opportunity, and I hope you will support me as we look for new growth opportunities. Tourism and economic development go hand in hand, and I am excited to showcase our county’s greatness. This will be an ongoing effort, and I look forward to working on promoting our assets. Take care, my friends, and remember, “Come get lost and find yourself here.” Talk to you soon, love you!

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Fire and EMS

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in Patrick County,” he said. Willet said the town hall meeting concluded the first day of a three-day stint in the county, with the group meeting with each of the county’s fire and EMS agencies, county administrator, EMS coordinator, and other key players.

At the end of the three-days, Willet said the group might solicit more information from the county or some of its organizations to produce a report that will probably be made public in early March.

“Once that’s done, the study team will convene, compile notes. The report will be sent back to the county for technical edits only. They will get a copy of the report just to make sure we spelled every department’s names right, but they will not be able to change any of the recommendations at that point,” he said.

Once the technical edits are complete, he said the report would go to the Fire Board for consideration - and most likely at the end of February 2025 would be approved. Once it is approved, it becomes a public document.

“So, whether the county, or an individual organization, or whoever doesn’t like it or does like it, it’s going to be on the state website. It’ll be a record that we keep and will be available to anybody,” he said.

Mike Fulk, captain of the Ararat Volunteer Rescue Squad, said the biggest concerns are money, recruitment, and retention.

“I think everybody here will probably agree with that. My opinion, the second or the third thing probably would be training, and getting money for the squads and fire departments. In a lot of cases here in this county, the people that are actually volunteers, a lot of them are aging out, so that’s a big, big issue,” he said.

On the volunteer side, Fulk said it’s hard when a squad gets a young person interested and gets qualified and then go and work for a paid service.

“Not taking anything away from our paid service, but after they work 40 hours or whatever for a paid service, then they’re not going to get up at 3 o’clock in the morning

and run a volunteer call. That’s the problem we have in remote areas,” he said.

Crystal Harris, of the Smith River Volunteer Rescue Squad, said she got paid for her job to fill her tummy, but volunteering filled her heart.

“However, it’s a different world now. The young people aren’t allowed to leave work. If we could get the few people that we do have jobs to let them leave and not be abused, it would help. It’s the communication between places like that” that adds to the issue, she said.

Harris said that while all of the squads are territorial in wanting to take care of their areas, “it’s come to a point where there is not any boundaries where we have to cross. Now we need to go where is needed to be,” she said.

Harris also agreed with Fulk that recruitment is an issue, and believes there needs to be a mass county-wide recruitment campaign.

“Signs don’t do. It’s going to have to be some type of major event on recruitment to try and get some young people in. I need to be out the door, but I still try and go occasionally,” she said.

Smith River Captain Debbie Foley said she works every day and is unable to leave work during the day to run a call.

“I can only do so much, and that’s what most everybody does, so, you know, it’s hard to get out there. I like to volunteer, and I give a lot more of my time, but I can only give but so much. There’s stuff that I have got to do to take care of myself,” she said.

While she doesn’t know about the other volunteer squads, Foley said she’s happy Willet and his colleagues are in the county. She also believes their report needs to be taken to heart by the county administration and the board of supervisors.

“It will be helpful to us, but it’s got to come from them. We can only do but so much, and our paid service is drowning, Jeb (Stuart Volunteer Rescue Squad) is not coming back, and if they do, we don’t need to give them money, but that’s my



Mike Fulk (right), captain of the Ararat Volunteer Rescue Squad, said the biggest concerns in providing EMS are money, recruitment, and retention.

opinion. We need help, but it’s got to start from the top,” she said.

Patrick Springs Volunteer Fire Department Assistant Chief Clint Weidhaas said he hopes the visiting panel sheds a different light because sometimes it’s hard for the squads in their bubble to get past their pride.

“In my opinion, the district lines need to disappear, especially on the EMS side. If we had a multi-car accident tomorrow with five injuries, someone may die because we can’t get personnel there,” he said, and noted that some incidents have already come close to that happening.

“We have a problem here - we can’t get the trucks out the door, bottom line. When we were fighting to get a paid service in this county, it was awful, we barely got one. I sat at the board of supervisor’s meetings in disbelief because we got our own citizens who we signed up for as a volunteer to provide assistance to, but then we let our own pride get in the way of providing true service,” he said.

Weidhaas said if the county’s going to have to come up with money, it’s going to have to take it away from someone and start putting it into Station 8 and some of the volunteer squads.

“But we need to fix the problem pronto, because we’re going county-wide every day,” he said.

Weidhaas said the Patrick Springs squad is planning to start a first responder program because of the worry that someone will get injured while calls for medical assistance are going countywide.



More than two dozen residents, many of them volunteers with fire and EMS squads, attended the town hall meeting.

“There’s been problems in the past with pride being set aside. If you got to put more paid trucks on and the volunteers try to do what they need to do, then that’s what has to happen,” he said, adding that he hopes the insight “kind of shows that, because sometimes it’s hard to get over pride,” he said.

Galen Gilbert, of the Jeb Stuart squad, said another issue facing the squads is the cost of equipment.

“It’s getting to be staggering. You all know what a new fire truck’s going to cost, or what a new ambulance is going to cost, and you can’t sell enough hotdogs to do that. Back in the day, it pretty much kept things afloat, but you can’t sell that many hotdogs,” he said.

Those in attendance also spoke about how the meeting was not readily made known to the community, how they believe the board of supervisors lacks knowledge and understanding of the situation, and asked questions about how the process and reports were done in other localities, and what will happen when it’s finished.

Accreditation System

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nate to be in the top 10 for our third consecutive year. I think that we would be an exemplary school division, because I really feel that we are one, how it’s actually measured out in this new system we’re waiting to see,” he said.

Brown added the categories will be awarded school by school, and not for the division overall.

“So, one school may be distinguished, and another might be on track. It’s not just the division,” she said.

School divisions that are deemed off track, Brown said, will be required by the state to create improvement plans to help get them back on track. She added the lowest five percent of schools will receive

intensive federal support monies to support their school improvement efforts.

Personally, Wood said he likes the fact that the new accreditation system separates things out when factoring scores.

“Currently your chronic absenteeism can definitely put you in the ‘needs improvement’ category. Now with this new system, it’s actually a different percentage than yes either you made it, or you didn’t. It factors into a performance score for your school and so that percentage isn’t just yes or no you made it. It is factored in because you could have a great school division and you have a high chronic absentee rate, then you’re not accredited under the

current system,” he said.

Wood believes the new system also provides more transparency as people can look at different aspects of students’ education.

“Change is difficult for anybody, and until you actually see how it’s going to affect your performance and how you’ll be rated, you just have a little anxiety waiting to see what that’s going to look like,” he said.

Blind Man Martin House

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and of parents who were really good to their children. She said they had little cots to sleep on and, with a laugh, added that sometimes it seemed like they were on top of each other.

The Martins, remembered fondly by the neighborhood people, eloped and were married in Reidsville, NC, on January 7, 1929. They had met at a dance, were young and their parents didn’t want them to get married, but they got a driver to take them to the event and when they returned, the parents had to accept it. When they were at that age, Della played the autoharp and especially liked to play for Edgar.

It is interesting to note that in her later years, Della enjoyed playing the autoharp at Blue Ridge Therapy Connection, her grandson accompanied her. Unfortunately, after several of the children were born, Edgar had a run-in with an acquaintance, who followed up by coming to the Martin home and knocking on the door. When Mr. Martin answered, there was a shooting, and he lost his vision. He did not let this get the best of him and continued to care for his family the best he could. Passers-by remember seeing him using ropes and his cane to maneuver around the little house. A relative recalls that he could recognize the value of money by the touch. Della tells about him using his cane to go down the mountain and carry many buckets of water back up for the household use. She was doing the laundry on a washboard at the time.

She said she bought the biggest cooking pots and iron skillet she could find and cooked pinto beans, potatoes and corn bread for her large family. She would fry chicken, and Brenda remembers her making the best fried apple pies in the skillet on a wood stove. Della had a cow and churned her own butter, she continued to do this after she no longer

had the cow, she just bought the milk.

Before Mrs. Martin died, their home had an electric stove and an indoor bathroom; thanks to Darrell Worley, her son-in-law, who built the bathroom on the back of the house. Neither of the Martins drove, so their children transported them to the doctors and for other outings. Brenda said she tried to teach her mother to drive, but it just didn’t work. Edgar was diagnosed with an enlarged heart and died in the R. J Reynolds Hospital in the emergency room from a major heart attack on August 18, 1980; Della continued to live at home and died in her own bed on November 30, 1997, at age 84. Della says of their life together and raising so many children, “With Edgar being blind, the good Lord was always there with him and me.” (The Mountain Laurel)

Brenda tells of the many children, grandchildren and great grandchildren returning to the home place each weekend, and of Della continuing to cook those bountiful meals for everyone to enjoy. Presently there are 28 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren. She recalls those endearing memories of caring parents and a little gray cottage that used to sit by the side of the road. s posted by Sandy Atwater on social media, “Time marches on but hopefully, history, the families, the stories will last.”

The little cottage is gone, but many will never forget.

(Thanks to Brenda Worley, Linda Smith, comments on social media and an article in The Mountain Laurel-September 1985, written by Ivalien Hylton Belcher, who also previously wrote a weekly article for The Enterprise, for the information in this article.)

STEP, INC. AND VIRGINIA HOUSING OPENING WAITING LIST TO ACCEPT HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER APPLICATIONS

STEP, Inc. and Virginia Housing will open the Housing Choice Voucher Waiting List on Wednesday, September 18, 2024. The program will take applications ONLINE ONLY. The STEP waiting list area covers Bedford, Franklin, and Patrick counties.

Applicants will be able to apply beginning at 8:30 am on September 18th until 4:30 pm. The website to apply is virginiahousing.apply4housing.com.

Three hundred applicants who apply will be chosen randomly by lottery to be added to the waiting list. Not everyone who applies is added to the waiting list. Applicants will receive a confirmation number once their application is submitted indicating the application was received. Receiving a confirmation number does not guarantee you will be added to the waiting list. You apply using a laptop or desktop computer or mobile device. Anyone can apply on behalf of another applicant.

You may check to see if you were chosen in the lottery on September 23, 2024, by going to the following website: virginiahousing.apply4housing.com/status. You will not be able to check your status if you have previously applied to a Virginia Housing waiting list.

Applications will not be taken by phone, mail or in person. If the applicant is a person with a disability and they require an accommodation in order to apply, please contact the STEP staff for assistance to apply during the opening time period.

For more information about the application process, please contact STEP, Inc. at 540-483-5142 ext. 3055 or visit www.virginiahousing.com.



Feeding Southwest Virginia

As an elected representative from our part of Virginia, I see various local organizations receive recognition and praise for their efforts in improving the care and health of our rural communities.



Morgan Griffith

Representative

Food City, in partnership with the non-profit United Way, has welcomed me on multiple occasions for their celebrity food bagging event. Most recently, I was a celebrity bagger at the Food City in Weber City.

This September, one nonprofit group will celebrate its progress in caring for our region.

Feeding Southwest Virginia, a part of the Federation of Virginia Food Banks, was founded in 1981 to address food insecurity in the region.

Food insecurity is a problem in large parts of the country, including Southwest, Southside and Central Virginia.

Some families are stuck deciding whether they can afford groceries as they balance between their power bills, what they pay at the gas pump and other expenses.

And when food options are explored, nourishing and nutritious meals are sacrificed for cheaper and more inexpensive goods.

This continuous cycle of inadequate eating habits leads to problematic health conditions, such as diabetes.

Children who grow up in the region who do not receive sufficient food are seriously affected.

Feeding Southwest Virginia reports that one in five children suffer from food insecurity.

Lack of access to quality nutritious foods creates harsh realities for children. Many can be afflicted by malnutrition disorders during critical years of brain development. This is true even if they have some food but it's not nutritious.

Many families depend on school lunches to provide for their kids, but such opportunities are limited during the summer months when school is out.

Congresswoman Diana Harshbarger, who represents East Tennessee, and I were recognized in 2023 for our help in passing a law to make it easier for community partners such as Feeding Southwest Virginia to provide meals to families and children in the summertime. Before the bill, summer food programs could only provide meals at congregate sites with supervision while the children ate. Now, Feeding Southwest Virginia can take the meals to the congregate sites, and the children can pick them up. This allows the nonprofit to take the meals to more locations.

While it is the largest food agency in the region, Feeding Southwest Virginia is not the only group trying to solve food insecurity. Many churches, community food pantries and some of our hospitals do their part to provide food for their communities.

These smaller outlets also collect food, but many receive food from Feeding Southwest Virginia.

For a time, Feeding Southwest Virginia was not their official name. They were simply known as Feeding America because they are a member of the national Feeding America organization.

But going by Feeding America caused trouble when the Southwest Virginia group raised funds.

Many donors who sought to contribute to solve food insecurity in Southwest Virginia mistakenly sent money to the Feeding America corporate office, when they really meant to give money to the Feeding America Southwest Virginia office!

According to one official from Feeding Southwest Virginia, it is estimated that Feeding Southwest Virginia lost out on roughly \$100,000 in contributions.

Because of this confusion, funds were erroneously directed away from Feeding Southwest Virginia. Accordingly, in early 2020, the nonprofit officially changed their name to Feeding Southwest Virginia to lessen confusion and make it easier to fundraise and solicit donations specifically for our region.

Feeding Southwest Virginia is dedicated to fighting hunger and changing lives. Their operations involve volunteers helping at food drives, packing and delivering food, and their services extend to every locality in Virginia's Ninth District.

Of Feeding Southwest Virginia's three facilities, one of them is in Abingdon. The other two are in Salem and Roanoke.

In the past, I have volunteered and visited their facilities in Salem or Abingdon.

Feeding Southwest Virginia's fiscal year 2022 impact report highlights their distribution of over 18 million pounds in food, not including non-food items like water.

The same report noted that in the summer of 2023 they served over 160,000 meals to children.

On September 13th, I will be attending their Elected Officials' Day event to honor their work in addressing hunger and starvation in our region.

Local, state and federal officials all attend to show their support for the programs advanced by Feeding Southwest Virginia.

Like elected officials from both sides of the political aisle, I am proud to support Feeding Southwest Virginia.

Call my offices with questions, concerns, or comments: Abingdon, (276) 525-1405; Christiansburg, (540) 381-5671, or via email at <https://morgangriffith.house.gov/>.

Letters to the Editor

Baker, Griffith debate

How about Morgan Griffith's debate with Karen Baker? You didn't hear it? Most of us didn't! He only agreed to debate at a low wattage radio station where most of the constituents could not hear or see him. Now why won't he accept debates on two television stations that have offered time. Does he sweat, get mad, turn red? Does he think the constituents are all for him and he doesn't need to respect them enough to explain his positions and plans for the future or to answer their questions? Perhaps he is not comfortable standing beside a former judge and lawyer Karen Baker.

I was fortunate enough to listen to the debate. Questions to both candidates were excellent. Griffith was asked about why he didn't vote to accept electoral returns when the courts finding [60 courts] ruled there was NO fraud or problems that would cause different electoral results. Griffith was so vocal in the evening on Jan. 6th when Pelosi was calling the House to order, that she had to threaten calling the Sergeant of Arms for him to hush. Griffith evaded answering that question with a vague explanation that the court gave him that power. He always omits that there must be key finding by the courts of facts of fraud to ever change election results --the votes of the people. TRUMP HAS JUST ADMITTED ON VIDEO HE LOST BY A WHISKER.

Griffith has launched his usual tired old campaign playbook called "check events." He brings in big mockup checks, gets the photo ops for front page of papers

and is out of here. He votes against bills over and over again that would help veterans, miners, and protect women. He has all that cash from PACs and corporations. The working people cannot contribute anything near that. So, he no longer bothers or cares about what families really need and what matters. Many folks are ready to move on from him.

Karen Baker and Tim Kaine have been to many events to reach out, talk to the people in SWVA. They show respect and concern. Karen has many times visited people on the ridges, on their porches, in their homes all over SWVA and here too. She answers every question asked. UMWA HAS ENDORSED KAREN BAKER AND THAT SAYS A WORLD ABOUT WHAT WILL HELP THE MINERS, BUSINESSES, WORKERS, FAMILIES!!

The platform to help the middle class and give us and small business startups some breaks is what we need. The strongest ticket for families—miners, veterans, women, small businesses-- is Baker, Kaine, and Harris. To be sure, Walz is amazing. Vance put us down as lazy, ignorant, rampant addiction problems (addiction is a national problem) in the Hillbilly Elegy. He disparages women and teachers without children. He never celebrates the progress, the goodness and kindness--the kinship hereabouts. So, let's turn the page, protect freedom and work with joy for better, brighter days.

Vote for Baker, Kaine, Harris and Walz. Gerry Scardo, Veter-

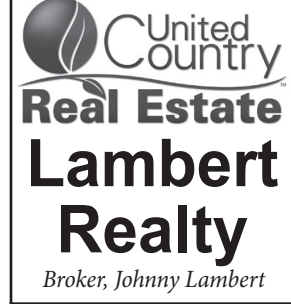
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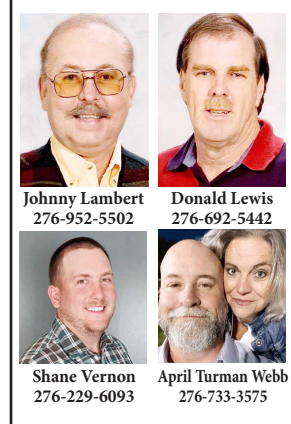
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Patrick Pioneers

Lewis Turner and H.H. & Exony Turner Hall

By Beverly Belcher Woody

Last week, we learned about a missionary to Mexico, Miss Pearl Lillian Hall and her parents, Henry Harden (H.H.) Hall, Sr. and Martha Elizabeth Ross Hall of Goblintown, Patrick County, Virginia.

This week, we will look at Henry Harden Hall, Sr. and his first wife, Exony Turner; their parents, and their offspring. H. H. Hall Sr. was born to Rowland Hall and Elizabeth Rakes Hall on the 29th of May 1823 in Patrick County, Virginia. Rowland and Elizabeth had married in Bedford County on the third of May 1813.

Exony Turner was the daughter of Lewis Turner and Cynthia Turner who were married on the fifth of May 1817. Lewis and Cynthia's marriage is listed in the Franklin County Marriage Bonds Index, 1786-1858, page 228. Several writings list Cynthia as a Foster, but I have been unable to prove it with a legal document.

In a document written by Jack Williamson about the history of the Goblintown Grist Mill, Jack Williamson wrote that Lewis Turner purchased 211 acres from Thomas Spencer one month before his marriage to Cynthia. Williamson wrote, "Lewis Turner was an accomplished blacksmith and gunsmith as well as farmer. On settling in Patrick County with his bride, he built a sizable log home just northwest of what is now Goblintown Road and set up a smithy close by in which he forged farm tools, gun barrels, wagon wheel rims and other things."

Williamson speculated, "the pig iron was probably mined and smelted just two miles away on George Hairston's land about Stuart's Knob, a craggy

hill towering 500 feet over Goblintown Creek and containing a rich lode of high-quality magnetite."

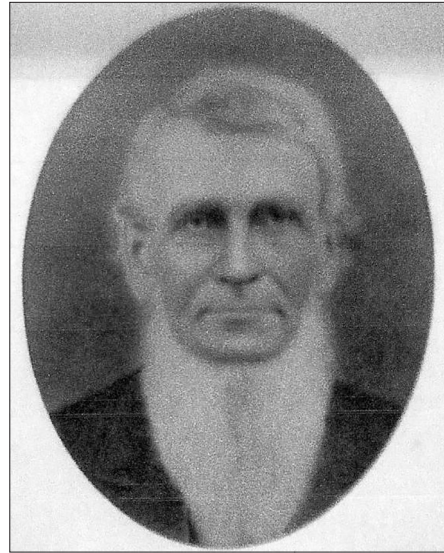
Lewis Turner was very wise in purchasing land so near to the Union Iron Works Company which was formed by brothers, John and George Hairston III and their first cousin, Peter.

H. H. Hall, Sr. and Exony Turner were married in Patrick County on the 13th of October 1845. In the 1850 census, cabinet maker H.H. and Exony were living next door to Exony's widowed father, miller and blacksmith Lewis Turner, and his children, 32-year-old Ann and 24-year-old Jeremiah. Lewis Turner's wife Cynthia had passed away in 1827, a year after the birth of their son Jeremiah. Lewis did not remarry and raised his three children on his own, based on census records that show no wife. It is very admirable that Lewis cared for his children and did not send them to live with relatives, as was often the case during these times.

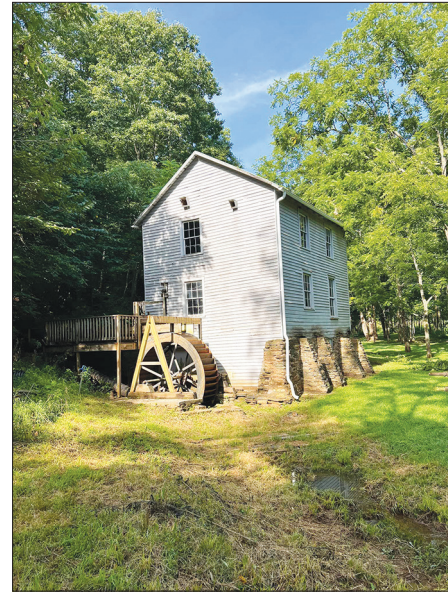
H. H. and Exony's first child, Cynthia, was born on the tenth of September 1846, followed by daughter Exony Elizabeth in 1848. Two sons were born next, Lewis Pinkney, on the 30th of January 1851 and Henry Harden Hall, Jr. on the 16th of June 1853.

In 1854, H.H.'s brother, Blann and Exony's sister, Ann, married on the 21st of December. In 1855, H.H. and Exony had another son, John and on the 4th of March 1856, Blann and Ann had a daughter, Exony Ann. Tragically, Ann died giving birth to their only child; Ann was 40 years old. In 1859, Blann died of pneumonia, leaving little Exony Ann in the care of her father's brother, H.H. Hall, Sr. and her mother's sister, Exony Turner Hall.

H. H. and Exony had one more



H. H. Hall, Sr.



Goblintown Grist Mill (Photo from Ron Martin)

child, Jeremiah Blann Hall, born in 1864 when Exony was 41 years old. In 1865, H.H. and Exony's oldest child, Cynthia married Confederate Veteran David Ross Cox, the son of Joseph and Nancy Lewis Cox. Lewis Pinkney was the next child of H. H. and Exony to marry at age 17 to 16-year-old Miss Malinda Virginia Stovall, the daughter of Joseph M. and Permelia Ruth Corn Stovall on the 3rd of December 1868.

Exony Elizabeth was the next child of H. H. and Exony to marry, choosing Lewis James Wood, the son of Stephen and Rachel Thomas Wood; the couple wed in October of 1869. Henry Harden Hall, Jr. married Ruth Elizabeth Turner, the daughter of Samuel Clayborn Turner and Nancy Stovall Turner on the 28th of November 1876 and John married Miss Sarah Thomas of Endicott. Sarah's death record registered the 11th of February 1929 states her father is Pleasant Thomas and her mother is Fannie Fogerson, but her obituary in the Roanoke Times states she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fleming Thomas.

Exony Ann, the daughter of Blann and Ann Turner Hall, and niece and foster daughter of H.H. and Exony Turner Hall, married John Isaac Wood on the 28th of January 1877. John Isaac was also the son of Stephen and Rachel Thomas Wood! So.....two first cousins, both named Exony, living in the same household with a mother/aunt & foster mother named Exony marry two brothers! This is why I love researching family history so much!

Exony Turner Hall passed away on the 12th of April 1886 and Jeremiah Blann, the youngest child of H.H. and Exony married Miss Elizabeth Martin on the 7th of August 1887. The young couple soon moved to Roanoke where Jeremiah worked as a blacksmith in the Norfolk and Western Railroad shops. How wonderful that he carried on the craft of his grandfather, Lewis Turner, who had passed away two years before at the age of ninety-one.

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Social Security Matters

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

Ask Rusty – Husband Upset about His Wife's Survivor Benefit

Dear Rusty: This is a matter that I find particularly irksome. My wife – a retired teacher – was told that, should I pre-decease her, she is not eligible to get survivor benefits from my Social Security payments. I'm sure there is some arcane, bureaucratic justification for this, but I think it unconscionable. Is this true and if so, what sort of major miracle would be required to alter that? Signed: *Disgruntled in Texas*

Dear Disgruntled: If your wife was a teacher in a school district (which includes all Texas school districts) that exempted her from paying into Social Security, then any Social Security surviving spouse benefit she becomes entitled to from you will be affected by a provision called the Government Pension Offset (GPO). The GPO will reduce her Social Security survivor benefit by two-thirds (67%) of the amount of her (non-covered) teacher's

pension, which can (and often does) eliminate her surviving spouse benefit. The GPO affects teachers in about 15 states who have opted not to participate in Social Security.

For information, this is similar to what happens to a spouse who has also earned a Social Security retirement benefit – their survivor benefit is offset by their Social Security retirement benefit, and only the excess (if any) is paid. The GPO is actually a bit more generous, in that your wife's survivor benefit is only offset by 2/3rds of her non-covered teacher's pension, whereas the offset is 100% for other surviving spouses who have earned SS retirement benefits as well. This is a provision that has been law since 1977, affecting all those who have a pension earned without contributing to Social Security. Its premise was to better equalize the way SS benefits are paid to everyone.

How can that be altered? Well, the only way is by Congress changing Social Security law. There have been numerous attempts to change the GPO law over the years, none of which have been successful. Indeed, there is a proposed law – H.R. 82

– The Social Security Fairness Act – which was introduced in Congress last year. That proposal, to eliminate the GPO (and a sister provision called the Windfall Elimination Provision), has essentially made little Congressional progress, short of a few committee hearings, and the outlook for passage at this point is about zero.

I'm afraid I can't be optimistic that the GPO will be repealed, as Congress is more keenly focused on resolving Social Security's looming solvency issue, set to come to a head in less than a decade.

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Temperance

Some of you may associate the word "temperance" with the Temperance Movement of the 1800s, which, among other things, urged or prohibited the consumption of alcoholic beverages. But temperance is much more than avoiding alcohol or limiting yourself to one lump of sugar in your tea. Try to think of temperance as a state of mind wherein you seek to practice balance with your body and your passions. It's really an age-old conflict, stretching back to Ancient Greece and even to the dawn of mankind. If you remember the story, the first humans Adam and Eve struggled with intemperance in diet and wound up eating the forbidden fruit.

So how do we practice moderation in our own lives? As mentioned earlier, we need to figure out how to control our bodies and our actions. An extremely challenging place to do this is in our diets. Obesity in much of the advanced world is becoming a widespread public health issue that if left unchecked, will soon become the leading cause of death. So when it comes to your food choices, think and choose temperately. Eat enough to sustain your physical needs, and choose nutrient rich foods that will make your body happy.

Other products that stimulate our senses like nicotine, caffeine, and depressants like alcohol are another subject I'd like to touch on. Historically, temperance had a strong association with alcohol. Recently, many scientific studies have been conducted on the health benefits of drinking small amounts of alcohol but they haven't done much but muddy the waters. One long-standing truth remains clear: what

starts as occasional, or "light" drinking can quickly become a habit, and habitual drinking is clearly a health hazard. Because of this, although we're talking about moderation, I think alcohol might be an area where total abstinence is a better choice.

When it seems like our lives are spinning out of control, temperance can help us regain direction. It is about balance and control, remember? In our exceedingly digital world, most if not all of us could probably spend much of the day with our eyes glued to some form of screen. Where's the life in that? Where's the joy? Practice temperance with your reliance on technology and take a moment to collect your thoughts and simply breathe. Spend a little extra time with your friends and family and engage in a real conversation without a television blaring in the background.

The true key to living a temperate lifestyle lies in our minds. We need to learn to safeguard our thoughts and carefully monitor our emotions. If you're the type to give rise to anger easily, take a few deep breaths and learn the power of forgiveness. If you're prone to bragging, give way to more humble conversation. If you're the judgmental type, give compassion or empathy a try. Think of your mind as a springboard for all of your actions. If you can learn to use your mind carefully and wisely, you will have won the battle against intemperance.

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

PCHS Sports Schedule

The Patrick County High School Cougars Sports Schedule for the week of Sept. 13-19:			
9/12	2pm Golf at Franklin County (Copper Cover GC)	9/17	7pm Volleyball vs. Floyd County
	4pm Cross Country Meet at Dobson, NC	9/18	4pm Cross Country Meet at Galax High School
	7pm Volleyball at Radford	9/19	2pm Golf vs. Franklin County
9/13	7pm Football vs. North Stokes		7pm Volleyball at Alleghany

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A new "look" for Cougar football

By Pat Delaney
Supporters of Cougar football may have noticed a recent addition to their team's uniforms. Topping their familiar gold helmets is the Guardian Cap.

"It's all about protecting the kids," said Patrick County High School Athletic Director Terry Harris.

The cap's manufacturer, Guardian, describes them on their website as "the leading soft shell helmet cover engineered for impact reduction. It brings a padded, soft-shell layer to the outside of the decades-old hard-shell helmet and reduces impact up to 33%."

The caps fit over the helmets and attach with snaps and Velcro. At less than seven ounces, they are very lightweight, making the change for the players minimal.

NFL players in training camp and practices have used the Guardian Caps, and they are now legal for game use. During use in practices, the NFL has seen significant concussion reductions among players who wear Guardian Caps.

Besides reducing concussions and head injuries, the caps also help pad blows to knees, hands and abdomens of players when being tackled or hit by opponents wearing the caps.

This season, the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) and Virginia High School League (VHSL) approved the caps for games as an option for players and teams.

"We used them the last two years



The Cougar football team is wearing the Guardian Caps during games this season.

in practice and scrimmages," said Harris, who believes now that they're approved for game use, more teams will use them in the future.

Harris said that the Cougars were ahead of the game when it came to the caps. "When they came out, our booster club was so good at helping us. The company (Guardian) allowed us to pay half one year and half the next, which when you combine 75 or 80 of them," helps.

Harris said he purchased another ten caps recently to make sure the middle school players had enough. The caps are being worn by the middle school, JV and Varsity teams during games.

Said Harris, "if we can do something that helps our kids' safety wise, we're going to do it."



Jackson Callahan chases down the Bassett runner.



Avonne Kidd looks for some running room.



The Cougar defense brings down the Bengal runner.



The Cougar faithful made the trip to support their team.

Cougars fall to Bassett

By Pat Delaney
It was a rough night for the Patrick County High School Cougars when they visited the Bassett Bengals on September 6, leaving with a 51-0 loss.

Bassett opened the game with a long drive that saw them convert two fourth-and-one to keep the drive going. The drive ended with a short run by the Bengal quarterback to take the 7-0 lead.

"I thought we played pretty good defense all throughout the first drive," said Cougar head coach David Morrison. "We didn't get them off the field. They converted two fourth downs in the first drive. That's huge for them. We just have to get them off the field."

The Cougar's first play on offense ended with a fumble in the backfield, giving the ball back to the Bengals, who increased their lead to 14-0 shortly after.

During the first half, Bassett moved the ball on most of their drives, keeping the ball away from the Cougars for long stretches. The half ended with the Bengals adding to their lead following a Cougar fumble on a kickoff return with 37 seconds to go. The Bengals scored on a run up the middle to take a 44-0 lead into the half.

The Cougars came out strong on

their first drive of the second half. Following a nearly 40-yard kickoff return, the Cougars moved the ball, getting into Bengal territory for the first time. The drive stalled in the red zone with a field-goal attempt just missing wide left.

With 8:15 to go in the game, the Cougars came up with a big play, blocking a Bengal field goal attempt with pressure up the middle.

While the Cougars looked much better in the second half, they couldn't make up any ground, falling to the Bengals 51-0.

Morrison said after the game, "we just made error after error. We've got to figure out a better way to get focused and get our minds right for the game from the start."

Looking ahead, Morrison said, "we have to have a daily commitment to getting better. You've got a whole season to get better and we've got to do that as a team and as individuals as well."

Leading the way for the Cougars on offense was Jayden Corns who rushed for 55 yards on 10 attempts.

On defense, Jackson Callahan led the way with 10 tackles with Paul Pascale, Cameron Collins, Glenn Stovall, Conner Goad and Eason Harris each chipping in 5.

The Cougars will host North Stokes on September 13 at 7 p.m.

JV Lady Cougars Get Wins

By Ashlee Mullis
The JV Lady Cougars hosted Bassett, Tuesday, September 3, winning 2-0 with set scores of 25-23 and 25-22. Brooklyn Barner had 9 kills, and Maddy Martin had 6 kills.

Kendra Penn had 4 kills, 6 digs, and 4 aces. Meredith Wood had 4 kills and 7 digs.

Jenna Woods had 12 digs and 3 aces, Mariah Scott had 11 assists and 4 aces, and Kaylene Garcia had 7 assists. Thursday, September 5, the Cougars beat Dan River at home, 2-0 with scores of 25-16 and 25-21. Penn had 5 kills and 10 aces. Wood had 5 kills and 4 digs. Barner had 5 kills, Woods had 10 digs, and Scott had 6 assists.



Kendra Penn serves for the Cougars.

PCHS Varsity Golf Continues District Play

By Ashlee Mullis
The Varsity Golf team traveled to Hanging Rock Golf Club, August 29, shooting a 342 in the district match. Floyd County won the match shooting a 292. Parker Roop led the Cougars with a score of 78. Carter Gregory shot an 84, while Kendra Worley shot an 88. Josh Freeman shot a 92.

According to Coach Philip Stegall, "Parker played a good round

today. Team score was much better. We still just need to get better in our short game."

On September 4, PC shot a team score of 375 at Olde Mill Golf Club, coming in 6th in a field of 7. Gregory shot an 87, Roop shot a 95, Riley Belcher shot a 96, and Worley shot a 97. Coach Stegall said, "Carter played one of his best rounds of the season today on a tough golf course."

Varsity Volleyball Gets Home Win



Jayden Callahan goes up for the kill.

By Ashlee Mullis
The Lady Cougars got another win Thursday, September 5, in 3 sets against Dan River, 25-21, 25-

14, 25-22. Lilly Hazelwood had 9 kills, 2 blocks, and 5 digs. Clifton had 7 kills, 11 digs, and 3 aces. Moore had 6 aces, 19

Lady Cougars Volleyball wins home opener



Sydney Tatum blocks a Bassett spike.



Lily Hazelwood hits past the Bengal blockers.



The Cougar student section reacts to a point won.



Eliza Clifton spikes through the block.

By Pat Delaney
The Patrick County High School Lady Cougars remained unbeaten in their home opener, beating Bassett in three sets, 25-23, 25-13, 25-21, on September 3. The win brought the Lady Cougars' record to 3-0 on the season.

The first set was a nail-biter, with neither team able to maintain any momentum. The Lady Cougars fell behind early, 2-7. After fighting back to a 12-all tie, they would not trail again in the set. Bassett kept it close, but Patrick County held off the Lady Bengals to finish the set 25-23.

In the second, the Lady Cougars stormed out to a 10-3 lead with good hitting and not giving the Lady Bengals many easy points. The Lady Cougars never allowed Bassett to get close and finished the set 25-13.

Early on, the third set was much like the first, with both teams trading points. After a 4-4 tie, The Lady Cougars pulled out to a 5-point lead at 11-6, and didn't allow the lady Bengals any multiple point runs big enough to close the gap to less than a couple

points. The Lady Cougars took the set 25-21 for the match win.

"It was a good team win," said Lady Cougar coach Heidi Moore following the game.

While happy with the win, Moore also saw areas that the team needs to improve. "We hit way too many balls out of bounds. We need to work on that throughout the season. Balls that we hit out should have been in, making them (Bassett) have a playable ball instead of an easy point."

Coach Moore likes her team's progress through three games. "I still think we could play better, but I think we're going in the right direction for this season. They're a lot of fun to coach. They're trying. They're giving everything they've got on every point."

Leading the way for Patrick County was Jayden Callahan with 10 kills, 7 digs, and an ace. Eliza Clifton added 8 kills, 4 digs, an ace and a block.

Camille Gonzalez had 27 assists and 5 kills. Journey Moore chipped in 6 kills, 9 digs and 5 assists. Madison Scott finished with 4 aces and 7 digs.

Crossing the Lines

News snippets from outside the town/county lines...

Grad details journey at recent ceremony

Jamie Lynn Elgin was the sole graduate at the Adult Recovery Court graduation ceremony held on Thursday, August 29.

DeShanta Hairston, Public Information Officer for Piedmont Community Services (PCS), explained that the Adult Recovery Program is a voluntary initiative aimed at reducing incarceration rates by offering an alternative path to recovery. "It brings together treatment providers, law enforcement, probation officers, defense attorneys, prosecutors, and judges to support participants in overcoming addiction. The program emphasizes accountability and evidence-based approaches tailored to each individual, providing a comprehensive solution to the complex issue of substance abuse," Hairston said.

After receiving her diploma, Elgin shared her journey, reflecting



From left, Leanne Martin, Jamie Elgin, and Circuit Court Chief and Presiding Judge G. Carter Greer at Elgin's Adult Recovery Court graduation.

on a tumultuous past. "At 13 years old and up until a year and six months ago, I was a victim of numerous tragedies. I lost my daughter, my best friend, and my mother within a few months.

"I was married for 20 years to a man who fell into addiction. I didn't understand addiction back then, and he succumbed to a heroin overdose and mental health issues in 2019. And that's just the tip of the iceberg," Elgin said.

She explained that she began using pain medication in 2008 for

health issues but fell into deeper addiction around 2013, hitting what she thought was rock bottom in 2019. "But it wasn't rock bottom. My addiction worsened. I turned to street drugs, becoming a liar, thief, and manipulator. I lost everything, including my family, children, and father," Elgin said.

During her time in jail, Elgin initially blamed others for her troubles. "Hurt people, hurt people. After being homeless, broken, and addicted, I was placed on probation," she said.

COPE Experience highlights challenges of poverty

The Cost of Poverty Experience (COPE), an interactive simulation designed to immerse participants in the realities of poverty, debuted in Martinsville on August 28, with several organizations taking part in the 2.5-hour simulation that explored the lived experience of poverty firsthand through the eyes of real families.

According to Pamela Chitwood, who facilitated the events, the training was a response to the changes in how clients access resources and services since the COVID-19 pandemic.

Chitwood, of the West Piedmont Health District (WPHD), noted that services including vaccinations have expanded to include such outreach as telemedicine, mobile clinics, and other touchless contact methods.

Participants were divided into family units based on real-life scenarios from surveyed families, each facing unique crises. Common challenges included only one breadwinner in the home - which could easily push a family into poverty.

"This was impactful because one wrong move could have resulted in an eviction or lights out. My family unit was extremely lucky; even with some hard decisions and situations, we ended the simulation with a bit of money still in the bank," said Sharon



Jon and Nikolette Antoniuk helped bring the COPE Experience to Martinsville.

Cobbler, a childcare business development specialist.

Cobbler's family unit included native Spanish speakers, limiting job opportunities due to language barriers. She also faced transportation issues, a common struggle for many families in poverty.

"Families faced continuous roadblocks, making it tough to make ends meet," Cobbler added. "I encountered language barriers and transportation issues that hindered our progress."

Community Engagement Coordinator Brandi Lawless, who played a key role in bringing the experience to Martinsville, recalled that her supervisor "became interested in the experience about six months ago and attended it virtually."

Miles in Martinsville prepares for Harvest Moon Run



Alfredo Huerta leaps over the finish line. (Contributed)

The Harvest Moon Run is an annual event returning after taking a break in 2023 on September 13. The event is put on by Miles in Martinsville, who puts on several local races a year. The event gives runners the choice between a 5K and 8K, with a music and beer festival to mark the end of the night.

The event started in 2014 and is The Martinsville Miles's only race that can go into the dark. "Somebody came up with the idea of celebrating around the Harvest Moon and making it an evening race," said promoter Joe Philpott.

Philpott said the race originally had the title "Dancing on Depo Street," attached to it to help reflect the festive atmosphere.

Then, organizers "encouraged people to come out and dance, and the kids had light rings around their necks. The race starts when the actual Harvest Moon occurs astrologically," Philpott said. "The race happens on Friday and will proceed on that date."

The race date varies, sometimes occurring as late as October. "We try to set the starting time around 7 p.m., unless it's in October, then we have to set it earlier, or you're running totally in the dark."

Philpott said that runners who plan to spend more than an hour on the course should bring a source of light for safety. "It's kind of fun in that regard. Most people, when they finish, it's still twilight, but by the

time we get around to the awards ceremony, it's dark."

Philpott said that it's "kind of a party atmosphere" and that there will be music acts, food by Hugo's, and beer from Renewal Brewing. Youngsters are welcome and expected, and the Arts and Culture Committee will collaborate with the event to bring crafts to the event, along with offering volunteers.

The race itself has the most entrants in the 5K segment and has both downhill and uphill stints. "Typically, for the 5-k, you are going to see people running between 17 to 20 minutes to win," Philpott said, expecting many to be in the 30-minute range, especially since the race welcomes joggers and walkers.

The 8K segment has fewer runners, and he expects those runners to finish within 30 to 35 minutes. Previously, the 8K was a 10K, but after part of the trail collapsed, the race was amended to accommodate the repairs.

"Typically, we would see 75 to 150 people in the two races. It varies from year to year," Philpott expects to see around 120 people, with "around 70 in the 5K and the rest in the 8K."

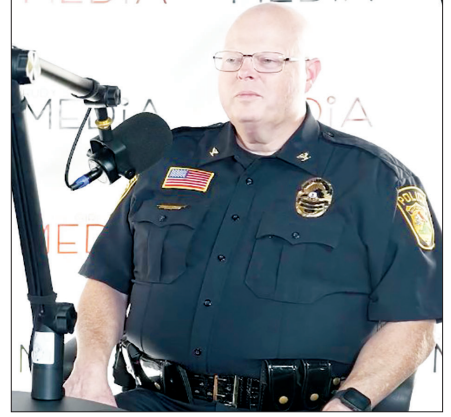
Philpott recommends that runners always train before races, especially due to the hills on the race. "If all you're doing is running a flat two miles around your neighborhood daily, it's not going to get you ready for that course. If you're going to race hills, you need to train on hills."

Police chief reports uptick in scams

Scams are on the rise nationwide, and local residents are not exempt, according to Martinsville Police Chief Robert "Rob" Fincher, who is urging residents to be vigilant with suspicious emails, phone calls, and social media friend requests, especially those involving money.

"Unfortunately, fraud is a big problem everywhere right now," Fincher said, describing scammers as "trust violators." He noted that technology has ushered in a new era of fraud, providing easy access to personal information.

"We like to have information at our fingertips, such as access to our bank accounts and credit card numbers on our phones. This convenience opens the door to those who wish to cause harm," Fincher explained. The concern over fraud has intensified with technological advancements.



Martinsville Police Chief Robert "Rob" Fincher.

Fincher highlighted that older individuals are often targeted. "We see calls to individuals posing as a relative or someone they know, claiming they are in trouble or need assistance," he said. Some scammers even impersonate police officers to solicit money for a relative's release.

SPCA Launches First-Ever 'Fur Fair'

The SPCA of Martinsville Henry County will host its inaugural Fur Fair on Saturday, September 14, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., with several free activities, as part of its 50th anniversary celebration, and to thank the community for its longstanding support.

"This is a public celebration from the SPCA as a way to say thank you for your continuous support throughout the years," said Caroline Frith, director of development and communications. Unlike the annual gala, this event is free and accessible to everyone.

The event will feature informational posters about the SPCA's achievements. "We have saved over 40,000 lives in 50 years. This celebrates how many lives we've saved and how many we will save in the future," Frith said.

The Fur Fair will include vendors with animal-themed products, food, kid-friendly activities, K-9 demonstrations, and a dog show. The shelter will be closed



Nicole is the SPCA's current longest resident. (Contributed)

during the event, with all adoptable dogs brought to the fair to meet visitors.

"We will be bringing over every adoptable dog to the event," said Caroline Gupton, chief operations officer.

Frith added that the agency currently has several large breed dogs. "We are running an adoption special up to the day of the event and at the event. Adult dogs are free, and puppies are \$80."

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Raiford Garland Turman

Mr. Raiford Garland Turman, age 85 of Meadows of Dan, Virginia passed away at his home on Thursday, September 5, 2024. He was born in Laurel Fork, Virginia on June 3, 1939, to the late Golden Orbie Turman and Lillian Emma Epperson Turman. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Janelda Hall Turman; two brothers, Douglas Turman and wife, Becky, and Roy Turman; and one sister, Gwendola Turman Tilley and husband, Garland. Raiford faithfully served in the United States Army. He was a member of Mountain Home Masonic Lodge #263 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1115. He had retired from American



Electric Power Company with over twenty years of service. He loved farming, hunting, and raising a garden. He will be remembered as a loving husband, devoted father, adoring grandfather, caring brother, uncle, and friend.

Left to cherish the memories of Raiford Turman are his wife, Evelyn Mitchell Turman of the home; two children,

Johnnie B. Roberson

Johnnie B. Roberson, age 80, of Stuart, passed away on Saturday, September 7, 2024. He was born on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25, 1943, to the late John Warden and Crystal Fain Roberson. Johnnie graduated from Stuart High School in 1962 and worked for AD Hopkins/LE Hutchens for 29 years and later retired from Moody Funeral Home with over 20 years of service. In 1968 he married Helen Williams, and they had four children. Helen passed away in 2018. Johnnie is also predeceased by two sons, an infant Kevin Brent Roberson (1973) and his twin, Kim Brian Roberson (2020); siblings James Roberson, Ray Roberson, Sr., Gilmmer Roberson, Charlene Williams, Shirley Trent, Frankie Roberson and Murray Roberson, Sr.



Johnnie was known for his keen sense of humor, that always prevailed, his willingness to do anything for anyone, and for being a true southern gentleman. He enjoyed pitching horseshoes with his family and life-long friend

James Ingle. He was an avid squirrel and deer hunter and had caught citation-sized trout. He also enjoyed riding four wheelers and took pride in his vegetable garden and yard. Johnnie is survived by his daughter, Pamela (Kevin) Smith of Ararat and his son, Stan (Shannon) Roberson, of Stuart, six grandchildren, Trea (Holly) Nowlin, Jon (Ashley) Nowlin, Dallas Roberson, Melanie (Hylton) Scott, Brooke Roberson and Maria Roberson, a step-granddaughter, Taylor (Timothy) Pruitt, and two great-grandchildren, Rhett Nowlin and Denver Nowlin; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Willodean Roberson, Frances Roberson, Opal Hughes, Opal Williams,

David Eugene Bowman

David Eugene Bowman, age 64 of Stuart, passed away Saturday, August 31, 2024, at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital. He was born in Elkton, Maryland to the late James Parson Bowman and Etta Mae Bowman. In addition to his parents, Mr. Bowman was preceded in death by a sister, Barnetta Bowman. He moved to Stuart in 1989 and was a heavy equipment operator. He enjoyed being outside, especially fishing. He was a caring son, a loving brother.



He is survived by a son, Ryker Johnston; siblings, Beulah Amos of Stuart, Melba Curtis of Stuart, Johnny Bowman of Elkin, Maryland, James Bowman of Elkin, Maryland, Mary F. Benjamin of North East, Maryland, Cal-

vin Bowman of Stuart, Brenda Woodward of Stuart, Mary L. Chasteen of Stuart, Randy Bowman of Stuart and Judy Wyatt of Stuart. He was a super great partner to Mariam Boyd of Stuart.

A private graveside service for Mr. Bowman will be held in the Bowman Family Cemetery. Moody Funeral Home in Stuart is handling the arrangements, and online condolences may be sent by visiting www.moodyfuneralservices.com.

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The family would like to extend a special thanks to his caretakers, Kelsey Martin and Mitzie Wagner, along with the staff on the Memory Care Unit at The Landmark Center in Stuart.

Jean Catherine Hancock Gilley

Jean Catherine Hancock Gilley, formerly of Stuart, Va., and recently of Mechanicsville, Va., completed her earthly journey, age 91 years, and was called to the waiting embrace of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Thursday, September 5, 2024. She was a life partner in service to the Lord with her husband, the late Reverend Fred Thomas Gilley, Sr. Jean fulfilled the duties of parson's spouse, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and first grade teacher with tireless devotion, unflinching commitment, and boundless love. Mrs. Gilley's career in public school education spanned 39 years of full-time teaching in various Virginia school systems and 16 years of nearly full-time, part-time substitute teaching in Patrick County, Va. Mrs.



Gilley was preceded in death, after 66 years of marriage, by her husband Fred, Sr., sons Fred Thomas Gilley, Jr., and Helms Moran Gilley, her parents, the late Henry Forrest Hancock and Myrtle Helms Hancock, formerly of Vesta, Va., her sisters, Mrs. Jeraldean "Jerry" Hancock Harrell (William "Bill" D., dec.), Mrs. Anne Hancock Underwood (Fred D., dec.), Mrs. Betty Jo Hancock Ayers (Ellis E., dec.), and brother Michael F. Hancock (Lucinda). Jean is survived by her sister, Mrs. Irene Hancock Morrow (Rodger W., dec.), son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey F. Gilley and Elena S. Gilley, four grandchildren, one great-grandchild, truly loving and supportive extended Hancock and Gilley Families, sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, and many nieces and nephews. Jean and Fred are both survived by a wonderful, caring "adopted daughter" who helped them both beyond measure in their later lives, Ms. Sue Bleckley of Stuart, Va.

Jean was born August 6, 1933, near Rocky Knob, Floyd County, Virginia delivered at home by a midwife per stories told by her mother Myrtle. She was the eldest of the 6 children born to her parents. After her birth and the arrival of siblings, her parents moved to the Vesta area. She attended Mountain View Church in her childhood and early teen years. Jean attended Meadows of Dan School through 10th grade, and completed a college preparatory high school

curriculum and junior college at (former) Ferrum Jr. College in Rocky Mount, Va. She later transferred to Lynchburg College (University) where she earned her 4-year degree, Class of 1954. Jean subsequently earned a Master of Arts degree from Longwood College (University), Farmville, Va. Jean and her husband Fred both benefitted from the Ferrum tuition assistance program of the time which were the school dairy and produce farms, kitchen, and other work which supported the operation of the school regardless of the socio-economic status of the student; every student worked. After eloping with her sweetheart Fred from her Ferrum days, marrying on October 9, 1954, and teaching one school year in Patrick County, 1954-1955, she and her husband accepted their first charge appointment in the Virginia Methodist Conference, Clover-Scottsburg in Halifax County, Virginia. Her first son was born during this first Conference assignment in November 1955, and she taught for the Halifax Co. School System. An appointment in Nokesville, Va. followed where she taught in the Cattle School, Fauquier Co. Her classroom was heated with a wood stove which Jean had to personally stoke. Appointment to the NC Conference in Raleigh, NC while her husband attended seminary followed along with the birth of her second son (1962). Subsequent Virginia Conference appointments were Dry Fork where she taught in the Pittsylvania Co. school system, Keysville, Va., teaching in the Charlotte Co. school system, the North Amelia Charge (Epworth, Salem, and Holly Hills), continuing tenure with the Jean H. Gilley Obit, 5 Sep 2024 Charlotte Co. school system after a year break for the birth of her third son (1968), Gordonsville, VA and Salem and Vinton, VA. Jean sang in the choirs of charge appointments and also played piano during many assign-

ments. She participated in Methodist Women, Methodist Youth, and all of the various Church activities at all of the appointments during her husband's active ministry with the Virginia (United) Methodist Conference. When her husband became a "full-time, part-time" minister with local churches in Patrick County after his retirement from the Virginia Conference, Jean was a full participant in the activities at each ecumenical calling.

The Reverend Thomas Shepherd, pastor of the Stuart Church of Living Water, will lead the life celebration service for Jean at the Moody Funeral Services Chapel in Stuart at 3:00 pm, Sunday, September 8th, 2024. Visitation with family will occur an hour and a half prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations in memory of Jean be made to Alzheimer's research, Stuart Church of Living Water, or to charitable good works of the donor's choice.

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Deception comes in sequence

By Van Yandell

Genesis 27: 5-6 & 9 “And Rebekah heard when Isaac spoke to Esau his son. And Esau went to the field to hunt for venison, and to bring it. And Rebekah spoke unto Jacob her son, saying, Behold, I heard thy father speak unto Esau thy brother. Go now to the flock, and fetch me from thence two good kids of the goats; and I will make them savory meat for thy father.”

Jesus told us in The Olivet Discourse (Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21) beware of the deceivers. Matthew 24: verses 4, 11 and 24 warn us. Deceptions are end time prophecies that many believe we are experiencing now.

Suspicion has become a way of life. Many of us have come to the realization we have been deceived, are being deceived and will continue to be deceived.

Deception does not always come quickly. It comes in stages and a “one small step at a time” approach. Those that conspire to deceive know very well that to try to “tell a really big lie” will not succeed even with a populace of limited intelligence.

Changing the thinking of a people group must be done gradually and with intentional, deliberate methodology. The desired change in attitudes will not come quickly and the perpetrators know that.

We have also noticed, if the deceivers really believe their lie, they are even more convincing. Perhaps they have also been manipulated.

A statement by Hannah Arendt, German historian and philosopher (1906–1975), speaks volumes and should get the attention of the most simple minded of the deceived. “This constant lying is not aimed at making the people believe a lie, but at ensuring that no one believes anything anymore.

A people that can no longer distinguish between truth and lies cannot distinguish between right and wrong. And such a people, deprived of the power to think and judge, is, without knowing and willing it, completely subjected to the rule of lies. With such a people, you can do whatever you want.”

This quote from Hannah Arendt paints a perfect picture of America today. The deceptors may or may not know they are promoting mistruths. We can never know the true purpose of someone deceiving the population but a lie is a lie, intentional or otherwise.

The deception initiated by Rebecca and Jacob to take the birthright and blessing from Esau was an example in Biblical history of how deceptions have been in practice for thousands of years. Their action changed Jewish history and the change is still in effect.

Jacob was Rebecca's favorite son and Esau was favored by Isaac. Rebecca preferred Jacob receive the birthright and blessing of his father and plotted to gain those for him. Deception was in action!

To believe a lie will somehow correct itself is naïve and short-sighted. In the case of Arendt's generation, the truth may have eventually manifested itself but six million Jews are still dead. “I'm sorry” may appease a few but when the damage is done, the damage is done. It is usually difficult to foresee

the purposes of the manipulators or even to know “we” are being conditioned into a specific mindset. When their purpose is realized by the general population the purpose may already be accomplished and is, for the most part, unchangeable.

Jesus said in Matthew 24: 9 “Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.” The hatred toward Christians is becoming increasingly evident because deceptions are alive and in action.

Many have asked throughout the centuries, “Why would people hate Christians?” In today's world of permissiveness and the “anything goes” attitude, the rulebook for mankind (The Holy Bible) is rejected because it does not conform to the preferences and notions of a perverted generation.

Christians are seen by many as a hate group because we stand for the teachings of God and try to adhere to the Biblical standards of right and wrong.

Several of the human preferences in today's world are referred to as abominations. An abomination is slapping God in the face and saying, “God, I know more about this than you do.”

These attitudes have bred deceptions to turn the world from God in order to make the population accept anti-God beliefs.

Our beliefs are influenced by those we have been exposed to. Parents probably influence their children much more in their attitudes and emotional reactions than they are aware of.

In retrospect, I must consider my dad's unintentional teachings to me. He intentionally taught me plumbing, electrical and other building trades. But he unintentionally taught me many other concepts and behaviors I was not aware of, such as work ethic, honesty, love of Jesus and courtesy.

We can never let down our guard to the false teachings concerning our Creator God. The God of the Bible is the only true God that proves Himself through His scriptures. His wisdom and knowledge to those of us that choose to believe is convincing through prophesy and the many other conceptual elements of scripture.

The Bible contains scientific, educational and nutritional knowledge that only our Creator could have known when the Bible was written. I personally consider that to be proof of the authenticity of the Bible.

It seems evident to many, the Holy Bible is the only truthful and reliable source of information mankind has. It is our only teaching of right and wrong and eternal salvation. Why would anyone question the validity of the scriptural plan of eternal salvation?

Eternal life is attained by a faith based belief (Ephesians 2: 8) in Christ Jesus crucified (Matthew 27: 35) for the remission of sin (1 John 1: 9) and resurrected (Matthew 28: 6).

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BIBLE TRIVIA

BY WILSON CASEY

1. Is the book of Judges (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Which scripture contains, “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death”? Ruth 4:10, Job 7:2, Psalm 23:4, Amos 1:1
3. Though lame on both feet, what descendant of Saul continually ate at King David's table? Mareshah, Methusael, Micah, Mephibosheth
4. Under what type of tree would the children of Israel come to Deborah for judging? Palm, Sycamore,

Fig, Cypress

5. From Matthew 8, who was the first woman that Jesus healed? Paul's sister, Naomi, Peter's mother-in-law, Deborah
 6. In 1 Samuel 4, which priest had a son named Ichabod? Agabus, Phinehas, Azariah, Malachi
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The position will remain open until filled. Applicants must be willing to submit to a drug screen and background check. The County of Patrick is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, disability, or age.

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NOTICE OF TAKING EVIDENCE TO DETERMINE VALUE & IDENTITY OF ESTATE ASSETS
n re: Roger Dale Philpott, Sr., Deceased
Patrick County Circuit Court
Case File No.: 220000128
At the request of the Executor of the Estate of Roger Dale Philpott, Sr., deceased, and pursuant to Virginia Code Section 64.2-1209, a hearing has been scheduled for September 23, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., at 6 Moss Street, The Phoenix Building, Martinsville, Virginia, as the time and place for receiving evidence as to the value and identity of assets of the estate.
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Contractors must submit their application on the electronic M7B bidding site at <https://plow4va.vdot.virginia.gov>. All new and returning Contractors must be active in the Virginia eProcurement Portal (eVA) in order to do business with the Commonwealth of Virginia (<https://eva.virginia.gov>).
Applications received by 7:00 PM on Wednesday October 2, 2024, may be eligible for a bonus payment. See the EVA posting for additional information, including contract requirements.
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Meetings

Monday, Sept. 16

The Patrick & Henry Community College (P&HCC) Board will meet at 12:30 p.m. in the Hooker Exhibit Hall of the Frith Economic Development Center.

Tuesday, Sept. 17

The Department of Social Services Advisory Board meets at 3 p.m. in Patrick & Henry Community College's (P&HCC's) community room.

The Patrick County Planning Commission will hold its regular business meeting at 6 p.m. in the community room of Patrick & Henry Community College (P&HCC).

Wednesday, Sept. 18

Rescheduled meeting of the Patrick County School Board, 5:30 p.m. in the School Board Office.

The Stuart Town Council will meet at 7 p.m. in the town office.

Tuesday, Sept. 24

The Patrick County Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) will meet at 4 p.m. at the Patrick County School Board in the Conference Room.

Events

Wednesday, Sept. 11

The Patrick County Food Bank will hold distribution at the Stuart site from 8:30-11 a.m. and from 5-6:30 p.m., at Ararat starting at 8:30 a.m., and at Meadows of Dan starting at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 14

Day Camp 2024 - "The Game of Life," 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Springs of Life Camp & Retreat. Free to attend. Preregistration required at www.springsoflifecamp.org.

Sunday, Sept. 15

The Goard Family Reunion will be held at 1 p.m. at the Patrick Springs Fire Department.

Roger Wells will be in concert at 4 p.m. at Pleasant View Baptist Church in Patrick Springs. All are invited. A love offering will be taken.

Thursday, Sept. 19

The Carroll County Genealogy Club will hold its monthly business meeting at 5 p.m. in the club's library on the left side of the Historical Courthouse in Hillsville. Following a brief business meeting the club will host a special presentation by Emily Bowman, branch manager of the Carroll County Public Library, about the records and books at their facility available for genealogy research. Plenty of parking in the back or on Main Street. Call (276) 266-8016 or email to carroll.va.genealogy@gmail.com, or visit social media.

Friday, Sept. 20

The community food truck will be at Woolwine VFD from 3-4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 21

Mayo Mountain Church will hold a Women's Conference from 2-6 p.m.

Fairystone Volunteer Fire Department will hold a Country Breakfast from 6:30-10 a.m. Dine-in prices for adult plates are \$10 and child plates are \$5. All to go plates are \$10. To place an order, call (276) 930-2113.

Ongoing

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

The Patrick County Alzheimer's Group LLC meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of every month at the Alzheimer's office at 109 Buena Vista Ave in Stuart. New members or volunteers are welcome. For more information, call (276) 693-6018.

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

The Stuart Elementary School Running Club will hit the pavements along the sidewalks in

town on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

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

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

Free Community Meal, every 4th Wednesday, 5 p.m., Raven Rock Wesleyan Church, 1912 Raven Rock Road, Ararat. Take out or dine in. Call Scott or Nann Phillips at (276) 773-6004 or email pastor@ravenrockchurch.org.

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

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

The Willis Gap Community Center: Members Meeting, the first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.; Appalachian Acoustic Open Jam, every Friday. Doors open at 6 p.m. for food. The music and dancing are 6:30-9 p.m.; Golden Oldies Open Jam is on the last Tuesday of the month. Doors open at 6 p.m. for food, music and dancing from 6:30-9 p.m.

Pets of the Week



These two are still waiting for someone to give them a home. The white one is a female with a sweet disposition. The black and white one is a male who can't be around chickens. Both have been waiting a long time and are desperate for a home.

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by Linda Thistle

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More than 50 indictments handed down

Grand jurors handed down more than 50 indictments on September 2, according to records in the Patrick County Court Clerk's Office.

An indictment is not an indication of guilt, but a grand jury's determination that enough evidence exists to warrant a trial.

Those named in the indictments are:

*David Anthony Clark, 41, of Stuart, child endangerment, Feb. 2.

*Greta Anette McAdams, 55, of Stuart, embezzlement, August 1, 2023 through November 30, 2023.

*Charles Thomas Cooper, 36, of Ridgeway, unauthorized use of vehicle, Feb. 5.

*Dakota Ray Goins, 24, of Stuart, forgery of bank note, March 6.

*Dakota Storm Lewis, 20, of Bassett, two counts written threat to kill, Feb. 15.

*Charles Richard Milligan, Jr., 28, of Collinsville, possession of Schedule I or II drugs, March 19.

*Shannon Gray Pack, 32, of Claudville, one count each abduction and unauthorized use of vehicle, April 16.

*James Nelson Thompson, 25, of Bassett, one count each possession with intent to distribute and child endangerment, March 6.

*Mason Wyatt Wasoski, 23, of Stuart, one count each possession of

a firearm while possessing a Schedule I or II drug, possession with intent to distribute, carnal knowledge of a child 13-14 years old, indecent liberties, and distribute <1 oz. marijuana to minor, December 1, 2023 through January 25.

*Travon Devonte Beal, 24, of Martinsville, elude, April 27.

*Elijah Christian Lizana, 23, of Collinsville, one count each strangulation and child endangerment, March 13.

*Keith Douglas Shaver, 69, of Laurel Fork, four counts each indecent liberties - aggravated sexual battery, and two counts object sexual penetration, on or between February 1, 2023 and November 29, 2023.

*Austin Kenneth Bowman, 28, of Stuart, elude, Feb. 20.

*Luther Lee Barnes, 52, of Stuart, grand larceny of a motor vehicle, Feb. 19.

*Dillon James Gustafson, 24, of Ararat, one count each grand larceny and larceny of a firearm, May 1, 2023.

*Daniel Shields Reynolds, 40, of Bassett, one count each arson and attempt to commit 1st degree murder, Dec. 7, 2023.

*Taylor Renee Rorrer-Haynes, 24, of Stuart, one count each unauthorized use of vehicle and grand

larceny of a motor vehicle, April 8.

*William Massie Pritt, Jr., 52, of Spencer, child endangerment, Oct. 29, 2023.

*Samantha Nicole Craddock, 33, of Stuart, break and enter, April 24.

*David Clyde Fain, 51, of Stuart, one count each possession of a Schedule I or II drug and possession of Schedule I or II drugs, March 24 through June 26.

*Jimmy Roosevelt Jones, Jr., 45, of Stuart, one count each grand larceny and break and enter, April 24.

*Kendal Marie Jones aka Kendal Marie Rock-Vainter, 32, of Stuart, break and enter, April 24.

*Albert John Kellenbenz Iii, 47, of Stuart, break and enter, April 24.

*Lawrence McKinley Martin, 69, of Winston-Salem, N.C., obtain money by false pretense, May 8.

*Brandon Garrick Pegram, 33, of Meadows of Dan, one count each possession of ammunition by felon and possession of a firearm by non-violent felon w/in 10 years, June 12.

*Jakeyse Tychon Bostick, 23, of Collinsville, one count each obtain money by false pretense, forgery, and uttering, Sept. 29, 2023.

*Nyzah Antonio Bradley, 22, of Martinsville, one count each obtain money by false pretense, forgery, uttering, Oct. 3, 2023.

*Alexis Danielle Collins, 25, of Mount Airy, NC, possession of Schedule I or II drugs, August 21, 2023.

*Robin Suzanne Criner, 47, of Stuart, possession of Schedule I or II drugs, December 9, 2023.

*Jadakiss Finney-Martin, 22, of Martinsville, one count each obtain money by false pretense, forgery, and uttering, Sept. 29, 2023.

*Tracy Devin Goins, 29, of Stuart, two counts each identify theft and embezzlement, one or between February 16, 2023 through February 15.

*Victoria Kaye Henderson, 42, of Stuart, possession of Schedule I or II drugs, April 6, 2023.

*Shannon Gray Pack, 32, of Claudville, violation of protective order, April 16.

*Amari Pounds, 20, of Martinsville, one count each obtain money by false pretense, forgery, uttering, October 9, 2023.

*Chester Dwayne Vernon, 61, of Martinsville, two counts each indecent liberties, aggravated sexual batteries, and object sexual penetration, on or between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2018.

*Teresina Kitchen Wheeler, 63, of Martinsville, possession of Schedule I or II drugs, December 27, 2023.

FAFSA Blitz offered this month at P&HCC

Patrick & Henry Community College's TRIO Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) will host its month-long 2024-2025 FAFSA Blitz through September 30, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each business day at the TRIO EOC office in the Walker Fine Arts Building.

The FAFSA Blitz offers students an opportunity to receive free assistance completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2024-2025 academic year. In addition to FAFSA completion services, TRIO EOC will provide college advising, referrals, and prizes to students who complete their FAFSA during the event.

Appointments are encouraged, but walk-ins are also welcome. A TRIO representative is in Martinsville on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of each week, at P&HCC's Patrick County Site on



Shirley Williams assists a family in the TRIO office.

September 10 and 24, and at the Franklin Center on September 17. As part of federal reporting requirements, all participating students will be asked to complete the TRIO

"We encourage all eligible students to take advantage of this free service," said Sharon Harris, Program Director for TRIO EOC. "Completing the FAFSA is a crucial step in securing financial aid for college, and our team is here to make the process as smooth and stress-free as possible. This is also a great opportunity to learn about additional resources and support available through the TRIO EOC."

For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact the P&HCC TRIO EOC office on P&HCC's main campus in Martinsville at 276-656-5491, at the Patrick County Site in Stuart at 276-656-0338, or the Franklin Center in Rocky Mount at 540-483-0179.

EOC intake form.

Road closure extended to Oct. 3

The closure of a portion of Goblintown Creek Road (Virginia 635) will continue through Oct. 3, according to an update from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT).

The road will remain closed to through traffic from 0.10 mile from Virginia 57 (Fairystone Park Highway) to 0.40 mile from

Thomas Farm Road (Virginia 788) for a bridge repair and additional work over Goblintown Creek.

A detour and directional signs will be in place to assist commuters.

The road was initially scheduled to re-open on Thursday, September 19.

Three CPR Classes to be offered this fall



Surry Community College is offering three Healthcare Provider-level CPR certification classes that will meet Sept. 27, Oct. 25, and Nov. 22.

Surry Community College is offering three CPR certification classes that will meet in September, October, and November.

The first class will be held on Friday, Sept. 27, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Center for Public Safety, 1220 Slate Street, Mount Airy.

The second class will be held Friday, Oct. 25, from 8 a.m. to noon, at The Yadkin Center, 1001

College Drive, Yadkinville.

The third class will be held Friday, Nov. 22, from noon to 4 p.m., at the Center for Public Safety, 1220 Slate Street, Mount Airy.

This class will certify students with Healthcare Provider-level of CPR. The tuition is \$70.

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Patrick County Master Gardener Association (PCMGA) currently has over 40 members serving a county that is 98% rural, providing education and advice for everything from yard maintenance to flower gardens, vegetable gardens, and orchards.

Here in Patrick County, our Master Gardener program is guided by four principal officers:

- Ed Coleman - President
- Robin Reichelt - Vice President
- Sylvia Cummings - Treasurer
- Denny Jennings - Secretary

Ed Coleman serves as president for the PCMGA. Anyone who meets

Ed can't help but notice how knowledgeable he is. Getting to know him, it is apparent that he is always seeking new opportunities to learn and has a passion for sharing what he learns. He says, "I became a master gardener because I wanted to teach others how to grow their own fruits and vegetables as a way to help reduce food insecurity. The pandemic, the shortages and the inflation that followed highlighted the extent of food insecurity within our community. In response, the Master Gardeners of Patrick County created a demonstration garden, and over the past three years, have provided 24 free workshops for those interested in growing their own produce."

Ed further explains, "Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE) Master Gardeners are volunteers who enjoy sharing their passion for gardening within their communities by providing educational programs. One of our most important activities is teaching others within our community how to create landscapes and gardens that are environmentally friendly and sustainable."

Robin Reichelt serves as Vice President for the PCMGA. She has been with Master Gardeners for 8 years. Robin views gardening as an adventure and a source of joy. She

first joined Master Gardeners in Williamsburg, Va after she retired from teaching 20 years ago. Robin has since moved to Patrick County, and we are fortunate to have her excellent leadership and organizational skills. She describes her early days of gardening as hit or miss. Robin says, "I decided I needed more knowledge to become more successful. Also becoming a Master Gardener allowed me a place and time to meet with new people with similar interests to me. Lastly, it gave me a chance to give back to the community."

Sylvia Cummings serves as treasurer for the PCMGA. She has been with the organization since 2015. Sylvia was inspired to garden by her grandmother and wanted to carry on her tradition of gardening vegetables. But more than that, Sylvia is proud that her activities benefit her community. She says, "We can give to deserving people and organizations. Learning gardening is rewarding, but writing a scholarship check makes you happy to help someone in life." Never short on enthusiasm, she adds, "I was born in Patrick County - raised here - love living here. I'm probably the best free-walking publicity for Patrick County there is."

Denny Jennings serves as Secretary for the PCMGA. She completed her training just last year. Denny says, "I wanted to study gardening to expand my knowledge and abilities on our forever-home property. But I quickly learned that this program is much more involved. As I became more involved with the organization, I was impressed by the clear focus of our group as a

help to our community. Education is the key factor. As I learned more about nature and horticulture, I discovered that the members had a wealth of knowledge about all things gardening. Our projects provide gardens and learning areas, but the major focus is always educating the public and being a valuable resource for our community."

Denny is an active volunteer, helping to beautify uptown Stuart with our many community gardens. She also coordinates a partnership with Solutions To Empower People (STEP), a community agency that provides resources and meals to our senior citizens.

I think she speaks for all of us when she says that PCMGA allows its members to continue to be lifelong learners, providing a warm and welcoming gardening family of friends dedicated to the growth and enrichment of our community.

We hope you will come grow with us.

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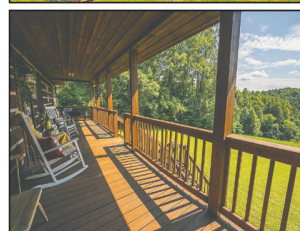
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Arrests Reported

The Patrick County Sheriff's Office reported the following:

*Brent Russell Barnes, 49, of Stuart, was charged Aug. 28 with drive while intoxicated, 1st offense, drugs. Senior Deputy J.S. Kendrick was the arresting officer.

*Michael D'Angelo Hairston, 29, of Martinsville, was charged Aug. 28 with fail to turn in to jail. Senior Deputy J.C. Fortner was the arresting officer.

*Zachary Ty Johnson, 27, of Stuart, was charged Aug. 28 with one count each attempted malicious wounding and assault. Senior Deputy M.R. Hodges was the arresting officer.

*Leslie George Service, 64, of Critz, was charged Aug. 28 with one count each maliciously shoot/throw into an occupied building and reckless handling of a firearm. Senior Deputy A. Kinney was the arresting officer.

*Joseph Eugene Dodd, 28, of Stuart, was charged Aug. 29 with fail to appear. Roanoke County made the arrest for Patrick County.

*Daniel Wayne Reynolds, 70, of Patrick Springs, was charged Aug. 29 with one count each possess firearm by convicted violent felon and convicted felon carrying conceal weapon. Inv. J.W. Kruse was the arresting officer.

*Allen Michael Bowman, 26, of Stuart, was charged Sept. 1 with assault. Sgt. L.K. Carroll Jr. was the arresting officer.

*Gary Lee Taylor, 35, of Bassett, was charged Sept. 1 with drive while intoxicated. Deputy Emily Vernon was the arresting officer.

*Melissa Ann Simmons, 47, of Pat-

rick County Jail, was charged Sept. 3 with probation violation. Sgt. J.D. Lewis was the arresting officer.

*David Michael Shupe, 39, of Rural Retreat, was charged Sept. 3 with fail to appear. Deputy J.L. Fain was the arresting officer.

*Troy Wayne Taylor, 43, of Greensboro, NC, was charged Sept. 3 with one count each drive while intoxicated and reckless driving. Senior Trooper L. D'Albero was the arresting officer.

*Steven Ray Joyce, 50, of Stuart, was charged Sept. 3 with one count each fail to appear, possess Sch. I or II drugs, and attempt to flee from law enforcement officer (LEO). Deputy C.L. Adkins was the arresting officer.

*Bobby Nathaniel Courtney, 26, of Spencer, was charged Sept. 3 with probation violation. Henry County made the arrest for Patrick County.

*Samuel Odell Coleman, 39, address unavailable, was charged Sept. 4 with probation violation. Senior Deputy A. Kinney was the arresting officer.

*Billy Jo Hall, 47, of Stuart, was charged Sept. 4 with three counts probation violation and one count fail to appear. Senior Deputy C. Gilbert made the arrest for Henry County.

*Michael Wayne Kessler, 46, of Patrick County Jail, was charged Sept. 4 with eight counts of probation violation. Deputy D. Celozzi made the arrest for Henry County.

*Trey Luke Bowman, 20, of Ararat, was charged Sept. 4 with DWI. Senior Trooper L. D'Albero was the arresting officer.

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