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## Efforts underway to help those affected by storm

By Debbie Hall and Taylor Boyd

Hurricane Helene bore down on areas of Tennessee, Georgia, North Carolina, West Virginia and Virginia on Friday, cutting a swath of devastation and major flooding after making landfall in Florida. By Monday, local agencies, businesses and others were working to help those in hard hit areas like Asheville, N.C.

The Patrick County Food Bank and Food Country in Stuart loaded water and paper products that will be sent to those in need in Asheville N.C. For more information, call (276) 694-6300.

Disaster Relief Food Ministry, Inc., will be accepting donations to fill the truck as many times as needed to get the supplies to Asheville NC. The group will have a pickup truck parked this week inside EMI Imaging's gate in Stuart (See Efforts Underway p. 3)



Water and paper products will be taken to those in need in Asheville N.C. The Patrick County Food Bank and Food Country in Stuart worked to load the items Monday.



Department chiefs and captains with supplies purchased with the proceeds of a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant.

## Fire departments use FEMA grant to buy needed supplies

By Taylor Boyd

Four local volunteer fire departments were awarded a Federal Emergency Management Agency

(FEMA) grant worth \$725,400 for the purchase of needed equipment including self-contained breathing

(See FEMA Grant p.2)

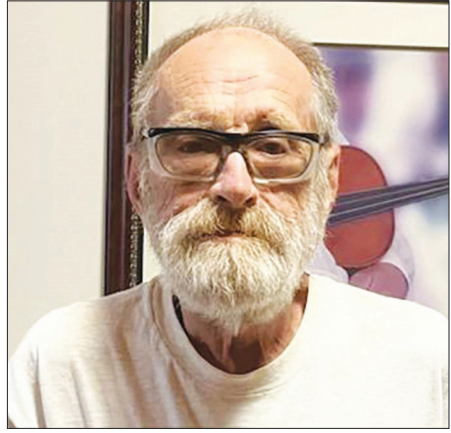
## Finances, transparency top Ferring's priorities

By Taylor Boyd

Steve Ferring, 81, is running for the Dan River District seat on the Patrick County Board of Supervisors in November. Ferring will face Andrew Overby in a race to complete the remaining year of the term vacated by Brandon Simmons earlier this year.

Ferring believes Patrick County's biggest challenge is its lack of resources needed to attract new businesses. He emphasizes the need for better infrastructure, including improved roads and broadband access.

"We need housing and infrastructure to attract light industry and distribution. Right now, we only



Steve Ferring

have one effective road serving Stuart, and broadband is still lacking," (See Ferring p.3)

## Financial issues, communication top Overby's campaign priorities

By Taylor Boyd

Andrew Overby, 42, is running for the Dan River District seat on the Patrick County Board of Supervisors, where he will face Steve Ferring in the November election. Overby said the county's financial struggles as a key challenge, particularly the need for debt reduction.

"At the end of the day, we have significant financial obligations, and there's concern that both the school system and the county are spending too much," Overby said.

(See Overby p.3)



Andrew Overby

## Annual Civil War Encampment set for the weekend



The annual Civil War Encampment & Living History Weekend is set for Saturday October 5 and Sunday October 6.

By Taylor Boyd

The annual Civil War Encampment & Living History Weekend is set for Saturday October 5 and Sunday October 6. Sponsored by the J.E.B. Stuart Birthplace Preservation Trust, the event will take place at Laurel Hill, the birthplace of Confederate Major General J.E.B. Stuart.

Gates will open at 9 a.m. and parking is free. Admission is \$8 per person, but those 12 and under enter for free.

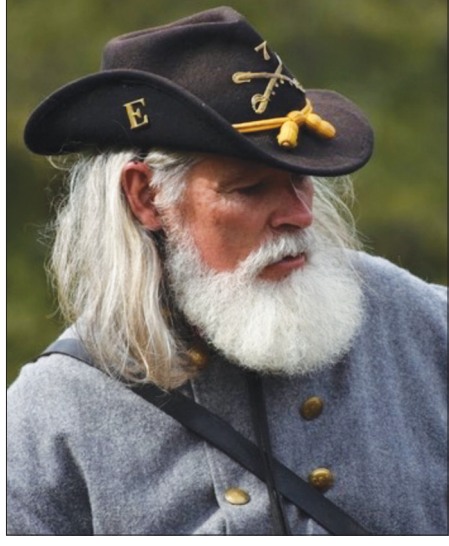
Trust member Tom Bishop said the event will include battle scenes on both Saturday and Sunday by authentic Civil War reenactors.

"We have on premises Civil War generals such as Robert E. Lee and J.E.B. Stuart and then they interact with people and tell their stories from the past. We have a Jefferson Davis reenactor," he said.

There will also be a women's fashion show, a women's tea, a Saturday night dance, a Sunday morning church service, String Band Music, and multiple vendors.

"It's sort of like a homecoming because a lot of these people gather from year to year at this very notable site, which is J.E.B. Stuart's birthplace and see each other and just have a good time weather permitting," he said.

Bishop said the encampment, which has been going on for more than 30 years, is a step back in time as women will be dressed in era appropriate attire and men will be in Civil War uniforms.



Civil War battle scenes will be reenacted on both Saturday and Sunday.

"Flags flying, and horses, and cannons – the cannons are pretty impressive, they use those in the battle scenes," he said.

Bishop believes the Encampment is a great opportunity for people to experience and see a Civil War site in Patrick County and learn about J.E.B. Stuart, the namesake of the Town of Stuart.

Sometimes, Bishop said, a Stuart family member will show up during the event. While he doesn't know if one will appear this year, in past years they have made several appearances.

For more information, go to [www.jebstuart.org](http://www.jebstuart.org) or [Facebook.com/JEB.Stuart.Trust](https://www.facebook.com/JEB.Stuart.Trust).

## Squad to restart part-time paid staff next week, Breakfast fundraiser set for Saturday, Oct. 5

By Taylor Boyd

Jeb Stuart Volunteer Rescue Squad is set to restart paid time staff on a part-time basis on Monday, October 7.

Captain Derek Wagner said the paid staff will run 10-hour shifts, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week.

He estimates there will be three or four part-time staff. Wagner will remain a volunteer with the rescue squad.

We're going to have "just one paid from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., then we're going to partner a volunteer with that paid person because it takes two people to run a call," he said. At night, "we'll just volunteer as we can. From 5 p.m. to 7 a.m. the next morning volunteers will run (calls) from home."

To fund the paid staff, Wagner said the squad sold some assets, including an ambulance and a cardiac monitor.

"We are downsizing a little bit and liquidated some assets. We sold one truck, that was our truck that was over nine years old that had over 150,000 miles on it. It was starting to present itself with a lot of mechanical issues," he said.



Jeb Stuart Volunteer Rescue Squad will restart paid time staff on a part-time basis on Monday, October 7.

The cardiac monitor was sold locally.

Wagner said the squad is excited to start its paid staff back up, even though it's part time.

"It was nice to be able to get a lot of bills paid off, get everybody caught up. Now, we're ready to get back to work and help cover calls and do what we do best," he said.

During the months when the rescue squad had no paid staff, its volunteers ran about 30-40 calls. Like any volunteer squad, Wagner said volunteers tried to run calls when they could.

"It's not like we weren't trying to run calls during our financial crisis, it's just that we have about five volunteers and all of them work a full-time job, if

not two of three" jobs, "and a lot of the volunteers actually work outside of the county," he said.

Wagner said the squad also plans to hold a community breakfast at the squad building on Saturday, October 5 from 7:30-10 a.m.

"We've just taken the last few months off due to summer vacations and all that. We're just trying to get on back again with our monthly community breakfasts as a fundraiser," he said, adding the events also allow people to just get together and talk over breakfast foods.

Plates will be \$8 each and dine in, carryout, and curb service options are available. Orders can be placed by calling (276) 694-6171.

# FEMA Grant

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Members of the Patrick Springs, Woolwine, Fairystone, and Ararat volunteer fire departments stand in front of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant haul.

apparatus, or air packs, and Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) packs.

Patrick Springs Volunteer Fire Department, Woolwine Volunteer Fire Department, Fairystone Volunteer Fire Department, and Ararat Volunteer Fire Department went in for the grant together.

Patrick Springs Captain Ross Adams said the squads didn't expect to get the grant the first year they applied for it.

"We thought we stood a better chance of adding multiple departments just to broaden the scope of the grant a little bit. We had a grant writer down in Texas writing for us. He did most of the writing, I just helped facilitate the information. He's the one who did a lot of the footwork," he said.

The \$725,400 FEMA award was a 95/5 grant, Adams said, where FEMA awarded the departments 95 percent of the cost, and the departments came up with the remaining five percent of funds needed for the purchase.

"FEMA funded \$690,000, so we came together and split up the \$35,400, paid our part of five percent and it worked out great," he said.

Adams said the squads received 66 air packs, 132 30-year cylinder bottles, 94 masks, eight RIT packs, and eight RIT cylinder bottles.

In addition to saving the county

money, Adams said each department will be set decades.

"It also helps with compatibility so now if we're riding calls with each other we're using the same equipment everybody's familiar with their packs, so it takes the thinking out of it," he added.

Patrick Springs Assistant Chief Clint Weidhaas said Patrick Springs and Woolwine each received 18 air packs each while Fairystone received 14, and Ararat got 16. The amount each department received was based on riding assignments.

"So, every riding position on a fire engine is allotted an air pack, and that's how FEMA looks at it," he said.

As one of Patrick Springs' trucks has six people that can ride it, Weidhaas said it was allotted six air packs by FEMA.

Woolwine Chief Bennette Shuff receiving the supplies means a great deal for his department.

"There's no way we could afford to do this on our own. So, getting a grant, it's tremendous. It means the world to us," he said.

Noting the air packs his department's currently using are both old, and extremely outdated, Shuff said receiving the new packs is wonderful, and noted it will help increase the safety of volunteers.

Shuff said he's currently unsure



Fairystone Volunteer Fire Department Chief Steve Peal helped load up supplies for his department.



Sixty-six air packs, 132 30-year cylinder bottles, 94 masks, eight RIT packs, and eight RIT cylinder bottles were purchased with the \$725,400 FEMA grant.

of what Woolwine will do with its old air packs.

"Maybe we can find some department that is in need of them, we can pass them on down to them," he said.

Ararat Chief DJ Lawson said getting the grant means a whole lot for his department, particularly as the air packs it's been using are a few months from being obsolete.

"They don't make them anymore, they don't make parts for them anymore, so we were in pretty dire need of something for our department. Going in with these other departments, working mutual aid with them, that will help everybody having the same kind of pack and like that," he said.

Getting this many supplies with one grant is also a big opportunity, Lawson said, as a lot of times squads will put it for grants and don't get them.

"This is a big win for the county," he said.

Like the other chief, Fairystone Chief Steve Peal said getting the grant is a great thing.

"We don't have the money. I mean, we're a very poor department, and Ross (Adams) done a tremendous job getting it for us.

Now we got the equipment we just need the people to put it on and use it," he said.

Weidhaas said air packs are used fairly often and are worn while firefighters are fighting structural or vehicle fires or in hazmat situations. They will also be worn while training on fire-ground and search operations.

The air packs themselves are guaranteed to work for life, Weidhaas said.

"So, it doesn't necessarily have a life expectancy on the pack, but through wear and tear after about 10 years they start to receive some decent wear. So, that's why you should always upgrade," he said, adding the air bottles that come on the air packs have a 15-year lifespan because of the composite material they're made of.

Weidhaas said the RIT packs include a mask and a cylinder with enough air for an hour and are used by the RIT team on working fires.

"If you have enough manpower, you will have a group of guys set aside that stand by ready to go outside in case one of us firemen go down inside fighting the fire." They job is "to come in and rescue the firemen," he said.

## Road closure set for Oct. 7

Beginning Monday, October 7, a portion of Virginia 626 (Abram Penn Highway) will be closed to through traffic from 0.50 mile from Virginia 701 (Stella Road) to 0.20 mile from Virginia 810 (Holland-

sworth Drive) for a bridge repair over North Mayo River. Weather permitting, the road will re-open to traffic on Thursday, October 31.

A detour and directional signs will be used to help motorists.

## Arrests Reported

The Patrick County Sheriff's Office reported the following:

\*Keith Allen Charles, 37, of Patrick Springs, was charged Sept. 21 with probation violation. Senior Deputy A. Kinney was the arresting officer.

\*Christopher Wayne Bowman, 36, of Stuart, was charged Sept. 21 with probation violation. Senior Deputy M.R. Hodges was the arresting officer.

\*Justin Lee Justice, 34, of Stuart, was charged Sept. 21 with probation violation. Deputy C.L. Adkins was the arresting officer.

\*Mathew Anthony Brooks, Jr., 29, of Winston-Salem, NC, was charged Sept. 21 with fail to obey court order. Deputy

L. White was the arresting officer.

\*Jeffrey Scott Reynolds, 65, of Stuart, was charged Sept. 22 with assault and battery. Sgt. C.L. Elgin was the arresting officer.

\*Nathaniel Lawrence Barker, 28, of Stuart, was charged Sept. 23 with assault. Sgt. C.L. Elgin was the arresting officer.

\*Dyland McCoy Henderson, 22, address unavailable, was charged Sept. 24 with possession Sch. I or II drugs. Master Deputy M.T. Rorrer was the arresting officer.

\*Roger Lundy Fox, Jr., 52, of Claudville, was charged Sept. 26 with warrant of extradition. Senior Deputy D. Perry was the arresting officer.

\*Nathaniel Law-

rence Barker, 28, of Stuart, was charged Sept. 26 with two counts assaults and one count strangulation. Inv. T. Jessup was the arresting officer.

\*Greta Annette McAdams, 55, of Stuart, was charged Sept. 26 with one count each violation of home electric incarceration, fail to comply with terms of pretrial services, and probation violation. Lt. D.L. Foley was the arresting officer.

\*Tyler Benjamin Dehart, 26, of Patrick County Jail, was charged Sept. 27 with one count each probation violation and contempt of court. Sgt. I.R. Wood was the arresting officer.

## Alzheimer's, Mental Health Awareness event set for Saturday

The Stuart Ruritan Club and Patrick County Alzheimer's Group, LLC have joined forces to present an Alzheimer's and Mental Health Awareness walk on Saturday, October 5 at DeHart Park in Stuart.

The Groovy Color Walk and Bike Run registration of only \$20 will grant each participant a free BBQ meal and swag bag consisting of a T-shirt and other awareness goodies.

Registration for the bike ride will begin at 11 a.m., and kickstands go up at noon. The walk will begin at 1 p.m., with BBQ and hotdogs served throughout the day.

'Color' stations will be set up along the fitness trail to douse the walkers (and runners) with colored chalk. Even though the powdered chalk is non-toxic and harmless, participants will be given goggles in their swag bags to minimize get-

ting anything in their eyes. Participants will also find an awareness bracelet in their swag bags to wear in the event they do not want to be 'colored up' while walking.

Walkers/runners are encouraged to wear a white shirt to get a 'tie-dye' effect while passing through the color stations.

This will be a fun day for both kids and adults alike, while helping to raise awareness for those patients and families suffering with dementia or other mental health issues.

The Patrick County Alzheimer's Group, LLC is celebrating 20-years, and the Stuart Ruritan Club is proud to be a part of this joint venture to help each organization with their efforts in the community.

## Pets of the Week



Lexie is an owner surrender and is sad to be abandoned. She is a pretty merle color. She is shy, but very sweet.

This big red fella was found on Elk Creek Road, in Stuart. If you recognize him, please call the Patrick County Public Animal Shelter (PCPAS) at (276) 694-6259.

You can also visit the shelter in person to meet available pets, or visit its Facebook page. Adoption fees are \$10 and include spay/neuter and a rabies vaccination.

The Patrick Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) provides financial assistance for Patrick residents to have their dogs spayed and neutered. Contact the groups at paws@swva.net or (276) 694-2378 for more information.



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## Efforts Underway

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for drop offs. The truck may remain as long as people want to donate. For additional information, call Jimmy Willard at (276) 229-6272.

• Uptown Stagecoach will be collecting any donations to be sent down to Asheville and surrounding areas affected. Items sought include diapers and wipes, formula, water, nonperishable foods and monetary donations. Any monetary donations to bring fuel down for relief efforts, and can be dropped off at 121 N Main St., Stuart.

Also on Monday, schools were closed in Patrick County due to power outages, as local residents were among the thousands in Appalachian Power's service area without electricity and other essential services.

In a Saturday update – and the most recent available – Appalachian Power expected service would be restored by Monday, Sept. 30, 11 p.m., to the areas of Christiansburg, Fieldale, Stuart, Pulaski and Rocky Mount, Va. Service was expected to be restored on Tuesday, Oct. 1, 4 p.m. for the Roanoke, Va., area; Tuesday, Oct. 1, 11 p.m. for Kingsport, Tenn., and the areas of Bluefield, Glade Spring, Glen Lyn, Grundy, Floyd, Lebanon, Roanoke, Tazewell, Woodlawn and Wytheville, Va.

Most customers without service will have power restored before the above estimates. Customers were encouraged to view the company's outage map or sign up for outage alerts for information on their specific outage.

Restoration may extend further in isolated instances where extensive repairs are needed. As power is restored in Southern West Virginia, workers are moving to join those already working in Southern Virginia and Northeast Tennessee.

Crews will continue to work as safely and quickly as possible.

To help until electricity was restored, Patrick County Schools offered the facilities at Patrick

County High School for showers on Sunday, and provided a hot meal for those who were interested.

"We served 20 meals," Schools Superintendent Jason Wood said. While not a large turnout, he hopes it helped to let people know that people care and will support each other in times of need.

In the aftermath of the storm, the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) stands ready to investigate complaints regarding the gasoline and motor vehicle fuels portion of the Anti-Gouging Act in Virginia. If you suspect price gouging in your area, please submit a report using the form at [www.vdacs.virginia.gov/pdf/pricegouging.pdf](http://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/pdf/pricegouging.pdf).

For price gouging complaints involving other consumer goods or services, e.g. water, ice, food, generators, batteries, home repair materials and services, and tree removal services, please contact the Consumer Protection Section in the Office of the Attorney General at (800) 552-9963 or (804) 786-2042, or visit [www.oag.state.va.us](http://www.oag.state.va.us) and select "Citizen Resources."

"Hurricane Helene's impacts were felt across Southwest Virginia and the impacts are heart wrenching," Gov. Glenn Youngkin said after learning a federal emergency declaration was approved. "Immediately, we went to work to request additional federal assistance on top of the state and local assistance that we are already providing. Thank you to President Biden, Senator Warner, Senator Kaine and Congressman Griffith for their support and continued coordination to provide assistance to Virginians in need."

Youngkin also listed additional resources:

\*For tips on recovering from a disaster, visit [www.ready.gov/recovering-disaster](http://www.ready.gov/recovering-disaster).

\*Additional information on the damage assessment process can be found at [www.fema.gov/disaster/how-declared](http://www.fema.gov/disaster/how-declared).



\*For roadways, report any concerns such as flooding, downed trees or road hazards to VDOT's 24-hour Customer Service Center by visiting [my.vdot.virginia.gov](http://my.vdot.virginia.gov) or calling 800-FOR-ROAD (367-7623).

\*For those who need help with cleanup/debris management you can contact the cleanup hotline for Hurricane Helene at 1-844-965-1386.

\*Contact your local emergency management office for details on local sheltering operations and supply needs at: <https://lemd.vdem.virginia.gov/Public/>.

\*The Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) has more information and resources available on Hurricane Helene. More information can be found on the VDEM website.

## Ferring

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Ferring said.

He also proposes the creation of a county Housing Authority to refurbish or build low-income housing on abandoned properties. "If someone comes for a low-paying job, which is all we have now, where are they going to live? There aren't many options," he said. He believes the Housing Authority could collaborate with the county's Tourism and Economic Development Authority to bring in new businesses.

Ferring wants to fund these initiatives by cutting excess spending from the county's budget. He estimates the county could save about \$400,000 a year by trimming wasteful spending. He highlighted the sheriff's office, alleging it is mismanaged and lacks proper systems, resulting in unnecessary overtime costs. "We could easily cut \$250,000 to \$300,000 from the sheriff's budget without affecting services," Ferring said.

He also advocates for a centralized purchasing department to handle bulk buying of office supplies and equipment for all county departments, which he believes would save costs and "pay for

itself."

Ferring stresses the need for greater transparency in local government, including simplifying the county's budget for public understanding and making it available online. "I want people to easily see where their tax dollars are going," he said.

Ferring supports transparency among county staff, noting they are typically responsive and helpful. "In most cases, you can just ask them a question, and they'll tell you without needing a FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) request," he said.

He believes people move to the county to escape high taxes and a lack of transparency found elsewhere, and he wants to maintain the county's calm atmosphere while making government more efficient.

With a background in banking and finance, Ferring says his experience qualifies him to manage the county's finances. "I'm committed to making sure the Board of Supervisors doesn't raise taxes unless they've proven they're not wasting money," he said.

Ferring proposes freezing property taxes for residents who have lived in the county for 20 years or more, or for those over 65, ensuring their taxes remain the same until the property changes hands.

He also supports town hall-style meetings where residents can directly engage with the board. "You have to be willing to take criticism. That's part of the job," Ferring said.

Addressing campaign issues, Ferring acknowledged that his signs did not meet the "Stand by Your Ad" provision but said he plans to fix this once his computer is repaired.

Ferring's extensive professional background includes 21 years in banking in Chicago and New York, as well as owning a company that built trading systems. Afterward, he worked in systems and network management for smaller corporations before moving to Patrick County, where he now runs Steve's Mower Repair.

He holds an MBA from DePaul University in Chicago and has been married to his wife, Judy, for 60 years. The couple has three children. In his spare time, Ferring enjoys working on cars.

## Overby

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He also believes more oversight is needed for the Department of Social Services (DSS), which has been at risk of state intervention. "We need to get DSS back on track," he added.

Improving communication with residents is another priority for Overby. He criticized the current board for not addressing public concerns effectively.

"As a board and as a county, we don't communicate well with our constituents, and that's something I want to improve," he said. "I don't like the policy of the Board of Supervisors not addressing issues people bring to the board," and if elected, he wants to alleviate some of the frustration residents feel.

To address the county's challenges, Overby advocates for aggressively pursuing grant opportunities. He praised the county's progress with broadband grants, and believes the same approach can be applied to other areas.

Overby also wants to see better budget planning, citing the HVAC system at the Stuart library as an example of poor foresight. "That situation could have been avoided with proper budgeting," he said.

He encourages residents to get more involved in

local government and volunteer for positions on boards and committees, where vacancies are common. "We need more people to step up and help," Overby said.

Transparency is another key issue for Overby. He supports making public information more accessible, particularly for those who may struggle with technology. "We could do a better job publicizing information," he said, emphasizing the importance of accountability in local government.

Overby also sees potential in promoting the county's recreational opportunities and local businesses, which he believes are underpublicized. "There are so many recreational activities and local businesses that people just don't know about," he said.

As a rural community, Overby acknowledges that Patrick County cannot offer the same resources as larger counties, but he believes that maintaining a balance between growth and preserving the county's uniqueness is important. "Some people don't want any change, but you can't stay the same forever. You either improve or you fall behind," he said.

Overby highlighted the need to improve medical services, particularly fire and emergency medical

services (EMS). He advocates for ensuring that the county's resources are being used effectively to serve residents.

Though the county no longer has a hospital, Overby noted that healthcare costs have dramatically increased, and running a hospital in the county isn't feasible. "Healthcare is a business now, and unfortunately, Patrick County can't support a hospital," he said.

Overby believes his experience as a government employee, particularly in managerial roles, makes him a strong candidate. He has worked for the federal government as a supervisor security specialist and previously served as an intelligence analyst in the U.S. Army. His background includes being a contracting officer representative, which he says gives him insight into how government contracts work.

A graduate of Patrick County High School, Overby has completed some college courses. He is married to his wife, Michelle, and they have two children and one stepchild. In his free time, Overby enjoys camping and his passion for firearms.

## Former director of SRRA admits to embezzlement

The former executive director of the Southwest Regional Recreation Authority (SRRA) pleaded guilty in federal court last week to bank fraud and embezzlement associated with her scheme to steal money intended for the Spearhead Trail System within the counties of Buchanan, Dickinson, Lee, Russell, Scott, Tazewell, Wise and the City of Norton.

Melissa Slemple, Rose, 56, of Coeburn, Virginia, waived her right to be indicted and pled guilty to a two-count Information charging her with one count of bank fraud and one count of embezzlement.

The SRRA was established in 2008 to oversee the development and management of the Spearhead Trail System. Spearhead Trails consists of

three outdoor recreation tourism destinations within its complex. The SRRA receives approximately \$1.1 million of general funds per year to operate, including federal funds.

Rose was hired on July 23, 2019, as the Sales and Finance Manager for SRRA. The SRRA Board of Directors promoted Rose to Executive Director in October 2021. As executive director, Rose was responsible for the day-to-day operations of the SRRA and the Spearhead Trail System. She resigned from her position on February 3, 2023, following an investigation concerning embezzlement of SRRA funds.

According to court documents, on January 23, 2023, the SRRA learned that Rose had used SRRA funds for her personal use. Specifically, Rose wrote

\$16,614 in checks drawn on the SRRA's bank account that were purportedly signed by another SRRA board member. The checks were drawn on the SRRA First Bank and Trust Company account and were for the purchase of a residential property priced at \$69,5000 with a \$15,000 down payment. The property was for Rose's personal use. In an attempt to hide her fraud, Rose logged her payments for the residential property into the SRRA's QuickBooks account management system as purchases for "Tools" with "Land Lease for 5 Years on Mountainview Trail for Conex & SXS Storage" written in the description. She also prepared a fraudulent purchase order and a fraudulent lease for the property, again forging a signature of another SRRA employee.

## Letters to the Editor

### Biden-Harris Border Policies - Vol 1

(Fox, Daily Signal, The Federalist, Newsmax, Congressional Budget Office, New York Post)

The Biden-Harris administration's border policy is "America Last."

Over four years, we have seen the results of what happens when the U.S. abandons the law and allows unlimited, illegal and unvetted immigration.

The Biden-Harris created programs that induce migrants from all over the world to journey by air and land to our borders, by making it clear that they will all be released into the country soon after entry.

Figures from the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) show that the U.S. has seen a net gain of more than 10 million illegal aliens since the end of 2020. To manage all this, they pulled Border Patrol agents off their regular duties to process and release aliens. The number of "got-aways" those with criminal records to hide, including terrorists—dramatically increased to over 600,000 a year.

Those supporting this open border argue that it brings only benefits, like more cheap labor and the ability to show our national charity. They deny any link with lower employment or wages for U.S. citizens, and rising crime.

The real consequences of the Biden-Harris border policies and their America-Last philosophy is as follows:

Jobs: According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, in 2023 native-born Americans lost more than 1.3 million jobs while foreign-born workers gained more than 1.2 million jobs. All of the net job growth has gone to foreign-born workers while native-born Americans have

lost a net of 300,000 jobs.

Crime: The media does not just ignore the story of how the Biden-Harris border has affected U.S. states, it actively buries it. On Sept. 6, the New York Post reported that Venezuelan brothers Dixon and Nixon Azuaje-Perez, members of the vicious Tren de Aragua gang and both charged in connection with a July 28 shooting in Aurora, Colorado, are out on \$1,000 bail. They are being "monitored with GPS technology.

Diego Ibarra, accused of murdering nursing student Laken Riley in Georgia back in February, was also monitored with a GPS ankle monitor. Diego, a member of Tren de Aragua cut off his ankle monitor.

The Azuaje-Perez brothers from Venezuela used the DHS' CBP One phone app to book an appointment to show up at a port of entry and be paroled in. There was no real verification of the information they gave to get that appointment, and none when they showed up at the port.

With no way to screen for gang members, sex offenders, or even terrorist suspects, you might suspect that the Biden-Harris administration would be careful about using CBP One parole. But no—they're making it even easier. Now, illegal aliens from across the world can apply from anywhere in Mexico via a virtual private network, and the Mexican government will offer security-escorted bus transport to migrants traveling north for asylum.

The results of the increased crime in the U.S. --Americans Assume the Risks

Pray for our country.  
William Salser  
Stuart, Va.

### Life above all

Almost every election is called the most important ever, and Election 2024 is no exception. For many reasons, Americans on both sides of the political divide think it could determine America's survival. Only God knows for certain, but I do believe the consequences will be far-reaching.

We often think America's destiny is ultimately ours to decide. To some extent, that's true, but the Bible says God is the final authority governing the rise and fall of kingdoms and nations. I don't pretend to understand why God allows certain nations to rise and others to fall, but I do believe His hand is firmly upon history. It is only my opinion, but I also believe a prominent reason God blessed the United States with independence, liberty, and prosperity unlike anything the world had ever known was so He could use America for His Kingdom. Because of God's grace, from its first establishment in 1607, what became the United States has been the greatest missionary force for the Gospel of Jesus Christ in history. Despite Barack Obama's assertion to the contrary, America's character has always been largely Christian. And just as an individual's character influences their future, so does that of a nation.

What defines America's character this election season? Though there are many ways to measure that, I suppose, the issue considered so important it could drive a majority to vote for Donald Trump or Kamala Harris seems like a good metric. At the risk of over-generalization, from the Democrat side it appears ensuring abortion "access" is high on that

list of critical issues. A September 15 guest editorial in the NY Times by a former president of Planned Parenthood—the country's top abortion provider—applauded Harris/Walz for their unapologetic defense of abortion and suggested the strategy for guaranteeing electoral victory would be to turn "the volume up to 11 on abortion." That is, make abortion the number one issue. Abortion was a prominent topic at the Democratic National Convention, at which a mobile Planned Parenthood clinic provided services. The 2024 Democrat Party platform also proudly defends abortion access. On September 20, CNN reported that abortion rights were at the "center" of Kamala Harris' campaign. The Daily Mail reported Harris supports ending the Senate filibuster in order to ensure passage of federal "abortion rights protections." I've heard other commentators suggest abortion will ultimately determine the election outcome, and perhaps that is why Donald Trump has recently softened his opposition.

Is the "right" to abortion truly the fulcrum upon which this election will sway? If it is, what does that say about our national character—that is, what we truly value most as a people? In a 1777 letter to Abigail, John Adams worried that posterity would forget the cost of freedom; if they did, he told Abigail, he would "repent in Heaven" of having sacrificed so much for it. My hope is we choose life above all and not give God reason to repent in Heaven for so richly blessing America.

David Robinette Jr.,  
Patrick Springs

### Project 2025

From a distance, a bomb in a paper bag or a backpack may look harmless, but make no mistake, its purpose is to damage or destroy if detonated. If we examine Project 2025, backed by over 100 conservative organizations and Trump's closest advisors, we find that it is just as dangerous to our democracy. Project 2025 is the blue print for dismantling federal agencies, including those that serve check and balance of powers. So what does it propose to destroy?

Farmers and home owners certainly notice that it calls for the elimination of the National Weather Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Bankers, tellers, and investors should be talking about how the plan eliminates the Federal Deposit Insurance (FDIC) of up to \$250,000 and bank regulations.

The Affordable Care Act would be gone and Medicare cuts. This is just a sample from the 900 plus pages of Project 2025.

The union workers are very alert to how it declares public unions illegal and takes away unions right. Coal miners here know the unions built the middle class.

The working class has created a wealthy, thriving America. Unfortunately, that wealth has flowed to the billionaires --several of whom are now seeking lock in the control of our government. Two or more billionaires have corrupted the Supreme Court that has give a broad sweep of immunity to Trump. All it took was extra attention-- extravagant vacations, entertainment, and picking up some bills—for a couple of the Justices.

Trump's transition's team is

### Inflation's simple, but hard cure

The rhetoric is flying this election about curing inflation. Like many cures in life, the solution may be simple, but it is not easy to execute if you are a politician who wants to buy votes.

Inflation occurs when the purchasing power of money is eroded because more dollars are spent by government than government takes in. In other words, when the national debt is increased by borrowing, each dollar is worth less. Inflation is OK during emergencies, such as war or a pandemic, but routine inflation amounts to a hidden tax and decreases the value of everyone's savings. The loss of that purchasing power can never be recovered. Blaming companies that are forced to raise prices is to try to cure symptoms rather than the source of the problem. And no country can sustain rising debt.

The cure for inflation is for Congress not to promise benefits that collected taxes can't fund. This requires behaving like adults and treating tax dollars as precious assets that should not be squandered. This means they should be aware of how much spending can be covered by collected taxes. They should not declare false emergencies, Prioritizing needs, eliminating programs that don't work. having real oversight over existing programs, making cost/benefit analyses. real debating, and not putting phony voting deadlines in place should be the norm. These are many of the same things you do everyday to spend your limited dollars.

Having a president who is courageous enough not to sign bills that require spending that exceeds tax

working on immediate changes to the federal and federal civilian government work force--reclassify federal workers and federal civil service workers. It would undo the Pendleton Act of 1883 which replaced a corrupt spoiled system with the apolitical merit system. AFGE website notes it would gut federal workers pay and benefits. The AFGE union states that it terminates up to a million federal workers and weakens National Security. Who would know better about Project 2025, what it calls for than the union of federal and DC government workers—AFGE. Check out AFGE reports.

The price of groceries is a headache. Costs have gone up about 20 per cent in recent years as the world food production as dropped 21 per cent due to global warming--extreme droughts, historic flooding. There's some gouging too.

Our economy is the envy of the world. Stock Market averages have doubled. Inflation has dropped dramatically. Wages are up. Crime is down.

Trump has called several times now for the termination of the U.S. Constitution. So many service men have given their all to save democracy and our freedom.

What was the Republican party is no more unless there is resounding defeat in November. Dick Cheney is telling you so with his vote for Harris as are many Republicans.

Cast your vote for hope-for Baker, Kaine, Harris -where we all work together to build a better future. Build the middle class.

Gerry Scardo  
Clintwood, VA

dollars is also a simple but hard way to cure inflation. Politicians like to promise benefits to get elected. This is the difference between being good at campaigning and being good at actually governing.

Accusing businesses of price gouging and mandating price controls is cowardly, a sign of ignorance of basic economics, and demonstrably ineffective. It creates black markets, corruption in government, and supply chain shortages. Honest companies often raise prices just as workers try to get raises. They are reacting to the root cause of inflation. With price controls, who decides which companies will receive the attention of the Justice Department? Confusing the actions of dishonest companies with the indictment of an entire economic system, such as capitalism, is illogical thinking. Any economic system will have bad actors. Conflating economic systems with justice systems is common, but false political rhetoric.

The energy sector is a special case for curing inflation. Declaring a political war on any source of energy will increase the cost of transportation. This turn creates a spiral of price increases in the costs of transported goods and the delivery of all utilities. Because the spread of artificial intelligence will demand a dramatic increase in the generation of reliable electricity, high energy costs caused by inflation may haunt us if we do not address the real cause of inflation--excessive government spending.

Joe Cadrin,  
Stuart

## Entries sought for 2024 Veterans Day Student Essay Contest

The Virginia War Memorial in Richmond is seeking entries for its Virginia War Memorial 2024 Veterans Day Student Essay Contest. The annual competition is open to all Virginia middle and high school age public, private, and homeschooled students. One winner will be selected from among all middle school entries (grades 6-8) and one from high school entries (grades 9-12).

The essay topic for the 2024 competition is "A Virginian Who Served in The Military who Inspires Me." Students may consider a member of their family, of their community, or any Virginian who served in any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces, anywhere in the world, from World War

II to present day as their subject.

The two students who write the winning essays will each receive a prize package courtesy of McDonald's Restaurants of Richmond and Hampton Roads and the nonprofit Virginia War Memorial Foundation. The student winners will also be invited to come to Richmond to read aloud their essays and participate in the Veterans Day Ceremony at the Virginia War Memorial in Richmond on Monday, November 11, 2024.

Essays should be 500-750 words in length and utilize interviews and primary sources whenever possible. Students are encouraged to contact Sylvia Marshall, Virginia War Memorial Archivist (Sylvia.Marshall@dvs.virginia.gov) for ad-

ditional resources regarding Virginia military veterans if they wish. Entries will be judged on clarity of thought, adherence to the contest theme and guidelines, proper grammar, spelling, and punctuation. Detailed information regarding rules, guidelines and how to enter are available online at <https://vawarmemorial.org/learn/contests-scholarships/essay/>.

All entries must be submitted to the Virginia War Memorial website by 11:59 p.m., Sunday, October 20. For additional information or questions, please contact Elizabeth Oglesby, the

Memorial's Education Outreach & Programs Manager, at [Elizabeth.Oglesby@dvs.virginia.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Oglesby@dvs.virginia.gov) or by calling 804-786-9700.

## Patrick Pioneers

*John Wesley Hooker and Margaret Derency Akers Hooker, Part II*

By Beverly Belcher Woody

Last week, we looked at John Wesley Hooker and Margaret Derency Akers Hooker and their two oldest children, William Crawford "Bill" Hooker and Mary Ellen Hooker Houchins. This week, we will learn about the third, fourth, and fifth children born to John Wesley and Margaret Akers Hooker, Ruth Josephine; Nancy Alma; and Ida Belinda Hooker.

Ruth Josephine Hooker was born to John Wesley and Margaret on April 12, 1861, the same day that Fort Sumter was first fired upon by Confederate troops. Ruth married George Sparrel Nolen on March 8th, 1877 at the home of her parents. George was the son of Charles Patterson Nolen, Sr. and Nancy Adams of the northern part of Patrick County, near the Shooting Creek area. Interestingly, Charles P. Nolen's father spelled his last name as Nowlin, so it seems that Nolens and Nowlins are the same family line.

Ruth and George's first child, Nancy Derency Nolen was born on the 4th of February 1878 and in 1893, married George Claiborne Rakes of Floyd County. Martha Ellen Nolen was born to Ruth and George on the 18th of December 1879. Martha never married and remained at home until her passing at the age of 88. Charles William Nolen was born to the couple on the 12th of April 1882. Charles married Miss Martha Lillian Taylor, the daughter of Dr. William F. B. Taylor and Pencie Purdy Taylor of Elamsville. Charles and Martha raised a large family in Patrick County.

John Tazewell, the fourth child of George and Ruth Hooker Nolen, was born in 1884; he became a physician and worked for a coal company in West Virginia. Exony Alice was born next in 1886 and married James Lester Roberson of Dodson; they had a couple of children before Exony passed away at the young age of thirty-five. Emma Josephina was born in 1889, and she too married a local man, George Lee Pendleton. Emma and George had six children before Emma also passed away at the young age of thirty-six.

Lucinda Alice was the last child born to George and Ruth Hooker Nolen on the 5th of January 1896. Lucinda married Robert Lee Brammer, the son of Peter Cassell Brammer and Elizabeth Alice Helms Brammer of Goblintown area. Lucinda and Robert had three children and at the time of his passing, Robert was the general manager of

Bassett Furniture Industries.

Nancy Alma, the fourth child of John Wesley and Margaret Derency Akers Hooker was born on the 15th of September 1862. Nancy married John Shadrach Turner on the 7th of October 1880 at her parent's home. John Shadrach was the Stephen Hubbard Turner and Malissa Ruth Turner.

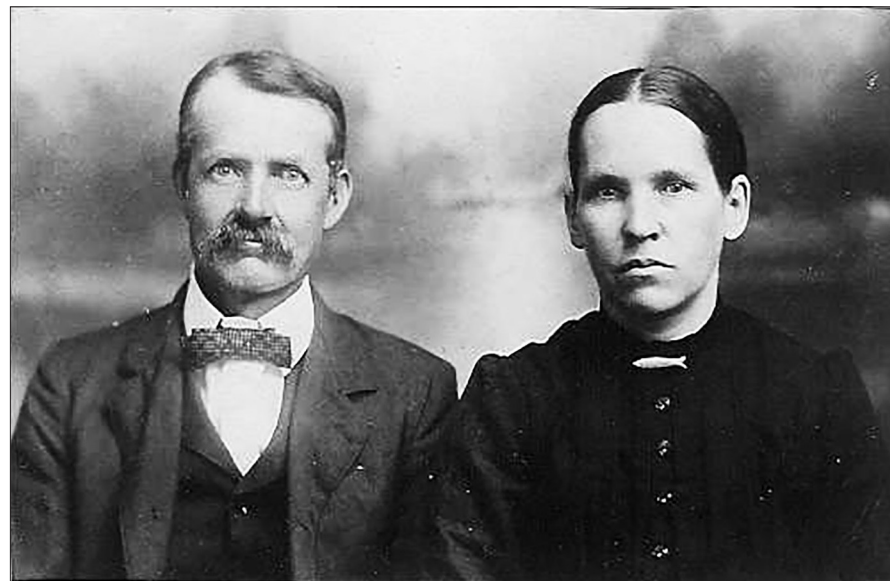
Nancy Alma and John Shadrach had three children, Ruth Elizabeth who was born the 15th of September 1881. Ruth married John Chapman Terry, the son of John Jackson Terry and Mary Alibard Harbour Terry. Ruth and John had two children, Eugene and Pauline before moving to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Tragically, Ruth died there in 1909 at the age of twenty-seven.

Nancy Alma and John Shadrach's second child, Samuel Tyler Turner was born on the 20th of December 1882. Sadly, little Samuel died of cholera in March of 1885. William Wesley Turner was born to the couple in August of 1885. William married Miss Pearlle Gay Jones, the daughter of Joshua Adams Jones and Pencianna Brammer Jones in April of 1906. William and Pearlle had two daughters, Ruth and Ruby and a son, Coy Jones.

Ida Belinda, the fifth child of John Wesley and Margaret Derency Akers Hooker was born on the 26th of July 1864. Ida married John Abram Ross on the 9th of March 1882. John Abram was the son of Charles Ross and Luvenia Dicey Penn Foster Ross of Elamsville Post Office.

Ida and John Abram's first child, Charlie was born on the 2nd of January 1883, but only lived for six years, passing away on the 24th of February 1889. Ida and John Abram's second child, John Abe Ross was born on the 5th of June 1885. John Abe also moved to Philadelphia, then later to New York where he married in 1917. John Abe and his wife, Emma eventually moved to Florida where they owned a furniture store.

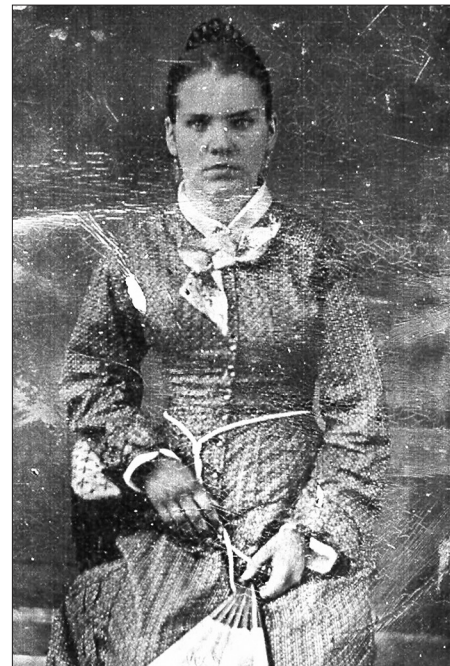
Ida and John Abram's third child, Margaret Louvenia was born on the 1st of August 1887. Little Margaret only lived five months and twenty-six days, passing away on the 22nd of January 1888. The couple's fourth child, Nancy Alberta, was born on the 23rd of April 1889. Nancy married Luther Jackson Hopkins on the 2nd of January 1907. Luther was the son of Samuel Austin Hopkins and Mary Elizabeth Rorrer Hopkins of Buffalo Ridge. Nancy and Luther had seven children whose names are very familiar in Patrick County, Elbridge Lee; Joseph Arthur; John Raymond; Lu-



George Sparrel Nolen and Ruth Josephine Hooker Nolen (Photos courtesy of Katherine Hooker Boaz)



John Shadrach Turner, Nancy Alma Hooker Turner, and daughter Ruth Elizabeth



Ida Belinda Hooker Ross

ther Noel; Samuel Alvis; Elizabeth Ross Hopkins Smith; Lucille Fay Hopkins Harris; and Mary Orene Hopkins Harris.

Samuel Lee Ross was the fifth child born to Ida and John Abram on the 14th of April 1891. Samuel married Miss Ella Laura Rakes, the daughter of Charles Jefferson Rakes and Exony Ellen Ross Rakes of Poplar Camp. Samuel and Ella had three daughters, Dovalee who married Joseph Lloyd Soyars of Woolwine and Annie Mae who married "Deck" Roberson. Sadly, Samuel and Ella's third daughter, Alice Alberta only lived to be two years old.

Ida and John Abram's sixth child, Lucy Penn Ross was born the 4th of October 1898. Lucy married Edward Lyle Clark on the 14th of June 1924 and the couple had three children, Edward Lyle, Jr.; Betsy Ross Clark; and Clayton Martin Clark who was born and died the 18th of October 1939.

George Greene Ross was the seventh child born to Ida and John Abram on the 18th of July 1901. George moved to California where

he married and managed a ranch. Beatrice Mary Ross, child number eight, was born on the 4th of May 1905. Beatrice married James Bane Broyles from Giles County, and they settled in Roanoke where he worked for Norfolk & Western Railroad.

The ninth and youngest child of John Abram and Ida Belinda Hooker Ross was Miss Martha "Patty" Ross born on the 9th of August 1908. Patty was a silk worker at Viscose Corporation in Roanoke when she went in the hospital for minor surgery on her nose. Tragically, she died a day later from a blood clot to her brain; she was nineteen years old.

Well, we have spent two weeks looking at the first five children (and their children) of John Wesley Hooker and Margaret Derency Akers Hooker. We only have eight more children to go! I would not be able to share these stories and photos without the contributions of Katherine Hooker Boaz, to whom I am very grateful. Woody may be reached at rockcastlecreek1@gmail.com or (276) 692-9626.

## Social Security Matters

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

Ask Rusty - Veteran Asks About Special Credits for Military Service

**Dear Rusty:** I just learned that if I served in the military during an active-duty period, I could get extra earnings for Social Security and that these benefits would be automatically added to my record, but I was never asked by the SS employee who calculated my benefits if I was in the military. I took benefits at age 62 (2013) due to health reasons. Should I ask for a recalculation or is it too late? *Signed: Proud Veteran*

**Dear Proud Veteran:** Thank you for your service to our country, for which you have every right to be proud. You likely heard about "Special Extra Credits for military service," which applies to those who served in the military during certain periods earlier than the year 2001. This rule can add up to \$1,200 per year to your Social Security earnings record for the years you served and, since your SS benefit is based on your lifetime earnings record, your military earnings may have been included when calculating your Social Security benefit. But the rules for getting that "extra earnings credit" are a bit complex, and how much extra earnings credit you receive depends entirely on which years you served. Here's a quick summary:

- SS taxes have been withheld from military pay since 1957, so your actual military earnings are already included as part of your lifetime SS earnings record.

- If you served between 1957 and 1977, an extra \$300 for each quarter of active-duty service would be added to your military pay, up to \$1,200 per year maximum.

- If you served between 1978 and 2001, an extra \$100 would be added to your military pay for

each \$300 of active duty pay received, up to a maximum of \$1,200 per year. FYI, no additional earnings are added to your military pay for service years after 2001.

- Those who served on active duty before 1967 should inform SS when applying for benefits about their military service (e.g., provide a copy of DD-214). For those who served after 1967, the "special extra credits" were automatically added to their military earnings record when they applied for SS benefits.

It's important to note that the "extra credits" are additional earnings added to your military pay record - not an additional benefit amount added to your Social Security payment because of your military service. If, however, your military pay was included in the 35 years used to compute your Social Security benefit when you claimed, then your military pay affected your SS payment amount.

In any case, if you served in the military after 1967, the special extra earnings credits were automatically included in your military pay record and, thus, were automatically included when calculating your Social Security benefit when you applied. If your non-military working career consisted of over 35 years during which you earned more than you did while serving, your years in the military wouldn't be included when computing your Social Security benefit anyway (only your highest earning 35 years of earnings are included when calculating your SS benefit).

Although it's never "too late" to request a recalculation, if you served after 1967 your military pay during your service years was automatically increased by SS to account for your military service. If you served before 1967, you could contact Social Security to ensure that the extra credits were included when calculating your SS benefit. FYI, here's a copy of the Social Security rules on this topic: [www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10017.pdf](http://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10017.pdf).

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## Student Briefs

### SNHU Announces Summer 2024 President's List

The following students were named to Southern New Hampshire University's Summer 2024 President's List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Kimberly Stegall of Stuart;  
William Mitchem of Stuart;  
Marie Foltz of Patrick Springs.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

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# Cavaliers down Cougars



Jackson Callahan sprints downfield following a pass reception.



The Cougar faithful showed up to support their team at a rare Saturday game.



Avonne Kidd rolls out past the Cavalier defense.

**By Pat Delaney**

After being twice rescheduled because of Hurricane Helene, the Patrick High Cougars hosted the Carroll County Cavaliers for a rare Saturday afternoon matchup. The Cavaliers left with the 21-0 win on September 28.

The field was in fantastic shape for the game, despite all the rain from the previous several days. The Patrick County High ground crew's work gave the players a good surface to play on, and surprisingly solid footing.

In the first quarter, Carroll County threatened to score when they had first and goal on the Cougar one yard line. Patrick County recovered a forced fumble, ending the Cavalier scoring threat. The Cougar drive ended on an interception, keeping the game scoreless through one quarter.

The Cavaliers opened the scoring with a touchdown run on fourth down with 5:34 to go in the first half. Despite several big runs from Cougar quarterback, Avonne Kidd, the Cougars could not reach the end zone and would go into halftime trailing 7-0.

Carroll County opened the second half with a

drive that took over half of the third quarter, but another forced fumble by the Cougars ended the drive. A long pass from Kidd to Jackson Callahan got the Cougars into Cavalier territory, but the drive stalled with a punt.

A long touchdown run for the Cavaliers increased their lead to 14-0. They added another touchdown in the fourth quarter and would close out the game with the 21-0 win.

"We just couldn't keep momentum," said Cougar head coach David Morrison. "Carroll County did a really good job of keeping us off balance. They Made plays when they needed to, and they converted an awful lot of third and fourth downs. On the other side of the football, they stopped us when they had to. That was the big thing."

It was the first game in a while that the Cougars did not control the line of scrimmage on either side of the ball. "Hat's off to Carroll County," said Morrison. "They've got a very solid, physical, strong offensive and defensive line. We've got to do a better job of being able to execute when we see guys that are bigger and stronger than us. It boils down to execution."

On offense, Avonne Kidd threw for 64 yards



The Cougar defense swarms the Cavalier runner for a loss.

and added another 21 on the ground. Calvin Lancaster led the Cougars with 24 yards rushing, and Jackson Callahan finished with 52 yards receiving.

On the defensive side of the ball, Callahan had 8 tackles, including 2 for a loss and Paul Pascale added 8 tackles, with one for a loss. Josiah Spangler and Seth Geiger each had a fumble recovery.

Now 3-2 on the season, the Cougars will begin three weeks of road games with an October 4 match up at Floyd County.

## Third Time's the Charm as Carson Kvapil wins ValleyStar Credit Union 300 at Martinsville Speedway

Carson Kvapil requested pickle juice and mustard from his team during the halfway break to help him go the distance, and it turned out to be the secret sauce as he took home the Martinsville Speedway Grandfather Clock as the winner of the ValleyStar Credit Union 300 on Saturday night.

After coming oh-so-close in his first two attempts at winning the biggest and richest Late Model Stock Car race, the two-time CARS Tour champion finally had the car to go the distance and then some, as the race ended in overtime.

"This race has been the one that we've been chasing the last three years I've been racing with these guys," said Kvapil. "We came up super close last year and the year before, finishing second and third. I was pretty worried going into this one that we just weren't going to have the speed, but fortunately, we had a good car the whole weekend.

"It's awesome. Just to be driving and racing with this group and being competitive like this is awesome. And to be able to bring home one of the Martinsville clocks is even better."

Kvapil won his qualifying race earlier in the afternoon, placing him on the front row for the start. And he stayed near the front through the first half of the race and sat in second at the halfway break after battling Mike Looney through the opening 100 laps.

Following a caution with 70 to go, Kvapil took the lead and maintained control through several late restarts, including one that pushed the race into overtime. Looney finished second, Treyten Lapcevich was third, and Casey Kelley and Bobby McCarty finished out the top five.

Despite capturing the win, Kvapil wasn't eligible for the Virginia Triple Crown title, as he didn't compete in the opening two races – the Thunder Road Harley-Davidson 200 at South Boston Speedway and the Hampton Heat 200 at Langley Speedway.

There were times near the end of the race where it looked like it wasn't meant to be for Peyton Sellers to win his fifth Virginia Triple Crown title. But in the end, the two-time Weekly Series national champion and 2022 ValleyStar Credit Union 300 winner finished ninth in the race and earned the \$7,000 bonus.

Recently crowned two-time NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series champion Connor Hall entered the race with a clear lead in the Virginia Triple Crown standings with an average finish of 1.5 through the first two races, while Sellers was second in the Triple Crown standings with an average finish of 3.5.

Their lead in the standings seemingly grew on paper before the race even started as Brenden "Butterbean" Queen and Kaden Honeycutt didn't enter the ValleyStar Credit Union 300 due to racing in the NASCAR CRAFTSMAN Truck Series race at Kansas Speedway on Friday night. As a result, Kade Brown slid up into third in the standings entering the race, but it was a distant third with an 8.5 average finish through the opening two races.

Hall's on-track performance during the daylight indicated that he could end the night with a Grandfather Clock and a Triple Crown title, as he was fastest in practice and qualified well

enough to start on the front row of the final qualifying race, which he won. And Sellers was solidly in the top five through the first half after winning his qualifying race and starting on the second row.

But when the lights came on at night, Hall battled mechanical issues and damage from an early crash, while halfway break setup changes seemed to hurt Sellers' speed. As those two battled their issues, it looked like Brown was going to play the role of spoiler in the Triple Crown, sitting fourth in the race with 10 laps to go.

As Sellers fell outside the top 10 late in the race, Brown was battling Jake Crum inside the top five with 10 laps to go. Coming to the line with seven laps remaining, both Brown and Crum were sideways – and saved it – through Turn 4. But as Crum pulled ahead into Turn 1, Aaron Donnelly and Daniel Silvestri came together on the inside of Brown, putting him into the wall in Turn 2 and ending his night and Triple Crown hopes.

"It just tells you how hard it is in the state of Virginia, there's a lot of good short track racers competing for this thing every week and it's just an honor to be able to do it," said Sellers. "Yeah, we didn't get the finish we wanted tonight, but we had a very strong run a South Boston and a very strong run at Langley, and we had a good car up until the break, bolted on tires and made a couple adjustments and it just wasn't right.

"I hate that we didn't have a better finish, but to win this Triple Crown is a big deal for us and our family."

The day started out looking like a dream for Kyle Dudley, as he was the fastest qualifier, winning a \$5,000 bonus check, and then won the opening qualifying race to start on the pole for the ValleyStar Credit Union 300.

But 66 laps into the race, it turned into a nightmare as his visions of winning his first Martinsville Grandfather Clock faded away as he brought out the caution with a spin. His night ended approximately 10 laps later when he hit the wall shortly after the restart.

There was drama late in the first half of the race, as Hall dropped back from his fourth-place starting position early, settling in around eighth with an apparent mechanical gremlin. He was able to keep the car in the top 10 through the opening 85 laps, until he was battling Tristan McKee coming out of Turn 4 and the pair came together. Hall spun on the frontstretch, but was able to finish the spin pointed in the right direction with minimal positions lost.

While Hall was spinning, mayhem struck behind him as the field checked up in response to the contact in front of them. A large pileup ensued, leading to a red flag just 15 laps before the halfway break.

When the red flag lifted, Hall took his damaged car to pit road where he went down a pair of laps to the field while the team worked on both the mechanical issue and the damage, effectively eliminating him from Triple Crown contention.

Earlier in the afternoon, the qualifying races that set the field for the ValleyStar Credit Union 300 were must-see, as there were no drivers locked in for the main event leading in.

Dudley led the field to green in the first qualifying race after setting the fastest lap in Fri-

day's qualifying session, and ultimately took the checkered in the race. Kvapil took the win in a chaotic second race, battling Buddy Isles side-by-side in the closing laps before taking the lead for good coming to white flag.

The third qualifying race perhaps had the most drama, as 2023 ValleyStar Credit Union 300 and Virginia Triple Crown winner Trevor Ward almost saw his chance at going for a repeat slip away with an early race penalty for jumping a restart. Before serving his pass-and-go penalty, Ward stopped on the backstretch, forcing a caution.

Race control then held Ward for two laps before allowing him to reenter the race from pit road. But Ward was able to get those laps back with a couple opportune cautions and some attrition in the final 10 laps that saw him finish seventh to transfer into the main event.

Ward, however, had to start deep in the field and ultimately was taken out of contention by mechanical issues that took him out of the race with 32 laps remaining.

Hall held off Lee Pulliam, who came out of retirement to race Queen's No. 03 car in his absence, in the final qualifying race to start on the second row.

Next up at Martinsville Speedway will be the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour season finale and the debut of the Mazda MX-5 Cup on the half-mile track in the Virginia is for Racing Lovers 300 double-header on Saturday, Oct. 26.

The weekend after, Nov. 1-3, will be filled with NASCAR Playoff action as all three national series take to the short track for the final opportunity for the remaining eight title hopefuls to make the Championship 4 the following week at Phoenix Raceway. The NASCAR CRAFTSMAN Truck Series opens the weekend on Friday, Nov. 1, at 6 p.m. ET with the Zip Buy Now Pay Later 200. The NASCAR Xfinity Series is next up with the National Debt Relief 250 on Saturday, Nov. 2, at 4 p.m. and the Cup Series wraps up the weekend in the Xfinity 500 on Sunday, Nov. 3, at 2 p.m. in an intense short track battle that can only happen at Martinsville.

Tickets to the NASCAR Playoff weekend and the Virginia i are available for purchase via phone at 877-RACE-TIX or online at martinsvillespeedway.com.

## PCHS Volleyball Hosts Carroll County

**By Ashlee Mullis**

Patrick County hosted Carroll County, Tuesday, September 24. The Varsity Lady Cougars lost 1-3 with set scores 23-25, 25-21, 21-25, and 19-25. Lilly Hazelwood had 9 kills and 4 blocks. Camille Gonzalez had 25 assists, 15 digs, and 2 blocks. Sydney Tatum and Jayden Callahan had 7 kills each. Journey Moore had 17 digs and 3 assists.

The Cougars are 7-4 overall.

The JV team took the win in 2 with set scores of 25-18 and 25-14. Brooke Barner had 4 kills and 2 blocks. Kendra Penn had 4 kills, 4 digs, and 3 aces. Maddy Martin had 9 digs, and Mari-ah Scott had 8 assists and 6 aces.

# Crossing the Lines

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

## School's bid to change funding process fails, board hears update on broadband expansion

For the second time in nearly as many months, the Henry County School system requested a change to how it receives local funding, but the motion failed to gain support at the Tuesday, Sept. 24 Board of Supervisors meeting.

County Administrator Dale Waggoner presented the request, which sought to change the allocation of public education funds from categorical to lump sum funding. Currently, the board of supervisors must approve transfers between budget categories. Under the proposed change, the school board would have more flexibility to move funds between categories without requiring board approval.

"This would allow the school system to shift funds between categories as needed, while still providing the board oversight through access to the Munis accounting system," Schools Superintendent Dr. Amy Blake-Lewis said.

She explained that the current system requires every transfer to go before the board, which can slow down the process. She emphasized that even with lump sum funding, the board would still be able to monitor transactions through Munis, the county's accounting system.

Garrett Dillard, who represents the Iriswood District and also works



Schools Superintendent Dr. Amy Blake-Lewis discussed the system's request for lump sum funding.

as the school division's Director of Community Learning, asked for clarification on the pros and cons of the change.

Blake-Lewis pointed to increased efficiency as the primary advantage, noting that the board of supervisors has never denied a request for a budget transfer in her tenure.

"In terms of a negative, I guess it would just be if the supervisors - forgive me for being blunt - simply wanted to keep tabs on us and see" proposed transfers beforehand, Blake-Lewis said.

## Issues among council won't impact city residents



Martinsville Mayor LC Jones reassured residents that despite discord among city council members, city services will not be affected.

Martinsville Mayor LC Jones reassured residents that disagreements among members of city council will not impact their ability to act in the city's best interests.

"There is still unity to get things done," Jones said. "That doesn't mean we won't have strife. If people have been paying attention, these things have been happening for a while. People are just now catching on because it's really started to hit the media."

Jones cited the recent remarks about Rayshaun Gravely's campaign for city council as a tipping point. Even then, Jones said he did not go public or seek out the media, but "I did speak about this to friends in our circle."

Before he was approached by a Henry County Enterprise reporter "in reference to my support for" Gravely, "I held that in," Jones said. "Nobody had asked me about it. But when you ask me, I'm going to tell exactly how things were going."

Jones said he knew that discussing the situation would be contentious, and a "problem for me, but I'm going to let you know this is what I'm doing" and why. "I'm going to be truthful."

As a result, Jones shared comments that he said were made be-

hind closed doors by Vice Mayor Aaron Rawls about Gravely's campaign.

Rawls later cited Gravely's inexperience and other issues as concerns.

"I want him (Gravely) to have a fair and equal chance" without interference, Jones said, adding he would help any candidate. Aside from that, he does not "want to be involved in the election."

But the aftermath of that situation prompted some residents to call for unity among council members.

Jones, however, said the issue was only the latest in a series of issues within the council, he said.

"For someone who hasn't really been paying attention to say, 'LC is changing, go back' and rewatch previous council meetings ..."

Council members are "not going to always get along," Jones said. "To be honest, there are very, very few things that we all always agree on. You could probably count them on one hand. There is no government that actually gets along."

He said, "What government is about is having the ability to have your thoughts, your ideas based off your constituents, people you're talking to, the research you've done. Then, come to a platform with the other five members, articulate your points to the point to where other people are willing to compromise for the greater good, collectively."

When people say, "they want a government that gets along, there is no government that actually gets along," Jones said, but he will work with anyone to honor his commitment to city residents. "I'll do business with anybody, but you've done showed me who you are."

We can still do the business," with all sides presenting their viewpoints, and "we will meet somewhere in the middle," Jones said. But to the recent calls for unity, "we're past that at this point."



Ayla Gordon, with her father Sifu Kristian Gordon, is recognized by the council for her world championship win.

## City to acquire former country club for solar site

Martinsville City Council convened on Sept. 24 to address several topics, including the approval of a former country club site that would be used for solar.

Planning for the solar site began in 2020 with the execution of a power purchase agreement (PPA). However, the project was left in limbo after the investor terminated the agreement in May 2024. The city was given the option to purchase the former Lynwood Country Club property, located on the former Dupont parcel.

The city has been seeking a "behind the meter" solar project since 2014, with five solid waste management units on the site that would remain undisturbed. Vice Mayor Aaron Rawls asked if there were any environmental concerns regarding the site.

"The entire site is usable, but we

wouldn't want to disturb those five areas," said Joyce Durwin, the city's electric director. Rawls also inquired about the total power output from the solar.

"We're looking at about eight megawatts, which is roughly 10 percent of our needs," said Durwin, adding that the energy generated would stay within the city, and thereby would directly benefit residents.

Rawls suggested conducting engineering studies to restore the city's hydroelectric plant. While Durwin supported the idea, he cautioned that the costs would be high.

"I am really excited about this, and I think we need every single option we've got to take control of our power destiny," said Rawls. The city plans to look at ways to keep energy costs from drastically rising in the future.

## Kornna Kitchen Prioritizes Community Focus

Rico Johnson opened Kornna Kitchen in Uptown Martinsville just over a year ago. Since then, his focus has been on serving the community—often feeding essential workers and hosting vibrant weekend events.

"My journey here has been amazing. I never thought when I opened the place in the middle of Preston, in the middle of nowhere, that it would take off this quickly," Johnson said of the eatery that began in the county and then moved to Martinsville. With support from his wife, Johnson worked to promote the restaurant during its early days.

"I wanted a place where I could wave and say, 'Hello, how are you doing? Welcome,'" said Johnson, recalling the warm reception the restaurant received. He attributes its success to the quality of its food.

"The food is prepared—there's a difference between prepared food and cooked food, and that's the difference at Kornna Kitchen," Johnson said, explaining that many chain buffets simply reheat food, while his restaurant carefully prepares each dish. "Every tomato, onion, cucumber—it's done here, prepared with care."

Johnson emphasizes that preparing food requires time, love, and thought. "Every plate that goes out is a piece of us." Even the staff at Kornna Kitchen are selected carefully, based not just on their work skills but on how well they work together. "I choose my employees based on how we work together because



"This isn't just my place—it's our place. It's not Rico's place; it's a community place." - Rico Johnson, who aims to make Kornna Kitchen a cultural hub in Martinsville.

I'm passionate about food."

Cleanliness and respect for food are essential for his team. "That's why I teach SafeServ and FoodServ," said Johnson, who has been working with food since the late 1980s.

"To think that Martinsville would bring me this much joy and fuel my passion—I never would've guessed it. This city means a lot to me," he said.

Johnson often gives back to the community by offering free lunches to city employees, teachers, bus drivers, and various charities.

"It's not about the money; it's about dedication and how much you contribute to the people who matter," said Johnson, who envisions Kornna Kitchen as part of the "evolution" of Martinsville. He believes it will help attract large businesses back to the area. "If you're fun, exciting, new, and fresh, people will gravitate toward that."

## Foundation commits \$12 million to YMCA



The Martinsville Henry County YMCA held an event outlining its future plans on Sept. 19, marking the first step toward the construction of a new facility on Memorial Boulevard in the former Family Dollar building and receive \$12 million from the Harvest Foundation.

"This YMCA will provide a wellness center and offer programs that meet a variety of needs. The facility will expand childcare services and focus on enhancing mental well-being," said Danny Wulff, a member of the Harvest Foundation Board of Directors.

Wulff noted that the new center will benefit the entire community, including residents in the west end. "This project promotes inclusivity and accessibility,

ensuring no one is left behind in their journey toward healthier living," he said.

Kate Keller, president of the Harvest Foundation, spoke about the YMCA's personal impact on her life. "They are where community happens," Keller said, sharing how she and her children have benefited from the YMCA's services. She also emphasized the foundation's ongoing commitment to improving Uptown and the local community. "This is not Harvest's first investment in this corner, and it won't be our last."

City Manager Aretha Ferrell-Benavides echoed the importance of community and described the YMCA as a home for many, welcoming everyone to the future facility.

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## PCHS Sports Schedule

The Patrick County High School Cougars Sports Schedule for the week of Oct. 7-11

10/8 4pm Cross Country Meet at Camp Alta

Mons, Elliston, VA  
7pm Volleyball vs Radford  
7pm Volleyball at Floyd County  
7pm Football at Glenvar

## Racing College of Virginia Welcomes New Driver

Patrick & Henry Community College's Racing College of Virginia is poised to take on Martinsville Speedway in the ValleyStar Credit Union 300 this weekend with their new driver: local racing veteran Jimmy Mullins.

With more than 300 wins under his belt, Mullins – a former late model star and modified racing standout known to his fans as “Mr. Excitement” – is enthusiastic about returning to Martinsville with the Racing College team and P&H-CC motorsports students in the pit.

“I’m very blessed. I know these kids are learning and I’m still learning every time that we go to the race, so maybe they can teach me something this year,” Mullins said, adding, “We’re going to go have a good time and try to make the field. If we can, we’re going to put on a good show.”

Mullins and the Racing College team



P&HCC President Dr. Greg Hodges officially welcomed Mullins to the PFamily last week.

have been preparing for this weekend's race in the shop and testing at South Boston Speedway.

“Renee and I will be attending the race Saturday and can't wait to cheer on the P&HCC car and all of our motorsports students,” said P&HCC President Dr. Greg Hodges.

For more information about P&H-CC's Racing College of Virginia, visit [www.racingcollege.com](http://www.racingcollege.com).

## Foreign Election Interference?

During the last week of September, the United National General Assembly welcomed several high-profile heads of state.

President Biden, Brazilian President Lula Da Silva, and Argentinian President Javier Milei were among the speakers who addressed the UN body.

Also in the speaker lineup was Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. For his speech, Zelenskyy encouraged Western powers to continue their support of Ukraine as they battle Russia's invasion.

Zelenskyy was not only in the news for his United Nations address, however.

On Sunday, September 22, the Ukrainian leader visited a Pennsylvania ammunition factory in Scranton. According to AP News, the Scranton Army Ammunition Plant is one of the few plants in the United States to manufacture 155 mm artillery shells. These shells, used in howitzer systems that strike targets up to 15-20 miles away, have been used by Ukrainian forces.

But Zelenskyy's decision to visit the ammunition plant came under fishy circumstances.

September 22, 2024, marks 44 days before the United States presidential election. The state of Pennsylvania is seen as a swing state, going to President Trump in the 2016 presidential election before he lost the state in 2020 to President Biden.

The tour of the Scranton factory was accompanied by the state's Democratic Governor Josh Shapiro, a top surrogate for Vice President Harris' campaign, as well as Democratic Senator Bob Casey and Democratic Congressman Matt Cartwright, who are both running for re-election this year. And both Senator Casey and Congressman Cartwright face stiff opposition.

Were any Republican Congressman invited to attend the event? Were any invited to speak?

Why at this point in time did they visit the largest swing state, when they could have had their meeting at a facility in New York?

Since Zelenskyy is such a student of military history, perhaps he should have gone to West Point to discuss the Russian-Ukraine war with cadets.

During the trip, Zelenskyy was interviewed by The New Yorker magazine.

One of the topics that came up involved the Republican Vice-Presidential Nominee, JD Vance. He called Vance “too radical” on his stances with regards to Ukraine. “Let Mr. Vance read up on the history of the Second World War, when a country was forced to give part of its territory to one particular person,” Zelenskyy quipped.

Such comments by a foreign leader on American soil just ahead of the 2024 election raised eyebrows.

Zelenskyy is on the record saying Ukrainians have tried to avoid “being captured by American domestic politics” and “influencing the choices of the American people” ahead of the Novem-



**Morgan Griffith**

Representative

ber election.

Unfortunately, Zelenskyy's recent actions at the Scranton plant totally discredit his past statements and suggest an interest in interfering in the American election process.

House Republicans are hoping to get answers as they investigate this potential campaign event.

Kentucky Congressman James Comer, Chair of the House Oversight Committee, has opened an investigation into the Biden-Harris Administration using taxpayer funded resources to fly Zelenskyy to Pennsylvania to campaign for Vice President Harris ahead of the 2024 election.

Comer writes: “The Committee seeks to determine whether the Biden-Harris Administration attempted to use a foreign leader to benefit Vice President Harris's presidential campaign and, if so, necessarily committed an abuse of power.”

Speaker Johnson has called for Zelenskyy to immediately fire Ukrainian Ambassador to the United States Oksana Markarova. Markarova is said to have organized the tour of the Scranton plant.

This potential foreign election interference comes on the heels of Congressional action.

House Republicans put a measure on the House Floor just prior to Zelenskyy's visit related to foreign election interference. I voted for H.R. 8314, the No Foreign Election Interference Act, which imposes penalties with respect to contributions to political committees from organizations that receive contributions from foreign nationals.

However, 181 Democrats voted against it!

After Trump's election in 2016, many Democrats dismissed his election as illegitimate due to Russian interference.

Yet, when given the chance, Democrats and the media failed to call out Zelenskyy for his trip, and Democrats voted down a foreign election interference bill in the House.

What is clear is that Russia and Iran are engaged in operations to influence our presidential elections. United States intelligence officials recently confirmed that Iran hacked the Trump campaign and attempted to provide the stolen information to the Biden campaign before Biden dropped out of the presidential race.

We are living in turbulent times. President Trump has faced two assassination attempts. Iran is making threats on Trump's life. This is important context.

I recommend Zelenskyy read up on this history.

## Shirley Anita Hopkins Cox

Shirley Anita Hopkins Cox, beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, passed away peacefully in Lexington, Kentucky on Friday, September 20, 2024. She was 100 years old, having lived a long and beautiful life. Anita was born in Buffalo Ridge, Patrick County, Virginia on June 12, 1924, daughter of Joseph E. Hopkins and Lillian Maude Cochran Hopkins. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, William Odell Cox, Sr., sisters Lora Griffith (Clifford), Mae Pace (John), and Marie Edwards (Ralph), brothers Lloyd Soyars (Dovalee), Hoy Hopkins (Madeline), and Lloyd Hopkins (Gladys), and son-in-law, Leon Vaughn.

She is survived by her daughter, Brenda Cox Vaughn, of Lexington, Kentucky, her son, William Odell Cox, Jr. (Mary) of Richmond, Virginia, grandsons Jonathan Vaughn (Leslie) of Lexington, Kentucky, Ryan Vaughn (Charisse) of Dallas, Texas and Cameron Cox of Richmond, Virginia, great-grandchildren Henry, Jack, Stella and Wesley Vaughn, sister Dot Tatum (Thomas, dec.) and brothers George Hopkins (Barbara, dec.) and Clint Hopkins (Nancy), as well as many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Anita grew up in Buffalo Ridge and graduated from Blue Ridge Mission School and later attended the University of Virginia School of Nursing. In 1946,



she and Odell married. Odell worked for the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation as a state park superintendent and Anita helped with many tasks in the parks. In addition to being a homemaker, she also worked at various times as a nurse assistant, at Stuart Drug Store, as a teller at First National Bank of Stuart and as a docent at Reynolds Homestead. She and Odell enjoyed traveling, participating in a national western square dance group, and spending time with family and friends and in the beautiful outdoors. Anita enjoyed playing games, especially Scrabble, working crossword and jigsaw puzzles and was an avid reader. She loved to walk and continued to walk over a mile a day well into her mid-90s. She was a wonderful cook and often had a treat to share with family and friends. Throughout her life, she remained open to new ideas and experiences and loved participating in activities and meeting new people. As a mom, grandmother and great-grandmother, she enjoyed attending the children's activities and events, always there to support and encourage them or to just spend

time together, letting their interests lead the way.

Anita grew up in Sycamore Baptist Church. As an adult she was a devoted and active member of Stuart Baptist and Grace Baptist churches, serving there and in the community in a variety of volunteer roles. Her faith in God was her foundation and guiding light throughout her life. Hers was a faith that radiated in genuine love for others, willingness to help or support anyone without judgment, and through a joy and goodness that was evident to everyone who knew her. Her love for her family was boundless. She remained close to her siblings throughout her life, loving any opportunity to spend time with them. For her husband, her son and daughter and their spouses and children, her love and care through the years and the example she set of living a faith-filled and joyful life was an immeasurable blessing that will continue to echo throughout the generations of family to come. She leaves a legacy of love for us all.

Visitation will take place on Saturday, October 5, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at Moody Funeral Home in Stuart. A service will follow at 2:00, also at Moody Funeral Home, with burial at Patrick Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or to a charity of choice. Online condolences may be sent by visiting [www.moodyfuneralservices.com](http://www.moodyfuneralservices.com).

## Elwood Harold Rorrer

Mr. Elwood Harold Rorrer, age 77 of Stuart, Virginia passed away Friday, September 27, 2024 at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital. He was born in Patrick County on July 14, 1947 to the late Harold Oakley Rorrer and Mozelle Chaney Rorrer. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Barbara Rorrer Wood and Betty Rorrer Peal; one sister-in-law, Rodaliah “Sissie” Gilley Rorrer; and one brother-in-law, Danny Branch. He graduated from Woolwine High School in 1966 and worked at Blue Ridge Industrial Supply for over 32 years. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, taking care of



his numerous farm animals for the past 15 years.

Mr. Rorrer is survived by his wife of 50 years Faye Branch Rorrer of the home; one daughter Wendy Rorrer Merriman (Chris) of Stuart; one brother, Larry W. Rorrer of Bassett; two sisters, Sue Rorrer Carter of Fieldale and Verna Rorrer Shepherd (Ernie) of Bassett; eight grandchildren, Chris-

topher Norman (Morgan), Devin, Brooklyn, Carson, Summer, Amirah, Lennox, and Addilynn Merriman; two great grandchildren, Melania and Triton Norman; numerous Nieces, Nephews, Brothers and Sisters-In-Law.

Funeral services for Mr. Rorrer will be held on Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 2:00 P.M. at Moody Funeral Chapel with Pastor Rick Randall officiating. Burial will follow in the Branch Family Cemetery. Family will receive friends Tuesday October 1, 2024 from 6:00 to 8:00 at Moody Funeral Home. Online condolences may be sent to [www.moodyfuneralservices.com](http://www.moodyfuneralservices.com).

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By Alan Dean, retired Seventh-day Adventist pastor

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This is God's admonition to us, that we be full of gratitude and praise, especially when we enter a place of worship. In 1 Thessalonians 5: 18 the Apostle Paul says, "In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

But one may ask if we are to be thankful for pain, disease, losing a loved one, persecution, or financial difficulties. No, we live in a sinful world. But we can say "Thank You" to Jesus who "never leaves us or forsakes us" (Hebrews 13: 5). Paul then says, "We may boldly say 'The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.'" God gets us through our trials. Our difficulties can be much easier to cope with when we know Jesus cares and is with us. And He will bring good from the experience.

Jesus never permits a trial to come that He doesn't give us strength to endure or overcome. By looking to Jesus' life

of love and suffering instead of having self-pity on ourselves, it will give us a more positive spirit. We can say "Thank You, Lord, for life's experiences. Heaven is going to be so pleasantly different."

1 Corinthians 10: 13 tells us that "God is faithful and will not allow us to be tempted (or tried) above that we are able to bear, but will with the temptation make a way of escape, that we may be able to bear it." As a Christian, Jesus will help us to endure hardships by being our support.

This life is to prepare us for heaven. This readiness comes through experiencing good times and hard times. Jesus knows what life experiences we need to increase our faith in Him and our love for Him. Thus we can say "Thank You, Jesus." This is why Paul can say "in everything give thanks." We will always have hardships because Satan is working against us. However, Jesus is more powerful and can bring good from these hardships if we trust Him and remain faithful to Him.

Paul writes at the end of his very hard life: "I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." (Romans 8: 18) He could see the eternal future and say, with gratitude, "Thank You, Lord."

## BIBLE TRIVIA

BY WILSON CASEY

1. Is the book of Philemon (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In Matthew 8, which prophet's words did Jesus claim to be fulfilling, as He was healing people? Iddo, Esaias, Gad, Medad
3. Who wrote, "Neither shall any priest drink wine, when they enter into the inner court"? Ezekiel, Isaiah, Daniel, Hosea
4. From Genesis 19, in addition to fire, what did God rain down upon Sodom and Gomorrah? Hail, Lightning, Brim-

stone, Mud

5. Whose grave was marked by a pillar erected by her husband, Jacob? Abigail, Lillith, Puah, Rachel

6. From Judges 16, who slept through a haircut? Manoah, Samson, Adam, Uriah

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Esaias, 3) Ezekiel, 4) Brimstone, 5) Rachel, 6) Samson

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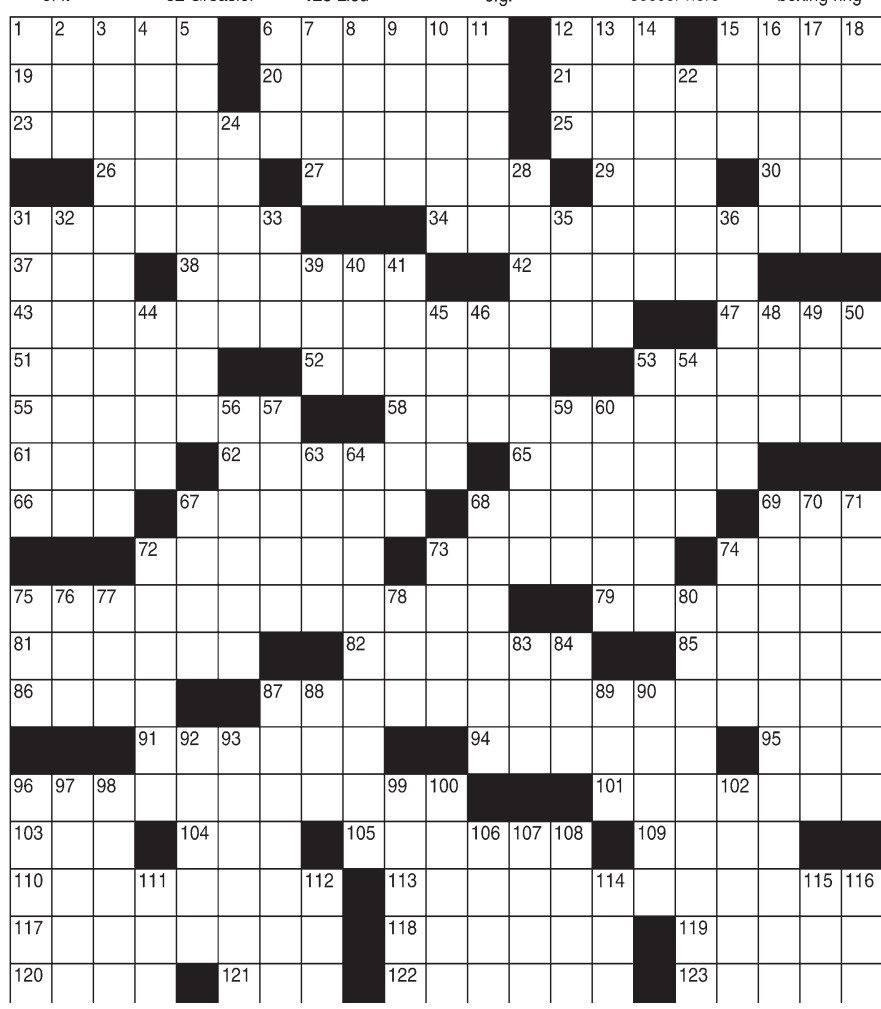
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ORDER OF PUBLICATION Case No. CL24000303-00 COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104 PATRICK COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT 101 WEST BLUE RIDGE STREET/PO BOX 148, STUART, VA 24171 CHELSIE LYNN DALTON v. BRANDEN NEIL HUBBARD The object of this suit is to: PROVIDE PROPER SERVICE TO DEFENDANT WITH UNKNOWN ADDRESS It is ORDERED that BRANDEN NEIL HUBBARD appear at the above-named court and protect her interests on or before OCTOBER 28, 2024 SEPTEMBER 25, 2024

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Such requests should be addressed to: Beth Simms, County Administrator, Patrick County, Virginia P.O. Box 466/106 Rucker Street Stuart, VA 24171 (276) 694-6094 phone (276) 694-2160 fax Virginia Relay: 711 All above referenced procurements will be made on a competitive basis.

## Explanation for Proposed Constitutional Amendment to Be Voted On at the November 5, 2024, Election PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

### ARTICLE X. Taxation and Finance.

Section 6-A. Property tax exemption for certain veterans and their surviving spouses and surviving spouses of soldiers killed in action who died in the line of duty.

### BALLOT QUESTION

Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended so that the tax exemption that is currently available to the surviving spouses of soldiers killed in action is also available to the surviving spouses of soldiers who died in the line of duty?

### EXPLANATION FOR VOTERS

#### Present Law

Generally, the Virginia Constitution requires that all property be taxed. It also sets out specific types of property that may be exempted from taxation. Currently, the Virginia Constitution allows the General Assembly to exempt from taxation the principal place of residence of the surviving spouse of any soldier who is determined by the U.S. Department of Defense to have been killed in action.

#### Proposed Amendment

The proposed amendment would expand this current tax exemption so that it is available to all surviving spouses of soldiers who are determined by the U.S. Department of Defense to have died in the line of duty, including those who have been killed in action.

A "yes" vote would allow the surviving spouse of a soldier who died in the line of duty to claim the same real property tax exemption on their principal place of residence that is currently only available to the surviving spouses of soldiers who are killed in action.

A "no" vote will not allow such additional surviving spouses to claim the real property tax exemption.

#### FULL TEXT OF AMENDMENT

[Proposed new language is underlined. Deleted old language is ~~stricken~~.]

### ARTICLE X TAXATION AND FINANCE

Section 6-A. Property tax exemption for certain veterans and their surviving spouses and surviving spouses of soldiers killed in action who died in the line of duty.

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 6, the General Assembly by general law, and within the restrictions and conditions prescribed therein, shall exempt from taxation the real property, including the joint real property of husband and wife, of any veteran who has been determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor agency pursuant to federal law to have a one hundred percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability, and who occupies the real property as his or her principal place of residence. The General Assembly shall also provide this exemption from taxation for real property owned by the surviving spouse of a veteran who was eligible for the exemption provided in this subdivision, so long as the surviving spouse does not remarry. This exemption applies to the surviving spouse's principal place of residence without any restriction on the spouse's moving to a different principal place of residence.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 6, the General Assembly by general law, and within the restrictions and conditions prescribed therein, may exempt from taxation the real property of the surviving spouse of any member of the armed forces of the United States who was killed in action as determined by died in the line of duty with a Line of Duty determination from the United States Department of Defense, who occupies the real property as his or her principal place of residence. The exemption under this subdivision shall cease if the surviving spouse remarries and shall not be claimed thereafter. This exemption applies regardless of whether the spouse was killed in action determined to have died in the line of duty prior to the effective date of this subdivision, but the exemption shall not be applicable for any period of time prior to the effective date. This exemption applies to the surviving spouse's principal place of residence without any restriction on the spouse's moving to a different principal place of residence and without any requirement that the spouse reside in the Commonwealth at the time of death of the member of the armed forces.

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**Thursday, Oct. 10**

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

**Wednesday, Oct. 16**

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

**Monday, Oct. 21**

The Patrick County Board of Supervisors will meet at 6 p.m. in the third-floor court room of the Patrick County Administration Office.

**Events**

**Thursday, Oct. 3**

The Patrick Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) will hold a public meeting at 5:30 p.m. at Tony's Pizza in Stuart. For more information, email paws@svwa.net or call (276) 694-2378.

**Friday, Oct. 4**

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

**Saturday, Oct. 5**

The Woolwine Methodist Church will be making apple butter, and there will be a yard sale in the social hall beginning at 9 a.m.

Jeb Stuart Volunteer Rescue Squad will hold a community breakfast from 7:30-10 a.m. at its building. Plates are \$8 and dine in, carry out, and curb service options are available. Orders can be placed by calling (276) 694-6171.

The Patrick County Patriots, a nonprofit agency, will have an open house starting at 6 p.m., at their building in Stuart, located at 113 Via Ave. (beside the school bus garage).

**Sunday, Oct. 6**

The family reunion for the descendants of Jim Payne and Minnie Lankford Payne will be held at the Peters Creek Community Building, 2130 Dry Pond Hwy., Stuart. The meal will start at 1:30 p.m. Bring a covered dish. Call Mildred Vass at (336) 325-5733 or Sharon Smith, (336) 710-0677.

**Sunday, Oct. 6 – Wednesday, Oct. 9**

Sycamore Baptist Church will hold a fall revival at 7 p.m. Brother Wayne Poplin will be preaching and there will be special music each night.

**Wednesday, Oct. 16**

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.

**Friday, Oct. 18**

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

**Saturday, Oct. 26**

A Trunk or Treat event will be held at Woolwine I.C. DeHart Park, 2631 Charity Highway, Woolwine, from 5-7 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Patrick County Patriots.

**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.

**Recall issued for ready-to-eat fried pork skin products**

Pork Dynasty Inc., a Houston, Texas establishment, is recalling approximately 469 pounds of ready-to-eat fried pork skin products due to misbranding and an undeclared allergen, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced today. The product contains soy, a known allergen, which is not declared on the product label.

The following products are subject to recall, regardless of the product date [view labels]:

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2.5-oz. plastic bags containing "TEXARONES BORN IN THE PHILIPPINES – MADE IN TEXAS FRIED PORK SKIN SPICY."

The products subject to recall bear establishment number "EST. 46015" inside the USDA mark of inspection. These items were shipped to retail and restaurant locations in Texas.

The problem was discovered during routine FSIS in-plant verification activities when FSIS personnel observed that a seasoning containing soy, a known allergen, was being used as an ingredient and soy was not declared on the finished product label.

There have been no confirmed reports of adverse reactions due to consumption of these products. Anyone concerned about an illness should contact a healthcare provider.

FSIS is concerned that some product may be in consumers' pantries. Consumers who have purchased these products are urged not to consume them. These products should be thrown away or returned to the place of purchase.

FSIS routinely conducts recall effectiveness checks to verify recalling firms notify their customers of the recall and that steps are taken to make certain that the product is no longer available to consumers. When available, the retail distribution lists will be posted on the FSIS website at [www.fsis.usda.gov/recalls](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/recalls).

Consumers and members of the media with questions about the recall can contact Wilson Gaw, Owner, Pork Dynasty Inc., at 832-606-1946 or [wilsonlg05@yahoo.com](mailto:wilsonlg05@yahoo.com).

Consumers with food safety questions can call the toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 888-MPHotline (888-674-6854) or send a question via email to [MPHotline@usda.gov](mailto:MPHotline@usda.gov). For consumers that need to report a problem with a meat, poultry, or egg product, the online Electronic Consumer Complaint Monitoring System can be accessed 24 hours a day at <https://foodcomplaint.fsis.usda.gov/eCCF/>.

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# Rock Spring Art Show opens with awards reception

Virginia Tech's Reynolds Homestead and Bull Mountain Arts announced the winners of the annual Rock Spring Art Show on Sept. 17. The art show is open to participants in Patrick County and the surrounding counties in both Virginia and North Carolina, as well as any member of Bull Mountain Arts, regardless of residence.

With about 75 people in attendance for the presentations, awards were announced in seven categories and Best in Show.

Donald Towns won Best in Show for his oil painting, "Tarnished." The award was sponsored by Calliope, Circus of the Arts. Other awards were financially supported by First Community Bank as well as several anonymous donors.

In oil painting, third place went to Cheryl Sterling for "The Visitor," second to Sandra Brady for "Pink Dogwood in Moonlight," and first to Donald Towns for "Tarnished."

In the acrylic painting category, third place was awarded to Hannah Anderson for "Inner Child," second to Debbie Culler for "Make a Joyful Noise," and first to Sarah Booze for "Canoes in the Woods."

Third place in watercolor painting went to Greg Arens for "Canaan Maple," second to Julie Gammons for "Pilot Mountain," and first to Carla Kriestch for "Bluebird Life Cycle."

In drawing, Linda Park received third place for "Ageless Beauty," Lisa Garrett was awarded second for "Wish I Could Come Out and Play," and Jon Handy received first for "A Nod to Escher."

The 2D mixed media/3D category featured a wide variety of works, and third place went to Jan Atkins for "Worth her Weight in Gold," second to Rebecca Adcock for "Day of the Dead Alter for Jack," and first to David Lunt for "Copper Matte Temple Jar."

Two new categories, textiles and glass, were added this year at the request of local artists. In textiles, Leslie Marsh was awarded third place for "LOVE," Sandra Brady second for "Singing Steamer," and Charlotte Gardner first for "Labyrinth Walk." In the glass category, Kelly Stanley earned third place for "Pearl," Steve Eanes received second for "Relaxing at Desert Sunset," and Aman-



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da Honore Donley first for "Medicine Wheel/Non Coopted."

The work was judged by two regional artists and art enthusiasts.

Anna Buchanan serves as the curator of contemporary fine art and craft at the William King Museum of Art (WKMA) in Abingdon, Virginia. She has served WKMA for five years and has been working in museums for 12 years taking on various roles such as exhibition preparator, docent, gallery assistant, and assistant curator. Buchanan loves engaging in her regional, artistic community and can be seen frequenting regional galleries and talking to local artisans.

Amanda Slaughter is the tourism relations manager at the Virginia Welcome Center at Rocky Gap. Slaughter is a strong proponent of the creative culture of our region, serving on boards that support and promote the arts including the Round the Mountain artists network and the Forge Appalachia collective.

In addition, the Rock Spring Art Show features three community awards.

The staff of the Reynolds Homestead chose



Karen Sigmon's "For David" as the Reynolds Homestead Award winner. Bull Mountain Arts members honored "The Dance" by Betsy Layman. Patrick County Chamber of Commerce highlighted "Charcoal" by Celeste Springthorpe Tsaklis as its award choice.

"The dedication of our staff, volunteers, and partner organizations is admirable. They put a lot of energy into coordinating and hosting this important Reynolds Homestead legacy event, and I encourage the public to attend the exhibit," said Reynolds Homestead Director Julie Walters Steele.

The Rock Spring Art exhibit will be open during regular business hours and on Sundays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. through Oct. 29. The public is invited to explore the exhibit, and Reynolds Homestead staff have prepared a scavenger hunt to deepen engagement with the gallery.

In addition, voting is open for the 2024 Rock Spring Art Show People's Choice award. Information about the exhibit, including the judges' comments for the winning pieces, can be found at reynoldshomestead.vt.edu.

# Stuart residents among DOAV honorees



Nearly 700 people from across the US have visited all of Virginia's 65 public-use airports, and completed the main goal of the Virginia Aviation Ambassador Program coordinated by the Virginia Department of Aviation (DOAV).

On Saturday, September 14, Susan Gasperini and Tracy Gasperini, both of Stuart, were among the 33 new members welcomed by the DOAV to this exclusive club during a ceremony at Williamsburg Jamestown Airport (JGG).

Identifying ambassadors who have reached gold-level is easy - they're wearing a customized leather flight jacket. These unique jackets cannot be purchased, only earned, when the DOAV verifies that a participant has visited all public-use airports, four air museums, a fly-in, and a safety seminar. Past recipients donned their jackets to welcome this year's new class.

New members came from 22 cities and towns across the Commonwealth. In addition, this member class included residents from

Maryland, Washington, DC, and even Chicago. A broad range of ages was represented in this group as well.

Public-use airports are open to everyone. Most Virginians don't realize that they are likely no more than a half hour away from an airport, which is all anyone needs to know to get started in the ambassador program. Once you visit your first public-use airport in the Commonwealth, you can pick up a specialized blue passport and get your first stamp. Then

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For more information about the Virginia Aviation Ambassador Program, visit [doav.virginia.gov](http://doav.virginia.gov).

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# VFW Post hosts Reenlistment Ceremony



Retired United States Air Force Major and VFW Post 7800 Post member Michelle Warren reenlisted her son, United States Marine Corp Staff Sergeant Justin P. Rainey, on September 24.

On September 24, VFW Post 7800 in Patrick Springs hosted the Reenlistment Ceremony of United States Marine Corp Staff Sergeant Justin P. Rainey. His mother, Retired United States Air Major Force Michelle Warren, a post member, was the presiding officer, VFW Post 7800 Commander Don Cockram said.

The ceremony was attended by fellow post members before the monthly meeting and included Rainey's wife, Kaitlin Studer, of Patemoster, South Africa, and his grandparents Dave, also a post member, and Dee Warren of Stuart.

Rainey is currently stationed at Twentynine Palms, CA as Infantry/Mortarman and after an upcoming deployment will have a follow-up



Rainey is currently stationed at Twentynine Palms, CA as Infantry/Mortarman.

assignment as Combat Instructor at Camp Pendleton, CA.

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# Hearing the Birds at Storytime



A recent Storytime was all about birds. A large crowd of children listened to the reading of

Look! Birds! by Stephanie Calmenson, The Lost Bird by David McPhail, To Bird or Not to Bird by S.J. Russell and Lucy Noland by children's librarian Sam Edmundson.

The children then imitated bird calls from several garden birds. Carolina Wren, "teakettle, teakettle, teakettle." The Black-Capped Chickadee's "feebee," Eastern Bluebird's "cheer, cheerful. Charmer," the Tufted Titmouse's "peter, peter, peter" and the American Goldfinch's "perchik-o-ree, babee."

Youngsters then made birds out of recycled toilet paper rolls decorating them with their favorite bird colors.



After some weatherproofing, the birds will be displayed in the Books, Blooms and Bugs garden at the library for all visitors to see.

The bird program was led by Master Gardeners Jess Hines and Norma Bozenmayer. The group will return in October with a program on spiders and some bulb planting. Visit or call the library about other fun educational programs.

# LOVE from another perspective



Joanne Hill was recently walking the trail at DeHart Park in Stuart, when she zoomed to get this shot of the LOVE sign, from a different perspective than usually seen. Joni Gardner, a staff member at the Patrick County Library, is pictured.

## LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF A PETITION OF APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A RATE ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE PURSUANT TO § 56-585.1 A 5 b OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA CASE NO. PUR-2024-00129

On August 23, 2024, Appalachian Power Company ("APCo" or "Company") filed with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") a petition ("Petition") pursuant to § 56-585.1 A 5 b of the Code of Virginia ("Code") for approval of a rate adjustment clause ("DR-RAC") to recover costs related to the Company's peak shaving riders (Rider D.R.S.-RTO Capacity and Rider D.R.S.). Specifically, APCo requests that the Commission authorize the collection of a Virginia jurisdictional revenue requirement of \$1,424,691. APCo requests that the Commission authorize the revised DR-RAC to go into effect on June 1, 2025, and be collected over a 12-month period through May 31, 2026. APCo represents that the Company's proposed rates would increase the monthly bill for a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours by \$0.13. Pursuant to Code § 56-585.1, the Commission must issue a final order regarding the Petition within eight months of filing.

APCo's requested Virginia jurisdictional revenue requirement of \$1,424,691 comprises: (i) \$753,752 of uncollected balances associated with the Company's DR-RAC as of July 31, 2024; and (ii) \$670,939 of projected costs associated with the customer that is currently on Rider D.R.S.-RTO Capacity from August 1, 2024, through May 31, 2025.

APCo requests the Commission's approval to defer for future recovery the costs associated with the Company's Rider D.R.S.-RTO Capacity and Rider D.R.S. In support of its request, APCo states that Code §§ 56-585.1 A 5 b and 56-585.1 A 7 authorize the deferral of prudently incurred costs of peak-shaving (demand response) programs, and the Company asserts that the Commission has granted similar requests to defer costs associated with demand response riders.

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

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing that, among other things, scheduled a public hearing on APCo's Petition. On January 29, 2025, at 10 a.m., the Hearing Examiner assigned will hold the telephonic portion of the hearing for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses. On or before January 22, 2025, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission (a) your name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Commission to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission in three ways: (i) by filing out a form on the Commission's website at [scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting](http://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting); (ii) by completing and emailing the PDF version of this form to [SCCInfo@scc.virginia.gov](mailto:SCCInfo@scc.virginia.gov); or (iii) by calling (804) 371-9141. This public witness hearing will be webcast at [scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting](http://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting).

On January 29, 2025, at 10 a.m. or at the conclusion of the public witness portion of the hearing, whichever is later, in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, the Hearing Examiner will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence related to the Petition from the Company, any respondents, and the Commission's Staff.

To promote administrative efficiency and timely service of filings upon participants, the Commission has directed the electronic filing of testimony and pleadings, unless they contain confidential information, and has required electronic service on parties to this proceeding.

Electronic copies of the Petition may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company: Noelle J. Coates, Esquire, American Electric Power Service Corporation, 3 James Center, 1051 East Cary Street, Suite 1100, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or [njcoates@aep.com](mailto:njcoates@aep.com). Interested persons also may download unofficial copies of the Petition and other documents filed in this case from the Commission's website: [scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information](http://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information).

On or before January 22, 2025, any interested person may submit comments on the Petition by following the instructions found on the Commission's website: [scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments](http://scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments). Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such comments with the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2024-00129.

On or before November 8, 2024, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation at [scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling](http://scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling). Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation electronically may file such notice by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel. The respondent shall send a copy of the notice of participation on counsel to the Company. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules of Practice"), any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by 5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2024-00129.

On or before November 20, 2024, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission, at [scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling](http://scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling), any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case. Any respondent unable, as a practical matter, to file testimony and exhibits electronically may file such by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Each witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. All testimony and exhibits shall be sent to the Company, Staff, and all other respondents. In all filings, respondents shall comply with the Commission's Rules of Practice, as modified herein, including, but not limited to: 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, and 5 VAC 5-20-240, *Prepared testimony and exhibits*. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2024-00129.

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

The Company's Petition, the Commission's Rules of Practice, the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, and other documents filed in this case may be viewed on the Commission's website at: [scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information](http://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information).

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# Senior group enjoyed WVA trip

The Patrick County Seniors Group recently enjoyed a motor coach trip to Elkins, West Virginia, sponsored by the Patrick County Recreation Department.

A total of 52 seniors hopped on the bus at Rotary Field and proceeded to through the curvy WVA mountain roads. The group was delighted to see that at the higher elevations, the trees were beginning to display their beautiful fall colors.

Upon arrival a nice homemade dinner was served at a nearby assembly center in Beverly, and a local high-energy bluegrass band called Crandall Creek entertained the group with several familiar tunes. Some of the group got a chance to show off their flat-footing skills.

The next day breakfast was available at the hotel and then the group proceeded to the WV Railroad Museum which was located close by in the historic Darden Mill. The Appalachian Forest Discovery Center was located on the first floor which had many displays that brought back childhood memories.

Next door was the Elkins Train Depot, where the Tygart Flyer train awaited which would take the group on a four hour tour up the mountain beside



the Shaney Fork of the Cheat River to the High Falls. The falls, although limited a little by the recent drought, flowed beautifully down a little valley surrounded by the bright yellow and orange colors of fall. Lunch was served on the train and then the evening activities were enjoyed at the Grandy Dancer Dinner Theatre, also located in Elkins.

With a delicious dinner, a program with costumes, dancing, singing and great musicians, the

group was provided with a rip-roaring variety show that had feet tapping and hands waving. On the return trip the next day, the group made a stop at the Green Bank Observatory, which is the home to the Robert C. Byrd Green Bank telescope, the world's largest fully steerable radio telescope. The bus then returned safely to Stuart, with planners looking forward to another exciting trip in the spring.

# First Saturday Outing features a paddle the Mayo, Dan rivers

The Dan River Basin Association's (DRBA's) October 5 First Saturday Outing will be a 5.5 mile, Class I paddle starting on the Mayo River at the Mayo River State Park Access on NC 135 in Mayodan. Participants will paddle about 1.25 miles on the Mayo River and then join the Dan River for the remainder of the paddle.

Participants will meet at the TAKE-OUT at the Dan River Campground to consolidate into

fewer vehicles to go to the put in. This is because of the small parking lot at the NC 135/Mayo River

State Park Access in Mayodan. Meet here at 9 a.m.

This paddle is suitable for those with some paddling experience. Along the route, participants will paddle through some of the best examples of intact bateau structures. Bateaux were 50 -60 feet long flat bottom boats that could carry up to five tons of commercial goods like corn, cotton, and tobacco up and down the river. They frequently were guided by



Photo by DRBA

enslaved persons and later by freed Blacks until railroads became the more common form of transport for commercial needs in the 1880s.

This is the first time DRBA will use the NC 135 Access. We will take-out at the Dan River

Campground through special permission. After we pass under the US 220 Bridge, in a ¼ mile we start the 800-foot Slink Shoal rapid. For the bateaux to navigate this area in low water, crib wing

dams were built on each side of the river to make a deeper channel down the middle of the waterway.

These wooden and rock structures were built in the 1820s and are still intact. Further downstream is

the Lone Island Ford which was used by General Greene after the Battle of Guilford Courthouse.

This Ford was in use from circa 1769-1868 when the Settle's covered bridge was completed. Near to where we take-out, was the Ja-

cobs Creek Bateau Landing and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as being part of the Dan River Navigational System. Alexander Martin built his home called Danbury near here along Jacobs Creek. Alexander Martin was the 4th and 7th NC Governor.

The paddle will start at 9 a.m. at the take-out at the Dan River Campground at 724 Webster Road Stoneville, NC GPS: 36.39557°N, 79.88768°W Google Maps.

Participants must supply their own boat, paddles, life jackets, water and lunch or snacks. It is recommended to wear artificial fabric and not cotton clothing. Synthetic fabrics are better when wet. It is best to bring a change of clothing for after the paddle. All participants will be required to sign a waiver. DRBA's First Saturday Outings are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Keith Elliot at 336-613-2966 or by email at keithmale1@gmail.com.

# Initial claims continue to climb

The 2,852 initial claims for unemployment insurance filed during the week ending September 21, 2024, are 31.8 percent higher than last week's 2,164 claims and 101.3 percent higher than the comparable week of last year (1,417), according to Virginia Works.

Nearly 83 percent of claimants self-reported an associated industry; of those reported, the top five industries (68 percent) were Manufacturing (699); Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (266); Administrative and Support

and Waste Management (234); Health Care and Social Assistance (205); and Retail Trade (180).

Continued weeks claims (14,880) were 0.9 percent higher than last week (14,749) and were 16.0 percent higher than the comparable week of last year (12,830). Nearly 93 percent of claimants self-reported an associated industry; of those reported, the top five industries (59 percent) were Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (2,402); Administrative and Support and Waste Management (2,015); Health Care and

Social Assistance (1,422); Retail Trade (1,196); and Manufacturing (1,149).

A person who has already filed an initial claim and who has experienced a week of unemployment files a continued claim to claim benefits for that week of unemployment. On a weekly ba-

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