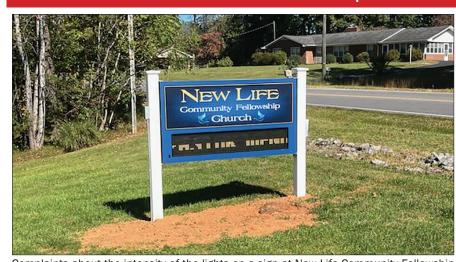
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Complaints about the intensity of the lights on a sign at New Life Community Fellowship Church in Stuart prompted the Stuart Town Council to discuss the issue at its meeting on Wednesday, October 16.

Town Council discusses compliance issue with church sign

By Taylor Boyd

The Stuart Town Council took sign," he said. up the issue of a sign that was constructed at New Life Community Church, adjacent to Woodland Drive, at its Wednesday, October 16

said the sign was constructed with- the pastor, they have provided the out the town's approval or a sign per-permit application, which of course, mit. "The issue is that the sign is not I will have to take to the Planning in compliance with our ordinance, Commission and go through the and we have received complaints

from multiple citizens regarding the

Simmons said he plans to schedule a Planning Commission meeting to review the situation.

"The major issue is that it is an electric sign that flashes and is in Town Manager Bryce Simmons a residential area. We've notified

Spooktacular set for Halloween night on Main Street

By Taylor Boyd

The 9th annual Stuart Spooktacular is set to be held Thursday, October 31 on Main Street in Stuart from 5:30-8 p.m. Presented by One Family Productions, the event is in partnership with the Patrick County Chamber of Commerce, Patrick County Tourism, Adcock Veterinary Orthopedic Solutions, Clark Gas & Oil, and the Town

Sarah Wray, chairman of the planning committee, said the event began as an opportunity to create a free and family-friendly Halloween celebration. Families are invited to visit Main Street dressed in their costumes and trick or treat at the various booths set

"We have been really fortunate over the years. We're seeing the same trend this year of great community support from businesses and organizations who sign up to give out free candy and non-candy-based items to really create an inclusive environment for folks on Halloween," she said.

"We also have a range of inflatables and games, live performing artists that are either roaming the street and/ or setting up specific performances, one of which is our fire performance by Imagine Circus that seems to be a crowd favorite every year," she said.

A table decorating contest is scheduled for businesses and organizations,

Wray said, adding the chamber will award a prize to the winner.

The group also is working with the Stuart Volunteer Fire Department on potentially hosting a jack-o'-lantern carving event prior to Spooktacular, "so, families can have a chance to carve their own pumpkin and then display it for folks to enjoy," she said.

Several food vendors will be on site including Pickle & Ask, Buckin' Good Eats & Lemonade, LLC, and Bootleg BBQ from Floyd, Wray said, adding that she expects over 1,500-2,000 will visit the event.

"They're not there all at one time obviously," but visitors tend to "kind of trickle in, spend some time there, and then kind of move onto other activities as well. We typically see Main Street full of people, and obviously the weather plays a big part of that, so we're hoping for nice, cool weather with dry skies," she said.

Wray said typically 40-50 businesses and organizations will set up along Main Street for Spooktacular. Currently, two-thirds of that are registered for the event, and applications are accepted until October 28.

"If we get them later in the week, we'll do our best to build them into our lineup, but just to help us plan, October 28 is our tentative goal," she said.

Those interested can visit the chamber's website or call (276) 694-6012.

The Hutchens to perform at 20th anniversary show

By Taylor Boyd

The Hutchens will headline the Patrick County Music Association's (PCMA's) show on Saturday, Oct. 26, in celebration of the 20th anniversary of The Crooked Road, Virginia's Heritage Music Trail.

The event will be held at the Patrick County High School (PCHS) Auditorium. Doors open at 5 p.m., with performances starting at 6 p.m.

In addition to The Hutchens, The Country Boys and Olivia Jo will also perform. The show will kick off with Charlie's Corner, featuring Charlie Chaney and his music students.

PCMA President Denny Alley said The Hutchens, a group composed of three brothers—Barry, Bryan, and Bill Hutchens—have been a fixture in the local music scene. The trio was signed to Atlantic Records and released their debut album, "Knock, Knock," in 1995. The title track peaked at No. 56 on the



The Hutchens will take the stage on Saturday, October 26, at the Patrick County Music Association's show held in the auditorium at Patrick County High School.

Billboard Hot Country Singles & Tracks chart.

"Barry Hutchens, he's one of the best singers in the county. They play a little bit of everything," Alley said.

Alley expects a good turnout, noting that admission is free. "We've got 650 seats, and we've got room for it. It's a free show, no money for admission," he added.

Looking ahead, Alley said the PCMA's December show will also be free, while the November Veteran Appreciation Show, sponsored by the Patrick County Food Bank Board, will re-

quire \$5 admission and two canned goods.

The September Songwriter's Circle Series II Guys & Gals show filled the 145 seats at the Star Theatre, indicating strong community interest in local music events.

Concessions will be available for purchase from the Patrick County Shooting Education Team, with proceeds supporting children's firearm safety educa-

For more information or see more, visit Facebook.com/PatrickCountyMusicAssociation.

Depot Station opens in Downtown Stuart



Commonwealth of Virginia
Sample Ballot

o vote on an issue, fill in the oval next to Yes or No

o write in a qualified candidate who is not already on the ballot, fill in the oval

you want to change a vote or have made a mistake, ask an election worker for

The Depot Station opened its doors in September.

By Taylor Boyd

The Depot Station, a new retail shop in downtown Stuart, is now officially open, occupying the former Plantiques building. The Patrick County Chamber of Commerce recently hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially welcome the new business to the Stuart business community.

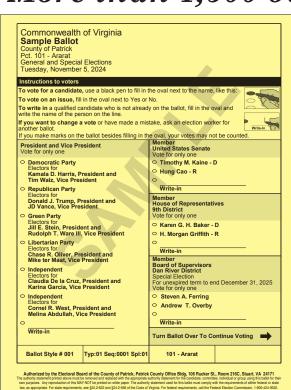
Karen Cummings and her husband, Todd, purchased the building two years ago while operating their moving company, Todd's Easy Moves, in Winston-Salem, N.C.

(See Depot Station p. 3) downtown Stuart.



Karen Cummings with her grandson, Sawyer Cummings, in The Depot Station, located in

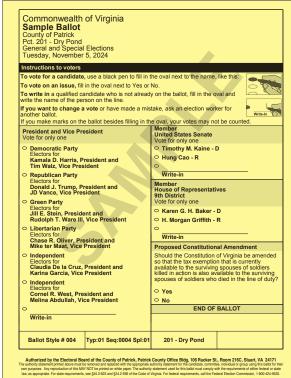
More than 1,500 ballots cast in advance of Nov. 5 election



Sample Ballot - ARARAT NOV 2024

By Taylor Boyd

More than 1,500 ballots have been cast in local and national contests on the ballot, days before the November 5 election. Registrar Susan Taylor said 1,534 early voters visited her office to cast their ballots as of the morning of Monday, October



Sample Ballot - DRY POND NOV 2024

Voters can head to the polls on Tuesday, Novem-

A registered voter needing to vote early may

ber 5. All polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. A sample ballot is printed in this newspaper showing the names of the candidates.

out make marks on the ballot besides filling in the ovat, your votes may not be cour resident and Vice President of for not your output of the vote of condy one of the vote of condy one of the vote of condy one of the vote Hung Cao - R epublican Party Member House of Representatives 9th District Karen G. H. Baker - D Mayor
Town of Stuart
Vote for only one
Terry W. Dalton Write-in Ballot Style # 010 Typ:01 Seq:0010 Spl:0

Sample Ballot - STUART FAIRGROUNDS NOV 2024

do so in person at the Registrar's Office, located at the Patrick County Veterans' Memorial Building, 106 Rucker St, Rm 216C, Stuart. The office is open Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"This Saturday" October 26 "and next Saturday,

(See 1,500 Ballots p.3)

Medicare Open Enrollment Scams

It's open enrollment season,

care scams spike during open en- plans and change enrollment by posing as insurance providers 800-633-4227. calling and emailing about free scams are all designed to steal been targeted. Visit aarp.org/ your money, Medicare informa- fraudwatchnetwork for more intion, or your identity.

Be suspicious and don't share which also means it's Medicare sensitive personal information fraud season. Eligible beneficia- with anyone who calls, emails, or ries have from October 15-Decem- visits you out of the blue promotber 7 to shop around and make ing a Medicare plan. Legitimate changes to their Medicare health Medicare plans can only contact and Part D prescription drug you if you've requested informaplans. Unfortunately, some of the tion or if you have an existing redeals offered won't be deals at all. lationship with them. Beneficia-Just like in other years, Medi- ries can safely compare legitimate rollment season with criminals going to medicare.gov or by calling

Learn how to proactively spot gifts or limited time offers. These scams or get guidance if you've formation.

Tourism Talks

This is one of my favorite times of the year. It is simply fantastic with the colors of the leaves, the cool, crisp mornings, and the autumn smells that fill the air. The roads were busy this week as travelers and tourists visited their favorite fall views. Seeing the many different license plates streaming through the county is encouraging. This is the busiest time of the year for our tourist economy, and one of the biggest draws to our county is the Blue Ridge Parkway. I am grate-I hope that visitation will rebound want it to. So, if your passion is the to those affected by Hurricane He-

Patrick, there are many ways that you can help, and you have been doing so. Another way to play together, and make our comhelp is to donate to the Blue Ridge munities of Ararat, Blue Ridge, Parkway Foundation (https://www. Critz, Dry Pond, Meadows of Dan, brpfoundation.org/donate). Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation and all the best we can be. is the fundraising partner, 501(c) (3), for the Blue Ridge Parkway, find yourself here." Praying and providing support for initiatives supporting all of us! along the 469-mile route, 90,000 acres, including historical and cultural preservation, environmental ment and Tourism protection, visitor amenities, and



ful to see that they have opened up education and outreach. I can perthe Virginia portion. The short time sonally speak to the work that they it was closed financially impacted are doing, and you can earmark some of our local businesses, and your donation to help the way you in the upcoming days. Our support Mabry Mill, Craggy Gardens, the and prayers are continually given Hurricane Recovery Funds, or other projects, the monies will go to that project only. This is just one way to show your support.

So, Patrick, let's work together, The Patrick Spring, Stuart, Woolwine,

Remember, "Come get lost and

James Houchins,

Director of Economic Develop-

jhouchins@co.patrick.va.us

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.

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 $\frac{\mbox{\sc killed in action}}{\mbox{\sc who died in the line of duty}}.$

(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

(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

Virginia pumpkin growers welcoming customers after challenging growing season

October is Virginia Pumpkin Month, and now is the time to vis- backs, Sharpe is excited for famit a local pumpkin patch to pick ilies to visit her U-pick pumpkin your perfect pumpkin.

tivating pumpkins across 4,600 ing pumpkins "grow the biggest acres, pumpkins are a booming they've ever been." business in the commonwealth. ninth in pumpkin production.

But while farmers are opening ities, this year's growing season we have right now." was "one of the hardest so far," agent in Greene County.

drought and high temperatures caused significant growth delays. Pumpkins don't fruit when nights are above 70 degrees.

set fruit at all or are just now set- body's got different tastes.' ting fruit," she explained. "Across they would normally be."

She added that because of the prolonged drought, she and many pumpkin with one hand around other growers are "experiencing the stem and another on the botabout a 50% to 70% yield compared to normal years.

Despite the weather-driven setpatch this fall. The late-season With nearly 400 growers cul-rains helped her orange carv-

In Southampton County, Goose According to the U.S. Depart- Hill Farm owner Amp Cobb also ment of Agriculture Economic is greeting customers for pick-Research Service, pumpkins rank your-own and pre-picked pump-19th among the commonwealth's kins. While he's fortunate his top commodities, accounting for crop fared well overall, he had to \$15.5 million in cash receipts in increase his crop protectants to 2023. Nationally, Virginia ranks keep disease and pests at bay this vear.

"I think I sprayed them about their pumpkin patches and wel- every week," said Cobb. "But we're coming customers for fall festiv- good on the number of pumpkins

He noted the season was off to said Sarah Weaver Sharpe, a a slow start, but he's optimistic Virginia Cooperative Extension business will pick up as Halloween approaches. Customers vis-Sharpe is the owner of Sarah's iting the farm will find a variety Pumpkin Patch in Madison Coun- of pumpkins, including one that's ty and said the summer's severe all white and the classic jack-o'lantern.

"We grow anywhere from small gourds that look like pumpkins to pumpkins that weigh 100 pounds "There were some spots where or better," he said. "We've got to the pumpkin varieties didn't even have a variety because every-

To find the ideal carving pumpthe state the pumpkins were kin, look for one that is a deep about three weeks behind where orange with a long green stem, Sharpe advised.

"It's important to carry your tom of the pumpkin so the stem doesn't fall off!" she said.

Arrests Reported

Office reported the following:

*Felton Lewis Mayfield Jr., 45,

was charged Oct. 12 with assault. Master Deputy M.T. Rorrer was the arresting officer.

four counts of probation violation. Sgt. L.K. Carroll Jr. was the arresting officer.

14 with fail to comply with terms officer. of bond. Deputy C.L. Adkins was the arresting officer.

pretrial services. Senior Deputy ing officer.

The Patrick County Sheriff's A. Kinney was the arresting offi-

*James Robert Parker Jr., 58, of of Bassett, was charged Oct. 12 Stuart, was charged Oct. 14 with with fail to appear. Henry County one count each drive on revoked made the arrest for Patrick Coun- license, and make/use imitation inspection sticker, 2+ offense. *Mary Branch, 25, of Danville, Deputy C.L. Adkins was the arresting officer.

*Anthony Paul Wrede, 35, of Bolivia, NC, was charged Oct. *Savannah Nicole Rakes, 31, of 14 with probation violation. Sgt. Bassett, was charged Oct. 12 with W.L. Higgs was the arresting of-

*Christopher John May, 37, of Roanoke, was charged Oct. 17 *Taylor Renee Rorrer-Haynes, with fail to appear. Senior Dep-24, of Stuart, was charged Oct. uty N.A. Wolfe was the arresting

*Kayla Danielle McGee, 31, of Fieldale, was charged Oct. 17 *Kenneth Russell Griffith, 34, with one count each grand larceof Ararat, waw charged Oct. 14 ny and destruction of property. with fail to comply with terms of Deputy D. Celozzi was the arrest-

Pets of the Week





These two dogs were picked up on the 7000 block of Fairy Stone Hwy. The male is in the dog bed and the female has on a red collar that isn't visible in the photo. The Patrick County Public Animal Shelter (PCPAS) is overflowing, and we need to find their owners. We are in need of adoptions not owner surrenders.

If you recognize these two, please call the shelter at (276) 694-6259, visit in person or on Facebook to see available pets. 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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Town Council

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process of trying to get into compliance either through removal and/or special use permit," he

Traditionally in cases like this, Mayor Ray Weiland said the council would go to the Planning Commission but also contact the surrounding property owners.

"Well, they contacted me, so they're aware," Simmons said to the laughter of the council.

Weiland said he thinks the town may have to have a public hearing on this issue.

"We will certainly have to have a public hearing," Simmons replied.

In the meantime, Simmons said he contacted the pastor of the church and shared the resident

"They have turned down the brightness of the sign, but they're also cutting it off at 8" p.m., he said. "It wasn't brought to our attention until literally the sign was shining. There was literally a sunshine that came up on it."

In other matters, the council:



The sign at New Life Community Fellowship Church was constructed without the town's approval or a sign permit.

*Discussed the Fiscal Year 2023 audit report. Simmons said he plans to request the auditor to be available at the November 20 council meeting to review the audit and discuss any issues within

*Discussed the need to repaint handicapped parking spaces within the town.



New Life Community Fellowship Church

*Discussed the need for council member profiles to complete the town's new website.

*Heard public works updates.

*Discussed the Downtown Revitalization proj-

*Approved the meeting minutes as written.

*Paid the bills.

Depot Station

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Over time, the couple amassed a collection of furni-

ture through their moving business and decided to

"We started fixing up the building and opened

the store to sell the furniture because we're retiring

from the moving business," Karen Cummings said.

"This is our way of slowing things down and taking

The couple sources some of their inventory from

charity auctions in Amish country, while other

items were left behind by clients who no longer

needed them. Depot Station offers a variety of new

and older furniture pieces, as well as records, which

Cummings said have been a surprising hit.

The Depot Station offers a wide variety of furniture, records and knick-knacks.

Though furniture is the main focus, many customers have gravitated toward the shop's selection of books, records, and knick-knacks. The Depot Station sells bookcases, chairs, living room furniture, dining sets, bedroom sets, lamps, doors, windows, China sets, and decorative items.

We've got more stuff in storage, and as we sell what's on display, we'll bring out more," Cummings

Since its September opening, the store has attracted a steady stream of visitors, including customers building cabins who are interested in the furniture for future use. Cummings said she's thrilled with the community's warm reception and enthusiasm "We have a lot of records, and I hate to say it, but for the shop.

"I've had a bunch of people come in just to look



around, and they're really excited about it," she said. "Everybody up here is super nice."

The Depot Station underwent significant refurbishment before its opening. The couple received a façade grant from the Patrick County Economic Development Authority (EDA), which helped cover improvements to the building's exterior, including painting, landscaping, and parking lot renovations.

"We spent over \$20,000, and the EDA is paying \$5,000 of it," Cummings said. A check presentation from the EDA is planned for later this year.

Cummings said she is excited about the transition to retail and plans to launch a Facebook page for the store soon.

For more information, call the Depot Station at (276)692-8069.

$1,500 \ Ballots$

they're the best-selling thing," she said.

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transition into selling it.

a more retail-focused approach."

November 2, "we'll be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.," Taylor said.

The final day for early voting is Saturday, November 2, at 5 p.m. For additional information contact the Registrar's Station 181 Spring Road. Office at 276-694-7206.

To vote early, Taylor said a form of identification like a driver's license, passport, military ID, voter card, bank statement, or utility bill, is needed. "It's the same documents as those required on Election Day," she added.

Patrick County polling places Road. and their locations are:

Dan River District

Ararat - Ararat Ruritan Bldg. 4711 Ararat Hwy.

Claudville - Claudville Community Bldg. 1828 Red Bank School Road.

Willis Gap - Willis Gap Community Center 144 The Hollow Road.

Peters Creek District

Dry Pond - Peters Creek Community Bldg. 2130 Dry Pond Hwy.

Patrick Springs - Patrick Springs Fire

Russell Creek - Russell Creek Com-

munity Bldg. 1808 Ayers Orchard Road.

Mayo River District Critz/Stella - Hardin Reynolds Ele-

mentary School 3597 Dogwood Road.

Liberty - Patrick Henry Volunteer Fire Department 3125 County Line

Blue Ridge District

Meadows of Dan - Meadows of Dan Community Bldg. 2858 Jeb Stuart Hwy.

Stuart Fairgrounds - Hooker Building, Rotary Field, 420 Woodland Dr.

Stuart Community - Stuart Community Center (Patrick Henry Community College, Patrick Site) 212 Wood Broth-

Smith River District

6687 Fairystone Park Hwy.

Woolwine - Smith River Rescue Elamsville - Fairystone Fire Station Squad Bldg. 9962 Woolwine Hwy.

Initial claims for unemployment increase

3,202 unemployment insurance weekly initial claims were filed during the week ending October 12, 2024, which is 5.9 percent higher than last week's 3,025 claims and 93.5 percent higher than the comparable week of last year (1,655).

Nearly 79 percent of claimants self-reported an associated industry; of those reported, the top five industries (65 percent) were Manufacturing (595); Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (347); Health Care and Social Assistance (257); Administrative and Support and Waste Management (228); and Retail Trade (219).

Continued weeks claims (15,480) were 2.3 percent higher than last week (15,137) and were 25.3 percent higher than the comparable week of last year (12,355). Nearly 93 percent tion of the economy.

Virginia Works announced that of claimants self-reported an associated industry; of those reported, the top five industries (61 percent) were Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (2,504); Administrative and Support and Waste Management (1,994); Manufacturing (1,651); Health Care and Social Assistance (1,446); and Retail Trade (1,144).

> A person who has already filed an initial claim and who has experienced a week of unemployment files a continued claim to claim benefits for that week of unemployment. On a weekly basis, continued claims reflect a good approximation of the current number of insured unemployed workers filing for UI benefits, and are a good indicator of labor market conditions. While continued claims are not a leading indicator, they provide confirming evidence of the direc-



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VIEWPOINTS

Cash

This year is the 50th anniversary of the Carter Family Fold. The Fold has preserved the Carter Family legacy, its roots to Southwest Virginia and documented the family's impact on Country music.

In August, I traveled to the Fold for their

50th anniversary celebration. The ious elements of Cash's persona and featured A.P. Carter's granddaughter, Rita Forrester.

Speaker Johnson recently prepared a celebratory event for another Country celebrity.

In late September, I attended a statue dedication ceremony in Emancipation Hall of the U.S. Capitol. Congress unveiled a new statue to honor the "Man in Black", Johnny Cash.

My very first musical concert Named Sue.' was at the Roanoke Civic Center. I went to see the Johnny Cash Show, starring an all-time lineup of iconic Country music members of the Country Music Hall of Fame: Johnny Cash (from Arkansas), his wife June Carter Cash (from Maces Spring, Virginia, near Hiltons), the Statler Brothers (from Staunton, Virginia), and mama Maybelle Carter and the Carter Family.

Cash, representing Arkansas, is the first musician to ever be honored with a statue as part of the National Statuary Hall Collection in the U.S. Capitol.

Each state in our Union is granted two statues to dedicate to the Collection. Virginia's "representatives" are George Washington and Barbara Johns.

Thomas Jefferson is also prominently featured in the Capitol.

At the unveiling of the Johnny Cash statue, over one hundred members of the Cash Family attended.

Cash, Johnny's sister and the last surviving member of his original family. Although she has lost her sight, she was guided to her brother's statue and touched the statue for a few moments.

Cash. She discussed Johnny's upbringing in the Mississippi Delta was notable and documented.

Speaker recounted Johnson Cash's songs that told the story of the factory-line worker, our troops, the farmer, and other forgotten figures in American society.

Arkansas Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders detailed Cash's ordinary beginnings in the land of pioneers. She commended the sculptor of the statue, fellow Arkansan Kevin Kresse.

Kresse strived to combine the var-



Morgan Griffith

Representative

event in Hiltons in Scott County create a presence as nuanced as the singer himself. A guitar slings behind his back, as well as a Bible in his right hand.

> The statue reads "Arkansas Johnny Cash 1932-2003. Singer – Songwriter – Artist – Humanitarian."

> Congressman Steve Womack of Arkansas remarked he could actually see in the statue "the gravel in his gut, and the spit in his eye", in reference to Cash's classic "A Boy

> A key theme that the ceremony's speakers highlighted was Cash's compassion for the poor and the marginalized in society. Rosanne emphasized his work for the rights of prisoners and impoverished children, among other marginalized groups.

Cash was known to visit prisons and perform concerts. One recipient of his prison performances was Merle Haggard. Haggard struggled with the law during his early life. After a 1957 arrest related to an attempted robbery, Haggard spent time in the maximum-security San Quentin Prison.

At that prison on New Year's Day in 1958, Cash performed his first-ever prison concert. His songs included "Folsom Prison Blues." Cash's tunes made a favorable impression on Haggard. Upon his release from prison on parole, Haggard pursued a music career of his own, writing many Country music hits.

A famous Cash tune, "I Walk the The ceremony included Joanne Line", was performed by the United States Air Force Band towards the end of the ceremony.

It has truly been a special year. Since before I was able to go to the concert of the Johnny Cash Show, I loved Johnny Cash and the Stat-A featured speaker of the event ler Brothers and became a big fan was Johnny's daughter, Rosanne of the Carter Family as a result of that show.

So to be at the Carter Family and its influence on his songwrit- Fold's 50th celebration on August ing. His appreciation for America 3 was truly uplifting. And to see Johnny Cash recognized for all his contributions, and particularly his story of redemption, at the unveiling of this statute was meaningful.

I was struck by the fact that both the opening and closing prayer were given by clergy who were his descendants. Mike Garrett, nephew of Johnny, even brought a bible that Johnny Cash had given him.

But my favorite line about Johnny Cash is in a song by the Statler Brothers. In "We Got Paid by Cash"

> they sing: "And we were there when John remembered God was on his side.'

For me, Country music is about the struggles of the average American and the redemption of God.

Letters to the Editor

Candidate Harris and Slavery

Recently, the Department of she has enriched the cartel's human Homeland Security admitted that trafficking operations (worldwide a our federal government could not 150 billion dollar a year business). account for over 300,000 children She continues to aid and abet their who had crossed the southern border, with or without parents or other adults. Who knows how many children were truly amongst those "lost" amongst the ten million people who have come into the US since the Biden-Harris Administration took charge of immigration.

According to Newsweek magazine, in 2018 then Senator Harris proposed reparations through a tax credit for low and middle income black Americans; the same source revealed that in 2019, Senator Harris proposed reparations through the funding of "free" mental health for black Americans. The Harris campaign frequently mentions the effects of slavery on generational economic inequity. On the surface, this viewpoint appears to be a redress against slavery and a reinforcing message about how Harris cares about her fellow men and women. The facts of her performance as Vice President, however, paint a different picture.

As Vice President, Harris was assigned by President Biden to manage the border crisis. As the Border Czar, Harris has had a direct effect on present day slavery. Today there are more slaves than at any time in human history, including when slavery was legal. By failing to stop the flow of millions of unvetted people a year into the United States,

business TODAY.

The United States has the dubious distinction of being not only a prime human trafficking destination, but also a prime customer center for the trafficking of child slaves. Child slaves' lives consist of sexually serving five to ten customers per day. What generational inequities will these present day slaves face?

Harris' performance in her campaign for the presidency amounts to hypocrisy on a grand scale. As the Border Czar, she aids and abets slavery right NOW. The mainstream media fails to report this fact. Harris, through her actions, not her words, proves that she really doesn't care about people. By pandering to black citizens, she hopes to garner more votes while more slaves suffer today than at any time in history. For her and her party, it's all about power, not people.

Yet again, we see another Democratic candidate who wants "to be everyone's president," yet plays the race card to divide the country. Remember Joe Biden's inaugural speech? Don't promote an incompetent candidate to the presidency who aids an abets modern day slavery and its generational effects.

Joe Cadrin, Stuart

Appomattox man faces multiple charges after pursuit

An Appomattox County man is in custody after a two county pursuit, according to Sheriff Dan

Daniel Joseph Sparrow, 42, was charged with one count each felony eluding law enforcement, diving under the influence of drugs, obstruction of justice, driving on a revoked license, and multiple other traffic offenses in connection with the incident.

Sparrow is being held without bail in the Henry County Adult Detention Facility.

Sheriff's deputies tried to stop a Sheriff's Office) Chevrolet 1500 pickup pulling an asphalt sealing trailer at approximately 10 p.m. on October 19.

The vehicle allegedly failed to pull over and began to attempt to elude deputies. The pursuit entered Patrick County on Virginia 57 and then traveled onto U.S. 58, at which point Senior Deputy Cody Fortner, Senior Deputy Doug Perry, of the Patrick County Sheriff's Office, and Senior Trooper Jeremiah Mabe, of the Virginia State Police, became in-

Both Henry and Patrick county from the highway, but Smith said the weight of the suspect vehicle made such a task difficult. The pursuit continued east on U.S. connection with the incident.



Smith said that Henry County Daniel Joseph Sparrow (Henry County

58, with the suspect at one point allegedly entering the on-coming

lane of travel.

Fortner was able to stop traffic on westbound U.S. 58, near Spoon Creek, to prevent a head-on collision. The pursuit then re-entered Henry County, at which time the suspect attempted to re-enter the west bound lane of travel into on-coming traffic. Perry made the decision to intentionally ram his patrol car into the passenger side of the suspect vehicle, ending the

pursuit. "Senior Deputy Perry's decision deputies made multiple attempts to ram the suspect vehicle most to remove the suspect vehicle likely saved the life of an innocent motorist," the sheriff said in a Monday news release.

No injuries were reported in

Waffle products recalled due to potential contamination

TreeHouse Foods, Inc. is voluntarily recalling cer- com/news-and-media/press-release-details/2024/ tain frozen waffle products due to the potential to be contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes, an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain, and diarrhea. Listeria monocytogenesinfection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

The recalled products were distributed throughout the United States and Canada to retailers that include Walmart and Food Lion, and packed in various formats.

Consumers and retailers can identify the UPC on the back of the carton, and the Lot Code and Best By Date for these products, on the end of the

A list of affected products and other informa-

tion can be found at https://www.treehousefoods.

TreeHouse-Foods-Announces-Voluntary-Recall-of-Certain-Waffle-Products-Due-to-the-Potential-for-Listeria-monocytogenes-Contamination/ default.aspx.

There have been no confirmed reports of illness linked to the recalled products to date. Anyone concerned about an illness should contact a healthcare provider.

This issue was discovered through routine testing at the manufacturing facility.

Consumers should check their freezers for any of the products listed above and dispose of them or return the recalled product to the place of purchase for credit. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 800-596-2903, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. -4:30 p.m. (CST).

This recall is being carried out with the knowledge of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (U.S. FDA) and Canadian Food Inspection Agency

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John Wesley Hooker and Margaret Derency Akers Hooker, Part V

By Beverly Belcher Woody

For the past four weeks, we have been learning about John Wesley Hooker, his wife Margaret Derency Akers Hooker, their fourteen children, and their offspring. You may notice that number has changed from thirteen in the previous four columns. I discovered that sadly, the thirteenth child was a little girl, stillborn on the 20th of October 1883; her death is recorded in the Patrick County, Virginia Register of Deaths 1881-1896.

The eleventh child, George Wesley Hooker, was born on the 30th of May 1879 in Buffalo Ridge/ Elamsville, Virginia. George graduated from the medical school at the University of Richmond, then took post-graduate classes at John Hopkins University in New York and the Mayo Brothers Institute in Rochester, Minnesota.

Upon graduation, Dr. George Wesley Hooker started a medical practice in Rocky Mount, Virginia. It was in Rocky Mount that he met Miss Emma St. John Carper, the daughter of Franklin County circuit court clerk, James Jones Carper and his wife, Mary Edmundson Wilson. Dr. George and Emma were married in Rocky Mount on the 24th of November 1913.

Dr. and Mrs. Hooker lived in Rocky Mount during the 1920's where he maintained his medical practice and he was a highly respected, sought-after physician. I found several articles where Dr. Hooker was brought in for consultations on difficult cases. When Emma's sister-in-law, Margaret Annabelle Helms Carper passed away in 1920, Emma and Dr. Hooker took Margaret and Norwood Greer Carper's two children to raise. Little Norwood Greer Carper, Jr. was only six years old, and Margaret Helms Carper was only two.

Dr. Hooker moved his practice and his little family to Roanoke in the late 1920's where they built a large, brick home at 2311 Rosalind Avenue. Dr. Hooker continued to practice medicine until shortly before his passing at the age eightythree in 1963; members of the Roanoke Academy of Medicine served as his honorary pallbearers.

ret Derency Akers Hooker. Charles graduated from the Staunton Military Academy and National Business College in Roanoke before moving to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1900 with several of his siblings and their spouses. Charles moved on to Washington, D.C., where he married Miss Charlotte Jean Eva on the first of November 1911. Charles and Charlotte had two daughters, Margaret and Charlotte Eva before their marriage was dissolved in 1919 in Reno, Nevada.

was working in the Charles emerging industry of automobile sales when he married in 1929 to Miss Rowena Ann Moses, the daughter of Rufus and Mary Odineal Moses of Chatham, Virginia. Charles and Rowena moved to West Palm Beach, Florida where he worked as a farm implement salesman for the Ford Motor Company, and they raised two daughters and one son. Charles Perry Hooker died of a heart attack on the 5th of March 1946 at the age of sixty-five.

The fourteenth child of John Wesley and Margaret; Henry Lester Hooker, was born on the 25th of April 1885 when Margaret was forty-three years old. Henry followed in the footsteps of his older brother, James Murray Hooker, graduating from the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, then moving on to Lexington to Washington & Lee University to obtain his law degree. Upon graduation, Henry Lester Hooker returned to Stuart and began practicing law with his brother, James Murray Hooker in 1909.

On the 19th of June 1912, Henry Lester Hooker and Nellie May Sanford were married at Stuart Baptist Church and it was quite an affair, according to the announcement in the Roanoke Times from June 21, 1912..."The Stuart Baptist Church was the scene of a typical June wedding this morning at 10:30 when Miss Nell Sanford, the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. M. F. Sanford was married to Mr. Henry Lester Hooker in the presence of a large and brilliant assemblage of relatives, invited friends, and guests. The ceremony was most impressively performed by the Rev. Messrs. M. F. Sanford and T. Ryland Sanford, father and brother of the bride. A short while before the bridal party entered the church, little Miss Dorothy Harvey escorted by Master Weir Pedigo sang "Oh Promise Me" very sweetly, after which Mrs. Dr. R. S. Martin played the customary selections from Mendelssohn. The wedding party was preceded by the waiters, who were Master Edwin Harvey with Miss Estelle Ragsdale; Master Gordon Beach with Miss Louise McNeil; Master Rhea Houchins with Miss Virgie Thompson; Master Weir Pedigo with Miss Carolina Beach; and Master Rob-The twelfth child, Charles Perry ert McNichols with Miss Ethylene was born on the 21st of November Clark-all former pupils of the bride. ford, niece of the bride, dressed in white lingerie with white trimmings and Margaret Hooker, a niece of the groom, also in white lingerie with white trimmings, who acted as flower girls and opened the gates for the bridal party. First to pass through the opened gates was little Miss Frances Taylor, the ring bearer, beautifully dressed in white lingerie with yellow trimmings. Next came the groom on the arm of his brother, Dr. George W. Hooker, of Rocky Mount, followed by the bride

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Hooker should have been a pillar in the Temple of knowledge. Here again is raised the question, "can any good thing come from William and Mary College?'' Hooker is private secretary to "Sunny Jim." He isn't all bad though, and is one of those on the front row who is making strenuous stabs at that LL. B. Here's hop-He is an '09 basket-ball star

Washington and Lee yearbook photo



(Photos George Wesley Hooker from Katherine Hooker Boaz)

with her maid of honor, Miss Nan

Soyars. The bride was handsomely

attired in a blue tailored suit with

a white hat and gloves. The maid of

honor was beautifully gowned in a

cream embroidered voile and car-

ried daisies. The bridesmaids were

daintily dressed in embroidered



Charles Perry Hooker's daughters, Margaret and Charlotte

born on the 27th of July 1921. On November 4th, 1924, Henry Lester Hooker was elected to the rate-making and regulatory commission, the State Corporation Commission, headquartered Richmond. Hooker moved his family to Richmond where he would serve on the three-member SCC board for forty-eight years, retiring at the age of eighty-six on January 31st, 1972. In an August 26th, 1988, article in the Richmond Times-Dispatch, Jeff Shapiro reported that upon being honored by the General Assembly on his 100th birthday, Mr. Hooker (with his cane dangling on his arm) danced a flatfoot jig, to the delight of the House of Delegates lawmakers. Hooker's tenure on the SCC spanned from the decade before rural electrification until the opening of the state's first nuclear power the Great Depression. Henry Lester Hooker died on the 25th of August 1988 at the age of 103.

This concludes our series on John Wesley Hooker and Margaret Derency Akers Hooker, their fourteen children, and their offspring. I would not have been 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

flaxen with the white trimmings, all carrying shower bouquets of daisies. The groom, best man, groomsmen, and ushers were handsomely dressed in dark blue suits, white ties, and tan gloves. The ushers were Dr. Moir S. Martin and Mr. George S. Taylor, circuit court clerk. Immediately after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Hooker left for Blue Ridge Springs, where they will remain for about ten days. They will return to Stuart, where they will make their future home. The bride is an accomplished, popular, and attractive young lady who enjoys numerous station. Junie Bradshaw, Mr. Hookfriends. She is a postgraduate of er's law clerk, said that Hooker of-Rawlings Institute and has success- ten lamented on the hardest thing fully taught the past two sessions in he had to do during his time on the 1880 to John Wesley and Marga- They were followed by Eleanor San- the high school here. The groom is board was to close the banks during a graduate of Washington and Lee University and is a member of the successful and well-known law firm of Hooker & Hooker. The popularity of the couple is most clearly shown

> Henry Lester and Nellie May Sanford Hooker's first child, Eleanor Sanford Hooker was born on the third of December 1913, followed by their son Henry Lester Hooker, Jr.

Gross Income (AGI) on your tax return, plus at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org.

by the unusually large number of

costly and elegant presents." I re-

ally miss wedding announcements

Social Security Matters

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Ask Rusty - About Signing up for Social Security and Medicare Part B at 70

August 2024 and am still working full time. I signed up for Medicare Part A but, it is my secondary insurance because I have great health insurance through where I work. My wife is retired and has Medicare Part A but, is on my insurance also, and she is taking Social Security. Our plan is for me to work until August 2026 when I'll be 71. I'll file for Social Security when I turn 70, and bank all of it for a year until I retire. That is money we plan to use for travel and fun things. I have three questions: when should I file for my Social Security so it starts in September; when do my wife and I file for Medicare Part B (with a supplement) so it starts in September; and are there negative tax implications to this plan that I haven't thought of? Signed: Needing Info

Dear Needing Info: Sounds like you have a great strategy planned for your personal Social Security benefits and your Medicare Part B enrollment for both of you. To your

questions: If you will be 70 in August 2025, you can thresholds. FYI, "MAGI" is your Adjusted

apply for Social Security about 3 months pri-

rity Advisor at the AMAC Foundation, the that you wish your SS benefits to start effec- non-taxable interest you may have had. If tive with the month of your 70th birthday. you file your taxes as "married/jointly" and Signing up a few months early is perfectly okay – you will indicate your desired bene-Dear Rusty: I just turned 69 years old in is when SS will start your benefits. Remember, SS pays benefits in the month following the month earned, so your first payment will be received in September 2025 (on the 2nd Wednesday if you were born before the 11th of the month).

As for Medicare Part B coverage for you and your wife, both of you can enroll in Medicare Part B a couple of months prior to you leaving work, but request that Medicare Part B coverage starts in the month your work coverage ends. In other words, you can enroll in IRS FORM W-4V to your local Social Secu-Medicare before you retire from work but request that your Part B coverage starts in the avoid any gap in healthcare coverage). Obviously, you should begin your private supple-

mental healthcare coverage to coincide with the start of your Medicare Part B coverage. Regarding the tax implications, just be aware that a portion of your received Social Security benefits become taxable income if your Modified Adjusted Gross Income

By Russell Gloor, National Social Secu- or (e.g., in May 2025). Just be sure to specify 50% of your received SS benefits, plus any your MAGI is more than \$32,000, then 50% of the SS benefits you receive during the fit start date on your application, and that tax year becomes taxable income, or if your MAGI as a married couple is over \$44,000 then up to 85% of the SS benefits received during the tax year becomes taxable income (at your normal IRS tax rate). Income tax on SS benefits occurs when your MAGI is over the thresholds for your tax filing status, so you should plan accordingly. If your MAGI will be consistently over these thresholds after you retire from working, you may choose to have income tax withheld from your SS benefits, which is easy to do by submitting rity office.

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SPORTS

PCHS falls to Alleghany



layden Callahan hits past the Alleghany block.



Sydney Tatum goes up for the kill.

By Pat Delaney

Alleghany visited Patrick County High School to play the Lady Cougars on October 15, and left with a and they slowly started taking it," 3-0 win, 18-25, 19-25, 20-25.

Patrick County started the match strong, building a 7-2 lead in the motivated, and we started playing first set with solid play in all parts of the game. Forced to take a timeout, Alleghany responded and tied the set at 12-12.

"As soon as you let a team get the the difference in the latter part of

momentum, it's really hard to stop it. You need to keep the momentum on your side, and we had it at 7-2, said PCHS head coach Heidi Moore. "The timeout helped them. They got really slow, making little errors that we've got to clean up."

It was Alleghany's ability to string together points that made



The Lady Cougars block the Allegheny spike.



Lilly Hazelwood hits over the block.

the set, taking it 18-25.

The second set was close in the early game. After an 8-8 tie, Alleghany would go on a 12-4 run, and pull ahead 12-20. Patrick County would finish strong with a 7-5 run, but ran out of time, losing the set 19-25.

The third set was close nearly throughout, with the teams trading points for a 16-16 tie. Once again, Alleghany would string together points, taking an 18-20 lead and

finishing the set 20-25.

"We were on and off too much tonight," said Moore. "It's getting to be the end of the season, and we can't have those times."

Jayden Callahan's 9 kills and 4 digs led Patrick County, with Lilly Hazelwood adding 8 kills and 2 blocks. Camille Gonzalez had 23 assists and 6 digs. Journey Moore had 12 digs and 3 aces.

JV Cougars Defeat Carroll



Sheyan Lester had 4 kills in an October 17 game against Carroll County.

By Ashlee Mullis

they traveled to Carroll County on Mariah Scott had 11 assists.

Thursday, October 17. Sheyan Les-The JV Lady Cougar Volleyball ter had 4 kills, and Kendra Penn Team defeated the Lady Cavaliers had 5 kills. Jayme Moose had 5 in 2 sets, 25-14 and 25-17 when aces. Jenna Woods had 7 digs, and

Sports Briefs

By Ashlee Mullis

Football Falls to Radford

Patrick County traveled to Rad- Noah Jessup, and Easton Harris Harris who tallied 117 yards on 22 carries and 36 return yards in the kicking game and Avone Kidd who had 71 yards on 16 carries and 2 touchdowns, Calvin Lancaster had 35 yards on 8 carries, and Jayden Corns added 28 yards on 7 carries and 7 yards receiving. Defensively, the Cougars were led by Paul Pascale with 8 tackles. Jayden Corns,

ford on Friday, October 18, losing added 5 tackles each. Glenn Stovall by a score of 28-14. The Cougars recorded his second interception in were led offensively by Easton as many weeks. Conner Goad, Seth Geiger, Calvin Lancaster, Josh Jimrusti, Cameron Collins, Josiah Spangler, Reggie Brown, Wheeler Helms, and Antwain Mitchell all added tackles for Patrick County. The Cougars will be back in ac-

tion Friday night at John D. Hooker Field in Stuart when they take on Alleghany at 7 p.m.

PCHS Cross Country Teams Win Meet

The Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams traveled to Carroll County, Wednesday, October 16, winning both races. The boys team was led by Noah Hiatt who placed 2nd overall. Fisher Martin placed 3rd overall, Greely Terry 4th overall, and

William Overby was 6th overall. The girls team was led by Callie Wood who finished 5th overall.

overall, and Mackenzie Williams

finished 10th. The Middle School Cross Country Teams also competed on Wednes-

day. Levi Hankins won the two-mile

race outright with a time of 12:45. The PCHS Cross Country teams will compete next at the Three Rivers District Championships on October 29th at the Smith River Eliana Montgomery came in 7th Sports Complex in Martinsville, Va.

PCHS Sports Schedule

The Patrick County High School Cougars Sports 10/29 Schedule for the week of Oct. 28 - Nov. 2:

TBA Cross Country District Tournament at Smith River Complex

Varsity Volleyball Loses Two



Lilly Hazelwood gets a kill against Carroll County.

By Ashlee Mullis

Lilly Hazelwood had 12 kills and 3 aces. 1 block. Journey Moore had 18 digs, and Camille Gonzalez had 30 the season.

assists. The Cougars traveled to The Varsity Lady Cougars Vol- James River, Friday, October 18, leyball Team lost to Carroll Counlosing in 4 sets, 15-25, 9-25, 25-23, ty on Thursday, October 17, in 3 and 15-25. Callahan had 15 kills sets with set scores of 20-25. 23- and 9 digs. Hazelwood had 7 kills 25, and 21-25. Jayden Callahan and 4 blocks. Gonzalez had 25 ashad 13 kills, 16 digs, and 2 aces. sists, and Moore had 19 digs and

The Lady Cougars are 10-8 in



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Crossing the Lines

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

Federal, state and local authorities join family in pursuit of justice

As family members continue to try and cope with the needless loss of their loved one, Iviyan "Ivy" Dandridge, their pleas for justice have not gone unheeded, according to Martinsville Police Chief Robert "Rob" Fincher.

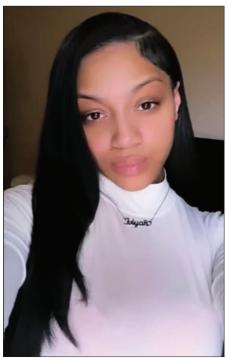
Dandridge passed away on Sunday, July 7 after suffering a gunshot wound while attending a gathering at a home in the community. The 19-year-old was among the estimated 100 to 200 people attending the event. Many were not originally invited but arrived after seeing social media posts, Fincher said.

"There were some vehicles in a nearby church parking lot, and others came from different parts of the city and county after seeing posts online," Fincher explained. "I don't think many of them were even expected."

He said Dandridge, an innocent bystander, had no involvement in the events that led to the shooting incident. "This young lady had no fault in what happened. She was standing in an unlucky spot," Fincher said. "We don't fully understand why this happened, but I'm very confident that charges will come."

That is because not only are local authorities involved but federal and state authorities also are investigating the shooting incident courtesy of Ceasefire Virginia, an initiative led by Attorney General Jason Miyares that is aimed at reducing gun violence.

Fincher said Martinsville is one of 13 cities selected to participate in the initiative, alongside cities like Danville, Petersburg, Norfolk, and Richmond. Because of the collaborative effort between local law



Ivivan "Ivv" Dandridge

enforcement, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the U.S. Attorney's Office, and the Virginia Attorney General's Office, localities in the program receive invaluable support, particularly in testing of evidence, providing additional manpower, and the police department has access to resources that would have otherwise been unavailable, the chief said.

"There's a partnership between us, and they have the expertise to handle certain aspects of the case" and can provide more resources to successfully resolve the case, Fincher said, adding that two full-time detectives from the Martinsville Police Department, including one who also works with the ATF, have been assigned to work full-time on the case.

New YMCA Receives Naming Gift

George W. Lester II, a Martinsville business leader, has committed \$2.5 million to build the new YMCA near Uptown.

Lester, 85, is chairman of The Lester Group, one of the largest companies based in Martinsville. Lester diversified his father's sawmill business into wholesale and retail building materials stores, forest land, commercial, industrial and residential real estate in Vir ginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, and manufacturing doors. Lester retired as CEO in 2018.

As a result of Lester's committhe Martinsville-Henry County YMCA's proposed new building will be named The Lester Family YMCA.

The Lester family currently includes approximately 35 members with their ancestors settling in the Figsboro community in 1804. "The Lester family has been a contributing member of the Martinsville-Henry County community, and it's my privilege to make this gift honoring the legacy of our family's community service," said Les-

"The YMCA leadership is grateful to Mr. Lester for his commitment to the proposed YMCA," said Brad Kinkema, CEO of the Martinsville-Henry County Family YMCA. munity rooms and outdoor ameni-"We're hopeful Mr. Lester's com- ties also will be included.



George W. Lester, II, committed \$2.5 million to build the new Martinsville-Henry County YMCA. The proposed new facility will be named The Lester Family YMCA.

mitment will encourage additional donations during the leadership phase of the fundraising campaign for the Y." The projected cost of the building is \$28 million. The Harvest Foundation has committed \$12 million to the campaign.

The new Y will be situated on a 7-acre site near the intersection of Memorial Boulevard and Fayette Street. The building will include a large fitness center, three full-court gymnasiums, an indoor aquatic center, indoor elevated walking track and group exercise spaces. The Early Learning Center, com-

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Martinsville Schools Discuss Anti-Bullying Initiatives

At its October 15 meeting, the Martinsville School Board discussed ongoing efforts to combat bullying within city schools, an issue of increasing concern nationwide. The board also elected several individuals to the Special Education Advisory Committee.

School officials from across the district shared details of their anti-bullying strategies. Ama Waller, principal of Martinsville Middle School, emphasized the importance of educating students on what constitutes bullying. "We will review what bullying is," she said. The middle school has implemented several reporting tools, including a locked "little red mailbox" where students can submit anonymous reports, as well as an online form that can be accessed from home.

Martinsville schools have a zero-tolerance policy for bullying, and staff regularly educate students on how to report incidents. Martha Hairston, a senior counselor at Martinsville High School, confirmed that students had recently received instruction on the consequences of bullying. The high school also partners with Piedmont Community Services and Dandelion Counseling to provide mental health support for students. "We will promote kindness and awareness," said Waller, noting that students will sign pledges against bullying and drug

Waller also highlighted the need to address the underlying causes of bullying. "We want to get to the root of ti-bullying efforts.



Tony Jones (left) was reappointed to the board by the city council, and Anne Agee (center) joined the board as its new student representative. They are pictured Schools Superintendent Dr. Zeb Talley.

their hurt," she said, acknowledging that many bullies may be struggling with their own emotional issues. Schools across the district are participating in Red Ribbon Week, an initiative focused on preventing drug use.

Efforts to teach kindness and problem-solving begin with the youngest students at Clearview Early Learning Center, where children commit to using kind words and learning positive ways to handle conflicts. "They commit each day to using kind words," said Sheilah Williams, director of Clearview. The goal is to foster a caring environment and ensure students feel safe seeking help when needed.

More than 20 percent of youth in the United States are estimated to be involved in bullying each year, "either as a bully or a victim," said board chairman Yvonne Givens, stressing the importance of the district's an-

Bonez & Booz Halloween and Fall Festival to possess VMNH

Event to feature fire and LED performances, stilt walkers, magic shows, costume contests, carnival games, food trucks, a beer garden and more.

Bonez & Booz, one of the region's premier Halloween and fall festivals, is set to return to the Virginia Museum of Natural History (VMNH) in Martinsville on Saturday, October 26, from 4 to 10 p.m. The event offers attendees a full lineup of live entertainment and interactive activities, including fire and LED performances, magic shows, stilt walkers, carnival games, costume contests, food trucks, a beer garden, and more.

Thousands of visitors attended last year's installment of Bonez & Booz and we're excited to offer attendees another festive, exciting, and safe Halloween experience this year," said VMNH Visitor Services and Events Robbie Hendrix-Wirt. Manager "Whether you want to try your hand at our lineup of carnival games, take in a fire performance, or just immerse yourself in an incredibly fun Halloween atmosphere, Bonez & Booz has something for everyone, regardless of age."

Parking for this event will be available off-site and free of charge. The



A fire performer on stage during last year's Bonez & Booz event. (Contributed photo)

museum will be closed to visitors during its normal operating hours (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) on Saturday, October 26 in preparation for the event. All costumes must be family friendly. The museum is a tobacco and vape-free campus. No pets are allowed.

For more information about Bonez & Booz, including a list of performance and activity times, visit www. vmnh.net/events/bonez-and-booz.

Grace period for school zone speeding violations nears end

In a two week period, more than 1,500 school zone speeding violations have been issued in the City of Martinsville. Police Chief Robert "Rob" Fincher said these violations occurred when vehicles exceeded the speed limit by 11 miles per hour or more while school zone lights were flashing.

"When the reduced speed limit is in effect, during the morning arrival and afternoon dismissal times, the lights flash to indicate the limit is 25 mph or 15 mph at some schools," Fincher said. "That's about 30 minutes in the morning and 30 minutes in the afternoon."

The enforcement cameras, which only operate when the lights are flashing, are designed to catch violators

automatically. "We'll continue to use regular speed enforcement methods, but the photo enforcement is consistent—if you speed while the lights are flashing, you'll get caught," Fincher

The system uses photo-enforcement cameras to identify speeding vehicles, though Fincher noted that an officer an officer obtains the data and reviews each case, "just as if he was sitting on the side of the road," before any warning or ticket is issued.

"Our traffic officer had 115 cases to review in just one day," he said, stressing the importance of spreading awareness about the program and preventing a tragedy from occurring.



OBITUARIES

Logano steals Vegas win: clinches Championship 4 berth

By Holly Cain

NASCAR Wire Service

Two-time NASCAR Cup Series champion Joey Logano made his Team Penske's fuel strategy call work to perfection Sunday afternoon to claim victory in the South Point 400 Playoff race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway and earn the first of four NASCAR Cup Series Championship 4 berths.

Logano led only the final six laps on the Vegas 1.5-miler but was able to hold off the afternoon's most dominant car, Christopher Bell's No. 20 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota by a slight .662-second in the final few laps.

Bell, on the other hand, led a race-best 155 of the race's 267 laps and won Stage 2, but he pit 35 laps later than Logano and was not able to make up the nearly 30-second advantage Logano's No. 22 Team Penske Ford held on track after Bell's stop.

Racing's Dan-Trackhouse iel Suaraez, who also used the same strategy as Logano, finished third after leading 57 laps, followed by Playoff driver, Hendrick Motorsports' William Byron and Hendrick's Alex Bow-

It's been quite the turn of fortune for Logano, who a week ago following a race at the Charlotte ROVAL thought he was eliminated from the Playoffs only to receive news from NASCAR hours after the checkered flag that he was reinstated. Bowman had initially held that Playoff position, but his car was ruled illegal in post-race inspection and he was disqualified after the ROVAL race.

That meant Logano, not Bowman would advance to this Chris Buescher. Round of 8 which includes two championship.

"Man, we did some fuel mileage Hamlin. Johnson for most all-time at the

fast Pennzoil Mustang. We're going to the Championship 4 again. It's real. Great fuel mileage, [Wolfe], Nick Hensley, our gas man, making sure she's full, giving me the info to keep the lead that we needed to. We're going racing again. What an incredible situation, man. I'm so blessed.

"Just incredible day. Like I do the fuel mileage stuff. Not just the engineers, spotter. It takes all of us to do it. Total team win. We may not have been the fastest car today, but we were a solid top-five car and be able to maximize it at the end."

Bell was as disappointed as Logano was elated.

to terms with the race ending and I don't think I have come to terms yet" said Bell, who is now 0-for-13 in wins after starting a race from pole position.

"Just a bummer. I think every- liott was 33rd. one on this team did everything perfect today. This thing was obviously on rails, pit crew did an Reddick is 30 points below the amazing job and [pit crew] Adam [Stevens] called a great race. Did everything we needed to, but un-

fortunately it wasn't meant to be today."

but you're never safe in this (2:30 p.m. ET, NBC, MRN, Sir-



Joey Logano, driver of the #22 Pennzoil Ford, speaks to the media after winning the NASCAR Cup Series South Point 400 at Las Vegas Motor Speedway on October 20, 2024 in Las Vegas, Nevada. (Photo by Meg Oliphant/Getty Images)

we didn't. We'll go on to the next

The race certainly provided major implications for the eight Playoff drivers - three of them were eliminated from winning contention by Stage 2, two more struggled with pit stops thereafter, leaving Logano, Bell, Byron and eighth place finisher Denny Hamlin to lead the championship presence among the top-10. Bell's afternoon was good enough to propel him into the championship points lead with a 42-point advantage on the cutoff line.

Hamlin's eighth-place effort was impressive after a difficult day for his No. 11 Toyota team, which endured a challenging day on pit road before also using a similar fuel-save plan to Logano.

His teammate JGR's Martin Truex Jr. was sixth, followed by Trackhouse Racing's Ross Chastain, Hamlin, Legacy Motor Club's John Hunter Nemechek and Roush-Fenway-Keselowski's

Hendrick Motorsports' Kyle more races - next week at Home- Larson finished 11th - falling stead-Miami Speedway and then off the lead lap at one point after Nov. 3 at Martinsville, Va. - to also having a bad pit stop. He is set the four-driver Champion- now second in the points standship field. Of note, Logano's last ings, 35 points above the cutoff Las Vegas Playoff race win in line and his Hendrick teammate 2022 propelled him to the series Byron holds that important fourth place, 27 points ahead of

tuff, didn't we? Holy crap," said Regular season champion and a smiling Logano, whose four ca- the race's outside polesitter Tyreer wins now at Las Vegas ties ler Reddick finished 35th, elim-NASCAR Hall of Famer Jimmie inated after a roll-over accident in tight racing on lap 90. The accident collected fellow Playoff "What an incredible turn of driver, Chase Elliott along with events here the last week. Very Brad Keselowski and reigning series champion and Playoff driver Ryan Blaney.

"We can still have a good day great calls by [crew chief] Paul at Homestead and be in the mix in Martinsville," a frustrated Reddick said. "Ideally, yeah, it would have been nice to win today. It would be nice to win next week, and that is what we will focus on, but thankfully we got 10 stage points in stage one, and said, it takes the whole team to it's not like we are absolutely out of it on points, yet. We are going to have to be perfect here on out, probably."

It was a rough weekend from even before the race's green flag for Blaney, who suffered a flat tire in Saturday's opening practice that put his primary No. 12 Team Penske Ford into the wall. "I don't know [how to come He started his back-up from last in the 37-car field Sunday and was steadily moving forward before being caught up in that multi-car accident with Reddick and Elliott. He finished 32nd. El-

Hamlin is fifth in the championship standings, 27 off Byron. cutoff line, followed by Blaney (-47) and Elliott (-53).

The NASCAR Cup Series moves to South Florida for Sunday's Straight Talk Wireless 400 "The points look pretty good, at Homestead-Miami Speedway deal," Bell added. "We needed iusXM NASCAR Radio). Bell is to win today and unfortunately, the defending race winner.

Dorothy Hopkins Tatum

Mrs. Dorothy Hopkins Tatum, age 101 Stuart, Virginia passed away Sunday, October 20, 2024, at the home of her caregiver Bonnie Goad. She was born in Patrick County on January 5, 1923, to the late Joseph Ellis Hopkins and Lillian Maude Cochran Hopkins. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas C. Tatum, II; four sisters, Lora H. Griffith, Mae Pace, Marie Edwards, and Anita Cox; three brothers, Lloyd Hopkins, Hoy Hopkins, and Lloyd Soyars; and a son-in-law, Jeff Wigington.

Mrs. Tatum is survived by her two children, Sharon Tatum Wigington of Stuart,

Tracy Hannold (Jerod), Misty Rogers (Greg), and Monica Gravely; eight great-grandchildren, Kaylee, Kaden, Brendan, Emery, Amber, Joseph, Samuel and Sydney; one greatgrandchild, great Harper; two brothers, George Hopkins of Stuart, and Clint Hopkins (Nancy) of Roanoke; and several nieces and NC 27030. Moody Funephews.

will be held for Mrs. and Tommie Tatum Tatum on Wednesday, (Carolyn) of Stuart; October 23, 2024, at may be sent by visiting grandchildren, 11:00 a.m. in Syca- www.moodyfunerals-T.C. Tatum (Stacey), more Baptist Church ervices.com.

Cemetery with Rev. Donna Britt officiating. The family will receive friends ter the service at the church fellowship hall. In lieu of flowers, memorial donation may be made to Sycamore Baptist Church, c/o Marcia Adams, Treasurer, 171 Sycamore Church Lane, Stuart, VA 24171; Alzheimer's Association, Patrick County Chapter, P.O. Box 1301, Stuart, VA 24171; Bright-Focus Foundation, 22512 Gateway Center Drive; Clarksburg, MD 20871; and Mountain Valley Hospice and Palliative Care, 1427 Edgewood Drive, Suite 101, Mt. Airy, neral Home in Stuart A graveside service has been entrusted with the arrangements and online condolences

Nora Frances Rorrer

Nora Frances Rorrer, age 81, of Patrick Springs, VA, was called to her Heavenly home, on October 20, 2024, at SOVAH Memorial Hospital of Martinsville and Henry County. She was born January 22, 1943, to the late Greely and Nancy Rorrer. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Sammy Rorrer; and niece, Angela Rorrer.

by Rorrer (Donna); a attended nephew, Jared Rorrer Springs Jase; and her fur baby child of God.

graduate of Stuart day, October 24, 2024, Brown.



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Nora was a 1962 will be held on Thurs- Bowman and Jennifer

at 11:00 A.M. at Allen-Bowling-Cruise Cemetery. She will lie in state at Moody Funeral Home in Stuart, on Wednesday from 11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Online condolences may be made by visiting www.moodyfuneralservices.com.

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answers." Many candidates answered questions regarding access to prescription stock medications, veterinarian and domestic labor shortages, tax code reform and the farm bill.

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Please give your undivided attention

By Van Yandell

James 5: 16b "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

Many of the conversations at our house begin with "You haven't heard a word I've said." To write an article on undivided attention will get a rolling of the eyes from wife

My dad told me "When engaged in a conversation, look at the person talking." My mistake was telling Margie that. Whatever my dad said was okay with her.

If we stare off into space or look at our phones, our lack of attention is certainly noticed.

To interrupt during a conversation is rude and thoughtless. Apparently, some have no idea what their action is conveying. The attitude of "I don't care what you think" or "just listen to me" is ob-

There are people with whom even an attempt at a conversation is close to impossible. If faced with such a curse, one might consider saying very little knowing that he will not be allowed to finish a sen-

Recently seen was a statement on coping with interrupters. The statement read, "Ignore them and keep on talking." I'm not promoting that action, but it might work with some. Personally, I prefer to walk away or pick up my phone. But does rudeness deserve rudeness?

It is not a conversation if only one person is talking. Conversations and interactions involve at least two people. Respect is a characteristic many do not exemplify. However, this insincere action is one most are not aware of displaying.

Perhaps we have all been guilty at some point in time but being aware of such actions may keep us from doing such so often.

James 1:19 "Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger." One might think rudeness in Bible times may not have existed as it does today. Apparently based on this verse from James, that was not the case.

what another has to say." It is a about scriptural truth. conscious effort to listen and not be thinking of what "I'm going to say next." Our minds race incessantly and for our thinking not to be out ahead of the words of others requires focus and intentionality.

Sitting with an NYPD police officer the week after the 9/11 terrorist attack, we talked for at least two hours. He finally said, "Well, I've got to get back out there." As he was walking away, he turned and said, "You're an excellent conversationalist." I had not said three words. He just needed someone to

Being a teacher, my mindset is to convey information, to motivate and even to inspire. It is a continual effort to keep my mouth shut! I must also concentrate to listen without thinking what to say next or simply let my mind wander.

Okay, I've confessed; it's your turn.

To monopolize a conversation also shows a lack of respect for others. Others may have input into the discussion and to "take over" shows a high degree of disrespect.

It has also been noticed, when we are really listening, we will retain portions of information. The situation may be a one-on-one conversation or a lecture. To be able to repeat to the speaker a part of what he/she has said shows that person someone has absorbed and processed what was said.

In Dale Carnegie's book, "How to Win Friends and Influence People," his first chapter is entitled "If You Want to Gather Honey, Don't Kick Over the Beehive."

His final line in that chapter of such an in-depth analogy is, "Don't criticize, condemn or complain." Also stated later in his writings, "Even God doesn't judge until judgement day."

To give our undivided attention also includes what not to say. Carnegie was the master of conversation and influence. We would do well to heed his suggestions.

Does God give believers His undivided attention? We may wonder at times why God does not answer our prayers. The forthwith and simple answer is, He knows our needs better than we do.

We must consider what we are asking for. Are our prayers selfish and materialistic? The heathen asks for long life, riches, power and death to his enemies.

Solomon asked God for wisdom (1 Kings 3: 9). "Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge this thy great people that I may discern between good and bad, for who is able to judge this so great a people."

One particular verse in The Lord's Prayer, Matthew 6: 11 "Give us this day our daily bread," commands our attention. Jesus did not teach us to ask excessively but only for basic sustenance, "daily bread."

Some in Christendom have written their own gospel. Many on social media that tell us if we do or don't do certain things, we are not Bryant H. McGill, author, said Christian. Those statements are "One of the most sincere forms judgmental and usually not scripof respect is actually listening to turally accurate, causing confusion

> John 3: 16 states the entire salvation process in one verse and we do not have to jump through their hoops or walk through coals of fire by some self-appointed prophet to have eternal salvation. Simply follow the instructions of Jesus.

> We must always teach that eternal salvation is attained by a faith based belief (Ephesians 2: 8) in Christ Jesus crucified (Matthew 27: 35) for the remission of sin (1 John 1: 9) and resurrected (Matthew 28: 6).

God is listening! We are to praise Him and give thanks but be careful what you ask for.

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2. From Luke 6, what did Jesus tell His disciples to do to those who cursed them? Smile, Walk away from, Laugh, Bless

3. What instrument did David play for Saul that caused the evil spirit to depart? Drum, Harp, Tambourine, Flute

4. From John 3, who lifted up the serpent in the wilderness? Paul, Peter, John the Baptist, Moses

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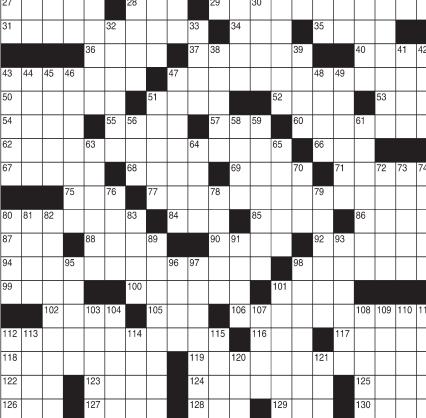
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appear at the above-named court and protect her interests on or before OCTOBER 28, 2024

SEPTEMBER 25, 2024

September General **Fund Revenues Exceed** Forecast Expectations

Last week, Glenn Youngkin announced that total general fund revenues increased 12.4 percent for the month versus the same period last year and are 9.9 percent ahead of the first three months of the prior year. Compared to the Fiscal Year 2025 forecast in the current budget, revenues exceeded projections by \$395.8 million in the month of September and are ahead of year-to-date projections by \$601.4 million.

"Virginia's strong financial position is reflected in September's revenues, which are currently exceeding projections. This positive trend is fueled by our consistently strong labor market and business investment," said Youngkin. "We remain committed to creating opportunities for all Virginians to thrive, even in the face of uncertain broader economic risks on the horizon at the national level."

"With first quarter payments in hand from all major revenue sources, September is the first significant month of collections for the fiscal year," said Secretary of Finance Stephen Cummings. "We are tracking ahead of the official forecast, which assumed a mild recession in calendar year 2024. While we continue to be on track and ahead of collections, given that the majority of our excess revenue is attributable to nonwithholding collections and the overall volatility of this revenue source, we will continue our prudent revenue forecasting process as we continue develop the Governor's proposed budget in December."

Piedmont Regional Community Services Board awarded ARC grant

The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) awarded the Piedmont Regional Community Services Board a \$500,000 grant. The funding will support expanded access to recovery services and increase employment opportunities through its program, Community Recovery Employment Ecosystem Expansion.

"This ARC grant for \$500,000 helps Piedmont Regional Community Services Board improve greater access to substance use disorder recovery services and enhance the job prospects of recovery-based applicants in the region," said 9th District Rep. Morgan Griffith, R-Sa-

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REOUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP # 2025-91000-1 ARARAT RIVER WATERSHED DAMS PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES Dated: October 16, 2024

The County of Patrick seeks professional engineering services for the correction of multiple items related to the Dams in order to mee the requirements outlined by the VA DCR Conditional Operation & Maintenance Certificates, as well as any reoccurring engineering work needed in order to keep the Dams in compliance with the Dam Safety Act. These services may include but are not limited to the following annual professional engineer inspections; conducting emergency action plan table top exercises; development of preliminary engineering reports; incremental damage assessments; development of construction design drawings and specifications; performance of environmental surveys; obtainment of environmental permits; preparation of design documents to obtain construction permits; performance of construction bids and construction administration services; and developing grant applications. To download the complete RFP package, please go to Virginia Marketplace (eVA) or the County website at https:// co.patrick.va.us/Bids.aspx.

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Wednesday, October 23. 2024 - $oldsymbol{11}$

Meetings

Thursday, Nov. 14

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

Wednesday, Nov. 20

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

Events

Friday, Oct. 25

A chili cook-off, music, message, and fellowship event will be held at Wayside Community Church. Bring your best chili recipe or just visit. The best chili will receive a special prize. Pastor Ron Peal will provide a special message and Mountain View Singers will per-

Saturday, Oct. 26

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

High Point Baptist Church, 2381 Big A School Road, Stuart, will offer free vegetable beef soup and vegetable chicken soup from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Take out also is available. Music will be provided by the Wayside Singers.

Trunk or Treat will be held at Ross Harbour United Methodist Church from 4-6 p.m. in the lower parking lot.

Halloween at "Scary (Fairy) Stone" State Park, Trunk or Treat, 5 to 7 p.m. at Shelters 3 & 4. Fright Night ranger led hike beginning at the upper beach parking lot. Hikes are held at 7, 8 and 9 p.m. Preregister at the park office.

Sunday, Oct. 27

Swift Creek will present a gospel music program at Pleasant View Baptist Church at 4 p.m. All are invited to attend. A love offering will be taken.

Friday, Nov. 1

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

Saturday, Nov. 2

The annual chicken stew will be made at the Collinstown-Stateline Community Building in Westfield, NC starting at 4 p.m. Carry out meals only, donations will be accepted.

Saturday, Nov. 9

Veteran's Parade - line up starts at 12 p.m.,



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by Linda Thistle

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and the parade begins at 1 p.m. The grand bers Meeting, the first Monday of the month marshals are Leonard & Delano Wood, with at 6:30 p.m.; Appalachian Acoustic Open a ceremony to follow at Rotary Field. For parade applications or details, contact the local food. The music and dancing are 6:30-9 p.m.; Ruritan organizations or email veteransdayparade2024@gmail.com.

The Reynolds Homestead Holiday Arts & for food, music and Craft Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 13

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.

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. on 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 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.

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: Mem-



Jam, every Friday. Doors open at 6 p.m. for Golden Oldies Open Jam is on the last Tues-

Doors open at 6 p.m. dancing from 6:30-9

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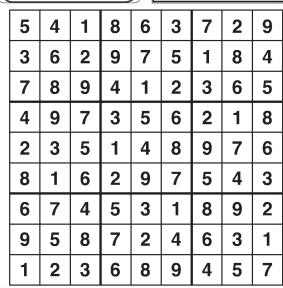
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and Transfers in July

The land transfers processed in the Patrick County Circuit Court Clerk's Office in July:

Dianne Adams and others to Richard Dumais and wife, lots, Smith River District.

Nola May Adams to John R. Shaffer and other, 3.1157 acres, Mayo River District.

Amy Winter Successor Trustee to Gary McKeel, lots, Dan River District.

John Alvin Atkinson, Jr. to John Gatton Hamby, 37.693, 15.3285, 54.972 acres, Smith River District. John Alvin Atkinson, Jr. Trustee to Larry Keith Avery, Sr. and wife, 25.731 acres, Smith River Dis-

John Alvin Atkinson, Jr. Trustee to Whiskey Hollow Ranch LLC, 43.530 acres, Smith River Dis-

Bryan Barnett and other to Nancy Barnett and other, 10.021 acres, district not listed.

James Donald Bates to Pamela Boothe Hall and other, 2.14 acres, Smith River District.

Benjamin Beshears to Bryan J. Wareham and wife, 9.983 acres, Peters Creek District.

Benjamin Beshears to Terrell S. Baker, 8.498 and 8.895 acres, Peters Creek District.

Benjamin Beshears to Robert Christopher Abernathy, 8.910 acres, Peters Creek District.

Benjamin Beshears to Martin G. Mariotti and other, 9.654 and 7.560 acres, Peters Creek District. Benjamin Beshears to Christoria Hooker, 9.464 acres, Peters Creek District.

Benjamin Beshears to Richard J. Wood and wife, 9.953 acres, Peters Creek District.

Benjamin Beshears to Esteban Torres, III and other, 9.922 acres, Peters Creek District.

Benjamin Beshears to Roger Valluri, 8.340 acres, Peters Creek District. Benjamin Beshears to David S. Manookian and

wife, 8.330 acres, Peters Creek District.

Dale E. Bowman and wife to Anita Largen Watts, 18.3798 acres, Blue Ridge District.

Margaret Caudill Brady to Charles Edward Crossingham, III, 33.25 and 56.11 acres, Dan River District.

David Edwin Bratton and wife to Darla D. Thompson, 2.485, 1.80 and 0.685 acres, Mayo Riv-

Gary Singleton Carter and wife to James B. Maye and wife, tracts, Blue Ridge District.

Harold R. Comer and others to Worth B. Thomasson, III and wife, 8.732 acres, Blue Ridge Dis-

Commonwealth Trustees LLC to PLP Investment Group LLC, 0.8702 acres, Dan River District. County of Patrick Virginia and others to East

Best LLC, 1 acre, Mayo River District. Janet Dealejandro and other to Daymond

Thompson and other, 25 acres, Dan River District. Martha Fain to Sean W. Slate, INT 6.5, 3.7 and 4.05 acres, Dan River District.

Kendy Lee Ferguson and other to Jasmine Fain, 2.313 acres, Mayo River District.

Forest Pine Properties LLC to Laura R. Cave, 2.0985 acres Mayo River District.

Forest Pine Properties LLC to Luis Anibal Orta Infante and others, 2.1717 acres, Mayo River Dis-

Forest Pine Properties LLC to Michelle A. Ohmart and others, 2.1062 acres, Mayo River District.

Simon John Gillam and wife to Andrew Maness Mitchell and wife, 14.385 acres, Blue Ridge Dis-

Paula M. Gray to Jakob R. Wilkins and wife, 2.116 and 3.884 acres, Mayo River District.

Leigh Anne Grigas; heir to Michael Lynn Brannon and wife, lot, Mayo River District. David S. Haden and wife to Paul Zeisman and

others, INT. 1.882 and 2.145 acres, Smith River

Jennifer A. Hillman and other to Donald Alexander Phillips and wife, 1.823 acres, Smith River

David Mark Holt to Corey David Hammond and wife, 1.373 acres, Peters Creek District. Suzanne H. Hutchens to Robert P. Clark, lots,

Mayo River District. Innkeepers of Boone Inc to Harold R. Comer and others, 3.0741, 0.9595, 1.0122, 9.7853, 0.2296 and

45.3190 acres, Blue Ridge District. John S. Jones and other to Aaron Charles Zimmer and other, 40.315 acres, Smith River District.

James C. Joyce and other to Robbie Vance and wife, 3.6069 acres, Mayo River District.

James Gaylord Joyce III to Terry W. Dalton and wife, tracts, Peters Creek District.

Bobby Odell Lawson to Dale C. Brown and wife, 2.5672 acres, Peters Creek District.

Myron A. Leath and other to Pamela Puckett Frazier, 2, 2 and 1 acres, Blue Ridge District.

Henry A. Leggett, Jr to Thomas A. Ogle and wife, tracts, Blue Ridge District.

Warren E. McLain and other to Robert Lester, 2.000 acres, Smith River District.

Gary R. Mitchell to Michael E. Shelton, 13.18 acres, Dan River District.

Blaine M. Montgomery to Brisareli Herrera Morales, 0.8755 acres, Dan River District. Leroy Pack, Jr. and wife to Candice Whitesell,

52.01 acres, Dan River District. Donna Gilbert Pendleton and other to Larry Wayne Cope and wife, 7 and 1.75 acres, Mayo Riv-

er District. Randall Poole and wife to Farlow Builders LLC,

lots, Dan River District. Randall Poole and wife to Patricia A. McMillian,

lots, Dan River District. Arthur Allen Powell to Farlow Builders LLC, lot,

Blue Ridge District. Professional Foreclosure Corpo to Carrington

Mortgage Services, LLC, lots, Mayo River District. Edward Lee Rakes and other to Bradley Cockram and wife, INT 63.33 acres, Smith River Dis-

trict. Margaret Ann Rakes to Linda M. Depasquale and husband, 1.96 acres, Smith River District.

Ronald Rickert to Dustin E. Critzburg and wife,

0.684 acres, Mayo River District. Samuel I. White PC; TR to The Huntington National Bank, 2.0008 acres, Peters Creek District.

Scott Property Holding LLC to Joseph Rosenberger, lots, Mayo River District.

Joan Marie Shelton to Robert Sloper and wife, 5.3602 acres, Mayo River District. W D Smith to Shelia McCullough Broadnax and

husband, 2.293 acres, Mayo River District. Gail Tayko and other to Singh Brothers Investments, 1.948 acres, Peters Creek District.

Melissa Ann Tucker; ATTY and others to Julie Anne Tucker, 0.4 acres, Peters Creek River Dis-

Donald Shane Vernon and other to Saxon Investment Properties LLC, 1.918 acres, Peters Creek

James Kyle Webb to JSM Solutions LLC, 0.97 acres, Blue Ridge District.

Land Transfers in August

Land transfers recorded in the Patrick County Circuit Court Clerk's Office in August are:

Dale J. Adkins and wife to Dyane St. Pierre, 2.9797 acres, Mayo River District.

John Alvin Atkinson; TR to Wendall R. Martin and wife, 12.552 acres, Smith River District. Nancy M. Barnett and other to Jeffery Lee

Johnson, 10.021 acres, Dan River District. Donna J. Barrett to Waviely H. Thompson and

wife, 1.4976 acres, Peters Creek District. Kimberly P. Belcher to Eric Carp, 1.00 acres,

Smith River District. Mary T. Belton to Joshua Sutphin and wife, 2.0083 acres, Dan River District.

John C. Berrier and other to Choice Land Investors LLC, 4.644 acres, Dan River District.

Benjamin Beshears to Diane Deknight and and wife, 2.036 acres, Mayo River District. others, 2.884 acres, Peters Creek District.

John Carey Bledsoe and others to Lamar Mast wife, 13.698 acres, Smith River District. and wife, 15.26 acres, Blue Ridge District.

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Jeremy James Buchanan and other to Todd B. Cummings, 27.537 acres, Mayo River District. Choice Land Investors LLC; by MEM to Elaine Graham, 4.644 acres, Dan River District.

Melinda Ann Collins; admin to Kaitlynn Correll and other, 2.103 and 2.145 acres, Mayo Riv-

other, 34.4715 acres, Mayo River District. Dolanreid PLLC to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, 0.689 acres, Smith River

District. Mark A. Eagon and other to Justin Lamas

Denning and wife, 0.419 acres, Smith River Dis-John Eames and wife to Michael J. Westgard

Arnold Lee Foley to James Cody Fortner and

Jerry Foley to Sarah Foley Wyatt and others, INT 40.0039, 2.3616 and 1.0609 acres, Smith wife, 14.47 acres, Mayo River District. River District.

Ezell, unit, Blue Ridge District. Timothy R. Handy and other to Michelle Heath

Umbrell, 17.914 acres, Mayo River District. Martin L. Jones and others to Ian Michael

Paul and other, 5.7635 and 7.850 acres, Smith River District. K-P Hill Dairy Inc to Todd B. Cummings, 8.382

and 5.20 acres, Mayo River District. David Kitts and other to Glen Crisp and wife, 11.466 acres, Mayo River District.

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC to Castlerock 2023 LLC, 0.9554 acres, Mayo River District. Ken Lester to Daniel Vineyard, 0.4938 acres,

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TR, 2.100 and 4.524 acres, Dan River District. Charles W. Morel to Jason Othniel Truesdale and wife, 5.983 acres, Smith River District.

Joseph D. Nelson to Austin Jerone Knott and Kellie Tatum Dalton to Lance R. Knight and other, 6.15 acres, Mayo River District.

> Dianne Orr and other to Ronald Giguere, Jr. and wife, 1.284 acres, Dan River District.

> Don A. Plaster and other to Zachary James Watson and other, 4.4244 and 0.4499 acres, Mayo River District.

> Katina Cox Puckett to Mosi LLC, 0.588 acres, Peters Creek District.

> Walter L. Scott to Susan E. Deptula, 1.000 acres, Smith River District.

> Amy Kathryn Shelor to Dayne Owen Shelor and wife, 2.962 acres, Blue Ridge District.

> Ronnie L. Shough to James Stuart Shough and

Edward Moreland Tyler Smith and other to Raymond B. Hadley, Jr. to James Douglas David C. Jones, 114.5 acres, Peters Creek Dis-

W D Smith to Bridgeport Land Management LLC, 2.320 acres, Mayo River District.

The Griffith Company LLC to Daniel J. Stanton, 26.8838 acres, Blue Ridge District. Hope Knight Tilman to Julia Ann Romero and

other, lots, Mayo River District. William R. Walker, Jr. to Shepard Roberts and

other, 6.946 acres, Mayo River District. Garland W. Wright and wife to Matthew Spencer O'Bryant; TR, 8.7 acres, Peters Creek Dis-

Maynard and wife, 40.0039 acres, Smith River District.

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Festival hailed as a 'great success'

The 23rd Apple Dumpling Fes- said of the October 19 event. tival was deemed a great success Simmons.

that, having nice weather," he sic.

walking through the festival ven-The weather played a big part of vendors and listening to live mu-

At any given time, Simmons from 4,000 to 5,000 as the total list of additions that will make by Stuart Town Manager Bryce said about 3,000 people were number of people that passed it even more convenient for festhrough. That's just an estimate, tival goers. For instance, having "It was a really successful event, ue, enjoying themselves, visiting but in general, I think that's what an ATM machine on site, and we've had before," he said.

During future festivals, Sim- Theatre for music," he said.

"We probably had anywhere mons said the town is making a "then...trying to utilize the Star

















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13 species added to Virginia Invasive Plant Species List

Fall gardeners encouraged to plant alternatives to Italian arum, nandina and others



Thirteen more species that pose a threat to the state's ecosystems have been added to the Virginia Invasive Plant Species List. The additions include Italian arum (Arum italicum), nandina (Nandina domesticum) and orange-eye butterfly-bush (Buddleja davidii).

Invasive plants are non-native species that cause harm or have the potential to cause harm to natural resources, economic activity or humans. Some have been introduced intentionally into a region where they did not evolve; others,

The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation has determined that the plants on the list, which now includes 103 species, threaten Virginia's forests, marshes, wetlands and waterways. The list, which has no regulatory authority, is for educational purposes and is updated regularly. For the full list, go to: https:// www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural-heritage/invsppd-

"DCR's Natural Heritage Program has updated and provided this list for more than a decade, as a 'know before you grow' tool for citizens," said Virginia Natural Heritage Program Director Jason Bulluck. "New invasive plant species are continuously arriving in Virginia, so it is important for landowners and land managers to stay aware of the threats, to prevent invasive species establishment and to be swift in recognizing and managing their spread. Anyone who has ever found themselves battling an invasive species infestation knows 'an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Factors considered during assessment of pocharacteristics of the species such as how read- impossible to ever manage.



Two-horned trapa, Trapa bispinosa. (Photos by Department

ily seeds are dispersed through the landscape, whether Virginia has suitable habitat and if the species threatens natural resources. There are three ranks of invasiveness: high, medium or

Invasive plants cause problems because they proliferate and displace native plant species, reduce wildlife habitat and alter natural process-

with sharp, spiky fruit known as two-horned trapa (Trapa bispinosa) has been rapidly proliferating in freshwater ponds, lakes and slow-moving waterways in northern Virginia and elsewhere. It harms the ecosystem by forming mats that choke and cover waterbodies, shading out and competing with native submerged aquatic vegetation and reducing dissolved oxygen with its decayed roots and leaves. Infested waters lose boating, fishing, recreational and aesthetic value. Management is costly.

The state's Invasive Species Working Group, created by the Virginia General Assembly in 2009, is coordinating efforts to address invasive species and is updating its management plan.

DCR Stewardship Biologist Kevin Heffernan said that a cultivar ("cultivated variety") is sometimes propagated to be sterile so that it won't spread. However, in some cases like the Bradford pear (Pyrus calleryana), the cultivar can cross with other cultivars or the original species, thereby reproducing and spreading to tential additions to the list include the invasive extents that are very difficult, expensive or even

"We think of plants as being rooted where you plant them. But many species reproductive means by which to travel far from the parent plants: seeds "hitchhiking" on people and animals, seeds catching a ride on the wind, or plant parts floating on water



Incised fumewort (Corydalis incisa).

to a new habitat. Thus, species like tree-of-heaven, wavyleaf grass, two-horned trapa, and even butterfly-bush, can show up where you least expect to find them, places like local forest parks or natural area preserves," he said.

"If you learn you have an invasive species in For instance, a new aquatic invasive plant your yard or garden, whether or not you planted it there, we strongly encourage removal. There are many horticultural species that are not invasive. And, more and more, native plant species are available for a variety of settings. Often, the native species we plant in our yards benefit birds, butterflies and other pollinators, whose presence enriches our garden experience and increases ecological value."

DCR provides a free, online Virginia Native Plant Finder tool to search for native species to plant instead of invasives. Go to https:// www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural-heritage/native-plants-finder.

To report a sighting of an invasive plant in Virginia, use the EDDMapS website or app, iNaturalist or visit https://www.invasivespeciesva.org/ report-sightings.

Added to Virginia Invasive Plant Species List Virginia Invasiveness Rank: High

*Chinese tallow-tree (Triadica sebifera)

*floating primrose-willow (Ludwigia peploides var. glabrescens)

*Italian arum (Arum italicum)

*ravenna-grass (Tripidium ravennae)

*trifoliate orange (Citrus trifoliata)

*two-horned trapa (Trapa bispinosa var. iinu-

Virginia Invasiveness Rank: Medium

*curled pondweed (Potamogeton crispus)

*fountain grass (Cenchrus purpurascens) *incised fumewort (Corydalis incisa)

*leatherleaf mahonia (Mahonia bealei)

*sweet autumn clematis (Clematis terniflora) Virginia Invasiveness Rank: Low

*nandina (Nandina domestica)

*orange-eye butterfly-bush (Buddleja davidii)

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This fixer-upper cottage offers the potential for a peaceful retreat or permanent residence in Woolwine, VA. The property features +/- 6.85 acres with a beautiful pond and bold frontage on Gills Creek. Tract has great road frontage on both Woolwine Hwy (Route 8) and Mill House Road. There are 2 driveways already in place, with one on each road. The 1.5 story was built in 1985 and features 2 bedrooms and 1 bath. It has approximately 1,804 sq ft of living space with drywall walls, wood and carpet flooring inside. Home is finished with wood siding and a metal roof, and is heated by oil. It is served by a private spring and septic system.

Property is within sight of Woolwine Elementary School, Dollar General and Post Office. It is also within a short commute of the Blue Ridge Parkway and Fairy Stone State Park. With its prime location and potential for renovation, this property presents an excellent opportunity for those seeking a tranquil and customizable living space.

TERMS & CONDITIONS: 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to final high bid to arrive at contract price. Earnest Money Deposit of \$5,000 is required on the day of sale. Close on or before January 6th, 2025. Subject to seller confirmation. Property sold as is, where is with any and all faults. Buyer is expected to complete their own due diligence before placing a bid. Auction starts ending at 3 PM on November 22nd, 2024. Please note that during the last two minutes of bidding, if a new bid is placed, the clock is automatically extended an additional two minutes. Be sure to register to bid early to ensure you receive notifications regarding any changes to the Auction, Bidder Packet and/or Pre-Auction offers received. Download Bidder Information Pack for complete terms and conditions, purchase contract and maps at VAAuctionPro.com.

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