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Overby, Dalton win local election bids

By Debbie Hall and Taylor Boyd Andrew Overby and Terry Dalton were the big winners in two of the local races on Tuesday.

Overby easily beat Steve Ferring to emerge as the winner in the race for the Dan River District seat on the Patrick County Board of Supervisors.

According to unofficial results, Overby received 1,411 votes to Ferring's 272

"I'm excited to get to work and get Patrick County on a better path," Overby said, thanking his supporters.

Dalton faced Rebecca Adcock and Jeff Houchins in the three-way contest to serve as the Mayor of the Town of Stuart. Dalton received 223 votes, while Adcock received 148 votes and Houchins received 123 votes.

"I'm extremely excited, honored, and thankful that the voters supported me. I really appreciate it," said Dalton. "I am extremely humbled and appreciate the votes."

He explained that he will now select the vice-mayor, while the council interviews candidates for an open vacancy on the town council.



Andrew Overby easily won his battle against Steve Ferring for the Dan River District seat on the Patrick County Board of Supervisors.

"We're going to have a town council seat available," Dalton said, adding that anyone who is interested in is encouraged to contact the town office. The council will interview in January to fill



Terry Dalton was elected in a wide margin to serve as Mayor of the Town of Stuart.

the vacancy.

Dave Hoback and Erica Wade also won their reelection bids for the Stuart town council, with 305 votes cast for Hoback, and 287 for Wade, according to

In the race for the 9th Congressional District, Morgan Griffith, incumbent, prevailed in his bid against challenger and Floyd democrat Karen Baker. Griffith, R-Salem, pulled ahead early on, and by 8:30 p.m., Baker conceded the

Griffith received more than 73 percent of the votes cast by press time to Baker's 26.41 percent in the same time frame, unofficial results suggested.

"I look forward to continuing to be a conservative voice in Washington for the people of the 9th Congressional District, and I really appreciate the mandate they gave me this evening," Grif-

Also at press time, incumbent U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Richmond, appeared to edge out his challenger Hung Cao, with an unofficial 52.02 percent of the vote for Kaine and 47.78 percent for

Former President Donald Trump garnished nearly 80 percent of the local vote in his bid against Vice President Kamala Harris' 19.38 percent, according to unofficial results.

New Book Chronicles the Life of America's First Indigenous Vice President

By Taylor Boyd

Debra "Debbie" Goodrich's newest book, "From the Reservation to Washington: The Rise of Charles Curtis," focuses on the life of Chares Curtis, the first person of color to serve as the United States' vice president from 1929-1933 under President Herbert Hoover.

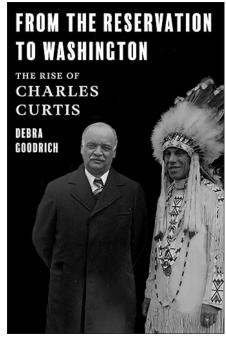
Published in October, Goodrich's 264-page, 13-chapter book, follows the chronology of Curtis' life.

When she moved to Kansas 30 years ago, Goodrich said she got to know Topeka and the community by walking through one of its cemeteries.

"Topeka Cemetery is the resting place of vice-president Charles Curtis. I'd never heard of him and found out he was an enrolled Kaw Debbie Goodrich's newest book, "From and I've just been fascinated by Barnes & Noble, and him ever since. He became a footnote in American history, and he really should be more," she said.

The fact Curtis is a self-made man is part of what caught Goodrich's attention.

"He was mixed blood. His mother was French and Kaw, and his father was this white European, actually descended from the pil-



Indian, or the Kansas Indians, of Charles Curtis," is available on Amazon, the country.

grims. When he was running for office, a lot of hay was made with that, that he was uniquely American being descended from both pilgrim and Indian," Goodrich, of Ararat, said.

Goodrich said Curtis, who had (See New Book p. 3)

Harrison Ridge will headline the Patrick County Music Association's (PCMA) Veteran Appreciation Show on Saturday, November 9.

Veteran Appreciation show set for Saturday

By Taylor Boyd

The Patrick County Music Association's (PCMA) Veteran Appreciation Show is set for Saturday, November 9. Sponsored by the Patrick County Food Bank Board, the event will be held at the Patrick County High School (PCHS) Auditorium, with the doors opening at 5 p.m. and the show starting at 6 p.m.

The cost is a \$5 donation and two cans of nonperishable food.

PCMA President Denny Alley said Harrison Ridge, a bluegrass and gospel group, will headline the show.

"They're multi award winners at multiple fiddlers' conventions," he said. Alley said three of the members

are preachers, including one which preaches in the Dry Pond area. Ron Inscore & Friends, Barry Col-

lins & The Mudflaps, and JT Morrison & the Foothill Boys will also take the stage.

Alley said Inscore, of Ararat, is a

mandolin player who's played during PCMA mandolin festivals.

"He played with The Kenny & Amanda Smith Band for years," he said.

The October show was well attended, with about three-fourths of the 700 seats of the PCHS auditorium filled, Alley said, adding the December show will be the annual Sammy Shelor Banjorama.

"The opening band is Nick Goad and Kyser George, the young guys," he said, adding about a dozen banjo players will take the stage during PCMA's

Concessions will be available for purchase from the Patrick County Shooting Education Team, with proceeds going to teach children in the

area firearm safety. For more information or to watch past music performances, visit Facebook.com/PatrickCountyMusicAssociation.

Volunteer departments respond to excavator fire

By Taylor Boyd

Three local volunteer fire departments responded to an excavator fire on Monday, October 28. Stuart Volunteer Fire Department was among those dispatched to a heavy equipment fire reported about halfway up the mountain.

Patrick Springs Volunteer Fire Department Assistant Chief Clint Weidhaas said it was a track hoe, a type of excavator, with a rock hammer operated by Kokosing, a contractor doing roadwork for the U.S. 58 project.

"The machine caught on fire while it was being operated. The operator attempted to extinguish the fire with fire extinguishers, like two or three, and was unsuccessful. It became fully involved," he said.

Weidhaas said Stuart Fire was toned out and Patrick Springs



Monday, October 28,

Volunteer Fire Department assisted in extinguishing the fire.

"Due to the large amount of hydraulic and diesel fuel that this type of equipment holds, it makes fire suppression difficult without the use of firefighting foam. We used 25 gallons of firefighting foam agent mixed

and Meadows of Dan in the water to help extinguish the fire," he said.

In those types of Weidhaas said fires, water alone does pretty much nothing.

"In fact, Stuart Fire put their 300 gallons of water from their brush truck and Patrick Springs we put 300 gallons of water from

(See Fire p.3)

Hospital property sells in online auction

By Taylor Boyd

The former Pioneer Community Hospital of Patrick County has a new owner, according to a deed filed in Cook County Illinois on October

Wolf of Wabash, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company, sold the property for \$599,000 to Stuart Property Acquisition Company, LLC, a Virginia limited liability company.

The 10.08-acre tract located within the Town of Stuart in the Mayo River Magisterial District of Patrick County had an assessed value of \$4,534,400.

Phillippe Joseph, the sole member of Wolf of Wabash, acknowledged the deed on behalf of the company.

Based in Roanoke, Stuart Property Acquisition Company, LLC, filed with the State Corporation Commission on September 12. The business's principal office address is 10 Franklin Road SE, Ste 900, Roanoke.

Clark H. Worthy is listed as the company's organizer and registered agent. The deed was prepared by Gentry Locke, Attorneys, a law firm in Roanoke. Covenant Real Estate Services served as the deed's settlement agent.

way, the 63,000-square-foot building was once a 50-bed regional hospital and featured an emergency room, exam and trauma rooms, radiology, clinic/medical officers, and operating

The hospital closed after Pioneer filed for bankruptcy in 2016, and Virginia Community Capital (VCC) purchased the property for \$5.7 million at an auction in 2019.

Foresight Hospital and Health Services acquired the property in 2022, and initially announced it would reopen the hospital as a stand-alone psychiatric and drug treatment hospital. The company then said it would work to provide general hospital services and emergency care.

In 2023, the Foresight offered to donate the property to Patrick County in exchange for \$815,000, which was about half of the costs the company had incurred. The county declined the offer.

In March 2024, Wolf of Wabash, LLC, purchased the property for \$1.6 million from Foresight HS Property Holdings – Blue Ridge, LLC. The online auction for the property started in September 2024.

Worthy could not be immediately

Located at 18688 Jeb Stuart High- reached for comment.

Road closing extended to Nov. 14

(Abram Penn Highway) closed 810 (Hollandsworth Drive). to through traffic for a bridge recontinue to be closed through ting. Nov. 14. The closure, which went mile from Virginia 701 (Stella ists.

A portion of Virginia 626 Road) to 0.20 mile from Virginia

The road was scheduled to repair over North Mayo River, will open Oct. 31, weather permit-

A detour and directional signs into effect on Oct. 7, extends 0.50 will be in place to help motor-

Pets of the Week





The Patrick County Public Animal Shelter (PCPAS) is full.

This little black and white guy was found near Harvest Church in Patrick Springs.

The sad pooch with the collar was found on Hatchers Chapel Road. He has a face you can't

Not pictured: A Blue Heeler with three pups was recently surrendered.

Adoption fees are \$10 and include spay/neuter and a rabies vaccination.

To see available pets, please visit the shelter, or its Facebook page. All of the pets there need homes as soon as possible.

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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Piecemakers gift quilts to students





Recently students in Pre-K at Meadows of Dan Elementary School had a special visit from the Mt. View Piecemakers. These talented ladies brought special handcrafted quilts, and each student was able to select one to keep for nap time. What beautiful quilts and what a blessing for all of us! Thank you, Mt. View Piecemakers, for sharing your talents with our youngest students. (Contributed)

ONLINE AUCTION

Fixer Upper Cottage with Creek & Pond for Sale in Woolwine, VA! Online Auction Ends Friday, November 22nd, at 3 PM 10327 Woolwine Hwy., Woolwine, VA 24185 Bid NOW at VAAuctionPro.com





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.

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Blue Ridge Land & Auction

Fairy Stone State Park among seven slated for renovations



Fairy Stone State Park cabin (Contributed)

The main campground at Fairy Stone State Park will be closed from December 2024 through Feb. 28, 2026 for Cabins and/or campground renovations. While the renovations will not impact the equestrian campground, customers staying at the equestrian campground will not be able to use the bathhouse and dump station at the main campground.

Fairy Stone is one of seven state parks to undergo cabin and/or campground renovations beginning this fall. Renovations also are planned at Westmoreland, Claytor Lake, Grayson Highlands, Bear Creek Lake and Douthat state parks.

All of the park locations will remain open, and these projects will not impact daily park operations. However, due to the magnitude of these projects, dates are subject to change, and guests are advised to check the park's website before vis-

"These renovations are key to the longevity of our parks," said Virginia State Parks Director Melissa Baker. "It takes time to upgrade the facilities and make each location more enjoyable for all guests. We look forward to sharing the upgraded cabins and campgrounds when the projects are completed."

Chamber director will participate in initiative

Executive Director of the Patrick County Chamber of Commerce, Rebecca Adcock, was selected to participate in the 2025 Community Investment Training through the Rural Investment Collaborative initiative. The Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond's Rural Investment Collaborative convenes rural leaders and local community champions from South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia and Washington DC. to participate in shared learning and programming that facilitates improvements.

The signature focus of the collaborative is to routinely provide Community Investment Training that can help more communities develop viable funding proposals for projects that will make an impact in rural areas. During the training, the chamber will develop a proposal focused on Mayo River Rail Trail improvements and extension. This training will give the agency the



tools it needs to plan, fund and implement this important work.

To learn more about the Richmond Fed's Rural Investment Collaborative and the Community Investment Training, visit: www. richmondfed.org/region communities/rural_investment_collab-





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New Book

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very little formal education, became an attorney, a Kansas Congressman, and the first Senate Majority leader before becoming vice-president.

"It's just a remarkable career." she said.

Goodrich said she's been thinking about writing this book for over 20 years but had other projects she needed to finish first. She got the contract with Rowman & Littlefield, a publishing house, two years ago.

"So, the hardcore writing has been within the last two years. I met with one of their editors at a conference and she really liked the idea and pitched it to their staff," she said.

While Goodrich loved the topic, she said the writing process was hard.

"I love research, but writing is hard. You have to think hard, you have to focus, organize. I had excellent first readers who really helped me. One of those was my sister. I would write, and send her a chapter to read, and she's like, 'This is boring. I don't know why vou put this in there.' She was a great first reader," Goodrich said.

Writing the book taught Goodrich that she could still accomplish a difficult task, with "an incredible support network that made it all possible," she added.

Throughout writing her book, Goodrich said her admiration for

Curtis never waned.

"He's a remarkable man. It's not my job to make people like him, but they need to know who he was," she said.

Goodrich credits her writing ability to her Blue Ridge Elementary School teacher Maxine Smith and her Patrick County High School (PCHS) journalism teacher Jackie Beeler.

"Those two women were the equivalent of a college degree in writing," she said.

Goodrich is also the co-author of three books and the sole author of two others. She's also been involved in documentary production and script writing and wrote for "The Enterprise" for three years



Debbie Goodrich

while attending PCHS.

Goodrich's book is available on Amazon, Barnes & Nobles, and other bookstores across the coun-

$Fire_{-}$

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our brush truck, and it did not put it out," he said.

Due to the terrain, Weidhaas said it was kind of difficult to get the equipment up to the fire. This caused a delay in fire suppression.

"Once we got Patrick Springs' tanker up there, we had 1,800 gallons of water. I hooked up the foam system and started mixing the foam in with the water and that's done on the handline. Once we got that flowing with the foam in with the water, we were immediately able to get the fire put out," he said.

Weidhaas added it took about 15 minutes to knock the fire down once the departments arrived on scene.

Stuart had two personnel, one



Volunteer fire department crews mixed a foaming agent with water to extinguish the hydraulic and diesel fuel fire.

engine, and a brush truck on scene, Patrick Springs had five personnel, a brush truck, and a tanker, and Meadows of Dan responded with a mini-pumper, and a tanker with two personnel.

While the cause of the fire is unknown, Weidhaas said when the track hoe operator opened the engine compartment "the fire was located in a hydraulic oil system area."

No one was injured due to the fire.

Weidhaas estimated a track hoe costs about \$450,000.

"It's a big machine, so of course that's a big loss for a construction company like that," he said.

PC's 4-H Marksmen Compete in 2024 Virginia 4-H State Shoot Match

The Patrick County 4-H Marksmen recently traveled to Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center in Appomattox, Virginia to take part in the 2024 Virginia 4-H State Shoot Match. Twenty-eight 4-H shooting clubs from around the state attended, with more than 308 kids competing in thirteen different events. Competing for the Patrick County 4-H Marksmen were Abby Corriher, Levi Corriher, Jada Hylton, Trenton Miller, Lauren Murphy, Reagan Underwood, Kipton Vipperman, Maci Whitlock, and Cooper Wikstrom.

Individual and team results include:

Air Pistol Silhouette Supported Position Junior Individual: Trenton Miller, 6th place, Kipton Vipperman, 28th place

Air Pistol PPP Basic Supported 10 and Younger Junior Individual: Trenton Miller, 2nd place

Air Rifle Silhouette Junior Individual: Reagan Underwood, 1st place, Cooper Wikstrom, 3rd place, Maci Whitlock, 5th place, Trenton place



Miller, 8th place, Kipton Vipperman, 10th Left to right: Levi Corriher, Abby Corriher, Trenton Miller, Kipton Vipperman, Maci Whitlock, Lauren Murphy, Reagan Underwood, Cooper Wikstrom, Wade Hooker (Club Lead Volunteer)

VDDT Virginia Department of Transportation

Route 8 (South Main Street) Bridge Replacement Patrick County

Find out about a project to replace the Route 8 (South Main Street) bridge over the Mayo River in Patrick County. The project entails replacing the aging existing bridge with a modern structure that meets current standards. The project begins 3.32 miles from Route 103 (Dry Pond Highway) and ends 8.78 miles from Route 58 (Jeb Stuart Highway).

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

If your concerns cannot be satisfied, VDOT is willing to hold a public hearing. You may request that a public hearing be held by sending a written request to Bryan Smith, Virginia Department of Transportation, 731 Harrison Avenue, Salem, VA 24153 on or prior to November 21, 2024. If a request for a public hearing is received, notice of date, time and place of the hearing will be posted.

In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed project on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places is provided in the environmental documentation.

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact Bryan Smith at the phone numbers listed

UPC 111410 State Project: 0008-070-712, B636, P101, R201

Federal Project: STP-BR02(407)

From: 3.32 miles from Route 103 (Dry Pond Highway) To: 8.78 miles from Route 58 (Jeb Stuart Highway

Air Rifle Silhouette Senior Individual: Abby Corriber, 9th place, Lauren Murphy, 18th place, Levi Corriber, 21st place,

Air Rifle 3P Junior Individual: Reagan Underwood, 2nd place, Maci Whitlock, 3rd place, Cooper Wikstrom, 4th place, Kipton Vipperman, 9th place

gan Underwood, Maci Whitlock, Cooper Wikstrom, Kipton Vipperman

Air Rifle 3P Junior Team – 1st place: Rea-

Air Rifle 3P Senior Individual: Lauren Murphy, 17th place, Abby Corriber, 31st place, Levi Corriher, 33rd place

Air Rifle 3P Senior Team – 5th place: Lauren Murphy, Abby Corriher, Levi Corriher

Archery Compound Junior Individual: Jada Hylton, 33rd place, Trenton Miller, 33rd place, Kipton Vipperman, 48th place

Archery Traditional Senior Individual: Abby Corriher, 2nd place, Lauren Murphy, 3rd place, Levi Corrier, 5th place

Archery Traditional Senior Team - 1st place: Abby Corriher, Lauren Murphy, Levi BB Junior Individual: Cooper Wikstrom,

6th place, Maci Whitlock, 8th place, Reagan Underwood 14th place, Trenton Miller, 17th place, Kipton Vipperman, 24th place

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Wikstrom, Kipton Vipperman

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Muzzleloader National Junior Team - 1st place: Cooper Wikstrom, Reagan Underwood, Maci Whitlock

wood, 2nd place, Maci Whitlock, 3rd place

Muzzleloader National Senior Individual: Abby Corriber, 5th place, Lauren Murphy, 8th place, Levi Corriher, 17th place

Muzzleloader National Senior Team - 3rd place: Abby Corriher, Lauren Murphy, Levi Corriber

Smallbore Rifle Silhouettes Senior Individual: Lauren Murphy, 5th place, Abby Corriher, 12th place, Levi Corriber, 43rd place

Smallbore Rifle Silhouettes Senior Team - 4th place: Lauren Murphy, Abby Corriber, Levi Corriher

For more information on the 2024 Virginia 4-H State Shoot Match results, visit http:// www.orionresults.com and choose VA State Shoot 2024 under the results section.

The Patrick County 4-H Marksmen use shooting as a vehicle to teach youth ages 9-19 life skills such as responsibility, self-discipline, and teamwork through skills learned in archery, muzzle loading, pistol, rifle, and shotgun. Through these disciplines, youth also learn firearm safety and marksmanship. The Patrick County 4-H Marksmen would like to thank the American Legion Post # 105 for their continued support. The Patrick County 4-H Marksmen operates on fundraising and grant funding and would like to thank the NRA Foundation and Midway Foundation for 3P Smallbore Iron Senior Individual: Lau- their generous grants that help make shooting club programming possible in our community. For more information about the club, please 3P Smallbore Iron Senior Team - 4th place: contact the Patrick County Extension Office Lauren Murphy, Abby Corriher, Levi Corriher at (276) 694-3341

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Haiti

The United States is close to existing for 250 years, in which have exercised stable and relatively peaceful government. Due to the unjust and British tyrannical throne, our American ancestors engaged in a series of conflicts and disputes that culmi-Revolution.

Virginian leaders like revolution. Washington George others, colonies were able to slay the imperialism of King George III. This vic-European overlords.

colony took immediate nojust south of Florida known as Hispanioand the Dominican Republic) and the site of Christopher Columbus' 1492 arrival to the New World.

ny of Spain's that received many slaves western part of the island (colony known as St. Domingue) while the eastern part.

Louverture, a freed former slave, soon led the Haitian Indepenside of the island.

success, he emanci-

tion was a significant gangs. achievement, as it was fall against Europe- ing to the United Na-



Morgan Griffith

Representative

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One of Haiti's cultural contributions tory marked the first was in the realm of lit-American indepen- under Napoleon, Aldence caught the at- exandre Dumas protention of other colo- duced several notable nies in the New World. literary works in the make the country imwho 19th century.

tice was on an island most animated group migrate to the Unitwas a of great height and la (present-day Haiti haughty countenance, Haitians may actualdressed in a costume ly have a legitimate so peculiar as to at-claim to asylum. tract general attention" reads the open- in "America's backing line to a chapter yard", I have to ask Originally a colo- in The Three Muske- the question: where

from the slave trade, novel, The Count of ris? She was supposed France settled the Monte Cristo, is a top to come up with soluliterary classic to this tions to "root causes of very day.

Nearly maintained later, despite great der. To my knowledge, Santo Domingo and early leaders and clear she has done nothing intellects like Dumas, regarding Fed up with the Eu- Haiti's early success fleeing terror and charopeans, a slave revolt has not translated to os in their country. in 1791 took Hispanio- a stable or relatively la by storm. Toussaint peaceful government.

Today, Haiti struggling.

2021,residence, After Louverture's the country into chaos.

pated the slaves in St. fight for control of the est in transforming Domingue and even- streets, as Port-Au- this security mission tually helped free the Prince, the country's into a peacekeeping eastern side of the is- capital, is estimated operation, supported land from the Spanish. to be almost entirely by the Ambassador of The Haitian Revolu- controlled by various Haiti, but China and

the second domino to been displaced accord- forces approach. an colonialism in the tions (UN), and nearly

curity.

Haiti's main ternational airport, indepen- named for Louverture, promising A UN helicopter was forced to make an emergency landing.

Two U.S. missionaries were tragically time in the Western erature. The grandson murdered this May. Hemisphere that a of a Haitian slave, and The U.S. has called for people toppled their the son of a mixed-race all their citizens and general who fought aid workers to immediately leave the coun-

> These conditions possible to live in. "The center of the Unlike most who im-Musketeer ed States across our southern border, some

> As this crisis unfolds is President Biden? Another renowned Where is Kamala Harmigration" problems 250 years on the southern bor-Haitians

It is true that in June, Kenyan forces is arrived in Haiti in an attempt to stabilize Haiti's the situation. And in dence movement on president was assas- fairness, the United the French western sinated in his private States is funding part plunging of Kenya's effort.

The U.S. had at Armed gangs now point expressed inter-Russia have been sup-700,000 people have portive of the armed

Could Russia and China be hoping for New World, and the five million Haitians further instability in Haiti, where there could be potential spillover effects into the U.S.?

I can't say.

But as Russian warships make visits to ports in Cuba, Venezuela and Nicaragua, China makes billions of dollars in investments in Latin America, Haiti is no doubt a country our adversaries have their eyes on.

We hope that the country of Haiti, as one of the earliest republics in the New World, won't be just a pawn, but will be able to straighten out its problems and once again have a stable and peaceful government.

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

Home Country

Slim Randles

Ah ... politics! If you're a responsible American, as I often pretend to be, you'll have watched and read and listened to as much hogwash on every side of every question ad nauseum, and we'll all troop to the polls, read the names and say "Is this the best you guys can do for candidates?"

And then we'll vote, anyway. And that's why I'd like to suggest March 4 as a new national holiday, it being the entire term of the only non-toxic President of the United States.

His name was David Rice Atchison, who later on had Atchison, Kansas named for him, along with one third of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad. Never heard of him? Well, he was

a pro-slavery Democrat who never met a bottle of booze he didn't like. But back in 1849, when Atchison became President for an entire day, some people knew how to throw parties. And Atchison spent his entire term as President sleeping off a dandy drunk. (You can always turn here for the real skinny on history, of course).

on March 4, 1849, the term of Pres- on the internet at Amazon, Kindle, ident James Polk ended. At that Barnes and Noble, Ebay, Thriftvery moment, the term of incoming books and Page Publishing.)

President John Taylor was scheduled to begin. But Taylor was a religious man, and March 4 was on a Sunday, you see, so he said he'd wait until noon on Monday to be sworn in.

This left a 24-hour period where the United States didn't have a President. Normally, the vice president would take over, but his term expired at Sunday noon, just like Polk's.

So we look on the list of successors and who do we find? David Rice Atchison of Missouri, who was president pro-tem of the Senate.

His headstone says "President of the United States for one day" too.

But we should set March 4 aside in honor of this man, because he was the only leader of this nation who didn't get at least half the country mad at him. For the rest of his life, Atchison enjoyed polishing this historical hiccup, describing his presidency as "the honestest administration this country ever

May his example shine forever. (Brought to you with a smile from

Slim's just-out fun novel, Whimsy Here's what happened. At noon Castle. At better book stores and

Annual Creative Writing Contest now open

Entries are now being accepted each entry must include the first for the annual Creative Writing and last name of the student, the Contest sponsored by The Enter-

The contest is open to all Patrick County students.

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Cattlemen's Association meets



tertainment by Dale Fain, Tony of the PCCA, at (276) 694-2911. Trent, Mike Vernon and Jared

The Patrick County Cattle- Fain. Travis Bunn, executive dimen's Association held its associ- rector of the Patrick County Farm ation meeting at Dominion Valley Service Agency, was the guest Park. Terry Amos, PCCA Pres- speaker and informed members ident welcomed members and of various programs. To become a guests, and discussed topics of in- member or be added to the mailterest. Everyone enjoyed a great ing list, call Kristy Hughes, secmeal and good fellowship. Mem- retary of the PCCA, at (276) 694bers also enjoyed musical en- 3341 or Sandra Heath, treasurer

Hall Hammerheads wins chamber award



Hall Hammerheads Baseball was selected the winner of the Patrick County Chamber of Commerce's table decoration award during the 9th Annual Stuart Spooktacular The Fab Lab, at Patrick & Henry Community College's (P&HCC's) Thomas P Dalton IDEA Center created the award. (Contributed)

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Patrick Pioneers

Green and Senora Wright Whalen (Whaling) By Beverly Belcher Woody

Last week, Mr. Wayne Lackey shared the tragic story of the murder of 11-year-old Miss Ida Lou Whalen and the apprehension of the perpetrators by his grandfather, Mr. Henry C. Lackey. This week, we will take a look at Ida's parents and siblings who were born and raised in the Dodson community of Patrick County.

Before we go further, if you know of a forgotten cemetery in the Dodson (Union Primitive Baptist Church) area, please let me know so I can share that information with Ron Martin. Mr. Martin has been diligently photographing, documenting, and registering forgotten cemeteries before they are lost forever.

Miss Ida Lou Whalen was born to Marshall Green Whalen and Senora Ruth "Snowy" Wright on the 20th of April 1913 in Dodson, Virginia. Ida was the seventh of ten children born to the couple. Green Whalen was born in May of 1863 at Dodson and was the son of German Whalen and Sallie Jane Williams. German Whalen was the son of Pleasant Whalen, early settler to Dodson from Pittsylvania County and Lucinda Foley. Sallie Jane Williams was the daughter of John B. Williams and Sarah "Sallie" Helms. All the Williams descendants in Patrick County can trace their ancestry back to the

Senora Ruth "Snowy" Wright was born in July of 1879 to William Green Wright and Mary Virginia Temperance "Tempy" Bryant of the Dodson community. William Green Wright was the son of Jubal James Wright and Emily W Martin, also of the Dodson community. Tempy Bryant was the daughter of John Bryant and Frances Jane Jones of the Union Furnace area of Patrick County.

progenitor, John B. Williams.

An interesting side note about Marshall Green Whalen is that his mother, Sallie Jane Williams, named him after her brother, Marshall Green Williams who married Amanda Penn Whalen, the daughter of Pleasant Whalen and Lucinda Foley Whalen. So...Amanda Penn Whalen Williams was Green Whalen's aunt on his father's side and his aunt by marriage on his mother's side.

I have digressed enough, so let's return back to Ida Lou Whalen's siblings, the children of Marshall Green Whalen and Senora Ruth "Snowy" Wright. Green and Senora were married in Dodson on the 8th of November 1896. Charlie William Whalen was born to the couple on the 12th of June 1899. Charlie never married and passed away in 1986.

The second child, James Whaling, was born on the 8th of August 1902 in Dodson. James moved to

DODSON, VA.

Setliff-Whalen

Dodson, March 26 .- One of the prettiest home weddings of the season, took place on last Sunday evening at 3:00 o'clock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Green Whalen, when their oldest daughter Ella, became the bride of Mr. James Setliff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Setliff, Rev. W. E. Lackey officiating: Miss Ada Whalen, sister of the bride was maid of honor and Mr. Bunyan Nichols was best man.

The other attendants were Misses Ida and Minnie Whalen, sister of the bride, with Messrs Wiley and James Nichols, Miss Mary Setliff, sister of the groom, with Mr. J. Lester Roberson, Miss Verda Hall with Mr. Charlie Wright, and others There were a good many present, and all enjoyed a good din-We wish for this young couple much happiness through life.

Martinsville Bulletin, 1924, 03, 28

West Virginia as a young man and began working in the coal mines. James married Muriel Foster, and they raised a large family in Eureka Hollow and Eckman, McDowell County, West Virginia. James and Muriel and their eleven children all spelled their last name Whaling, instead of Whalen.

Ella Jane Whalen was born on the 2nd of June 1903, only ten months after her brother James. Ella married James Jackson Setliff in March of 1924 and one of the attendants in her wedding was her little sister, Ida Lou, who would be taken so horribly only eight months later. Ella and James raised two sons and four daughters in the Elamsville community.

The fourth child born to Green and Senora was Albert, who spelled his last name as Whaling. Albert's tombstone states that he was born on June 15th of 1903, but this would not have been possible for him to be born two weeks after his sister Ella. I am thinking it is more likely that Albert was born in 1904. Albert Whaling married Miss Mary Etta Chaney, the daughter of James Chaney and Lucinda Bryant of Stuart.

Ada Whalen, the fifth child of Green and Senora,

was born on the 1st of July 1907. Ada married Robert Lee Scott, the son of George Robert Scott and Nannie Clark, and they had three children, Frank; Russell; and Susie Ruth Scott Wright.

Minnie Sue Whalen was born to Green and Senora on the 15th of May 1909. Minnie married Josiah Fitzhugh Wright on the 23rd of December 1933, and they raised two daughters and four sons.

Ida Sue Whalen was born next on the 20th of April 1913, and she would only live 11 years, 6 months, and 26 days before her life was cut short by a murderer and his two accomplices. Homer Lancaster Whalen was the eighth child born to Green and Senora, arriving on the 25th of June 1914. Homer married Miss Lillie Mae Clark, the daughter of Jack Rufus Clark and Bessie Morrison. Homer and Lillie raised four daughters and four sons in the Elamsville community.

Harvey Lee Whalen was born on the 10th of February 1920; he never married. Harvey passed away at the age of 60. The youngest child of Green and Senora was Edna Martha Whalen, born on the 5th of March 1921. Edna married Amon Turner and had two sons, one who died at birth in 1943 and Cleo who was killed in an automobile accident in 1959 at the age of twenty. Edna later married Ivor Corns of the Nettle Ridge community.

In April of 1925, five months after Ida Lou's murder, Senora still had three children, ages eleven; five; and four to raise, when an attempt was made on her life. According to a report in the Stuart Enterprise, Senora was in the yard of her home when someone shot at her from the woods, with the bullet passing through her hat. Sheriff F. D. Mays and Commonwealth Attorney F. D. Burton went to the scene of the shooting the next day, but the only clue found was the footprints of the one that lay in wait for Senora. Senora was the principal witness in the trial of the murderer and his two accomplices who had taken her daughter, Ida.

Thankfully, no further attempts were made on the life of Senora, and she lived until the 27th of February 1949. Her husband Green had passed away eight years before at the age of seventy-four. Green and Senora are buried near their daughter, Ida, at the Martin-Whalen cemetery off Iron Bridge

Thank you to Ron Martin for helping with the information for this story. If you know of a forgotten cemetery that needs documenting, please let me know so I can pass this information along to Mr. Martin. Woody may be reached at rockcastlecreek1@gmail.com or (276) 692-9626.

Social Security Matters

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

Ask Rusty - Why Does the Government Raid Social Security?

Dear Rusty: The Social Security program is funded by employees and their employers. The federal government does not contribute to the program, right? So why does the federal government feel they have the right to raid the fund? All the money sent to Ukraine and other unnecessary programs could have been used to pay back what they owe to Social Security. Signed: Disgruntled Senior

Dear Disgruntled Senior: You are correct that the Social Security program is mainly funded by payroll taxes on employee earnings and by employers who match those employee contributions. FYI, some additional SS revenue is received from income tax on Social Security benefits, as well as from interest on the special issue government bonds held in the Social Security Trust Fund. But the assertion that the Federal Government used (raided) the Social Security Trust Fund for any other purpose is a myth. All Social Security revenue received since the program began in 1937 has been accounted for, and all excess funds are contained in a special Trust Fund in the form of interest-bearing government bonds, reserved to pay future benefits. FYI, the interest on those bonds contributed about \$67 billion to the Trust Fund reserves in 2023.

Social Security revenue, today, is not adequate to pay all benefit obligations, and the extra money needed to pay full SS benefits for everyone is obtained by redeeming Trust Fund reserves. Redemption of those Trust Fund bonds is how the federal government "pays back" the cash loaned to it by Social Security. The excess SS money received from contributions was loaned to the Federal Treasury by the SS Trust Funds, interest-bearing bonds were issued by the government in return for the cash received, and the bonds issued are redeemable as needed by Social Security to pay benefits. FYI, the average interest on the 2023 bonds in the Trust Funds was about 4.125%, whereas the average rate of return on all bonds held in reserve was about 2.387%. This transaction is the same as for any other investment vehicle, except the bonds in the Trust Funds are redeemable at any time without penalty. Said another way, all excess money ever received by Social Security is/ was invested in special-issue government bonds, and resides in reserve to pay future benefits, as needed. "Paying back" the money represented by bonds

held in the Trust Funds would not be a wise financial move because it would eliminate all future interest earned by those bonds (again, that interest was about \$67 billion in 2023). Federal money spent for other purposes (e.g., Ukraine) is from the general U.S. Treasury and not from the Social Security Trust Fund, which is held totally separate from the U.S. Treasury. Since inception, all money ever contributed to Social Security has been (and is) used for one purpose (and one purpose only) - to pay Social Security benefits to those eligible (which, by the way, does not include "illegal aliens" or anyone else who is not a legal resident of the United States).

For clarity, Social Security does have a future financial issue because annual benefit obligations are now greater than annual Social Security revenue, and money from the SS Trust Fund is now used to make up the difference. Unless the program is reformed soon, the Trust Fund reserves (about \$2.8 trillion as of 2023) will be depleted and benefits for all Social Security recipients will be cut by about 23% starting in 2033 or 2034 (according to the Trustees of Social Security and the Congressional Budget Office).

Congress needs to act soon to enact Social Security reform to restore the program to fiscal solvency. The Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC) is steadfastly lobbying Congress to enact the needed Social Security reform as soon as possible.

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Stress Eating: Part 1

Do you feel like eating desserts? Perhaps I ing what emotional eating is. spelled that backwards. Are you feeling stressed? Before you reach for the nearest snack to satisfy your craving, consider the idea that you might just be thirsty! It's true - studies have shown that cravings are one way our body signals to us that it's dehydrated. A simple glass of water will take away the craving. It's worked on me.

That's not always the case, though. Food cravings and eating habits can come from a deeper root cause: stress. We don't always eat just to satisfy hunger but from desire. For many of us, food is a source of comfort, relief, and even a coping mechanism when we are under stress, or experiencing negative emotions such as loneliness,

sadness, and boredom. When you eat out of stress, you temporarily distract yourself from your negative emotions. The problem is the same initial problem exists

after you finish your meal. Can you change your

feelings towards eating? Let's begin by identify-

Emotional eating can also be defined as "stress

eating". Food fills a need that goes beyond satisfying hunger. Food actually makes us feel better. Desserts, take-out, fast food, and pizza... these are common foods people eat to satisfy emotional "hunger". Common reasons for turning to food as a cop-

ing mechanism are:

*Loneliness

*Anger *Exhaustion

*Boredom

*Stressed *Emptiness

*Comfortable

Chances are, you may be a stress eater without knowing it. However, the following are some ways to recognize the signs and take charge of your health.

Does food make you feel:

*Safe

*In control

*Calmed and comforted from negative emo-

Do you seek food first when:

*You feel stressed?

*You're not hungry, but just craving food?

*You want to reward yourself?

*You want to eat for the sake of eating?

If you've answered "yes" to the majority of these, it could mean that you are a stress eater. Is it possible to change this habit? Yes, and you can regain control over your emotions and your attitude towards food. To do this, you need to be able to recognize the difference between physical and emotional hunger. (To be continued)

(Submitted by Betty Dean. Written by Grace Jauwena, Health Coach. Used by permission from www.lifeandhealth.org. Courtesy of LifeSpring - Resources for Hope and Healing Stuart, VA)

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SPORTS

Lady Cougars named to All District teams



Lilly Hazelwood blasts one past the block.

By Pat Delaney

team had two players named to the Three Rivers All District Teams.

Junior Journey Moore was named 1st team The Patrick County High varsity volleyball All-District for a season that saw her reach the 1,000-dig milestone at North Stokes on September 30.

Lady Cougar senior Lilly Hazelwood was named 2nd team All District.

New report finds decline in confined-space farm tragedies

Amid a nationwide effort to reduce the number of tragedies in America's most dangerous profession, a new report indicates progress.

Purdue University's Agricultural Safety and Health Program released its 2023 Summary of U.S. Agricultural Confined Space-related Injuries and Fatalities during National Farm Safety and Health Week, Sept. 15-21. The report aims to maintain public focus on the issue of agricultural confined-space injuries and fatalities. It also seeks to aid in the development of evidence-based training, and offers resources for developing improved workplace regulations.

Fifty-five cases involving agricultural confined spaces were reported last year—a 33.7% decrease over the 83 cases documented in 2022 and less than the five- and 10-year averages. Of the documented 2023 cases, 28 were tied to livestock waste handling facilities, entanglements, and grain dust explosions or fires. Roughly half were caused by grain entrapments—the leading cause of confined space-related incidents.

During 2023, grain entrapments accounted for hood of successful outcomes."

27 of all documented cases—a 35.7% decrease over 42 cases in 2022. Of last year's reported entrapment cases, 59.3% resulted in a fatality.

The report notes that current surveillance could potentially underreport cases by up to 30%. Additionally, over two-thirds of U.S. grain storage capacity is on farms that are exempt from Occupational Safety and Health Administration injury reporting requirements. That means the summary likely does not encompass all grain-related entrapments.

Market conditions and the consolidation of operations have driven an increase in on-farm grain storage—heightening safety concerns, noted Matt Nuckols, Virginia Farm Bureau Federation safety coordinator.

"That means an increase in farm safety awareness for storage structures is needed," he asserted. "Farmers need to be trained on and use safety protocols to prevent entrapments. In the case of an entrapment, rescue personnel need specific equipment and training to increase the likeli-

Historically, there have been considerably more documented fatal grain entrapment cases than non-fatal cases, with suffocation from engulfment the leading cause of death for these incidents. An adult can sink knee-deep in flowing grain in four seconds and be fully engulfed in 20

In an effort to reduce the number of grain bin tragedies, 17 county Farm Bureaus in Virginia have donated life-saving grain rescue tubes to local fire departments. Additionally, VFB Safety has paid to have fire and rescue personnel from 20 counties trained on using the device, called the Great Wall of Rescue.

Visit agconfined spaces.org for a hub of instructional materials and resources on the hazards associated with agricultural confined spaces, and to report incidents to the Purdue team.

Agsafety4youth.info offers training material for youth, including two educational lessons on agricultural confined spaces.

Visit vafb.com/Safety for additional safety re-

Spotlight on Patrick County Schools:

tional Excellence

In a recent presentation to the Patrick County School Board, Dr. Matt Hurt, Director of the Comprehensive Instructional Plan (CIP), praised Patrick County Public Schools for their commitment to high-quality education. Speaking at the board's September 18 meeting, Hurt highlighted Patrick County's consistent success and resilience in the face of challenges. The CIP, a statewide consortium of 69 public school divisions, focuses on improving student outcomes through was among the initial districts to join, and its achievements continue to set a high standard for educational excellence across Virginia. Recognizing Patrick County's Commit-

Hurt began by acknowledging the strong relationship he has developed with Patrick County over the last decade. "I hope the people of Patrick County understand what they have, because it's not readily found in other parts of the state," Hurt said. He noted that the county's dedicated staff, supportive administration, and unwavering commitment to student success have estab-

School System Commended for Educa- lished it as a standout among Virginia school Leadership divisions.

A Culture of High Expectations and Positive Outcomes

Patrick County's academic performance is reflected in its impressive state rankings: for three consecutive years, it has placed in the top 10 for state pass rates. Hurt attributed this success to the county's high expectations. "Expect more, get more; expect less, get less," he remarked, unto rigorous standards. These expectations have stop at nothing to ensure their students succeed. (SOL) scores, a key measure of academic achievement in Virginia.

Hurt challenged the assumption that higher poverty rates automatically translate to lower SOL scores. Using Patrick County as an example, he pointed out that the division has outperformed expectations despite economic disadvantages. "Patrick County does not allow the challenges of poverty to hold students back—they find ways to make it work anyway," he said. A data analysis shows Patrick County exceeding the trend line that links poverty rates to SOL performance.

Meeting Challenges with Supportive

Like many rural districts, Patrick County faces unique challenges, including a high percentage of economically disadvantaged students and a larger proportion of students with disabilities. Despite these hurdles, the division maintains a positive and supportive environment, which is evident in teacher satisfaction surveys and other climate data.

"Patrick County has a ton of highly dedicated derscoring the county's educators are committed teachers and administrators," Hurt said. "They collaboration among educators. Patrick County led to significant gains in Standards of Learning He credited the strong support system fostered by school leaders for contributing to both teacher retention and student achievement.

A Model for Success

Hurt concluded by highlighting Patrick County as a model for public education. He commended the division's high standards, supportive culture, and determination to overcome obstacles. "Patrick County has it figured out when it comes to public education," he stated confidently. The success of Patrick County Public Schools serves as an example of what can be achieved through hard work, dedication, and a shared vision for

Two injured, one dead in Saturday crash

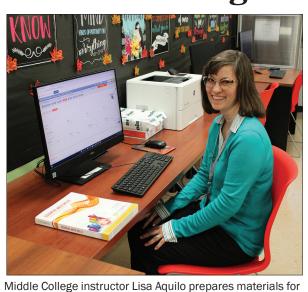
The Virginia State Police are investigating a two-vehicle crash that occurred Saturday, Nov. 2, at 3:35 p.m. at the intersection of Dry Pond Highway and Hatchers Chapel Road in Patrick County.

A 1999 Ford Ranger was heading southbound on Dry Pond Highway (Virginia 103) when it was unable to avoid a 2010 Jeep Patriot which had pulled onto Dry Pond Highway from Hatchers Chapel Road. The Ford Ranger then went off of the right side of the highway, while the Patriot came to rest in the northbound lane.

The driver of the Patriot, John S. Boles, 81, of Claudville, died at the scene. He was not wearing a seatbelt. A nine-year old male passenger in the vehicle suffered minor injuries. He was wearing a seatbelt. The driver of the Ford Ranger, Ethan J. Horton, 26, of Stuart, suffered minor injuries. He was wearing a seatbelt.

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Middle College Returns to P&HCC



incoming students.

Patrick & Henry Community College (P&H-CC) is partnering with West Piedmont Regional Adult and Career Education (WPRACE) and Henry County Public Schools (HCPS) to re-introduce the Middle College program on campus this month. Community members of all ages seeking a GED will attend classes, offered by WPRACE and HCPS, on P&HCC's campus.

"It is our great honor to welcome members of our community to the PHamily through Middle

College courses at Patrick & Henry," said P&H-

CC President Dr. Greg Hodges, adding, "Suc-

cessful completion of the program is just one

step on the journey to a financially secure future and we are thrilled to support each student in the process of doing so."

"Our partnership with Patrick & Henry Community College offers individuals a valuable opportunity to earn their GED through free daytime classes. The Middle College Program can serve up to 50 participants each year, providing the resources and support needed to help them take a significant step toward achieving their educational and personal goals," said Lisa Millner, HCPS assistant superintendent of teaching

To enroll in Middle College, students should score at 9th grade and above on the TABE (Test for Adult Basic Education) or will otherwise be referred for adult basic education. Classes will meet from 9am to 12pm, Monday through Thursday and are open entry/open exit throughout the year as needed. Registration and TABE testing will occur prior to classes beginning.

"We are so excited to partner with Patrick & Henry and Henry County Public Schools to support the members of our community through Middle College programming. The opportunities that students will have available thanks to the credentials they will earn will certainly help to ensure bright futures for each of them," said Kay Pagans, WPRACE program manager.

Questions regarding Middle College programming should be directed to Pam Anglin at panglin@henry.k12.va.us or 276.647.8932.

Crossing the Lines

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

Lt. Gov. Earle-Sears Visits Henry County, Meets with Local Law Enforcement



officers from the Henry County Sheriff's Office, their dedication to serving the community. Martinsville Police Department, and Martins-

County on Monday, Oct. 28, where she met with more about the work these agencies perform and the facility's operations and discussed ongoing

Earle-Sears also toured the Henry County

Lt. Gov. Winsome Earle-Sears visited Henry ville Sheriff's Office. During the visit, she learned Adult Detention Center, where staff highlighted efforts to ensure safety and security in the coun-

Raising awareness, 2.2 miles at a time

A Martinsville resident and Army veteran is set to undertake his third annual "ruck walk" this November, aiming to raise awareness and funds for Stop Soldier Suicide, a veteran-founded nonprofit dedicated to reducing military suicide rates.

Dennis Bender, along with a few Army friends, will walk 2.2 miles each day to represent and raise awareness for the 2.2 veterans who take their own lives daily.

Stop Soldier Suicide is a national nonprofit that is focused solely on solving the issue of suicide among U.S. veterans and service members. Its goal is to reduce the military suicide rate by 40 percent no later than

"What they do is they want you to ruck march and to raise money for the organization. So, the organization really just helps with basically to stop soldier suicide," he said.

While the organization doesn't specify that the 2.2-mile ruck walk has to be done every day, Bender said he made an agreement with people on his social media page that he would ruck march every day if they donated.

"It kind of has morphed into we do a minimum of 2.2 miles with the 45-pound rucksack on. The 2.2 signifies the 2.2 soldiers that committee suicide a day, then the last day of the month," Saturday, November 30, "I do 22 miles," he said.

Bender said the 45-pound rucksack

opened

Martinsville way recently

its media center and track to offer a handson STEM experience for

fifth-grade students from

Patrick Henry Elemen-

tary School, opening its

media center and track

to the young learners on

Oct. 23. Students had

students



Dennis Bender recently started his third annual ruck walk to raise money and awareness for Stop Solider Suicide, veteran-founded and led non-profit organization fighting to reduce military

on a daily, routine mission. "The water, ammo, food, the body armor - that just kind of signified that. I just want it to be a challenge doing it a couple years ago, so that's why I went with doing it with a 45-pound ruck," he

Bender has teamed up with the Henry County Parks and Recreation Department, which will help promote the November 30 walk and give him access to the Smith River Sports Com-

Those wishing to donate should contact Bender on social media at Facebook.com/DennisBender.

If you're a veteran or service memrepresents what soldiers would carry ber in crisis, please call 844-674-1060.

YMCA Receives \$500,000 Donation for New Facility

\$500,000 to the Martinsville-Henry enhanced health and wellness ser-County YMCA's Transforming Com- vices, expanded youth and family munity capital campaign, aimed at programming, and upgraded spacconstructing the new Lester Family es to meet the evolving needs of the YMCA facility.

building a brand new, state-of- ties for more people to prosper.

Carter Bank & Trust has donated the-art facility that will provide community and reinforces the bank's The donation will contribute to commitment to creating opportuni-

Pickurel honored for career in racing



Clarence Pickurel (in orange) is surrounded by a group of some of the biggest names in racing at a tribute held at Clarence's Steak & Seafood House in Ridgeway, on Monday, October 28. (Photos by Ray Reynolds)

Patrick Henry Elementary School students focus on building rubber band-powered race cars.

the unique opportunity to interact with racing professionals, build their own race cars, and compete at Martinsville Speedway's historic Speedway fully sponstarting line. sored the materials and "They asked some rethe setup, giving stually good questions; it's dents room near the impressive to see how starting line to build inquisitive they are at and test their cars. "Not this age," said Martinsmany of them have the ville Speedway Preschance to see racing up ident Clay Campbell. close," Campbell said. The event included an "It's great to get them eninteractive question and gaged with what goes on answer session, where out here and give them a

interviewed

Campbell and Niece Mo-

torsports drivers Bayley

Currey, Matt Mills, and

Matt Gould. Afterward,

each student was given

materials to construct a

sense of the industry." Fulcher, Elizabeth the school's Director of Technology and Education, explained that the event tied closely with

STEM Learning Experience held at Martinsville Speedway

> Campbell said the the Speedway to ensure the experience matched lessons," Fulcher said. "The timing worked perfectly with the drivers' schedules, so the students could connect classroom concepts with real-world applications in racing."

Students, many of whom had never visited the Speedway, asked insightful questions about racing, car mechanics, and what it's like to compete on the track. Fulcher noted how excited the students were to inthe students' curriculum teract with the drivers on force, motion, and en- and gain a unique perergy. "I collaborated with spective on Motorsports.

Some of the biggest names in racing gathered at Clarence's Steak & Seafood House on October 28, to pay tribute to Clarence Pickurel, a legendary car owner, driver and sponsor in Late Model Stock Racing.

At the tribute, Clay Campbell, president of the Martinsville Speedway, said he saw the admiration and respect everyone in attendance had for Pickurel.

Late Model Stock Racing and in Modified Racing years ago, Clarence's name is on par with the Petty name in Cup Racing. Now, if you're a fan of Late Model Stock Racing (and) you hear that name Clarence, you know," he said.

"I liken him to the Petty name. He has done so much for NASCAR's weekly type racing, you can't even begin to talk about it," Campbell said, adding that Clarence's Steakhouse is a landmark in the community.

Peyton Sellers, who was the first rookie to ever drive for Pickurel and currently drives his car, recalled, "We had some hard times. But he stuck it out with me and was very good to me.

"If I wrecked a car, he was always there to say, 'look, I'm going to build you another car let's go race, you know let's get ready,' Because we'd be wrecking them. He was building the good stuff," Sellers said.

"In later years, he's been sponsor-"I told somebody earlier that in ing, we didn't keep them in Martinsville, we kept them in Danville," Sellers said. "It's been an ongoing relationship that's just family for us."

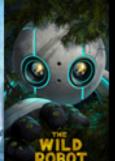
> Chris Williams, CEO of the SMART Modified Tour Series, said Pickurel's tribute was a long time coming.

> "Getting these heroes that have forged short track racing for a long time to come and honor Clarence, who has been in this thing for over 60 years. He started racing in the '50s and '60s and quit, and started putting other drives in the car," Williams said.











OBITUARIES

John Samuel "Johnny" Boles Sr.

Mr. John Samuel "Johnny" Boles Sr. age 81, of Claudville, VA, passed away on Saturday, November 2, 2024. He was born on September 9, 1943, to the late William Russell "Buck" Boles and Ann Pace Boles. He was preceded in death by a brother, Herbert Boles; an in- er and Clerk. Besides fant brother; and a enjoying great-grandson,

Johnny many attributes that proud will be cherished by Papa. Johnny always Primitive those that knew and made sure that his served the U.S. Army as a them. His memory employdedicated ee. Johnny used his



gardening Eli and hunting, one of his greatest joys was Throughout his life his family. He was a possessed loving husband and father and their hearts.

Billie Joe Boyce, and great-grandson, An- of Stuart, Virginia drew Boles; sisters and brothers-in-law, Shirley Sutphin, Beverly and Howard Henry County on Sat-Tate, Linda and Jackie Spence, Edna East and Sue and Herman Richmond, Virginia on Gresaman; and a brother and sister-inlaw, Billy and Phyllis Boles.

Funeral services for Mr. Boles will be held on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 2:00 P.M. at Red Bank Baptist Church in Claudville, loved him. Johnny family knew that he VA. Family will rein loved and supported ceive friends one hour prior to the service Specialist. He was and impact on their at the church. Buria hard-working and lives will live on in al will follow in the church cemetery with Johnny is survived full military honors mechanical by his loving wife of by the Patrick Counabilities while work- 55 years, JoAnn Go- ty Veterans Memorial ing as a textile work- ins Boles; his chil- Honor Guard. In lieu er, and later retired dren John and Bonnie of flowers, donations with over 40 years of Boles of Mount Airy, may be made to Red service. He also drove Denise and Barry Bank Primitive Bapa school bus for seven Spillman of Yadkin- tist Church Cemetery Johnny was ville, NC, and Darlene Fund, 1137 Cox Ridge a faithful member of Boyce of Stuart, VA; Road, Claudville, VA Red Bank Primitive grandchildren, Sam 24076. Online condo-Baptist Church for Boles, Austin Boles, lences may be made over 50 years, where Cody Stevens, Jasper by visiting www.moohe served as Treasur- Boyce, Lilly Boyce, dyfuneralservice.com.

James Curtis Akers, Jr.

James Cur-Mr.Dillan Spillman; a tis Akers, Jr., age 82 passed away at SO-VAH Memorial Hospital of Martinsville and urday, November 2, 2024. He was born in December 14, 1941, to the late Dr. James Curtis Akers, Sr. and Dorothy Merrill Wilkinson Akers. Jim was a faithful member of Stuart Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon for many years. He had worked at J.P. Stevens Plant in Stuart, followed by a career of 25 years in teaching. He taught at Hargrave Military Academy and retired from Martinsville City High School. He enjoyed playing golf, fishing, boating, and any water sport. He was a devoted husband, loving father, and caring grandfather. He will be remembered for his strong faith, commitment to education, and deep love for his fami-



Mr. Akers is survived by his beloved wife of 55 years, Jane Hart Akers of the home; two children, Merrill Akers Hopkins (John) of Stuart and James Curtis Akers, III of San Diego, CA; six grandchildren, Aubrey Hopkins (Abby), Evan Hopkins (Sydney), Lainie Hopkins, Miller Hopkins, Andrew Akers, and Audrey Akers; two sisters, Cornelia Akers Wood (Bob) of Mars Hill, NC and Mary Kathleen Akers Verticchio (Paul) of Spartan- to brother and sisterburg, SC; brother and in-law, Bill and Diane sister-in-law, William Hart for all your help, "Bill" Hart (Diane) of love and support that Lawsonville, NC; two you have always pronephews, Chris Wood vided.

(Kelly) and Josh Wood; and two nieces, Meredith Lindsey (Wade) and Caroline Verticchio. A funeral service for

Mr. Akers will be held

on Thursday, November 7, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at Moody Funeral Home Chapel in Stuart with Pastor Keith Vernon officiating. Burial will immediately follow in Stuart Cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service on Thursday afternoon at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1079C Spruce Street, Martinsville, VA 24112, or to a charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be sent by visiting www.moody-

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Sandra "Sandi" Dare Bryson Cox

Mrs. Sandra "Sandi" Dare Bryson Cox, age 79 of Stuart, Virginia passed away at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital on Thursday, October 31, 2024. She was born in Martinsville, Virginia on June 28, 1945, to the late Richard McCoy Bryson and Dorothy Gray Wingfield. In addition to ny" to grandchildren her parents, she was and great-grandchilpreceded in death dren. by one son, Richard adored being "Gran- ley Epperly, and Ken- funeralservices.com.



Mrs. Cox is sur-

dall Epperly; three great-grandchildren, Landon Jessup, Brennen Cox, and Raven Hylton; four siblings, Kimberly Bryson of Danville, Debroah Hornick (Joe) of Collinsville, Richard Bryson of Florida; and Debra Bryson of Greensboro, NC; several nieces and nephews; and her beloved dog, Bridgette.

A celebration of life service for Mrs. Cox Howard "Ricky" Cox; vived by her loving will be held Sunday, two sisters, Joy Ruth husband of 52 years, November 10, 2024, Bryson and Marsha Kenneth Howard Cox at 2:00 p.m. at Moody Lee Bryson; and one of the home; three Funeral Home in Stubrother, David Irby sons, Whitney Gray art with Pastor Wayne Bryson. Mrs. Cox was Cox (Connie) of Stu- Moore officiating. The graduate of Mar- art, Kenneth Tracy family will receive tinsville High School, "Trey" Cox (Jennifer) friends from 1:00 p.m. Class of 1963. She of Stuart, Walter Rob- until the time of the gardening, ert "Robin" Cox (Jan- service at the funeral watching humming- et) of Patrick Springs; home on Sunday afbirds, cooking shows, daughter-in-law, ternoon. The burial and vacationing at Sonya Cox of Laurel will be private. In lieu the beach. Sandi will Fork; ten grandchil- of flowers, memoribe remembered for dren, Matthew Cox, al donations may be her love and devo- Amber Cox, Madison made to St. Jude Chiltion to her family (in- Heath, Zachary Cox, dren's Research Hoscluding every friend Dylan Cox, Austin pital. Online condoher children brought Cox (Tabitha), Holli lences may be sent by home); she especially Cox, Bryson Cox, Ri- visiting www.moody-

Charles Allen Collins

Charles Allen Collins, of Collinsville, a retired educator and enthusiast, fishing passed away on November 1, 2024. He was 77. Mr. Collins taught history and social studies in Henry County schools for more than 20 years and was a coach and mentor to several generations of students. He was also active in bass fishing organizations in and around Henry County.

Charles was born February 22, 1947, in Stuart. His parents, Amon and Virginia Bryant Collins, came Stuart and graduated from Stuart High School in 1965. He was a standout athlete for the Stuart Wildcats a high-scoring forward on the basketball team and a member of the baseball and track teams.

Charles entered Saint Paul, Minnesota in 1965, then transferred to Lynchburg 1969 with a B.A. in history. He began his cateacher at Reynold School in Critz in 1969. ing trout streams in



He later moved to the school system. His first love was American history, but he taught a variety of social studies courses at several lic-school teacher, in schools, including Dre- 1998 and became the wry Mason, Figsboro, stepfather of her son Carver and Laurel Ben and daughter Carfrom families with deep Park. He was active rie. An earlier marroots in Patrick Coun- in his schools' athletic riage to Pamela Wilson ty. Charles completed programs, serving as ended in divorce. elementary school in an assistant coach for Chuck is survived by football and track and his wife, Mary Franfield. He also taught ces, his stepdaughfor two years in the ter Carried Rafferty Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system in stepson Ben Rafferty North Carolina. As a teacher, Charles is remembered for his encyclopedic knowledge of American history and for working to instill Macalester College in critical thinking skills and self-confidence in lins (Hope), and Mathis students

College graduating in vocation, fishing was new (Tom), as well as his avocation. Chuck, step-grandchildren as he was known to Kellen, Teddy and Nareer as a public-school his fishing buddies, talia Rafferty and nine Hardin fished from childhood, grand and great-grand Memorial first in the few remain- nieces and nephews.

Patrick County and later as a competitive bass fisherman. He was active in several local bass fishing clubs, including Country Boys Bassmasters. He devoted more time to fishing after his retirement from teaching and was named "Mr. Bass" in 2001 by the Piedmont Bassmasters and in 2005 by the Danville Bassmasters.

Chuck married Mary Frances Quick Rafferty, also a pub-

of Collinsville and (Nicole) of Greensboro, NC, his brother Ray Collins (Betty) of Amelia, VA and sister Betsy Collins Demiray of Saint Paul, MN, nephews Michael Colthew Collins (Cher), If teaching was his niece Lee Collins Ag-

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I can imagine that there are times when we all feel that our despair is too great to bear and that our trials will never end. We get into a place where we cannot be comforted by words uttered from someone's lips or from hugs they may offer. We wallow in ourselves and nothing from the outside can provide to us relief.

Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him, for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. St. John 14:17

When we accept Jesus as our Comforter, the Holy Spirit. Great-4:4). Repeat that. Isn't it com-Holy Spirit) that is in you is greater than ANYTHING in the world. When you are going through the work in your life.

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He is Our Comforter. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. St. John 14:18

He is Our Intercessor. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

He is Our Counselor. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. St. John 14:26

He is Our Helper. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. St. John 14:27

Jesus said he would send the Lord and Savior, we accept the Comforter which He did. He said that He will never leave us, which er is He that lives in me than He He won't. In this world of over 8 that lives in this world (1 John billion people, we can feel there is only one. Remember that the Spirit forting to hear those words, to af- of the Living God, the Holy Spirit firm with your mouth that He (the is in you and is greater than anything in this world. Be encouraged today and allow the Holy Spirit to

Local P&HCC student honored at annual awards ceremony

leges (VCCS) Hire Education Con- ating new opportunities." ference held Oct. 29 is an annual Awards Ceremony that recognizes tle, VCCS Chancellor David Doré people and organizations who have praised Mullins. gone the extra mile to promote stu-

completing the Heavy Equipment and employers of Virginia." Operator class last summer at Patfy the profound impact education place," Doré added.

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"In my view, this event is more dent success and equitable access in than just a highlight of the Hire our workforce and career training Education Conference," said Chancellor Doré. "I believe it is essen-Andrew Mullins was recognized tial to recognize the extraordinary as an Outstanding Student Success work that our colleagues are doing Story. Mullins overcame addiction and the partnerships they have and incarceration on his way to formed—all in service to the people

"The theme of this year's conferrick & Henry Community College ence, 'Generating Opportunities: (P&HCC). Mullins has shared his Powering Talent & Partnerships' story openly in hopes of showing reflects our collective commitment others that change is possible. His to providing education that goes award nomination added that his beyond the traditional classroom, "determination, drive and success preparing our students for the dein securing employment...exempli- mands of an ever-evolving work-

Sciences Division at SCC to host physical therapist

As part of a series of science sem- of SCC and the Doctor of Physical inars, the Sciences Division of Sur- Therapy Program at Winston-Sary Community College is hosting lem State University. a seminar with speaker Dr. Josh Thursday, Nov. 21.

his educational and career paths in public. a presentation titled, "From Surry Community College to Career Success: My Journey to Becoming a Physical Therapist and Business Owner." Edwards is a graduate edu or (336) 386-3391.

The presentation will be held on Edwards, physical therapist and the Dobson Campus in room A-121 owner of North Bridge Physio, on from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. There is no fee to attend, and the presentation Dr. Josh Edwards will speak on is open to SCC students and the

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2. Job and which other Old Testament book mention the constellation of Orion? Psalms, Isaiah, Daniel, Amos

3. Which prophet took a wife of whoredoms named Gomer? Hosea, Jonah, Amos, Micah

4. From Judges 14, what did Samson eat from the carcass of a lion? Manna, Honey, Berries, Figs

5. What sin against the Holy Spirit results in eternal

guilt? Blasphemy, Adultery, Murder, Non tithing 6. Who was the father of Joshua? Abraham. Aaron.

Nun, Moses ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Amos, 3) Hosea, 4) Honey, 5) Blasphemy, 6) Nun

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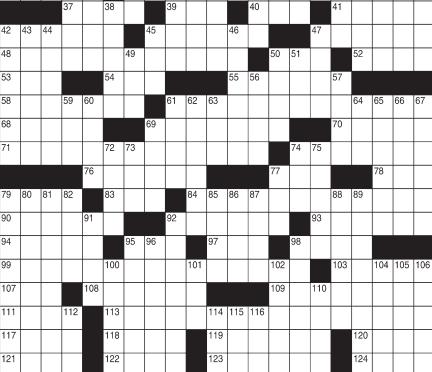
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Case No. CL24000569-00 ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia VA CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104 PATRICK CIRCUIT COURT 101 WEST BLUE RIDGE STREET/PO BOX 148, STUART, VA 24171

OCTOBER 25, 2024

DEBRA FABYANSKI, ET ALS v. KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LENA GIELLE

The object of this suit is to: TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SERVICE TO HEIRS WITH UNKNOWN WHEREABOUTS It is ORDERED that KNOWN AND/OR UNKNOWN HEIRS OF

LENA GIELLE appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before NOVEMBER 26, 2024.

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Meetings

Thursday, Nov. 14

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

Monday, Nov. 18

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

Tuesday, Nov. 19

The Patrick County Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meets at 4 p.m., in the Patrick County School Board Office in the conference room, Stuart. This meeting is open to the public. Anyone who wishes to be placed on the agenda may call Andy Bowlin, Director of Special Education, (276) 694-3163 by noon on Nov.

Wednesday, Nov. 20

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

Events

Saturday, Nov. 9

Veteran's Parade - line up starts at 12 p.m., and the parade begins at 1 p.m. The grand marshals are Leonard & Delano Wood, with a ceremony to follow at Rotary Field. For parade applications or details, contact the local Ruritan organizations or email veteransdayparade 2024@gmail.com.

The Reynolds Homestead Holiday Arts & Craft Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Ross Harbour Methodist Church will hold a fall supper and auction with the meal starting from 4-6 p.m. with take our or dine in options. The meal includes a chicken or ham plate, dessert, and drink. The cost is \$10 for an adult plate and \$5 for a child's plate. The auction starts at 6:30 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.

Thursday, Nov. 14

The Patrick County Senior Citizens Group meets at 11 a.m. in the Hooker Building at Rotary Field, Stuart. Philip Adams will provide the entertainment, and the Reynolds Homestead will provide the meal for the attendees. Attendees are requested to bring desserts to share with

the group.

Friday, Nov. 15

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

Saturday, November 16

Fairystone Volunteer Fire Department will hold a hamburger steak dinner from 4-6:30 p.m. The menu includes hamburger steak, French fries, baked beans, slaw, roll, and a drink for \$10 for either dine in or carry out. To place an order, call 276-930-2113. The department will hold a cash giveaway at 7 p.m. To purchase a ticket, contact a fire department member or call 276-930-2117.

Thursday, Nov. 21

The Carroll County Genealogy Club will hold its monthly business meeting at 5 p.m. The public is invited. Call 276.266.8016 or check Facebook page Carroll Co Genealogy Club.

Wednesday, Dec. 11

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

Ongoing

The Patrick County Parks and Recreation Department is conducting sign-ups for grades 6-7 boys and girls basketball season. Games will be played in January and February. The deadline for sign-ups is Monday, November 18. Forms are available at any elementary school or at the recreation department. Questions may be directed to the recreation department at 276-694-3917.

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.org.

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

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

Initial claims for unemployment decrease

According to Virginia Works, 2,215 unemployment insurance weekly initial claims were filed during the week ending October 26, 2024, which is 27.1 percent lower than last week's 3,039 claims and 23.1 percent higher than the comparable week of last year (1,800). Nearly 81 percent of claimants self-reported an associated industry; of those reported, the top five industries (61 percent) were Manufacturing (258); Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (252); Administrative and Support and Waste Management (203); Retail Trade (179); and Health Care and Social Assistance (175).

Continued weeks claims (16,007) were 2.2 percent higher than last week (15,663) and were 29.7 percent higher than the comparable week of last year (12,337). Nearly 92 percent of claimants self-reported an associated industry; of those reported, the top five industries (62 percent) were Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (2,520); Administrative and Support and Waste Management (2,051); Manufacturing (1,898); Health Care and Social Assistance (1,465); and Retail Trade (1,184).

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

Arrests Reported

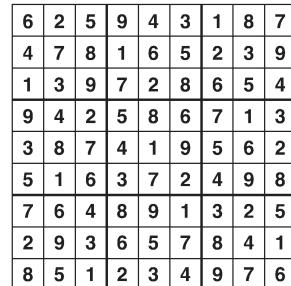
The Patrick County Sheriff's Office reported the following:

*David Clyde Fain, 52, of Stuart, was charged Oct. 24 with assault. Sgt. C.L. Elgin was the arresting officer.

*Billy Joe Plaster, 46, of Fieldale, was charged Oct. 24 with two counts of probation violation. Senior Deputy A. Kinney made the arrest for Henry County.

*Kevin Ray Whitt, 52, of Stuart, was charged Oct. 25 with probation violation. Deputy S. Horn was the arresting officer.

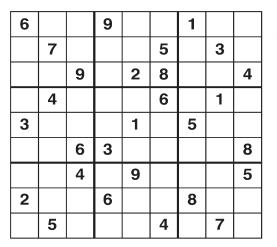
*Samantha Nicole Craddock, 33, of Stuart, was charged Oct. 26 with fail to comply with terms of bond. Sgt. J.G. Pickerel was the arresting officer.





Weekly **SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle



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Hot tips for sourcing your firewood locally

Yoga 1:15*

Forestry experts are urging Virginians to buy and burn local firewood as they light their fireplaces and wood stoves to keep cozy.

LEGO Club 4:00

With over 16 million acres of forestland in the commonwealth, Virginians have plenty of choices when it comes to sourcing firewood. And while there's ample firewood for campfires and home heating, foresters and experts recommend buying from your county of residence to help prevent the spread of invasive diseases and pests.

"It's very difficult to determine if wood is infested, and it can be infested with a variety of invasive pests," said Bill Osl, a Cumberland County forestland owner, and chair of the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Forestry Advisory Committee and the Virginia Board of Forestry. "By buying firewood locally, you're not just limiting the spread of these destructive and non-native organisms, you're also helping someone in the community and supporting the local economy. It's a win-win."

Osl said harmful insects like spotted lanternflies, emerald ash borers, fire ants, spongy moths and Asian longhorn beetles hitchhike on firewood, potentially traveling hundreds of from places that could get wet from rain or

miles. They can start infestations in new places, ultimately destroying crops, infecting more trees and even whole forests.

When camping, experts advise buying firewood at the destination or gather it onsite, if permitted. Leftover firewood should always stay behind. Only packaged, heat-treated firewood with a U.S. Department of Agriculture or state agency seal of certification is safe for moving from place to place. Heat-treating firewood eliminates pests that could be transported, but once the package is open, the wood can attract insects and shouldn't be moved.

Additionally, when stocking up on firewood for the home, officials suggest buying firewood from a reputable dealer in the county where you plan to burn the wood. Virginia firewood typically is sold in cords—stacks of 4 feet by 4 feet by 8 feet.

"Simple choices and a little planning can make a big difference in ensuring Virginians will have forests to enjoy for generations to come," said Rob Farrell, Virginia state forester.

Store firewood properly, and ensure it stays dry by keeping it in a well-ventilated area away

groundwater. Stack it no more than two layers deep, and place a pallet or something underneath the wood so it's off the ground.

Local firewood dealers can be found on firewoodscout.org. For more information on firewood guidelines and preventing the spread of invasive diseases and pests, visit dontmovefirewood.org/ map/virginia.

Drone Operation Basics Course Offered at SCC



Surry Community College is offering a class for individuals interested in drone flight and operation.

The class will take place on Saturday, November 9, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Room J-103 on SCC's Dobson campus.

During this 8-hour course, participants will have

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hands-on flight time, while learning pre-flight planning and checks, basic flight skills, camera and gimbal operation, as well as emergency procedures. Participants are not expected to bring their own drone; practice drones will be provided.

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Weather permitting, the road will re-open to traffic on Friday, December 13.

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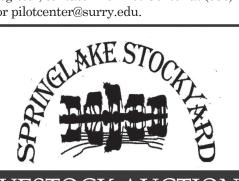
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ONLINE AUCTION

Country Home with Creek Frontage for Sale in Woolwine, VA Online Auction Ends Tuesday, November 26th at 4 PM 9711 Woolwine Hwy., Woolwine, VA 24185 **Bid NOW at VAAuctionPro.com**

Looking for an ideal home in the Woolwine area of Patrick County? Look no further than this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home that is located right across the road from the Woolwine Post Office. This 1998 home is in good condition and features 1,568 sq ft of living space with a full, unfinished walkout basement. The electric heat pump ensures comfort year round. You will find a mix of carpet, hardwood, laminate hardwood and vinyl flooring throughout. The appliances in kitchen convey with purchase. The ceiling stain in the back bed-



room is from a previous leak and has been fixed. Home is being sold "as is" and any personal property items remaining will convey with purchase.

Downstairs you will find a full walkout basement, with concrete floors and a cinder block foundation. The garage downstairs makes for a great work space or vehicle storage. The exterior of the home is finished with vinyl siding with brick to grade and a shingle roof. Home is served by a private well and septic system. The 2 outbuildings are great for extra storage or a workshop. The building right behind the home is a 24x24 wood sided shed with electricity and a loft. The second building is a 54 x 28 wood sided 3 car garage with a metal roof with water and electricity.

The home sits on +/- 5.231 acres with Gills Creek flowing across the back side of the property. Home is right across the road from the Post Office and is within sight of Woolwine Elementary School and the Dollar Store. It is also within a short commute of Stuart VA, Floyd VA and the Blue Ridge Parkway. Sale is subject to court approval.

PREVIEW DATE: Saturday, November 16th at 11 AM

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