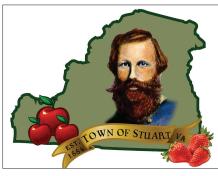
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# Concerns about changes in Town Logo are unfounded



The Town of Stuart's former logo featured a profile of Confederate Gen. J.E.B. Stuart.

Town Manager Bryce Simmons.

to oppose the removal of Stuart's

likeness. Goad began circulating

about 50 signatures from resi-

eliminating Stuart's image could

signal the start of broader chang-

Simmons made the comments

By Taylor Boyd



The new logo, introduced as part of the Downtown Revitalization Project, highlights the Patrick County Courthouse.

Concerns about the removal of es, saying, "If you take that off Confederate General J.E.B. Stu- the side of the vehicles," then it's art's profile from the Town of going to be the tip of the iceberg Stuart's logo and official imag- of potential changes. "I just don't ery are unfounded, according to think we need to do away with history."

Goad plans to present his petiin response to former Stuart tion to the Stuart Town Council councilman Dean Goad's efforts once he gathers more signatures.

#### Old vs. New Logos

The former town logo featured a letter in mid-October opposan image of J.E.B. Stuart set ing the change. He had collected against a green map of the town, flanked by apples and strawberdents and businesses as of Nov. ries. A golden banner reading "Est. 1884 Town of Stuart, VA" Goad expressed concerns that sat below the image.

As part of the town's Down-(See Town Logo p.3)

The Patrick County School Board presented a resolution to Woolwine Elementary School staff in recognition of the school's VDOE Highest Achievement Exemplar Award for 2024-

# Schools Awarded \$300,000 Grant for Blue Ridge Elementary Renovations

By Taylor Boyd

Patrick County Schools Superintendent Jason Wood announced during the School Board's meeting on Thursday, Nov. 14, that the division has received a \$300,000 grant from the School Construction Assistance Program (SCAP). The funds will support extensive renovations at Blue Ridge Elementary School.

"We applied last year and were a finalist, but we didn't receive the award. However, about a month ago, we were notified that we were selected this year," Wood said.

The renovations will include upgrading the school's stage to meet safety codes, improving accessibility, and adding functional steps. The current steps don't meet code requirements, but once renovations are complete, they will, he noted.

Other upgrades include expanded restroom facilities. Currently, the school has only one restroom each for men and women, which Wood said is inadequate for such a large space. The improvements will provide more spacious facilities and also incorporate team rooms for sports teams.

A concession stand will also be up-

dated, creating opportunities for students to fundraise on-site.

One of the most anticipated improvements is the addition of a covered walkway connecting the gym to the main school building. "Right now, it's a long walk, and sometimes with bad weather," students often have to stay inside their classrooms for physical activities. The covered walkway will make accessing the gym much more practical, Wood said.

Additional work will address subflooring and general flooring repairs throughout the school.

In other matters, the board:

- Heard a presentation on the new state accreditation system from Assistant Superintendent of Administration Shannon Brown.
- Approved the cell phone policy as presented.
  - Approved the consent agenda.
- Approved the personnel report as amended.
- Presented a resolution to Woolwine Elementary School staff for receiving the Virginia Department of Education's (VDOE) Highest Achievement Exemplar Award for 2024-2025.

# Mountain Christmas Project Brings Holiday Cheer to Hurricane Victims



The Mountain Christmas project aims to bring holiday joy to children and families in Western North Carolina still recovering from Hurricane Helene.

#### By Taylor Boyd

Chris Dollarhite is on a mission go out with a group," he said. to ensure that children and famifected by Hurricane Helene experience the joy of the holiday season. Through the Mountain Christmas project, he's working to provide toys, clothing, and a sense of hope to those still recovering from the devastating

Dollarhite, a member of the Patrick County Patriots, often assists with local events and nonprofit initiatives. While many members of his group have been traveling to North Carolina to volunteer directly, his work commitments prevented him from joining.

"A lot of them have been volunteering and going to Western North the time, some of them a weekend. I work a lot, so I couldn't get freed

up to go volunteer like I wanted to

While he was giving donations lies in Western North Carolina af- and helping others, Dollarhite said he felt like he needed to do something else and started thinking about the future, particularly about Thanksgiving and Christmas.

> "When I thought about Christmas - I'm a parent and I thought about the kids. As adults we have choices we can go and do things, but children are innocent they don't have any choice where they're stuck, where they're at," he said.

> While volunteering, Dollarhite said some Patrick County Patriots members were in Asheville and connected with Gashes Creek Baptist Church.

"They were out there that week, Carolina. Some of them a week at so I called one of my friends in the group and he talked to the pastor.

(See Mountain Christmas p.3)

# Worley and Stanley Families Named Grand Marshals of PC Christmas Parade



Lauren Worley and Kaylee Stanley, along with their families, will serve as grand marshals of the 52nd annual Patrick County Christmas Parade on Dec. 7.

# Meadows of Dan Christmas Parade set for Nov. 30

#### By Taylor Boyd

The 15th annual Meadows of Dan Christmas Parade will take place on Saturday, Nov. 30, bringing holiday cheer to the community.

Parade organizer Trinity Goad said the festivities will begin at 3 p.m., with lineup starting at 2:30 p.m. on Light Ridge Road.

"The parade route follows Business Route 58," Goad explained. "It starts at Light Ridge Road and ends at Meadows of Dan Baptist Church."

This year's parade is expected to feature around 40 entries, continuing the tradition of festive variety. As of Nov. 14, Goad confirmed 25 participants, including the Patrick

County High School marching band. "We've got floats, people riding in cars, lawnmowers, four-wheelers, and walkers," Goad said. "Some-

times we have tractors too, but we

don't have any signed up so far this year."

There is no cost or deadline to join the parade.

"As long as you're lined up by 2:30 p.m., we are good," Goad said. "We just ask participants to avoid hot-rodding and" remind them to take responsibility for their own vehicles or floats. "If something happens to your vehicle or your float or whatever, that's your responsibility."

After the parade, Meadows of Dan Baptist Church will offer complimentary refreshments, including ci-

der, hot chocolate, and s'mores. At 5 p.m., the Concord Primitive Baptist Church will host an old-fashioned Christmas singing to round

out the evening. For more information or to register as a participant, contact Trinity

Goad at (540) 230-7943.

#### By Taylor Boyd

Lauren Worley, Kaylee Stanley, and their families will lead the 52nd annual Patrick County Christmas Parade as its grand marshals, organizers announced.

The parade, hosted by One Family Productions, will take place on Saturday, Dec. 7, at 2 p.m.

Chris Prutting, executive director of One Family Productions, said the families were selected in alignment with this year's theme, "Community Through Strife.'

"We believe these families exemplify the spirit of this theme," Prutting said. "With everything they've endured over the past few years," and the unwavering support they've received from the community, they've become a symbol of resilience and unity.

"It's a perfect example of your neighbor being there for you in a time of need, and that's what Patrick County really is good at. We really thought to honor those families, and especially those two girls, who've been through so much and just continue to defy the odds, we thought it was just a good way to celebrate that theme this

year," he said. The parade will begin at Moody Funeral Services Inc. and travel down East Blue Ridge Street before turning onto Main Street. It will continue through Downtown Stuart and end at Commerce Street.

Each year, the parade averages more than 100 entries, ranging from floats and marching bands to local organizations and emergency vehicles.

The advance registration deadline for parade entries is Monday, Dec. 2. The entry fee is \$20. Register for the parade online at www.onefamilyproductions.org or email pcchristmasparade@gmail.com.

"There's been a fee since I was a little boy, and my mom ran it for the Jaycees. We do not charge rescue squads or fire departments because" of their service to the county and sometimes "they actually have to leave the parade to run a call, so we never know if they'll be there or not," he said.

For those registering on the day of the parade, the fee increases to \$25.

"We do accept day-of entries," Prutting said. "We'll have stations set up along the route where people can sign up. We have spots available for them."

The parade lineup will begin at 12 p.m. on Wood Brothers Drive, with the event expected to last about two

# Pride and Prejudice -- A Musical Comedy" to be performed in Stuart

Virginia Tech's Reynolds Homestead, in partnership with Clark Gas & Oil, will present "Pride and Prejudice – A Musical Comedy" theatrical performance at the Star Theatre in Stuart, Virginia, at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 25 and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 26.

The performance will be the first musical theatrical performance to be held at the recently revived Star Theatre.

The musical is an adaptation of the novel Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen. The plot revolves around Elizabeth Bennet, who loves books. People, however, are another story. Especially people like the pompous Mr. Darcy who threatens to ruin the happiness of her beloved sister Jane. In this imaginative, musical retelling of Austen's classic novel, the indomitable Elizabeth Bennet attempts to find a happy ending amidst all of life's follies and inconsistencies, especially her

The script and lyrics for the show were written by Tara Raczinski, who also composed the music in partnership with the music director Chris Tilley. Tilley will provide the orchestration for the performance and Raczinski will perform the role of Mrs. Bennet. Hope Cameron-Smith is the

Clark Gas & Oil provided financial support to bring this performance to Stuart. "We are thrilled to sponsor this new adaptation of Jane Austen's cherished novel," said Anna Lester, vice president of Clark Gas & Oil. "We have few opportunities to see theatrical performances in Patrick County, and it's an honor to be able to



Photos courtesy of Tara Raczinski

bring this production to the historic Star The-

The two-act performance includes 18 original songs and runs approximately two hours, including an intermission. Admission is \$20 for adults and \$15 for youth 16 and younger. Tickets at the door will be \$25 for adults and \$18 for youth. Tickets can be purchased online at bit.ly/ rhprideandprejudice or by visiting the Reynolds Homestead website.

Lora Mahaffey, president of Bull Mountain Arts, was also instrumental in coordinating the performance. "Bull Mountain Arts enthusiastically supports bringing live theater to Patrick County," Mahaffey said. "We are happy to provide a limited amount of free youth tickets for the Sunday matinee and give students the opportunity to participate in a special Q and A session with the cast and crew after the perfor-



For more than 50 years, the Reynolds Homestead has been providing arts and culture programs to residents of Patrick County and surrounding counties. "Pride and Prejudice is my favorite novel, and I had an opportunity to enjoy a sneak peek at this performance in Greensboro in January," said Julie Walters Steele, director of the Reynolds Homestead. "I was so impressed, I contacted Tara about bringing the production to Patrick County. Even if you aren't already a fan of Austen's work, I think you might become one after seeing this entertaining performance."

The Reynolds Homestead also acknowledges Lowell's Hollow for their support in providing lodging for the cast and crew.

For assistance with registrations or if you are an individual with a disability and desire accommodations, contact Julie Walters Steele by email at jws@vt.edu or phone (276-694-7181 ext. 23) at least 5 business days before the event.

# **Fourism Talks**



Greetings Patrick,

I hope you are doing well and have had the chance to enjoy the beautiful colors on the hills over the past few weeks. The vibrant hues marked the change of seasons. As the leaves have faded and fall is coming to an end, our tourist season will slow down as we move into winter. Unfortunately, we experienced a significant interruption during the peak leaf-peeping season, which affected visitation in the Meadows of Dan community. The temporary closure of the Parkway after Hurricane Helene resulted in a drastic drop in the number of travelers, impacting local businesses. During this holiday season, I encourage you to shop locally to support our community businesses in their recovery. There is still much to do and see, and we are grateful to the various groups and organizations hosting holiday festivities. Our County is beautiful and attracts visitors from all over the world, and many people are enjoying our magazines.

While visiting the Roanoke area with her parents, this young lady chose our magazine from all the tourist information available. Patrick told her she could only get one item, and we won!! As the Director of Tourism, this made me smile. Be sure to get a copy today! We are truly fortunate.

Again, please check our website, listen to WHEO, and read our local newspaper for updates on the various events over the next few months. Don't miss out on the fun and fellowship. This is one of the best times of the year to show your support for our lovely home, and season's greetings as we move closer to Thanksgiving and Christmas.

here."

pets, please visit the shelter, or its Facebook

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.

# Christmas Cheer Campaign Underway

PATRICK COUNTY



The goal of Christmas Cheer is to provide warm clothing and a few age appropriate toys for our community's families in need. We have tags with children's wish list items and sizes ready for pick up in several locations across the coun-First Horizon Bank, Carter Bank,

ance in Stuart; Primitive Coffee in Meadows of Dan, Boyd's Ararat; Pickle & Ash in Patrick Springs; and Crossroads Café Woolwine. Individuals and organiza-

donation to PO Box

222, Stuart, VA 24171 or online at www. patrickcountychristmascheer.com; please make your check payable to Patrick County Christmas Cheer. Any amount is gratefully accepted.

Grab a group of friends or your family and pick a tag of a local child to make their holiday bright. Your generous support is the reason for the season and will help a neighbor in







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# Town Logo =

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historic Patrick County Courthouse with a five-petaled flower underneath. The words "Stuart Virginia" appear beneath the image on a green, blue, and dark blue background.

Addressing Rumors

"We developed a new brand and logo as part of the Downtown Revitalization Project," Simmons said. "At the time, Mr. Goad was on the town council and approved the plan, including all parts of the rebranding were in it." There were opportunities for public notice and engagement, but he chose not to raise objections or speak on the matter at that time, "and in fact, voted for the plan as it was," he

Simmons emphasized that there has been no effort to remove J.E.B. Stuart's image from town property.

"I did remove his image from my business changes have been made.

town Revitalization Project, a new logo was cards and started using the new logo in email introduced. The updated design features the signatures. Other than that, there has been no other discussion, recommendation, or general use of a new town logo," he said, adding there's also been no change to the town's work trucks and garbage trucks.

> He added that there have been no council discussions about removing J.E.B. Stuart-related imagery or changing the town's name.

There is absolutely nobody at the Town of Stuart who is willing to change the town's name, remove the statue, or eliminate Stuart's image from official use," Simmons said. "This is all just rumors floating around." Simmons added that Goad hasn't sought him out to discuss this topic.

Looking forward, Simmons said he sees the potential benefits of developing a cohesive town brand for beautification and business development, but he noted that no formal

"I'm open to discussing the use of J.E.B. Stuart's image as part of the town's brand, especially as we consider the future development of Stuart," he said.

#### The Petition

In his letter, Goad writes that he opposes the removal of Stuart's profile, calling the general "a historical, honored figure." The letter argues that eliminating Stuart's image is unnecessary and "unproductive" given the town's namesake.

The letter also expresses opposition to what Goad describes as a "culture of 'wokeness' sweeping our nation," arguing that removing Stuart's image would be akin to erasing his-

"This is not a racial issue; rather, it is about the factual, historical basis on which our town is named, as is the name of the highway which goes through the town, Jeb Stuart Highway," the letter states.

## Mountain Christmas

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This (project) was what came up from it. We no child feels left out. decided" to also provide clothing, in addition to toys "because so many of them are still short on the necessities that they need just in their dayto-day life, you know coats, clothes, a house, a lot of the basics," he said.

Two weeks ago, the church set up a sign-up sheet for families in need. In just four days, 195 children, ranging from 1 to 17 years old, were registered to receive assistance.

#### **Donations Needed**

The project is seeking donations of new clothing, including shirts, pants, socks, underwear, coats, and shoes in any child's size/age range from 1-17. Non-battery-powered toys valued between \$20 and \$25 are also requested to ensure

"They were pretty adamant about staying \$20-\$25 a toy. They don't want any child to feel" bad "if one walks out with a bike and one walks out with a G.I. Joe action figure. So, they were pretty adamant, they were very specific in wanting to make sure everybody was treated as fairly and evenly as they could. They're doing everything they can," he said.

Dollarhite said individual, unwrapped donations can be dropped off at A Little Bit of Everything, located at 25688 Jeb Stuart Highway, Stuart.

Monetary donations will be used to purchase Dollarhite or Caroline Jones, and mailed to 4049 at (434) 549-3397.

South Mayo Drive, Stuart, VA 27171.

#### **Deadline and Delivery**

With gifts needing to be wrapped and delivered approximately two weeks before Christmas, the project has set a hard deadline of Dec. 5 for all donations.

Gifts will be transported to the church to be wrapped by volunteers. Deliveries will be made about two weeks before Christmas.

Partners in the project include United Felts of Martinsville, Ararat Ruritan Club, Woolwine Ruritan Club, Patrick County Patriots, and A Little Bit of Everything.

For large group donations, pickup arrangeclothing and toys, and can be made out to Chris ments, or additional questions, call Dollarhite

# Community colleges partner with Radford University to launch Tartan Transfer Program

Radford University is excited to announce the launch of the Tartan Transfer program, a new initiative designed to streamline the transfer process for students from eight Virginia Community College System (VCCS) schools.

Radford and community college representatives signed the transfer agreement at a ceremony on Nov. 6 on Radford's campus.

This program will create an accessible pathway for community college students seeking to continue their education and earn a bachelor's degree at Radford. The university is the only four-year public institution in the commonwealth that has partnered with this many community colleges to provide a seamless experience.

The Tartan Transfer Progra is a strategic collaboration between Radford University and several of Virginia's Community Colleges including New River Community College (NRCC), Mountain Empire Community College (MECC), Mountain Gate-Patrick & Henry Community College (P&HCC), Southwest Virginia Community College (SWCC), Virginia Highlands Community College (VHCC), Virginia Western Community College (VWCC), and Wytheville Community College (WCC).

Through this partnership, students will benefit from a range of features aimed at making higher education easier to navigate and more affordable and career fo-

that Radford University and Virginia's Community Colleges are committed to creating accessible and affordable degree pathways for Virginians, and to Adam Hutchison. building bridges across the commonwealth. We are proud of how adds even greater value through dedicated academic advising and access to Radford's unique student life opportunities. I sincerely appreciate the presidents of each of our partner community colleges for their support of the Tartan Transfer program, and for their roles in helping to improve degree attainment and economic Transfer program for providing success in communities throughout western Virginia," said Rad-

Key benefits of the Tartan kle, WCC president. Transfer Program include affordability, maximized transfer credits, personalized advising, early port of the new RU program.

Danilowicz.



Presidents from each of the VCCS community colleges partnering with Radford University in the Tartan Transfer program sign the program agreement.

campus integration and events, and career preparation.

Transfer announcement.

"Patrick & Henry Community College is honored to join our colleagues in the Tartan Transfer program," said P&HCC President Greg Hodges. This partnership is one more way that we can supway Community College (MGCC), port our students in pursuing their dreams as they work toward a financially secure future."

> "We are thrilled to partner with Radford University and our other community colleges on this new articulation agreement for our students. Radford has consistently provided an excellent pathway for our students, and this agreement enhances our shared commitment to their success," said Dr. John Rainone, president of MGCC.

"Virginia Highlands Commu-"Tartan Transfer demonstrates nity College is proud to partner with Radford to provide clear, affordable pathways from the associate degree to the bachelor's degree," said VHCC President "This agreement documents the excellent relationships among higher eduthis partnership formalizes a cation institutions in our region, seamless transfer process, and and most of all, it's a win for students and families in southwest Virginia.'

"We are excited to provide our Wytheville Community College students with additional educational opportunities by partnering with our four-year university colleagues. Thank you to Radford University and the Tartan valuable transfer opportunities to ensure that WCC students can ford University President Bret achieve their academic and career goals," said Dr. Dean Sprin-

> The presidents from both NRCC and SWCC also noted their sup-

"NRCC is looking forward to strengthening our relationship Community college presidents with Radford University through from across the western part the Tartan Transfer Program to of the state praised the Tartan ensure that our students tran-RU," said Dr. Pat Huber, NRCC tan-transfer to learn how to parpresident.

"The Tartan Transfer agreement with Radford provides our students with a streamlined pathway to continuing their education and achieving a bachelor's degree, with all of the added benefits and support from each institution along their journey," said Dr. Tommy Wright, president SWCC.

Radford's Tartan Transfer program underscores the university's mission to enhance access to education across Virginia, while prioritizing student affordability and success. By aligning resources with VCCS institutions, Radford is paving the way for a more inclusive and streamlined higher education experience.

For more information about the Tartan Transfer program sition seamlessly from NRCC to please visit www.radford.edu/tar-

# Adcock, Wray successfully present at conference



Rebecca Adcock, Executive Director for the Patrick County Chamber of Commerce, along with Sarah Wray, Community Engagement, Partnership and Program Manager at Virginia Tech's Reynolds Homestead presented at the Mid-Atlantic Farmers Market Conference held November 13-15 in Richmond Virginia. Their presentation, Growing Community: Tips & Tools for Growing your Community Market with Placemaking, was well received by the audience. The session explored ways creative placemaking can make your Farmers Market grow from a place of commerce to a community gathering spot. Strategic partnerships and community



engagement have resulted in a va-verse groups of people to visit our riety of programming attracting di- market annually.

# **VIEWPOINTS**

# Trump Already Affecting **Border Security**

After the election of President-elect Trump, one change expected for the incoming Administration is the reversal of the Biden-Harris Administration's open borders policies.

During Trump's first term, securing border was a priority. Thanks to the institution of policies like the Migrant Protection Protocols, better known as the "Remain in Mexico" policy, Trump stemmed the tide of illegal immigration across our southern border.

According to a report from the chairman of the House Committee on Homeland Security (Mark Green), between Fiscal Years 2017 and 2020 under Trump, Customs and Border Protection (CBP) reported 3 million illegal alien encounters nationwide.

Under Biden-Harris, these policies were discarded or allowed to expire. As a result, illegal immigration across the U.S.-Mexico border has exploded.

Moreover, catch-andrelease practices under Biden's Administration contributed to the release of millions into the interior of the United States without sufficient vetting or screening, heightening public and national security concerns.

Since Biden's inauguration in January 2021, there have been more than 10.4 million illegal alien encounters nationwide, according to CBP data.

These millions of ilaliens receive benefits in the forms of significant medical attention and health care, enrollment in social service programs like SNAP, at the expense of American taxpavers at the local, state and federal levels.

This is unsustainable, and Americans sent an overwhelming message this year that border security must be taken more seriously.

With a change in White House leader-



# Morgan Griffith

Representative

ship, House Republi- cy Institute, a nonparcans and some Democrats are committed to working with President Trump to strengthen our border and equip border patrol authorities with the necessary tools and resources to stem the flow of illegal hand in contributing immigration.

Although not vet in office, Trump's election is sending shockwaves to importance of this subillegal aliens.

lights a migrant caravan traveling through Mexico in November that has shrunk in size following news of his election.

Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas met with heads of CBP as well as Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to discuss operational readiness in the event of a migrant influx. In other words, New Generation Jalispreparing for a rush across the border before it is too late.

operator of a migrant shelter in Tijuana, Mexico, who predicts smugglers will pressure immigrants to start crossing now before it is

The operator of the smugglers, but the rest of us know them as "coyotes" who work for the illicit Mexican cartels.

access to education and Trump has announced objecting to the idea he will tap his former acting ICE Tom Holman, as his border czar.

> Holman will work to Biden-Harris reverse open borders policies and activate immigration enforcement, and that includes migrant deportations, starting with those who have committed crimes.

The Migration Poli-

tisan think tank, also estimates that there are roughly 1.3 million immigrants who have already been issued removal orders but remain in the United States.

States will have a to the deportation effort. Governor Youngkin understands the ject. Virginia commu-Reuters News high- nities, including rural ones like some in the Ninth District, have seen the threats posed by gang-related activity and drug trafficking.

> Back in 2017, Lynchburg teen Raymond Wood was abducted and brutally murdered in Bedford County by members of MS-13, a mainly Salvadoran gang. Six men were charged and convicted.

The Mexican-based co Cartel had roots in towns such as Axton in Henry County, where NBC News cites the they stored and distributed drugs.

As the fentanyl crisis, fueled by Mexican cartels, upends American communities, it will be essential to stem illegal drugs from coming across the border. And shelter might call them we must curtail the cartel's side business of bringing illegal immigrants here.

Democratic Some President-elect governors are already of working with the director, incoming Trump Administration to assist deportation efforts. Interestingly, some of the same people were requesting assistance with the overwhelming surge in migration to their states earlier this year!

> Is deportation new? No!

> Obama President oversaw the deportation of more than five million people as commander-in-chief (although that number pales in comparison to the Administrations of Presidents Clinton and Bush. who deported more than 10 million each).

> Mexico must also cooperate fully with the Trump Administration to curb illegal immigration. Days after the election, Mexico's newly elected President Claudia Sheinbaum called Trump.

> Because of the Biden Administration, every community in America is a border community. This trend must be reversed, and I will do whatever I can to support President-elect Trump's goal in closing the border.

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

griffith.house.gov.

## Letters to the Editor

#### December Blood Drive scheduled

Patrick County exceeded its goal Blood Drive, for supporting this again this month! There were twenty-one equivalent blood units collected with twenty as a goal.

A big thank you to the dedicated volunteers who take time out of their day to assist all donors and to make your donation a positive experience. Volunteers who worked this month were Patty Brunner, Deborah Boswell, Denise Clark, Bill Hines, Betty Holt, Carol Martin, Harriette Moore, Lucy Moore, and Ann Sheppard.

Thank you, Norris Funeral Services, a long-time friend of the PC month's blood drive.

The Red Cross encourages donors to make an appointment for donations by calling 1-800-REDCROSS (733-2767) or online by going to www.redcrossblood.org and searching 24171.

The next blood drive is scheduled on Tuesday, December 10, 10 a.m. -3 p.m. at the John D. Hooker Building. Please note the "winter hours" of donation.

Gene Stirewalt, Stuart

#### The Election Is Over

ams, Ephesians 6:13)

and democracy, on the family, on cannot afford to be silent. children, on America itself.

Quincy Adams was asked a cynical said simply, "Duty is ours; results are God's." Let us do our duty!

midst of one of the most dynamthink the church used its voice to includes our ideological enemies. impact that culture, read the Bible. Christ's followers were put to death

(The Bible, Franklin Graham De- when they wouldn't bow to Caecision Magazine, John Quincy Ad- sar or remain silent about Jesus Christ. Today, we cannot remain But we still live in a divided silent just because the world has America. Does that mean as Chris- re-labeled some of the vilest views tians we should shrug our shoul- and behavior as political. They ders and walk away? Absolutely want to convince you that abortion not. It means we recommit our- is a political issue, so we can't talk selves to being faithful witnesses about it. That the LGBTQ agenda to the truth of God's Word whether and the erosion of the family are it's in vogue or not. If we fail to be political issues, so we can't talk the salt and light we've been called about them. That the desecration to be, we could clearly see America of God's creation of humans as sink deeper into darkness. Our en- male and female is a political isemies are waging war on freedom sue, so we can't talk about it. These and faith, on science and religion, are not political issues. These are on history and tradition, on law moral and Biblical issues, and we

Doesn't the Bible teach we're As believers, we understand supposed to be united, even if we that this earth is not our ultimate disagree on some things? The Bible home. However, we must engage never teaches that we are to have with the culture, including politics, unity at the expense of truth. We while standing firm on the tran- are never to compromise truth. scendent truth of God's Word. The We are supposed to love and share apostle Paul told the Ephesians to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are keep standing. Will we turn this supposed to reach out, minister, country around? We pray so, and and serve those who are hurting, we should work hard toward that but we also need to keep our eyes end. When former president John open to make sure we are not compromising the Gospel. The moment question about the failure to end you stand up against what the culslavery after decades of trying, he ture says is acceptable, you will experience conflict. But what the world calls radical Christianity, Jesus Christ came to Earth in the Jesus calls discipleship.

Please pray for our country. We ic political empires the world has don't have to agree with a politiever known-one that had grown cian to pray for him or her. Jesus corrupt and divisive. If you don't taught us to love our enemies, that

> William Salser, Stuart

## Veteran's Day Celebration

It was my honor to recently attend the Veteran's Day celebration at Patrick County High School on Friday, November 8. I wanted to express my heartfelt gratitude to all the students and teachers that facilitated the event. As a Marine wife of my husband's over 30 years of service, and our son who is currently serving in the Coast Guard, it made me deeply proud that all veterans were honored. It was very

touching, not only to the veteran, but to see the pride displayed by the students as they walked their veteran up for recognition. I am very proud of the United States Marine Corps, all of our veterans, Patrick County and especially the ceremony facilitated by Patrick County High School. Thank you, God bless and Semper Fi.

Luann MCGuinness, Stuart

Shining a Light

May I say that I am appreciative of the fact that The Enterprise has used the FOIA process to spotlight some of the things going on behind closed doors in our county government. I have resisted making any comments since I was voted off the Board in November 2023, and I did not want it to sound like sour grapes.

I am now compelled to speak because things are obviously not going well. The best disinfectant is light and we need light shined into our county government. I understand that there might be some hesitancy to speak to the press because there have been times when people felt as if they were misquoted. While I was on the Board, I spoke to the Enterprise with some regularity. Whenever I requested that it be off of the record, my request was granted. They were always fair to me, and I hope the pathways between the Board and the Enterprise will open

up more. I am disturbed that our Board Chair feels that it is appropriate to castigate Board members through text messages. A Board member was elected to represent the people in his or her District as well as they possi-

bly can. Their opinions and votes can

be debated; I certainly debated some

votes. But you should not be repri-

manded for voting your conscience.

Believe me, I understand the need to have an orderly meeting and to present a united front to the county. I always tried to support a vote once it was made even if I had opposed it. But the way that this should be handled is through getting to know each other on the Board and trusting each other. That trust is not elevated with snide remarks and blame.

I just want to say that I trust Jane Fulk and Clayton Kendrick, even though I have vigorously disagreed with them at times. I still trust Doug Perry even after this episode. I do not know the other two Supervisors well enough to place that trust. I hope that this and other difficulties can be resolved for the sake of the county. I think light on the subject is a great start.

Clyde DeLoach, Former Supervisor, Blue Ridge District (Editor's Note:

Dr. DeLoach, we appreciate your service to the county and your input. Although we strive to be as accurate as possible, we are happy to promptly publish a clarification or a correction— whichever is appropriate, whenever a mistake is brought to our attention. That has not been the case with county officials.)

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# **Patrick Pioneers**

Eugene Howell Newman and Vio- brought him to Vesta.

let Jane Clifton Newman By Beverly Belcher Woody

This coming week on the 24th of November, Wanetta Newman Doss will celebrate her 96th birthday! Wanetta was the third child born to Eugene and Violet Clifton Newman of the Vesta community. In the photo above, little Wanetta is sitting on the lap of her mother, Violet on the very far right; her father Eugene is standing directly behind them. Wanetta's older brother and sister, Cecil and Monnie are seated in the front row, the second and third from the left.

Wanetta's father Eugene was born on the 25th of July 1902, the oldest of twelve children born to Elijah Everett Green Newman and Jettie Ruth Lewis of Vesta. Eugene's siblings were Sallie; Harry; Myrtle; Infant Boy, stillborn 1911; Thomas; Nell; Dorothy; Georgia; Delcie; Infant Girl, stillborn 1926; and Lois. Eugene's father Elijah was the son of James Madison Newman and Susan Lurinda Howell, also of the Vesta community. Eugene's mother, whose birth name was Sallie, was always called Jettie after one of her father's students. Jettie's father, Martin Elkanah Lewis was a schoolteacher, originally from Rockingham County, North Carolina who married Letitia Anne Mason from Henry County, Virginia.

Wanetta's mother Violet was born on the 1st of September 1906, the sixth child of ten children born to Emory Dean Clifton (commonly known as the "Clock Man" to locals) and Ruhamah Jane Hylton. Violet's siblings were Gracie; William T; Pierce; Tony; Alvin; Elsie; Geneva; Emory; and little Tommy. Violet's mother Ruhama was the daughter of Abram Alexander Hylton and Violet Jane Plaster of Vesta. Violet's father Emory Dean was the son of Andrew Martin Clifton and Martha Jane Boyd, of the Vesta community. Andrew was originally from just over the line in the community of Price in Rockingham County, NC, but a beautiful mountain girl

The following story was written down by Mr. Fred Clifton in what he called Brief Sketch of what is known of One Family of Cliftons in America, "Jack Clifton, who lived at Price, N.C decided to build a gristmill for that area. Two of his sons, William Barton known as "Bart' and Andrew, made a journey on foot from their home at Price by way of Taylorsville, Virginia which is now Stuart. They followed what trails and roads were available up the Blue Ridge Mountain to the area now known as Vesta and Meadows of Dan. Here they stayed overnight with a friendly settler. A man named Boyd, who had a young daughter Jane, which attracted the attention of Andrew. They continued their journey west to a stone quarry near Blacksburg, Virginia where Brushy Mountain stone which possesses special quality grit required for making millstones, was quarried. On the return trip, the lads made it a point, to again, spend the night at the Boyd home. They returned and told their father that he could get the desired stones in unfinished blocks at the quarry. He had the stones hauled to his home, where he forged and tempered the tools in his blacksmith shop, with which to shape and furrow the blanks into millstones for his new mill. Some years passed and Andrew, still remembering the Boyd girl, persuaded Bart to make another trip with him to the Blue Ridge Mountains where he married Martha Jane Boyd. They built a home and settled near Vesta, where Blair Clark's summer home is now located. They had 5 sons, - Jack, Bob, John, Dean, and Lupert. 3 daughters, - Harriett, Leahvannie and Mary." Written by Fred Clifton 27th June 1963. The beautiful mountain girl, Miss Martha Jane Boyd, who would be Wanetta's great-grandmother, was the daughter of Henry Boyd and Sarah Nancy Cockram.

Wanetta's parents, Eugene and Violet were married in 1923, and a year later, their first child, Moncel-



Wanetta on far right in her mother, Violet's, lap; father Eugene standing behind then



Emory and Ruhama Hylton Clifton Family (photo from Find A Grave)

la (Monnie) was born, followed by Cecil Reece in 1926. Wanetta Marie was born on the 24th of November 1928, two days after Thanksgiving that year. By the time Eugene and Violet's next child, Garvin Eugene, was born in 1930, Eugene had taken his growing family to Roanoke where he found work in a silk mill. In the 1930 business directory, the family was living on Murrell Road, near Wilson Avenue NE Roanoke.

There were two more Newman children born in Roanoke, Violet Paunee in 1933 and Aubrey Dean in 1935 before the family returned home to Patrick County. Elroy Joel was born in Vesta in 1937, followed by Betty Ruth in 1939, Nagatha Agnes in 1943, and Evelena in 1945.

Evelena reached out to me this week and asked if I could recognize Wanetta's 96th birthday with a story about the family, for which I



Eugene Howell Newman with his parents Elijah and Jettie Lewis Newman (photo from Evelena Dalton)

was honored. Wanetta married John Dickerson Doss on the 27th of April 1946. John was the son of John David Doss and Minnie Mc-Bride. Wanetta worked as a beautician for many years and she and John had one daughter, Elizabeth Jane. I hope Wanetta has a wonderful birthday, filled with wishes for good health and happiness for more years to come!

Thank you to Evelena Newman Dalton for the information and photographs. Woody may be reached at rockcastlecreek1@gmail.com or (276) 692-9626.

# **Social Security Matters**

visor at the AMAC Foundation, the non-profit arm of the Association of Mature American Citizens

Ask Rusty -- Older Veteran Asks about Special Social Security Credit for Military Service

uary 1958 to Feb 1961. What increase should I receive for those years and who do I call and at what

phone number? Signed: Proud Veteran

Dear Proud Veteran: First, thank you for your military service! I expect you are referring to the "special extra credits for military service" which are available to some who served in the US Military in earlier years. It is important to note that these "extra credits" take the form of an adjustment to your military pay record while serving and are not an incremental amount added to your monthly Social Security benefit because you served.

Military pay has been subject to deductions for Social Security since 1957. Thus, while serving between 1958 and 1961 you paid SS tax on your military earnings. But, for purposes of determining your Social Security benefit, your military earnings record would be increased by \$300 for each quarter you served on active duty, up to a maximum of \$1,200 increase per year of service. That means

inform Social Security of your service when you claimed SS and provide a copy of your military form DD-214 (your discharge papers). SS would then make the appropriate adjustment to your military earnings record prior to calculating your benefit amount. And, for clarity, additional credits for military service are not available to those who served after 2001.

A key point to understand is that this adjustment to your military pay may – or may not – affect the amount of your Social Security benefit. Social Security determines your benefit amount based on your highest earning 35 years over your entire lifetime (adjusted for inflation). If, after you served in the military, you had at least 35 years of civilian employment where you earned more than your military pay, it is probable that your military pay is not included when calculating your Social Security benefit. If that is the case, it is likely that the "special extra credits for military service" would

By Russell Gloor, National Social Security Adfor 1958 - 1960, when calculating your SS benefit, have no effect on your Social Security payment. If, \$1,200 would be added to your military earnings however, your military pay (including those special record for each year you served. FYI, for those who extra credits) for any year is more than you earned served after 1967, this adjustment was automati- in civilian life, then you can contact Social Security cally made by Social Security. But for service years (1.800.772.1213), provide them with a copy of your Dear Rusty: I served in the US Army from Jan- prior to 1967 (as in your case) you would need to DD-214, and ask that they recalculate your Social Security benefit to include the extra credits for your years of military service.

> Again, thank you for your service to our country, and please do not hesitate to contact us again if you have any further questions. FYI, you may also find the "For Veterans" section of our AMAC Foundation website interesting (www.amacfoundation.

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# Stress Eating -

choose to do something else instead of eating. This is a good way to learn how to attend to your emotions without the use of food. If you can control that, you will be able to control your eating habits over time. A healthy lifestyle is a combination of applying nutritional knowledge and willingness to manage your eating habits.

Yes, stressed is "desserts" spelled backward but in order to stop your cycle of stress and emotional eating, it's important to find other fulfilling ways to satisfy your emotions. Sometimes you may feel an overwhelming craving for something unhealthy, but this is where willpower has to kick in. The important thing is to take it step-by-step, especially if you are accustomed to snacking and stress eating. For example, what do you usually snack on? Junk food and desserts? It's best not to snack in between meals. but you can take a baby step by opting to replace the "junk" with something better.

"If you take away something in your diet or life-

style, be sure to replace it with something better." Incorporate healthier snacks like fruits, hummus, healthy bars, etc. From there, begin to decrease the frequency of your snack time. You'll notice that if you consume wholesome food, your

palate will change, and the cravings will decrease.

There are foods that contain addictive properties

Depending on your reason for emotional eating, that make it hard to control your portions and bypass satiety.

"Mindful" versus "mindless"

Being aware of what triggers you can help when you have the urge to stress eat. In other words, it takes mindfulness. Eating according to your cravings is mindless. Before you know it, the large bag of chips is gone, and the ice cream tub is half empty...and you weren't even hungry. You just feel guilty, bloated, and unhappy.

Allow yourself to believe that you can take control of your appetite. It's tempting to give in, but tell yourself that you don't really need it – you're just craving it. Then ask yourself: Are you rewarding yourself with food? Are you feeling stressed? Assess what's actually going on. Then you can take steps on how to meet your needs in other, more healthful ways instead of eating at an inappropriate time. It may take time, but it's worth it.

Now that you may be more aware of your eat-

ing habits, there are also ways to help prevent you from overeating mindlessly.

How to enjoy your food

\*It's best to eat without multi-tasking as much as possible. This will allow you to fully enjoy your food without overeating. Here are some tips that

can help you do just that: \*I like to say a prayer before eating my meal, to

express gratitude for the food and for those who prepared it, if it was not made by me.

\*As far as possible, allow yourself time to eat. Don't rush.

\*Chew your food thoroughly, as this promotes good digestion

\*Make the effort to stop eating right before you begin feeling full.

\*Try to eat in a calm and quiet place.

\*Try not to eat when you're upset or anxious, as

it will affect your digestion If you can have control over your appetite, you

can have control over your emotions. I could go on to list the nutritional value of certain foods, and how to eat healthily, but the root cause lies in how we deal with our emotions. We may not always be able to control our emotions and impulses, but we have power over our own choices. Our feelings can often deceive us, but when brought under reason and conscience, we can have much healthier thoughts. I hope that this can inspire you to use the power of choice in your life, rather than relying on your feelings.

(Submitted by Betty Dean. Written by Grace Jauwena, Health Coach. Used by permission from

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Healing Stuart, VA

www.lifeandhealth.org.)

# Cougars fall to Radford in regional playoffs



Avone Kidd sprints past the Radford defenders on a 44-yard touchdown run.



Kicker Erick Martinez-Tejada (#4) celebrates his 2-point conversion throw.

#### By Pat Delaney

The seventh seeded Patrick County High Cougars traveled to the second seed, Radford Bobcats, for the opening round of the Region 2C playoffs on November 15. After a hard fought, physical game, it was the defending state champion Bobcats that moved on with a 34-14

The Cougars took the opening kickoff and were moving the ball on the ground before a Radford defender stripped the ball loose and recovered the fumble. The Bobcats took advantage of the turnover with a touchdown with 5:04 to go in the first quarter, taking a 7-0 lead.

Once again, the Cougars moved cat's way, the score could have been

1) Name placed on Love Light:\_

the ball downfield, helped by a successful 4th and 3 conversion. Their drive stalled, forcing a field goal attempt. A low snap caused a short kick, turning the ball over to the Bobcats on downs.

The Cougar defense was solid, stopping the Bobcats on their next two drives. The Cougars had to punt late in the second quarter. A Radford player got a piece of the kick, deflecting it out of bounds and giving Radford the ball on the Cougar's 33-yard line. Taking advantage of the short field, Radford reached the end zone with :49 to go, and would take a 14-0 lead into halftime.

But for a few plays going the Bob-



Great blocking sprung Easton Harris, who raced 74 yards for a touchdown.



The Cougar defense giving the Radford runner nowhere to go.



The Pride of Patrick County band bundled up against the cold to support their team.

much closer at half time.

"We had a feeling coming out for the second half that it should have been a seven nothing ball game," said Cougar head coach David Morrison. "We had the feeling that we're still in this game and our boys weren't going to give up."

their lead to 17-0. Five minutes later the Bobcats scored on a 60-yard very tough team to play." punt return, for a 24-0 lead with 5:16 to go in the third quarter.

with 3:49 to go in the third quarter when, behind great blocking, Easton Harris sprinted 74 yards for the touchdown. A questionable illegal procedure call negated a 2-point conversion attempt, making the score 24-6.

Following a Bobcat field goal, the Cougar offense took over. Quarterback Avone Kidd rushed 44-yards to the end zone for the touchdown. On the extra point attempt, a low snap got past the holder and kicker Erick Martinez-Tejada scooped up the ball, rolling out to the right and tossing a pass to Glenn Stovall in the end zone for the 2-point conversion. With 10:56 to go in the game, the Cougars had closed to 27-14.

"That was a very heady play by Erick," said Morrison. "You practice stuff like that all year, and you hope if that happens that they'll be able to execute it. He did a great job."

A late Bobcat touchdown put them up 34-14.

"It was a tough loss," said Mor-The Bobcats received the second rison. "You come into these games half kickoff, and moved the ball knowing that you're the seven seed, across midfield before the Cougar and they're the two seed. They're defense stiffened and forced a Bob- the two seed for a reason because cat 43-yard field goal, increasing they're explosive, they've got athletes all over the field and they're a

Morrison was proud of his team's effort and never-give-up attitude. The Cougars got on the board "Even when we were down, we knew all we had to do was stay patient, keep grinding, and we're going to make something happen. We very nearly did. A couple things go different, and we might be talking a different talk right now."

> Offensively, senior Easton Harris led the Cougars with 131 yards rushing and a touchdown. Avone Kidd added a touchdown, 77 yards rushing and 34 passing. Antwain Mitchell had 45 yards on the ground with senior Cameron Collins adding 34 yards receiving.

> Jackson Callahan led the way on defense with 11 tackles. Paul Pascale had 9 tackles and a sack while Josiah Spangler and Jayden Corns chipped in 6 tackles.

## LOVE LIGHTS AT THE COURTHOUSE LOVE LIGHTS IN HONOR OR **MEMORY OF** LOVED ONES A project of the Patrick County Alzheimer's Group LLC **December 20, 2024** 6:00PM PATRICK COUNTY COURTHOUSE The Patrick County Alzheimer's Group is excited to announce they are bringing back the Love Lights Program. Purchase a Love Light in honor or in memory of a loved one. An angel ornament with the individual's name will be placed on the Christmas tree at the courthouse. Each \$5 purchase will include the individual's name on an ornament and a card sent to the family. Money raised through the program will be used for Alzheimer's patients in Patrick County and the surrounding areas. **Love Lights Registration Form**

#### (please circle one): Name of Purchaser: Address of Purchaser:\_\_\_ Name of Love Light Family: \_ Address of Love Light Family: \_ 2) Name placed on Love Light:\_ (please circle one): In Honor of In Memory of Name of Purchaser:\_ Address of Purchaser:\_ Name of Love Light Family: \_\_\_ Address of Love Light Family: \_\_\_\_\_

**Love Lights \$5 Per Light** Checks payable and mail to: Patrick County Alzheimer's Group LLC PO Box 1301 Stuart, VA 24171

Minor Tackle Team

earns 2nd place

Patrick Springs/Hardin Reynolds 3-5 grade minor tackle football team, coached by Mike Young, took second place in the Patrick County Parks and Recreation League on November 16. Pictured are (front row, left to right) - James Stowe, Ryan Graham, Landon Manns, Carter Quesenberry and Bentley Brooks. (Back row) - Jaxan Meade, Camron Lopez, Jaden Vilarchao, Easton Jones, Tristan Young, Mason Fain and Keenan Hill. Not pictured were Randyn Kingsley and Forrest Nester. (Contributed)

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# Crossing the Lines

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



Some parents suggested offering the Bible-based LifeWise Program to interested students in county schools.

#### Henry County School Board Reviews Cell Phone Policy, Discipline Practices

In a November 7 meeting, Henry County School Board members reviewed revisions to the Bell-to-Bell cell phone policy, clarifying when and how electronic devices can be used, along with options for medical exemptions and new disciplinary measures for student violations.

The updated policy broadens restrictions to include not only cell phones but also tablets, beepers, and other communication devices with unfiltered internet access. Devices are now prohibited from being carried on a student's person during school hours.

"It is not to be on your person," said Superintendent Dr. Amy-Blake Lewis, adding that the school is still determining storage options for devices. Students requiring access for medical reasons may apply for exemptions under a 504 plan or an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), with each request subject to review before approval.

For students found using devic-

ciplinary measures will follow a progressive path, starting with inschool suspension and escalating to out-of-school suspension for repeated or severe offenses. However, some board members expressed concern over the use of suspension as a primary punishment. Board member Elizabeth Durden advocated alternatives, suggesting options like restricting after-school activities or Saturday school instead.

Board member Kimberly Brinegar also voiced her reservations, citing current attendance issues and the potential for suspension to worsen absentee rates. She proposed a grace period for enforcing the new rules after students return from winter break.

"We have to be mindful of our days out of school," said Lewis, emphasizing that counselors are developing learning modules to help students understand the importance of the Bell-to-Bell policy. The updated cell phone restrictions are es in violation of the policy, dis- set to take effect after winter break.

Ridgeway's Annual Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting Scheduled for Dec. 7

The eighth annual Ridgeway Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting will bring holiday cheer to the town on Saturday, Dec. 7, starting at 5:30 p.m. This year's festivities promise a lively procession, seasonal treats, and a visit from Santa Claus.

According to Ridgeway Deputy Clerk & Outreach Coordinator Hammond, Jeananne the parade will kick off on Main Street at the bridge, make a left onto Magnolia Street, and turn right onto Vista View Lane, concluding in front of the Ridgeway Library.

"After the parade, we'll have a tree lighting ceremony at Ridgeway Park," said Hammond. "We'll be serving cookies, hot chocolate, and samples of roasted chestnuts. Holiday music will set the festive Hammond younger children."

Hammond hinted that additional activities may be included, pending final confirmation.

Ridgeway, the Ridge- parade day. The event



way Volunteer Rescue Squad, the Ridgeway Volunteer Fire Department, Magnolia & Main Books, and the Blue Ridge Regional Library. expressed mood, and Santa will be excitement over the there for photos and to event's growth. "It just hand out treats to the keeps getting bigger and better every year," she

As of mid-November, about 15 floats were registered to participate, This year's sponsors with Hammond expectinclude the Town of ing around 30 floats on

will also feature approximately 30 other participants, including local rescue squads, fire departments, Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops, classic cars, and local residents.

The deadline for parade registration is Friday, Dec. 6, and participation is free. Interested parties can contact Hammond at (276) 956-2328 or by email at jeananne.ridgewaytown@comcast.net.

#### Northview Garden Residents Voice Concerns Over Persistent Repair Issues

After repeated complaints from residents, the Northview Garden Apartments on Stultz Road have begun addressing longstanding repair issues, according to Martinsville Mayor LC Jones. Following his recent intervention, the property management company, Vista, has started maintenance on multiple units, though concerns remain about unresolved issues that may affect tenants' safety and health.

Residents report various probincluding leaking pipes, ceiling holes, water damage, mold growth, and lack of heating/ cooling. Jones said he reached out to Chari Hatcher at Vista's corporate office in late October. "I met with her on Friday, Nov. 1, and showed her photos of the damage in three apartments. Maintenance came out that day and again on Monday to address some units," Jones said, noting that repairs had only reached two of the three apartments identified.

Jones said maintenance went to two of the three apartments he told them were dealing with issues.

"So, two out of the three they have had some fixes up there. I haven't been back over there to kind of move around and talk to everybody, because a lot of people had heat issues and stuff like that," he said.

To help deal with the issues tenants are having, Jones said a new maintenance worker was hired to help tackle the backlog of repairs, with a start date of Nov. 4. He noted that while most of the apartment complex lies in Henry County's Collinsville District, two units fall within Martinsville city limits.

Residents like Romante and Deeana Gravely have struggled with ongoing issues for more than two years, starting with a leak in the



Martinsville Mayor LC Jones examines a hole in a resident's ceiling at Northview Garden Apartments.

pipes of the upstairs shower, which caused water damage to the living room ceiling, leading to a bubble of water that eventually burst, damaging personal belongings. When maintenance responded, "all they did was pretty much cut that rectangle out and spray some mold killer. They didn't stop the leak. That's all that they did. They said they'd come back when it dries up, and they never came back. We've pretty much been dealing with the maintenance not coming at all pretty much since day one of moving in," he said.

"They said they'd come back, but we haven't seen them since. I have to keep a tote under the leak, and it's half full after about a month and a half," Romante Gravely said, adding the leak is ongoing. A large tote was placed under the area to collect the water that drips from his ceiling into the living room. "It's about halfway full after being there for about a month and a half. Before that, the whole floor was soaked," he said.

Heating issues persist, and the family relies on portable heaters as temperatures drop. Mold is also a concern, particularly near the living room vent, where Romante Gravely believes it may have impacted his

#### Millner Honored as Pastor Emeritus by Morning Star Holy Church

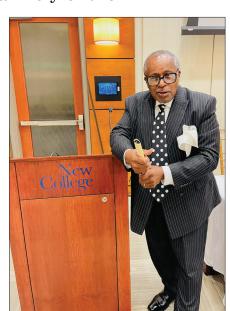
In recognition of his decades of service and dedication, the Rev. Tyler C. Millner was recently honored with the title of Pastor Emeritus by Morning Star Holy Church. This title acknowledges Millner's significant impact through exemplary pastoral leadership, faith, and community engagement.

Millner, who expressed surprise and humility upon learning of the honor, was out of state when the announcement was initially made. "I wasn't even there the Sunday they intended to do it. I was over appreciative and humbled by it," he

Ordained as a Christian minister by the United Holy Church of America in 1971, Millner returned to Martinsville in 1991 to pastor at Morning Star Holy Church, a congregation founded by his mother, the Rev. Almeda F. Millner, whose legacy and commitment deeply influenced him.

Reflecting on his mother's contributions, Millner said, "It was an honor to come back and honor my mother's legacy." Almeda Millner was both a community leader and a family matriarch, a dual role that her son said left a lasting impression on his ministry. "She met the needs of her family and the community. That made an impression on my sense of ministry—that you have to meet the needs of members and people if you're really faithful," he explained.

His mother's steadfast example left an indelible mark on Millner. "She was a mother to nine of us," he recalled, describing her as an "excellent model" who upheld both



The Rev. Tyler C. Millner at the New College

her family responsibilities and her preaching obligations without fail. "She never missed a preaching assignment and never missed a revival."

The Pastor Emeritus also expressed reservations about aligning the church too closely with societal trends and social media. "If I preach 52 sermons a year, there are going to be a few in there that you don't like if I'm being faithful to the prophetic tradition," he said, noting that he opposes tailoring sermons to please audiences or gain favor.

For Millner, the responsibility of the preacher is to convey God's word faithfully, even when it challenges or unsettles the congregation. "The world hasn't outgrown the need for the preacher because we haven't outgrown the need for God," he said.

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# **OBITUARIES**

#### L. H. "Piggy" Mabe, Jr.

L. H. "Piggy" Mabe, Jr., 84, of Patrick Springs, Va passed away on Sunday, November 17, 2024 at Stanleytown Health Care. He was born in Patrick County on December 6, 1939 to the late Dovie Plaster Mabe and Luther Harold Mabe. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by two sisters, Inez Cauley and Shirley Haden.

Church, was a mem- Springs. He probaber of Patrick Springs bly painted the Blue partment. L.H. Mabe three times. He nevhe caught the big one, the people who knew with his sister Margaret and husband bor. L.H. is the kind of to 2:00 pm. G.C. He didn't get to person who would do fish a lot in his younger years, but spent all of his time getting fish hooks out of trees with his sons. He was

Mr. Roy Lee Hanks, 82 of Stuart, passed away Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at his home. He was born in Richmond on May 17, 1942 to the late William Bedford Hanks and Louisa Virginia Puckett Hanks. He served his country in the U.S. Navy, retiring honorably after 24-years of active service at the rank of Senior Chief Petty Of-



He attended Pat- and help build a lot neral Services Chapel rick Springs Holiness of homes in Patrick in Stuart with Greg ents, she was preceded was a quiet man until er met a stranger and fine friend and neighprobably never got a ing the Mabe family. speeding ticket.

wife, Judy Mabe of the norrisfuneral.com.

home, two sons, Dean Claudville, Va, three Margaret Hylton (GC) of Patrick Springs, VA, Iris (Sug) Springs, VA, Lorene Wood of Martinsville, VA, one brother Ronnie Mabe (Barbara) of Stuart, VA

A funeral will be held at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, November a first-class carpenter 19, 2024 at Norris Fu-Martin officiating.

Burial will follow at Volunteer Fire De- Ridge Nursing home Patrick Memorial Gardens in Stuart, VA.

The family will receive friends two he loved to pier fish him will surely miss a hours prior to the ser-

Norris Funeral Seranything for you. He vices in Stuart is serv-Online condolences He is survived by his may be made at www.

#### Roy Lee Hanks



art; two sons, Jody chael, Colin, Nicholas, visiting www.moodyfu- He was known as 'Pa' Hanks (Cindy) of Jack- and Neil Hanks, and neralservices.com.

Jessica Rodriguez; five home to join his wife great-grandchildren; of 72 years, Brooxie, a sister, Bonnie Hash- on Friday, November berger of Virginia; 15, 2024. He was born and a brother, Mickey in Patrick County on Jackson of Texas.

A memorial service the late J.B. Ingle and for Mr. Hanks will be Mary Jane Belcher Inheld Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 2:00 parents, he was prep.m. at Moody Funeral ceded in death by his Home in Stuart with beloved wife, Brooxie officiating. The fami-

Montgomery; several

#### Deborah Ann "Debbie" Montgomery

Miss Deborah Ann "Debbie" Montgomery, 71, of Ararat, VA, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday afternoon, November 10, 2024, at her home. Miss Montgomery was born October 17, 1953, Patrick County, VA, one of nine children born to the late Warren and Gertrude Mabe Montgomery. Debbie grew up in Ararat, VA, and graduated from Patrick County High School in 1971. For 50 years, Debbie was more than just a hairdresser – she was a confidante, a stylist, and a source of unwavering kindness to everyone who walked the salon door. Known for her meticulous attention to detail, creative flair, and warm personality, transformed not only hair but lives, making every client feel valued and beausimply offering a listening ear, she had an uncanny ability to



sat in her chair feel at ease. Debbie believed in the power of a great haircut to boost conchange fidence and a person's day, and over the years, she built a loyal clientele that spanned generations. Outside Debbie's Cut and Style, 6:00 until 8:00 PM at was about gardening, can-lieu of flowers, memoning, and sharing rec-rial contributions may ipes. She is survived be made to the famby three sisters and a ily to cover Debbie's brother-in-law, Mary medical and funeral Ayers, Ardith Wayne Maxwell, and all donations to Martiful. Whether cutting, Margaret Page; three garet Page, 2500 Doe coloring, styling, or brothers and two sisters-in-law, Montgomery, Tim and lences may be made at Andra make each person who and Charles and Patty ervices.com.

nieces and nephews, including a special niece, Michelle Smith; and a special friend, Judy Flake. In addition to her parents, Miss Montgomery was preceded in death by two brothers, Warren "Sonny" Montgomery, Jr. and James Bernard Montgomery. funeral service will be held Friday, November 15, 2024, at 2:00 PM at Moody Funeral Home Chapel in Mount Airy, with the Rev. Buford E. Jessup officiating. Burial will follow in the Montgomery Family Cemetery. The family will receive friends Thursday from passionate the funeral home. In and expenses. Please send Run Road, Ararat, VA Harry 24053. Online condo-Montgomery, www.moodyfunerals-

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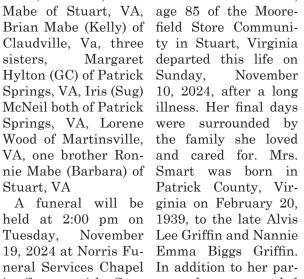
Sr. would like to thank everyone thank you. who expressed their sympathy through prayers, cards, flowers, of our hearts, may God bless each food or visits. To the first re- and every one. sponders, J.B. Spence, also thank

The family of John S. Boles you. And to Moody's, a special

Thank you all from the depths

The Boles family.

Lottie Ann Smart



husband of 64 years, five daughters, Arlivice from 12:00 noon sa Johnson of Stuart,

Mr. James "Lyle" In-

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Lottie Ann Smart, Carolina, and Angel Purdy (Robby)of Stu-

in death by her broth-Jaheim Johnson, Mier, David Lee Griffin. Mrs. Smart is survived by her loving John Kirby Smith, Nic ty Chapter, P.O. Box Arlis Kirby Smart; Grace Purdy; five sis- 24171. Moody Funeral ters-in-law: Anissa Smart of Spen- Browne of Mount Airy, condolences may be cer, Autumn Smith North Carolina, Emma sent by visiting www. (Jeff) of Elkton, Annika Joy Hicks of Butner, moodyfuneralservices. Smart of Elkin, North North Carolina, Glo-com.

Pastor Mark Collins Bowman Ingle; one gle (Carolyn) of Stuart; granddaughter, Wen- one daughter, Janice art. Online condolences ly will receive friends dy Martin; one broth- Ingle (David Collins) may be sent by visiting sonville, Florida and one hour prior to the er, Lee Ingle; and one of Stuart; three grand-David Hanks (Kath- service at the funeral sister, Maude Ingle children, Danny Ingle ervices.com. Mr. Hanks is sur- leen) of Margate, Flori- home. Burial will be Handy. Mr. Ingle was (Debbie), Tammy Atvived by his wife, Sue da; nine grandchildren, private. Online condo- a member of Hill's kins (Rob), and Tony like to extend a special Collins Hanks of Stu- Alex, Adam, Aidan, Mi- lences may be sent by Grove Baptist Church. Ingle; six great-grandchildren; to most and a friend great-great-grandchilto all who knew him. dren; several nieces at Blue Ridge Nurs-Pa loved to run dogs, and nephews, some ing Center for the care work the garden, share of whom were very Pa was given over the stories and laughs with special; and special years. Left to cherish the members, Debbie In- missed by all who love memories of Mr. Ingle gle, Tammy Atkins, him, until we meet are one son, James In- Candice Ingle,

ria Martin (Johnnie) of Bassett, and Carol Sutphin of Willis; and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces, neph-

A covered dish celebration of life gathering will be held on Wednesday evening, November 13, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Minnie's Chapel Wesleyan Church Fellowship Hall. Please bring a memory of Lottie Ann and a dish to share. dren, Travis Johnson, If desired, memorials may be made to the chael Landon Chilton, Alzheimer's Trenton Jeffrey Smith, ation, Patrick Coun-Fulcher and Emma 1301, Stuart, Virginia Janice Home is in charge of Griffin of Stuart, Gay the services, and online

#### James "Lyle" Ingle

art; seven grandchil-

caregivers and family

Kendra McClellan.

Funeral services for Mr. Ingle will be held Monday, November 18, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at Moody Funeral Home in Stuart with Pastor Allan Vass officiating. The burial will immediately follow in Patrick Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends Monday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Moody Funeral Home in Stuwww.moodyfunerals-

The family would thank you to Lesia Haeleven zelwood, Sue Forrest, and all the caregivers

He will be truly

# Deputy injured in struggle, Stuart man held with no bond

A Stuart man is in custody following an altercation with a Patrick County Sheriff's Deputy, according to a release from Patrick County Sheriff Dan Smith.

all who loved him.

Michael Paul McAdams, 29, was arrested on Friday, November 8, in connection with the incident. He was charged with obstruction of justice by force, assault on a law enforcement officer, destruction of property, and interfering with the property rights of another, according to Smith.

The incident began at 6:05 a.m. when the Patrick County 911 Communications Center received a call to report a suspicious man outside of the caller's home on Spring Road in Patrick Springs.

Senior Deputy Noah Wolfe responded and found a man allegedly trying to force his way into the basement of the home. Wolfe attempted to take the man into custody, at which time the man allegedly resisted, and a physical struggle

Wolfe's collar bone was broken during the physical altercation when

both he and the man fell

to the ground, the sher-

iff said. Wolfe was able



Michael Paul McAdams

to keep the man pinned to the ground during the struggle until Senior Deputy Doug Perry arrived at the scene and was able to handcuff the suspect.

Wolfe was treated at SOVAH Hospital in Martinsville and was released on Friday afternoon, Smith said, adding that Wolfe faces a minimum 6 to 8 week recovery.

"At this point, we are hoping that surgery can be avoided, and we are grateful that it wasn't worse," Smith "Sadly, officers are killed weekly across our nation in scenarios identical to this."

McAdams is being held in the Patrick County jail without





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# PATRICK PULPITS

# Living the Sacrifice

By Thomas Shepherd Stuart Church of Living Water Hebrews 9:24-28

It's November and we have just had a national holiday known as Veteran's Day. There is another holiday this month known as Thanksgiving Day. The two holidays have nothing to do with each other, at least on the surface. Veteran's Day is a day set aside to pay our respects and give thanks to all the men and women who have served our nation with honor. Thanksgiving Day is that day set aside where we come together to give thanks for our blessings. We are blessed people, and we should be thankful for all our blessings.

In Hebrews 9:24-28, the author describes what Christ did on our behalf entering the throne room of God on our behalf. He paid the ultimate price for us by laying down his life that we might have life. He sacrificed his life that we might be free from the burden of sin. Soldiers likewise offer themselves in service to our country. They go where we can't on our behalf and offer their lives for our freedom. We have freedom because of what someone was willing to do for us. I thank God for our military and the sacrifices they make for us to be a strong and free nation.

I am reminded of a poem that I have used many times at funerals of those who have served in our armed forces it is entitled "It is the Soldier" by Charles M Province. It goes something like this...

It is the Soldier, not the minister, who has given us freedom of religion.

It is the Soldier, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press. It is the Soldier, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the soldier not the campus organizer, who has given us the freedom to demonstrate.

It is the soldier not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the soldier, who salutes the flag, Who serves under the flag,

Whose coffin is draped in the flag, Who allows the protester to burn the

It is the soldier — Charles M. Province

We are free as a nation because of many soldiers who sacrificed for us. How soon we forget the high cost of freedom. As a nation our freedom cost many their lives. As Christians it cost God the life of his only Son. Through His death and resurrection Jesus gives all who choose him freedom from sin. Christ chose to die on the cross to save us from our sins and free us from sin. Even though he had committed no sin, yet he bore the debt of our sin – death. Let us not forget the great cost associated with freedom and give thanks.

It is by the grace of God that we live in a nation where we have the freedoms we so enjoy. It is by the grace of God that we can choose either to follow Him or reject Him. That is the grace God bestows upon each of us. But remember our choices come with consequences. Right choices bring good consequences, and bad choices bring evil consequences. Choose wise-

As Christians, we are called upon to follow Christ and live our lives as his servants freely choosing Him and His ways over our own interests and selfish ambitions. What would this world look like if everyone who called themselves Christian would live their lives in this manner? What would our nation be like if everyone who called themselves a Christian would make personal sacrifices to meet the needs of our brothers and sisters? Be a living sacrifice and be thankful! Happy Thanksgiving!

#### BIBLE TRIVIA

1. Is the book of Zechariah (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. From Numbers 21:6, what repulsive creatures bit the Israelites in the wilderness? Scorpions, Fiery Serpents, Vipers, Ravens

3. Before the Tower of Babel, how many languages were in the world? 1, 2, 3, 4

4. From Matthew 7:7, Jesus said that we should seek, knock and ...? Adorn, Ask, Try, Inspire

5. Whose last verse is, "Remember me, O my God, for good"? Genesis, Matthew,

Nehemiah, Hebrews 6. How old was Adam when

he died? 30, 130, 430, 930 ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Fiery Serpents, 3) 1, 4) Ask, 5) Nehemiah, 6) 930

"Test Your Bible Knowledge," a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and on-

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# Girl Scout Silver Award

Alexis Rodriguez of Girl Scout Troop 1302 in Patrick Springs successfully completed her Silver Girl Scout Award. For her project Alexis constructed a Little Food Pantry that is located at DeHart Park at the entrance to the pool. She has filled it with food that you can take as needed and leave what you can.

Alexis wanted to help people with their food needs as a way to reach out to those around her. This need was one she researched and decided would be a way she could share with others in need. She spent a little over 50 hours completing this project and working with her assembled team.



# Congressional staff to visit

Congressman Morgan Griffith's Ninth District staff will be available locally on November 25.

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In the event of inclement weather (heavy snow, sleet, icy rain, etc.), traveling office hours may **Henry County:** 10 - 11:30 be rescheduled to avoid putting a.m., Henry County Administra- constituents at risk. If schools tion Building, Summerlin Room are closed, then office hours will - Board of Supervisors Meeting be closed as well. Please contact Chambers, 3300 Kings Mountain the Christiansburg Office at (540\_ 381-5671 or the Abingdon Office Patrick County: 12:30 2 p.m., at (276) 525-1405 with any ques-Patrick County Administration tions or to schedule an appointment time in the event of an office hour closure.

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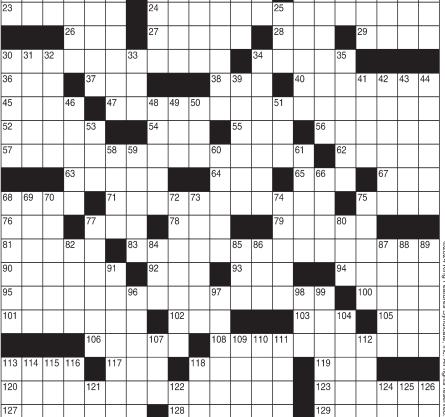
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ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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 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

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 568 Laurel Ridge Estate Road, Meadows of Dan, VA 24120

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$193,325.00 dated October 17, 2022 recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for Patrick County on October 21, 2022 as Instrument Number: 220001897, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction, at the Main entrance of the courthouse for the Circuit Court of Patrick County, 101 W Blue Ridge St, Stuart, VA 24171 on January 14, 2025 at 4:00 PM the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and briefly described as: All that certain tract or parcel of land with all improvements thereon and appurtenances and rights of way thereunto belonging, and being in the Blue Ridge Magisterial District of Floyd County, Virginia, being Lot 13, containing 4.9142 acres, as shown on that certain plat of survey prepared by Larry G. Rakes, CLS, dated October 29, 1984, and recorded in Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Patrick County, Virginia, in Plat Cabinet 1, Slide 15-C; and

Together with that right to use the roadways shown the aforesaid plat of survey, for ingress and egress to State Route #601, as set forth in Deed dated November 19, 1984, recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 240, Page 592.

Parcel ID: 4414-111 Tax ID: 4414.00.111.

TERMS OF SALE: A bidder's deposit of \$10,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required in the form of a certified or cashier's check. Cash will not be accepted as a deposit. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustee may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. This is a communication from a debt collector. This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. (Trustee # 24-007522)

Substitute Trustee: ALG Trustee, LLC C/O Orlans PC PO Box 2548, Leesburg, VA 20177 (703) 777-7101 website: www.Orlans.com The Vendor Covius Holding Services will be used in conjunction with this sale.

# LEGAL

#### TRUSTEE'S SALE - Real property at 4465 Bull Mountain Road, Stuart, VA 24171

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$125,000.00 dated April 14, 2011 and recorded in the land records of Patrick County at Instrument 110000729, default having been made in the indebtedness secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the Front Entrance of the Circuit Court for Patrick County, VA located at 101 Blue Ridge Street, Stuart, VA 24171, the above referenced property and fixtures or improvements thereon briefly described as "Certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the Mayo River Magisterial District of Patrick County, Virginia", Tax ID 5114-34, on December 5, 2024 AT 10:00 AM

TERMS OF SALE: The property will be sold "AS IS," WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY

OF ANY KIND AND SUBJECT TO any environmental or other conditions, covenants, restrictions, reservations, easements, rights of way, prior liens, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust, if any. Substitute Trustee shall have no obligation to deliver possession of the property or any other obligation as to the premises. A bidder's deposit of \$23,200.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required at the time of sale in the form of a certified check or cashier's check from the purchaser or the bid will be rejected. Suc-

cessful bidder will be required to sign a memorandum of sale at the time of the sale and settle by remitting the balance of the purchase price within fourteen (14) days of sale. If the buyer wishes to use their own settlement company and documentation, there will be a fee of \$300.00 for review of their settlement documents. In the event of default by the successful bidder, the entire deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs and expenses of sale and Substitute Trustee's fee according to the Code of Virginia. All other public charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges to be prorated through date of sale; those incurred after the sale date, and all other costs incident to settlement to be paid by the purchaser. In the event taxes, any other public charges have been advanced, a credit will be due to the seller, to be adjusted

from the date of sale at the time of settlement. Sale is subject to post sale confirmation that the borrower did not file for protection under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code prior to the sale as well as to post-sale confirmation of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale or whether other legal impediment to title exists. In any such event, the sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Additional terms may be

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# Former Ararat resident convicted of a series of crimes

Justin Sinclair Hawks, formerly of Ararat, has been convicted and sentenced for a series of crimes, including five counts of sodomy of a child under 13, five counts of aggravated sexual battery, one count of producing child pornography, and two counts of indecent

The Honorable Marcus A. Brinks, who presided over the hearing on October 30, sentenced the defendant to 5 life sentences plus 130 years and suspended 120 of those years, resulting in an active sentence of 5 life sentences plus 5 years in the Department of Correc-

This case stems from a series of sexual assaults that occurred between 2015 and 2021 when the victim was between the ages of 7 and 13 years old. During that time, the defendant lived with the victim and was in a supervisory or caretaker role. During one of the incidents, another child victim was exposed to and witnessed the sexual abuse. Through the course of the investigation, the initial

child victim was forensically interviewed at the Patrick County Child Advocacy Center by a trained forensic interviewer. During that interview, she described in detail how the defendant sexually abused her on numerous occasions. The second child victim was also forensically interviewed and confirmed witnessing one incident of abuse. After a thorough investigation by the Patrick County Sheriff's Office, the defendant provided a detailed statement that corroborated both victims' disclosures

The lead investigator for the case was Investigator Tennille Jessup of the Patrick County Sheriff's Office and the case was prosecuted by Commonwealth's Attorney, Dayna Kendrick Bobbitt.

"I extend my heartfelt thanks to Patrick County Sheriff's Office for their work on this case. This outcome would not have been possible without the diligent investigation led by Inv. Tennille Jessup and, most importantly, the courage of the victims who came forward," Bobbitt said after sentencing. "When I assumed office, I vowed to the citizens of Patrick County that I would do everything in my power to protect the most

vulnerable. I stand by that promise wholeheartedly and remain committed to it. I am grateful for our dedicated team that responds to reports of child abuse and neglect, ensuring thorough investigations that lead to more convictions. My hope is this result brings some form of closure to the victims and helps them to begin their journey of healing."

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#### Wednesday, November 20, 2024 - f 11

#### Meetings

#### Tuesday, Nov. 19

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

#### Wednesday, Nov. 20

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

#### Monday, Dec. 9

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

#### Wednesday, Dec. 11

Patrick County Economic Development Authority (EDA) meets at 6 p.m. in the 2nd-floor conference room, Patrick County Veterans Memorial Building.

#### Thursday, Dec. 12

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

#### Wednesday, Dec. 18

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

#### **Events**

#### Thursday, Nov. 21

The Patrick County Republican Committee meeting will be held at 6 p.m. in the Motorsports Hall of Fame at Patrick & Henry Community College (P&HCC).

#### Friday, Nov. 22

Patrick County High School (PCHS) freshmen, sophomores, junior, and senior boys will face off at 7 p.m. to determine the King of the Court in Volleyball for 2024. Admission is \$5 and concessions will be available.

#### Saturday, Nov. 23

New Hope Community Church, 1863 Clark House Farm Road, Stuart, will host music by Michael Fain starting at 7 p.m. Refreshments follow.

Home Alone Thanksgiving Meal - If you are unable to have a Thanksgiving meal, join Hunter's Chapel Assembly for a Thanksgiving dinner. The church is located at State Route 104, Ararat, from 4-6 p.m. Takeout orders will be available. Deliveries can be made in the Ararat area only. If you plan to attend, call (276) 251-7232. For more information, call Joseph or Lori Easter at (276) 251-7232.

#### Wednesday, Nov. 27

A Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held at the Meadows of Dan Community Building from 4-6 p.m. Organized by Faith Baptist Church, the

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#### Friday, Nov. 30

The Holiday Market at Fairy Stone State Park will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Meadow of Dan Christmas Parade begins at

#### Monday, Dec. 2

A tree lighting will be held at the Landmark Center starting at 6 p.m.

#### Friday, Dec. 6

The Community Food Truck will be at the Woolwine SSRS from 3-4:30 p.m.

#### Saturday, Dec. 7

The Church of Living Water will hold a Christmas Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The annual Patrick County Christmas Parade will start at 2 p.m.

High Point Baptist Church will present an Outdoor Christmas Drama with shows at 6 and 7 p.m., 2381 Big A School Road, Stuart. The rain date is Dec. 14.

#### 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.

#### Friday, Dec. 13 - Monday, Dec. 23

The annual Festival of Lights at DeHart Park will be held from 6-8 p.m.

#### Sunday, Dec. 15

Friday, Dec. 20

The Reynolds Homestead Victorian Christmas will start at 1 p.m.

The Community Food Bank will be at Fairystone VFD from 3-4:30 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 Quilt-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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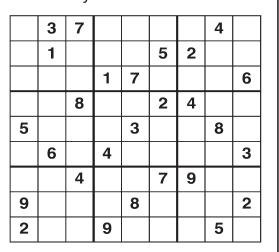
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# Weekly **SUDOKU** by Linda Thistle



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# lew initiative will expand opportunities for community college students

Radford University has launched the Tar- transfer process and adds even greater valtan Transfer program, a new initiative designed to streamline the transfer process for students from eight Virginia Community College System (VCCS) schools by creating an accessible pathway for community college students seeking to continue their education and earn a bachelor's degree at Radford.

The university is the only four-year public institution in the commonwealth that's partnered with so many community colleges to provide a seamless transfer experience.

The Tartan Transfer program is a strategic collaboration between Radford University and Mountain Empire Community College, Mountain Gateway Community College, New River Community College, Patrick & Henry Community College, Southwest Virginia Community College, Virginia Highlands Community College, Virginia Western Community College and Wytheville Community College. Through this partnership, students will benefit from a range of features aimed at making higher education easier to navigate and more affordable and career focused.

"Tartan Transfer is another demonstration that Radford University and Virginia's Community Colleges are committed to creating accessible and affordable degree pathways for Virginians, and to building bridges across the commonwealth," said Radford University President Bret Danilowicz. "We are proud of how this partnership formalizes a seamless

ue through dedicated academic advising and access to Radford's unique student life opportunities. I sincerely appreciate the presidents of each of our partner community colleges for their support of the Tartan Transfer program and for their roles in helping to improve degree attainment and economic success in communities throughout western Virginia."

#### Key Benefits of the Tartan Transfer program

Affordability: VCCS partners in the Tartan Transfer program offer tuition-free associate degrees for qualified students. Additionally, eligible students will be able to take advantage of the Radford Tuition Promise, ensuring further affordability.

Maximized transfer credits: Radford University will work closely with VCCS institutions to align course curricula, ensuring the maximum number of credits are transferred towards a bachelor's degree.

Personalized advising: Each Tartan Transfer student will be assigned a dedicated advisor from Radford University upon their declaration of intent to transfer, providing personalized support throughout their educational journey.

Early campus integration and events: Students in the Tartan Transfer program will gain early access to special events and activities on Radford's campus, allowing them to become part of the Highlander community

even before they officially transfer.

Career preparation: Through the Tartan Transfer program, students will also have access to specialized internships and co-curricular experiences, providing a strong foundation for career success.

"The Tartan Transfer program marks a significant step forward in our commitment to providing our students with new opportunities for academic and personal growth," said Peter Anderson, vice president for Instruction and Student Services at New River Community College. "By partnering with Radford University, we are opening doors to a wealth of resources, expertise and programs that will enrich our educational offerings and support our students in achieving their highest potential. We look forward to a fruitful collaboration that will benefit not only our students but also the broader academic community. Together, we are fostering a brighter future for all."

"This landmark agreement with Radford University represents a powerful commitment to student success and educational access in Virginia," said VCCS Chancellor David Dore. "By creating a clear, unobstructed pathway for transfer, we're removing barriers and infusing our students with the confidence they need to achieve their academic goals."

For more information about the Tartan Transfer program, visit www.radford.edu/ tartan-transfer to learn how to participate.

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# PCHS Beta Club inducts more than 40 at ceremony

al Beta Club induction ceremony on Oct. 7, with 43 members inducted. These students were selected for the membership based standing and character. They joined more than 500,000 members across the United States and beyond. National Beta Club is the largest independent, non-profit, edu-

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School held its Nation- in the United States. Its mission is to promote the ideals of academic achievement, character, service and leadership among elementary and secondtheir academic ary school students. President;

Speakers including Daryl Lynn Combs, Whitley Kruse, Vice President; Callie Wood, Secretary; Dhrithik Tanna, Treasurer; Kaydence Reporter;

Patrick County High cational youth group Nathan Register, Ac- ner, Alexandra Cotoc tivities Director, all spoke of the eight principles of the Beta creed. Sponsors Hope Perry, Melissa Fain, and Jonathan Turchek played a part by leading the pledge, presenting new members, and sharing closing remarks on the cere-

> The 43 new Beta members include Rachel Branch, Isobel Clay, Gracen

Santos, Alexis Cox, Eli Dillon, Lacey Easter, Thomas Eckamn, William Errichetti, Carson Farrar, Jaylee Foley, Kaylene Garcia, Scarlett Gregory, Ava Hiatt, Martina Hubbard, Soledad Huerta-Dominguez, son Hughes, Hannah Ingalls, Kyra Ingalls, Ivan Joaquin-Ortega, Analeigh Jones, Riley Jones, Mason Keith, Savannah Lawrence, LeMia Lemons, Cindy Leon-Cisneros, Halo Martin, Jayme Moose, Kinley Morrison, Michael Perez, Rhythm Poynter, Maggie Rutledge, Brisan Scoot, Aiden Slate, Jared Thompson, Karleigh Vasquez, Caleb Vaughn, Katie Vernon, Mary Beth Williams, Conner Wood, Meredith Wood, and

### TAXPAYER NOTICE

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Our office will close Wednesday Nov. 27th at noon and will remain closed through Friday November 29th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Jenna Woods. National Beta CEO, Bobby Hart, offered congratulations to the students saying, "The skills and opportunities come from National Beta membership impact students not only during their time in school, but as they move forward in life. We are proud of these new inductees and are excited to see how they grow as leaders and positively impact the world."

# Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year and 500-Year Floodplain

To: All interested Agencies including Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), State historic preservation office (SHPO), Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VA DEQ), Patrick County Emergency Management, other Local Groups, and Individuals with vested interest in the Stuart Downtown Historic District.

This is to give notice that The Town of Stuart, VA under Part 58 has determined that potential proposed actions under the Virginia Community Development Block Grant and the Appalachian Regional Commission's Area Development Program's Stuart Downtown Revitalization Project, CDBG Project # 23-23-08 & ARC Project # 23-07A, is located in the 100-year and 500-year floodplain, and the Town of Stuart will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. The project consists of at least nine (9) commercial facades, construction of an expanded roof covering at the Stuart Farmers' Market, and replacement of a multi-property deck structure, providing emergency egress, within the historic business district of Downtown Stuart. No actual development or land disturbance is anticipated to occur in a floodplain; however, existing structures within the floodplain may be impacted. The proposed project is located in and directly adjacent to the Stuart Downtown Historic District, located in Stuart, Virginia in Patrick County.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the Town of Stuart, VA at the following address on or before December 6th, 2024:

Town of Stuart, Virginia, 100 Patrick Avenue, Stuart, VA 24171, (276) 694-3811 Attention: Bryce M. Simmons, Town Manager

A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at 100 Patrick Avenue, Stuart, VA 24171. Comments may also be submitted via email at information@stuartva.org.

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# Operation Christmas Child Seeks Local Support for Annual Shoe Box Drive



Shoe boxes packed at a local church. (Contributed)

#### By Jessica Dillon

Operation Christmas Child, an annual project led by Samaritan's Purse, is underway, inviting local communities to help pack shoe boxes filled with essential items and gifts for children around the world. Each box contains supplies and a message of hope, as well as a personal letter from the donor, making it a unique, impactful gift for many children in need. For some, it's the only gift they'll ever receive, says local area coordinator Mark Hubbard. "For many of these children, these shoe boxes are the first and only gift they ever get," he said.

Mark and his wife, Tammy, became involved after Tammy visited a processing center and felt deeply moved by the program. Soon, they took on roles as project leaders at their church and eventually became area coordinators for the Blue Ridge Team. Now, they help coordinate the packing of boxes for children around the globe, each filled with essentials like toothbrushes, school supplies, and a "wow" item-a special toy such as a yo-yo or a doll.

"Children can't go to school because they don't have pencils or paper," Tammy Hubbard said, emphasizing the importance of including these small yet crucial items. For recipients, these boxes provide tools that improve their daily lives and even help them access education.

In each box, a personal letter from the donor is placed on top, making the gift feel personal and special. Some children have even reached out to their donors to express gratitude. Tammy Hubbard recalled one story where a recipient from a distant village was determined to thank a team member. "Somebody

in the village saw it and her email, and they were adamant about getting in touch with that person to let her know that they got her box," she said.

For children in remote or conflict-stricken regions, items that are common in the U.S. can be life-changing. "It's unimaginable for someone here to think about," said Mark Hubbard. "They're talking about getting a toothbrush in their box, but they were in an orphanage sharing a toothbrush with 26 people."

Beyond physical gifts, Operation Christmas Child offers a 12-lesson course called "The Greatest Journey," which teaches children about Christian faith and how to share it with others. "A lot of them accept Christ through this ministry," Mark Hubbard said, adding that some children go on to start churches or volunteer with Operation Christmas Child when they grow up.

For those interested in participating, Mark Hubbard emphasized that boxes can be packed from home, with an online option for added convenience. A \$10 donation is requested for each box to help cover the cost of transportation and minister training. Donors can also choose to include a copy of The Greatest Journey, a booklet that further introduces children to the teachings of Jesus.

Some donors even choose to pack boxes in honor of loved ones. "You can do it in memory or honor of your parents or spouses," Tammy Hubbard said, noting that it's a meaningful way to give back. Each box can be tracked after it's sent to the processing center, allowing donors to follow their gift's journey.

The couple were touched by last year's community turnout, with more than 16,000 boxes packed between the

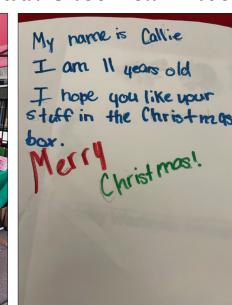
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boxes prepare shoe Operation Christmas Child. (Contributed)

Franklin and Henry county areas. This year, they're hoping to surpass 17,000. Since Operation Christmas Child began in 1993, more than 220 million shoe boxes have been delivered to children



A handwritten note by an area child will be included in a shoe box. (Contributed)

Shoe boxes will be accepted at four area churches from November 18 through November 25. For details on packing tips, drop-off locations, and times, visit http://www.samari-

# Drop off locations and times for **Operation Christmas Child**

(through November 25)

Stuart - Minnies Chapel, 161 Minnies Chapel Loop, Stuart

November 18-22-6 to 8 p.m. November 23 - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

November 24 - 1 to 4 p.m. November 25 - 8 to 10 a.m.

Meadows of Dan - Meadows of Dan Baptist Church, 2511 JEB Stuart Highway, Meadows of

November 18-20 - November 2 to

November 21-22-5 p.m. to 7 p.m. November 23 - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

November 24 - 1 to 3 p.m.

November 25 - 9 to 11 a.m.

Woolwine - Woolwine Methodist Church, 10205 Woolwine Highway, Woolwine

November 18-22 - 5 to 7 p.m. November 23 - 10:30 a.m. to

12:30p.m. November 24 - 5 to 7 p.m.

November -10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Stuart - Nettle Ridge Church, 70 Nettle Ridge Loop, Stuart

November 18-5 to 7 p.m.

November 19-4 to 6 p.m. November 20 - 7 to 9 p.m.

November 21-22 - 5 to 7 p.m.

November 23 - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

November 24 - 1 to 5 p.m.

November 25 - 8 to 10 a.m.

# 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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Entries must be received no later

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# Bio Blitz at Fairystone State Park

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tification of many plant and animal other park activities.

An enthusiastic large group of citi- species including macroinvertebrates, zen scientists of all ages searched for reptiles, amphibians, fish, birds, and

The event was organized and led by an event that focuses on finding and Jessica Bickwell of Fairystone State identifying as many species as pos- Park and assisted by Herpetologist sible in a specific area over a short Dr. Adriana Kuhn, of the Virginia period of time. Findings are recorded Museum of Natural History, Master and uploaded to a database for future Naturalists, Master Gardeners, Park Rangers, DRBA and many citizen sci-The diverse wildlife in Fairystone entist volunteers. Contact the park Park didn't disappoint with the iden- to take part in future Bio Blitzes and











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# Alleged spitting incident leads to arrest

A Stuart man was arrested on Saturday, November 9, after allegedly spitting on a Patrick County Sheriff's Deputy, according to a news release from Patrick County Sheriff Dan Smith.

Rodney Aaron Turner, 30, was arrested and charged with domestic assault and battery, obstruction of justice, and assault and battery of a law enforcement officer in connection with an incident that began at 10:30 p.m. when the 911 received a disturbance call at 1199 New Hope



Rodney Aaron Turner

Road in Elamsville. Master Deputy Mat-Communication Center thew Rorrer and Sgt. Lewis Carroll responded the Patrick County Jail and found James Turner

bleeding with his shirt torn. James Turner is Rodney Turner's father, according to the sheriff. Deputies then located the son at a nearby residence and began to question him. Turner allegedly grabbed Carroll's flashlight, at which time a physical confrontation ensued.

"Video footage shows Turner turn his head and spit on Sgt. Carroll as Turner is resisting arrest," Smith said in the

Turner is being held in

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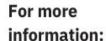


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Yes, you may be able to join the research study if you:

- Are aged 18 to 75 years
- Have a BMI of 27 kg/m2 or more
- Have been diagnosed with type 2 diabetes for at least 6 months
- Have not taken part in a clinical research study for obesity or overweight in the past year

BMI stands for body mass index. It is a number that compares a person's weight to their height. It can be used to tell if a person may be at risk of some health conditions.



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