

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

**By Taylor Boyd**

Concerns about the removal of Confederate General J.E.B. Stuart’s profile from the Town of Stuart’s logo and official imagery are unfounded, according to Town Manager Bryce Simmons.

Simmons made the comments in response to former Stuart councilman Dean Goad’s efforts to oppose the removal of Stuart’s likeness. Goad began circulating a letter in mid-October opposing the change. He had collected about 50 signatures from residents and businesses as of Nov. 6.

Goad expressed concerns that eliminating Stuart’s image could signal the start of broader changes,

es, saying, “If you take that off the side of the vehicles,” then it’s going to be the tip of the iceberg of potential changes. “I just don’t think we need to do away with history.”

Goad plans to present his petition to the Stuart Town Council once he gathers more signatures.

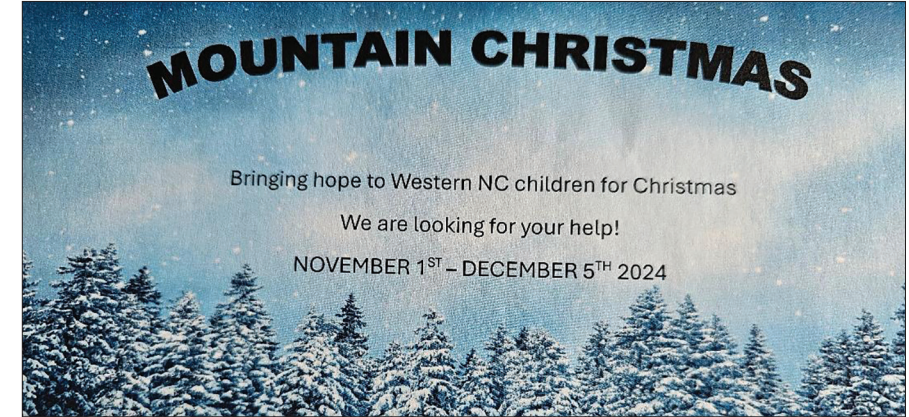
**Old vs. New Logos**

The former town logo featured an image of J.E.B. Stuart set against a green map of the town, flanked by apples and strawberries. A golden banner reading “Est. 1884 Town of Stuart, VA” sat below the image.

As part of the town’s Downtown Revitalization Project, the new logo, introduced as part of the Downtown Revitalization Project, highlights the Patrick County Courthouse.

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# 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 to ensure that children and families in Western North Carolina affected 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 Carolina. Some of them a week at 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 go out with a group,” he said.

While he was giving donations 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, so I called one of my friends in the group and he talked to the pastor.

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# 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. “Sometimes 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 cider, 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.



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 2024-25.

# 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 updated, 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 sub-flooring 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.

# 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.

**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](http://www.onefamilyproductions.org) or email [pcchristmasparade@gmail.com](mailto: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 hours.



# “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 own.

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 director.

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 Theatre.”

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](https://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 performance.”



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](mailto:jws@vt.edu) or phone (276-694- 7181 ext. 23) at least 5 business days before the event.

## Tourism 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.

Remember, “Come get lost and find yourself here.”

With Love,  
James Houchins  
Director of Economic Development and Tourism  
[jhouchins@co.patrick.va.us](mailto:jhouchins@co.patrick.va.us)

## Pets of the Week



This handsome guy is an owner surrender. He is confused why he is here, and is a good dog with a great personality. The owners of this Chihuahua are missing him, and he wants to go home. He was found on Hardin Reynolds Road. If you recognize him, please call the Patrick County Public Animal Shelter (PCPAS). Adoption fees are \$10 and include spay/neuter and a rabies vaccination. To see all available pets, please visit the shelter, or its Facebook page. 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](mailto:paws@swva.net) or (276) 694-2378 for more information.

## Christmas Cheer Campaign Underway

The best gifts are those given from the heart and there is no shortage of opportunities awaiting you this holiday season. The 2024 Patrick County Christmas Cheer campaign is now in full swing, and we are seeking individuals and organizations to bring smiles to children’s faces and restore hope to families in need. This year the program received requests from over 128 families, seeking assistance for more than 269 children within our 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 county: First Horizon Bank, Carter Bank,



and Legacy Insurance in Stuart; Primitive Coffee in Meadows of Dan, Boyd’s Family Restaurant in Ararat; Pickle & Ash in Patrick Springs; and Crossroads Café in Woolwine. Individuals and organiza-

tions can stop in any of these locations to select their child or email [michelle@thinkllegacy.org](mailto:michelle@thinkllegacy.org). Those not interested in shopping may make monetary donations by mailing your donation to PO Box

222, Stuart, VA 24171 or online at [www.patrickcountychristmascheer.com](http://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 need.

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276-638-2778

# Volunteers Needed

**Calling All Volunteers! STEP invites you to join our VITA program as a volunteer. By contributing your time and expertise, you can help local families access essential tax benefits. Join us in supporting the community and ensuring financial stability for Patrick County residents. Make a difference today by becoming a VITA volunteer!**

## How to Apply

1. Visit [forms.stepincva.com/volunteer](https://forms.stepincva.com/volunteer)
2. For Volunteer Position Sought put **VITA Volunteer**
3. Complete Form

## Need Help? Contact us

540-483-5142



# Town Logo

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town Revitalization Project, a new logo was introduced. The updated design features the 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 said.

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

cards and started using the new logo in email 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 changes have been made.

“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 history.

“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 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 day-to-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

no child feels left out.

“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 clothing and toys, and can be made out to Chris Dollarhite or Caroline Jones, and mailed to 4049

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 arrangements, or additional questions, call Dollarhite at (434) 549-3397.

# 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 Program 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 Gateway Community College (MGCC), 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 focused.

“Tartan Transfer demonstrates 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. We are proud of how this partnership formalizes a seamless transfer process, and 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 success in communities throughout western Virginia,” said Radford University President Bret Danilowicz.

Key benefits of the Tartan Transfer Program include affordability, maximized transfer credits, personalized advising, early



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.

Community college presidents from across the western part of the state praised the Tartan 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 support 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 Community College is proud to partner with Radford to provide clear, affordable pathways from the associate degree to the bachelor’s degree,” said VHCC President Adam Hutchison. “This agreement documents the excellent relationships among higher education institutions in our region, 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 Transfer program for providing valuable transfer opportunities to ensure that WCC students can achieve their academic and career goals,” said Dr. Dean Sprinkle, WCC president.

The presidents from both NRCC and SWCC also noted their support of the new RU program.

“NRCC is looking forward to strengthening our relationship with Radford University through the Tartan Transfer Program to ensure that our students transition seamlessly from NRCC to RU,” said Dr. Pat Huber, NRCC president.

## 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 variety of programming attracting di-



verse groups of people to visit our market annually.



# 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 the 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-and-release 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 illegal aliens receive benefits in the forms of significant medical attention and health care, access to education and enrollment in social service programs like SNAP, at the expense of American taxpayers 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 Republicans 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 immigration.

Although not yet in office, Trump's election is sending shockwaves to illegal aliens.

Reuters News highlights 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, preparing for a rush across the border before it is too late.

NBC News cites the operator of a migrant shelter in Tijuana, Mexico, who predicts smugglers will pressure immigrants to start crossing now before it is too late.

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

President-elect Trump has announced he will tap his former acting ICE director, Tom Holman, as his border czar.

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

The Migration Poli-

cy Institute, a nonpartisan 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 hand in contributing to the deportation effort. Governor Youngkin understands the importance of this subject. Virginia communities, 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 New Generation Jalisco Cartel had roots in towns such as Axton in Henry County, where 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 we must curtail the cartel's side business of bringing illegal immigrants here.

Some Democratic governors are already objecting to the idea of working with the 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!

President Obama 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](mailto:www.morgan-griffith.house.gov).

## Letters to the Editor

### December Blood Drive scheduled

Patrick County exceeded its goal 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

Blood Drive, for supporting this 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](http://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

(The Bible, Franklin Graham Decision Magazine, John Quincy Adams, Ephesians 6:13)

But we still live in a divided America. Does that mean as Christians we should shrug our shoulders and walk away? Absolutely not. It means we recommit ourselves to being faithful witnesses to the truth of God's Word whether it's in vogue or not. If we fail to be the salt and light we've been called to be, we could clearly see America sink deeper into darkness. Our enemies are waging war on freedom and faith, on science and religion, on history and tradition, on law and democracy, on the family, on children, on America itself.

As believers, we understand that this earth is not our ultimate home. However, we must engage with the culture, including politics, while standing firm on the transcendent truth of God's Word. The apostle Paul told the Ephesians to keep standing. Will we turn this country around? We pray so, and we should work hard toward that end. When former president John Quincy Adams was asked a cynical question about the failure to end slavery after decades of trying, he said simply, "Duty is ours; results are God's." Let us do our duty!

Jesus Christ came to Earth in the midst of one of the most dynamic political empires the world has ever known—one that had grown corrupt and divisive. If you don't think the church used its voice to impact that culture, read the Bible. Christ's followers were put to death

when they wouldn't bow to Caesar or remain silent about Jesus Christ. Today, we cannot remain silent just because the world has re-labeled some of the vilest views and behavior as political. They want to convince you that abortion is a political issue, so we can't talk about it. That the LGBTQ agenda and the erosion of the family are political issues, so we can't talk about them. That the desecration of God's creation of humans as male and female is a political issue, so we can't talk about it. These are not political issues. These are moral and Biblical issues, and we cannot afford to be silent.

Doesn't the Bible teach we're supposed to be united, even if we disagree on some things? The Bible never teaches that we are to have unity at the expense of truth. We are never to compromise truth. We are supposed to love and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are supposed to reach out, minister, and serve those who are hurting, but we also need to keep our eyes open to make sure we are not compromising the Gospel. The moment you stand up against what the culture says is acceptable, you will experience conflict. But what the world calls radical Christianity, Jesus calls discipleship.

Please pray for our country. We don't have to agree with a politician to pray for him or her. Jesus taught us to love our enemies, that includes our ideological enemies.

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 possibly can. Their opinions and votes can be debated; I certainly debated some votes. But you should not be reprimanded 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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# 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 win.

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

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 Bobcat's way, the score could have been



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.”

The Bobcats received the second half kickoff, and moved the ball across midfield before the Cougar defense stiffened and forced a Bobcat 43-yard field goal, increasing their lead to 17-0. Five minutes later the Bobcats scored on a 60-yard punt return, for a 24-0 lead with 5:16 to go in the third quarter.

The Cougars got on the board 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 Morrison. "You come into these games knowing that you're the seven seed, and they're the two seed. They're the two seed for a reason because they're explosive, they've got athletes all over the field and they're a very tough team to play."

Morrison was proud of his team's effort and never-give-up attitude. "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."

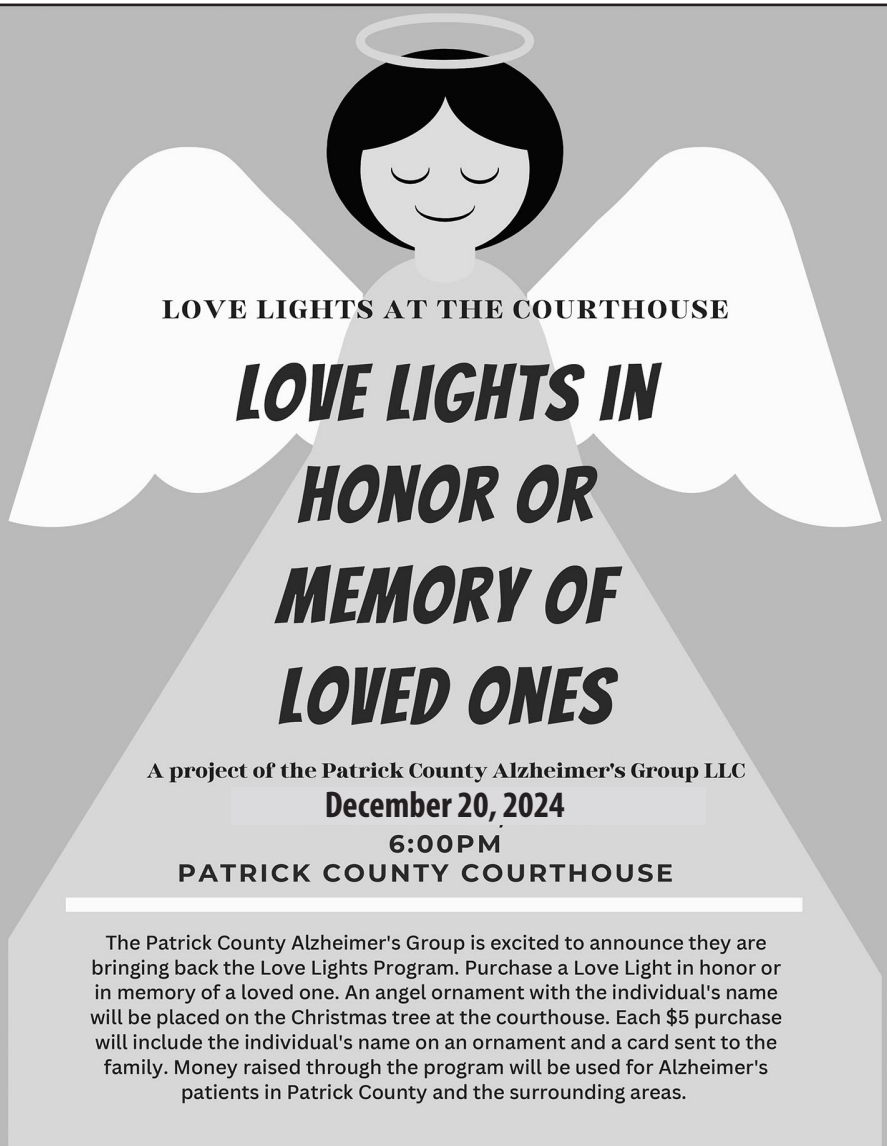
Offensively, senior Easton Harris led the Cougars with 131 yards rushing and a touchdown. Avone Kidd added a touchdown, 77 yards rushing and 34 passing. Antwain Mitchell had 45 yards on the ground with senior Cameron Collins adding 34 yards receiving.

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.

# 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 Randy Kingsley and Forrest Nester. (Contributed)



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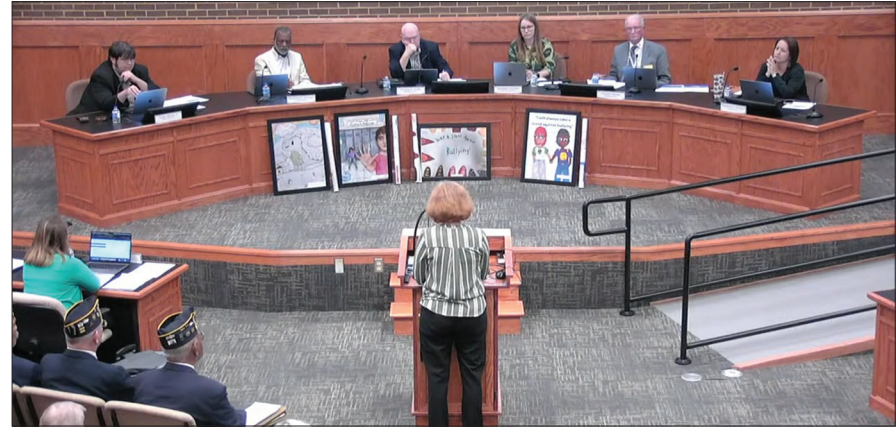
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# Crossing the Lines

## 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 devices in violation of the policy, disci-

plinary measures will follow a progressive path, starting with in-school 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 set to take effect after winter break.

### 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 problems, including leaking shower 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 Deana 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 health.

### 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 Jeananne Hammond, 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 mood, and Santa will be there for photos and to hand out treats to the younger children.”

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

This year’s sponsors include the Town of Ridgeway, the Ridge-



way Volunteer Rescue Squad, the Ridgeway Volunteer Fire Department, Magnolia & Main Books, and the Blue Ridge Regional Library. Hammond expressed excitement over the event’s growth. “It just keeps getting bigger and better every year,” she said.

As of mid-November, about 15 floats were registered to participate, with Hammond expecting around 30 floats on parade day. The event

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 [jeanne.ridgeway-town@comcast.net](mailto:jeanne.ridgeway-town@comcast.net).

### 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 said.

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 Institute.

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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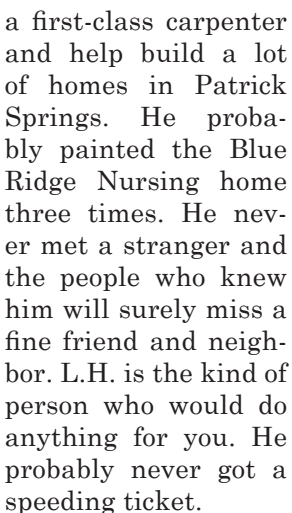
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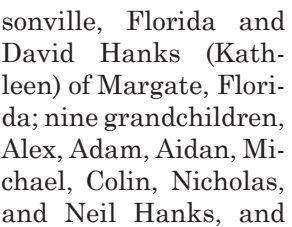
## Lottie Ann Smart

He attended Patrick Springs Holiness Church, was a member of Patrick Springs Volunteer Fire Department. L.H. Mabe was a quiet man until he caught the big one, he loved to pier fish with his sister Margaret and husband G.C. He didn't get to fish a lot in his younger years, but spent all of his time getting fish hooks out of trees with his sons. He was



# Roy Lee Hanks

Mr. Hanks is survived by his wife, Sue Collins Hanks of Stuart; two sons, Jody Hanks (Cindy) of Jack-



## Ann “Debbie” Montgomery

## *Card of Thanks*

sat in her chair feel at ease. Debbie believed in the power of a great haircut to boost confidence and change a person's day, and over the years, she built a loyal clientele that spanned generations. Outside Debbie's Cut and Style, she was passionate about gardening, canning, and sharing recipes. She is survived by three sisters and a brother-in-law, Mary Ayers, Ardith and Wayne Maxwell, and Margaret Page; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Harry Montgomery, Tim and Andra Montgomery, and Charles and Patty

Norris Funeral Services in Stuart is serving the Mabe family. Online condolences may be made at [www.norrisfuneral.com](http://www.norrisfuneral.com).

A memorial service for Mr. Hanks will be held Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at Moody Funeral Home in Stuart with Pastor Mark Collins officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be private. Online condolences may be sent by visiting [www.moodyfuneralservices.com](http://www.moodyfuneralservices.com).

Montgomery; several 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. The 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 6:00 until 8:00 PM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the family to cover Debbie's medical and funeral expenses. Please send all donations to Margaret Page, 2500 Doe Run Road, Ararat, VA 24053. Online condolences may be made at [www.moodyfuneralservices.com](http://www.moodyfuneralservices.com).

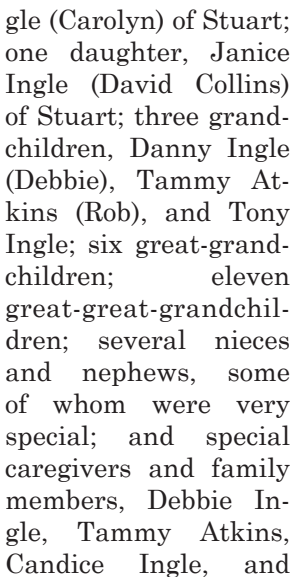
Mrs. Smart is survived by her loving husband of 64 years, Arlis Kirby Smart; five daughters, Arlisa Johnson of Stuart, Anissa Smart of Spencer, Autumn Smith (Jeff) of Elkton, Annika Smart of Elkin, North

Left to cherish the memories of Mr. Ingle are one son, James In-

Wolfe's collar bone was broken during the physical altercation when both he and the man fell to the ground, the sheriff said. Wolfe was able



## James “Lyle” Ingle



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. If desired, memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Patrick County Chapter, P.O. Box 1301, Stuart, Virginia 24171. Moody Funeral Home is in charge of the services, and online condolences may be sent by visiting [www.moodyfuneralservices.com](http://www.moodyfuneralservices.com).

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Lesia Hazelwood, Sue Forrest, and all the caregivers at Blue Ridge Nursing Center for the care Pa was given over the years.

He will be truly missed by all who love him, until we meet again.

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.

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

McAdams is being held in the Patrick County jail without bond.

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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 flag.*

*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 wisely.

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!

## 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.

**Henry County:** 10 – 11:30 a.m., Henry County Administration Building, Summerlin Room - Board of Supervisors Meeting Chambers, 3300 Kings Mountain Road, Martinsville.

**Patrick County:** 12:30 2 p.m., Patrick County Administration Building, Conference Room, 106 Rucker Street, Stuart.

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## BIBLE TRIVIA

BY WILSON CASEY

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

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  - 34 Inner self, to Jung
  - 36 Quarterback Manning
  - 37 Eight minus two
  - 38 Nav. officer
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  - 47 Auto exhaust and such
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  - 54 Nav. officer
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  - 78 English lav
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  - 90 Total up wrongly
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  - 93 Hot tub site
  - 94 More subtle, as a point
  - 95 Presidential hopeful's bid
  - 100 Old Icelandic literary work
  - 101 Dais stand
  - 102 Suffix with cannon
  - 103 "Oh, gross!"
  - 105 President pro —
  - 106 Fighting it out
  - 108 Thor and Indra
  - 113 Spanish for "hand"
  - 117 Forbid
  - 118 "Symposium" philosopher
  - 119 Peter out
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  - 7 Savory jelly
  - 8 — Vader
  - 9 "You beat me this game"
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  - 11 Prayer ender
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  - 13 Prompt for the iPhone's personal assistant
  - 14 Nateness to a certain region only
  - 15 In the style of
  - 16 Agatha Christie's title
  - 17 Tehran locale
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  - 19 "Cheers" actor Roger
  - 25 Eight plus two
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  - 49 "Ltd." cousin
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  - 60 Keep — head (stay calm)
  - 61 "Have a bite"
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  - 68 Nail coating
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  - 70 "Be there shortly"
  - 72 Small racer in a groove
  - 73 Grew irate
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  - 75 Escort in "The Hunger Games"
  - 77 Brew colored from oxidation
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  - 99 Syringe parts
  - 104 Most crooked
  - 107 At least one
  - 109 Welcomes to one's home
  - 110 Of service above a crib
  - 111 Snooped (around)
  - 112 Arrive at
  - 113 Skirt style
  - 114 Yemen city
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**ORDER OF PUBLICATION** Case No. CL24000569-00  
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  
It is ORDERED that KNOWN AND/OR UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LENA GIELLE appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before NOVEMBER 26, 2024.  
OCTOBER 25, 2024

*[Signature]* Clerk

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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)  
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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 liberties.

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 Corrections.

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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# 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 on-line 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.

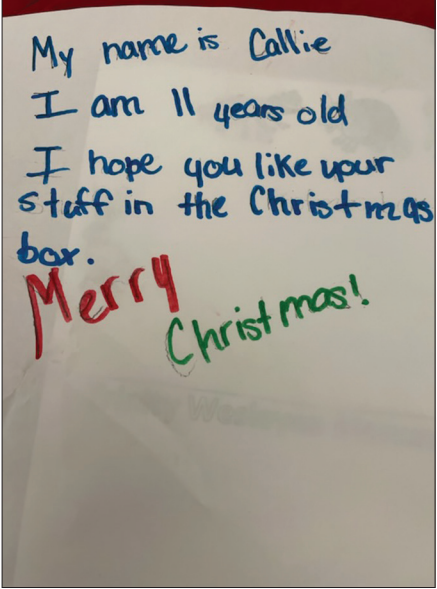
Some donors even choose to pack boxes in honor of loved ones. "You can do it in memory or honor of your parents or spouses," Tammy Hubbard said, noting that it's a meaningful way to give back. Each box can be tracked after it's sent to the processing center, allowing donors to follow their gift's journey.

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



Volunteers prepare shoe boxes for 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 worldwide.



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.samaritanspurse.org>.

## 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 Dan**  
November 18-20 – November 2 to 4 p.m.  
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 for the annual Creative Writing Contest sponsored by The Enterprise.

The contest is open to all Patrick County students.

To be considered for publication, entries of up to 1,500 words must be typed and received via email to [dhall@theenterprise.net](mailto:dhall@theenterprise.net). Submissions of more than 1,500 words are ineligible.

Entries must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 6.

To be considered for publication,

each entry must include the first and last name of the student, the grade level and school (if applicable).

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in three grade levels: K-3, 4 through 7, and 8 to 12.

Winners may claim a prize by calling The Enterprise, (276) 694-3101.

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**\*\*Prizes must be claimed by Jan. 30, 2025.**

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# Bio Blitz at Fairystone State Park

An enthusiastic large group of citizen scientists of all ages searched for wildlife during the recent Bio Blitz at Fairystone State Park. A BioBlitz is an event that focuses on finding and identifying as many species as possible in a specific area over a short period of time. Findings are recorded and uploaded to a database for future reference.

The diverse wildlife in Fairystone Park didn't disappoint with the identification of many plant and animal

species including macroinvertebrates, reptiles, amphibians, fish, birds, and mammals, and a variety of plants.

The event was organized and led by Jessica Bickwell of Fairystone State Park and assisted by Herpetologist Dr. Adriana Kuhn, of the Virginia Museum of Natural History, Master Naturalists, Master Gardeners, Park Rangers, DRBA and many citizen scientist volunteers. Contact the park to take part in future Bio Blitzes and other park activities.

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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 Communication Center received a disturbance call at 1199 New Hope



Rodney Aaron 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 release.

Turner is being held in the Patrick County Jail without bond.

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