

# Festival of Lights to Illuminate DeHart Park with Community Spirit, Holiday Cheer



Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus will be onsite nightly during the 11-nights of the fourth annual Festival of Lights. (Photos are from the 2023 festival)



The festival will feature 58 different light displays created by local businesses, churches, organizations, families, and individuals.



The Festival of Lights will be held Friday, December 13 through Monday December 23. It is open Sunday through Thursday from 6-8 p.m., and on Fridays and Saturdays from 6-9 p.m.



**By Taylor Boyd**  
The fourth annual Festival of Lights at DeHart Park is set to dazzle attendees from Friday, Dec. 13, through Monday, Dec. 23. Open from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and extended until 9 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, the event promises holiday magic for visitors of all ages.  
Co-sponsored by the Patrick County Chamber of Commerce and Patrick County Tourism, the festival aims to raise funds for DeHart Park while uniting the community. Amy Corns, chairman of the Stuart Parks & Recreation Association Fundraising Committee,

emphasized the inclusive nature of the event. “I don’t want this to be a Stuart festival of lights; I want this to be a Patrick County Festival of Lights,” Corns said. “I want children, schools, and businesses from every area of the county. I want little ones to have something to do, and I want the older adults to have something to do. This is really just an event that everyone can enjoy. It gets people out at our park, but it also raises money for multiple groups without our county,” she said.  
Like the last two Festival of Lights, Corns said proceeds from the festival will help make the park’s bathrooms compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). She estimated \$60,000 has already been raised toward the \$75,000 goal.



“We are 75 percent done raising the money for the bathrooms. So, we’re hoping that this year will just put us over the top to be able to do the bathrooms. We’re just wrapping that up and hoping that we can get the ball rolling into 2025 to get the bathrooms started and done,” she said.  
This year’s festival features 58 light displays created by local businesses, churches, organizations, families, and individuals. Admission costs \$10 per vehicle — only cash will be accepted, with unlimited loops through the circular display area.  
“I think that’s one thing that you don’t get at other light shows. At other light shows, you drive through one time and that’s your time. Where ours is a circle drive, you come in and you can drive through as many times as you want to. You can really go slow, you can enjoy the event. I think a lot of people really, (See Festival of Lights p. 2)

## Man charged with murder in connection with shooting incident

A Patrick Springs man was in custody after allegedly shooting and killing his wife, Patrick County Sheriff Dan Smith said in a December 3 release.  
Bennie Lee King, of 1271 Stella Road, called the Patrick County Sheriff’s Office 911 Communications Center at 3:51 p.m., on Monday, December 2, and allegedly told the operator that he had just shot and killed his wife, according to the sheriff.  
Smith said he, Maj. Rob Coleman and Sgt. Mike Harris, were the first to arrive at the scene of the home on Stella Road. According to the sheriff, King came out of the front of the home armed with a handgun.  
King was allegedly pointing the gun at his head saying that he “wanted to die,” according to Smith.  
After what Smith described as “a tense standoff,” King complied with officers’ commands to drop his weapon and was taken into custody without further incident.  
Alexis King, 64, was found deceased on the front porch of the residence.  
“I have known both of these families for decades, this is a heartbreaking event in our com-



munity and has caught us completely off guard,” Smith said in the release on Tuesday.  
King was charged with first degree murder and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony. The Virginia State Police, Commonwealth’s Attorney Dayna Bobbitt and staff, and Patrick County Emergency Management assisted at the scene.  
King is being held without bond.  
The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information regarding this incident can confidentially contact Patrick County Sheriff’s Lt. Steve Austin, (276) 692-5950.

## Early deadlines, holiday closings set

The Enterprise Office will be closed Monday, Dec. 23 through Friday, Dec. 27 to allow us to spend time with our families.  
We will check emails periodically. To reach us, email Debbie Hall, [dhall@theenterprise.net](mailto:dhall@theenterprise.net) or Pat Delaney, [submissions@theenterprise.net](mailto:submissions@theenterprise.net).  
The office will reopen at 9 a.m. on Dec. 30, with regular hours through Dec. 31.  
It will be closed on Wednesday, Jan. 1, and reopen with regular hours on Thursday, Jan. 2.  
**Early deadlines:**  
For the Dec. 25 edition, items for the Community Calendar and Classified section must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 19.  
We wish you and yours the happiest and merriest of holidays.

## Tis the Season



Youngsters posed with Santa, the man of the hour. He made an appearance at many of the festivities.



A toddler is in awe after the Grand Illumination Tree Lighting ceremony.



“Strength Through Community” was the theme for this year’s Patrick County Christmas Parade, with Lauren Worley and Kaylee Stanley — who each overcame tremendous odds, selected as Grand Marshals, along with their respective family members. Lauren (left) and Kaylee (right) are pictured at the Grand Illumination Tree Lighting ceremony. (Photos courtesy of Patrick County Tourism)

From the Mistletoe Market and Grand Illumination Tree Lighting to the annual Christmas Parade, traditional holiday activities in Patrick County got underway in earnest last

weekend during Hometown Christmas in Stuart celebrations.

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# Festival of Lights

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really enjoy that fact,” Corns said.

Last year, Corns said the 11-night event averaged more than 100 cars per night, with anywhere from one to five people per car.

“I would estimate we pull in about 5,000 through the event,” she said.

Visitors’ zip codes will be collected this year to track the festival’s reach, which Corns noted extends to areas such as Henry County, Galax, Danville, and parts of North Carolina. “Places all around,” she said, adding the festival “really does pull a lot of tourists into our area.”

Corns said there will also be two display contests this year that visitors can vote in – one for the best display and the best elementary school display. The winning elementary school will receive a free pool party courtesy of DeHart Park.

Like last year, Corns said local groups will be brought in to raise money by selling a variety of goodies.

“This year, we have a group coming every single night. So, every night there will

be some type of baked goods or coffee or hot chocolate,” she said.

While some are businesses, like Olivia’s Goodie Shop and Sugar Shack – Donuts & Coffee, Corns said other local groups, like the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, the Patrick County High School (PCHS) Boys’ Basketball Team also are expected, and the Senior Beta Club will be setting up.

“Each group has something different to sell each night, but I’m just excited that other groups are able to benefit from the Festival of Lights as well,” she said.

Carolers, including groups from local churches and schools, will perform nightly under picnic shelters. Caroling groups that include the Mayo Mountain Church, PCHS Praise and Worship Team, PCHS Band, Harvest Worship Center, Stuart Elementary School Jr. Beta, Stuart Elementary School cheerleaders, and more will perform while Christmas music airs on WHEO.

Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus will make nightly appearances, with a special Christ-

mas Pajama Night on Sunday, Dec. 15, where visitors can meet Santa and create ornaments at the Fab Lab. Then, visitors will be able to go into the Patrick & Henry Community College (P&HCC) and visit the jolly old elf with the PCHS JV Cheer Team.

“The park will be giving away one free ornament to each family. Then, the families will be able to design other ornaments. I think they’re like \$1 apiece if they want to design or engrave personalized ornaments” from the Fab Lab, Corns said.

A program created especially for the festival will detail the organization’s mission, list every 2024 park sponsor, and each display, Corns said. A QR code is included in the program— a link to the website where votes can be cast for a favorite display.

Discount coupons, which expire December 31, for some local businesses also are included in the program.

For more information, visit Facebook.com/DeHartPark-StuartParks&RecreationAssociation.

# Tis the Season

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The Grand Illumination attracted a large crowd.



The Mistletoe Market.



Horses and riders are always a welcome addition to the Patrick County Christmas Parade.

# Pets of the Week



This female Labrador mix (left) is approximately 5 to 6 months old. She is looking for a furever home.

An adult Great Pyrenees mix (right) is in search of work. This female would be a great addition to any family.

For more information, call the Patrick County Public Animal Shelter (PCPAS), (276) 694-6259, or visit its Facebook page to view other available pets. Adoption fees are \$10 and include spay/neuter and a rabies vaccination.

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

# AVRS honors Bowman, Fulk at annual meeting

The Ararat Volunteer Rescue Squad (AVRS) is highlighting “one of Patrick County’s finest: Mary “Leann” Bowman. A veteran of Advanced Life Support (ALS), Leann is both a dedicated volunteer AVRS and a full-time employee of Jeb Stuart Rescue. At the annual Christmas Dinner on December 2, the AVRS recognized Ms. Bowman as the “ALS Provider of the Year” for responding to the highest number of ALS calls in the AVRS district as a volunteer.

When asked about her work, Ms. Bowman proudly said, “I serve.”

Those who know Leann can attest to this, as she actively serves the citizens of Patrick County at Jeb Stuart and dedicates her free time to volunteering with AVRS, providing life-saving assistance to the Ararat community. Additionally, she serves her church family at Trinity Baptist Church and volunteers with Red Bank Ruritans.

Pictured with Leann is another valuable member of the AVRS and Patrick County’s EMS community, Captain Mike Fulk. Mike has served the Ararat community for several years. He also was recognized on December 2, as “EMT of the Year” and “EVOC of the Year” in the AVRS district. He embodies a true servant heart, and his dedication is evident as he represents Patrick County on various EMS committees.

Mike also contributes his time at his home



church, Hunter’s Chapel, and with the Red Bank and Ararat Ruritans. As Patrick County counts its blessings this holiday season, Ms. Bowman and Mr. Fulk are two incredible individuals who help keep our Ararat community safe and healthy.

If you would like to volunteer as a certified member or in a support role, the AVRS would love to welcome your talents to the AVRS family. Contact them at Ararat Volunteer Rescue Squad,

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# Circuit Court Clerk’s Office upgrades concealed handgun permits

Beginning January 1, Morgan Boothe, Circuit Court Clerk, said the office will begin issuing hard plastic concealed carry permits to replace the paper cardstock permits that are currently being issued. The new hard cards will offer better durability to the citizens of Patrick County, eliminating the need to laminate the paper cards and reducing the worry of the cards being destroyed with everyday wear and tear.

The cost of the new hard permits will increase from \$15 to \$20 and replacement permits will increase from \$10 to \$15. Applications for new permits and renewals may be downloaded on the Virginia State Police website at [vsp.virginia.gov](http://vsp.virginia.gov) or they may be picked up at the Clerk’s Office.

As a reminder, new applicants must complete an in-person gun training and provide a certificate of completion with your application. You may apply up to 6 months in advance of expiration date for renewals.

Call the Clerk’s Office at (276) 694-7213 with any questions.

# Nutrient Management Training to be held in January

The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation’s Nutrient Management Program will offer a two-part agriculture nutrient management training school in January. The school is for anyone interested in learning about the development of agricultural nutrient management plans or how to become a certified nutrient management plan writer.

The first session, Jan. 9-10, is a lecture series by Virginia Tech professors on soil science, soil fertility and crop production. The two-day soils and crop lecture series will be hosted through Microsoft Teams.

The second session, Jan. 14-16, will cover nutrient management plan writing using a case-study farm. The three-day plan writing training will be in-person at Brightpoint Community College in Midlothian, Virginia.

Each day will run from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Registration is \$150 for each session with a deadline of Dec. 30. Registration is available online at [www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil-and-water/nmtrain](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil-and-water/nmtrain).

Contact Stephanie Dawley at 804-382-3911 or [Stephanie.Dawley@dcr.virginia.gov](mailto:Stephanie.Dawley@dcr.virginia.gov) for additional details.

# Patrick County High School Beta Members Participate in Leadership Summit

By Kaydence Harman  
Patrick County High School

National Beta members from Patrick County High School are celebrating their recent participation in the Virginia Leadership Summit. They were announced as qualifiers of the following challenges: Lead Outside the Box, Project Proposal, Collaboration Connection, and Leadership Training.

Conner Wood, Thomas Eckman, Dhrithik Tanna, Bryan Clark, and Draysin Maselli competed in the Lead Outside the Box challenge. Thomas Eckman, Isobel Clay, Dhrithik Tanna, Bryan Clark, and Draysin Maselli took part in the Project Proposal challenge. Thomas Eckman, Dhrithik Tanna, Bryan Clark, Draysin Maselli, and Callie Wood entered the Collaboration Connections Challenge. Lastly, Thomas Eckman, Isobel Clay, Dhrithik Tanna, Bryan Clark, and Callie Wood were competitors in Leadership Training.

National Beta Leadership Summits bring together students from multiple states for one to two day events. During that time, students work with interactive speakers who engage members through introspective exercises and team-building activities. Clubs can also participate in team-based leadership challenges which test their communication, critical thinking, creativity, presentation, and collaboration skills. Their victories at this level provide the opportunity to compete at the national level. The National Convention will be held at the Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center in Orlando, FL, during Summer 2025.

The Beta Club has provided many opportunities for students’ service hours. Students have volunteered their time with various community organizations including PCPS elementary schools’ Fall Festivals, the annual Patrick County Fair, and the PCHS Coug-



Leadership Summit VA 2024.25 Plaques

ar Treat provided for Pre-K through first-grade students. Members are fundraising, preparing for the state convention in February 2025, and practicing for competitions at the state convention.

With more than 500,000 active members and 14,000 clubs nationally and internationally, National Beta has become the nation’s largest independent, non-profit, educational youth organization. National Beta promotes the ideals of academic achievement, character, service, and leadership among elementary and secondary school students. National Junior Beta includes grades 4-8 and National Senior Beta includes grades 9-12. Visit [betaclub.org](http://betaclub.org) for more information.



# Grant to Preserve Local Records awarded to Patrick County Circuit Court

The Library of Virginia announced that the Circuit Court Records Preservation (CCRP) program has awarded Patrick County Circuit Court Clerk Morgan Boothe a \$42,397 grant for local records preservation. The funds were used to conserve Deed Book 14, 1851-1854; Marriage Records 1-460, 1791-1853; 461-650, 1791-1853; 651-802, 1791-1853; 803-978, 1791-1853; 979-1126, 1791-1853 stored in her office.

“These records are history on paper, so it’s very important to make sure they’re taken care of. I’m thankful to the Library of Virginia for establishing and approving our grant application, and for KOFILE for always doing a great job with the records,” said Boothe.

Since 1990, the CCRP has awarded over 2,000 grants totaling more than \$35,000,000. This year, the program awarded \$3.2 million to 101 localities to assist the clerks’ offices with their preservation efforts.

The CCRP is a collaborative program between the Library of Virginia and the Virginia Court Clerks Association (VCCA). Funded through a \$3.50 portion of the clerk’s recordation fee, the CCRP provides resources to help preserve and make accessible permanent circuit court records stored in the 120 circuit courts and at the Library of Virginia. For more information on the Circuit Court Records Preservation Program’s resources and services, please visit [www.lva.virginia.gov](http://www.lva.virginia.gov).

# Tourism Office Secures State Marketing Funds to Boost Small Businesses

Patrick County Tourism is among 108 local programs in Virginia set to benefit from matching marketing funds designed to increase visits to small businesses. Announced last week by Gov. Glenn Youngkin, the initiative will distribute over \$581,607 through the Virginia Tourism Corporation’s Microbusiness Marketing Leverage Program (MMLP).

Patrick County will receive \$2,990 for its Fall Travel Initiative through the program that is designed to amplify off-season tourism by leveraging local marketing budgets with matching state funds, boosting visitation and traveler spending in quieter months.

“This funding cycle, local partners will commit more than \$700,168 in private-public sector funds to match the VTC funding, providing more than \$1.29 million in new marketing activity focused on increasing off-season visitation to Virginia’s small tourism-oriented businesses and events,” Youngkin’s office noted in a press release.

The MMLP, now supporting 108 marketing programs, will benefit 432 combined partners and sustain over 1,050 full-time and part-time jobs statewide.

“Tourism is a powerful economic driver, and VTC’s grant programs are an important part of Virginia’s growth trajectory toward becoming an all-season destination,” said Youngkin. “By leveraging public-private partnerships, these programs support Virginia’s creative, outdoor, and small business-based tourism economy and will draw thousands of additional visitors to Virginia.”

The MMLP encourages local collaborations between cities, towns, counties, and businesses to maximize marketing dollars. Through its “hub and spoke” tourism model, the program promotes multi-day itineraries that link attractions, cultural events, and small businesses. Matching funds will be deployed to attract visitors during holidays, late winter, and spring break, offering vital support for Virginia’s tourism economy.

Southwest Virginia, which faced challenges from Hurricane Helene, will receive \$168,675 of the total funding to aid recovery and stimulate tourism in the affected areas.

Small businesses, a cornerstone of Virginia’s tourism industry, benefit significantly from the program. The MMLP enhances marketing efforts, helping local businesses attract visitors during the off-season and fostering economic resilience. This funding also reflects the state’s ongoing commitment to maintaining its status as a leading destination for travelers.

Virginia, recently named CNBC’s 2024 Top State for Business, continues to prioritize partnerships that elevate its tourism sector. Additional VTC grant opportunities are scheduled throughout 2024. Interested organizations can find details at [vatc.org/grants](http://vatc.org/grants).

The VTC’s latest initiative underscores the critical role tourism plays in driving economic growth while highlighting the unique appeal of Virginia’s small businesses, cultural attractions, and natural beauty. Through strategic public-private collaborations, the state positions itself as a year-round destination for visitors nationwide.

# Holiday Scam Survey

As online holiday shopping ramps up, so do scam attempts. A new AARP survey shows that over 80% of adults have faced some form of holiday-related fraud, yet many of us are unaware of scammers’ tactics – especially online.

The AARP holiday scams survey identified three specific threat areas: online shopping scams, gift cards with zero balance scams, and shipping scams. Here are tips to keep yourself safe from these deceptive tactics this winter.

When shopping online, visit sites you know and trust, and avoid clicking on offers or advertisements for deep discounts on hot items. The safest way to give a gift card is by purchasing it online through the retailer’s website. Check the balance when you receive a card and use it sooner than later. Lastly, if you receive a text claiming ‘problems’ with a shipment, don’t engage with it; if you are concerned about the status of a package, contact the shipper directly.

Report scams to local law enforcement. For help from AARP, call 877-908-3360 or visit the AARP Fraud Watch Network at [www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork](http://www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork).



# The Legislator and the Ombudsman

During the recent election season, many congressional candidates who voted against various spending bills were criticized by their opponents for voting against those bills and yet working to get money for their districts from programs authorized by said bills.

I submit to you, it is not disingenuous but a misunderstanding of the role of Congress. This may require you to remember your civics lessons from school.

At its core, any member of U.S. Congress has two significantly different roles.

One comes in the realm of policy. We are policymakers, and that means drafting legislation, analyzing bills, suggesting changes and then voting for or against the legislation.

Further, the policymaker is tasked to meet with stakeholders, address witnesses in committee, and attend numerous forums.

Whenever I weigh decisions on supporting or opposing a particular bill, I always consider if the bill is in the best interests of my constituents.

What's confusing is once a bill is passed, the legislator switches from the classic policymaker role to an ombudsman role.

The ombudsman role of a Congressman is interfacing with the government for their constituents.

My office can help folks with their passports, assist in inquiries related to federal matters and provide insight on federal grant applications.

Further, the ombudsman role includes working with constituents, whether it be an individual, institution or another government agency, in receiving benefits passed by Congress.



**Morgan Griffith**

Representative

The money is going to be spent, whether I approve of the underlying policy or not. And as an ombudsman, it is my duty to help get federal assistance for projects in the Ninth.

Because of these two different roles, some will misleadingly claim a lawmaker is not being consistent when they voted against the underlying bill but applaud the money coming to the district.

But it's not that simple.

Why you may ask? Let me explain.

Legislation X may come in the form of a government spending bill, where massive numbers of programs are funded in bills that may be thousands of pages.

Voting against the bill is a policy decision. When voting no, I, like many lawmakers, will have determined that the overall bill, despite some good in it, will do more harm than good.

Once the bill becomes law, however, in my role as an ombudsman, it is my job to get money for my district.

One example of this is the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). I voted against the bill, which injected billions of dollars into the economy in an effort to advance a Green New Deal agenda, funded the hiring of 87,000 new Internal Revenue Service (IRS) agents, and place new regulations and requirements on some prescription drugs.

The IRA passed and became law.

At that point, the

provisions in the bill allowed for any number of clean energy projects to come about. Projects in the Ninth District became eligible to receive federal dollars, such as a lumber grader for a lumber company. Further, the IRA included a tax credit provision for zero-emissions nuclear power production, promoting an energy source that can produce safer, more affordable energy at a more efficient rate.

If the bill only had money directed towards nuclear power production, or the timber industry, I likely would have supported it.

But the bill was massive, and most of it in my opinion was a waste of taxpayer dollars. As the legislator, I voted no. As the ombudsman, I applauded these reasonable projects.

A separate project under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), known as the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program, authorized investments for the deployment of broadband service to areas of the country that lack sufficient high-speed internet, including rural areas.

After the IIJA's passage, Governor Youngkin submitted Virginia's BEAD application. Other state applications were approved during this time, while it remained to be seen if Virginia's application was accepted or denied.

This year, I pressed an official from the National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) on why Virginia's application hadn't been approved. To me, Youngkin's proposal was a great plan to close the digital divide and equip rural Virginia with access to broadband.

Following the hearing, Virginia's application was approved. I did not vote for the IIJA as the legislator, but as the ombudsman, I was happy to press federal officials to help Virginia and the Ninth District.

I may not always believe in the underlying bill, but nonetheless, once it is law, I will not stop advocating for you, your businesses and our region.

Call the Abingdon office at (276) 525-1405, the Christiansburg office at 540-381-5671, or email by visiting [www.morgangriffith.house.gov](http://www.morgangriffith.house.gov) with questions or comments.

# Holiday eating - December pleasures, holiday regret?

We don't have to eat ourselves to death to enjoy the holidays. I'm including myself when I say this. I gained two pounds just from Thanksgiving day alone. I had finally lost a few pounds and presto, faster than the twinkling of an eye I gained two back.

It's easy to do. I ate generous portions of ham and turkey, along with derby pie (two pieces), oatmeal cake and sweet potato pie. Yum yum it was so darn good!

To show for my eating frenzy is some added weight and a high blood sugar number the next day. There are consequences to such pleasure!

If I get into my holiday rut of eating peanut butter fudge, cherry candy and every Christmas cookie that comes my way, I am certain to gain five pounds and probably more between now and New Year's Eve. I really don't want to look at January 1, 2025 with another resolution that includes spending all of 2025 trying to lose all the damage I did in December of 2024.

Thus, I have decided to attempt to lose a few pounds in December leading up to Christmas Eve. I'll probably blow it on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day because my wife is a phenomenal cook and everything she makes tastes so good. Most likely on Christmas Day, I'll gain a pound or two back, if I can really lose it. It's just scary how I've lost it so many times but it keeps finding me. There has to be some kind of device that fat has implanted in me because it keeps finding where I am!

You have to decide for yourself. Eat, drink, be merry and regret it in January or just say to heck with it and get fatter and fatter. If you

don't care, nobody else cares. It's up to us individually.

Here's a question for you. Do you not know of any way to celebrate December other than eating like crazy for an entire month? There are alternatives. Try singing Christmas songs or listening to Christmas music. Watch Christmas movies. Send out Christmas cards. Go to a mall somewhere or Walmart and walk for an hour or so three or four times a week. Call people and wish them Merry Christmas. Take some of those goodies to a local nursing home. Take your tree down and put it back up again, anything but eating non-stop.

It's your life and your one body that God gave to you. I'm not pointing my finger at anybody because I would have four pointing back at me.

Food is a blessed gift from God. So, enjoy your food and let's give God thanks for every bite because so many people have so little to eat. There's another idea, share some of your goodies with the homeless.

My hope and prayer is that our December season will be filled with joy. Enjoy it all but just know January is right around the corner. How much do you want to have to lose in 2025? How bad do you want to feel on January 1?

It's so true that life is short and we should enjoy every day. However, shouldn't we make some effort to try to make this brief life just a few years longer so we can enjoy a few more holidays? Of course, even if you try to eat healthy and exercise you may still die young, but maybe you will die feeling better.

Dr. Glenn Mollette is read in all 50 states. Find out more at [GlenMollette.com](http://GlenMollette.com)

# Setting Limits for Kids

Stress is taking its toll on the very youngest Americans. The number of preschool children on antidepressants jumped more than 200 percent between 1991 and 1995. Ritalin use for 2 to 4-year-olds during that same time shot up 300 percent in Midwestern states.[1]

Let's face it: A stressed lifestyle can become a behavioral addiction that we pass on to our children. Overloaded schedules, junk food, a frantic pace, mind-numbing and nerve-racking entertainment, and constant media bombardment are harming our livelihood. They all contribute to the neglect of family, good nutrition, regular exercise, relaxation, time for reflection, and sane sleep schedules.

Psychiatrist Richard Winter states it this way: "When stimulation comes at us from every side, we reach a point where we cannot respond with much depth to anything. Bombarded with so much that is exciting and demands our attention, we tend to become unable to discriminate and choose from among the many options. The result is that we shut down our attention to everything." [2] Coupled with a diet that is stimulating but not strengthening, mental and nervous system health are sure to suffer. Not to mention the other more noticeable health indicators such as cholesterol, weight, and blood pressure—even in children.

Setting limits on children's behavior, diet, schedules, and activities plays an important part in controlling their stress levels. When parents set limits on behavior, it helps children develop self-control. It also communicates the parents' expectations and helps build consistency and security into children's lives.

Besides limiting sweets and junk food, parents need to set limits on diet by providing children with plenty of fresh fruit, whole grains, and vegetables. These steps will help parents protect their children from undue weight-gain and lifestyle diseases that affect both physical and mental function.

By setting limits on schedules and activities, parents protect children from unrealistic expectations and excessive drain of emotional and physical energy. It also helps them build structure into their lives.

Developing a consistent family schedule that includes regular times for meals, chores, going to bed, doing homework, and family fun helps a child develop a sense of security, responsibility, and community. This will help them contribute in a positive way as they grow up.

Despite what they may tell you, children want to know what the rules are. It is important for parents to draw the line between acceptable and unacceptable behavior. According to Ellen Galinsky, a child development expert, "Limits make children feel safe." [3] When a parent cares enough to prevent a child from doing something that is seriously out of line, the child feels more secure and trustful.

Establishing regular family worship provides time for reflection, interaction, and the development of conscience. Replacing meaningless entertainment with quality family time and social interaction will benefit children by helping them develop the ability to set boundaries, build self-esteem, and create a social environment that helps prevent at-risk behavior. Perhaps most important, it helps parents keep a check on their own priorities, schedules, and commitments! After all, that's what children tend to copy.

[1] Global health at the crossroads: Surgeon General's report on the 50th World Health Assembly. Satcher D. JAMA 1999 Mar;281(10)942-3.

[2] Winter R. Still Bored in a Culture of Entertainment (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2002) p. 36.

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# Patrick Pioneers

Charles Tobias Yeatts and Susan Stella Barnard

By Beverly Belcher Woody

Last week, we looked at the remarkable life of Dr. Roy Oliver Yeatts and his wife Helen Hambley Yeatts. This week, we will learn about Dr. Yeatts' parents, Charles Tobias "Tobe" Yeatts and Susan "Stella" Barnard and his siblings.

Charles Tobias "Tobe" Yeatts was born in Patrick County to Henry Fielding Yeatts and Caron Aquilla Boswell Yeatts. Henry Fielding Yeatts fought for the Confederacy, but I can't confirm which regiment. In his wife Caron's pension application, Colonel Abram Staples and Haman Critz were listed as two of his comrades in arms. The application states that Henry Fielding Yeatts contracted measles while with the militia in Norfolk. Yeatts' 2x great niece, Gerry Yeatts Scardo, stated that while he was in the hospital with measles, he had to drink water from a mop bucket. The Yeatts family took a wagon to the hospital where he was staying and brought him back home. Dr. John Bishop was in attendance at Yeatts passing. Henry Fielding Yeatts was survived by his wife, Caron and children Henrietta, George, John Henry, and Tobe Yeatts.

Tobe married Susan "Stella" Barnard on the 28th of September 1899 in Patrick County. Susan "Stella" Barnard was the daughter of John Jehu Barnard and Nancy Adeline Wood of Meadows of Dan. Stella had five brothers, Therides; John Tirea; Jehu Osmond; James Thomas; and William Alexander Barnard and one sister, Sarah Ellen Barnard Reynolds. When Stella's mother, Nancy passed away in 1891, John Jehu Barnard remarried the following year to Virginia Alice Orander and they had five more children, Isham Juston; Alvin Meyric; Guy Garfield; and Jennings Burch Barnard and one sister, Missouri Lois Barnard Harris.

John Jehu Barnard had led a very interesting life, he served in the 50th Virginia Infantry, Company K during the Civil War. Barnard was captured at Spotsylvania Courthouse in May of 1864 and was held as a prisoner of war at Elmira, New York and Point Look-out. When the war was over, Barnard returned to Patrick County and served as a county surveyor for eight years, taught school, and was the first postmaster of Mayberry in 1872.

Barnard moved his young family to Pueblo, Colorado in the late 1870's and was only there for a brief period of time. In the 1880 United States Census, Barnard, his wife Nancy Adeline, and children, Therides, age 7; John Tirea, age 5; Jehu Osmond, age 3; and James Thomas, age 2 were listed as living in Pueblo, Colorado, but by the time daughter, Susan "Stella" was born on the 19th of December 1880, the family was living back in Patrick County.

Stella and Tobe Yeatts first child, Roy Oliver was born the 2nd of October 1900 in Mayberry, Virginia. Foy Osmond Yeatts was born two years to the day after his older brother Roy,

followed by May Agnes in 1904; Amy Maude in 1905; and Evy Venus in 1908.

In an interview with Tootsie Cas-sell Pilson in 1984, Dr. Roy Yeatts recounted what life was like growing up in Kettle Hollow near Mayberry Trading Post, "The section I grew up in was a mountainous area and the house I was born in was a frame building which boasted of a huge fireplace on one wall. All the cooking was done in the fireplace, and one of my fondest memories was corn bread baked in a Dutch oven over the fire."

Dr. Yeatts further recalled, "When my mother made lye soap, it was my job to carry water from the spring to dip the lye. To make lye soap we used a 55-gallon oak drum with a number of holes in the bottom. The drum was filled with six inches of straw and filled the rest of the way with ashes from the fireplace. Water was poured over the ashes and dripped through the bottom into a large pan, this washed the lye out of the ashes. This solution was put into a kettle along with fat that was saved from the kitchen and that was taken from the animals we ate. This was cooked with lye until it was a soupy brown mixture and was used as household soap. At times, my mother would add salt to this soap turning it white, and this was cut into bars and used as hand soap."

Dr. Yeatts recalled trips to the store, "Gathering chestnuts was quite a thing, and I remember when a large chestnut tree grew in our yard. We picked the chestnuts from this tree and sold them to the Cephus Scott store which is now Mayberry Trading Post. Many times, Mother sent me to the store with a basket of eggs. Back then, they sold for three cents per doz-en."

"I was six years old," said Dr. Yeatts, "when my father hired Oregon Yeatts and two other men to build us a new home about 300 feet from our old home. Papa hired Winn Barnard to dig out a new spring close by. A new spring house was also built, and along with this a trench was cut out for the water to flow in. This was where we kept our milk and butter."

Around 1910, Tobe and Stella Barnard Yeatts made the decision to move their young family to Montana. Two of Stella's older brothers were already out there and writing glowing reports of vast, fertile farmland that could be bought from the Native Americans in the Fort Peck area. Tobe sold their new house and land to his brother, John Henry Yeatts and their livestock and furniture to other family members in Mayberry. The family traveled to Christiansburg where they sold their horse and wagon and boarded a train headed for Montana.

Upon arriving in Saco, Montana, the family purchased 1,000 acres of land north of the Missouri River near the Fort Peck Indian Reservation. Shortly after arriving in Montana, little Evy Venus Yeatts died, she was only two years old. Tobe and Stella's dreams were further shattered when cattlemen cut their fences and made threats



Barnard Family Reunion in Saco, Montana 1963



Jehu Barnard and Lois Barnard Harris

against them. The couple decided to sell their land and move back to Saco.

Tobe and Stella welcomed their son, Ray Alexander Yeatts, on the 21st of February 1911. Ray was born at the Deaconess Hospital in Great Falls, Montana. Their daughter, Fey Ellen Yeatts was born in 1913, followed by Imy Mildred in December 1915. You have probably noticed by now that all of Tobe and Stella's children's first names are only three letters and spells out their initials: Roy Oliver Yeatts, Foy Osmond Yeatts; May Agnes Yeatts; Amy Maude Yeatts; Evy Venus Yeatts; Ray Alexander Yeatts; Fey Ellen Yeatts; and Imy Mildred Yeatts. Pretty clever!

During World War I, the town of Nitro, West Virginia was constructed to manufacture munitions to support the war effort. The town included a powder plant and chemical facilities as well as housing for workers, a civic center, and hospital. Tobe knew he could make cash money in Nitro, West Virginia, so he decided to move there in 1918, leaving his family in Montana. His intention was to earn enough money to take back to his family in Montana. Tobe was only there for a few months before he became a victim of the flu epidemic of 1918, passing away on the 2nd of December 1918. Charles Tobias "Tobe" Yeatts was only forty-two years old; his body was shipped to Mayberry in Patrick County, Virginia for burial in the fam-



Charles T. Yeatts and Stella Barnard

ily cemetery. Stella and the children were still in Montana and were unable to attend the funeral.

At the time of his father's passing, Dr. Roy Yeatts was 18 years old, and it fell to him to support his mother and his younger siblings. Dr. Yeatts began teaching school in Saco, Montana and reported that he was paid \$105.00 for a full year's teaching. While school was on break, Dr. Yeatts worked as a bank teller. Once his siblings got older, Dr. Yeatts went to college and then on to California to medical school.

Stella never remarried and remained in Montana for the rest of her life, passing away in 1969 in Warm Springs, Deer Lodge County, Montana. Siblings Foy and Amy both settled in Chehalis, Lewis County, Washington with Foy passing away in 1972 and Amy passing in 1981. May passed away in 1989 in Hamilton, Ravalli County, Montana and Ray passed away in 1956 in Moscow, Idaho. Fey passed away in 2005 in Klickitat, Washington and Imy passed away in 2004 in Kelso, Washington.

Thank you so much to Tobe Yeatts' great niece, Gerry Yeatts Scardo, for providing information for this story. Woody may be reached at rockcastlecreek1@gmail.com or (276) 692-9626.

## Social Security Matters

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

Ask Rusty - Was Your IRMAA Article Incorrect?

Dear Rusty: In a recent article about Medicare's "Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount" (IRMAA) and how IRMAA affects Social Security taxes, you described which income gets included in the IRMAA calculation. You said it is "your combined income from all sources, including 50 % of the SS benefits you receive." That 50% number might be true in some cases, but I think a more accurate, general answer is that "your taxable SS benefit is what gets added to IRMAA." For example, we have enough income every year that we are always taxed at 85% of our SS benefit, so 85% of our SS values get added to our IRMAA. The way your answer reads, a reader of the article might think everyone has 50% of their SS benefit added to IRMAA. Signed: IRMAA Victim

Dear IRMAA Victim: I think you may have confused two terms I used when describing Medicare's "Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount" or "IRMAA." I also used the term "MAGI" (Modified Adjusted Gross Income), and it's important to distinguish between those two terms.

MAGI is what determines if the IRMAA provision applies, and IRMAA will affect how much your Medicare premium is. But MAGI is also used for another purpose - to see if your SS benefits are taxable. Your MAGI consists of your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) from your income tax return, plus

any non-taxable interest you may have had, plus 50% of the SS benefits you received during the tax year

IRMAA is a factor which will increase your monthly Medicare premium if your MAGI is over certain thresholds for your tax filing status. MAGI is used to determine if a higher Medicare premium applies, and it is also used to see if your SS benefits are subject to income tax.

Your MAGI does, indeed, always use only 50% of the SS benefits you received during the tax year (not 85% in some cases). That's because the SS contributions included in MAGI relate to SS contributions your employer paid on your behalf. Only half of your received SS benefits are used to determine MAGI because that's the amount of your SS benefits attributable to your employer's contributions. Said another way, the SS payroll tax you personally paid while working was from your taxable income, so it is not included in MAGI. But the amount your employer contributed was not taxable by the IRS and, thus, is included in MAGI. So, it's the portion of your SS benefits attributable to your employer which is included in MAGI. Thus, the terminology that MAGI is "your combined income from all sources, including 50% of the SS benefits you received during the tax year" is correct. MAGI is what determines how much of your SS benefits are taxable, but your MAGI also determines if IRMAA applies to your Medicare premiums.

Your benefits are taxable if, as a married couple filing jointly, your total MAGI exceeds \$32,000. If your MAGI is over the first threshold but less than

the 2nd threshold (\$44,000 for married filers) then 50% of the SS benefits you received during the tax year are included as part of your income taxable by the IRS. But if your MAGI goes over the 2nd threshold (\$44,000 for married filers) then up to 85% of the SS benefits you received during the tax year will be included as part of your income taxable by the IRS.

In short, MAGI determines how much of your income is subject to taxation. But MAGI is also used to determine if IRMAA applies. And how much your MAGI exceeds the separate IRMAA thresholds determines what your Medicare premium will be.

So, the article correctly states that IRMAA only counts 50% of the SS benefits received because that is what is included in MAGI (which is what determines if IRMAA applies). But the amount of SS which may be taxable income by the IRS could be up to 85% of benefits received during the tax year if your MAGI is high enough.

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Kimora Wimbush fights for the ball.



# Crossing the Lines

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

### Piedmont Regional Criminal Justice Academy Graduates 20 New Officers



The 41st class poses for a commemorative photo following the ceremony at New College Institute.

The Piedmont Regional Criminal Justice Academy celebrated the graduation of 20 officers on November 27 as part of its 41st class. The ceremony, held at the New College Institute (NCI), marked the culmination of 11 weeks of rigorous training. Among the graduates, one officer will join the Martinsville City Sheriff's Office, while 12 will bolster the ranks at the Henry County jail. Another group of officers is set to graduate on December 12.

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### Holiday Extravaganza Brings Christmas Cheer and Reflection to P&HCC Stage

The festive sounds of Christmas will fill the Walker Fine Arts Theatre at Patrick & Henry Community College as the annual Holiday Extravaganza takes center stage. The production, a dazzling revue of holiday music and dance, is brought to life by performers from the Ray Hollingsworth Dance and Arts Studio, featuring vibrant costumes and beloved holiday classics.

The show offers audiences a mix of joy and reflection, divided into two distinct acts. "Act one for us is all about the happy things of Christmas. It's Santa, it's Ms. Claus, it's Christmas movies, it's tacky sweaters, it's cookies, it's all those things," said Devin Pendleton, coordinator of Campus Life and Fine Arts at P&HCC and director of the production.

Act two, however,

dives into the more solemn side of the holiday season. "Folks have different associations with the holidays. It makes us a little more nostalgic, it makes us think about our loved ones we really miss the most at Christmas time," Pendleton explained.

A particularly poignant moment comes during a slideshow set to Mariah Carey's "Miss You Most at Christmas Time." Performers were invited to share personal photos of loved ones they are remembering this season, adding an emotional layer to the performance.

For Pendleton, the project is deeply personal. He honored his grandmother, Pat Beam—fondly known as Nanny—who served as a 911 dispatcher in Henry County. "Anytime I do holiday anything, I always lean

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Pat Beam, the inspiration for Devin Pendleton's enduring Christmas spirit. (Contributed)

into thinking about her the most. That's where I think I developed such a strong love for the holiday," Pendleton said.

Performances of Holiday Extravaganza will take place December 4-6 at 7 p.m. and December 7 at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. at the Walker Fine Arts Theatre. Tickets are \$20 in advance at [www.phccpatriotplayers.com/tickets](http://www.phccpatriotplayers.com/tickets) or \$25 at the door.



Members of the Henry County Board of Supervisors and the Bassett Volunteer Fire Department pose with the newly acquired ladder truck after the Nov. 22 meeting.

### Bassett Volunteer Fire Department purchases new ladder truck after 30 years

The Bassett Volunteer Fire Department unveiled its newly acquired ladder truck during the Nov. 22 Henry County Board of Supervisors meeting, marking a significant upgrade after retiring its 30-year-old predecessor.

Fire Chief Junior Lynch credited the acquisition to financial support from the county and state. "The board financed \$1 million for the new truck," Lynch said. "Then we received some state funds that we receive on a basis to buy fire trucks. It was our turn to receive those, which was about \$220,000, so it ended up being a little over \$1.2 million, and the truck came in right at \$1,180,000.

The remaining funds went toward equipping the truck to meet National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) stan-

dards. "They have a list of equipment for that truck that's required to meet their standards," Lynch explained, noting the purchase of tools like power saws and water supply appliances.

The department received the new truck just over two weeks ago. While it has responded to one call since its arrival, it has not yet been used for active firefighting. "It was a structure fire that we didn't need to use it, but it is in service now," Lynch said.

The previous ladder truck, purchased in 1986, had become costly to maintain, with approximately \$75,000 spent on repairs over the past decade. Lynch expressed confidence in the reliability and advanced technology of the new truck.

### Spencer-Penn Centre Hosts First Christmas Extravaganza

The Spencer-Penn Centre is bringing the holiday spirit to life with its inaugural Christmas Extravaganza on December 13. The large-scale event, designed to spread festive cheer, will feature a variety of activities for families, local vendors, and live music.

"It's going to be a great evening of Christmas fun," said Susan Sabin, the center's executive director. Inspired by a conversation with the board president about their shared love for Christmas, Sabin said the event aims to revive holiday traditions once celebrated at the old school.

The festivities will include free photos with Santa Claus, a long-standing tradition at the center. "We've always done something with Santa, and it's been so well received," Sabin said.

The evening coincides with the center's month-



A Salvation Army bell ringer stationed outside a local retailer invites donations. (Contributed)

ly music night, featuring the Country Boys, who will perform at 6:30 p.m. in Alumni Hall. "They can come listen to the music and grab their dinner," Sabin added. Concessions, including hot dogs, will be available for purchase.

Families can also shop for holiday gifts, as more than 20 local vendors will set up booths. Offerings will range from Tupperware and handcrafted holiday items to jewelry and other locally sourced goods. "It is

mostly individuals selling made items, locally sourced items," Sabin said.

The Christmas Extravaganza runs from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Admission is free for the public, though a \$5 donation is required to enter the music night. Food and music admission are cash-only, but many holiday vendors will accept cards.

The Spencer-Penn Centre is located at 475 Spencer Penn Road, Spencer, Virginia.

### Salvation Army Brings Holiday Cheer with Bell-Ringing Tradition

Each holiday season, the Salvation Army of Martinsville stations volunteers and paid workers across the area to ring bells and collect donations in their iconic red kettles. This long-standing tradition, which began in San Francisco in 1891 and added the familiar bell in 1900, supports families and individuals in need during the holidays.

In the Martinsville-Henry County area, bell ringers can be found at popular shopping locations, including Kroger, Walmart, Food Lion, and

Belk, capturing the attention of holiday shoppers.

The organization enlists volunteers through an online registration system, filling multiple time slots for bell ringing. For those seeking paid opportunities, the organization also hires a limited number of workers.

"If you would like to get paid to ring the bell full-time or part-time, you'd just have to come into our office to apply," said Tekela Redd, service center director for the local service center.




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# PATRICK PULPITS

## The warning shot has been fired

By Van Yandell

Romans 13: 1 “Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.”

“In military and police contexts, a warning shot is an intentionally harmless artillery shot or gunshot with intent to enact direct compliance and order to a hostile perpetrator or enemy forces. It is recognized as signaling intended confrontations on land, sea, and air.”

“Direct compliance” is a term we must take seriously. Warning shots are loud and clear.

The values of freedom, law and order and personal rights have been under attack for several years. By gaining a voice in national matters, citizens have made their opinions known.

God’s prophetic statement in Romans 13: 1 has become a scream for the actions and attitudes of this country. Because of the ideologies manifested, God has also made His opinion known.

Considering recent changes in the lifestyle of many Americans, the Romans 13 scripture paints a picture of certainty for the decision makers in the church and in the secular population. Are we being punished by God for our disobedience? It surely appears that way.

Our destruction was set but for some reason, God decided to give us another chance. 2 Chronicles 7: 14 may be the reason. “If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

There is a catch to this: “turn from their wicked ways,” may be a bigger challenge than we can accomplish. Or perhaps I should say, “are willing to meet.” Once these habits of godlessness have been established, they are difficult to reverse. Just ask the residents of Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19:23-29).

Lot’s wife was warned not to look back into the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. Genesis 19: 26 “But Lot’s wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.”

Just as Belshazzar saw the writing on the wall (Daniel 5), we have seen the writing on the wall. Either we straighten up our act or we face God’s judgement.

The permissiveness, anything goes attitudes of society does not work with God. He set the parameters for us in the Holy Bible and either we get with the program or we suffer and die.

Consider the places where starvation is rampant on our planet (Mark 13: 8). Consider the diseases that have invaded mankind in the last few years (Luke 21: 11). God’s warnings are happening all around us.

And the false prophets (Matthew 24: 4, 11, and 24) are on every corner and in many churches. Many claiming to be God called have written (and preached) their own

Gospel (Revelation 22: 18) and that does not set well with God.

Is there any other reasonable explanation for the conditions humans are suffering around the world simultaneously other than disobedience to our Creator? The wars occurring at this time also demonstrate the absolute validity of Jesus’ statement, (Matthew 24: 6) “there will be wars and rumors of wars.”

Romans 1:18 “The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.”

God does get angry! Judges 2:12 “And they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the LORD to anger.”

Change the time and place and this verse can easily pertain to the United States of America. When man changes the rules he soon learns (the hard way) we cannot ignore the rules of God.

We now realize the only church is the Jesus initiated church so stated in Matthew 16: 18. A return to our Creator God must be considered an imperative if we expect to survive. We have very clearly had a warning shot fired over our bow. And there will not be another chance given to this “untoward generation” (2 Timothy 3: 1-5).

Revelation 22: 18 “I testify unto every man that hears the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book.” We cannot change the Word of God any why would we want to? Pastors, evangelists, missionaries, writers and anyone else speaking or writing to promote the Gospel must adhere to the Holy Bible and omit personal opinions. Only God’s opinion matters!

If there has ever been a time that we must tell this world (Acts 1: 8) about our Glorious Savior it is now. We will not be given another chance! And if Christians don’t, no one else will.

Can we finally begin to take The Great Commission seriously? Jesus’ last command to His disciples (and that includes today’s Christians) was to “preach this Gospel to all nations.” This imperative has reached a “do-or-die” condition. Warning shots are usually only fired one time.

Without the teachings or right and wrong from The Holy Bible, how are men supposed to know the difference?

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

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## BIBLE TRIVIA

BY WILSON CASEY

1. Is the book of Bethlehem (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Where did the angel Gabriel appear to Mary saying, “Blessed art thou among women”? Nazareth, Tyre, Ninevah, Gazi
3. With perhaps two different biblical answers, who was the father of Joseph? Jacob/Heli, Gideon/Ishmael, Solomon/Nahum, Samuel/Pilate
4. Which Old Testament prophet predicted Jesus would be born in Bethlehem? Amos,

Obadiah, Micah, Nahum

5. For the journey to Bethlehem, how did Mary and Joseph travel? Bible not specific, Cart, Rode donkey, Small raft
  6. Which of these wasn’t a gift from the wise men (Magi)? Silver, Myrrh, Gold, Frankincense
- ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Nazareth, 3) Jacob/Heli (Matthew 1:16, Luke 3:23), 4) Micah, 5) Bible not specific, 6) Silver

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- 1 The United States' landmass, with "the"  
9 Rafter's challenge  
15 Shul scroll  
20 Another similar thing  
21 Barack and Michelle  
22 Give the slip  
23 Like babies who throw tantrums when you try to put diapers on them?  
25 News outlets  
26 RBI or ERA  
27 Film lead-in to "Cop"  
28 Photo —  
29 More nimble  
30 Trellis climber  
32 Having a sore mouth from working long hours at a kissing booth?  
36 Joint a sock often covers  
39 Chipped in, in poker  
40 Beckett title character  
41 Intense fire used as an energy source?

- 46 Pie — mode  
49 Abbr. on a road map  
50 With 44-Down, decay of building timbers  
51 Colon part  
52 Communist Joseph  
55 Egyptian god of the dead  
57 Declaration while pointing at a group of workers on strike?  
62 Scent sensor  
63 George at Gettysburg  
64 Airy melody  
65 Statement when you're nearly ready to complete a collage?  
72 The "A" of "A-Rod"  
73 Depart  
74 Air out  
77 Mesmerizing horse movement?  
83 Limb-bending muscle  
85 Is theatrical  
86 Pod item  
87 Color grade  
88 Actress Gasteyer  
89 Tangle of hair

- 90 Inherent hanging-down position?  
96 SeaWorld whale, once  
100 Fake identity  
101 Fuels (up)  
102 "It won't hurt to snoop a little!"?  
107 Body of eau  
108 Kind of acid in vinegar  
109 Debt note  
110 Architect Saarinen  
112 "Slung" food  
116 St. — (Caribbean getaway)  
117 Hassle of tracking down a missing retirement payment?  
121 Vintage song  
122 Stress  
123 Spiritual self  
124 Foundations  
125 Peanut butter cup brand  
126 Bread browners

### DOWN

- 1 Cobra types  
2 Castle ditch  
3 Avenger Peel  
4 Lizard, e.g.  
5 British verb suffix

- 6 Indian dish  
7 Height: Prefix  
8 The whole —  
9 King, in Caen  
10 Belly muscles  
11 Jean — (perfume brand)  
12 Windows ad catchphrase  
13 Language of Copenhagen, to locals  
14 New jet in '68  
15 Worked as an office sub  
16 Carry too far  
17 Howard Stern's area  
18 "Bye, Brigitte"  
19 Bodily pump  
24 Conductor Georg  
29 "Every seat sold" abbr.  
31 "La Traviata" composer  
33 Spy novelist Deighton  
34 Shareable PC file  
35 Vainglory  
36 Chef's tie-on  
37 "Untrue!"  
38 Maryland congressman — Mfume  
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60 Model S car  
61 Otherwise  
63 Long skirt  
66 Balm plant  
67 Meshes  
68 A fifth of fifty  
69 D.C. donor  
70 Abbr. on a road map  
71 Dallasites or Houstonians  
75 — word (single-occasion coinage)  
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## Final Notice and Public Explanation 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 conducted an evaluation 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 Wetlands Protection. The activity is funded 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. 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.

The Town of Stuart, VA has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values:

- Development within any recognized floodplain or wetland will be completely avoided.
- Land disturbance that may create erosion and/or sedimentation will be stabilized immediately.
- All federal, state, and local regulations will be followed. Inspection services will be provided by a third party to ensure compliance with the approved plans and specifications for construction.

The Town of Stuart, VA has evaluated potential development in the floodplain and has determined that it is not necessary for this project. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988, are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments.

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. 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 20th, 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.



Meeting and event information is due no later than 5 p.m. Friday of the week before publication is requested. Items are included as space allows. Email to [dhall@theenterprise.net](mailto:dhall@theenterprise.net).

Meetings

**Thursday, Dec. 12**  
The Patrick County School Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the school board office.

**Tuesday, December 17**  
The regular business meeting of the Patrick County Planning Commission has been canceled.

**Wednesday, Dec. 18**  
The Stuart Town Council will meet at 7 p.m. in the town office.

Events

**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.

**Thursday, Dec. 12**  
The Patrick County Senior Citizens Group will meet at 11 a.m. in the Hooker Building at Rotary Field in Stuart. Entertainment will be provided by Jimmy Handy. Attendees are asked to bring finger foods and desserts to share.

**Friday, Dec. 13 – Monday, Dec. 23**  
The annual Festival of Lights at DeHart Park will be held from 6-8 p.m.

**Saturday, Dec. 14**  
A benefit dinner for Baby Harley, the child of April and Barry Pack, will be held at the CCDF Fire Department starting at 4 p.m. The cost is \$10 per plate, and includes pinto beans, slaw, desserts, a drink, and potatoes. Donations are accepted.

**Sunday, Dec. 15**  
The Reynolds Homestead Victorian Christmas will start at 1 p.m.

High Point Baptist Church will hold a Christmas Presentation: “Christmas through Jewish Eyes,” by Jonathan Mann, of Chosen People Ministries, at 11 a.m., 2381 Big A School Road, Stuart. Call Pastor Wayne Moore at (336) 793-7991 for additional information.

**Wednesday, Dec. 18**  
The Carroll County Genealogy Club will hold

its monthly business meeting at 2 p.m. in Carroll County, on the left side of the Historical Courthouse in Hillsville.

**Friday, Dec. 20**  
The Community Food Bank will be at Fairystone VFD from 3-4:30 p.m.

Ongoing

The Patrick County Patriots Turkey Shoot will be held Saturdays in January, and Saturday, February 1 and 8 at the Smith River Wildlife Club. Practice rounds start at 12:30 p.m. Shoot starts at 1 p.m. Rules are factory chokes only, no sleeves or re-chokes, and no modified gun barrels. Food will be available for purchase.

The Patrick County Parks and Recreation Office is now conducting sign-ups for the grades K– 3 basketball season. Students in grades K–1 and students in grades 2-3 will play on co-ed teams according to the two grade-level groupings. Games are played on Saturdays during February and March. The deadline for sign-ups is Monday, December 16. Forms are available at any elementary school or the recreation department. Questions? Call or email the recreation department at 276-694-3917 or [recdept@co.patrick.va.us](mailto:recdept@co.patrick.va.us).

The Coffee Break Café hosts live music on Tuesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. Bring an instrument, or just come and listen.

The Patrick County Alzheimer’s Group LLC meets at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of every month at the Alzheimer’s office at 109 Buena Vista Ave in Stuart. New members or volunteers are welcome. For more information, call (276) 693-6018.

The Patrick County Quilters’ Sit-N-Sew is held on Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Quilted Colors. For more information, call 276-694-3020 or email [patrickcountyquilters@gmail.com](mailto:patrickcountyquilters@gmail.com).

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

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

Free Community Meal, every 4th Wednesday, 5 p.m., Raven Rock Wesleyan Church, 1912 Raven Rock Road, Ararat. Take out or dine in. Call Scott or Nann Phillips at (276) 773-6004 or email [pastor@ravenrockchurch.org](mailto: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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Patrick Circuit Court, 101 West Blue Ridge Street/PO Box 148, Stuart, VA 24171  
SAMRUAY KHOONIN HOWELL v. MICHAEL CALVIN HOWELL  
The object of this suit is to:  
PROVIDE PROPER SERVICE TO DEFENDANT WITH UNKNOWN ADDRESS  
It is ORDERED that MICHAEL CALVIN HOWELL appear at the above-named court and protect his interests on or before January 1, 2025.  
NOVEMBER 19, 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.  
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Patrick County

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**Lot No 3a, Section 1, Fairystone Farms, with any improvements thereon**  
**Subject to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust, if any, affecting the aforesaid property.**  
**TERMS OF SALE: CASH:** A deposit of \$20,000.00 or 10% of the sales price, whichever is lower, cash or certified check will be required at the time of sale, but no more than \$10,000.00 of cash will be accepted, with settlement within fifteen (15) days from the date of sale. 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 which affects the validity of 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. 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 his deposit without interest. Additional terms may be announced at the time of sale. Pursuant to the Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, we advise you that this firm is a debt collector attempting to collect the indebtedness referred to herein and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

SAMUEL I. WHITE, P.c., Substitute Trustee

This is a communication from a debt collector.  
**FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
SAMUEL I. WHITE, P.C. (39154)  
448 Viking Drive Suite 350  
Virginia Beach, VA 23452  
757-457-1460 - Call Between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.  
or visit our website at www.siwpc.net

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PATRICK COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF HIGHWAYS)

Petitioner, ) Case No. CL24000054-00  
v. )  
SAMUEL DAVID MARTIN, JR. ) **ORDER OF PUBLICATION**  
MARY ELIZABETH MARTIN CLEMENT ) Project 0058-070-E18, R201  
SANDRA M. MAHONY ) UPC: 17536, Parcel 153  
MICHAEL J. BELL ) Tax Map No. None Assigned  
BETTE G. BELL )  
UNKNOWN OWNERS, as Their )  
interests May Appear )  
and )  
One parcel of land containing 1,000 )  
square feet, more or less, land in fee, )  
and all improvements and )  
appurtenances thereon )  
Respondents. )

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Pursuant to an order entered on the 13th day of November, 2024, this notice is hereby given:  
In this proceeding, the Petitioner seeks to acquire by condemnation one parcel of land containing 1,000 square feet, more or less, land in fee, and all improvements and appurtenances thereon, from a parcel of land (Parcel 153) situated in Stuart, Virginia, for the uses and purposes of the Petitioner for construction, reconstruction, alteration, improvement, maintenance, and repair of Route 58, for a project known as State Highway Project No. 0058-070-E18; R-201, in Patrick County, Virginia, all of which uses and purposes are described more particularly in the Petition and Exhibits attached thereto on file in the office of the Clerk of this Court, to which Petition and Exhibits reference is hereby made for a full and accurate description there of; and the Petitioner further asks the Court to ascertain, or to appoint commissioners or to empanel a jury to ascertain, just compensation to the owners of any estate or interest in the property to be taken or affected as a result of the taking and use thereof by the Petitioner.  
For such purposes, the Petitioner will apply to the Court, sitting at the Patrick County Courthouse, 101 W. Blue Ridge Street, Stuart, VA 24171, on the 16th day of January, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the Petitioner may be heard, for the Court to ascertain, or to appoint commissioners, or to empanel a jury to ascertain, and report just compensation as aforesaid.

And it appearing by Affidavit filed according to law that all owners of Parcel 153 at the time the Petitioner acquired the aforesaid property interests cannot be found, that all living heirs at law of any deceased owner cannot be found, and that due diligence has been used by and on behalf of the Petitioner to locate all owners or all living heirs at law of any deceased owner of Parcel 153 without effect, the Court does hereby ORDER that:

- Any owner of Parcel 153 shall appear within ten days after due publication of this Order in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Patrick County, Virginia, and do what is necessary to protect their interests; and
- If any owner or heir at law of any deceased owner desires to assert any objection or defense to the taking or damaging of Parcel 153 or to the jurisdiction of the Court to hear the case and to proceed with a jury, commission, or bench trial, such person shall file an answer designating the property in which that person claims to be interested, stating the grounds of any objection or defense to the taking of the property or to the jurisdiction of the Court to hear the case, and asking the Court to proceed with a jury, commission or bench trial for the determination of just compensation. Should any such person fail to file an answer as hereinabove provided, such failure shall not preclude the person from appearing on the date set for the jury, commission or bench trial or from presenting evidence as to valuation and damage or from sharing in the award of just compensation according to that person's interests therein or otherwise protecting that person's rights, but such failure shall preclude such person from any other defense by way of pleas in bar, abatement or otherwise.

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*[Signature]*  
Clerk

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DANIEL, MEDLEY & KIRBY, P.C.  
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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PATRICK COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF HIGHWAYS)

Petitioner, ) Case No. CL24000055-00  
v. )  
MICHAEL J. BELL ) **ORDER OF PUBLICATION**  
BETTE G. BELL ) Project 0058-070-E18, R201  
JOHN R. ROBERSON, JR. ) UPC: 17536, Parcel 154  
STEPHNEY P. ROBERSON ) Tax Map No. None Assigned  
UNKNOWN OWNERS, as Their )  
interests May Appear )  
and )  
One parcel of land containing 12,837 )  
square feet, more or less, land in fee, )  
and all improvements and )  
appurtenances thereon )  
Respondents. )

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Pursuant to an order entered on the 13th day of November, 2024, this notice is hereby given:  
In this proceeding, the Petitioner seeks to acquire by condemnation one parcel of land containing 12,837 square feet, more or less, land in fee, and all improvements and appurtenances thereon, from a parcel of land (Parcel 154) situated in Stuart, Virginia, for the uses and purposes of the Petitioner for construction, reconstruction, alteration, improvement, maintenance, and repair of Route 58, for a project known as State Highway Project No. 0058-070-E18; R-201, in Patrick County, Virginia, all of which uses and purposes are described more particularly in the Petition and Exhibits attached thereto on file in the office of the Clerk of this Court, to which Petition and Exhibits reference is hereby made for a full and accurate description there of; and the Petitioner further asks the Court to ascertain, or to appoint commissioners or to empanel a jury to ascertain, just compensation to the owners of any estate or interest in the property to be taken or affected as a result of the taking and use thereof by the Petitioner.  
For such purposes, the Petitioner will apply to the Court, sitting at the Patrick County Courthouse, 101 W. Blue Ridge Street, Stuart, VA 24171, on the 16th day of January, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the Petitioner may be heard, for the Court to ascertain, or to appoint commissioners, or to empanel a jury to ascertain, and report just compensation as aforesaid.  
And it appearing by Affidavit filed according to law that all owners of Parcel 154 at the time the Petitioner acquired the aforesaid property interests cannot be found, that all living heirs at law of any deceased owner cannot be found, and that due diligence has been used by and on behalf of the Petitioner to locate all owners or all living heirs at law of any deceased owner of Parcel 154 without effect, the Court does hereby ORDER that:

- Any owner of Parcel 154 shall appear within ten days after due publication of this Order in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Patrick County, Virginia, and do what is necessary to protect their interests; and
- If any owner or heir at law of any deceased owner desires to assert any objection or defense to the taking or damaging of Parcel 154 or to the jurisdiction of the Court to hear the case and to proceed with a jury, commission, or bench trial, such person shall file an answer designating the property in which that person claims to be interested, stating the grounds of any objection or defense to the taking of the property or to the jurisdiction of the Court to hear the case, and asking the Court to proceed with a jury, commission or bench trial for the determination of just compensation. Should any such person fail to file an answer as hereinabove provided, such failure shall not preclude the person from appearing on the date set for the jury, commission or bench trial or from presenting evidence as to valuation and damage or from sharing in the award of just compensation according to that person's interests therein or otherwise protecting that person's rights, but such failure shall preclude such person from any other defense by way of pleas in bar, abatement or otherwise.

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Counsel for Petitioner

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Request for Proposals  
for  
Professional Services

The Town of Stuart, Virginia is in need of professional engineering and/or architecture services for design, construction administration and resident inspection of the Stuart Downtown Revitalization Project. The project is being financed with Virginia Community Development Block Grant funds, Appalachian Regional Commission funds, and local funds.  
Firms interested in receiving a copy of the Request for Proposals (RFP) may contact: Bryce M. Simmons, Town of Stuart, 100 Patrick Avenue, PO Box 422, Stuart, VA 24171, (276) 694-3811, information@stuartva.org. Deadline for submittal of proposals is Thursday, January 23, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. at the Stuart Town Office (100 Patrick Ave., Stuart, VA).  
Minority and/or female owned businesses or firms and Section 3 businesses or firms are encouraged to apply. The Town of Stuart, VA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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BWW# VA-354662-1

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 1683 WILLIS ROAD, MEADOWS OF DAN, VA 24120. In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated October 12, 2012, in the original principal amount of \$120,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Patrick County, Virginia as Instrument No. 120001901. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Patrick County, 101 West Blue Ridge Street, Stuart, Virginia, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on January 6, 2025, at 3:15 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THOSE TWO CERTAIN TRACTS OR PARCELS OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE BLUE RIDGE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF PATRICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT:  
CONTAINING 36.980 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND 1.00 ACRE, MORE OR LESS; AND BEING THE SAME TWO TRACTS OR PARCELS OF LAND CONVEYED TO MICHAEL RAY BRIDGES AND SUSAN CAROL RAINES BRIDGES, HUSBAND AND WIFE, BY PEED FROM MICHAEL RAY BRIDGES, DATED OCTOBER 6, 2010, AND RECORDED IN THE CLERKS OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PATRICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 1001737, TO WHICH DEED REFERENCE IS HERE MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY HEREIN CONVEYED. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: B WW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-354662-1.

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PATRICK COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF HIGHWAYS)

Petitioner, ) Case No. CL24000056-00  
v. )  
PLACERIAS, L.L.C., ) **ORDER OF PUBLICATION**  
a Virginia Limited Liability Company ) Project 0058-070-E18, R201  
KOLISA L. STERMER a/k/a ) UPC: 17536, Parcel 158  
KOLISA STERMER, KOLISHA L. ) Tax Map No. None Assigned  
STERMER and KOLISHA STERMER )  
TRAVIS D. DULANEY )  
UNKNOWN OWNERS, as Their )  
interests May Appear )  
and )  
One parcel of land containing 541 )  
square feet, more or less, land in fee, )  
and all improvements and )  
appurtenances thereon )  
Respondents. )

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Pursuant to an order entered on the 13th day of November, 2024, this notice is hereby given:  
In this proceeding, the Petitioner seeks to acquire by condemnation one parcel of land containing 541 square feet, more or less, land in fee, and all improvements and appurtenances thereon, from a parcel of land (Parcel 158) situated in Stuart, Virginia, for the uses and purposes of the Petitioner for construction, reconstruction, alteration, improvement, maintenance, and repair of Route 58, for a project known as State Highway Project No. 0058-070-E18; R-201, in Patrick County, Virginia, all of which uses and purposes are described more particularly in the Petition and Exhibits attached thereto on file in the office of the Clerk of this Court, to which Petition and Exhibits reference is hereby made for a full and accurate description there of; and the Petitioner further asks the Court to ascertain, or to appoint commissioners or to empanel a jury to ascertain, just compensation to the owners of any estate or interest in the property to be taken or affected as a result of the taking and use thereof by the Petitioner.  
For such purposes, the Petitioner will apply to the Court, sitting at the Patrick County Courthouse, 101 W. Blue Ridge Street, Stuart, VA 24171, on the 16th day of January, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the Petitioner may be heard, for the Court to ascertain, or to appoint commissioners, or to empanel a jury to ascertain, and report just compensation as aforesaid.

And it appearing by Affidavit filed according to law that all owners of Parcel 158 at the time the Petitioner acquired the aforesaid property interests cannot be found, that all living heirs at law of any deceased owner cannot be found, and that due diligence has been used by and on behalf of the Petitioner to locate all owners or all living heirs at law of any deceased owner of Parcel 158 without effect, the Court does hereby ORDER that:

- Any owner of Parcel 158 shall appear within ten days after due publication of this Order in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Patrick County, Virginia, and do what is necessary to protect their interests; and
- If any owner or heir at law of any deceased owner desires to assert any objection or defense to the taking or damaging of Parcel 158 or to the jurisdiction of the Court to hear the case and to proceed with a jury, commission, or bench trial, such person shall file an answer designating the property in which that person claims to be interested, stating the grounds of any objection or defense to the taking of the property or to the jurisdiction of the Court to hear the case, and asking the Court to proceed with a jury, commission or bench trial for the determination of just compensation. Should any such person fail to file an answer as hereinabove provided, such failure shall not preclude the person from appearing on the date set for the jury, commission or bench trial or from presenting evidence as to valuation and damage or from sharing in the award of just compensation according to that person's interests therein or otherwise protecting that person's rights, but such failure shall preclude such person from any other defense by way of pleas in bar, abatement or otherwise.

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# Commission receives grant for Tourism Marketing

The West Piedmont Planning District Commission (WPPDC) received a \$2,000 grant from the Virginia Tourism Corporation (VTC)'s Microbusiness Marketing Leverage Program (MMLP) for its partnership with the counties of Floyd, Franklin, and Patrick on phase 2 of the Mountain Spirit Trail - Virginia's Moonshine Heritage Trail.

The WPPDC applied on behalf of the Mountain Spirit Trail Committee (MST) and partnered with other local businesses to supply matching funds for the project. The goal is to tell the compelling story of the region's moonshine heritage and attract overnight visitors while showcasing and supporting the unique destinations and businesses along the trail. The funds will be used to create a brochure with a map featuring moonshine-related destinations across the three counties, develop an interactive online map that can easily accommodate new stops on the trail, and advertise through social media.

The Virginia Tourism Corporation awarded more than \$581,607 in matching grant funds to 108 marketing programs, ultimately impacting 432 combined partners, and supporting more than 1,050 full-time and part-time jobs across the commonwealth. This funding cycle, local partners committed more than \$700,168 in private-public sector funds to match the VTC funding, providing more than \$1.29 million in new marketing activity to help increase off-season visitation to Virginia's small tourism-oriented businesses and events.

"We are excited to receive this grant from VTC, which will significantly help promote the rich heritage of moonshine in our region," said Amanda Gray, Tourism and Marketing Specialist for the WPPDC. "Our dis-

tilleries, museums, parks, and businesses have incredible stories and experiences to share with visitors, and we expect this trail will positively contribute to our region's economy."

"The Microbusiness Marketing Leverage Program is part of VTC's strategy to grow year-round visitation in Virginia and is designed to support small tourism businesses with marketing dollars to drive out-of-state visitation during off-peak travel seasons," said Rita McClenny, president and CEO of Virginia Tourism Corporation. "This program serves as a gateway for small businesses to engage with VTC's marketing and development ecosystem to grow their business and build on the Virginia is for Lovers branding."

The VTC Microbusiness Marketing Leverage Program is designed to increase visitor spending by leveraging limited marketing dollars to stimulate new tourism marketing through partnerships, and to extend the Virginia is for Lovers brand to drive off-season visitation. Using the hub and spoke tourism model to create multi-day itineraries, a minimum of five Virginia entities partner financially to apply for funding through the MMLP. Partners may consist of Virginia cities, towns, counties, destination marketing organizations, chambers of commerce, museums, attractions, cultural events, and other tourism-related businesses. The matching marketing dollars will be used to encourage visitors to come to Virginia and support tourism oriented attractions and small businesses during the holiday, late winter, and spring break season.

The VTC will have additional Marketing Program grant and sponsorship rounds opening. Visit [vatc.org](http://vatc.org) grants for more information.

# Former resident held on several charges

A former Stuart resident has been arrested on multiple sex offense charges against a minor, according to Patrick County Sheriff Dan Smith.

William Burkes Goad, 73, who currently lives in Clemons, N.C., was charged Wednesday with five counts of aggravated sexual battery, four counts of indecent liberties with a minor, two counts each rape and forced sodomy, and one count of object sexual penetration.

Smith said the offenses allegedly began in 2019 and occurred until 2022, when Goad moved to North Carolina. The sheriff stated that the female victim was 11 years old when the alleged offenses began.

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



William Burkes Goad

The investigation is ongoing, and Smith is asking anyone who may have information to contact him confidentially at (276) 692-7012 Investigator Tennille Jessup at (276) 692-5885.



# Club installs new officers for 2025

New 2025 Officers and Directors were installed for the Meadows of Dan Ruritan Club

Left to right, Directors, Mike Nyquist, and Bambi Boyd; Secretary Lori Kuzmaul; Vice President Martha Nyquist, Director Naomi Naron; Treasurer Debra Shelor; President, Aaron Shelor.

# Special speaker scheduled at High Point Church

Jonathan Mann, a representative of Chosen People Ministries, will be speaking at High Point Church, on Sunday, December 15, during the 11 a.m. worship service.

The program being presented is "Christmas through Jewish Eyes."

Chosen People Ministries is a mission founded over one hundred years ago in 1894 by Leopold Cohn, a Hungarian rabbi who came to believe that Jesus is the Messiah of Israel. From humble beginnings in Brooklyn, New York, Chosen People Ministries has grown into a worldwide ministry with outreach centers in Argentina, Australia, Canada, England, France, Germany, Israel, Mexico, Ukraine, and the United States.

Throughout its long history, Chosen People Ministries has been unwavering in its commitment to bring the Gospel message of salvation in Jesus "to the Jew first and to the Gentile" throughout the world. In stressing the Jewish roots of the Christian faith, Chosen People Ministries hopes to make the message of the Messiah more accessible to Jewish people and help Christian believers achieve a greater appreciation of the Jewish basis of their faith traditions.

This meeting is open to the public and High Point Baptist Church invites the Christian and Jewish community to attend. For more information, please call Pastor Wayne at (336) 793-7991.

High Point Baptist Church is located at 2381 Big A School Rdo., Stuart, VA 24171.

A love offering will be received.

# Marriage Licenses issued in November

According to records in the Patrick County Circuit Court Clerk's Office, the following marriage licenses were issued in November:

Homer Boyd- Bambi Hudson  
Jacob Tatum- Meredith Martin  
Bernard Setliff- Lois Stone

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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.

**PATRICK COUNTY ALZHEIMER'S LOVE LIGHTS**  
Our Love Light Program has been continued until December 20th and the Angels will be placed on the tree as we receive the orders. Thank each of you so much for the help each of you do to help someone else with dementia. The following is a list of the Angels that have been purchased as of December 6.

**IN MEMORY**  
Jessee Mae Vernon  
Dennis Vernon  
James E Belton Jr  
Levie Hill  
Jennie Hill  
Lee Ann Collins  
Johnnie B Roberson  
Virgil Williams  
Lowell Williams  
Charles Vernon  
Lottie Ann Smith  
Elmer Smith  
Ruby Smith  
Marion Cobbler  
Frances D Rodgers  
Fred Smart

**IN HONOR**  
Lillian Smart  
Charlene Williams  
Lottie Ann Smith  
Marion Cobbler  
Elmer Smith  
Ruby Smith  
Gail Johnson  
Nellie G Belton  
James E Belton Sr.  
Acie Cox  
Ethel Cox  
Angela Dalton  
CW Puckett  
Lorene Puckett  
David Puckett  
Debbie Overby  
Jewel Baliles

**IN HONOR**  
Derick Smith  
Peggy Smith  
Donald Vernon  
Carol Vernon  
Sally Smith  
James Smith  
Denise Smith  
Guy Smith  
Miranda Platt  
Michaela Blevins  
Keith Blevins  
Kiley Blevins  
Charles Platt

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**Patrick County Alzheimer's Group LLC**  
**PO Box 1301, Stuart, VA 24171**



# Youngkin announces key dates for Virginia Food Access Investment Fund Grant Applications

Gov. Glenn Youngkin recently announced the timeline for the next round of Virginia Food Access Investment Fund (VFAIF) program grants, aimed at improving food systems and addressing fresh food access challenges across the Commonwealth. Administered by the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS), the program supports new or expanding food retailers in underserved communities.

The pre-proposal period will run from Dec. 1 through Dec. 31, 2024, allowing prospective applicants to confirm eligibility requirements and seek guidance. The full application period begins on Feb. 3, 2025, and concludes on Feb. 28, 2025. Grant recipients will be announced in spring 2025.

“Improving food access and building partnerships with community food organizations and private industry is an innovative approach to increasing access to nutritious food and eliminating hunger in urban and rural Virginia,” said Youngkin. “In addition to increasing market opportunities for our farmers, focused expansion of the VFAIF program helps us to incentivize economic development, support Virginia farmers, and create jobs in the Commonwealth.”

The VFAIF program offers grants ranging

from \$10,000 to \$50,000 to support business development, construction, rehabilitation, equipment upgrades, or expansion. Eligible recipients include grocery stores, small food retailers, and innovative food retail projects located in low-income communities with limited access to fresh food. VDACS is encouraging submissions from communities affected by Hurricane Helene and other recent natural disasters.

In the upcoming funding round, VDACS is introducing a large-scale retailer category. Grants ranging from \$100,000 to \$250,000 will be available for grocery stores larger than 15,000 square feet located in underserved areas. These retailers must meet program guidelines, including accepting Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits and participating in programs like Virginia Fresh Match, which supplements or matches SNAP benefits.

“The VFAIF program helps to improve our ability of addressing food deserts and grow food access in the communities that need it the most,” said Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry Matthew Lohr. “The new focus on larger retailers allows us to leverage scale to expand food access, with consideration given to areas of the Commonwealth impacted by natural disas-

ters.”

For more information on the VFAIF program, including eligibility requirements and application workshops, visit [vdacs.virginia.gov/marketing-food-access-investment-fund.shtml](https://vdacs.virginia.gov/marketing-food-access-investment-fund.shtml). Prospective applicants are encouraged to check the site regularly for updates.

## Road closes to through traffic for pipe work

Beginning Monday, December 16, Virginia 631 (Pond Road) will be closed to through traffic from Virginia 671 (Raven Rock Road) to Virginia 614 (Squirrel Spur Road) to perform pipe replacements.

Weather permitting, the road will re-open to traffic on Friday, December 20.

Directional signs will be in place to assist the traveling public.



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