**Viewpoints** 

Calendar Church Classified

Family Album **Obituaries Sports** 

Vol. 148 No. 51 Website: www.theenterprise.net STUART, VIRGINIA WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2024

**VOICE OF THE PEOPLE SINCE 1876 | Dedicated to serving the communities of Patrick County** 

# Board vacates FOIA charge amid contentious debate on transparency



Andrew Overby, of the Dan River District, (left), attended his first Patrick County Board of Supervisors meeting as a

#### By Taylor Boyd

Patrick County's Board of Supervisors tackled issues of transparency, personnel, and community concerns during its meeting on Monday, Dec. 9. Among the most debated items was the decision to vacate a \$1,294.71 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) charge incurred by The Enterprise newspaper.

The motion to vacate the fee, introduced by Dan River District Supervisor Andrew Overby, passed in a 4-1 vote after a lengthy discussion.

Overby, who won a special election in November and began his term at the December meeting, wasted no time addressing transparency concerns, adding to the meeting agenda a discussion on FOIA processes. He also asked for



Andrew Overby addressed County Attorney John Fitzgerald (right) about the Freedom of Information (FOIA) process.

a discussion regarding County Administrator Beth Simms to be held in closed session.

The motion to amend the agenda passed 4-1, with Blue Ridge District Supervisor Steve Marshall abstaining.

Overby questioned County Attorney John Fitzgerald and Assistant County Administrator and FOIA officer Donna Shough about the FOIA process, specifically why a recent request from Debbie Hall in her capacity as editor of The Enterprise, was sent to Fitzgerald for re-

"Normally, we do send them through the county attorney unless it's something very, very basic," Shough said.

Fitzgerald said there was a question for him

as to what should be produced. "So, I conducted a review of the documents to determine whether anything should be exempted. We made certain redactions, and produced as much as was required," Fitzgerald said.

"When you do a response to a FOIA request, you're required to note the exemptions on the request" when information is redacted, as is required by law, Overby said.

Fitzgerald said he didn't note exemptions; Shough added there were redactions, with no exemptions noted.

Overby said that doesn't follow the requirements of the law.

"I wasn't aware that we needed to note where

(See FOIA Charge p.2)

### Patrick County Sheriff's Office Ranks Among Busiest in Virginia, Report Finds

The Patrick County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) remains one of the busiest law enforcement agencies in Virginia serving populations under 20,000, according to the 2023 Crime in Virginia Report. Released during the summer of 2024 by the Virginia State Police Data and Reporting Team (DART), the report confirms Patrick County's continued position alongside Scott and Buchanan in their category.

Sheriff Dan Smith pointed to a relatively low crime rate in Patrick County. "Even though we are very busy, our incident rate is still low, at 4.45 percent (per capita), compared to 4.24 in 2022, which is much lower than the state average," Smith said.

Crime and Arrest Statistics

The report shows that Patrick munity Engagement deputies handled 715 reported incidents and made 468 arrests in 2023. Virginia State Police (VSP) contributed to local law enforcement efforts by investigating 18 offenses and making 16 arrests. DMV data reveals that Patrick deputies investigated 15 reportable traffic crashes, while VSP troopers assigned to the county investigated 142 crashes, including six fatalities.

Specific crimes reported in 2023 included:

- Homicides: 2
- Felonious assaults: 26
- Misdemeanor assaults: 51
- Larcenies: 32
- Narcotics offenses: 78
- Breaking and entering: 7
- Frauds: 14
- DUI arrests: 24 (12 by PCSO, 12 by the Virginia State Police - VSP)

The totals align closely with those from 2022, according to Smith. "We continue to work extremely hard to combat the distribution of illegal narcotics in our county," he said. "The sale of methamphetamine, fentanyl, and other drugs are the root cause of most of our illegal activity."

Smith also highlighted the department's high crime clearance rate, noting that the PCSO solved 65.45 percent of all reported crimes in 2023. "This is extremely efficient compared to other localities," he said.

Traffic Fatalities a Persistent Challenge

Traffic fatalities remain a significant issue for Patrick County, which ranked among the highest for rural counties in 2023, trailing only Madison and Sussex counties.

"Unfortunately, Patrick County is no stranger to having high traffic fatality rates; this has always plagued us here," Smith said. DMV counties as the busiest jurisdictions crash data shows that nearly all traffic fatalities in the county were Despite the heavy workload, related to speed or alcohol. Nearly all fatalities are either speed or alcohol related, according to DMV crash data provided by troopers who worked those fatal crashes in Patrick. Smith said his office is working closely with VSP troopers to increase highway visibility and reduce fatalities.

Operational Workload and Com-

The report also highlights the extensive responsibilities handled by PCSO in 2023:

- 911 calls received: More than 70,000
- Calls requiring law enforce-
- ment response: More than 14,000 conducted: Traffic stops 2,095
- documents Civil court
- served: 9,043 Inmate transports conduct-
- ed: 367 Community watch meet-
- ings held: 40

Summonses issued: 801

The average daily inmate population in Patrick County jail was 81, Smith said. PCSO also provides school resource officers, animal control services, and security for general district, juvenile and domestic relations, and circuit courts. Smith said his office also is assisted and works closely with Game Warden, Dale Ownes, of the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources.

Commitment to Professionalism Smith emphasized the professionalism of his department, noting that PCSO is among the 25 percent

of Virginia law enforcement agencies accredited by the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission. "We are a professional organiza-

tion, and we are honored to serve the best place to live and raise a Dec. 30, with regular hours through family," Smith concluded.



The Patrick County School Board heard it received a School Security Equipment grant at

### School division receives \$77,000 School Security Equipment grant

By Taylor Boyd

intendent Jason Wood announced OPENGATE weapons/metal detecduring the School Board's meeting tors for PCHS. on Thursday, December 12 that the "With that combination of those division received the School Security Equipment grant.

"This is a 75-25 percent grant, so we are receiving 75 percent of the grant total. We'll receive \$77,000 or more than that towards security equipment," Wood said.

The grant funds will be used to purchase window films to limit visibility in the schools, additional surveillance cameras at the Patrick County High School (PCHS), and weapons/ metal detectors.

"We've went through several vendors, and we saw several presentations. The OPENGATE system is the one that we have chosen," he said.

Wood said this grant will be combined with the over \$1250,000 School

Safety & Security Grant the divi-Patrick County Schools Super- sion received in June 2024 to get the

> two dollars, we'll have to purchase two additional OPENGATE systems out of local dollars to have enough to every entrance secured at the high school. So really good news that we were able to combine two grants to get most of that paid for with grant dollars," he said.

In other matters, the board:

\*Approved the consent agenda. \*Approved the proposed 2025 school board meeting calendar.

\*Approved the proposed 2025-2026

school calendar as presented. \*Approved surplus items as pre-

\*Approved revised policies as pre-

\*Approved personnel as amended.

### Safety Rope offers last-resort aid to county residents

By Taylor Boyd

For 30 years, Safety Rope has provided a critical safety net for Patrick County residents who find themselves with nowhere else to turn. The local nonprofit organization, founded in 1994, offers financial assistance for essential needs that often fall through the cracks of other aid programs. "When people are having issues,

a lot of times they go to the De-

partment of Social Services (DSS) or other organizations for assistance," said Peggy Rakes, the organization's treasurer. "Light bills, car repairs, plumbing issues—just different things they don't have the money to deal with. But most of those organizations have applications and limits, and people can only get certain things covered."

That's where Safety Rope steps (See Safety Rope p.3)

### Early deadlines, holiday closings set

The Enterprise Office will be Dec. 31. It will be closed on Wednesclosed 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 or Pat Del-

submissions@theenterprise. The office will reopen at 9 a.m. on day, 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.

We wish you and yours the happiest and merriest of holidays.

### FOIA Charge

(cont. from page 1)

said, and asked for specific examples.

were several areas where there information in that short period were redactions and there were no notations at all. So, I'm just wondering why it was redacted," Overby said.

"You're our legal counsel. You don't know that you're supposed to put an exemption or a redaction?"

Fitzgerald asked Overby to point him to the part of the Virginia FOIA Code he referenced.

"You're the expert on the Code, right," Overby said.

"You're the one telling me that I'm supposed to provide the exemption," Fitzgerald said.

Overby then asked Fitzgerald what work he did for the 6.2 hours noted on the invoice sent to The Enterprise.

"What I just described. I reviewed the documents, determined in comparison with the Code about what can be exempted, or what should be exempted, made certain redactions, and then provided those to Mrs. Shough," Fitzgerald said.

"So, you knew that there were redactions to be made, you made the decision to redact items for certain reasons, but you didn't put why they were redacted on the response," Overby said.

Fitzgerald said that was correct. Overby noted a duplicate FOIA request was submitted by Marshall in his personal capacity.

'Why was Mr. Marshall not charged the same amount, or a split amount, between what Ms. Hall requested and what Mr. Marshall requested," Overby asked.

Because she didn't respond to Marshall's request, Shough said she'd have to check with Amy Walker, who also is a designated FOIA officer.

Overby then made a motion to vacate Hall's FOIA charge of \$1,294.71. Clayton Kendrick, of the Mayo River District, seconded the motion.

"I don't want the FOIA process to be weaponized" or used as a deterrent for people to request information, Overby said, calling the charges unreasonable.

Marshall then asked for debate on the motion. Doug Perry, chairman, and of the Smith River District, agreed, adding that he thought the board needed to know all the particulars about the issue before voting. Perry added that he vote on the issue that night.

Marshall said the board should

at least debate it.

"There's lots of reasons, lots of times that funds are expended unnecessarily. Attorney fees are \$190 an hour. One of the most recent ones that kind of shocked me was a former supervisor, who over Mr. Overby's campaign decided that I was a sitting supervisor, and I left my constitutional rights, and especially my First Amendment Right to Freedom of Expression, at the door. She caused the attorney, the subject of Mr. Overby's campaign, to be asked where I had the legal right to have an opinion and publish an opinion. I believe it was at least an hour billable, it's \$190 that went to your campaign. Not from you directly, but now that's my definition of money not well spent," Marshall said. "That's tax dollars that go to pay

for that information, and is that ting flooded with FOIA requests," what we want to put our tax dollars towards because somebody has to take their time to go through all

the redactions" were, Fitzgerald those emails, to go through everything that's been submitted. That's time that somebody works through "I don't have them in front of me, lunch, that's time that somebody but I've reviewed them and there has to work overtime to get that of time, so that bill is acquired through somebody's work," he said.

Overby said that is part of the job for county employees and the county attorney.

Perry said it takes away from employees' daily duties.

"I understand that, but they're not going to receive the funds," Overby said.

Perry said the county has to pay for that work and the overtime hours worked

"So, you're saying that anybody that would do any of this work has a packed schedule where they could not do this work without incurring additional costs. I just don't believe that," Overby said.

Perry asked how long the county has to reply to a FOIA request, and was told it was five business days.

(However, the FOIA statute provides the county an opportunity to request a five business day extension – which was done in this case.)

"If you had weeks to work on it, then I'm sure they could find the time," Perry said.

"I just don't want the FOIA process to be used as a deterrence for people to request information. I don't think that the charges that were accessed were commensurate with the work that was done. I don't believe that we got our money's worth from the county's attorneys to do that job if they couldn't even site the requirement for the redactions," Overby said.

The first email, Kendrick said that he saw about the price stated there would be a cost of \$200 min-

"If it's going to jump from \$200 to almost \$1,400, there probably should have been some notification to see if they wanted to continue with it, or a little better estimate on it," Kendrick said.

Jonathan Wood, vice-chairman, and of the Peters Creek District, asked Hall if she was given any notification that the FOIA charge would be north of \$1,000.

"I was not, and I checked multiple times for updates," Hall said.

Marshall said he's very concerned if the board starts spending taxpayer dollars on every FOIA request.

"Our job here is not to be stewdidn't think the board needed to pick, we're stewards of the taxpayer money. So, taxpayer pays the money, we should handle that responsibly. If we were to write this off, and have the taxpayers pay it, I think it's irresponsible," Marshall said.

> Overby said that neither the county nor the board need to weaponize the FOIA process to prevent FOIA requests. "And I think that's more of what this represents. I don't see where the charges make sense for the information that was produced," Overby said.

> Wood said he largely agreed with Overby, but still believed there should be a charge as someone has to do work to complete the FOIA request. "I definitely think we should have made notification when we jumped from \$200 to \$1,294," he said.

> "I also think this going along with the fact that if we are being transparent, we would not be get-Overby said to the applause of the audience.

"The main reason that this FOIA was requested was to

shed light on situations that are being conducted behind closed doors, or individually between certain this FOIA request would have never been requested in the first place," Overby said.

Perry then called for the board to

Overby, Kendrick, Wood, and Perry voted yes; Marshall voted "No.'

Wood said he voted yes, "simply until we establish a better way of charging, so it seems more equitable for everyone."

While he initially wanted to vote no, Perry said he voted yes as "where they (The Enterprise) wasn't informed and that excessive was blindsiding.'

In other matters, the board:

\*Heard an apology from Perry about comments he made during the November 18 meeting. "Both the editor and the employees for referring to them as a tabloid, and I do apologize for that remark," Perry said.

\*Heard from Ed Pool about the actions of some board members and the county administrator. Pool said over the last 18 months many have witnessed disturbing trends of some board members abandoning the desires of their district constituents in favor of commercial interests while never producing any chain of liability documentation from manufacturers.

Thus "potentially creating extreme legal liabilities which would cost this county millions if not tens of millions of dollars in legal fees alone in order to pursue damage recovery," he said.

Pool said residents have also witnessed the county administrator moving legitimate Planning Commission functions to be handled by an outside consulting firm, whose talent pool he notes would not have made it through first round screening process in any organization he's either worked for or led as a senior executive.

"These actions clearly demonstrate the lack of managerial experience, which is gained by years of work experience, not conveyance of title, resulting in the Fifth Estate being forced to file a FOIA request revealing how serious the interpress, when dealt with openly and fairly, is an ally," he said.

Pool said he now fears the FOIA process is being weaponized as a means of obfuscating the public's over the budget. One BOS (Board ards of a group that has a bone to right to know. "A clear sign in the of Supervisors) member noted breach of representative govern- many things on the page had been ment and the creation of adversarial relationships which never ends well for any of the parties involved," Pool said.

He also requested a cap limit on FOIA requests of \$22.50 per hour, a full forensic audit of all county books for the last seven years, full background checks for all senior management including the board members, with the press reviewing and publishing all results from Pacer system searches and other public sources as deemed necessary, and a formal public apology to The Enterprise for "previous open comments of a derogatory or possible slanderous nature."

\*Heard from Trena Anderson about the actions of the board. She said only a fascist mentally attacks citizens and refuses free speech.

"Public servants aren't dictators. They owe constituents explanation. Two members of this board constantly display disdain for citizens and taxpayers. You weren't elected to do whatever you want. You were elected to listen to your constituents, represent their desires, and to be held accountable said.

Citizens have the right to have members of government. If things a say in public process. Policies were being conducted in the open, and decisions should be developed in the public arena, not in private texts or emails, Anderson said.

"For your information, every one of those texts and emails are owned by the citizens of Patrick County. There is absolutely no reason for private texts and emails relating to any county business," she said.

Noting there are two supervisor meetings scheduled every month, Anderson said the second meeting is a work session, and supposed to be used for discussions between the board and the county administrator.

She asked why the work session is rarely held.

"Discussion of issues is the backbone of creating public policy as well as public trust and transparency. One of the FOIA'd texts" by The Enterprise "states, 'I know we can't meet as a group, but we do need to talk about things before an open meeting.' He then says, 'We do need to come up with a way to talk.' The answer to that is to hold your work meeting monthly. Nothing is to be withheld from the public," Anderson said.

Another quote in the texts was particularly upsetting, Anderson said of "My personal opinion, why should we expect any staff to invest here if they are going to be talked about/treated like this.'

Anderson said every resident in the meeting room is invested in the county, and some are forced to deal with the disdain from some county employees and board members.

"This is our home. We pay the taxes! We pay your salary and perks! What a truly disrespectful thing to say. Every head of every department should be required to live here and 'invest.' That increases the tax base and keeps our tax money here in Patrick County," she said.

Anderson added, "the verbal assault" on resident Galen Gilbert after last month's meeting "was despicable," adding that she believes the offending supervisor should be removed from the board "immediately."

\*Heard from Karen DeCapp, who spoke about the May 13 pubnal disagreements have been. The lic meeting where the county budget was discussed and many board members felt more work needed to be done on it.

> "The county administrator went decided to be taken off during a committee meeting, i.e. common-sense detail- HVAC maintenance going with a lower bidder than a higher one. The current CA (County Administrator) said the budget was the result of more than three months of work and its intention was for the best for the county, both now and in the future," she said.

> DeCapp noted the ambulance did not make the budget and that only one supervisor commented on this. At the September 18 meeting, she said Facilities Director Mike Mc-Guiness said the top item on the County Administrator's priority list was uniforms.

> When concerns were raised about a paid vehicle and residence of a new hire, which DeCapp said are legitimate concerns directly affecting residents, "inner texts were revealed and the CA texted 'My personal opinion, why should we expect any staff to invest here if they are going to be talked about/ treated like this.

"Suddenly, the best for the county fell into oblivion," DeCapp for your actions and decisions," she said, adding that administrator's

(See FOIA Charge p.3)





### FOIA Charge =

(cont. from page 2)



Trena Anderson

contract stipulates that her salary must increase each year, as is granted to other county employees, and that all communications of supervised county employees must solely go through her.

"The taxpayers of PC, 20 percent who live under the poverty rate, must fork up \$500 for a vehicle, pay for both a tablet and laptop to use outside the office, and have enrollment and membership dues paid for in at least four organizations, with all travel included," DeCapp said. "I'd argue with these stipulations" and further bolsters to "power aren't necessary. Need it really be said, BOS you have been relegated to being an underling?"

As residents voice their concerns about the lack of common sense and the failure of county leadership, DeCapp said they are shouted down, disregarded, and faced with anger.

"Take heed and consideration to the hardships of this county and your own standing – your anger is displaced," she said.

\*Heard from Galen Gilbert, who discussed his passion for Patrick County.

"My family's been here since the 1700s, so I'm very passionate about this county. and like I said, we need to have transparency across the board from the administrator, the employees, we need to know whom works for who around here," he said.

November 18 meeting was over, he the board of supervisors meeting, was told by a member of the board and she said, 'I heard they're pretsay what I said when the county word on the street. That's sad, administrator's here, and I will. that's what people are thinking, I just got to the age now where I that ain't good, that's not why you



don't have that filter between my head and my mouth, and I will tell you what I think," he said.

Gilbert said he also learned that a supervisor was discussing his disability in public.

"If you want to know what my disability is - come talk to me. I'll tell you ... If you want to know about me, call me. I'll talk to you. I'll give you the time, because that's the way we work things out with communications," he said.

At this point in time, Gilbert said some of the communications he sees are disgusting.

"We need to be upfront with everybody in the county because we all pay taxes, whether it's personal property or it's your land (real estate)," he said.

\*Heard from LeeAnn Seeley, who said what she witnessed at the November 18 meeting was disgusting.

"I think a lot of us were upset with some of the behaviors that went on, the rudeness that goes on, the communication, or the lack of communication, that goes on between this board and the citizens of this county," she said.

Seeley believes the county should be a county of integrity, where residents are proud to live, and with supervisors who direct the county.

'I'm not real proud, honestly. Before I stepped into this meeting I just happened to be on the phone with a girlfriend, who's a resident Needless to say, Gilbert said the of this county. I said I'm going to "that they hoped I had the \*alls to ty rude to everybody.' That's the



More than two dozen residents attended the December 9 Patrick County Board of Supervisors meeting



LeeAnn Seeley

should be up here," she said.

Seeley said residents have the right to free expression during public comments. "We shouldn't be judged on it, and I feel that we are judged. That we're a group of 'oh-no,' and that is not right. We're here for everyone's good," she said.

\*Heard from Mike DeCapp regarding the county's budget and the hiring of new administrative management positions in the county's strained financial climate.

\*Heard from Rhonda Pruitt and Chris Hughes about the Patrick County Community Food Bank. Both requested the board consider the Food Bank's request for funds for next year.

\*Heard an update on the Blue Ridge Parkway from External Affairs Specialist Leesa Brandon and on Mabry Mill from Chief of Administration and Chief of Staff Rachel Stasny.

\*Scheduled the board's reorganizational meeting for Monday, January 6 at 6 p.m. in the third-floor court room of the Administration Building.

year 2023-2024 budget with an in- appropriations. crease of \$494,000 in local funds for the Child's Service Act (CSA).

\*Approved a bid to Hiatt Construction for security needs for



the Patrick County Circuit Court building. According to an email sent from Jones, the work will cost \$50,958 with \$30,292.95 coming from interest earned on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. About \$20,665 will be from reserves should there not be enough fiscal year 2025 revenue to cover the work.

\*Appointed Michael Tatum to the Planning Commission for the Dan River District.

\*Appointed Kevin Smith to the Public Service Authority (PSA) for the Dan River District.

\*Denied the request for a dangerous dog vaccination fees ordinance and moved that a resolution be prepared to direct animal control officers to seek reimbursement for vaccination and care through the court system.

\*Discussed the request to ask the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to include Virginia news in local media.

\*Discussed the 2025 board retreat and suggested topics.

\*Approved the Nov. 2024 meet-\*Approved amending the fiscal ing minutes and bills, claims, and

\*Heard the admi

port from Shough. \*Heard the supervisors' reports.

### Safety Rope

(cont. from page 1)

to help with some of the bills that and utilities have significantly inyou don't have anywhere else to turn for," Rakes explained. "If your car is in the shop and that's your only means of transportation to work, we try to help cover the cost of the car repairs. It's just another denied from everything else. We're going to throw them a lifeline."

In 2023, Safety Rope distributed more than \$25,000 to assist roughly 40 people, providing support for a range of needs, including utility bills, rent, and car repairs.

While the organization has remained steadfast in its mission, purchase the other hearing aid," Rakes said securing sufficient funds Rakes added. is an ongoing challenge.

with this, but as the years have tions. gone on, the donations have become they invested the money in CDs to but the funding's just not there,' earn interest, and that's what we've Rakes said. "It's after you've apbeen running on.'

Safety Rope also relies on contributions from local businesses and can guide you to where you need to community members. Rakes highlighted Clark Gas & Oil as one of tions." the organization's largest donors, along with other charitable groups. es ensuring its resources reach as However, the demand for assistance now far outpaces the donations received.

donations to spend out \$25,000 a this is not something that you can

year," Rakes said, noting that ris-"What Safety Rope does is we try ing costs for essentials like rent creased the strain on available resources.

Among the most common requests for assistance are light bills and rent payments, Rakes said. "AEP (Appalachian Power) is one avenue to turn to when you've been that we pay a lot to, helping people with light bills. Rent is another thing that we help people with," she

> The organization also addresses unique circumstances. "We helped with car repairs, and we had a lady whose insurance would only pay for one hearing aid, so we helped her

Because of limited funding, Safe-"This organization has been go-ty Rope serves as a last resort, and ing for 30 years. The members back residents must first apply for aid then got a lot of donations to help through DSS and other organiza-

"We wish we had the funding that less and less," she said. "Luckily, you could just come to us and apply, plied through Social Services and different places, then those people be to get the Safety Rope applica-

> The organization also prioritizmany individuals as possible.

"We don't help the same person multiple times," Rakes said. "We "The need has outdone the dona- want to make sure that we're helptions. We're just not getting enough ing everyone in Patrick County, so

turn around and come back to us ical. Donations can be sent to P.O. every month to get help for."

heard of. "If it's extreme circum- purposes should include a note, and stances, we have helped an individ- a receipt will be mailed. ual twice in the past," Rakes said. every month and get your light bill paid or whatever."

For Safety Rope to continue its mission, community support is crit-

Box 1439, Stuart, VA 24171. Do-Exceptions are rare but not un- nors who require a receipt for tax

As Patrick County residents face "But it's like 10 years apart. It's not increasing financial challenges, a repeat where you can come to us Safety Rope remains committed to its role as a lifeline for those in need. "We're here to help when there's nowhere else to turn," Rakes said.



**FALL STIHL SPECIALS** \$50 Off **Selected Models Discounts on Saw Chains** 

个・ハン

Patrick County's Home Grown Beef

Steaks, Roast and Other Cuts available NOW!

### Wood's Cold Storage & Supply

STIHL SALES & SERVICE

Rt 8. North of Stuart, VA 24171 276-694-3888 • WoodsColdStorage.com nevokonevokonevokonevokonevokonevokon

### **VIEWPOINTS**

### What's Next for Syria?

Throughout the tenure of the Biden Administration, conflict and turmoil have only gotten worse in the Middle East.

A recent flareup in the region is the collapse of Bashar al-Assad's regime in Syria.

Syrian rebel forces struck quickly at the beginning of December, taking control of major cities in Syria before advancing on the country's capital, Damascus.

The regime's army could not withstand the rebel advance. Some of the regime's soldiers fled to Iraq, and al-Assad was forced into exile in

This marks a momentous event in Syrian history. The Assad regime in Syria lasted for more than half a century.

Bashar al-Assad's father, Hafez, was a ruthless dictator who seized power in a coup in 1970. Hafez exercised power and repression in terrible forms. He ordered brutal crackdowns on various groups in the country and the media was state-controlled.

As leaders of the Baath political party, the Assads adhered to pan-Arab socialism. All walks of life in Syria revolved around the Baathists. Around the same time, the Baath party movement in Iraq was led by Saddam Hussein.

Under Bashar al-Assad, the government continued its human rights abuses, going so far as to have reportedly used chemical weapons on the Syrian people. The country was plunged into a civil war in 2011, and millions of Syrians have been displaced.

the Syrian rebel victory over al-Assad. It is with by the United States who topple an oppres- of HTS associate themsive government.

However, not every triumph over an oppres-

One of the most wellin the Russian Empire. As Russia stared down



### Morgan Griffith

Representative

the Russian Czar was dealing with domestic turmoil

Czar Nicholas II, who at one time exercised personal command of the Russian army, abdicated his throne in March 1917 in response to intense protests. The Duma, a parliamentary body, formed a provisional government under Alexander Kerensky.

That government embraced freedom of speech and political participation from all groups, including the communist Bolsheviks.

The Bolsheviks capitalized on the new republic's political process. They routinely denounced the provisional government for Russia's continued involvement in World War I and the effects it had on food shortages and inflation.

By October, the provisional government fell apart. The Red Revolutionaries, led by Bolshevik Party leader Vladimir Lenin, seized power and formed the Soviet

Like the state of affairs of 1917 Russia, Syria appears headed for significant upheaval.

The Syrian rebels are led by a group known as Hayat Tahrir al-Sham

As of this writing, Many are celebrating HTS is designated as a foreign terrorist group good reason to cheer for and several other Westthe triumph of people ern nations. Members selves with the Sunni sect of Islam.

BBC reports that at sive government has the one time, the HTS leadgood outcome that the er, Abu Mohammad United States of Amer- al-Jolani, was linked ica had after its revolu- to the ISIS leader, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, and supported al-Qaeda, the known revolutions of the group responsible for or-20th century took place chestrating the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

One significant issue the armies of the Central in forming a stable gov-

Powers in World War I, ernment will be respecting religious liberties. Assad is an Alawite. Many Druze, another faith, also live in Syria, along with Shiite Muslims, Christians and other religious minorities.

Al-Jolani's family supposedly has roots in the Golan Heights, a territory divided between Israel and Syria. Thousands of Israelis and Syrians now live in the area.

Following the collapse of the Assad regime, Israel sent troops into Syrian sections of the Golan Heights to create a buffer zone with Syria. Israeli President Benjamin Netanyahu explained his decision, saying Israel will not allow any hostile force to establish itself on Israel's border.

This move by Israel suggests it is preparing for the worst.

While the US has long opposed the Assad regime, how the US approaches HTS remains to be seen.

To President Trump's credit in his first term, American troop presence in Syria was dedicated to the annihilation of ISIS. President Trump also ordered the 2019 strike that killed al-Baghdadi.

After years of instability and turmoil, the Syrian people now face one of the best opportunities to establish democratic institutions and principles in the country.

My desire is that the United States supports the institutions of democracy and freedom, including religious freedom, in Syria. It is important to encourage the stabilization of the country as much as possible in order to hopefully foster a free and harmonious Syria.

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

### Gratitude and hope for transparency in the upcoming year

**By Debbie Hall** 

Supervisors Andrew Overby, Clayton Kendrick, and Jonathan Wood left it all on the field in their effort Monday to protect the public's right to know, and their vote to vacate the nearly \$1,300 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) fee. As Mr. Overby aptly pointed out, such a request would not have been necessary if the board had operated transparently.

Doug Perry, who is chairman of the board, reluctantly supported vacating the fee, and earlier in the meeting apologized to us for his assertions last month that a story was 'tabloid-ish," and designed to lead readers to a predetermined conclu-

During a later interview with Charles Roark and Luis Romero of Star News, Mr. Perry doubled down on his assertions, claiming the texts were mischaracterized. He suggested they could have been explained had he been contacted to put them in context. Mr. Perry also denied that the messages, dated Oct. 23, were prompted by concerns about the county's Emergency Medical Systems (EMS). raised Oct. 21 by Mr. Kendrick and then-interim supervisor Mrs. Jane Fulk.

These texts, obtained through a FOIA request, were published by this newspaper in November. They are reprinted below:

Mrs. Fulk: "Jane, your little stunt has really hurt the county in so many ways. It blew the budget and at best our EMS will go back to the way it was, if not worse. Your going behind backs and conspiring against us and pulling these surprise stunts at meetings is not the way to fix things. A lot of fallout of EMS is happing (sic), and I'll make sure you get the credit you deserve."

The same day, he wrote to Mr. Kendrick: "You and Jane really really hurt this County. There is a lot of really bad fallout from your actions. At best our EMS might go back to the way it was, if not worse. This conspiring behind our backs and pulling these stunts at meetings have really been harmful. Please talk to us."

It is implausible to believe the

texts would have been sent if these supervisors had supported Mr. Perry's position. We know it; surely Mr. Perry knows it, too. Additionally, we maintain that regardless of the context, such mean-spirited and bullying messages are never acceptable in public discourse. The unprofessionalism of those texts speaks for itself.

As Mr. Perry has stated he stands behind his texts, we stand behind the factual stories we published.

As for the pesky and persistent "rumor patrol" Mr. Perry often criticizes, its endurance reflects a lack of transparency. Genuine leadership requires clarity and accountability. Blaming colleagues, constituents, or the press does not address the root causes of public frustration.

Steve Marshall voted against vacating the FOIA fees, citing concern for taxpayer dollars as the reason. Yet, after duplicating our initial request, and submitting it as his own, Mr. Marshall wrote in an Oct. 26 email:

"I leave cost determination up to the administration. However, I do request it as free or low cost. The facts are that I am requesting this information as a member of the public and not in my capacity as a supervisor."

It is our understanding that Mr. Marshall received the information for free.

The support from our readers since the November report detailing those private communications between board members has been both overwhelming and humbling. We deeply appreciate the calls, texts, emails, and the presence of those who attend meetings. We appreciate your involvement and your willingness to be part of the process.

Transparency begins with accountability. We hope the progress began by the board in December continues into January and beyond. Our residents deserve nothing less.

A shout out to Charles Roark, Luis Romero and Star News for their support. To watch the segment titled "Media Matters," visit https:// www.youtube.com/watch?v=\_bTH-NPlWLow or https://www.facebook.com/share/v/6cqTeN5DqgB-ZiCHY/?mibextid=WC7FNe.

# Dealing with the challenges of Christmas

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Christmas is a joyful season but always has some challenges.

The place of Christmas is often a question. Mary and Joseph ended up in Bethlehem when Jesus was born. They had gone there to pay taxes. Paying taxes is never fun but something we have to do. The place they ended up when Jesus was born was probably not their desired location to bear their first child but they made the most of the location.

Location trips a lot of people up on Christmas. Many have no choice. They will spend Christmas in the nursing home or jail. Many have no options. They may be too elderly or sick to travel. They may not have any place to go. If you have options then be thankful. If you have a place to spend Christmas then this is one of your best gifts of all. Don't fight about the place where you will spend Christmas. Make the best of wherever you end up and celebrate with whoever is around.

The presents of Christmas are often stressful. Presents are expensive and often we don't know what to buy and how much to spend. You may have a lot of gifts to buy or maybe you don't have a single person for whom you will buy a gift. If you can afford to buy gifts and want to then enjoy the opportunity. If finances are meager this year, then be honest with yourself and others and say our list and budget is very limited this year. Don't put yourself in financial jeopardy by spending money you don't have. The greatest gift is the baby Jesus. Focusing on Him will

bring more peace than a house filled

with gifts.

The pageantry of Christmas often becomes work. How many lights can you string on your roof or around your shrubbery? I enjoy putting up lights on a warm day but despise taking them down in January. Just remember what goes up must come down, eventually. Try to find a mild weather day and you won't feel like the grinch.

The pressure of Christmas gets to a lot of people. People die in December. Loneliness takes over, Stress becomes paramount. People get depressed. Christmas should never be a time of loneliness, stress or pressure but it was a difficult time for Mary and Joseph. They were poor people. Bringing a child into the world in a stable would not be considered an option for most of us. Traveling was a hassle and very difficult back then. While they were overjoyed with the baby Jesus, life's circumstances were not easy. Later, they would flee to Egypt for the safety of their family which had to their pressure.

The person of Christmas must be our focus in order to truly celebrate this season. Let's not lose sight of the main character in the Christmas story. If we do, then we will focus on the place, presents, pageantry and pressures of Christmas. Thus, we will miss out on the real joy that the heavenly host proclaimed to those shepherds watching their sheep. "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men," (Luke 2:14).

Find books by Glenn Mollette at Amazon.com Learn more about his books, columns and music at GlennMollette.Com. Email is gmollette@ aol.com.

THE ENTERPRISE

Established in 1876

USPS 523-500

P.O. Box 348 - Stuart, Va. 24171-0348 Phone (276) 694-3101 Fax (276) 694-5110 www.theenterprise.net

> **Publisher** Michael Showell **EDITOR** Debbie Hall **ADVERTISING** Wendi Craig

advertise@mainstreetnewspapers.com

### The oldest continuously operated business in Patrick County

Published each Wednesday by Virginia Media, Inc., P.O. Box 429, Lewisburg, WV 24901.

The Enterprise encourages letters from our readers on topics of general interest to the community and responses to our articles and columns. Letters must be signed and have a telephone number where you can be reached to be considered for publication. All letters will be verified before publication. The Enterprise reserves the right to deny publication of any letter and edit letters for length, content and style.

Postermaster: send address changes to The Enterprise, P.O. Box 348, Stuart, VA 24171-0348. Subscription Rates: \$32 per year in Patrick County; \$42 pe year In state, \$43 per year out of state. Single copies \$1.00.

#### Wednesday, December 18, 2024 - f 5

### **Patrick Pioneers**

John Henry Yeatts and Edna Roena Reynolds Ye-

By Gerry Yeatts Scardo & Beverly Belcher Woody

For the past couple of weeks, we have been looking at the Yeatts family of Kettle Hollow in Mayberry, Patrick County, Virginia. First, we examined the life of Dr. Roy Oliver Yeatts, then last week, we learned more about his parents Charles Tobias "Tobe" Yeatts and Susan Stella Barnard and his grandparents, Henry Fielding Yeatts and Caron Aquilla Boswell and John Jehu Barnard and Nancy Adeline Wood.

This week, we will look at Tobe's brother, John Henry Yeatts, his wife, Edna Roena Reynolds Yeatts, and their children. We are very fortunate to have a guest columnist this week to share first-hand knowledge of her grandparents, the Yeatts, so when she mentions Grandpa, Gerry is referring to John Henry Yeatts and Grandma is referencing Edna Roena Reynolds Yeatts.

The following are Gerry's memories, "Here's a little start on the Yeatts. We were taught the Yates and Yeatts were all kin. It was some of the sons of John Yeardley Yates that changed their last names... Examples --Henry Fielding went to Henry Fielding Yeatts, George Washington, Thomas Monroe went to Yeatts but then records went back and forth in spelling of their last names such as in the case of Richard Davis Yeatts. This is handled by listing the names Yeatts/Yates in the genealogy book A History of John Yeardley Yates of Pittsylvania and Patrick County by Robert S.R. Yates. Beverly Arnold went to Beverly Yeattes. What is solid is the Yates Coat -of -Arms which has a gate. Dad said it comes from gate keeper when last names were assigned long ago. Gate and Yates are similar in sound.'

"Grandpa was a wonderful historian. I first remember him sitting in his living room and giving the history of who in the Reynolds, Barnards, Yeatts fought in the Civil War. Who was killed, who was in prison, who broke out, how it was for his dad who became ill while serving in the Confederate Army. He told some about the hardship of his youth. So, we knew how hard he had worked to help his mom who was widowed so young and to get a start in making a living. I saw old correspondence or contracts between him and George on grain crops, such as rye that was raised and sold. I saw a letter where he was guarding a room full of American chestnuts that were to be sold.'

"Grandpa was an oral historian. People would come to the store and ask him questions-history, genealogy including a birthdate of such and such. He knew all the grandchildren's birthdays. In the third grade, I was buying my books and used one of the silver dollars he gave me on my birthday as a \$1 to buy a used book. The young people laughed because they knew, (but I didn't) that the silver dollar was worth more than a dollar. He always gave me a silver dollar on my birthday starting when I was about 7 years old."

"When Tobe moved West, Grandpa got the mail carrier job Tobe had. It was a 34-mile Mayberry route on a horse but became a horse and buggy route when the Sears and Roebuck catalogs came to most every household. Sometimes he was so sleepy in the saddle when he came home that someone would have to help him dismount. Once on his route, he saw a house burning and he rescued two little boys who were under a table. Another time on his route lightning had struck and killed two individuals hoeing in different cornfields. (This was James Eric West and Bill Boyd who were featured in an earlier Patrick Pioneers column). There was so much work with farming and carrying the mail that he employed two of Grandma's half-brothers to help.

"Grandpa Yeatts was the neighborhood dentist probably from late 1890s to near 1940...on the porch steps he pulled teeth. He said, "If it hurts you, do not pay. If it doesn't, you pay." It took help to neuter animals such as pigs and he often helped. People would ask him to help in removing a wart. I don't know how he treated warts but maybe he understood they would go away.'

"I remember his bee hives, the apple tree he had grafted with five kinds of apples, an apple orchard, and the cow or two they kept. My dad at the age of 10 was with some men who fell a bee tree. My dad had an envelope and a safety pin. He brought home the queen which was of a different type from what Grandpa had. They wanted it to cross with their different type of honeybees."

"About the time Grandpa retired from carrying the mail, he and his two sons bought the country store in Mayberry. (I realized my dad bought out Hassell's share much later.) The Blue Ridge Parkway that runs behind the store was built in 1937. Two dams were built nearby--one in the Bent section and another at the Pinnacles. This construction under FDR brought lots of trade to the community. While big groceries stores were not around, vehicles not so plentiful, the families not yet moving to towns, the trade was that both could play an instrument of two. I think



Mayberry Trading Post the Yeatts store.

good. (Later when the sewing and furniture factories went overseas, more had moved away for jobs-- trade dropped.) Grandpa would walk to the store about every day until he was past 85. Dad operated the store until he retired at age 65. The store was in Grandpa's family line for eighty-four years and now it is in the family line of his sister Henrietta. The Mayberry Trading Post store dates to 1892 and is so close to the Blue Ridge Parkway, many tourists stop there now."

"In Grandma's memories of long ago, she writes about all the children in order of their birth-- recalled and described something particular about each onepersonality, behavior, sickness in their earliest years. She did not write much about their accomplishments or who they married and their young families. She kept focused on their early years, family history, how life flowed, church.... none of their children were pulled out of school to help with farming because neither grandma nor grandpa got as much education as they wished. (My dad did drop out when he finished or nearly finished the eighth grade. He could make money working every day." Dad (Coy Oliver Yeatts) had ten children that graduated from high school at the Meadows of Dan School. (That's the record!)'

'John Henry Yeatts and Edna Roena Reynolds Yeatts children were as follows

Coy Oliver Yeatts, born in 1899 and passed away in 1985, was a farmer and merchant. In early years cut timber and sawed into rough lumber. Built his own house, barns, and granaries. May have helped a few others build their homes. About the time Grandpa retired as a mail carrier, he and Coy bought the store in Mayberry. Coy married Miss Nancy Mary Lee Agee and they had ten children, including the author of this story, Gerry Yeatts Scardo; Flora Della, born in 1900 and passed away in 1977, married James Byron Archer in 1928 in Pueblo, Colorado, remained in Colorado her entire life. Grandma relied on her to sew dresses for the girls; Clarice Aquilla b. 1902 and passed away in 1907, possibly from membranous croup; Lora Ruth, born in 1904 and passed away in 2001, married Marlin O. King, and lived in Iowa, North Dakota, and Wisconsin; Vera Liberty born in 1906 and passed away in 2000, married Cornelius Columbus Stanley of Laurel Fork, they lived in Indiana, where Vera taught school and missionaries honored her with words at her funeral; Edna Eunice, born in 1909 and passed away in 1990, married Elkanah Addison McAlexander of Patrick County, Eunice taught many years at Meadows of Dan School, great quilter, singer of ballads, played the piano for many years at the Missionary Baptist Church, and was known in the community for her beautiful oil paintings; Essie May born in 1912 and passed away in 1995, married Aaron DeHart Hopkins, Sr in 1939, taught at Mayberry School, Hardin Reynolds, and Stuart; John Hassell, born in 1916 and passed away in 2000, married Virginia Christian of Oklahoma, he earned a degree in journalism from William & Mary, early work was construction and engineer on hydroelectric plant in Danville, then in Oklahoma; worked with National Foundation of March of Dimes, was the first to introduce the Salk vaccine to a large population, then recruited to work American Cancer Society, was the state director of Mental Health Association in South Carolina before working in a key position in Alabama's Mental Health Dept., his book Tracks Across the Blue Ridge won first place in the national award for short story collection in 1992; and Virginia Eileen Yeatts, born in 1916 and passed away 2002, married Henry Nelson Horton, Eileen taught school many years in several places.'

Gerry recounted memories of her grandmother, "Grandma got the first TV I ever saw. We could get all the laundry done Saturday morning and then walk to her house. Oh, what a joy to watch Mr. Wizard. She claimed she never learned fractions, so we needed to bake the cake. In the good old summertime, me and one of my sisters could stay all night on some Saturdays. We took turns as to who could stay over. We loved to be there. I have a CD that has recordings from various collections 1932-1985 of Aunt Eunice singing folk songs and ballads, many of them centuries old. On the back of the CD, it notes both her parents were singers. I didn't know that, but did know



Yeatts Sisters Mayberry around 1920



Edna and John Henry Yeatts, 1939.

Grandpa played the fiddle and the banjo. For recreation there would be some music and dancing at the house when they and their children were still young. Years before much radio, record players and certainly TV.... Uncle Hassell sounded like Gene Autry when he sang, only better."

Gerry recalled, "I was thinking today that Grandpa and other people on the mountain with livestock hardly knew the word "vacation". (I don't think I would hear the word until there were TV programs from California or Florida.) Sundays, the store was closed to observe the Sabbath. There were practically no days off from certain farm chores, unless you had red measles or pneumonia. When Grandpa retired from carrying the mail, they traveled out West in his Dodge car with younger children to visit kin in Pueblo. I know Grandma's half-sister Bertie and family lived in Pueblo. Grandma and Grandpa took the trip in 1935 to Colorado and Hassell, Eileen, and Essie went with them... Visited her sister Bertie and half-sister Flora. They visited Della, Jay, and their daughter Phyllis. They also visited Lora and Marlin and the two little ones in Iowa."

"Lora and Della (both lived out West) and their children would travel on trains and spend a couple of weeks with Grandma and Grandpa. That was their vacation. When more people had cars and traveling that way was easier, then Lora's and Della's whole family would be in. We loved visiting with them and the cousins. (Telephone calls would break the bank back then but Grandma and her children all communicated with letters.) Highlights of the summers so long ago. Kept the family close together. People now just go to a beach or Dollywood."

"Speaking of letters...well, here is one. Grandpa when he was four years old met the postman. There were letters (apparently). Grandpa said, "I don't want no wetter ("wetter "rather than proper pronunciation of the word "letter"). I want the Constitution (name of the newspaper). From that indication, one would gather that some of it was being read to him and/or he knew how very important it was. I know that several men who would come and sit a few hours at the store and discussed what was in the papers before so much TV. Lots of monopoly and checkers games were played too. Grandma always had magazines we could read, Life, Look, National Geographic, and Readers Digest...that helped us understand the world."

Thank you so much to Gerry Yeatts Scardo for sharing all these wonderful memories of her hard-working, caring grandparents, father, aunts, and uncles. Next week, we will take a more detailed look at Gerry's grandmother, Edna Roena Reynolds Yeatts, childhood. Woody may be reached at rockcastlec-

reek1@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 - About How Medicare Premiums Are Determined

Dear Rusty: Please explain the Medicare premium increase based on income reported to Social Security? For those of us that waited to draw Social Security until age 70, and who are still working - drawing a salary, and planning to retire at age 75 after RMDs kick in at age 73 - how do we make sure that Social Security reports our earnings accurately, so we don't wind up with increased Medicare premiums? Why not charge increased Medicare premiums when we are younger, instead of waiting to sneak up on us when we are older? Signed: Confused about Medicare Premiums

Dear Confused: I believe you are referring to Medicare's "Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount," or "IRMAA." IRMAA increases the Medicare Part B (and Part D) premium amounts for those whose combined income from all sources exceeds specified levels for their IRS tax filing status. Social Security (and Medicare) get your earnings information from the IRS

and use your reported IRS income (on your income tax

return) to calculate your Medicare premium each year.

But there is a twist – they use your reported combined

income (also known as your "MAGI" or "Modified Ad-

justed Gross Income") from 2 years ago to determine your current year's Medicare premium. For example, they will use your 2023 MAGI to determine your 2025 Medicare Part B premium (and your Part D premium if you have Part D). So, if your income reported to the IRS on your tax return in 2023 is correct, Social Security will use that amount to determine next year's Medicare premium.

IRMAA uses a sliding income scale to determine your Medicare premium. If you filed your 2022 taxes as "married/jointly" and your combined income for that year was \$206,000 or less, for 2024 you are paying the standard Medicare Part B premium of \$174.50, and there is no additional amount added to your Part D premium. But if your MAGI as a married couple was over \$206,000 your Medicare premiums will be more e.g., MAGI up to \$258,000 makes your Part B premium \$244.60 and results in a Part D supplement of \$12.90 per month. And so on - as your MAGI further increases, so will your Medicare premiums until you reach the maximum. MAGI over \$750,000 means a Part B premium of \$594/month and a Part D supplement of \$81/

month. Thus, Medicare premiums are "means-tested" (those with higher income pay higher premiums).

A word about "MAGI" - MAGI starts with your Ad-

justed Gross Income on your tax return, to which is

added any non-taxable interest you may have had, and

50% of the Social Security benefits (if any) you received during the income tax year. The total of those three amounts is your MAGI, from which your Medicare premium is determined for the forthcoming year.

So, if your 2023 combined income (your "MAGI") as a couple was under \$206,000 you will pay the standard 2025 Medicare premium which, for Part B, will be \$185/month. If your 2023 MAGI as a married couple is more than \$206,000, you will pay higher Medicare premiums in 2025 due to IRMAA.

Why not pay higher Medicare premiums when we are younger? Well, that's because IRMAA only applies when you are enrolled in Medicare, and your premium relates to your income while receiving Medicare ben-

This article is intended for information purposes only and does not represent legal or financial guidance. It presents the opinions and interpretations of the AMAC Foundation's staff, trained and accredited by the National Social Security Association (NSSA). NSSA and the AMAC Foundation and its staff are not affiliated with or endorsed by the Social Security Administration or any other governmental entity. To submit a question, visit our website (amacfoundation. org/programs/social-security-advisory) or email us at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org.

### 6 - Wednesday, December 18, 2024

# PCHS Holds Fall Sports Banquet

By Ashlee Mullis

School students were recognized December 9. Pictured are:

during the 2024 Fall Athletic Several Patrick County High Awards Banquet held on Monday,



Coach Eli Roberson, Cougar Award Female- Callie Wood, MVP Female- Mackenzie Williams, MVP Male- Noah Hiatt Cougar Award Male- Greely Terry



Coach David Morrison, Most Improved-Wheeler Helms, Defensive MVP-Paul Pascale, Blood Sweat and Tears-Conner Goad, Offensive MVP-Easton Harris, Coaches Award- Seth Geiger & Cameron Collins

### Girls Get Win



Martina Hubbard goes for the steal.

### By Ashlee Mullis

The JV Lady Cougars got a 30-14 win on the road at Dan River, Wednesday, December 11. Martina 1 assist, 1 steal, and a block. "To-Hubbard had 8 points, 2 rebounds, 2 steals, 1 assist, and 1 block. Shianne Townsend had 6 points and 2 steals. Bella Wright had 5 points which included a 3 pointer, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, and 1 steal. Kenzie San- adversity. They worked together chez had 4 points, 1 rebound, and 2 and have improved so much over steals. Kaylene Garcia had 4 points, the past week. I am looking forward 1 rebound, and 2 steals. Meredith to seeing their hard work pay off," Wood had 2 points, 8 rebounds, 3 said Coach Grace Helms.

steals, 3 assists, and 1 block. Bella Martin had 6 rebounds and 2 steals. Bella Mashburn had 7 rebounds, night, my girls played team ball! I love that they shared the ball and kept positive attitudes. They are settling down and kept composure while we had to fight through some

### Fall Athletic Awards winners announced

By Ashlee Mullis

All Three Rivers District **Cross Country** 2nd Team- Greely Terry Volleyball

1st Team-Journey Moore 2nd Team-Lilly Hazelwood **Football** 

2nd Team-Seth Geiger-OL 2nd Team-Seth Geiger-DL 2nd Team-Easton Harris-RB 2nd Team-Paul Pascale-LB 2nd Team-Glenn Stovall-DB 2nd Team-Jayden Corns-RB Honorable Mention

Cameron Collins-TE Josh Jimrusti-DL

Josiah Spangler-DL Conner Goad-LB Tyrese Penn-C Calvin Lancaster-RB Erik Martinez-Tejeda-PK All Region 2C **Cross Country** 1st Team- Noah Hiatt

Volleyball

1st Team-Journey Moore 2nd Team-Lilly Hazelwood **Football** 

1st Team-Paul Pascale-LB 2nd Team Easton Harris-RB Seth Geiger-OL

Jackson Callahan-LB Glenn Stovall-DB

### PCHS Sports Schedule

The Patrick County High School Cougars Sports Schedule for the week of December 23-29: 1pm Girls Basketbal vs Blacksburg (at Franklin County)

5pm Boys Basketball at Franklin

12/28

County 3pm Girls Basketball vs TBA (at Franklin County) 5pm Boys Basketball vs Liberty-Bedford (at Franklin County)



Coach Brian Chitwood, Most Improved- Josh Freeman, MVP- Chance Corns



Volleyball

Coach Allison Gammons, MVP-Journey Moore, Best Offensive-Lilly Hazelwood, Most Improved- Sydney Tatum, Lady Cougar- Camille Gonzalez, Coach

### Varsity Girls Get Road Win



Camille Gonzalez lays one in for the Cougars.

#### By Ashlee Mullis

win. Kimora Wimbush had 12 The Varsity Lady Cougars points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, got a hard-fought win on the and 2 steals. Journey Moore road at Dan River, Wednes- had 10 points, 3 rebounds, 2 day, December 11. The Cou-assists, and 3 steals. Camille gars jumped out to a 17-6 lead Gonzalez had 6 points, 4 reat the end of the first, but had bounds, 3 assists, and 2 steals. a tough 2nd and 3rd quarter. Kendra Worley had 5 points, They picked up the momentum 4 rebounds, 5 assists, and 5

# arsity Boys Fal to Dan River

By Ashlee Mullis

11. when they hosted Dan River. Coach Brian Chitwood said, "Our young men battled for the 3-pointer at the buzzer to push steals.

the lead to 26-20 and we never The Varsity Boys had a tough recovered. They are a very good 47-75 loss Wednesday, December and athletic team. They were ranked #2 in the state 2A basketball coming into the contest."

Tyler Marshall led the Cou-1st quarter. Unfortunately, we gars with 11 points, 9 of those beplay four. We took a 6-2 lead out hind the 3-point line. He added of the gate. Dan River answered 1 rebound, 2 assists, and 1 steal. back and took a 10-point lead. We Easton Harris had 9 points, 3 rehit a 3-point shot with 8 seconds bounds, 3 assists, 1 steal, and 1 left in the 1st and cut their lead block. Noah Jessup had 7 points, to 23-20. They hit a very deep 9 rebounds, 4 assists, and 2

with Patrick County Adult Education

### **Become a Lifelong Learner Today!**

**BENEFITS:** 

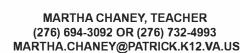
Higher Wages Valuable Workplace Skills Advancement to Further Education and Training Sense of Personal Accomplishment

### WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

- ONLINE CLASSES WITH INDIVIDUAL DAYTIME TUTORING **APPOINTMENTS** 
  - ELL CLASSES ON FRIDAYS
- NIGHT CLASSES ON MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS 5:00-7:00

#### **LOCATED AT 557 MAYO COURT BESIDE** STUART ELEMENTARY





VIRGINIA CAREER WORKS



## Crossing the Lines

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

#### County School Board Honors Teachers of the Year; **Finalizes Cell Phone Policy**



Teachers of the Year from each school were honored during the December 5 meeting of the Henry County School Board.

The Henry County School Board met on December 5 to honor outstanding teachers, approve a new legislative agenda, and finalize updates to the district's cell phone policy. Teachers of the Year from each school were celebrated during the meeting, with the top three — District Teacher of the Year and two runners up, receiving a special

"We believe education is the foundation of our community, and we're proud to recognize and reward our exceptional educators provided special prizes for the top winners," Barry Nelson, and Autos By Nelson, said. "In celebration of their dedication, the Henry County Public Schools District Teacher of the Year and the two runners-up were each handed the keys to a brand-new Ford Mustang Mach-E, the first-ever rally-inspired electric vehicle by Ford. Perfect for outdoor adventures or the daily drive to school, they'll enjoy this incredible vehicle for three months. Congratulations to Meadow View Ele- Community Learning).

mentary School's Carl Scales (2nd Runner-Up), Axton Elementary School's Amanda Chaney (1st Runner-Up), and Bassett High School's Joshua Doss, the District Teacher of the Year."

"We've got to make school fun again," Nelson added, emphasizing the importance of supporting edu-

Educators selected as Teacher of the Year from individual schools

Elementary Schools— Amanda Chaney (Axton), Sarah Reed (Campbell Court), Leah Lagesse (Drewry Mason), Sarah McCormick (G.W. Carver), Carl Scales (Meadow View), Taylor Walker (Mount Olivet), Jennifer Adkins (Rich Acres), Rachel Harrison (Sanville), and Kelley Bennett (Stanleytown);

Middle and High Schools—Page Belcher (Fieldale-Collinsville Middle), Alisha Britton (Laurel Park Middle), Joshua Doss (Bassett High), Mart Barrett (Magna Vista High), and Anna Rakes (Center for

#### City School Board Honors Teachers of the Year, Shifts **Graduation Date**



Martinsville School Board members and administrators honor the division's Teachers of the Year.

The Martinsville City School Board held its final meeting of 2024 on December 9, highlighting accomplishments, approving policy updates, and making adjustments to key events, including Martinsville High School's graduation ceremony.

Teachers of the Year Recognized Teachers of the Year from each city school were honored, with the district-wide winner set to be announced in January. The 2024 honorees are:

- · Clearview Early Learning Center: Ashlee Cook
- Patrick Henry Elementary: Kelly Williams
- Albert Harris Elementary: Jasmine Hall
- Martinsville Middle School:
- Beverly Woody · Martinsville High School: Jer-

emy Scott Responding to feedback from

families and staff, the board approved changes to Martinsville High School's graduation ceremony schedule.

"This is from parents to our staff," said board chairperson Yvonne Givens. Superintendent Dr. Zebedee Talley explained further: "The graduation is traditionally held on Memorial Day weekend. Our families are traveling, a lot is going on."

Starting in 2025, graduation will be held on Friday of Memorial Day weekend at 7 p.m., rather than Saturday, and will take place outdoors to accommodate larger crowds. The later time is also intended to avoid the daytime heat.

While the board acknowledged concerns about scheduling conflicts with Henry County's graduation, members agreed the changes would benefit the community overall.

#### Father-Son Tradition: Bowers Tree Lot Spreads Christmas Cheer for 35 Years in Koehler



Mike Bowers has operated Bowers Tree Lot on Appalachian Drive in Koehler for 35 years. Now his son Joseph Bowers joins him in help people find and take home their perfect Christmas trees.

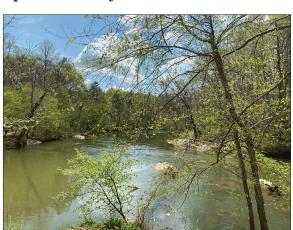
### Input sought on plan for Mayo River State Park

#### **By Staff Reports**

Residents and stakeholders will have the chance to influence the development of Mayo River State Park during a public meeting on December 16. Hosted by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), the session will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Lester Banquet Hall at the Spencer-Penn Centre, 475 Spencer Penn Road, Spencer.

The meeting aims to park's master plan, a development, consernext 30 years.

sion for Mayo River State Park



Future Mayo River State Park

Park, located southwestern Henry County along the Virginia-North Caroligather input for the na border, spans 637 acres, including the critical document that confluence of the North will guide the park's and South Mayo Rivers. The park complevation, and recreation- ments North Carolial offerings over the na's Mayo River State Park, which extends 16 A Collaborative Vi- miles downstream.

"The master plan defines the park's pur-Mayo River State pose, goals, and ob-

jectives and provides direction for construction, expansion, and operations," the DCR states on its website. The planning process integrates public input, resource assessments, market studies, and business development strategies to ensure the park meets both community and visitor needs.

### Owner of local eatery faces multiple charges, ABC license under scrutiny

ing 18 counts related to finances. During an arraignment hearing on Dec. 5 in Martinsville General District Court, Johnson said he plans to retain legal counsel.

Johnson has been charged with nine counts of larceny by bad checks and nine counts of obtaining money under false pretenses in connection with alleged incidents in June, September, and October, court records suggest. Johnson said that he had filed Chapter 13 bankruptcy and attributed the charges to automatic withdrawals that occurred after the

The financial allegations come amid additional scrutiny for Kornna Kitchen, which has faced the loss of its temporary Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) license.

Martinsville Police Chief Robert Fincher recently sent a letter to the Virginia ABC Authority requesting a review of the eatery's compliance and license to sell mixed drinks due to incidents that occurred outside of the restaurant and police utilization in responding to those calls. That letter was drafted a few months after Fincher supported the restaurant's bid for an ABC license in March.

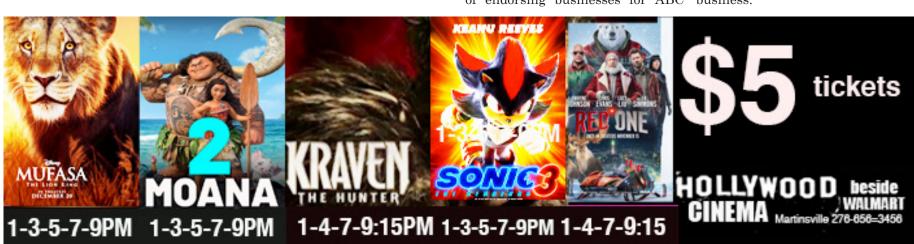
Fincher explained the process of endorsing businesses for ABC

Lovrico "Rico" Johnson, Sr., the licenses, and noted that initial enowner of Kornna Kitchen, is facing dorsements are standard. "If there multiple felony charges, includ- ends up being a problem, then we have to write a letter to the ABC stating, 'hey, listen, it's time that needs to be reviewed more, we recommend it be reviewed," Fincher

> Had Kornna Kitchen's license been permanent, revocation would have required a formal hearing, Fincher added. He referenced a similar situation involving Roosky's Bar & Grill, a former Uptown restaurant, where a letter was sent requesting license revocation "right around the time that the homicide occurred."

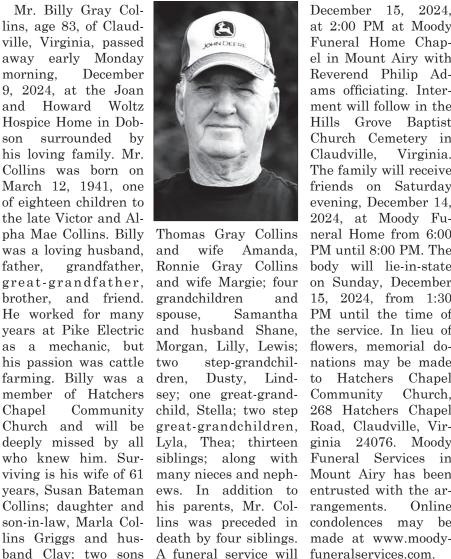
> Johnson maintains there have been no incidents in his place of business, and that incidents outside the eatery also occur at similar businesses. He added that he cannot control public areas outside of his eatery.

Fincher explained that ABC officials consider incidents occurring within a certain radius of licensed establishments when evaluating compliance. "It could just be in the general area. The ABC takes a look at that, and takes those into consideration as being a result of that business even though it may not be inside," he said, explaining that the agency assesses whether nearby incidents can be attributed to the business.



### **OBITUARIES**

#### Billy Gray Collins





Amanda, wife grandchildren spouse, dren, and daughters-in-law, be held on Sunday,

December 15, 2024, Church Cemetery in Nov. 26th. Virginia. Claudville, neral Home from 6:00 She was the eldest of 8 PM until 8:00 PM. The siblings. grandfather, Ronnie Gray Collins body will lie-in-state great-grandfather, and wife Margie; four on Sunday, December wife, a caring mother, Samantha PM until the time of a fun-loving "Granny". years at Pike Electric and husband Shane, the service. In lieu of She had a genuine-Dusty, Lind- to Hatchers Chapel member of Hatchers sey; one great-grand- Community Church, Community child, Stella; two step 268 Hatchers Chapel Church and will be great-grandchildren, Road, Claudville, Virdeeply missed by all Lyla, Thea; thirteen ginia 24076. Moody who knew him. Sur- siblings; along with Funeral Services in viving is his wife of 61 many nieces and neph- Mount Airy has been years, Susan Bateman ews. In addition to entrusted with the arson-in-law, Marla Col- lins was preceded in condolences may be

#### Judy Vaughn Shelton

Judy Vaughn Shelton, age 77, passed Wednesday, away December 11, 2024 at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital. She was born in Martinsville, VA to the late Noel Vaughn and Stedman Dorothy McDaniel. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her hus-cluding displaying a and band James Douglas kind heart to the peo- friend, Sandra Halsey Shelton; one broth- ple in the community er, Mike Vaughn. whether it be visits or She was a lifelong donations to the less will be held Saturday, member of New Hope fortunate. Church of the Breth-



ren where she was a vived by two daugh- Funeral Chapel with deaconess and sang ters, Nellie "Shan- Pastor Rick Randall in the church choir. nie" Shelton Jessup officiating. Burial will She loved sewing and of Stuart, and Melo- follow in Union Primembroidery, special- dy Shelton Hutchens itive Baptist Church ly making scripture and husband, Joey Cemetery. The famiquilts, had a green of Temperanceville, ly will receive friends thumb with flowers VA; seven grandchil- one hour prior to the and plants. She was dren, James Kary service. Online condovery caring and would Jessup, Lilly Sofia lences may be sent to do anything for the Jessup, Chessie Shoe- ww.moodyfuneralserpeople she loved in- maker Turner, Lay- vices.com.

la Shoemaker, Sadie Shoemaker, Patrick Russell, and Joella Hutchens; one brother, Gary Vaughn and wife Elaine of Stusister-in-law. Catheryn Vaughn of Stuart; and half-sister, Jeannie Martin Howard of Tennessee; caregiver and dear friend, Judy Hale; lifelong Wood.

A Funeral service December 14, 2024 at Mrs. Shelton is sur- 2:00 P.M. at Moody

### Sharon Renee Vaughn

Miss Sharon Renee Vaughn, age 55 of Stuart, Virginia passed away at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital on Friday, December 13, 2024. She was born in Patrick County on May 19, 1969. She was preceded in death by her father, Moir Ray Vaughn. Sharon was a registered nurse in the home health set- ing ting. She previously worked at Vanderbilt in Nashville, Tennes- are her mother, Eva see. Her love for tak- Haden ing care of children Stuart; one brother, services on Thursday enjoyed and being with her Claire family. Sharon was a (Austin) Bassett; one dyfuneralservices.



sister, adoring aunt, and great-aunt.

Children's Hospital memories of Sharon was unmatched. She Tim Vaughn of Marcrocheting tinsville; one niece, Shumate loving daughter, car- nephew, Matthew

Vaughn (Gabriella) of Martinsville; one great-nephew, Liam; and one great-niece, Stella.

The funeral service

for Miss Vaughn will be held on Thursday, December 19, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. at Moody Funeral Home in Stuart with Pastor Les Croft and Pastor Ronald Deskins officiating. Burial will immediately follow Left to cherish the in Patrick Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends Vaughn of one hour prior to the morning. Online condolences may be sent by visiting www.moocom.

### OBITUARY SUBMISSION DEADLINE MONDAY AT NOON

# THANK YOU FOR READING THE ENTERPRISE

### Sarah Edna East

at 2:00 PM at Moody ness to announce the loved, admired, and ters, Sophia Orama Funeral Home Chap- death of Mrs. Sarah respected. Her sense and Phebe Johnston; el in Mount Airy with Edna East, of More- of humor was second her sister, Sue and Reverend Philip Ad- head City, NC. She ams officiating. Inter- passed away peacefulment will follow in the ly from natural causes Hills Grove Baptist in her home on Tues.

"Edna" was born on The family will receive Jan. 15th, 1933 to Wilfriends on Saturday liam Russell (Buck) evening, December 14, Boles and Ann (Pace) 2024, at Moody Fu- Boles in Stuart, VA.

Edna was a devoted

to none. She touched husband gotten.

in death by her par- husband Howard Tate; and Johnny Boles; husband, James Daniel (Dan) East; and son-Orama Jr.

and 15, 2024, from 1:30 a beloved sister, and her daughter, Donna sey's Chapel in Dry as a mechanic, but Morgan, Lilly, Lewis; flowers, memorial do- ly beautiful soul, and ma; her granddaugh- missed dearly. step-grandchil- nations may be made would do anything ter, Allison Orama;

It is with great sad- for anybody. She was her great granddaughthe souls of those that Geesaman; her sister, knew her in such a way Linda and husband that will never be for- Jackie Spence; her sister, Shirley Sutphin; Edna was preceded her sister, Beverly and ents; brothers, Herbert her brother, William (Billy) and wife Phyllis

> Edna was laid to rest in-law, Herbert (Herb) on Sunday, Dec. 8th 2024, beside her hus-Edna is survived by band Daniel, at Crea-Gayle East Orama; her Pond, VA. We love you grandson, David Ora- Granny. You will be

#### Elizabeth Ann Wright Turner

Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Wright Turner, age 84 of Martinsville, Virginia passed away at Sovah Hospital in Martinsville on Thursday, December 12, 2024. She was born in Patrick County on August 27, 1940, to the late Robert Alvin Wright and Elizabeth Naylor Wright. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by Wright Spencer.

Ann grew up in Pat-ber Reynolds Memorial High School, Critz, Virginia. She worked husband transferred Laurinburg for a while she went to near family. After mov- ervices.com.



work for a realty firm for two years. While in one sister, Frances Laurinburg, she volunteered for the Cham-Commerce, ofrick County and grad- nursing home, Relay uated from Hardin for Life, and March of Dimes. Ann played on a local tennis team for years. Her team won for Anthony Brothers the North Carolina Supply and Fieldcrest State Championship Mills Personnel Office. one of those years. She Ann moved to Laurin- was a member of St. burg, North Caroli- Luke United Methna in 1971 when her odist Church in Laurinburg for over 35 with Fieldcrest Mills. years. She worked for she the food bank where worked as assistant they served over 100 business manager for families once a month. St. Andrews College She worked on numerand later went to work ous committees for for Cape Fear Farm the church. Ann loved Moody Funeral Home Credit as a loan officer to do crafts, reading, in Stuart is in charge and paralegal. She re- cross stitch, walking, of the arrangements, tired from Farm Credit and tennis. In 2010 and online condolences with 26 years of ser- she and her husband vice. After retirement moved back home to be www.moodyfunerals-

ing home, she moved her membership to Pleasant View Baptist Church; the church she grew up in.

Mrs. Turner is survived by her husband, Ned Turner of the home; one son, Gregory Wright Turner of Martinsville; one granddaughter, gan Murdock (Ryan) of Fort Mill, SC; two great-grandchildren, Liam and Lyza Kate; two sisters, Alvina W. Price of Patrick Springs and Lois W. Vaughn of Axton; several nieces and nephews; and her beloved

dog, Ellie. Funeral services for Mrs. Turner will be held Monday, December 16, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at Pleasant View Baptist Church with Pastor Joey McNeil officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church. may be sent by visiting

### **Christopher Thomas Stovall**

Christopher Mr.Thomas Stovall, age 57 of Bassett, passed away on Thursday, December 12, 2024, at his home. He was born in Patrick County on August 28, 1967, to the late Lloyd Thomas Stovall and Barbara Craddock Boothe. In addition to his parents, Chris was preceded in death by his grandparents, Otis and Edith Craddock and Ruth Stovall.

Chris is survived by his siblings, Denise Stone (Tim), Cin-Keller (Tommy), Brandon Boothe (Wendy), as well as special aunts, nieces, nephews

and cousins. Chris, with his meticulous attention to detail, spent most of his life as a carpenter. He took great pride in helping build homes for families, always striving for perfection in every detail. In his earlier years, he was employed at Bassett Mirror Company. He is cherished for his sense of humor, love for his

family, and strong will and courage. A celebration of life

for Chris will be held

Sunday, December 15,

2024, at 2:00 p.m. at



Moody Funeral Home in Stuart with Pastor Freddy Bonds officiating. Interment will www.moodyfuneralsbe private. The fami-

ly will receive friends one hour prior to the services at the funeral home on Sunday afternoon. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you enjoy a meal with your family and friends or donate to a charity of your choice. A special thank you to the Carilion family, especially Krista, Jenna, Mary, Lynn and Libby. Moody Funeral Home in Stuart is in charge of the arrangements, and online condolences may be sent by visiting ervices.com.





"We appreciate the confidence you have shown in us for over 60 years."

202 West Blue Ridge Street, Stuart, VA Phone 276-694-3145 www.moodyfuneralservices.com

Terri S. Wood, Manager

### PATRICK PULPITS

### Oh, Those Human Differences

acknowledge wavs rect thy paths."

Recently in a meet-130 pounds.

Realizing that hu- not faint." mans look and think curiosity.

externally. Physiolog- or bicycling. ical (relating to the by numerous factors.

walk/jog/run, and supplement pills to change our bodies. acknowledges We want to feel bet- mind-body the opposite sex.

tritional variations, drieth the bones." body chemistry and even our es establish in us distinctions that suexplain. Very ly characteristics.

ailments as heart better. disease, diabetes and even cancer propensiredity followings.

disease/condition, an- person, controlled he with limited success. the door is located.

Proverbs 3: 5-6 is, and of that which "Trust in the Lord is to come." Notice the with all thine heart; words "profits little." and lean not unto If God was telling the way he should go own under- us it profits none, it and when he is old he

short and wide. One they shall mount up ably weighed about not be weary; and teach harmful values. they shall walk, and

Endurance, mental, branch of biology that emotional and phys- are only a few of the deals with the normal ical, is of great bene-reasons our human functions of living fit for those called to organisms and their promote the Gospel segmented and diverparts) we are defined of our Jesus. If one's gent. The only solu-We humans work lead others to Christ, the teachings of God out, go to the gym, we must be strong to in the Holy Bible. diet endure the work Jeand take billions of sus assigned to us world have a solution dollars in vitamin (Matthew 28: 18-19).

The Bible also the connecsome cases appeal to "A merry heart doeth

environ- really down, to the mental circumstanc- point of depression? Then the grandchildren came to visit or people seem to be sat- you were the grandest isfied with their bodi- person to ever live. It's really interesting our We can choose our how one's attitude mental variances for nutritional and exer- and self-concept can a reason. To believe cise programs but it's quickly change. The He has a purpose for impossible to choose improvement may be all of us may seem to our ancestors. Such temporary but life is stretch the imagina-

We can also take this as a lesson to ty appear to have he-build people up (en- all, (John 3: 17) not courage) rather than just a select few. Regardless of our to criticize. When a cestral proclivity, we children, hears nothdo have a few condi- ing but negativism, can control. Among them to become? Do and exercise. Our ex- an enemy for life? them!

Many parents toa smoker gives us or smart phone for a reason to know where baby-sitter. This negligent practice not 1 Timothy 4:8 "For only contributes to things, having prom- norance that affects com

ise of the life that now decision making pro-

Proverbs "Train up a child in standing. In all thy would have said that. will not depart from Numerous places in it." Failure to heed him, and he shall di- the Bible we are told this scriptural admoto run. "Isaiah 40: 31 nition contributes to "But they that wait the degradation of our ing of ministers, I upon the Lord shall world societal status have never felt so renew their strength; and will proliferate as technology proceeds of the attendees was with wings as eagles; with the development about 6' 6" and prob- they shall run, and of more "toys" that

Proverbs 22: 7 "The rich rules over the This verse is telling poor, and the borrowas much alike as us to find our strength er is servant to the daylight and dark, in the Lord and that lender." Such a dire our variances are in- is great advice but it warning of the dantriguing and create in can also be referring gers of debt should be some of us a state of to endurance. Phys- a red flag warning to ical exercise builds individuals and gov-Physiologically we endurance, especially ernments but greed are as different in- cardio-vascular exer- and blindness prohibternally as we are cise such as running its that from happening.

> These examples differences are purpose in life is to tion is to return to The problems of this and the only barrier to these Biblical

teachings is people. We are spiritual beter, look better and in tion. Proverbs 17: 22 ings. I Corinthians 6: 19 "What, Know ye good like a medicine: not that your body Our ancestry, nu- but a broken spirit is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is Have you ever felt in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God perficially we cannot your dog came along in your body, and in few and appeared to think your spirit, which are God's."

> God made us with physical tion for many but the Bible clearly Jesus came to save

The Bible also tells especially us unequivocally God Jesus called the Apostle Paul to take the tions in our lives we what can we expect Gospel to the Gentiles (Acts 3: 15). As differthose are nutrition you want to make ent physically as we may be, Christ died posure to pollutants Humiliate or insult for the remission of sin of the world.

Van Yandell is a re-To be in a room with day are using the TV tired Industrial Arts teacher, an ordained gospel evangelist commissioned and missionary. A part bodily exercise profits the dumbing of fu- of the Bible Conneclittle: but Godliness ture generations but tion series. His email: is profitable unto all contributes to the ig- vmy2121@outlook.

Your relationships are why Ashbrook Audiology has corrected hearing issues for 20 years. Your relationships are more important than anything else in your life. Correcting your hearing issues positively improves every relationship you have. People just like you regain and strengthen their relationships with their family and friends everyday because they discovered Ashbrook Audiology. Come in today and experience firsthand the incredible and affordable increase in your quality of life these communication systems can bring you, and from professionals who wear hearing instruments themselves.







1111 Spruce Street MARTINSVILLE, VA (276) 666-0401

4500 Riverside Drive DANVILLE, VA (434) 792-2182

1-877-610-HEAR (4327)

### BIBLE TRIVIA

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

2. Which Old Testament prophet said the most about the birth of Christ? Isaiah, Daniel, Ezekiel,

3. From Matthew 1:18, when Mary became pregnant, she and Joseph were ...? Married, Engaged, Just friends, Strangers

4. In Luke 2:8-11, how did the shepherds learn of Christ's birth? Magi informed, Joseph announcement, Mighty wind, Angel appear-

5. Where did the wise men go

first when they arrived in the Holy

Nazareth, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Hebron

6. What does the Bible record as to when Jesus was born? Late September, Dec. 25, March 17,

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Isaiah, 3) Engaged, 4) Angel appearance, 5) Jerusalem, 6) Does not

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

© 2024 King Features Synd.,

Inc.

#### Skyline Pentecostal Holiness Church 1515 Rock Church Rd. Meadows of Dan, Virginia Rev. Tommy Gosnell 59 Mountain View Loop **CHURCH SERVICES** Stuart Sunday School 10 am (actually in Patrick Springs) 276.236.7814 Worship Services 11 am

Patrick Springs Pentecostal Holiness 260 Spring Rd., Patrick Springs, VA - 276-694-6357



Bringing the World to Christ 108 W. Blue Ridge St.

Office Hours (Tue-Thu 8 am -3 pm

Sundays 7:45 - 8:15 a.m. Stuart Baptist Church

Risen Jord

Catholic Church

Mass Schedule

Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

Reconciliation

9:45 Sunday School



### **Super** Crossword

5 Le Duc —

(1992-97

Vietnam)

6 Nectar lover

7 Sailors' saint

8 Knotting up

9 Ovum

10 Actor Rob

11 Averse (to)

half-rise out

of the water

12 Whale's

president of

CLEAR COMMUNICATION

90 Hat edge

91 Italian peak

is Lomé 94 Lava or Dial

96 NFL scores

99 Stymied

100 Sticky stuff

102 Some small

batteries

green tea 108 "Veni,"

translated

104 Japanese

109 Monikers

110 Skillful feats

111 Navel type

building

116 Arm bones

119 Like giraffes

121 Emmy winner

Remini

123 "Sometimes

you feel

124 African nation

is Bamako

whose capital

like —'

112 Fixed-up

114 Brittle

92 African nation

whose capital

**ACROSS** 1 NATO has a special one for spelling out words over the radio 9 Architectural wings

13 Provo people 20 In a lying, faceup position 21 Sticky stuff

22 Kind of energy 23 Moniker for novelist Ernest **25** Dig up

26 Apt. overseer 27 Yoko of music and art 28 Singer Waters

30 Puente of mambo 31 Road coater 34 Weed B- -

36 Marriott, e.g. 39 Doesn't lack 42 Often-dried fruit 44 Diarist Anaïs

diet"

20

133

136

59 Gave a coif 60 Suffer ruin 62 Admonish 65 "Hello" singer 66 Cast off skin Roses hit

transit maps

target 73 Civil rights icon Parks targets

78 Method of measuring ocean depth in 1937's

"Elephant Boy" 86 Alluring attributes

missile

46 "Caveman moves

47 Messy room- 103 Spanish bar mate on "The Odd Couple" 51 Dune locale 106 Plant pouch

**56** Chicago hub **107** — Zedong

57 Dot on some 108 Very thin material for book pages 113 Steelers' gp. 115 Mu - pork

city

Jax Teller on "Sons of

117 Normandy

68 1992 Guns N' 118 Doctrine

**76** Hoagies 77 Extermination

83 Boy actor

89 "No doubt!" 93 Trig topics 95 Dependent 97 — -ground

ballroom

appetizers 105 Born, to Luc

innocence

largest city

120 Internet ID 70 Extermination 122 Symbol of innocence 126 One revising something 129 Portrayer of

Anarchy' 133 Act as arbiter 134 Symbol of

135 Brazil's 85 Raccoon kin **136** Soul

98 Barely beats 101 Doing certain DOWN

2 Island feast 3 Musical mark

4 "Drive South"

singer John

13 Island guitar 14 "Sn" element 15 Suffix with prop-16 Shrubland 17 Sunny lobbies 18 Mafia's Frank 19 "Danke 24 Around 12 p.m 29 Greek H's

137 Amply skilled 138 Apt word 32 In a new way spelled out 33 Backboard by the first attachment 35 Sentra maker letters of 37 Grasslands

eight answers 38 Actor sharing in this puzzle top billing 39 Backboard 1 Deadly vipers

attachment 40 Tennis' Arthur for "extremely 41 Injury vestige softly" 43 Yak it up 45 "That's false!"

48 Pupil of Plato

13

22

50 Rule for homework time, perhaps **52** Operated by water under pressure 53 Brand of fat

49 French

noble

substitute 54 Ignited anew 55 Blissful sites 58 Bakery buys 61 Hoagie

63 Coll. in Dallas 64 Wanes 67 Football's Flutie

69 Hollywood's Morales 70 Praline bit 71 Cut-rate, in adspeak 72 Thick

carpets 74 Show filmed at 30 Rock 75 Hebrew

month 79 Daytime nap 80 "How -

125 Coll. hotshot Your Mother 127 Football's 81 Pitcher Ryan Marino 82 African nation 128 Lister's abbr.

whose capital 130 Caviar is Conakry

source 131 "Yoo- —!" 84 Boil briefly 87 Very angry **132** 1995-2006 88 — -Caps TV channel 15 18

25 23 26 32 39 43 47 56 60 62 36 78 79 80 83 85 93 94 95 96 98 102 99 106 105 107 104 108 109 110 111 112 117 120 122 123 124 125 119 126 127 | 128 129 131 132 130

Puzzle answers page 11

134

137

### **CLASSIFIED**

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE

All real estate advertised in this newspaper is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968, which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitations or discrimination based on race, color, sex or national origin," or an intention to make any such preferences, limitation or discrimination. Our readers are informed that all dwellings advertised in this paper are available on an equal opportunity basis. This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate or employment which is in violation of the law.

### CLASSIFIED AD DEADLINE: MONDAY AT NOON Call (276) 694-3101

#### **SERVICES**

**KENDRICK PAVING** & TRUCKING, PAVING, Sealing, Line Striping, Gravel Hauling and Mulch. Rodney Kendrick 276-629-3913 or 276-340-7786. Email at kendrickpaving@gmail. com Carrying on the tradition of quality.

#### **CLAYTON KENDRICK PAVING**

(Original Kendrick Paving) Gravel hauling and spreading, grading, mulch, dirt, pavement maintenance and striping. 42 years experience. Reasonable prices. Call (276) 694-7786 (office) or (276)- 340-8786 (cell) Email: ckendrick@embarqmail. com or claytonk81@ gmail.com

#### WOODWRX, INC.

Est. since 1988 Carpentry/Cabinetry - fine woodworking, design, tile, closet & garage organizers, repairs, etc. Originally based in Palm Beach County-References **Bob Morehouse** Phone: 276-930-1703 Cell: 561-881-8292 E-Mail: Bob@Woodwrx. net Website: Woodwrx.net

#### **THOMAS LAND SOLUTIONS LLC**

Forestry mulching, overgrown property cleanup, bush-hogging, pasture & field reclamation, ATV & walking trails, hunting lanes, skid-steer, tractor and mini-excavator work. Free estimates. Call 276-229-9410 or Facebook Thomas Land Solutions LLC

### **Morris Construction**

**LLC** Home remodeling & repairs, carpentry, roofing, siding, painting, fencing, tree work & more! Contact Nick @ 276-224-4623 or 757-621-5219.

### **HYDRO AIR SYTEMS**

Heating, Cooling & Electrical Contractors, SALES & SERVICES, Licensed in VA & NC, 276-694-7308

### **FOR RENT**

For rent 1-bedroom and 2-bedroom apartments available Located near Walmart in Stuart. Call 540-493-9835 for information.

### **HELP WANTED**

#### Virginia Tech/Virginia **Cooperative Extension**

Extension Agent, Agriculture & Natural Resources Patrick County Extension Office, Job #531775 Applications are to be submitted online at jobs.vt.edu; enter job number 531775 for additional information

and to apply. For further information contact Terri Alt, Unit Coordinator, at 276-694-3341 or email talt@vt.edu. Review date 1/3/25. EO/AA **Employer** 



#### **AUCTIONS**

ATTN. AUCTIONEERS: Advertise your upcoming auctions statewide and in other states. Affordable Print and Digital Solutions reaching your target audiences. Call this paper or Landon Clark at Virginia Press Services 804-521-7576, landonc@vpa.net

#### **HOME IMPROVEMENT**

Vinyl Replacement Windows Installed! Starting at \$350 Call 804-739-8207 for More Details! Ronnie Jenkins II Windows, Siding, Roofing and Gutters! FREE Estimates! Call 804-739-8207 for More Details! American Made Products!

Prepare for power outages today with a Generac Home Standby Generator. Act now to receive a FREE 7-Year warranty with qualifying purchase. Call 1-844-947-1479 today to schedule a free quote. It's not just a generator. It's a power move.

Replace your roof with the best looking and longest lasting material steel from Erie Metal Roofs! Three styles and multiple colors available. Guaranteed to last a lifetime! Limited Time Offer – up to 50% off installation + Additional 10% off install (for military, health workers & 1st responders.) Call Erie Metal Roofs: 1-844-902-4611.

Eliminate gutter cleaning forever! LeafFilter, the most advanced debris-blocking gutter protection. Schedule a FREE LeafFilter estimate today. 20% off Entire Purchase. Plus 10% Senior & Military Discounts. Call 1-877-614-6667

Safe Step. North America's #1 Walk-In Tub. Comprehensive lifetime warranty. Top-of-the-line installation and service. Now featuring our FREE shower package and \$1600 Off for a limited time! Call today! Financing available. Call Safe

Step 1-877-591-9950

The bathroom of your dreams in as little as 1 day. Limited Time Offer - \$1000 off or No Payments and No Interest for 18 months for customers who qualify. BCI Bath & Shower. Many options available. Quality materi-

### Virginia Press Services

als & professional installation. Senior & Military Discounts Available. Call

Today! 1-844-945-1631

#### **SERVICES**

**DIVORCE-Uncontest**ed, \$475+\$86 court cost. WILLS-\$295.00. No court appearance. Estimated completion time twenty-one days. Hilton Oliver, Attorney (Facebook). 757-490-0126. Se Habla Espanol. BBB Member. https://hiltonoliverattorneyva.com.

**DENTAL INSURANCE** from Physicians Mutual Insurance Company.

To advertise in The Enterprise

call **276-340-2445** 

or email advertise@mainstreetnewspapers.com

## **Max Kendall** Lumber & Tin

Price Reduced **Metal Roofing** 

**Now Made In** Axton, Va.

276-650-2825

Free call 1-888-434-2825

Lynchburg, Va.

434-821-3251

Free Call 1-833-593-3251

Reidsville, NC

336-348-1600

Free call 1-833-205-1600

### 20 COLORS

Classic Rib – PBR Panel Standing Seam - 5V

### **Buy Direct** and Save!

**American Made Top Quality Low Prices Made Same Day** 40 Year Warranty

**WE FINANCE** METAL **ROOFS ON YOUR HOME** 

### **Snow Guards** Lumber

Rough - Dressed - Treated **PACKAGE BUILDINGS Contractors Welcome** 

maxkendalllumber.com 8261 Mountain Valley Rd



dental50plus.com/virginia #6258

Portable Oxygen Concentrator May Be Covered by Medicare! Re-888-608-4974

We Buy Houses for Cash AS IS! No repairs. No fuss. Any condition. Easy three step process: Call, get cash offer and get paid. Get your fair cash offer today by calling Liz Buys Houses: 1-844-216-5028.

TRUCKS.

**SUBSCRIBE** 

to gain unlimited digital access to

The Enterprise

THE ENTERPRISE

www.theenterprise.net

### claim independence and design and long-lasting battery of Inogen One.

mobility with the compact Free information kit! Call

Virginia Press Services

Coverage for 350 plus

procedures. Real dental

insurance - NOT just a

discount plan. Do not

wait! Call now! Get your

**FREE Dental Information** 

Kit with all the details!

1-888-550-3083 www.

I will clean out

basements, garages,

etc. and haul away

anything, brush

also,

Free Estimates!

**Call Scott** 

647-5563 or

276-806-4433

Only \$2.50 a

month!

We buy 8,000 cars a week. Sell your old, busted or junk car with no hoops, haggles or headaches. Sell your car to Peddle. Easy three step process. Instant offer. Free pickup. Fast payment. Call 1-844-268-4773

Virginia Press

Switch and save up to

\$250/year on your talk,

text and data. No contract

and no hidden fees. Un-

limited talk and text with

flexible data plans. Premi-

um nationwide coverage.

information, call 1-855-

262-5564.

100% U.S. based customer service. For more

**Guaranteed Paying** the Most -**Buying CARS &** Running or not, ATV's, tractors, stamps, old coins, jewelry & fire arms. 647-5563 or 806-4433

PLUS 14 local

papers in

your region!

BUYING: Cans, #1 Copper, #2 Copper, Brass, Metal, Different types of Aluminum, Vehicles, Stainless Steel, etc.

**JAMIE'S** 

RECYCLING

CENTER

#### Call for prices.



pick up service available. Call for details.

### (276) 694-5692

or 276-694-5697

Hours: Mon-Fri 8 am-5 pm, closed 12-1 pm for lunch 3609 South Mayo Dr., Stuart

God Bless You

LOVE LIGHTS AT THE COURTHOUSE

LOVE LIGHTS IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF LOVED ONES

A project of the Patrick County Alzheimer's Group LLC

**December 20, 2024** 

6:00PM PATRICK COUNTY COURTHOUSE

The Patrick County Alzheimer's Group is excited to announce they are bringing back the Love Lights Program. Purchase a Love Light in honor or in memory of a loved one. An angel ornament with the individual's name will be placed on the Christmas tree at the courthouse. Each \$5 purchase will include the individual's name on an ornament and a card sent to the family. Money raised through the program will be used for Alzheimer's patients in Patrick County and the surrounding areas.

### 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 16.

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

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

Frances Hughes

Walter Goins

Lorene Puckett David Puckett Debbie Overby **Jewel Baliles** 

**Bobby Goins** Johnnie Scearce **Bobby Scearce** Pauline Scearce Roy Rodgers **Peggy Roberts** Ginger Bryant William Rodgers Norma Puckett Polly Tatum **Bobby Pendleton Bobby Pendleton Bobby Pendleton** Jean Gilley Marion Cobbler Mabel Clark

Rachel Sheppard

Nellie Goins

Paula Pendleton Dorothy Jessee Doris Wood **IN HONOR** 

Danny Sheppard

### 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

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

### WWW.THEENTERPRISE.NET

Wednesday, December 18, 2024 -  $oldsymbol{11}$ 

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.

#### Meetings

#### Wednesday, Dec. 18

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

#### Monday, Jan. 6

The Patrick County Board of Supervisors will hold its reorganizational meeting at 6 p.m. in the third-floor courtroom of the Patrick County Administration Build-

#### Thursday, Jan. 9

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

#### Wednesday, Jan.15

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

#### **Events**

#### Wednesday, Dec. 18

The Carroll County Genealogy Club will hold its monthly business meeting at 2 p.m. 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.

### **HUGE SELECTION OF LIFT CHAIRS**



Small, Medium and Large size chairs available

Starting at **Only** 

### Riverside Furniture 1580 Greensboro Road

**Martinsville VA** 

276-632-1286

Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm • Saturday 9am - 2pm

Tired of driving



Household pickup once a week - \$30 month Dumpsters for residential and business use available.



WE ARE NOW OFFERING **ROLL-OFF CONTAINERS.** 

Please call for pricing. **276-251-1303** 

Residential & Commercial Garbage Collection in P.C. ruralservicesinc.@swva.net

### Weekly SUDOKU

9		2	3					
					9		6	3
		1					9	
2			6		7	3		
1	3			8				
6	7							5
				7	1		3	
4	1			2				6
7	2		5	4	6		8	

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging

♦♦♦ HOO BOY! © 2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

#### Saturday, Jan. 4

Jeb Stuart Volunteer Rescue Squad will have a community breakfast from 7:30-10 a.m. at its building. Plates are \$8 and dine in, carry out, and curb service options are available. Orders can be placed by calling (276) 694-6171.

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

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

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

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

The Patrick County Veterans Memorial Honor Guard meets the first Tuesday of every month at the American



### LIVESTOCK AUCTIONS EVERY SATURDAY AT 1 P.M.

• We sell cattle, goats, sheep & pigs. State Graded Feeder Sale every Saturday

For directions to our facility, weekly updates of upcoming events and current sale prices, please visit our website: www.springlakeauctions.com.

> Please feel free to call us at (540) 297-1707.

We appreciate your business! 1069 SICKLE COURT, MONETA, VA 24121

THINKING ABOUT SELLING YOUR HOME?



STUART, VA 24171									- 1	1		2		指						
Α	L	Р	Н	Α	В	Е	Т		Е	L	L	S		U	Т	Α	Н	Α	N	S
S	U	Р	1	N	E	L	Υ		G	0	0	Р		K	1	N	E	Т	1	С
Р	Α	Р	Α	Н	E	М	I	Ν	G	W	Α	Υ		U	Ν	Ε	Α	R	Т	Н
S	U	Р	Т			0	Ν	0		E	Т	Н	Е	L			Т	1	Т	0
			Т	Α	R		G	0	Ν		Н	0	Т	Е	L	С	Н	Α	Ι	N
Н	Α	S		F	1	G		Ν	1	Ν		Р	Α	L	Е	0				
0	S	С	Α	R	М	Α	D	Τ	S	0	Ν		S	Ε	Α	S	Н	0	R	Е
0	Н	Α	R	E		В	U	S	S	Т	0	Р			S	Т	Υ	L	Е	D
Р	E	R	Т	S	Н		С	Н	Α	S	Т	Т	S	Ε		Α	D	Ε	L	Е
			S	Н	Е	D			Ν	0	V	Е	М	В	E	R	R	Α	Τ	N
Р	Е	S	Т		R	0	S	Α				S	U	В	S		Α	Ν	Т	S
Е	С	Н	0	S	0	U	Ν	D	Т	N	G			S	Α	В	U			
С	0	Α	Т	Τ		G	L	Α	М	0	U	R	S		Τ	L	L	В	Е	Т
Α	Ν	G	L	Е	S			R	Е	L	Т	Α	Ν	Т		Α	Т	R	Т	0
Ν	0	S	Е	s	0	U	Т		Т	Α	Ν	G	0	D	Α	Ν	С	Τ	Ν	G
				Т	Α	Р	Α	s		Ν	Е	Е		S	Α	С		М	Α	0
Τ	Ν	D	Τ	Α	Р	Α	Р	Е	R		Α	F	С		s	Н	U			
С	Α	Е	Ν			Т	Е	Ν	Е	Т		U	R	L			L	Α	М	В
Α	М	Е	N	D	Е	R		С	Н	Α	R	L	Т	Е	Н	U	N	N	Α	М
М	Е	D	ī	Α	Т	Е		H	Α	L	0		s	Α	0	Р	Α	U	L	0
Е	s	S	E	N	С	E		Α	В	L	E		Р	Н	o	N	Е	T	ī	С
_			_			_		· •	_	_	_		_		_		_	÷	<u> </u>	

Legion Post 105 at 7 p.m. Interested veterans are welcome to attend.

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

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

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

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

Connect Health+ Wellness offers free confidential Medicaid/FAMIS application and renewal assistance for Virginia residents from birth to 64. No sign-up fees, no premiums, no deductibles. Medicaid renewals have resumed. Medicaid members need to keep their mailing address and contact information up to date. Connect Health + Wellness' specially trained Medicaid/FAMIS Outreach Advocate can provide more information. Call or text Ann Walker, (276) 732-0509, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



1329 Scenic Drive, Stuart, VA 24171 (276) 694-7417 or (276) 358-1580

Hours: Mon - Fri 8:00 to 5:30, Sat 8:00 to 2:00 **VALVOLINE AND SCHAEFFER OIL PRODUCTS** 

Now Offering **TIRES & FRONT END ALIGNMENT** 



- State Inspections Oil Changes using Amsoil, Valvoline & Schaeffer Oil Products
  - Full Brake Service for Disc and Drum Brakes
- Replacement of Belts and Hoses
  - Tune Ups
  - Tire Rotations
  - Starter and Alternator Replacement
  - Battery Replacement

**10% DISCOUNT FOR VETERANS** 

Wilderness - Stuart, Inc.

Buying Logs Standing Timber or Timberland Stuart, VA

> Contact Ronnie Bolt at (276) 694-4432

9	6	2	3	5	8	1	4	7
8	5	7	4	1	9	2	6	3
3	4	1	7	6	2	5	9	8
2	8	5	6	9	7	3	1	4
1	3	4	2	8	5	6	7	9
6	7	9	1	3	4	8	2	5
5	9	6	8	7	1	4	3	2
4	1	8	9	2	3	7	5	6
7	2	3	5	4	6	9	8	1



### Grant provides funds for middle school students to visit P&HCC's campus

Patrick & Henry Community College (P&H-CC) is one of ten Virginia colleges and universities awarded a State Council of Higher Education (SCHEV) grant to support the Middle School Campus Visit Project. SCHEV, in partnership with the Virginia Department of Education and Commonwealth Savers, awarded \$126,000 to ten institutions to enable the post-secondary schools to host campus visits for middle school students during the 2024-25 academic year.

"The Middle School Campus Visit Project introduces young students to the possibilities of higher education, sparking their interest in postsecondary pathways early in their academic journey," said Scott Fleming, SCHEV director. "By creating age-appropriate and engaging activities, colleges and universities are inspiring students to see themselves as future college students and begin to believe in the high expectations we have for them as the rising generation."

P&HCC college guides plan to use the \$15,000 award to host local seventh graders on P&H-CC's main campus. Students will be invited to

### LEGAL

ORDER OF PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA Case No. CL24000628-00

VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104

Patrick Circuit Court, 101 West Blue Ridge Street/PO Box 148, Stuart, VA 24171 SAMRUAY KHOONIN HOWELL v. MICHAEL CALVIN HOWELL The object of this suit is to:

PROVIDE PROPER SERVICE TO DEFENDANT WITH UNKNOWN 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





Pictured are: Jentonia Wilson (MVHS Career Coach), Lydia Prillaman (MHS Career Coach), Cherica Williams (BHS Career Coach), Ashley Hughes (Dual Enrollment Support Specialist), Chloe Mayhew (Coordinator of Dual Enrollment), and Stephanie Keith (PCHS Career Coach) plan to welcome middle school students to P&HCC during the spring semester. (Contributed photo)

spend the day for a fun and interactive exploration of the college's programs and resources that will engage students and increase their awareness of postsecondary options available to them. While on campus, students will have the chance to be exposed to a Mobile Fab Lab tour and demonstration, interactive STEM lab experiment demonstration, tour health sciences and skilled trades labs, meet with their high school's designated Career Coach, and learn more about opportunities open to them once they are in high school (including Dual Enrollment and Upward Bound). Students will also enjoy lunch on campus and will receive prizes for engagement competitions throughout the day.

"We are thrilled to be able to offer this opportunity to middle school students in our service region and to welcome them to our campus as they begin to craft their career plans and envision a future of financial stability for themselves," said P&HCC president Dr. Greg Hodges.

Now in its third year, the Middle School Campus Visit Project is part of SCHEV's Level Up initiative, which aims to increase postsecondary readiness, enrollment, and completion for all students in Virginia.

### **DMV Select** in Stuart sets holiday hours

The DMV Select office in Stuart will be closed in observance of the Christmas holiday Monday, December 23, Tuesday, December 24, and Wednesday, December 25.

The office reopens with regular hours on Thursday, and Friday, December 26-27.

The office closes again on Wednesday, January 1, in observance of New Year's Day.

### Flooding prompts an extension of road closure

Virginia 671 in Patrick County will remain closed to through-traffic until December 20 due to flooding.

The closure went into effect on November 12 for pipe replacements. It affects the portion of Virginia 671 (Raven Rock Road) from Virginia 631 (River Road) to Virginia 631 (Pond Road).

The road was scheduled to reopen to traffic on Friday, December 13.

Directional signs are in place to assist motor-

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF

568 Laurel Ridge Estate Road, Meadows of Dan, VA 24120

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

State Route #601, as set forth in Deed dated November 19, 1984, recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 240, Page 592.

Parcel ID: 4414-111 Tax ID: 4414.00.111.

(Trustee # 24-007522)

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

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

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Tax Map No. None Assigned

UPC: 17536, Parcel 153

#### **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.

### **LEGA**

#### ABC NOTICE

Tin Pen Alley Inc. trading as TIN PEN ALLEY, 511 W Blue Ridge St, Stuart, Patrick County, VA 24171. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA AL-COHOLIC BEVERAGE CON-TROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Restaurant, Beer and Wine, On and Off Premises license, to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages Kathy Anderson,

co-owner/secretary/treasurer NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc. virginia.gov or (800) 552-3200.

Case No. CL24000056-00

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Project 0058-070-E18, R201

Tax Map No. None Assigned

UPC: 17536, Parcel 158

### **LEGAI**

#### VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PATRICK COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF HIGHWAYS) Case No. CL24000054-00

Petitioner. SAMUEL DAVID MARTIN, JR. Project 0058-070-E18, R201 MARY ELIZABETH MARTIN CLEMENT ) SANDRA M. MAHONY MICHAEL J. BELL BETTE G. BELL UNKNOWN OWNERS, as Their interests May Appear 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
- 2. 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. An extract, Teste

DANIEL, MEDLEY & KIRBY, 110 North Union Street Danville, VA 24541

simile: (434) 793-5724 @dmklawfirm.com

Telephone: (434) 792-3911

Counsel for Petitione

LEGAL

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

Case No. CL24000055-00

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION** 

Project 0058-070-E18, R201

Tax Map No. None Assigned

UPC: 17536, Parcel 154

Petitioner, MICHAEL J. BELL BETTE G. BELL JOHN R. ROBERSON, JR. STEPHNEY P. ROBERSON UNKNOWN OWNERS, as Their interests May Appear

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:

- 1. 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
- 2. 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. An extract, Teste

extraci, -Basha Clerk

DANIEL MEDLEY & KIRBY, Telephone: (434) 792-3911 Facsimile: (434) 793-5724 bgammon@dmklawfirm.com

Counsel for Petitione

### LEGAL

### VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PATRICK COUNTY

COMMISSIONER OF HIGHWAYS) Petitioner,

PLACERIAS, L.L.C., a Virginia Limited Liability Company KOLISA L. STERMER a/k/a KOLISA STERMER, KOLISHA L STERMER and KOLISHA STERMER TRAVIS D. DULANEY

UNKNOWN OWNERS, as Their interests May Appear 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:

- 1. 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 2. 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. An extract, Teste

Bartha Clerk

Breat Caminon (VSB# 85324 DANIEL, MEDLEY & KIRBY, 110 North Union Street Danville, VA 24541 Telephone: (434) 792-3911 Facsimile: (434) 793-5724 bgammon@dmklawfirm.com

Counsel for Petitioner

### Letters to the Editor

#### Blood drive meets goal

Patrick County made its goal wishes. Bill Hines was surprised! this month! There were twen-Two donors were first-time do- porting this month's blood drive.

ed volunteers who take time out donations by calling 1-800-REDitive experience. Volunteers who and searching 24171. worked this month were Denise mas luncheon for the donors and there. Happy New Year! Red Cross workers. We also celebrated Bill Hines 80th birthday with a cake and many birthday

Thank you, Patrick County ty-one equivalent blood units col- Farm Bureau, a long-time friend lected with twenty-one as a goal. of the PC Blood Drive, for sup-

The Red Cross encourages do-A big thank you to the dedicat- nors to make an appointment for of their day to assist all donors CROSS (733-2767) or online by and to make your donation a pos-going to www.redcrossblood.org

The next blood drive is sched-Clark, Bill Hines, Betty Holt, uled on Tuesday, January 14, Carol Martin, and Ann Sheppard. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the John D. The volunteers prepared a Christ- Hooker Building. Hope to see you

Gene Stirewalt.

#### Thank You

County Patrick School Fishing Team would like to take this public opportunity to thank everyone who supported the fishing team and stopped by our booth at the Patrick County Agricultural Fair and everyone Commonwealth. who purchased a raffle ticket. was held Facebook live on October 27th, Congratulations to all the winners:

1st Place: Jerome Smith; 2nd Place: Brett Haskins; 3rd Place: Terri Bowman; 4th Place: Leigh Wilson; 5th Place: Daniel Hill.

We would like to say a special thanks for your donations and supporting the team fundraisers

High as they continue to help support the youth with expenses, such as tournament specific fees, boat gas, jerseys and entry fees when

competing against other high

school teams throughout the

A very special thank you to all The annual raffle ticket drawing our sponsors, boat captains, parents, grandparents and our community and everyone for their support of the youth anglers. The team is excited for the 2024/2025 season!

> On behalf of the Patrick County High School Fishing Team,

Hylton Scott, Melanie R. Scott, Dear editor,

number of policies of the nation- eligible to vote, about one-third, al Democratic Party, the choice of simply did not, so I don't think voting for a convicted felon who is they can be counted as favoring likely guilty of many more crimes the Trump agenda or "mandate." yet to be tried was reason enough to back Kamala Harris or, in of years is likely if all of Trump's fact, anyone other than Donald J. promises, however illogical, are Trump for president. For example, fulfilled and if all his cabinet nomanyone who has served in the mil- inees, most of whom are incompeitary knows that if they had han- tent or even opposed to the very dled highly classified documents existence of the departments they the way Mr. Trump had, they'd would lead, are approved. Expect be in Leavenworth federal pris- high inflation, HUGE budget defion right now. Sadly, his constant cits, a major recession, another stream of lies, insults directed at pandemic, and, perhaps, another anyone who disagreed with him, war caused by his bumbling, blusand racist remarks concerning im- tery foreign policy. migrants - not to mention his attempt to overthrow the democrat- ployee's job threatened, expect a ic electoral process after the 2020 few other problems in the future election - seems to have had little too - getting your Social Security effect on the average voter. Like- claims processed or your veterans wise, we seem to have someone benefits approved and even your who I'd not trust as head of the lo-request for help after the next cal rod and gun club now re-elect- weather-related or environmental ed as the "commander-in-chief" of disaster. Funny thing, Republithe most powerful military in the cans always bad mouth "big govworld.

"mandate" as one recent letter to ural disaster, and then they want the editor of this newspaper im- FEMA there to help them ten minplied? Not really, unless you think utes after the event. winning the votes of only slightly more than one-third of the eligible as promised? Yes, as long as he voters in America is a mandate. He gives Putin everything he wants won because many of those who and another democracy dies. The voted for Democrats in the previ- brave Ukrainians fighting a cruel ous election simply stayed home. dictator, admired by Mr. Trump, Although the GOP achieved a will not likely survive. In short, small majority (three seats) in the any sort of supposed "mandate" for U.S. Senate, Republicans actually Mr. Trump, if carried out, will be LOST several seats in the House of bad news for a lot of people. Representatives and are left with the smallest majority in decades.

Though I do not agree with a As often happens, many of those

"Buyer's remorse" in a couple

With virtually every federal emernment" until their homes and Does Donald Trump have a businesses are destroyed by a nat-

Will DJT end the war in Ukraine

John Reynolds,

Critz



### Allen named to President's List at Emmanuel University

Matthew Allen was named to able to maintain a 4.0 grade point Those named to the list must be lege education.

the President's List for the fall seaverage while meeting other demester at Emmanuel University. mands of pursuing a full-time col-

### SPECTRUM MEDICAL



You may qualify for a clinical research study.

The purpose of the study is to see if the investigational study drug can help reduce shoulder pain and provide more long-lasting pain relief for people with shoulder osteoarthritis.

### Study entry requirements\*

- Ages 50 to 80
- pain associated with shoulder osteoarthritis (OA) for 3 or more months
- Willing to stop taking current shoulder pain medications
- Have not had any shoulder surgeries to index shoulder in the last 5 years
- Do not have any other chronic pain conditions
- \*Other requirements will apply

### To learn more, please contact:

Savannah McNear (434)793-4711 ext. 1115 109 Bridge Street Danville, VA 24541

savannah.mcnear@spectrummed.com

### Red Bank club elects officers at dinner meeting

The Red Bank Ruritans recently elected officers for the upcoming year and held its Christmas meal.



Red Bank Officers (I-r), Roger Gammons, President; Jerry Atkins, Oak Level club who installed the officers; Robert Cowdrey, Vice President; Karen Cowdrey and Charlie Bowman, Secretary; Joe Cole 1 year Director; Jerry Felts, 2 year Director; and Glenna Morse, club Treasurer



Co-Ruritans of the Year, Robert Cowdrey and Jerry Felts, presented by Jerry Atkins and Merlin Scales.



Jerry Felts, Community Service Award, presented by Jerry Felts and Merlin Scales



Connie Bishop receiving the Ruritan Forever award from National Director Merlin Scales and Jerry Atkins.



Co-District Ruritan of the Year, Roger Gammons, presented by Jerry Atkins.



Red Bank Ruritan President's Award, Tom Bishop, presented by Merlin and Jerry.

This Holiday Season



Youth of the Year Award: Emily Adam's, presented by Jerry Atkins.



### **DUCKS HYDRAULICS**

CYLINDERS HYDRAULIC MOTORS AND PUMPS

REPAIRS • ANY SIZE CYLINDERS • DUMP TRUCK CYLINDERS • TELESCOPIC

CYLINDERS • HYDRAULIC MOTORS • HYDRAULIC PUMPS

• VALVES • PNEUMATIC TOOLS • HYDRAULIC JACKS • TRANSMISSION JACKS

• HYDRAULIC PRESSES • HYDRAULIC PORTA PACKS

SERVICES • SEALS CAN BE CUSTOM MEASURED • CLYLINDER HONING •
WELDING • MACHINE SHOP SERVICES • CYLINDER TESTED BEFORE
CUSTOMER PICK-UP

DON'T DROWN IN HYDRAULICS - CALL DUCKS
DONALD ROGERS (276) 692-8020

Happy Holidays from
Patrick County Tourism

PATRICK COUNTY
VITABLES

Heating | Cooling | Electrical hydroairsystems.net Mechanical | Electrical | Generators 276.694.7308 • Cell: 276.692.7151

> Joey Errichetti, Owner





Collinsville Farm Mark

Collinsville Farm Market

3585 Virginia Avenue | Collinsville, VA

276-647-1166



WE ARE THE LARGEST PROVIDER OF INVISALIGN.
WE GET IT RIGHT!



There is a wide array of clear aligner treatment available, including different levels of treatment quality even from Invisalign. Some don't work too well. We have retreated many hundreds of failures. We wish we had seen them first.

Please check with us if you are considering this, even if you require to receive treatment in another area we will refer you to a practice that will provide you with quality care.

to a practice that will provide you with quality care.

We see multiple clear aligner patients every hour and

have a great momentum of experience. Call Today!

We Wish You & Your Family, Safe & Happy Holiday!

MARTINSVILLE LOCATION

25 CLEVELAND AVE., SUITE E, MARTINSVILLE, VA
(276) 638-8888 • DAVIDJONESORTHODONTICS.COM



# When Only the Best Will Do!



SERVICES INCLUDE

- Windshield Repair/Replacement,
- Specialty Glass Replacement,
- Window Repair/Replacement,
- · Auto Detailing · ADAS Diagnostics

2890 Fork Mountain Road | Bassett VA 24112 | danielsautoglass.com



# Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

To Advertise Contact: Wendi Craig - 276-340-2445 or Ali Wall - 276-732-6083