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State study recommends more county support for volunteer fire, EMS services

By Taylor Boyd

A Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) study by the Virginia Fire Services Board recommends that Patrick County recognize volunteer fire and EMS departments as part of its infrastructure, develop a countywide fire and rescue strategic plan, adopt a fire and EMS ordinance, and implement several other measures.

Fire Programs and the Virginia Department of study's recommendations. Health's Office of Emergency Medical Services.

"Many of the recommendations are tied to this common theme as it is critical to the continued delivery of fire and EMS services in Patrick County," the study states.

EMS Director Scottie Cassell said the study The study was requested by the Patrick will be presented to the board sometime in April County Board of Supervisors and conducted in so members can decide whether to accept the

partnership with the Virginia Department of report. The board is not required to adopt the

Cassell said the Fire Services Board conducted individual meetings with each fire and EMS department.

"I had no influence, the county had no influence over anybody, and nobody knew the questions that were going to be asked. They (state officials) sat down with them as long as it took to get through

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Jacks Creek Bridge welcomes spring in full color



Jacks Creek Covered Bridge stands in quiet charm amid vibrant spring blooms in Woolwine, Virginia — a timeless reminder of the region's rich history and natural beauty. (Joanne Hill)



Healing Waters Day Spa offers a variety of massage, facial, nail, waxing, and eyelash treatments. From left to right: Sarah Foley, Tina Layman, and Kerri Rakes.

Healing Waters Spa finds success with expanded services and new staff

By Taylor Boyd

After 10 years of working parttime at Healing Waters Day Spa in Patrick Springs, owner Sarah Foley, LMT, recently committed to the location full time, expanding staff and services to meet the community's wellness needs.

Foley previously worked at Primland Resort for four years and at Indigo Wellness Spa, LLC, in Martinsville for about seven years.

"Then I came here and decided to start doing this full-time. My dream was to be here full-time, so I finally decided to make that jump and do it. I never really thought that it was something I could do full-time just because it's a smaller population. So, I used Martinsville and Primland kind of as my main focus and this was to kind of do it on the side, but my dream was to always grow this," she said.

After parting ways with Indigo in the fall, Foley informed her clients of the decision.

"They were all like, 'we'll definitely come to Patrick County. We'll follow you like it's not that far," she said.

Kerri Rakes joined the spa in October as its nail technician, and Tina Layman joined soon after as its esthetician.

Healing Waters offers a variety of services, including traditional Swedish massage, prenatal massage, manual lymphatic drainage, reflexology, spray

tans, manicures and pedicures, waxing, eyelash treatments, and facial treat-

While massages and spray tans are the spa's most booked services. Foley noted esthetician services are growing in popularity.

no other estheticians There are around, so we knew that was kind of a newer service that we were going to have to introduce people to. But the response has been better than I would" have guessed. "I kind of thought it's going to be difficult just because a lot of people don't even really know what it is. A lot of times when we would say we have an esthetician they'd say, 'what's that," she said.

Layman added that many people have never had a facial and are unfamiliar with what it includes.

Because there are no other estheticians in the county, Layman said many of her clients aren't sure what she does.

"I do a lot of talking and a lot of explaining because they don't know what it is, so people are learning. It's been very well received, and people have been pleased" with my services, she said.

While facials are her most popular treatment, Layman said she also performs a lot of dermaplaning, a type of exfoliation for the face.

"It's where a surgical blade removes all the vellus hair, or peach fuzz, from the face. That's what people think it is, but it's actually an exfoliation. They love that because it makes the skin so

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Fairy Stone State Park to Host Earth Day Events April 19–26

By Taylor Boyd

To celebrate Earth Day, Fairy Stone State Park and other Virginia state parks will host special events from April 19-26 to highlight the importance of conservation and sustain-

The events will take place at Shel-

ters 3 and 4 in the park.

Ranger Brian O'Kefe said there will be a talk about the park's trees from 10 to 11 a.m., followed by a discussion on native plants and pollinators from 11 a.m. to noon.

Guests can craft their own seed bombs from noon to 1 p.m. The seed bombs can be used to help revegetate and regreen local areas.

"Then the Fairystone Volunteer Fire Department will be coming out later that afternoon" from 2 to 3 p.m., "doing a talk on safe practices on fires and dealing with wildfires in general," O'Kefe said.

On Sunday, April 20, guests will be able to participate in another Earth Day-themed craft by making little fairies out of materials found along the trails from 2 to 3 p.m. A talk about the park's "fungal friends" will follow from 3 to 4 p.m.

"That next Saturday, the 26, we're doing another talk on trees. Then we'll Beginning Saturday, April 19, Park be having a volunteer program where folks will be coming out here helping us remove invasive plants from some of our trails," he said.

O'Kefe estimates 60 to 100 people will attend the events.

"A few of these events I know we've been doing for the past three or four years as an Earth Day celebration in general. A lot of these events, especially the one with the volunteer cleanup and the crafting, is brand new this year," he said.

For more information, call (276) 930-2424 or visit www.virginiastateparks.gov.

Rorrer to challenge Williams in November contest

By Taylor Boyd

Yvonne Rorrer, of Patrick County, has announced her candidacy for the Virginia House of Delegates, incumbent against Del. Wren Williams, R-Stuart.

Rorrer, 47, said she decided to run after becoming involved with House Bill 1721, the Uniform Easement Relocation Act, which removes an arbitrary 10-year waiting period for easement relocation.

"I am currently in litigation over an easement. Basically, we own 20 acres of land, and there's a driveway, it's an old farm road, which affects many rural area farms, large pieces of land that people buy," she said.

said

Rorrer

ly's property is 12 feet off their boundary line. Their neighbors filed a lawsuit for a prescrip-

the tive easement on that



driveway on her fami-road.

"So, in the middle of our 20 acres, we now have a prescriptive easement running 12 (See Rorrer p.3)

Healing Waters

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smooth, and all the hairs gone from your face. So, a lot of questions for that, and a lot of requests for that service. I really like doing it too, it's very rewarding," she said.

Layman said her lash lift services are also gaining popularity.

"That's kind of like a perm for the lashes. You use a little silicone rod and glue the lashes with pretty much a perm solution, and it makes the lashes stand up. Then you tint them, so they look really dark. Even with short lashes it makes them appear like they stand up and they're very dark," Layman

"Like you have mascara on," Foley added. Foley estimates the spa has at least 100 cli-

"It's growing every day and our base is getting bigger with new people. We get a new face almost every single day. Everything has done above expectations," she said.

While most of the spa's clientele are women, Foley said its services are open to everyone.

"With me doing massage, I tend to get about equal male and female. But with them, of course it's more of a female base," she said.

Foley has also partnered with Cate Frable, LMT, of Much Kneaded Massage, to offer couples massages.

Foley said she hopes the spa can be a place where people focus on wellness and self-care. "With everything that we do here our goal is

to do something that's good for you, not only your body but your mind," she said. To support that goal, the spa recently re-

painted its deck, where visitors can relax before or after their appointments.

Two new rooms were also added for waxing and esthetician services. Foley said she has no immediate plans for further expansion.



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Healing Waters Day Spa offers a variety of massage, facial, nail, waxing, and eyelash treatments. From left to right: Sarah Foley, Tina Layman, and Kerri Rakes.



For more information or to book an appointment, go to Facebook.com/HealingWatersDaySpa.

"I kind of like it a smaller, more intimate space. I like people to feel when they come they get more of a one-on-one versus an inand-out place," she said.

For more information, go to Facebook.com/ HealingWatersDaySpa.



Local agriculture photo contest announced

Entries are being accepted through July 1 for the Patrick County contest sponsored by the Patrick County Farm Bureau Women's and Young Farmer's committees.

Winning entries will be published in the 2026 Patrick County Farm Bureau cal-Everyone is encouraged to send photos of barns, equipment, farm scenes, livestock and children/ adults working in agriculture throughout the seasons.

According to Sandra Heath, of the Patrick County Farm Board of Directors, this contest is open to anyone who would like to enter. Participants are asked to limit their submissions to not more than 10 photos. All photos must be taken by the entrant. Photos must be taken in Patrick County. A completed release form must accompany photo(s). Photos need to be submitted as 8"x10" 300 dpi images (JPEG will be accepted). Photos must not be altered in any way.

Date stamps on photos will not be accepted. Photos will not be Farm Bureau photo returned and become property of Patrick County Farm Bureau. Email digital entries madalyn.oliver@ to vafb.com

> This contest is open to anyone. However, if you are not already a Patrick County Farm Bureau member, participants are encouraged to join the growing membership. Being a member is a simple yet powerful way to put your support squarely behind agriculture. It also gives you access to discounts on things like lodging, shopping, restaurants and even your prescription medication. And, as always, you support farming, agriculture and the Virginia way of life.

For questions or to pick up an entry form, call Madalyn Oliver or Sadie Perry at the Patrick County Farm Bureau office, (276) 694-7108 or stop by the office located across from Hardee's in Stuart, or visit the Patrick County Farm Bureau Facebook page.

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Four in custody following alleged home break-in



Joyce Lynn Charles

Smith.



Tyler Benjamin Brockney



Joseph Brooks Iddings

Four people were arrested on Mon- was being burglarized in the Concord day, March 24, in connection with a Church area of the county. Smith and residential breaking and entering, ac- Maj. Rob Coleman were first to arrive cording to Patrick County Sheriff Dan on scene and found an open window and door to the residence.

> When clearing the structure, Smith said the home had been ransacked.

> "Utility workers who had traveled

to the residence observed suspects burglarizing the home, and one of the suspects allegedly pointed a rifle at a Wednesday news release.

Four suspects were later located at 642 Russell Creek Lane. Smith said that all four suspects were taken into custody in connection with the incident, and much of the stolen property

Tyler Benjamin Brockney, 24, of 923 Palmetto School Road, Stuart, was charged with breaking and entering, conspiracy to commit breaking and entering, petty larceny, destruction of property and two counts of brandishing a firearm.

Joseph Brooks Iddings, 41, of 642 Russell Creek Lane, Stuart, was the investigation.

charged with breaking and entering, conspiracy Joyce Lynn Charles, 41, of 645 Mar-

tin Farm Road, was charged with one of the workers," the sheriff said in breaking and entering, conspiracy to commit breaking and entering, petit larceny, and destruction of property. Amanda Johnson Prillaman, 38, of

642 Russell Creek Lane, was charged with breaking and entering, conspiracy to commit breaking and entering, petit larceny, and destruction of prop-

Brockney, Iddings, and Charles are all being held without bond in the Patrick County Jail.

Prillaman was released on a \$5,000 unsecured bond. Her mugshot was not available.

Investigator Jason Kruse is leading

Tourism Talks

The sheriff's office received a call

at approximately 12:30 p.m. from a

utility company advising that a home

Greetings Patrick,

I hope all is well. I am amazed at how quickly time can pass through the hourglass. The last time I wrote mv article was on February 10th. Where does the time go? Well, I am back with pen and paper now and ready to talk about our lovely community and some of the wonderful things Tourism is working on or involved in.

Our Spring Edition Magazine is out and is being distributed throughout the county. We have copies at our Visitors Center, at 126 North Main Street here in Stuart. Once again, Rebecca Adcock, director of the Chamber of Commerce; David Stanley with Silver Lining Design; Kim Rakes, professional photographer; Grace Cooper, marketing manager; Sue Kolljeski, Touradministrative assistant; Noah Mabe, coordinator of Small Business and Economic Development; and all of the amazing writers did an outstanding job. Come by and pick

up a copy or two. Just

a heads up: we have



number, so ensure you get yours before they are gone.

Another piece of information I west Virginia, and local want to bring to your attention is a Community Input Session on by anytime between May 14 at the Reyn- 5 and 7 p.m. We seek olds Homestead from 5 your thoughts, committo 7 p.m. The Foothills ments, and suggestions of Blue Ridge Outdoor as we move forward. Recreational Plan is being discussed, and Tourism and the Ecowe need your involve- nomic Patrick and Henry counties and the City of Martinsville an op-

the design team from Destination by Design, the Development Team essential from Friends of South-Project Management Team members. Stop

The Department of Development ment. This meeting Authority are commitwill allow the members ted to working with our of the community from local government, businesses, civic organizations, and entrepreneurs to improve the portunity to see some quality of life for our

of the preliminary con-citizens, attract more

tourists, and thus increase the economic outlook in our region. Please come out and have a voice.

to commit breaking and

entering, petit larceny,

Well, that will do it for now. Again, check out our website for the latest information on all the events happening in Patrick County!! There is only one, so find yourself here! (Really!) Only one Patrick County in the entire world. Google it, search it, and see for yourself. Awesome!!!!

Love you, Patrick County!

James Houchins, director of Economic Development and Tourjhouchins@co.pat-

rick.va.us



This stray male, chocolate in color, is a good boy. He was found on Salem Highway.

Sasha is an 8-monthold female mix breed. She's a sweet girl.

They are both so deserving of a loving home. Free spay/neuter and rabies vaccinations. Call the Patrick County Public Animal Shelter at (276) 694-6259, visit the shelter or their Facebook page, to find information about these and other available pets in need of minor repairs.



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

The Blue Ridge Animal Welfare League provides pet food assistance and information about lowcost spay/neuter services; contact blueridgeawl@ gmail.com. We are also asking for live trap donations (have-a-heart type), even if they need some 1500 Kings Mtn Rd.



State Study

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their survey with them," he said.

After the surveys were completed, the information was compiled and returned to the county in draft form for review.

"We looked over it, nothing needed to be changed, and we sent it back. We can't change any of the content, so we just had to make sure all the names were spelled right of the departments and everything," Cassell said.

The Department of Fire Programs then voted to approve the study as a recommendation before sending it back to the county in late March.

Cassell said he is glad a third party conducted the study.

"It's not the county or me saying this is what we need, this is a third party looking at us as a whole and saying these are things that could make you all better," he said.

Recommendations

Cassell said he believes the biggest recommendation in the study involves financial matters.

"Recommendations include implementing regular audits, revising the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to account for fleet needs, and the county covering fuel and insurance costs for fire and EMS apparatus. Establishing a damaged equipment fund and exploring collective purchasing opportunities for cost savings are also advised. Additionally, creating an apparatus maintenance program will help extend the life of equipment and reduce repair expenses," the study states.

The report notes that effective financial management is crucial to ensuring fire and EMS ser-

vices can operate efficiently and continue meeting the community's needs.

Proper allocation of resources, transparency in spending, and long-term financial planning are essential to sustaining the county's emergency services infrastructure," the study states. "The county must recognize volunteer fire and EMS agencies will require greater support from the county with funding now and in the future.'

Cassell said fire protection is required by law in Virginia. Without the county's nine volunteer fire departments, he estimates that replacing their equipment and manpower would cost the county millions of dollars.

"Volunteers are needed, especially with a rural setting, because without volunteers it's a very, very high bill for a county to assume. We've been working on a volunteer system for many years here and it's still working. It needs some help financially, and it is hard. They're independent businesses and it costs a lot to operate these trucks," he said.

Cassell estimated that a standard "cookie-cutter" truck—consisting of just a truck and a tank costs nearly \$600,000.

"They get expensive," he said.

Another recommendation is for the county to develop a comprehensive fire and rescue strategic plan.

"County leadership should work with fire and EMS departments to set short- and long-term goals, incorporating community input. The plan should be regularly reviewed and address per-

sonnel, facilities, equipment, and infrastructure needs," the study states.

Cassell said this type of planning can be done in coordination with county leaders and department chiefs and captains.

He also supports the recommendation to develop a fire and EMS ordinance, noting it is something that "needs to be done anyway" and that he plans to begin drafting one.

Cassell said the county is already making progress on the recommendation to expand training opportunities, with Fire I, Fire II, and several other classes offered throughout the year.

When it comes to recruitment and retention, he said the issue is not unique to Patrick County.

"If we had an answer for that one, we'd be millionaires, but that is a tough one," he said. Cassell said the recommendation to create a tac-

tical playbook of Standard Operating Guidelines (SOGs) is something that can be done internally. "Then again, getting everyone to agree" to them "is another thing," he said.

Other notable recommendations include clarifying the role of the EMS director, conducting a narrowly focused community risk assessment, addressing the poor condition of Station 8, and im-

proving communications. 'There's a lot of recommendations and we have to see what the board wants us to work on and do. A lot of it is communication, and a lot of it we can do in-house for little or no money. It's just going to take groups sitting down and working together," Cassell said.

Rorrer

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feet off of my son's bedroom window for landowners who live behind us who have road front property where could build their own road" out to the main road, she said.

When the case went to court, the neighbors were granted the prescriptive easement because of its long-term use.

"By law in Virginia, you have to wait 10 years to move an easement from the date of its existence. We go back to court after the easement's been established to move the easement back to the road that we had already built for these people, and they had been driving on for two-and-a-half years while we were in litigation. Just to get it off of our house, we spent almost \$40,000 building a new road," she said.

Although the judge leaned in her favor, he said there was no case law in Virginia determining when the 10-year period officially begins. "That's why I started looking into cause that 10-year period is arbitrary," she said.

Rorrer contacted the Universal Laws Office, which found Del. Vivian Watts, D-Annandale, to sponsor HB 1721. After the bill passed unanimously, Rorrer said it proved her voice mat-

of one of the House committees, and that's kind of what got me interested in it and how all of the things work initially," she there is funding avail-

Rorrer said she also decided to run because Williams voted against HB 1727. According to the Legislative Information System (LIS), HB 1727 "provides that no parent and child relationship shall be established when a biological parent has been convicted of rape, carnal knowledge, or incest, or has been found by clear and convincing evidence to have engaged in such prohibited conduct. and the child was conceived of such violation or conduct."

"In addition, I don't like seeing one name on a ballot. I don't think that's fair for voters. I like to have options, and I think other people like to have options too," she said.

Rorrer said her platform focuses on fundamental human rights.

"It's social justice, the elderly. children. There's a lot of people in the middle of the political landscape right now that feel forgotten. I hear that word a lot as I'm out talking to people," she said, adding that she believes many people have extremes, leaving mod- that long wait times often representation.

"And I'm one of those people. I'm a moderate Democrat, my husband's a Republican, we're very balanced, and I just feel like I could do some good for this district. I have a lot in common with the "I had to testify in front people that live here, but my platform is mostly surrounding people and not politics," she said.

> Rorrer said she believes able to support needed programs, but it must be spent wisely.

Youth—that has its funding from the state. Right now, with the way things are, we don't know who's going to have funding at the end of 2025, much less 2026. I think that's hard to say right now," she said.

Her top concerns include children and mental health. "If we don't take care of our children and we don't take care of mental health in this county, I'm worried about what the future is going to hold for our kids," she said.

While there is some funding for mental health, Rorrer said cuts have already been made.

"Those things cannot be cut—those types of programs with the most vulnerable individuals in our communities, that funding cannot be cut out. I should be able to go to a therapist as quickly as I should be able to go to an urgent care, because those people—and people that need that type of help—need it erates without adequate lead to addiction, despair, or suicide.

Rorrer said she already has started drafting a list of legislation to pursue if elected. Her top priority is increasing penalties for

child sexual abuse. "I don't believe that there should be plea bargains at all for that. I think that if somebody is convicted of child sexual abuse or charged with it, that's what they should be charged with. They should go to court on what they've been with. There's charged

"I volunteer with Focus no plea bargains," she said. "I don't think that somebody's convicted or charged with raping a child that there should be any plea bargain on the table ever. I think that should go to court with exactly what they were charged with."

She noted that a recently passed bill allows children to testify via video, helping them avoid facing their abusers in court.

"That takes away the part of the re-traumatization of that child in a court case, which is the reason why a lot of those cases get plea bargained in the first place. I know this from first-hand experience," she said.

Rorrer also supports legislation aimed at improving the dignity of children in the foster care system. She estimates that roughly 2,400 children enter the system annually in Virginia. Locally, that includes 41 in Patrick County, 36 in Carroll County, 93 in Henry County, 18 in the city of Galax.

"Those kids are removed from their homes in trash bags—literal trash bags. What that does mentally to a child when they're already removed from a horrible situation—they're sent out with a trash bag with their things-and what that tells a child or anybody about who they are subconsciously is trash, and that's not okay," she

Rorrer supports reintroducing a bill that would fund reusable luggage for children in foster

"I think it needs to be reintroduced personally because they didn't take into account for the children who go to live with their family members that may not need luggage. They also didn't take into account that the luggage can be sanitized or reused. They just took the average price of luggage times 2,400 and were like, 'Hey, Virginia can't afford it," she said.

She also wants to see changes to the Virginia Victim Fund, which currently allows only 180 days to file a claim after a violent crime.

"If you were the victim of a violent crime, the current Virginia Victim Fund says you only have 180 days to file those claims. Well, treatment for many of those violent crimes takes well over 180 days. Sometimes it takes over 180 days to even get in to see specialists who deal with those issues," she said.

Additional ideas she supports include placschools, increasing penalties for work zone violations, and extending deer hunting season by two weeks.

As she meets with constituents, Rorrer said she's been collecting ideas for potential legislation.

"Some of them I still have to research, and I don't know all the answers-I don't. I do know what a delegate can and cannot do, and what I won't do is make false promises. I'm not going to tell people I'm going to do something that I don't

know that I can do," she

Rorrer lives in Stuart with her husband Ryan, and their children.

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Woolwine residents charged in connection with March 21 incident



Freddie Lee Kendrick Jr.

Two people from Wool- Dan Smith. wine were charged following an investigation of a severe beating of a 17 year old male, according to Patrick County Sheriff



Amber Mary Kendrick

The incident occurred on March 21, when investigators were contacted by the mother of the victim. The victim was allegedly attacked at a friend's residence on Fishpond Drive in Elamsville. The victim sustained multiple facial fractures during the attack that will require reconstructive surgery, Smith wrote in a release.

Freddie Lee Kendrick Jr., 22, of 1392 Iron Bridge Road, and Amber Mary Kendrick, 24, of 1224 Iron Bridge Road, were both arrested on March 28 and charged with malicious wounding and conspiracy to commit malicious wounding. Freddie Kendrick Jr. was also charged with solic-

iting a minor to commit malicious wounding. The sheriff said that both Kendricks conspired

ing to pick up, and then driving, a 15 year old juvenile to the Fishpond Drive residence after finding out that the victim was there. Once at the residence, Kendrick and did not want to fight. Jr. allegedly commanded It was clearly a one sidthe 15 year old to attack ed, unprovoked attack the 17 year old. Three search warrants

were executed simultaneously by the Patrick County Sheriff's Office on March 22, at the residences of both Kendricks, and at the home of the 15 year old juvenile suspect.

Seized in those search warrants were cell phones. Video and messages extracted from

those phones allegedly

in the act by allegedly go- show Amber Kendrick videoing the attack, and Kendrick Jr. orchestrating the attack, according to the sheriff. "The victim tried to

> run from the assailant that was hard to watch," Smith said. The sheriff added that the 15 year old is also fac-

> ing the same charges, but the process for charging juveniles is completely different than for adults. Both Kendricks are be-

> ing held without bond in the Patrick County Jail.

Patrick County Sheriff's Lt. Steve Austin is leading the investigation.

Easter

Praver is a foundation of many households in our country and around the world.

THE ENTERPRISE

I respect people of all faiths and religious practices

and recognize they have their own holidays. This year, Passover is April 12 to April 20.

Ramadan began on February 28 and ended on

Others have different faith traditions and holidays. But for me and my family, this time of year we celebrate Easter.

In 2024, I celebrated Easter in a special way. I had the privilege of visiting the Holy Land with the United States Israel Education Association.

The delegation consisted of Texas Congressman Randy Weber, New York Congressman Brandon Williams, former Tennessee Congressman Phil Roe and Oklahoma Senator James Lankford.

Others also went, including my son, Davis.

We first arrived in Israel on Good Friday.

The day consisted of going to the House of Caiaphas. Caiaphas was the high priest who presided over the Sanhedrin trial of Jesus before Jesus' crucifixion.

Located just outside the old city of Jerusalem on the eastern slope of Mount Zion, this place is believed to be where Jesus was put on trial the Friday before Easter.

We also visited the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, something I really wanted my son to see.

While archaeologists are unsure, many believe that within the massive complex, are both the sites of crucifixion and the tomb where Jesus was laid.

There, we got to kneel down, pray and touch a stone slab on which was placed the body of Jesus.

The following day, on Holy Saturday, we went to a part of Israel next to Gaza known as the Gaza enve-

At the time of our visit, Israel was more than five



Morgan Griffith

Representative

months removed from the October 7 terrorist attacks launched by Hamas.

Through the assault, Hamas murdered innocent civilians, men, women, children and even infants. They killed more than 1,200 people and took hundreds hostage (some of whom remain in Hamas' control to this day).

October 7 was the bloodiest day in Jewish history since the Holocaust. During the Holocaust, roughly 6 million Jews were slaughtered and many more were tortured and abused.

One of the sites subject to the October 7 attacks was the Nova music festival.

That Saturday, we visited with a survivor from the music festival. As the attacks unfolded, she hid in a bomb shelter. But Hamas militants got to the shelter and opened fire on everybody inside.

She was shielded from gunfire by the bodies of the dead on top of her. She told us she could hear Hamas soldiers laughing as they fired into the shelter.

The gruesome stories did not end there.

We also visited the Nir-Oz Kibbutz, a community that was ambushed by Hamas on October 7. We saw the carnage of the brutal attacks, including where houses were bombed and burned.

I met with a former resident of Nir-Oz who explained the events his community witnessed. His son was one of many taken hostage by Hamas during the

At the time of our meeting, five months after the attack, his son was still hostage. Recently, as part of a hostage deal, his son was returned home alive.

Others await their fate.

Hamas still holds innocent civilians hostage, while others have died in their custody. Listening to the horrors of October 7 on that Holy

Saturday before Easter was not easy for us. This unfathomable day of heartbreak that I saw in

Israel coincided with the biblical day marked by Jesus' descent into Hell.

Come Sunday morning, we went to the Garden of the Tomb for an Easter sunrise service.

Many believe this is where Mary Magdalene went to go see where Jesus' body lay, only to discover his body missing from the tomb.

What happened to Jesus' body?

The tomb was empty.

VDOT Stresses Work Zone Caution for Spring Travel

After his crucifixion, Jesus was resurrected and his disciples witnessed his return.

As a result, one will often hear the phrase over Easter: "He has risen!"

And the response: "He has Risen indeed."

No matter your faith, I hope that you have a happy and peaceful Easter season.

This Easter season, my family will reflect and pray on the emotional stories and the biblical versus that shaped the powerfully spiritual trip to the Holy Land that Davis and I experienced last year.

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.

Letters to the Editor

Questioning Griffith's policies

The Morgan Griffith coverage in the 3/26/25 newspaper screams for responses from readers who are watching our country's economy-what was the envy of the world -being burned down, Center of Disease Control silenced, books banned, history of accomplished women deleted from government websites, farmers' contracts not paid, the world's best run federal agencies (typically understaffed) gutted of workers, cancer and medresearch stopped, park rangers fired. The Crisis the extreme weatherdroughts, floods, winds-homes, destroying crops, and infrastructures as NOAA is ripped of workers and resources. Agencies now headed by unqualified people such Health and Human Services with no science or medical background, little belief in modern medicine such as vaccines.

Congressman Griffith discussion of cutting USAID funds and firing workers lacks humanity. The USAID costs 0.3% of the federal budget. USAID cuts amount to most often brought on wars. We make allies and lessen the chance of wars when we help countries where it saves lives. Our farmers sell the peanuts and other crops used in the nutritional foods for the severally malnourished. USAID worked to provide treatment for HIV/AIDS, TB, provides polio vaccines. Also, stopping Ebola and mysterious diseases from coming here, HIV/AIDS rebounding, and stopping multidrug resistant TB.

Griffith talks about not knowing where the money is. The first thing cost the jobs of teachers, Trump did was to fire seventeen Inspector Generals. IGs are charged with waste and fraud in their aid cuts, with an estimatagencies. With modern ed \$2.4 billion of those as Bobby Kennedy Jr. computers, banking records, the Treasury Department every government check can be traced.

He owes it to his constituents to stamp down Musk's and Trumps lies about millions upon millions of SS checks going to people way over 100, even to those over 150 years old. The Social Security Benefit Termination age the death sentence for is 115 years—capped at millions facing extreme 115. Death certificates

hunger and starvation flow to Social Security. The dark ops regarding by severe droughts and Defense monies -should enemies to know our budget, purchases, plans?

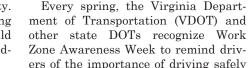
> Eliminating the Department of Education may eliminate monies special needs children. Programs such as Up-Bound, Talent ward Student Search, and Support Services that help the first generation and low-income students bridge the gap are on the chopping block. CD9 gets the largest number of these TRIO programs in the entire state. Nearly \$10 million alone in the 9th District. It could counselors and Special

Ed teachers. Griffith voted in favor stopping crime, of \$880 billion in Mediccuts impacting SWVA Medicaid is a vital source of healthcare funding for citizens of SWVA, our rural hospitals, nursing home, independent pharmacies, home healthcare providers. Folks are very worried but with no town halls - he's elusive as Wood Booger-- he wouldn't know.

> Maybe he doesn't know that our stars and stripes proudly flies for ALL our countrymen and federal agencies.

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Gerry Scardo, Clintwood



ment of Transportation (VDOT) and other state DOTs recognize Work Zone Awareness Week to remind drivers of the importance of driving safely through work zones by slowing down and avoiding distractions. Join us as we promote National Work Zone Awareness Week, April 21-25, with our theme this year, "Respect the zone, so we all get home." Whether you work on our roads or drive them every day, work zone safety is critically important to both workers and those driving through our work zones. In fact, most work zone deaths are motorists traveling through the work zone, not workers, so slowing down, eliminating distractions and paying close attention in work zones can help all of us.

Our employees and contractors put their lives on the line in work zones every day while working to improve travel for motorists in Virginia. This is true in mobile operations like mowing. paving and plowing snow, short-term work zones set up to replace bridges and culverts, as well as in our established work zones like I-81 for longterm construction projects. Although signs, cones, barrels and safety vests can be effective in warning motorists of a work zone, these tools are no protection against a fast-moving vehicle or an inattentive driver.

All motorists — whether a seasoned driver or someone new behind the wheel - should follow these instructions when driving through a work zone:

- Work zones are a sign to slow
- down. If you see the orange work zone warning signs, be alert for changing road conditions ahead.
- Eliminate distractions and stay
- aware of your surroundings at all times. Follow Virginia's phone down and move over laws.

In addition, to show support for National Work Zone Awareness Week and our crews who work inside them every day. VDOT encourages you to partici-

- pate in these activities during the week: Show us your ORANGE! Wednesday, April 23 is national "Go Orange Day." Everyone is encouraged to wear orange in support of work zone safety across the country. Share your pictures with us on Twitter and Facebook! #GoOrangeVa
- Attend the vigil at the VDOT Worker's Memorial on Afton Mountain on Wednesday, April 23 at 1 p.m.
- Follow us all week long and share our stories and content on the Facebook VDOT Salem District group at www.facebook.com/groups/ VDOTSalem and X @VaDOTSalem.

Join our team to keep our roads and work zones safe for everyone. Let's work together so we can all arrive at home safely each and every day.

Ken King, P.E. District Engineer **VDOT Salem District**

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Independence Lives in Patrick County

Malcolm Roach, chairman of the Patrick County Election Commission, has petitioned the county Board of Supervisors for approval to relocate the Russell Creek voting precinct from 1808 Avers Orchard Road to New Hope Community Church at 1863 Clark House Farm Road. The old location is difficult for mobility-impaired voters to access, he explained at a BOS meeting in March. New Hope church has the necessary wheelchair access and bathroom facil-

If nothing interferes, the Board will have approved the move this past Monday, April 14.

The move will probably do very little to increase the number of votes cast in the county next November. As of April 1, Russell Creek had 1,102 voters, 25 of them inactive. The entire county has 13,041 voters, 282 inactive.

It will certainly enhance the county's reputation for having an inclusionary mindset. That appears to be a little outof-step with the federal government's abandonment of DEI (diversity, equity and inclusion).

Despite his well-known reluctance to meet with Patrick County voters outside the celebratory environs of the annual county fair, U.S. Rep. Morgan Griffith is interested in Patrick County voters. He wrote about it in the April 9 issue of The Enterprise, holding that the Safeguarding American Voter Eligibility (SAVE) Act will strengthen our voting laws "by requiring states to obtain proof of citizenship when registering people to vote in federal elections."

This is not a new-found concern for Rep. Griffith. Last Congress, he introduced the not-so-catchily-titled No Vote

for Non-Citizens Act, which would have withheld federal funds from localities that allowed non-citizens to vote in their non-federal elections. There was no vote on that in 2024 but Griffith says

he'll introduce it again this year.

There may be no need. An executive order has been issued to verify voter eligibility. Another abolishes DEI programs. Cabinet officials have quickly fallen into line with that, perhaps unwittingly demonstrating how deeply voter eligibility could be slashed. There's been plenty of speculation that married women who have adopted their husbands' surnames could be stricken from voting rolls. Face it. Plenty of men have been in the huge street demonstrations and crowded town hall meetings early this month

But it is the women who have been the most noticeable.

Abigail Spanberger and Winsome Earle-Sears. Between them, Virginia looks destined to have a female governor in 2026.

Yvonne Rorrer, from Stuart (one of the noisy ones). She's challenging Griffith, and voters, loudly: "The reason speaking out is so important is that it lowers the perceived risk of those who are still silent ... Your courage matters. Every voice is a key to unlocking anoth-

To be fair, nobody really knows yet how SAVE will be enforced.

To be realistic, no voter should assume that he or she won't be touched. Prepare now. Gather your docu-

ments; make duplicates. Examine your priorities and shape your choices.

Judy Ferring,

Stuart

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Patrick Pioneers

Callie Handy

By Beverly Belcher Woody

I received the nicest email this week from Connie Harris Webb Boyd. She was asking about the large, lovely home that once stood where the Family Dollar now sits in Meadows of Dan. That house was originally built by Dr. William Isaac Jones, a chiropractor and a man truly ahead of his time. Later, the property was purchased by Lee and Callie Handy, who ran a store, café, and dance hall directly across from where the Meadows of Dan Post Office now stands. In more recent years, the house was known as the Plasters home.

Connie's message got me thinking about Callie Handy and her remarkable life, which spanned an incredible 107 years. Callie was born on June 12, 1900, to John William "Will" Handy and Nancy Annah Belcher. Her father was the son of James Jefferson Handy and Martha Elizabeth "Patty" Hall Handy, while her mother was the daughter of John Belcher and Nancy Evelyn Brammer Belcher.

Callie was the youngest of five children born to Will and Nancy in the Mountain View community of Meadows of Dan. The oldest, Ollie, was born in 1887 but passed away at the age of three. Their second child, Euell, born in 1889, married twice—first to Nancy Louannie Howell and later to Oma Craig after Louannie's passing. Euell lived to be 99 years old.

Nancy Lannie Handy, the third child, was born in 1891 and married Joseph Andrew Underwood of the Rock Castle community. They made their home in Riner. The fourth child, Homer Handy, was born in October 1898 but was killed at the age of 19 in Russell County, Virginia, when a coal car ran over him in the mines.

From the beginning, Callie's childhood was marked by hardship. Her mother, Nancy Annah, suffered from crippling arthritis and was bedridden for as long as Callie could remember—she never once saw her mother walk. When Callie was just nine, her sister Nancy married and left home, leaving the household responsibilities to young Callie.

Two years later, Callie's mother passed away at the age of fifty. Her father enrolled her in Mountain View School, hoping she could get a formal education. But Callie, who couldn't read at the time, found herself far behind her classmates. According to her grandson Arnold Goard, she cried every night until her father allowed her to leave school and work alongside him and Homer on the farm.

Things began to improve when Callie was thirteen. Her father remarried a widow, Rozina "Zinnie" Virginia Conner Brammer, who understood hardship herself. Zinnie was born on March 22, 1862. Her father, Alexander Conner, was killed in battle just six months later, and her only brother, William, died of diphtheria five days after that.

Zinnie had previously married Jesse Britt Brammer in July 1884, and they had three daughters: Georgia Beulah, Florence Alice, and Lillie Elizabeth. Many older folks may remember Georgia as Mrs. Beulah Edwards, who ran a country store near Slate Mountain Presbyterian Church. Florence married Samuel Nelson Wood, and Lillie married German Haden Wood.

With Zinnie's arrival, Callie gained not just a stepmother, but three older sisters. Zinnie taught Callie how to dress, fix her hair, and most importantly—how to read, write, and do



Front row, I-r: Irene and Delcie; Middle row: Pauline, Myrtle, Thelma; Back row: James Denver holding Arnold, Lee, and Callie.



Callie Handy

basic math.

When Callie was 105, she was interviewed by Betty Skeens for the Martinsville Bulletin, and she recalled that by the time she was seventeen, she had grown weary of farm life. Homer had died, and more responsibility had fallen on her shoulders. So, Callie made a bold decision. She sold two lambs for \$8 and, along with her best friend Ona Ruth, planned to escape. They caught a ride with the mail hack traveling between Hillsville and Stuart, then boarded a bus to Draper.

Not long after, Callie came down with the Spanish flu. Her father, having heard she was sick, made his way to Draper and told her to come home when she was ready. The day she first stepped outside to the porch, she heard people in the streets crying out, "The war is over! The war is over!" She was grateful just to be

Callie did return home, and only six weeks after Armistice Day, she married Lee Handy on December 26, 1918. Together they had six children: Annie Myrtle (b. October 12, 1919), Virginia Pauline (b. August 31, 1921), James Denver (b. August 10, 1923), Thelma Ardell (b. 1925), Delcie May (b. 1927), and Lena Irene (b. 1929).

According to Arnold Goard and the Martinsville Bulletin interview, Lee and Callie started out farming and tending to an apple orchard. Later, they opened the store, café, and dance hall in Meadows of Dan—originally the Charlie DeHart store. Lee also served as a deputy sheriff and hauled pigs to the market, though Callie said he always made it home in time to keep the



Callie Handy being baptized.

peace at the dances.

When their store burned down, they purchased another building and rolled it to the same spot. Their youngest daughter, Irene, told Arnold that during the Carter Family's travels across Virginia, they played music at the dance hall. Irene and June Carter Cash, both just young girls at the time, became playmates.

In 1945, Lee and Callie moved to Roanoke and opened another store. Sadly, Lee's health declined, and he passed away in May 1955. Callie struggled with depression, but she turned her life over to God and was baptized in the river on a cold November day.

She never remarried and outlived her only son, two of her daughters, and a beloved granddaughter. Her grandson Arnold wrote, "She has given the ones who follow her high morals, good

ethics, and a love for God and country." Callie celebrated her 107th birthday on June 12, 2007, and passed away peacefully just eighteen days later, on June 30. Over the course of her extraordinary life, she witnessed a century of monumental change: two World Wars, the Great Depression, the Korean and Vietnam Wars, the Civil Rights Movement, the moon landing, the Cold War and the fall of the Berlin Wall, the Persian Gulf War, and the 9/11 attacks. She saw Patrick County transform with the arrival of the telephone, electricity, automobiles, and later, television, computers, and the Internet. Her life was more than just a personal journey—it was a living timeline of the 20th century.

Woody may be reached at rockcastlecreek1@ gmail.com or (276) 692-9626.

Social Security Matters

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

Ask Rusty - Will My Social Security Increase if I Keep Working After Applying?

Dear Rusty: I am going to be 67 in a few weeks & I plan on working for another year or two. According to Social Security, they count the best 35 years to come up with your benefit. I currently have 30 years, with 2024 and 2025 taxes yet to be filed. If I take my benefit now, will I get an upward adjustment after filing my taxes for those years, or do I need to wait to apply for SS until after filing my taxes to get credit for those years? Signed: Still Working

Dear Still Working: Whenever you claim your Social Security benefit, SSA will look at your lifetime earnings record on file at the time (as received from the IRS) and calculate your "primary insurance amount" (PIA) using that record on file. They will use your highest earning 35 years to do that calculation and, if you do not yet have 35 years, they will use "zero \$\$" enough times to make it 35 years. In other words, your benefit will always be calculated using 35 years, whether you actually have 35 years of earnings on record, or not.

However, Social Security revisits your earnings record whenever additional information is received from the IRS, so if file your taxes and add the additional year's income after you start your Social Security benefits, you will get credit for those additional earnings. Essentially, you will be replacing one of the "zero \$\$" years originally used to calculate your benefit rity-advisory) or email us at ssadvisor@amacamount, and Social Security will recalculate foundation.org.

By Russell Gloor, National Social Security your monthly amount to reflect that, resulting in an increase to your monthly benefit.

> Thus, as long as you work and earn and report your earnings to the IRS, Social Security will update your record and automatically give you a higher benefit if warranted by your more recent earnings. That recalculation usually happens later in the year (after April 15th), but Social Security will make any increase retroactive to the beginning of the calendar year, so you will get any higher benefit effective with January.

> So, since you have already reached your full retirement age (FRA), you can (if you wish) apply for Social Security now and be confident that Social Security will give you credit for any additional earnings after you apply. And for clarity, if you choose to wait beyond your full retirement age to claim, you will earn Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) which will continue to increase your monthly benefit amount until you are 70 years of age. DRCs will add 8% to your PIA for each full year you delay (.667% for each month you delay past your FRA).

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Free workshops offer guidance on aging at home

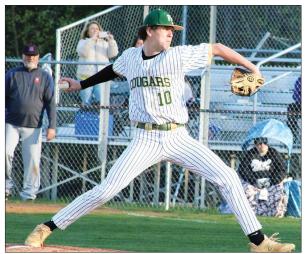
Aging in Place workshops will be held at the Southern Area Agency on Aging (SAAA), 204 Cleveland Avenue, Martinsville, on May 14, from 9 a.m. to noon, and on May 28, from 1 to 4 p.m.

The workshops are designed to help individuals form a personal plan to stay at home and in their community for as long as possible. Participants will receive information and resources to guide in their planning. Those interested need only attend one session.

This program is made possible through the Virginia Cooperative Extension Patrick County office. Participants will receive a free workbook; snacks will be served. To register, call the SAAA at (276) 632-6442.







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Zach Holt pitched three strong innings in relief.



Following a great pick-off throw to first, catcher Erik Martinez-Tejada is greeted by his fellow Cougars.

Soccer signups underway

The Patrick County Parks and Recreation Office is now accepting soccer registration for the 2025-2026 school year. Students who are 3 - 13 years of age (7th grade or under) as of August 1, 2025, are eligible to participate in the recreation department's soccer program. Registration forms are available at any elementary school or parents can call the recreation office at (276) 694 - 3917 to register children. The sign-up form is also available on the recreation department's Facebook page. The deadline for registration is May 12, 2025. Games will be played in late July-September 2025.

"They're buying in;" Cougars down Bengals with complete team win

By Pat Delaney

Bengals riding a five game win-streak. Solid pitching and timely hitting helped the Cougars to a 7-2 win, and kept the streak alive.

The pitching on both sides was outstanding in the first two innings, keeping both teams hit third, taking a 2-0 lead, and the Cougars responded in the bottom of the third. With men grounder got through the infielders, driving in two runs. They added another run to take a 3-2 lead through three.

David Lawson, extending the lead to 4-2. With the bases loaded in the fifth inning, Gavin Fain drove a fly ball over the Bengal right fielder, driving in three runs to increase the lead to 7-2.

Cougar pitching was solid the whole game, The Patrick County Cougar baseball team allowing just three hits on the night. Starter came into their April 8 game with the Bassett Jackson Horton went 2.2 innings with three strikeouts. Zach Holt came on in relief, going three innings, striking out four, and Noah Jessup finished out the game, going an inning-anda-third with four strikeouts.

"All three guys did a great job," said Cougar less. Bassett got things going in the top of the head coach, Tal Swails. "Horton got his first start today. We're glad to have him out there. We're going to need him to make the run. Zach on second and third, a hard hit Jaiden Wilson Holt did a great job in relief and Noah Jessup came in and closed the door. Great job by our pitchers."

Swails likes what he's seeing with his team In the fourth, a Noah Jessup triple drove in as the season progresses. "They're buying in to who they are, where their abilities are, what we can be good at, and how we can excel. That's how you build a winning team. They're doing great. I'm proud of them.'

PC Softball Beats Bassett



Lilly Hazelwood makes the play for the Cougars.

By Ashlee Mullis

The Varsity Softball Team picked up another win at home on Monday, April 8, with a 7-0 victory over the Lady Bengals. Jenna Woods pitched a 4 hit, 7 inning shut-out, with 7 strikeouts. Hayden Lawless had a hit with 2 RBIs. Aubreigh Large had a triple with 1 run scored, and Lilly Hazelwood and Journey Moore each had doubles. Ava Hiatt and Lauren Hazelwood both

The Lady Cougars are 6-2 on the season.

DRBA appoints new recreation and stewardship manager



The Dan River Basin Association (DRBA) appointed Anna Wheeler as the new Recreation and Stewardship Manager. Wheeler served as the North Carolina Program Coordinator for DRBA since September it became a nonprofit 2021. Before that, she in 2002. In addition, served as DRBA's Recre- DRBA has organized ation Assistant and var- countless cleanups, habious roles at Girl Scouts itat restoration, and wa-North Carolina Coastal Pines.

"I am excited about the creation of our new position, Recreation and Stewardship Manager, which will play a pivotal role in the development, protection, and conservation of recreational assets throughout the Director Tiffany Наworth said. "The ability to span state lines and leverage resources will empower DRBA to have an even greater impact ed." in the region."

"I am especially excited that Anna Wheeler has accepted this important role," Haworth outdoor assets throughadded. "Anna's unwavering dedication, ex- olina counties that are pertise, and proven experience in developing and implementing recreational and stewardship initiatives are truly exceptional, and I have no doubt she will be instrumental in expanding DRBA's impact."

DRBA has designed, constructed and/or enhanced more than 100 trails, parks, and river accesses in the bi-state, 16-county, 3,300 square mile footprint of the Dan River Basin since ter quality monitoring projects to ensure our natural resources are preserved and protected for future generations.

"I am honored to take on this position and expand DRBA's recreation and stewardship projects," said Wheeler. "The Dan River Basin cluding the first Great entire Dan River water- is home to unique floshed," DRBA Executive ra and fauna and the perfect destination for outstanding outdoor experiences, both of which need to be promoted, conserved, and protect-

In her position of NC Program Coordinator, Wheeler has developed numerous programs and out all of the North Carpart of the Dan River

Projects include developing the Rockingham County Rivers and Trails Master Plan, Hogans Creek Park, Dan River State Paddle Trail, appointment of lo-

cal stakeholders in safe- resources, and protectty and river events, and ing our water resources developing events for NC's Year of the Trail. She is actively engaged in the Rockingham County Tourism Board, Mayo River State Park Advisory Board, Martinsville YMCA Board, and the Museum and Archives of Rockingham County Board.

"In this new role, I am excited to apply the experience I've gained from creating and implementing successful projects in North Carolina to benefit all the counties within our watershed," said Wheeler. "I am truly thrilled to help ensure that every county in the Dan River Basin has access to trails, parks, and river access points, as well as the tools and resources necessary to protect and preserve their natural resources."

Wheeler has a bachelor's degree in biology-ecology, evolutionary, and environmental science, and a Certificate in Geographic Information Systems from Appalachian State University. She also has a Certificate in Non-Profit Management from Duke University. Wheeler has been on various panels at conferences in-Trails State Conference, and earned the Judges Award and second-highest fundraiser at Piedmont Art's Dancing for the Arts. Wheeler lives in Martinsville, and is an avid hiker, fisher, paddler, and environ-

mental advocate. The mission of the Dan River Basin Association is to promote and protect the natural and cultural resources of the Dan River Basin through education, recreation, and stewardship. DRBA works to fulfill that mission by building river accesses and trails, educating people of all ages about protecting our natural and master planning. The Dan River basin is 3,300 square miles including sixteen counties throughout Virginia and had hits in the win. North Carolina.

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4/22 4:30pm Girls Tennis vs James River Baseball at James River

5:30pm Softball at James River

Girls Soccer vs James River Boys Soccer at James River 4/23 Track at Glenvar

Park Day Volunteers Needed **April 26 at Laurel Hill Park**

PCHS Sports Schedule

The Patrick County High School Cougars Sports

Schedule for the week of April 21-26:

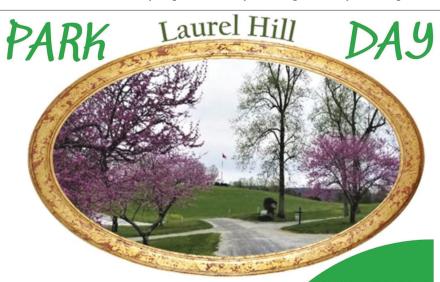
Bring a friend, support your local community, and help preserve our shared heritage!

Park Day is an annual, hands-on volunteer event that is dedicated to improving and maintaining Civil War, Revolutionary War, and War of 1812 battlefields and historic sites. It will be held on Saturday, April 26, tory. We hope to see you on April 26.

from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

We need your help! Laurel Hill Park is open 365 days a year and offers free admission to picnic shelters, hiking trails, and the beautiful scenery of Patrick County, Virginia.

Come lend a hand and be part of preserving this important piece of his-



Join our community effort to keep Laurel Hill Park clean and beautiful! All are welcome to attend and groups encouraged to participate.

Meet at the main entrance of the park.

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Crossing the Lines

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

Proposed fiscal 2025-26 budget holds line on taxes, dips into savings

At a special meeting on April 3, the Henry County Board of Supervisors reviewed the proposed budget for fiscal year 2025–26, totaling \$222,815,547—an crease of \$15,073,695, or 7.3 percent, from the previous year, even though the county's primary revenue sources are projected to decline by 2.1 percent collectively.

This proposed spending plan would support essential county services, including public schools, law enforcement, emergency services, and other core utilities that impact residents daily.

County Administrator Dale Wagoner explained the proposal included no recommendations to increase taxes on residents. Instead, Wagoner proposed balancing the cult choices about where \$222.815.547 budget by transferring \$1,778,455 from the county's savings.

we navigate through these uncertain economic times, we understand the strain many of our residents are feeling," Wagoner said. "Costs are rising, and while revenues remain relatively flat, we are committed to easing the burden on our taxpayers. We know that raising taxes is not the solution, especially when so many are already stretched thin. That's why, instead of increasing taxes, I'm recommending that we tap into our rainy-day fund to ensure we continue delivering the essential services our community relies on, without adding more pressure to those who can afford it

the least."



Henry County Administrator Dale Wagoner presents the proposed spending plan for the upcoming fiscal year at a recent Board of Supervisors meeting. (Contributed)

taxes, personal property taxes, and the machinery and tools tax. Costs for services are continuing to rise, yet revenues remain stagnant, forcing the county to make diffito allocate its limited resources.

Expected growth from state contributions and revenue from sales taxes are projected to offset some of the anticipated decline

With additional revenue from the Commonwealth, Wagoner 3 percent proposed a cost-of-living increase for all state-supported positions, such as teacher and deputies, and all county employees.

gible county and compensation-board funded employees would receive a 1.5 percent stipend. State-supported positions in public education would receive a one-time stipend of \$1,000.

The proposed budget for public education is Primary funding sourc- increase of 11.87 percent 1.14 percent.

es include real estate compared to the current year's original budget. The proposed local contribution increased by 8.15 percent for a total of \$23,398,263. Of that amount, \$2,496,242 is dedicated to paying down the school's debt service. Another \$5.7 million is set aside from the 1 percent sales tax for school facility construction and renovation projects.

Also under the proposal, the Sheriff's Office would receive funding to support 12 new positions at the Adult Detention Center. This coincides with a decision by the sheriff to terminate the inmate medical services contract with a private provider and manage the services in-house, a step Additionally, all eli- that is anticipated to decrease total expenses for the center by 3.2 percent.

The budget also includes funding for an additional officer for the Animal Services division, 11 new vehicles, a K-9 dog, and associated training and supplies. The total budget for the Sheriff's \$119,724,257 which is an Office would increase

City officials hear proposed school budget

The Martinsville City Council and Martinsville City School Board heard the proposed fiscal year (FY) 2025-2026 expense budget of \$28.929.625 and the proposed \$28,093,421 revenue budget at a Monday, April 7 joint meeting.

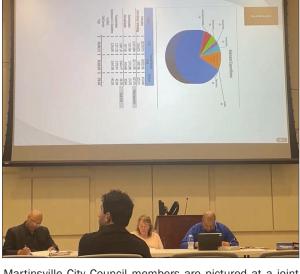
Schools Superintendent Dr. Zebedee Talley, Jr. said there is a variance of \$836,204 between the two bud-

"That's again, after looking at everything we anticipated that's coming in," he said.

Talley said the division is anticipating receiving \$22,195,938 in state entitlements, \$5,542,637 in local funds, and \$354,846 in grants and other funds.

is \$5,542,637 with a Required Local Effort (RLE) and Required \$650,000.

"So, our new request looking at what we last year is \$186,204. That's our net from last year; what was approshould hopefully cover Those of you that have items have increases



Martinsville City Council members are pictured at a joint meeting with the Martinsville City School Board.

know that without that local match, we don't get funds. The state subtracts from what we actually need." Talley said.

The expense budget The local funding increased by \$879,352 from the previous year.

Within the budget, \$20,522,182 will be Local Match (RLM) of used for the instruction line item, an increase of \$412,449 from the previous year, and \$1.6 requested from the million is for instructional technology.

Direct administration will have an priated last year. This expenditure of approximately \$1.4 milour local match and en- lion and attendance titles us to get the state and health will have funds that we need. \$670,000. These line

done this budget before of \$21,373 and \$32,904 respectively.

Approximately \$1.370.000 is earmarked for the Transportation category and Maintenance has a proposed expenditure of \$3,404,799. Transportation has an increase of \$42,299 and maintenance has an increase

of \$145,205. The projected enrollment for the upcoming year is 1,865, with 1,675 students in K-12, 110 children in preschool, and 80 students in adult education.

Talley said the General Assembly passed a three percent raise and step for school employees, which totals \$636,172.

Crash reenactment sends strong message to young drivers

On Friday, April 4, Bassett High School, authorities and pubsafety personnel brought back a crash reenactment event not held in a few years. The simulation took place on the football field the day before the school's prom, aiming to raise awareness about the dangers of texting while driving — an issue the school identified as a greater concern than driving under the influence (DUI).

The event was graphhancing the realism of night like prom. the drill, and a hearse driving decisions.

this opportunity for



A mock car accident scene was set up at Bassett High School before prom to raise awareness about the dangers of distracted driving

ic in nature, as students our students to be pre- last time that Bassett ing procedures, and chael Minter, principal of people. transported the injured of Bassett High School. on scene, further en- safety, especially on a ing concern.

Dustin "I'm glad we have the operation.

"I think 2010 was the event.

watched a reenacted fa- pared and be aware High School did one tal car crash unfold in of distracted driving of these," Elgin said. real time. EMTs pulled of any kind. It's one of Mock disaster scenariactors from the wreck- the things we always os are commonly used age, performed life-sav- want to do," said Mi- to educate a wide range

Elgin noted that, forvictims by ambulance. Minter emphasized the tunately, DUIs are no Authorities were also importance of student longer the most press-

"Texting and driving Elgin, is the biggest concern, was used to demon- training captain at so it changed up the strate the devastating Fieldale-Collinsville idea a little bit to match aftermath of dangerous Rescue Squad and a that." Elgin hopes to Bassett alumnus, led make the activity an annual educational

Memorial motorcycle ride raises awareness, celebrates musical legacy



The Suicide Prevention Memorial Ride was held to honor Isaac Rakes, create awareness and raise funds to help send Patrick County High School students to band camp.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles # 3739 in Bassett held a Suicide Prevention Memorial Ride last month, in honor of Isaac Rakes, a Patrick County High School student who died by suicide on March 20, 2022.

Isaac was passionate about music, enjoyed being part of the school band, and looked forward to band camp each year.

The ride raised funds to help Patrick County High School students attend band camp in his memory. It attracted a large group of bikers, many of whom had been personally affected by suicide.

John Dillon, known as "John Deere," was among the participants.

"Every person, somehow or another, has dealt with suicide. Family members, friends, and miliganization that tries to reduce the them," Brown said.

suicide rate," said Dillon.

Dillon emphasized the importance of supporting those who are actively working in suicide prevention. "Without support, it's so easy to make a wrong decision," he said.

He added that community involvement matters deeply. "I'm here because I don't want to see anyone commit suicide, simple as I can put it." The emotional toll on survivors, Dillon said, is far-reaching. "It's gonna affect them, it's just that simple."

Isaac's grandmother, Rhonda Brown, also attended the event.

"We are raising money to support the Patrick County Marching Band right now, but we hope to branch out. Music is very important, and he was a marching Cougar, and he was on the drum line, so we raised tary—there's a lot of suicide in the money to help their expenses. I'm military. I want to support any or- very thankful to the Eagles and to



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Avis Quesinberry Light

OBITUARIES

Larry John Lawless

Mr. Larry John Lawless, age 80 of Stuart, Virginia passed away at Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home in Winston Salem, North Carolina on Wednesday, April 9, 2025. He was born in Patrick County, Virginia on August 22, Lawless. In addition brother, uncle, and to his parents, Mr. friend. Lawless was preceded in death by his wife, Sandra Porterfield Lawless. Larry was the owner/operator of Lawless Logging for over 50 years. He was an avid outdoorsman, stepchildren, and he especially en- Alvarez (Carlos), Anjoyed hunting and gel Pack (James), and funeral home on Frifishing. He loved his Johnathan local dirt track races four his family and will be (Corey), Ashley Dal- com.



1944, to the late Eu- remembered as a lovgene Madison Lawless ing husband, caring and Mabel Pendleton father, adoring papa,

memories of Larry Lawless are his three children, Randy Lawless, Penny Winfree (Lee), and Larry Vincent Lawless; three The family will receive grandchildren, and short track rac- Jordan Taylor (Auses. Larry dearly loved tin), Morgan Barbour moodyfuneralservices.

ton (Logan), Hunter Lawless (Karlee); four great-grandchildren, Noah, Briar, Wren, and Mason; one sister brother-in-law/ and fishing buddy, Linda Hayden (W.C.); two nieces; and three special friends, Eugene Jones, Dean Mabe, and Bruce Griffith.

The funeral for Mr. Lawless will be held on Friday, April 11, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., at Moody Left to cherish the Funeral Home in Stuart with Bruce Griffith speaking. Burial will follow in Jacks Creek Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery. Nettie friends one hour prior to the service at the Volkers; day afternoon. Online Condolences may be sent by visiting www.

Mrs. Avis Quesinberry Light, age 96 of Meadows of Dan, passed away on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital. She was born in Carroll County on June 12, 1928, to the late Charlie Larkin Quesinberry and Annie Eunice Burnette Quesinberry. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Light was preceded in death by her husband Lazarus Dwain Light; sisters, Glaspa Eunice Painter and Bertha Mae Draper; brother Charlie Gale Quesinberry, and infant brother Clar-

ence Quesinberry. Avis's death marked the end of an era. She was delivered into the world by the midwife, Orlean Puckett, and grandfather. She was schooled in the virtues

11, 2025. Dudley was

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everyone she met. She was fortunate enough to live in a supportive community that allowed her to live as she wanted to till the age of 96.

Avis is survived by one daughter, Peggy Light (Lincoln Fajardo) of Kempton, Pennsylvania; grandsons, Adam Fajardo (Ginelle Heller) ofRoanoke, lived her formative life Boyertown, Pennsyl- ta Turman, 658 Clint on the farm that had vania; great-grandson Lane, Meadows of once belonged to her Heath Owen Fajardo; Dan, VA 24120. Online of hard work, deep ter Ilene Bolt of Stu-moodyfuneralservices. faith, and kindness to art, Virginia; and sev-

eral adored nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mrs. Light will be held on Monday, April 14, 2025, at 11:00 A.M. at Old Bell Spur Primitive Baptist Church in Meadows of Dan with Elders Tony Parker and Tim McGrady officiating. Burial will follow at Bell Spur Community Cemetery in Meadows of Dan. The family will receive friends on Sunday evening from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Old Bell Spur Primitive Baptist Church, c/o Ron Lockhart, 3049 Mitchells Crossroad, Allisonia, Virginia 24347 or to Virginia, Bell Spur Community and Lucas Fajardo of Cemetery, c/o Bonigreat-granddaughter condolences may be Calla Luz Fajardo; sis- sent by visiting www.

Susan Slate

Susan Slate, 67, of Smith Mountain Lake, VA, formerly of Stuart, VA, passed away peacefully on April 12, Born in 1957, Susan

was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother whose life was rooted in love, kindness, and generosity. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Pete Slate, with whom she shared a lifetime of memories and deep affection.

Susan is survived by her two children, Jessica Gregory (Ed-James Slate (Erin), and her four adored grandchildren: Arya and Slate Gregory, and Wyatt and Wade Slate. Her and worked for many family was her great- years, touching countest passion, and she less lives with her poured her heart into warmth and sincerity. being a loving presence in their lives. She nev- made her home at lences may be sent by er missed a moment to Smith Mountain Lake, visiting www.moodyfusupport, celebrate, or where she found joy

simply be there for the people she cherished

Known for her generous spirit and kind heart, Susan had a remarkable way ofmaking everyone she met feel welcomed and valued. She was well known throughout the Stuart community, where she lived

In recent years, she

in the peaceful waters and cherished time spent riding boats and soaking in the beauty around her. Those days on the lake, filled with laughter and sunshine, brought her deep happiness and will be fondly remembered by her family.

A graveside service will be held at Slate Family Cemetery Friday, April 18, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. The family will receive friends Thursday evening from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Moody Funeral Home in Stuart. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asks that donations be made to the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption at www.davethomasfoundation.org in honor of Susan's memory and the love she shared so freely. Online condo-

Dudley Clark Jr. age 97 of Stuart Virginia passed away at his home on April

preceded in death by an infant daughter retirement

Dudley Clark Jr.



parents Dudley was II. During the Korean War, serving in the his wife of 69 years, Army at Fort Rich-Anna Marie Clark, ardson in Alaska. In Dudley Nancy Ann Clark, enjoyed card games one brother Harvie with friends and fam- memorial donations J. Clark of New Par- ily, golfing and rais- may be made to the is, Ohio. Two sisters, ing his garden so he Patrick County Food Anna Lee (Clark) could give most of it Bank, 108 Commerce Swindle and Doro- away. He was also Street, Stuart VA thy M. (Clark) Gra- known to participate 24171. Services conham of Sparta TN. in a practical joke ducted by Thurman Dudley retired from on occasion if the op- Funeral Home, Spar-Alcoa Aluminum as portunity arose. His ta TN. Reverends maintenance me- most satisfying time Danny Redman and chanic. His many was spent helping Kevin Wilson officiatyears also found him others, he was ac- ing with burial at the as a car salesman, tive with Habitat for Upper Cherry Creek appliance and HVAC Humanity in Wilson Cemetery in Sparta, sales and repairman, County TN and lat- TN. Norris Funerauctioneer and trac- er with the Patrick al Services, Inc. and tor and farm imple- County Food Bank Crematory, ment dealer. A mili- for 19 years working VA is serving the tary veteran, Dudley well into his 90's. Clark family. Online served in the Navy Dudley was also ac- condolences may be aboard the USS Gu- tive with his church made at www.norris-

byterian. Dudley is survived by his sister Betty (Clark) Demps of Sparta TN. His son Jeffrey Clark, special friend Jennifer Myers of Stuart VA. Two granddaughters, Jessica Royster (Ben) of Columbus, OH. Sarah Smith (Toby) of Mechanicsburg, PA. Three great grandsons, Parker, Gabriel and Wesley Smith. One sister-in-law Lucille Demps of Sparta TN. Many nieces and nephews and many,

many good friends. In lieu of flowers nason in World War family, Stuart Pres-funeral.com.

Duane Thomas Bailey, Sr

Mr. Duane Thomas Stuart, Virginia passed away on Thursday, son, North Carolina. stranger. ber 25, 1947, in Draper, time with his family. North Carolina, to the In addition to his parin death by six broth-

Bailey, Sr. age 77 of home as a self-employed computer technician for over 40 years. April 10, 2025, at Woltz He will be remembered Hospice Home in Dob- as never meeting a He loved He was born on Decem- trains and spending

Duane is survived late Powell Ray Bailey by his loving wife of and Lois Vest Bailey. 57 years, Betty Shropshire Bailey; a daughents, he was preceded ter, Marie Hill (Clyde); a son, Duane Bailey, Jr. (Lisa); a grandson,

Duane worked from John Bailey Wright; a brother, Paul Garrett Bailey; several nieces, nephews, cousins; and close friends, including Lane Hatcher.

All services for Mr. Bailey will be private. Moody Funeral Home in Stuart, Virginia has been entrusted with the arrangements. Online condolences may be made by visiting www.moodyfuneralservices.com.

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Where is Utange?

By Van Yandell

Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

East Africa was in the bush country. Going from village to village, hut to hut, to share the gospel of Jesus Christ was a challenge and an adventure.

The villagers were very welcoming and cordial to the Americans coming from our homes across the sea to share with them "The Good News" as the gospel is called.

We were told before the first trip to be prepared for culture shock. I didn't feel any shock. The cultures were indeed different but people are people wherever we go.

So many times we were invited to sit with the people, sometimes around a campfire; other times we sat on logs or the ground. At times we were offered a meal of ugali (ground corn mush) or githeri (corn and beans mix). Of course, I never refused.

Utange was ronment. The trails we walked through the jungle were both other sounds have lingered in my mind for many years.

The trails in places were covered with a canopy of trees and vines. It was actually dark but occasionally a few holes above allowed a ray of sunlight to creep through.

At one point we found coconut trees about forty feet high. One of the young men with us shimmied up one of them and threw down coconuts for each of us. Several of the trees had notches cut for foot placement to climb the trees. Someone had been there before.

Many of the Africans carried machetes, partly for personal protection but that turned out not to be entirely the case.

the top off the coconuts, carved a spoon from the hull and handed juice and eat out the meat with vironment. God has blessed! the spoon. It was delicious and a me.

A narrow trail wound through to Utange church. That's where I met the interpreter and a few church members that accompanied us.

One of our local transportation hires took me out in the mornings and returned in the evening to fetch me back to the camp at Nyali. The trail was not really a road but he managed. He drove a Datsun holes in the floor between my feet as we traveled.

trail across from the church. It was made of sticks with a grass roof. The entrepreneur sold cookies and drinks and was always good for extended conversation.

One night he prayed to receive *outlook.com*.

Jesus as his Lord and Savior and Acts 1: 8 "But ve shall receive to share his experience of havpower, after that the Holy Ghost ing God come into his life was a is come upon you: and ye shall be great blessing to me. We've seen witnesses unto me both in Jeru- so many big strong men pray to salem, and in all Judaea, and in receive and realizing the love and sacrifice of Jesus for them, tears streamed down their faces. Jesus Most of our mission work in is the Savior of the world but also a personal Savior.

One night at Utange my driver did not return. There was a local gathering spot for the men of the neighborhood near the store. Several large logs surrounded a campfire in the center for light.

Rather than start walking the ten miles back to Nyali, I chose to sit with the men and see where things went. For a white man to join their assemblage took them by surprise but soon we were talking and laughing.

English was still being taught in schools in Kenya and most spoke English and they actually seemed pleased to have an opportunity to practice the language. I was amazed at how quickly they accepted me into their group; curiosity may have been a factor.

They were of religions other another envi- than mine. Some were of African traditional, some Muslims and one was Anglican. My ride returned a beautiful and interesting. Hearing little before midnight. By then my the sounds of numerous species of new friends had gone home and I birds, the screams of monkeys and reconciled myself to the fact I'd be sleeping by one of those logs.

The congregation at Utange was very receptive and welcoming. Hands were shaken and smiles exchanged. I often wish I could go back and see how things have developed over the years, Utange has changed.

I still can visualize an elderly lady that walked miles to be baptized in the Indian Ocean. She was bare-foot and the road was rocky. It had to be very uncomfortable, but she wanted very much to be baptized. We took her back home in the back of a truck. As we sat in the truck bed, her facial expression was pure satisfaction.

Going to such places have been With his machete, he chopped the highlights of my life. I'll always remember the people, the sounds (including the beautiful everyone a coconut to drink the music in the churches) and the en-

In the leading scripture, (Acts once-in-a-lifetime experience for 1: 8), listed are what appears to be four geographic locations. One of those is the "uttermost parts of the earth." For years I thought the uttermost was the other side of planet earth but since I've reasoned it may not be as far away as we may have thought.

The uttermost may be that difficult person that lives across the street or one we work with or even within our own home and family.

We must always teach that etertruck with the floor rusted out. I nal salvation is attained by a faith could watch the trail through the based belief (Ephesians 2: 8) in Christ Jesus crucified (Matthew 27: 35) for the remission of sin (1 There was a business by the John 1: 9) and resurrected (Matthew 28: 6).

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3. From Matthew 28:2, who rolled back the stone from the door of Jesus' tomb and sat upon it? Simon, An angel, Villagers, Disciples

4. When Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary" came upon the risen Jesus, who did He

ask them to inform? Priests, Disciples, No one, Villagers

From John 20, which disciple doubted Jesus had risen unless he could see the wounds? Peter, Andrew, Thomas, Thaddeus

6. How long did Jesus remain after His resurrection before He ascended into heaven? Instantaneously, 1 hour, 7 days, 40 days

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Matthew, 3) An angel, 4) Disciples, 5) Thomas (called Didymus), 6) 40 days

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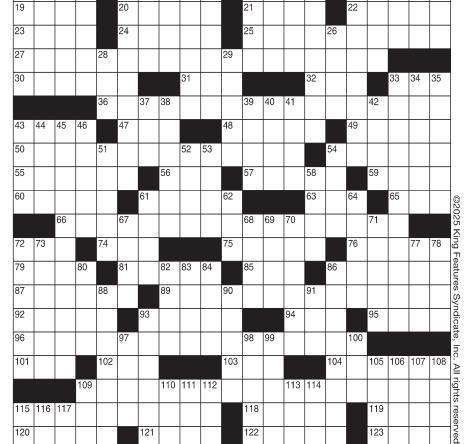
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10AM and 4PM Yard Sale, 6-person, maybe more. Mini Flea Market, April 17th, 18th & 19th Thursday - 8a.m.-4p.m., Friday - 8a.m.-4p.m., Saturday – 8a.m.-1p.m. Located at 661 Collinstown Rd, Stuart, VA



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- BBQ and Slaw Tubs To-Go BBQ Plates (includes slaw, baked beans, and roll) • BBQ Sandwiches • Kid's Meal (Hotdog, chips, and drink) Homemade Desserts
 - Chicken BBQ Sandwiches Available Upon Request

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THE ENTERPRISE

Wednesday, April 16, 2025 - 11

Meetings

Wednesday, April 16

The Stuart Town Council will meet at 6 p.m. in the Town Office.

Tuesday, April 29

The Patrick County Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) will meet at 4 p.m. in the Patrick County School Board Office's conference room.

Events

Monday, April 14- Friday, April 18

Stuart Baptist Church will be hosting Holy Week with a brief service led by pastors in our community each day at noon. A light lunch will be served in the fellowship hall following the service. For more details, visit the church's Facebook page, https://www. facebook.com/SBCstuart.

Thursday, April 17

The Carroll County Genealogy Club will meet at 5 p.m.

Pleasant View Baptist Church, 4432 Pleasant View Drive, Patrick Springs, will hold a Maundy Thursday service at 6 p.m.

The Patrick County Republican Committee will meet at 6 p.m. in the Motorsports Hall of Fame Auditorium.

Friday, April 18

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

Saturday, April 19

The Patrick County High School (PCHS) Senior Beta students will hold a charity car wash at Advance Auto in Stuart to raise money for PCHS students traveling to the National Senior Beta convention and competition in Florida this summer. Rain date is Saturday,

Country breakfast, 6:30-10 a.m., at Fairystone Volunteer Fire Department, 6687 Fairystone Park Highway, Stuart. Dine in adult side yard sale is open to the public. Proceeds plates are \$10 and child plates are \$5. Take are used to purchase supplies. Members meet out plates are \$10 each. To order, call (276) 930-2113.

Easter Egg Hunt, 2 p.m. at Ross Harbour Church, 6260 Elamsville Road. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

Sunday, April 20

Pleasant View Baptist Church will hold an Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. with breakfast to follow. The morning service will be at 10:30 a.m. with Cantata "The King is

Easter Sunrise Service at Ross Harbour

Church, 7 a.m. Breakfast will follow, and worship will begin at 10 a.m.

High Point Baptist Church will hold an Easter Sunrise Service, 7 a.m. Breakfast at 8 a.m. and the worship service is at 9 a.m., 2381 Big A School Road, Stuart.

Easter Sunrise Service at Woolwine Methodist Church, 7 a.m. Breakfast to follow.

Friday, April 25

Spaghetti Supper at Dobyns Community Building, 4-7 p.m.

Saturday, April 26

The Rockingham and Stokes County Genealogical Society's Spring Swap Meet, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Francisco Community Building/Volunteer Fire Department located on Highway 89 in Francisco, Stokes County, NC. Free to the public. Bring your family history information, family photographs, etc. to share. Printer available for a nominal fee. Please bring a covered dish. Authors or other historical or genealogical societies are invited to bring books to sell or set up an information

Sunday, April 27

The Bassett Ruritan Club hosts a Bluegrass welcome to come and bring their instruments. There is no admission charge.

Tuesday, April 29

Patrick County Special Education Advisory Committee meets at 4 p.m. in the Patrick County School Board Office, conference room, Stuart.

Ongoing

Tuesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. Bring an instrument, or just come and listen.

Patrick County Alzheimer's Group LLC is open Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. During opening hours an inon the first Monday of every month at 6 p.m. in the Alzheimer's office, located in the basement of Hills Tax Service on Wood Brothers Drive. New members are welcome. For more information, call (276) 693-6018.

Two branches of the Alzheimer's Group LLC have been established — in the Vesta and Ararat communities. The Ararat group meets at the Fellowship Church in Ararat on the second Thursday each month at 12 p.m. The players with a maximum of 15 players includ-Vesta group meets at the Vesta Community ing at least 3 females per team. Team regis-Center on the third Tuesday each month at tration fee is \$300, and the completed team 12 p.m. Both groups welcome new members roster must be submitted to the recreation by and invite caregivers to attend these meet- the May 1 deadline. A copy of the 2025 adult ings and learn how to deal with the effects of softball rules and team roster forms can be able.

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

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

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

Free Community Meal on 4th Wednesdays, 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.

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

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 music jam from 1:30-4 p.m. Musicians are 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 The Coffee Break Café hosts live music on can provide more information. Call or text Ann Walker, (276) 732-0509, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

> Salem Church on Salem Road in Critz holds a community meal on the first Sunday of every month at 12:10 p.m. Call (276) 222-1069 with questions.

> Patrick County Parks and Recreation Department sponsors an aluminum bat co-ed adult softball league this summer, providing there is sufficient interest. A minimum of 4 teams must be registered and fees paid by the May 1 registration deadline. The league is open to men and women who will be 18 years of age or older as of June 1. Coaches are required to recruit their own team members. Each co-ed team must have a minimum of 10 requested by calling (276) 694-3917 ing the department's Facebook page.

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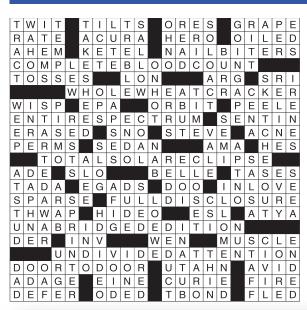
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Congressional staff to hold office hours

Congressman Griffith's Ninth District STAFF will be available in Patrick County and Martinsville on April 23. *City of Martinsville: 10 – 11:30 a.m., City Hall, Room 208, 55 W. Church St., Martinsville.

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

In the event of inclement weather, traveling office hours may be rescheduled to avoid putting constituents at risk. If schools are closed in a locality, office hours will be closed as well.

Call the Christiansburg Office at (540) 381-5671 or the Abingdon Office at (276) 525-1405 with any questions or to schedule an appointment time in the event of a closure.



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ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Case No. CWF24-257

JOHN WILLIAM ADKINS

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1;8.01-316,-317,20-104 PATRICK CIRCUIT COURT

101 WEST BLUE RIDGE STREET/PO BOX 148, STUART, VA 24171 ESTATE OF JOHN WILLIAM ADKINS v. JOHN DOE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF BONNIE LOU LAWSON;

TO LOCATE ANY LAWFUL HEIRS OF JOHN WILLIAM ADKINS It is ORDERED that ANY HEIR OF JOHN W. ADKINS CONTACT THE PLAINTIFF appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before APRIL 16, 2025

MARCH 21, 2025

The object of this suit is to:

ADMINISTRATOR



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING: The Patrick County Board of Supervisors will hold a Public Hearing Monday, April 28, 2025, on the Comprehensive Plan Policies for Solar Facilities as recommended by the Patrick County Planning Commission.

The hearing will be held in the 3rd floor Courtroom on the Patrick County Veterans Memorial building, 106 Rucker Street, Stuart, VA. Anyone wishing to view the resolution to amend the Comprehensive Plan Policies for Solar Facilities may do so at the County Administration office, Suite 218 located in the Patrick County Veterans Memorial building. If you plan to attend and have any special needs requirements, please contact the County Administration Office at 276-694-6094.

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SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MEET

The next meeting of the Patrick County Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at the Patrick County School Board Office in the conference room, Stuart, Virginia.

This meeting is open to the public. Anyone who wishes to be placed on the agenda should contact Andy Bowlin, Director of Special Education at 276-694-3163 by noon on April 29, 2025.

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PUBLIC NOTICE To Class "A, E, & C" CONTRACTORS Weatherization Services Franklin/Patrick Counties

STEP, Inc. is interested in developing a list of qualified, licensed contractors to provide one or more primary services related to weatherization services funded by the Dept. of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), US Department of Energy (DOE), and Appalachian Power Company. These services include: Energy Audit Analysis, Weatherization Improvement services, and Quality Control Inspections. In these activities, STEP, Inc., its contractors and sub-contractors will, to the greatest extent feasible, utilize qualified persons and businesses who permanently reside within Patrick, Franklin and surrounding counties for employment and training positions. Candidates for weatherization measures must be in compliance with the Virginia Weatherization Standards and Field Guide requirements. Activities may include: windows, HVAC, electrical and plumbing repairs and/or replacement, insulation and other measures related to resident health and safety. STEP Inc reserves the privilege of approving qualifications of more than one contractor for each of the 3 basic services. STEP intends to provide these services to both single-family and multifamily housing units in Franklin and Patrick counties during the 25-26 Weatherization Assistance Program.

Individuals and businesses interested in providing one or more of these services through competitive opportunities associated with these projects should submit written request to be included in STEP's Weatherization Services Program, including:

- Company name
- · Physical address
- Email address
- Phone number
- Service(s) to be provided
- Brief summary of the experience and qualifications to perform the product or services provided, including related licenses or DPOR certifications of key personnel

Send Request to participate NO LATER THAN 4:30 p.m. EDT on 05/09 to the attention of:

Keith Holland, Director of Housing Services

STEP, Inc.

200 Dent Street Rocky Mount, VA 24151 Fax: 540-483-2506

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NOTICE OF DELINQUENT TAXES AND POSSIBLE JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

On May 15, 2025, or as soon thereafter as may be effected, actions will be commenced under the authority of Virginia Code §58.1-3965, et seq., to begin proceedings to sell the following parcels of real estate for the payment of Patrick County delinquent real estate taxes: FullName Tay Man No Debtor Number

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Properties subject to delinquent real estate taxes may be redeemed by paying all accumulated taxes, penalties, interest, costs and fees. Payments should be made payable to Patrick County and mailed to Taxing Authority Consulting Services PC, Post Office Box 31800, Henrico, Virginia, 23294-1800. Interested bidders and inquiries regarding the above-listed properties should be directed to TACS at (804) 545-2500, taxsales@taxva.com or www.taxva.com or by mail to:

Re: Patrick County Delinquent RE Taxes Taxing Authority Consulting Services, PC Post Office Box 31800 Henrico, VA 23294-1800

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 767 OLD FARM ROAD, ARARAT, VA 24053. In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated February 22, 2018, in the original principal amount of \$143,200.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Patrick County, Virginia as Instrument No. 180000396. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Patrick County, 101 West Blue Ridge Street, Stuart, Virginia, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on May 19, 2025, at 3:30 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: THE FOLLOW-ING DESCRIBED PROPERTY SITUATED IN PATRICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA: LYING AND BEING IN DAN RIVER MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF PATRICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA, CONTAINING 1.013 ACRES AS SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SURVEY TITLED "PLAT OF SURVEY FOR DON COOPER AND MAXINE COOPER," DATED NOVEMBER 4, 1998, PREPARED BY D. B. DUDLEY, CLS #1125. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH.

A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal bal-

ance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-359977-2.

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COUNTRY OF PATRICK, VIRGINIA Synopsis of the Budget for

Information and Fiscal Planning Purposes For the Year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

In accordance with the provisions of Section 58.1-3001 and 15.2-2506, 1950 Code Of Virginia, as amended, notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Patrick, Virginia, on the proposed County budget for fiscal year 2025-2026 on Monday, April 28, 2025. The hearing will be held in the Board Room in the Patrick County Veterans Memorial Building in Stuart, Virginia, at which time any citizen of this County shall have the right to state his or her views thereon. The Public Hearing shall commence at 6:00 p.m. If you plan to attend and have any special needs requirements, please contact the County Administration Office at 276-694-6094.

The following proposed budget synopsis is for informative and fiscal planning purposes only and does not constitute an obligation or commitment on the part of the Board of Supervisors to appropriate funds for any items or purpose, except the public school budget, which is required to be funded to comply with the Standards Of Quality as set by the Virginia General Assembly. NO funds may be expended until appropriated by the Board of Supervisors. Tax levies, both current and proposed, are as listed herein. Tax Levy (per \$100) 2024-2025 Rate

Tax Levy (per \$100)	2024-	-2025 Rate	2025-	2026 Proposed	1
For Real Estate	\$	0.73	\$	0.73	
For Personal Property	\$	1.71	\$	1.87	
For Machinery and Tools	\$	1.71	\$	1.71	
For Public Utilities (Personal Property)	\$	1.71	\$	1.87	
For Public Utilities (Real Estate)	\$	0.73	\$	0.73	
Transient Occupancy Tax		5%		7%	

Further, in conjunction with the Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998, Section 58.1-3523, and as outlined by County Ordinance, the Board shall consider and set the percentage computation for allocation of PPTRA relief to county citizens at a specific amount to be offset against total taxes otherwise due.

A detailed copy of the budget is available on the Patrick County website at www.co.patrick.va.us. **REVENUES**

REVENUE FUNCTION **GENERAL FUND** General Property Taxes \$ Other Local Taxes Other Undesignated Revenues \$ Designated Revenues \$ Transfer In (from Other Funds) Total General Fund \$ **SCHOOLS** \$

OTHER FUNDS

Total Other Funds

Courthouse Security Courthouse Maintenance Fire Program Four for Life Fund Transient Occupancy Tax Inmate Medical, Daily & HEM **PSA** Water PSA Sewer

TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE

EXPENDITURE FUNCTION

GENERAL FUND General Government Administration Judicial Administration Public Safety Public Works Health & Welfare Parks & Recreation Community Development Contingency & Capital Improvements County Debt Service Local School Funding & Debt Total General Fund

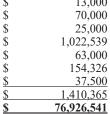
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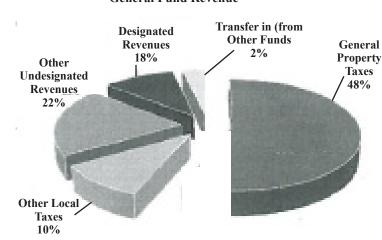
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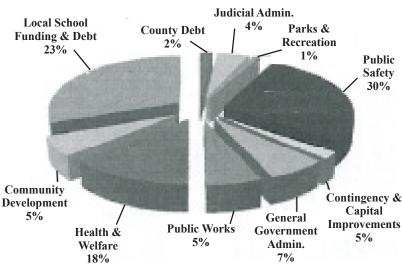
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General Fund Revenue



General Fund Expenditures



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Mountain Bike Race draws over 200 to Woolwine's I.C. DeHart Park







By Cole Hall

The MTB bike race series hosted Bootleggers Blitz on March 29 at I.C. DeHart Memorial Park in Woolwine. The event was organized by a nationally recognized mountain bike organization dedicated to promoting and hosting mountain bike racing events.

The group is a community of people passionate about the sport of bike racing and competition.

"It was surreal to me to see so many people coming out for this single event. It was an outstanding day, the weather was perfect," said James Houchins, director of tourism for Patrick County. "Participants were awesome, some of the nicest people you could

A wide range of attendees traveled to Woolwine for the event, with participants coming from as far away as Minnesota. More than 200 people attended, many bringing their families.

Age brackets included categories for ages 10 to 12 and 13 to 16. One of the youngest racers was a six-

"There's different skill levels and categories. Most of the people there were very familiar with the mountain bike series. Anyone is open to register,' Houchins said

The MTB series includes four different events, with qualifiers eligible to advance to higher-level national competitions.

Patrick County Tourism provided about 70 prizes across various categories during the event. The tourism department expressed pride in supporting the race.

"We use this as an opportunity to promote the county and all the other amenities we offer in Patrick County," Houchins explained.

The county also contributed by helping maintain clean and accessible trails for riders.

Organizers plan to host the event annually and aim to bring it back to Woolwine next March. The Memorial Park is described as a "hidden gem," and a priority area for the county to develop further to

Quacking, waddling and water rolling off duck feathers at Storytime

Outside the library, bulbs planted by the duck feathers at Storytime. Over 30 particiwas quacking, waddling and water rolling off nmayer.

children last fall in the Books, Blooms and pants learned about duck behavior and anat- ron G Flake, "Ducks Run Amok!" by J E Mor-Bugs Garden were blooming. Inside, there omy from Sam Edmundson and Norma Boze- ris and "The Little Duckling Who Wouldn't

The books, "You Make Me Sneeze!" by Sha-Get Wet," by Gek Tessaro, were read.



Did you know that ducks have a special gland, called the uropygial gland (or the preen gland), that helps to keep them on top of the water. This gland, located at the base of their tail, produces an oil that the ducks spread over their bodies to make their feathers water-repellent.



Youngsters participating in a recent event at the library examined duck feathers and demonstrated how a duck feather holds together like Velcro, and how water rolls off



The children added eyes and took a duckling finger puppet

ONLINE AUCTION

Large Land Tract and Pond for Sale in Stuart VA Online Auction Ends Thursday, May 15th, at 4 pm **TBD Scenic Dr., Stuart, VA 24171 Bid NOW at VAAuctionPro.com**

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At the center of the expansive property lies a stunning 11.6 acre pond. This large, serene body of water is perfect for fishing, boating, or simply enjoying peaceful waterfront views. Adjacent to the pond, a well-constructed principle shelter provides a fantastic space for hosting outdoor events. Equipped with a full bathroom and a full kitchen, it offers a unique business opportunity for event hosting or simply a beautiful space for personal gatherings.

Property has road frontage on Scenic Dr and access from Mountain View Loop by a 50 ft right of way. The wooded land makes for great seclusion and privacy, while the property is conveniently located just off of Route 58. Route 58 provides easy access to Patrick Springs, Stuart Martinsville, Hillsville, the VA/NC state line, and other surrounding cities. Do not miss your chance on this large land tract in Patrick County VA!

TERMS & CONDITIONS: 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to final high bid to arrive at contract price. Earnest Money Deposit of \$20,000 is required on the day of sale. Close on or before June 30th, 2025. Subject to seller confirmation. Property sold as is, where is with any and all faults. Buyer is expected to complete their own due diligence before placing a bid. Auction starts ending at 4 PM on May 15th, 2025. Please note that during the last two minutes of bidding, if a new bid is placed, the clock is automatically extended an additional two minutes. Be sure to register to bid early to ensure you receive notifications regarding any changes to the Auction, Bidder Packet and/or Pre-Auction offers received. Download Bidder Information Pack for complete terms and conditions, purchase contract and maps at VAAuctionPro.com.

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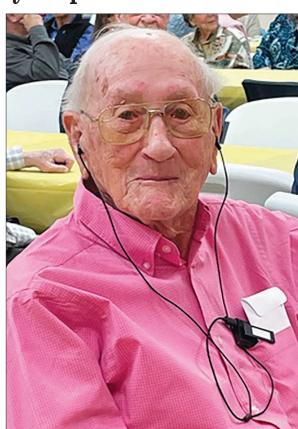
Seniors enjoy a special celebration

By Joanne Hill

Happy 98th birthday to Grover Roark who celebrated his special day with Patrick County Seniors at their monthly meeting on April 10. Mr. Roark, who is from Sandy Ridge, N.C., told Judy Lacks. chairman of the planning committee for the senior's group, that he was going to honor himself on his birthday by making a donation to the Patrick County Se-

niors group. A widower, who is retired from General Mills, Mr. Roark is a vendor at the Stuart Farmers' Market when it operates, selling vegetables and honey that he produces on his farm. He still drives wherever he wants to go and has his church life and reading to keep him occupied in his spare time.

Herbert and Tina



Grover Roark celebrated his 98th birthday. (Contributed photos)

at Rotary Field.

Conner entertained the by the Patrick County tion and The Landmark group which meets on Parks and Recreation Center are there each the second Thursday of Department. All seniors month to check blood each month at 11 a.m. are invited to attend. pressure levels.

Lunch is always enjoyed Meetings of the senior by the group and Blue group are sponsored Ridge Therapy Connec-

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Horticulture Program hosts annual spring plant sale at Ferrum College



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The Ferrum College Horticulture Program greenhouses are blooming with activity as students, faculty, and staff work hard to prepare for the annual Spring Plant Sale. This year's sale will be held on Saturday, April 19; and Sunday, April 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the College's Titmus Agricultural Center at 370 Ferrum School Road in Ferrum.

A variety of plants will be available for purchase, including:

*Annuals and house plants (\$4-\$15 each)

*Hanging baskets (\$12–\$16 each) *Vegetables and herbs (\$2-\$4

*Seed annuals in cell packs (\$2 per pack; 3–4 plants per pack)

Cash or checks are the only accepted forms of payment. All proceeds support the Ferrum College Horticulture Program.

"The annual plant sale at Titmus Agricultural Center is one of the most cherished traditions on our campus," said Ferrum College President Mirta Martin. "It showcases the hands-on work of our agriculture students and the College's commitment to sustainability and experiential learning. I encourage our community to come out and support their efforts."

Thank you for reading The Enterprise

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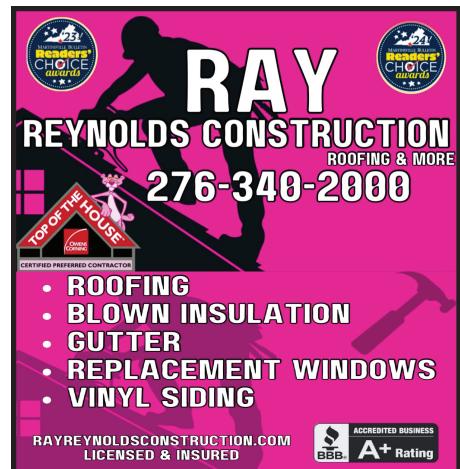
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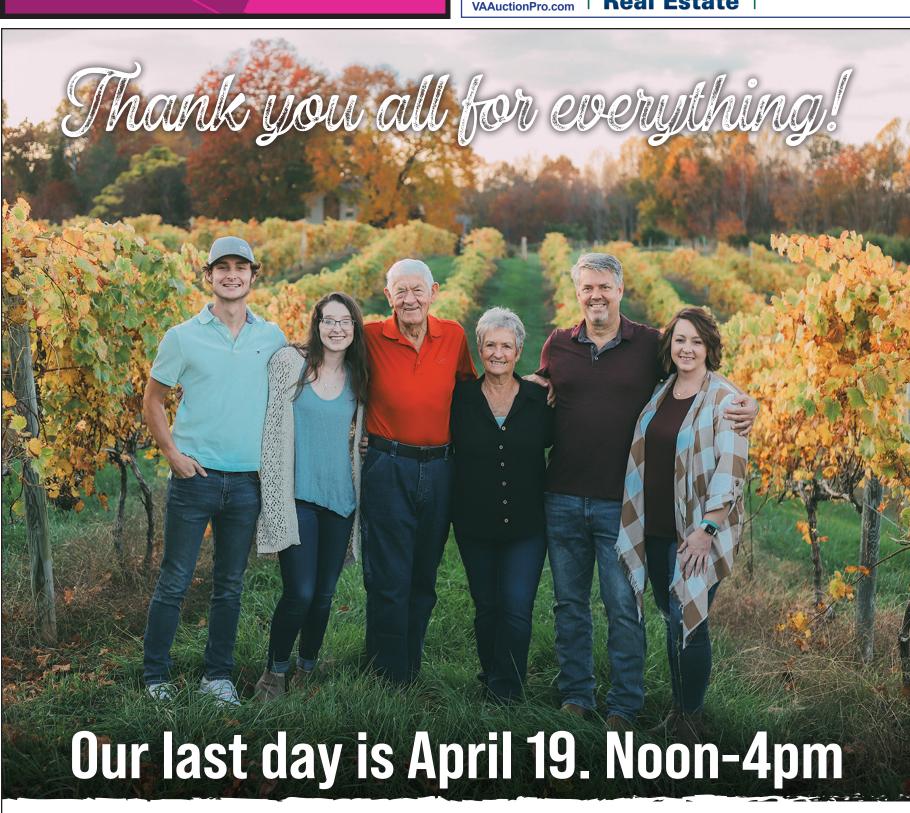
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The Stanleys

