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## County residents decry raising taxes, question spending

**By Taylor Boyd**  
More than a dozen residents spoke out against proposed tax increases and the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year at the April 28 Patrick County Board of Supervisors meeting.  
Jane Fulk said she does not support raising taxes to balance the budget.  
“It looks like we have a problem with spending more than we have with revenue. If I don’t have the revenue to come into my house I can’t spend the money, and that looks like what we have,” she said.  
Fulk noted that unrestricted funds increased by \$4 million since January, indicating the county may not have a revenue problem. She also criticized Blue Ridge District Supervisor Steve Marshall’s proposal to increase the personal property tax by \$0.16 per year over three years.



Former Commissioner of Revenue Janet Rorrer spoke about the personal property tax.

“Because that takes away the right of the citizens to have any say for the next two years and beyond,” she said.  
Fulk cited the county’s demographics — 28 percent of residents are over age 65, with 10 percent of them below the poverty line — and said 23 percent of children live in poverty.  
“We need to look at taxes because that seems to be all we can think about to bring in

money here. Raising the TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax) not only affects Primland, which I know is a big supporter of the TOT, but it also affects the small cabin rentals, Airbnbs, and others who only have small places,” she said.  
She also criticized recent raises for county employees, saying half a million dollars in raises followed \$1 million in raises last year and appeared to

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Steve Marshall, of the Blue Ridge District, became the first supervisor in recent memory, perhaps in the county’s history, to be censured.

## Patrick County Board issues historic censure of sitting supervisor

**By Taylor Boyd**  
At the Monday, April 28 Patrick County Board of Supervisors meeting, Steve Marshall, of the Blue Ridge District, became the first supervisor in recent memory, and perhaps ever, to be censured in the county’s more than 230 year history.  
Marshall was censured in a 3-1-1 vote.  
Jonathan Wood, chairman and of the Peters Creek District; Andrew Overby, vice-chairman and of the Dan River District; and Clayton Kendrick, of the Mayo River District, voted in support of the censure.  
Doug Perry, of the Smith River District, cast the dissenting vote.  
Marshall abstained.  
Under the conditions of the censure, Marshall also was removed from his committee appointments to the Department of Social Services Board, Community Policy and Management Team, and the county’s liaison to the Stuart Town Council.  
Marshall is also prohibited from being appointed to any of the county or board committees, commissions,

and authorities, for a term of no less than one year, effective April 28.  
According to Wood, the remaining four board members will decide whether to take on Marshall’s now vacant committee appointments.  
“Just like we start off each January, we’ll discuss those over the next couple of weeks and have everything figured out by our next meeting in May,” Wood said.  
Before the censure vote was taken, Overby read a prepared resolution. He said the content had been approved through the county attorney’s office.  
“We’ve had several people come in front of this board to exercise their concerns and complaints over the conduct of Mr. Marshall. We were presented with a package of information at the last meeting that outlined the conduct that’s been accomplished by Mr. Marshall,” Overby said.  
The resolution stated the board “expresses their displeasure with the consistent display of unprofessional behavior of Board of Supervisors member Steve Marshall by

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## VFW Post 7800 honors National Day of Service with cemetery cleanup

By VFW Post 7800 Commander Donald Cockram



The Stuart VFW Post 7800 cleaned up an overgrown cemetery in Patrick Springs on May 3, which was VFW National Day of Service. It was a good show of force to accomplish the task and revive the cemetery. (See more photos on page 2)

## PCMG Plant Sale set for May 10



The annual Patrick County Master Gardener Plate Sale will be held from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, May 10, at the Rotary Building in Stuart.

**By Taylor Boyd**  
The annual Patrick County Master Gardener Plant Sale is set for Saturday, May 10 at the Rotary Building

in Stuart from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Plant sale chairman Ginnie Conaway said the event has been going on for over 20

years.  
The plants typically range from \$2-\$10, “and that’s very few of them” that cost \$10. “That would be big shrubs or something like that. Generally, we have four packs of tomato plants for \$2,” she said.  
While the group’s native plant sale is in the fall, Conaway said a lot of local perennials will still be available for purchase.  
“So, this will be just about anything. You might find house plants, but definitely vegetables, perennials, a few annuals, we will have probably a ton of daffodil bulbs, iris, hostas, day lilies” and other plants, she said.  
If possible, the organization tries to let

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## Finances, taxes discussed by supervisors

**By Taylor Boyd**  
The Patrick County Board of Supervisors discussed county finances, taxes, and how to balance its budget at its Monday, April 28 meeting. The board also reviewed various fiscal year (FY) 2025–26 budget scenarios.  
Looking ahead to upcoming property reassessments, Doug Perry, of the Smith River District, said something’s going to have to give.  
“Specifically the rate to match the property values to balance all that out. Where it goes from there, I do feel that increasing the personal property tax as everybody in the county doesn’t own real estate and that would get more people feeding into it,” he said.  
In response to Blue Ridge District representative Steve Marshall’s proposal of increasing the personal property tax by 0.16 cents each year for a three-year period, Perry said that if the board was just looking at paper and spreadsheets, he’d be in support.  
“However, as we heard tonight, we’re not looking at spreadsheets and widgets and gadgets—we’re looking at people. And I think the 16-cents is a little much, or a lot much,” he said.  
Instead, Perry said he would support a one- to two-cents increase on

the personal property tax.  
Chairman Jonathan Wood, of the Peters Creek District, said as much as he would love to pull a cattle trailer up Floyd Mountain with a \$2,000 pickup, “it’s just not going to do it.”  
“And coming down it definitely won’t do it at the bottom when I need to stop,” he added.  
For many of the county’s small businesses that focus on landscaping, hauling, or lawn mowing, Wood said an increase in personal property taxes could add up quickly.  
“I know I talked to a gentleman, he caught me at” a store “the other day, and he said, ‘I wish I didn’t have to have an \$80,000 truck, but basically ..., for me to pull it down the road, I have to have it,’” he said.  
Like Perry, Wood noted not everyone in the county owns real estate.  
“The personal property is a little more fair across the board, and I still think we can look at some other options along the way — whether it’s a much, much smaller increase, whether it’s looking at the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) a little bit,” he said.  
Wood said the budget scenario involving pulling \$197,000 from reserves to balance the proposed spending plan isn’t the optimal way

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# National Day of Service

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## Chamber Chat



By Rebecca Adcock

It's April and time to start thinking about growing that garden. Growing a local ecosystem is no different than the seed selection, tilling, nutrient adjustments and all the other steps that go into having a successful garden. The Chamber of Commerce has been busy this April working on growing our county business garden through site visits, working to add education opportunities and more.

We started April off with a great lunch and learn about Succession Planning for our small businesses. We had a great turnout for the informative presenta-

tion on implementing steps to help ensure the transition of a business or positions goes smoothly. The Chamber presented at the Patrick County Tourism Summit about what all we do. That event, hosted by Patrick County Tourism was another informative and great networking opportunity for our local businesses.

Early in April the Chamber attended the Kids Fishing Day. If you have never attended it is so much fun to watch all the kids and their parents fishing. It was a great crowd, and we were lucky to unveil the River Ranger buckets there. These buckets are located at the Free Little Library area on the trail and are for people to borrow. Each bucket has supplies for you to explore the aquatic life found in our river. We just ask that you place the supplies back into the bucket and return it to the library so that it is ready for the next person. We also have a bucket available at our local library for you to check out and use either in Dehart Park or take home to your own waterway.

We also visited with a few of our local businesses. Always fun to see our businesses in action. One that was bittersweet was to Stanburn Winery on April 19th. That was their last day of operation. After fourteen and one-half years, they are retiring. We will miss them and their long-time involvement not only as serving as board members for the Chamber but also for all the community events they helped with.

This month the Chamber also attended the National Signing Day at P&HCC - Patrick County site. This is an exciting day where students who will be enrolling in the certification courses at the college get their own signing day similar to sports signing

days. Elevating the importance of the commitment of these students who enroll in programs such as the Lineman, Welding and other credential courses is important. We also worked with P&HCC to ramp up some of their entrepreneurial workshops to be offered here in Patrick County. Look out this fall for when these classes will be offered. They will be wonderful small learning opportunities for our local businesses to brush up on skills or learn new ones.

Our next seminar is Pre-Venture Planning for Entrepreneurs on May 6. For more information, this seminar or any of our others, visit our website at [www.patrickchamber.com](http://www.patrickchamber.com).

Hope you have planned your garden this month and get out there and enjoy planting.

(Adcock is the executive director of the Patrick County Chamber of Commerce)

## Pets of the Week



This sweet black and white male was picked up on Brushy Mountain Road in Stuart. Anyone recognize him?

This pretty pitty girl is a spayed female, approximately 1 year old, and available for adoption.

They deserve 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 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 low-cost spay/neuter services; contact [blueridgeawl@gmail.com](mailto:blueridgeawl@gmail.com). We are also asking for live trap donations (have-a-heart type), even if they need some minor repairs. Used cat carriers would also be appreciated.

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people know which color flowers will be at the sale

“Day lilies aren’t always possible because they don’t bloom before the sale,” she said.

Conaway anticipates hundreds of people will attend the event.

“It is an enormous mob scene at 8 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. then it finally trickles down a little bit. But people stand in line for an hour in the rain to get in when we open the doors. It’s amazing,” she said.

While in the past the non-profit organization has donated the profits from the plant sale to a local charity, this year the funds will go to its recently started grant



program.

“We decided that did not fit in with our purpose of raising awareness of gardening and so on and so forth. We encourage people to apply for a grant to help with food insecurity. Mostly we help people build gardens, raise beds, buy

the seeds, the fertilizer, things like that,” she said.

Conaway said there were five grant recipients this year with the group taking more next year.

The funds will also be used for other projects including purchas-

ing materials the group uses for its programs at the Stuart Farmers’ Market, its learning garden, and purchasing plants for different events.

“So, there’s a lot of other ways that money gets utilized,” she said.

For more information,

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benefit the same employees.

When she worked for the county, Fulk said departments were asked to cut budgets a certain percentage annually. Depending on the percentage that needed to be cut, she said that was accomplished with varying levels of difficulty.

“I also did not receive a raise every year that I worked here, and I worked for the county for 35 years. If we didn’t have the money, nobody got a raise. If we had just a little money we got the cost-of-living raise. And if there was more money, we got a larger raise,” she said.

At the last board meeting, Kurt Bozenmayer said the budget shortfall had been reduced to under \$200,000, and the board seemed to agree on using undesignated reserve funds to cover it.

“Where they disagreed, however, was on the means to replenish this excessive reserve piggy bank. One supervisor advanced a reasonable approach: increase the personal property tax rate, not to exceed the ‘average’ employed by surrounding counties, and spread this increase over three years,” he said.

Bozenmayer said Marshall explained the tax would mainly affect residents with high-value vehicles or “other pricey toys” and would eliminate the need to raise the real estate tax.

Another supervisor, concerned about a similar increase in the machinery and tools tax, suggested focusing on attracting new businesses. Two others, he said, supported raising the TOT to generate revenue.

“One offering his opinion that this would not impact county residents. He obviously did not seek the opinion of the Patrick County Lodging Association, or he failed to remember that the pervasive theme of the recent Tourism Summit was that we urgently need a hotel to serve as a partner in obtaining tourism grant funds. Oh, I guess that that supervisor did not attend the Tourism Summit or follow up on its results,” Bozenmayer said.

Because the budget shortfall is not caused by tourists or visitors, Bozenmayer said it is disingenuous to try to recover the funds from them, potentially discouraging tourism.

“We don’t see a lot of hotel operators lined up to open hotels here now, and that situation won’t be improved by raising the TOT rate,” he said, adding he was glad the legislature capped the TOT at seven percent.

Malcolm Roach said it is outrageous for a county of about 15,000 people to carry nearly \$36 million in debt.

“The \$2.4 million proposed before starting” the budget process “should have been tossed in the trash. This is like jacking up the price of a car from \$20,000 to \$30,000 and then a week later trying to say it’s on sale for \$25,000,” he said.

Roach said the county should freeze and cut its budget by 10 percent. “Then you might be making some progress,” he said.

He criticized the rationale of comparing Patrick County to others.

“If your friends jumped off a cliff,



Steve Helms, vice-president at Primland, spoke in opposition to an increase in the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT).

would you jump with them?” he said, adding that just because other counties carry debt doesn’t mean Patrick should.

Roach also said the county has a moral obligation to its younger generations.

“I think we’re failing. Why would a young person grow up here and find out they’re in debt and they’re going to have to pay our bills because we can’t control our spending? It’s not right. It’s not fair,” he said.

Crystal Harris urged the board to avoid raising the personal property tax or TOT.

“I was on the board when both of these were started, we worked long and hard to get it going. Don’t make what that money can bring in for what you can get. Work with it,” she said, adding that passing the personal property tax originally was painful for board members.

Valerie Loy said some county employees are overpaid.

“The county administrator voiced her frustration in January over people being upset about pay. I don’t blame her—I would have took the pay myself,” she said.

Loy said residents are frustrated at the high salary and the required assistant.

“That’s costing us tax dollars. That’s our money,” she said.

She said the administrator’s salary should reflect education, experience, communication skills, population size, household income, and comparisons to neighboring counties.

“The county taxpayers shouldn’t have to continuously pay for bad decisions that our local government makes while they feel entitled to give themselves raises,” she said. The raises that are (proposed) in the packet this year, that should not happen. Our personal property taxes should not have to go up because of the local government’s negligence. We shouldn’t have to pay for people that don’t know what they’re doing in their job.”

LeeAnn Seeley said the proposed tax hike is a big deal given the county’s poverty levels — over 15 percent of children and nearly 20 percent of seniors.

“In a rural county, mass transit is unavailable. Having a reliable car for getting groceries, medical care, errands large and small, is mandatory,” she said.

Using a \$27,000 used car as an



Jane Fulk voiced her opposition to a personal property tax increase.

example, Seeley said rising vehicle costs and taxes would mean residents could pay around \$600 per year in personal property taxes in three years, compared to \$351 currently. A new \$48,000 car would incur around \$1,000 in taxes under the proposed rate.

“This may sound like a drop in the bucket to some, but to those who are on fixed income and taxpayers of this county, it’s devastating,” she said.

Galen Gilbert said the three-year proposal is “ridiculous.”

“I just got rid of a 20-year-old Tahoe and now I have a 10-year-old Yukon. But with the value of cars as they are now, you’re about to tax me out of that vehicle,” he said.

Gilbert, who lives in a mobile home, said it’s also taxed as personal property.

“Where’s it going to stop? I understand we need revenue, but there’s also going to have to be a tightening of some belts around here because we can’t keep going in the direction we’re going,” he said.

Rachel Martin said she opposed the hike because it burdens residents already struggling with inflation.

“We all already have a lot of burdens,” she said.

Martin rejected the argument that the increase would only impact wealthier residents.

“Just because you have a lower income doesn’t mean that you don’t have to go out and buy a new car or a newer vehicle,” she said.

Vance Agee said inflation has impacted everyone, while county employees continue to receive raises.

“What I also think is paltry is the salary you guys get paid,” he said, noting that board members don’t receive annual cost-of-living adjustments, but other departments do.

Janet Rorrer, former Commissioner of Revenue, explained that the machine and tools tax is \$1.71, and the personal property tax rate is \$1.87.

“Machinery and tools tax is not your average business tax — it is only on manufacturers that take the raw product and make it into something else,” she said. “The business personal property tax — most businesses are in that.”

For instance, she said a \$125,000 valuation under the machinery and tools tax would yield \$2,137 in taxes. The same valuation under the personal property tax would yield



Rachel Martin said a proposed tax increase would further burden residents.

\$2,337.

If the rate were raised to \$2.20, that amount would increase to \$2,750.

“By law, those two rates don’t have to be the same, but just keep in mind you’re throwing your businesses out of whack,” she said. “Small businesses are struggling anyway.”

Steve Helms, vice-president at Primland, said the TOT was originally intended to support tourism and promote the county.

“I see how much is paid and how much money those owners put into this county” and in reinvesting in the property, he said.

Last year, Helms said Primland and its guests paid over \$1.25 million in county taxes, with \$617,515 from TOT alone.

He said Primland’s owners have never taken profit out, reinvesting everything back into the property. I’ve worked for them for 40 years and we’ve got a lot of employees that’s been there a lot of years, I think more than 97’s been there for more than five years. Last year’s peak season we employed 275 employees, and a lot of them are county residents,” he said.

While Primland’s owners keep building onto its property and investing into the county, Helms said more taxes kind of take that incentive away.

During his tenure with Primland, Helms said the owners have never taken any money back.

“They’ve always reinvested back into this property. I’ve never sent them a check back, so all that mon- eys’ been reinvested back into this county,” he said.

Al Biela raised concerns about a proposed event ordinance, particularly about safety and ensuring TOT collection at large events.

“If there’s an event with 600 or more tickets being sold and EMS numbers are published, that’s putting pressure on the county,” he said.

Steve Ferring said criticism of employee salaries is misguided.

“Nobody works for nothing. Salaries should be competitive, and it doesn’t do any good as far as I’m concerned to set examples when you’re talking about other peoples’ income and livelihood if you don’t want to show your own,” he said, encouraging fairness and transparency.

Ferring also thanked the board for presenting a balanced budget.







# Patrick Pioneers

*The Anthony Family of Patrick County (Part II)*

By Joy Anthony Branham and Beverly Belcher Woody

Last week, we began exploring the story of the Anthony family, one of the early pioneer families who settled in Patrick County during the 1830s. When we left off, John “Virgil” Anthony—the second generation to reside in the county—had returned home after enduring a long and arduous service in the Civil War. Shortly after his return, he married Felicianna Nancy “Nannie” Jones Anthony, daughter of Abner Anthony and Almira Arthur of Bedford County.

Virgil returned from the war in late 1865, but he and Nannie did not marry until 1876. At the time of their marriage, Virgil was thirty-six and Nannie was twenty-nine. Nannie was actually Virgil’s father’s first cousin. The war had clearly disrupted every facet of life, and it’s likely that those intervening years were focused on rebuilding the farm and constructing a home.

Together, Virgil and Nannie had seven children:

Arthur Abner Anthony, born August 27, 1877

Martha Susan “Mattie” Anthony, born April 17, 1880

Almyra Virginia Anthony, born November 5, 1883

Charles “Charlie” Graves Anthony, born June 1884

John Virgil Anthony, Jr., born March 5, 1886

Nannie Jane Anthony, born June 1, 1888

Mary Annie “May” Anthony, born October 12, 1890

The family experienced both great joy and deep sorrow. On February 14, 1891, little Nannie Jane tragically died after accidentally rolling into a fire. Patrick County death records list her age as three. Her brother John Jr. never forgot the heartbreak and would tear up whenever he spoke of her.

Patriarch Virgil passed away on Christmas Day, 1900. His son John Jr., just fourteen at the time, visited him that night. He recalled his father saying, “I prayed so many times during the War for God to let me live, but I never prayed as hard as I’ve prayed tonight for Him to let me die.”

Tragedy struck the family again in August 1902 during peach-picking season. Cousins were visiting the Anthony home, and one brought a gun. Curious little May picked it up, and it accidentally discharged—fatally wounding her sister, Mattie. She lingered in terrible agony for three days before passing away at just twenty-two years old.

Another devastating loss came on November 13, 1908, when Charlie died of what was likely typhoid fever at the age of twenty-five. The 1903 Civil Service Index of Rural Free Delivery lists both Charlie and his brother Arthur as employees.

Despite these hardships, life continued. On January 3, 1908, Arthur Abner Anthony married Miss Annie



Martha Susan Anthony (Courtesy of Joy Anthony Branham)



Charles Graves Anthony (Courtesy of Joy Anthony Branham)

Sue Bowles, daughter of popular Methodist minister and schoolteacher Henry Chapman Bowles and his wife, Susan Cobbs. Arthur and Annie raised a large family of eight children in the Stella community. Interestingly, Reverend Bowles’ 1888 teacher report listed Arthur and Charlie as his first two students—long before one would become his son-in-law.

Almyra Virginia Anthony married Larkin Benjamin Foster on May 31, 1913. Larkin was the son of Abraham Penn Foster and Sarah Dalton of the Mayo Forge Mill area. Almyra and Larkin raised four children in the same community. Tragically, the couple also lost a child from being burned near a fireplace. Her name was Edyth, and she was only six months old when she died. Almyra passed away at the age of fifty-two after a six-year battle with breast cancer.



Cedar Hill, the Anthony homeplace. Notice the large chimney to the far right.

Mary Annie “May” Anthony married John Daniel “Jack” Anthony on November 27, 1919. John was the son of Mark Anthony and Roberta Mitchell of Campbell County. The couple settled in Winston-Salem, where John worked as the manager of a tobacco factory.

John Virgil Anthony, Jr. married Miss Hallie “Ethel” Foster on February 23, 1913, at Cedar Hill—the Anthony family home in Stella. And for this is where we will pause for now, because next week, we have a big story to tell about the seven sons of John and Ethel Anthony!

I am so grateful for the wonderful photographs and research provided by Anthony family historian, Joy Anthony Branham. For questions, comments, or to share your own family memories, Woody can be reached at rockcastlecreek1@gmail.com or (276) 692-9626.

## Social Security Matters

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

**Ask Rusty – Applying for Social Security at 62; When should I enroll in Medicare?**

**Dear Rusty:** I am writing to ask for your advice on when I should sign up or enroll in a Medicare Plan. I have submitted an early retirement application to request benefits to begin 30 days after my 62nd birthday, in April 2025. I am a single lady with no dependents and currently rent my residence. Please advise. *Signed: Approaching Senior Citizenship*

**Dear Approaching:** I assume that when you say you have submitted “an early retirement application to request benefits to begin 30 days after my 62nd birthday” you mean you have applied for your Social Security retirement benefits to start in April 2025, and that you will be 62 in March. To be sure you are clear, you must be 62 for an entire month to start your Social Security retirement benefits.

Even though you are starting your Social Security retirement benefits at age 62, you will not be

eligible to enroll in Medicare until you are 65 years old. Since you will be already receiving Social Security when you turn 65, you will be automatically enrolled in Medicare Part A (inpatient hospitalization coverage) and Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient services), effective with the month you turn 65, and you will get a “Welcome to Medicare” packet about 3 months before your 65th birthday. Your Medicare Part A (inpatient hospitalization coverage) will be free, but there will be a monthly premium (\$185 for 2025) associated with your Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient services), which will be deducted from your Social Security payment.

Note that Medicare does not cover all healthcare expenses so, when the time comes, you may wish to explore other private healthcare coverage (either a Medicare Supplement plan, or a Medicare Advantage plan). Also, Medicare Part A or Part B do not include coverage for prescription drugs, so you may wish to obtain such coverage separately. One way to explore all of this is by, shortly before you are 65, contacting AMAC’s Medicare department

at 1.800.334.9330 or [www.amac.us/medicare](http://www.amac.us/medicare). And until you are eligible to enroll in Medicare at 65, you may wish to seek regular healthcare insurance for those under 65 years of age.

Please understand that we are here to answer all your questions about Social Security and Medicare enrollment. However, at the AMAC Foundation, we are not insurance specialists, which is why I suggest contacting an insurance specialist as described above.

I hope this is helpful, but please don’t hesitate to contact us again at any time.

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# The ABC’s of Vegetarian Nutrition

## Part 1

For those of us thinking of moving to a plant-based diet, many questions about nutrition and health can come up. Is it really possible to get all of the nutrients we need from plants alone? We are here to answer many common questions you or your family may have. Here’s an overview of basic vegetarian or vegan nutrition, as well as answers to some of the common concerns people raise. Our focus will be on maintaining a healthy balanced diet full of fruits and vegetables. Let’s get started!

## Protein

Protein comes from meat and dairy right? How will you get enough if you cut those products from your diet? It turns out, protein comes from a much wider variety of sources than you may have thought. Protein is found in foods ranging from peas to peanut butter, and from broccoli to pasta, even potatoes contain some protein.

Protein is made up of amino acids, which are basically building blocks for our body. We can synthesize many of them within our bodies. However, there are eight essential amino acids (9 for children) that need to come from the

foods we eat. A complete protein is a protein that contains the proper balance of all 8 essential amino acids. Different foods generally contain different amounts of amino acids, for this reason, foods are commonly combined to create complete proteins. Common combinations include rice and beans, oatmeal and nuts, or peanut butter and toast.

Getting enough protein is actually pretty simple. Basically, the key is this: eat legumes every day. Legumes are foods that develop in pods, like beans, peas and lentils. Not only are they packed with protein, but they are full of fiber as well. Combine legumes with grain and you have yourself a complete protein.

## Vitamins and Minerals

Have you heard of riboflavin, niacin, pantothenic acid, cobalamin, folate? They may seem like exotic words, but they are actually B vitamins. And in nutrition, B1 isn’t a supersonic bomber; it’s thiamine, also a B vitamin. Of course, there are vitamins A, C, D, E, K, biotin, pyridoxine, and a host of minerals.

Vitamins are needed in minute quantities to help control the metabolic processes that go on in our bodies. They help to change the energy

in the food we eat to forms the body can use, and they help maintain our vision and our nervous tissue, and protect against damage from oxygen.

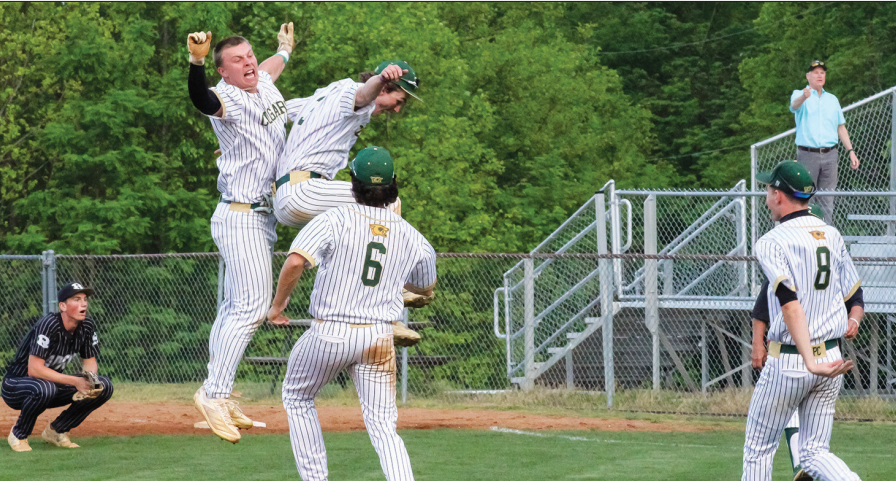
Water-soluble vitamins are the eight B vitamins and vitamin C, and fat-soluble vitamins are A, D, E, and K. It is often thought that water-soluble vitamins must be eaten every day, but the body stores enough of some to last for a few weeks and others for months or longer. It is important, though, that the average intake over a week or two provides all the vitamins.

The body contains even larger stores of fat-soluble vitamins than water-soluble. Fat-soluble vitamins can be toxic. And just as children are especially susceptible to inadequate intake of nutrients, they are especially susceptible to overdoses. Supplements should be used only under a physician’s care. However, it is important to note, toxicity is unlikely to occur from dietary sources.

*(Submitted by Betty Dean. Written by Patricia Johnston Ph.D, MS, RD. Used by permission from [www.lifeandhealth.org](http://www.lifeandhealth.org) Courtesy of LifeSpring – Resources for Hope and Healing Stuart, VA)*



# ‘Cardiac Cougars’ top Radford with final inning run



Jackson Horton (without hat) celebrates his game winning RBI with his teammates as a Radford Bobcat player looks on in disbelief.

**By Pat Delaney**  
The Patrick County High Cougar baseball team won their third game in a row, increasing their record to 12-3 on the season with a thrilling walk-off, 7-6 win over the visiting Radford Bobcats on May 2.

Leading 6-0 through five innings, the Cougars looked like they were going to cruise to victory, but Radford would not go down easy, scoring two runs in the 6th and adding four more in the seventh to tie the game at 6-6.

Coming to bat in the seventh, there was an energy in the Cougar dugout that said they weren’t done.

“I think they felt like when we came up in the bottom of the 7th, they were going to get our run and go to the house,” said Cougar head coach Tal Swails after the game.

Jaiden Wilson led off with a line drive into right-center for a stand up triple. With the winning run standing on third, Jackson Horton laid down a bunt bringing home Wilson. After a

moment of uncertainty, the home plate umpire called Wilson safe, sending the Cougar dugout onto the field in celebration.

“I’m proud of them for finishing. That’s a big win for us,” said Swails. On his team’s ability to come back from adversity, Swails added, “that’s the sign of a team that’s developing and knowing that they can’t lay down and can’t quit. One thing we have is a lot of energy. This team has energy, and I love it. We’ve come from behind in a couple of games and had to win late. They won’t lay down and that’s the sign of a good team.”

Erik Martinez-Tejada got things started at the bottom of the first with a line drive single to right field. With pinch runner Davis Lawson on first, Noah Jessup’s fly ball to deep right center landed at the fence, driving in Lawson for the game’s first run, and Jessup would motor around for a triple. Next up, Jaiden Wilson took first with a walk, then stole second, allowing a head’s up play by Jessup, who stole home, giving the Cougars a 2-0 lead.



Jaiden Wilson slides into home for the winning run.

Radford threatened in the fourth with runners on first and second and one out. The Cougars ended the threat with a Jessop-to-Harris-to-Horton double play, finished with a great catch by Horton at first on a high throw.

In the bottom of the fourth, the Cougars added four more runs, highlighted by a Zach Holt triple over the Radford left fielder’s grasp for the inning’s first run.

Christian Hylton got the start for the Cougars, striking out 8 and allowing only three hits and holding Radford hitless for five innings.

At the plate, Noah Jessup went 2-4 with an RIB and a run scored. Gavin Fain, Erik Martinez-Tejada, Zach Holt, Easton Harris and Jackson Horton each chipped RBIs.

At the end of the game, Jessup’s father, Brian Jessup, referred to the team as the Cardiac Cougars.

“They have definitely put me on the verge of a heart attack repeatedly this season,” the elder Jessup quipped.



Coach Ryan Pendleton, Journey Moore, Coach Brett Belcher

## Moore gets 100th hit in win

**By Ashlee Mullis**  
The Lady Cougars defeated Radford 17-0, Friday, May 2 in Stuart. Hayden Lawless went the distance in the circle, striking out 4. Lauren Hazelwood had 3 hits. Journey

Moore, Lilly Hazelwood, and Taylor Lawless each had multiple hits. Lacey Sutphin added a double on the night. Moore hit a softball milestone by reaching her 100th career hit when she hit a double to left center.



## Girl Scout Camporee

Girl Scout Troop 1302 held its annual spring Camporee on April 25 and 26 at Dominion Valley Park. Many thanks to the park for hosting the troop each spring and fall for their camporees.

The girls enjoyed a weekend working on badges and patches for Earth Day, Camporee, Journey activities, Hiking and several other activities. They enjoyed tie-dying towels with their own names and design. They also had a special visit from Barbara Dureck, a dedicated Girl Scout who talked to them about the Adventurers group and their activities.

Then she discussed with the girls the important B’s: Become, Belong, Believe, Build. After talking with the girls she gave them a B patch that they earned by discussing and thinking about these special Bs.

The rain came in the night and a shower in the day, but this did not stop the girls from having good times together. The scouts also worked on fire building skills, cooking skills and other necessary jobs that must be done throughout a camping weekend. The girls look forward to their next camporee in the fall.

### PCHS Sports Schedule

The Patrick County High School Cougars Sports Schedule for the week of MAY 12-17:

5/12	4:30pm	Girls Tennis at Carroll County	5/14	5:00pm	Softball at Carroll County
	4:30pm	Boys Tennis vs Carroll County		5:00pm	Baseball vs Alleghany
	7:00pm	Girls Soccer at Carroll County		7:00pm	Girls Soccer at James River
	7:30pm	Boys Soccer vs Carroll County		7:00pm	Boys Soccer vs James River
5/13	5:00pm	Baseball at Carroll County			

## Sports Briefs

**By Ashlee Mullis**  
**Varsity Girls Soccer Recap**

The Varsity Girls Soccer Team hosted James River, Tuesday, April 22, falling to the Knights 4-1. Camille Gonzalez scored 1 goal and Skye Ayers had 15 saves in the goal. Tuesday, April 29, the Cougars traveled to Glenvar, losing 2-10 to the Lady Highlanders. Kyra Titular scored 2 goals, and Ayers had 33 saves in the goal. Thursday, May 1, Radford hosted the Cougars, beating the Cougars 4-0. Ayers had 13 saves.

**Softball Gets Win at Glenvar**  
The Lady Cougars defeated Glenvar, Tuesday, April 29, 5-1 in Salem. Jenna Woods pitched 7 strong innings, giving up 1 run with 8 strikeouts. Hayden Lawless led the way at the plate with a 4-4 night with 3 RBIs. Lauren Hazelwood had 2 hits with a double and 1 RBI. Taylor Lawless also had 2 hits with an RBI. Journey Moore had 2 hits and 2 runs scored. Addy Hall and Woods also had hits in the win.

**JV Baseball Game Ends Unfinished**

The JV Boys traveled to Radford, Thursday May 1, ending the unfinished game at 7-7 due to darkness. PC scored 5 runs in the 6th inning to take a 7-6 lead. The Cougars went scoreless in the 7th, but allowed the game-tying run in the bottom of the 7th with 1 out before the game was called. The game will resume in the bottom of the 7th for the Bobcats with 1 out and no runners on base. Caleb Vaughn had 2 hits, 1 walk, and 2 runs. Mason

Cassell had 1 hit and 1 RBI. Jaxon Handy went 4.1 innings, allowed 5 hits, 2 earned runs, and struck out 4. Noah Cain threw 1.2 innings, allowing 1 earned run and striking out 2. The Cougars are 8-2 for the season.

**JV Cougars Get Road Win at Floyd**

The JV Cougar Baseball Team traveled to Floyd, Thursday, May 1, getting a 4-1 win over the Buf-faloes. The Cougars prevailed in a hard-fought win with timely hitting and 2 suicide squeeze bunts, along with an outstanding pitching performance from Mark Register. Caleb Vaughn had 2 hits, 1 RBI and a run. Mason Cassell had 2 walks and 2 runs. Charlie Tabor with a hit and run scored. Register went 6 innings on the mound, allowing 2 hits, no earned runs, and striking out 11. Cassell closed the game, pitching 1 inning, striking out 1 and allowing no hits.

**JV Baseball Beats Glenvar**

The JV Baseball Team hosted Glenvar, April 29th, beating the Highlanders 10-3.

The Cougars scored in every inning. Three pitchers kept the Glen-var Highlanders at bay, allowing only 2 hits and allowing no earned runs. Jaxon Handy had 2 hits and 2 RBIs. Mason Cassell had 2 hits, 1 RBI, and scored 2 runs. Anderson Brim had a hit and 2 RBIs. Handy threw 4 innings, allowing 0 hits, no runs, and striking out 3. Noah Cain went 2 innings, allowing 2 hits and no earned runs. Mason Cassell threw 1 inning allowing no runs and striking out 2.

## Virginia to offer nutrient management training in June and July

The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation’s Nutrient Management Program will offer a two-part agriculture nutrient management training school in June and July 2025. The school is for anyone interested in learning about the development of agricultural nutrient management plans or how to become a certified plan writer.

The first session, June 24-25, is a lecture series by Virginia Tech professors on soil science, soil fertility and crop production. The second session, July 8-10, will cover nutrient management

plan writing using a case-study farm.

The two-day soils and crop lecture series will be hosted online. The three-day plan writing training will be in-person at Blue Ridge Community college in Weyers Cave, VA. Each day would run from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Registration is \$150 for each session with a sign-up deadline of June 13, 2025 for the first session and June 30 for the second. Registration is available online at [www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil-and-water/nmtrain](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil-and-water/nmtrain).

Nutrient management continues to be an important factor in a farmer’s decision-making process

when considering application of materials to supply nutrients to crops. Nutrient management plans determine rates for applying manure, fertilizers, biosolids and other soil amendments so that crop yields are maximized, and nutrient loss to ground and surface waters is minimized. Application rates are determined by a process using actual yield records or soil productivity when yield records aren’t available.

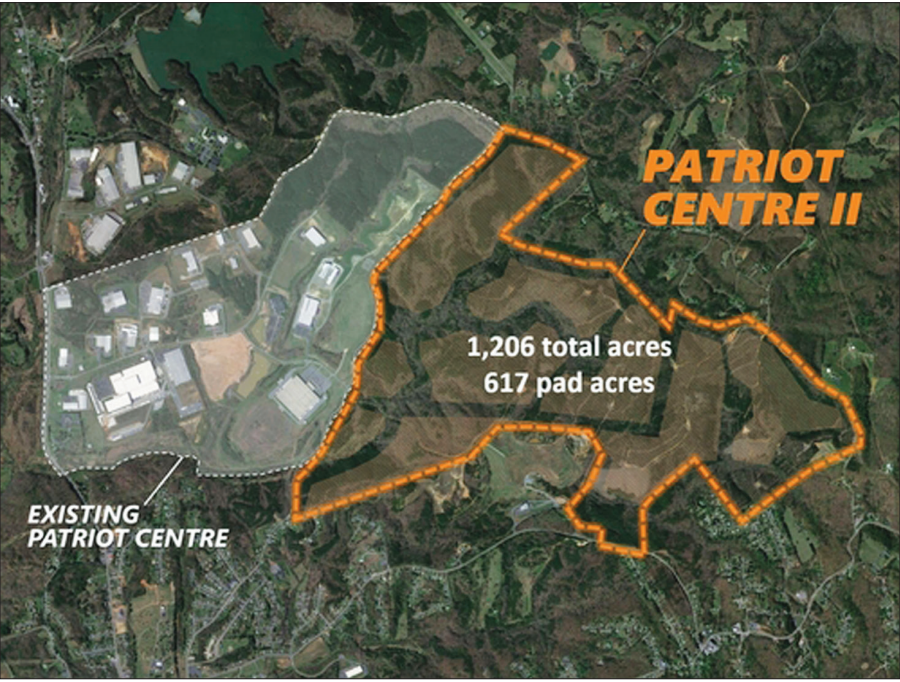
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# Crossing the Lines

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

### IDA enters into purchase option with unannounced business



Patriot Centre II, more commonly known as the Bryant Property, is a 1,206-acre property adjacent to the existing Patriot Centre.

The Henry County Industrial Development Authority (IDA) entered into a purchase option agreement with a currently unannounced industry for the potential sale of the Patriot Centre II property.

Patriot Centre II, more commonly referred to as the Bryant Property, is an approximately 1,200 acre undeveloped industrial site to the north side of the original Patriot Centre Industrial Park.

IDA Executive Director of the IDA and County Administrator Dale Wagoner said the county bought the land in 2007 for economic development purposes.

The company negotiated a six-month purchase option agreement with the IDA at a cost of \$50,000. A purchase option gives a potential buyer the exclusive right—but not the obligation—to buy a property.

“This company wants to take an option to purchase the property for six-months to give them time to do geotechnical work, to do their environmental tests, and those types of things to make sure it’s suitable for their purpose,” Wagoner said.

If necessary, the company can extend the contract by six months for an additional \$50,000.

“During that one-year period we agree not to market it to other companies or show it to other companies during that time while they do their due diligence

to see if it will work for them,” he said.

Wagoner said if the company wants to purchase the Bryant property after doing its due diligence, the IDA agreed to sell it for \$1.2 million.

“Between now and then if they agree to do it we’ll develop a performance agreement and the sale will close,” he said.

The name of the business and additional information will be disclosed at closing if the company decides to purchase it. As allowed under law, Wagoner said the county’s keeping the name of that company private to the public as an unannounced industry, which is allowed.

The company’s codename is “Project Pathfinder.”

“It is a private, American-based company but publicly traded. The initial data that they provided to us, that is the economic impact, will be well over one billion dollars. Their construction will create hundreds of construction jobs and then the final is over 140 jobs making over \$118,000 a year,” he said.

Wagoner said the agreement represents an exciting opportunity for Henry County.

“If it moves forward, it could lead to significant capital investment and bring high-paying jobs to Henry County—exactly the kind of growth we want to support our residents and future generations,” he said.

### Smashing for a cause: SPCA’s Car Smash returns for third year



Orben Diaz got in the spirit and smashed the grill of a donated car.

The Martinsville-Henry County SPCA hosted its third annual Car Smash fundraiser on April 26 in the back parking lot of its shelter.

For \$10 a round, attendees could take a sledgehammer to one of two vehicles donated by Orben’s Automotive, smashing away for three minutes at a time. The event aligns with the start of kitten season — one of the busiest times of year for animal shelters.

Before the event began, the cars were “prettied up” with paint, and the glass was wrapped for safety. Orben’s Automotive handled transportation to and from the event site and managed cleanup afterward. Owner Orben Diaz was on site and said

windshields, lights, and side mirrors were the most popular targets.

“These were beautiful, perfect paint, perfect glass, perfect interior. We want stuff to look nice when we destroy it,” said Diaz.

By the end of this year’s event, one of the vehicles had a hole punched through the roof.

“Personally, my favorite is the hood and the door panels, just because when you take that big 8-pound sledgehammer you make such a loud bang and get a huge dent out of it,” Diaz said.

“This is three years, the third annual Car Smash,” said Caroline Cicilese, the SPCA’s director of development and communication.

### Delegates, local leaders offer updates at Legislative Breakfast

The Martinsville-Henry County Chamber of Commerce hosted a Legislative Breakfast on April 28 at New College Institute (NCI), providing attendees with updates from state and local officials.

Speakers included Dels. Eric Phillips, Wren Williams, Aaron Arnold (representing Sen. Bill Stanley), Henry County Board of Supervisors Chairman Jim Adams, and Martinsville Mayor L.C. Jones.

**Legislative Updates**

Williams, R-Stuart, discussed recent legislation he worked on with Phillips, including a focus on Appalachian Power’s billing practices following Hurricane Helene.

“We are requiring APCO to provide and propose alternatives to current billing practices and explore the possibility of seasonal rates,” Williams said. The goal is to help avoid “rate shock” during colder months.

Williams also discussed efforts to veto a proposed minimum wage increase to \$15 an hour, citing concerns about auto-



Del. Wren Williams gave a legislative update at the New College Institute last week.

mation and artificial intelligence.

“We are also seeing AI take some of those employee jobs now,” he said. He added that he supported vetoing bills such as one involving collective bargaining by public employees, stating that it interferes with Virginia’s right-to-work policies.

### ‘Kiss the Pig’ contest nets \$2,500 for Spencer-Penn Centre

The Spencer-Penn Centre held its 14th Annual Pig Cookin’ on April 26, drawing a large crowd with food, activities and community fun.

The event opened with Tim Compton kissing a baby pig, part of the center’s annual fundraiser. Additional highlights included a pie-eating contest, cruise-in, piggy train, barbecue, a beer garden by Scuffle Hill Brewing, and numerous vendors offering goods and information about their services.

“This was our second annual Kiss the Pig Competition, and it blew us away,” said Executive Director Susan Sabin. The contest raised more than \$2,500, with Compton narrowly beating contender and Board of Supervisor candidate Chris Lawless by just \$63. Del. Eric Phillips was also among those vying for a chance to smooch the swine.

Compton, a Henry County Sheriff’s captain, raised a total of \$1,083 and said he volunteered after hearing help was



Henry County Sheriff’s Capt. Tim Compton won Spencer-Penn Centre’s ‘Kiss the Pig’ contest. (Contributed)

needed for the contest at Fast Track.

“It was interesting. I never kissed a pig before, but it was a cool experience,” he said. “She seemed like she was a little nervous,” he quipped, “but we both got through it.”

Phillips said that while he enjoyed helping raise

funds, he joked that he preferred not to win.

“You hope you get a lot, but you hope you lose by a couple of dollars if you can,” he said.

“It was amazing to me how many people in our community were picking up on it and getting excited about it,” Sabin said.

### Council moves forward with plan lease space in former bank building



STAR NEWS  
A rendering of the space to house city offices.

On April 29, the city council held a community and budget discussion meeting. At the close of the meeting, Eric Payne, director of Community Development, raised the issue of leasing space to relocate city offices due to ongoing concerns with the current municipal building.

The council ultimately agreed to use the former BB&T building, a proposal that had been the subject of citizen inquiry for several

months. The move will require additional city funding, and will not be undertaken until renovations are completed to the facility on Ellsworth St.

Payne said he believed that the council was at the point where it needed to make a decision.

He noted that it would still cost \$330,000 to purchase temporary office structures if an alternative location was not secured.



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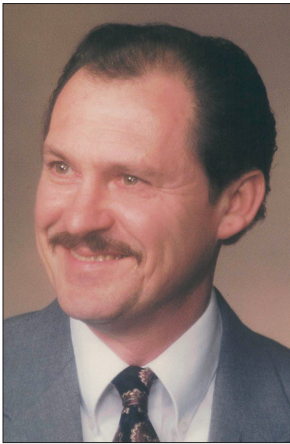


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# Alfred Davis Chaney

Mr. Clark is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Joyce Clark; his son, Dwayne (Cheryl); his grandchildren, Nicole Clark and Nathan Clark; one brother, Lonnie Clark; four sisters, Frances



The funeral ser-

Mr. Chaney is survived by a daughter,



Janet Bishop (Pastor David) of Patrick Springs; a son, Steve Chaney (Tammy) of Bassett; three grandchildren, David Bishop, Jr. (Abby), Mandy Flaneary (Jamie), and Kevin Chaney (Ashley); four great-grandchildren, Bradley, Emmalynn, Marley, and Kolten; a brother, Lonnis Chaney of Bassett; two sisters, Lois Triplett (Bobby) and Rebecca Mabe (Doyle)

Funeral services will be held Monday, May 5, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at Moody Funeral Home in Stuart, with Pastor David Bishop, Sr. officiating. Burial will follow in the Cassell Family Cemetery in Patrick Springs. The Patrick County Veterans Memorial Honor Guard will provide military rites. The family will receive friends Sunday evening from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Moody Funeral Home in Stuart is handling the arrangements, and online condolences may be sent by visiting [www.moodyfuneralservices.com](http://www.moodyfuneralservices.com).

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“If he’s violated above and beyond the public trust and violated any, for the lack

“This is a statement of the majority of the board, and a response

In a social media post several days later, Marshall wrote that the resolution “is

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Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created (Revelation 4:11 (KJV))

For my late dad’s 90th birthday, the family got together to throw him a birthday dinner. We threw out any foreseeable stops and worked to make this a grand celebration. When asked who he wanted to invite, he responded that he didn’t have any particular names to give but to invite whoever. For months we selected a venue, hired a caterer and got with family cooks, appointed and hired decorators, made out a guest list and sent electronic, grapevine, and paper invitations, developed a color scheme and purchased clothes. We accounted for those that said they would come and probably wouldn’t as well as those that said nothing but showed up anyway. Dad’s sentiment was to let them all come. I recall asking him if he was excited about the soirée. He said “Yes, especially if everyone that said they are coming come”. We did all we could to plan a perfect 90th birthday dinner for dad.

On the evening of the birthday event, the venue was packed, and I can see his face to this day as he entered waving, smiling and greeting the guests. He laughed and appeared to be having the time of his life. As part of the festivities, his grandchildren presented their interpretation of “This is Your Life Junior Willie”. They portrayed him from a youngster up, depicting his life before and after Christ. Dad was so elated. He made the comment,

“This is about me.” For months afterwards he talked about his birthday dinner and how much fun he had. I do not believe our family will ever forget how happy our father was that day. I do not believe we will ever forget how good we felt by honoring him. If my earthly father was that happy about our honoring and celebrating him, how much more would it be to honor and celebrate my heavenly father?

According to Google, honor means high respect, great esteem. How do we honor God? How do we give Him respect? How do we give Him great esteem?

God is honored when we are obedient to His word, give reverence and worship Him, having Godly character, loving others and treating them with dignity and respect, showing patience and understanding, honoring the Sabbath, tithing, using our gifts and talents, valuing others and keeping His commandments. For it is written “Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another” (Romans 12:10 KJV). He is honored when we surrender to His will, giving of time and service. He is honored when we accept His Son (John 5:23; 12:26)

When we honor God, He is elated. He grants us favor and bestows blessings on our lives; we are approved (Esther 4:16, 5:2-4, 11-12; 2 Samuel 15:2). He answers our prayers (Jeremiah 33:3); He gives us peace and rest (Isaiah 26:5), delivers us from our problems (Psalm 34:19), and provides (Philippians 4:19, Psalm 145:16). He is a God that cannot lie so He will stand by honoring us as we honor Him (1 Samuel 2:30).

## BIBLE TRIVIA

BY WILSON CASEY

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

2. From Romans 11, which tribe did Paul describe himself as a member of? Benjamin, Rome, Barnabus, Tarsus

3.What’s the “Decalogue” another name for? Ark of Covenant, Holy Grail, Ten Commandments, Last Supper

4. In which “Garden of” did

Adam and Eve live? Everest, Eden, Heaven, Paradise

5. From Romans 5:6, Paul noted that Christ died for the ... Believers, Unbelievers, Righteous, Ungodly

6. What was Adam made of/from? Eve’s rib, Earth’s dust, Ray of light, Fig leaf

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Benjamin, 3) Ten Commandments, 4) Eden, 5) Ungodly, 6) Earth’s dust

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36 Shaq's sport

37 2022 Marvel

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43 Last part of

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46 It's close to

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48 2017 super-

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54 First-aid

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Henry Cavill

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65 2015 sci-fi

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92 Just so

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98 Chicken —

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99 Dessert with

a cookie crust

100 Pic that may

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103 Slip up a bit

104 "That hurts!"

107 [not my typo]

108 Bluish purple

110 Skater Midori

111 What each

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117 Agent, briefly

118 Heighten

119 Ballot casters

120 Radio spots

121 Not crying

122 Fish that

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some tale-

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6 Craft

7 "Laura"

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8 Brand of

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9 Tax rate fig.

10 Rally cheer

11 Unlock, to a

bard

12 Cup edges

13 "Conversely,"

to a texter

14 Foo Fighters

guitarist

Grohl

15 Manning of

the gridiron

16 Purchase in

excess

17 Little bit of

medicine

18 Wet wipe

19 Fruit core bit

24 Car for a VIP

30 Filmdom's

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32 "The Maltese

Falcon" genre

33 Athletic shoe

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34 An inert gas

35 Wood cutter

36 Food

preservative

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37 Ocean

motions

38 Goes fast,

old-style

39 Zip, in Spain

40 Brand of

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41 Latin jazz

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42 Muddy up

43 Clued in

44 Palette

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45 Govt.-issued

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49 Erode (away)

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62 Takeaway

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**Meetings**  
**Thursday, May 8**  
The Patrick County School Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the School Board Office.

**Monday, May 12**  
The Patrick County Board of Supervisors will meet at 6 p.m. in the third-floor courtroom of the Patrick County Administration Building.

**Tuesday, May 20**  
The Patrick County Department of Social Services (DSS) Advisory Board will meet at 4 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Patrick County Administration Building.

**Wednesday, May 21**  
The Stuart Town Council will meet at 6 p.m. in the town office.

**Events**  
  
**Thursday, May 8**  
The Patrick County Senior Citizens Group will hold its May meeting at 11 a.m. in the Hooker Building at Rotary Field in Stuart. Entertainment will be provided by Mary Jo and Charlie Leake. Beverages will be provided. The menu is potluck. Attendees are requested to bring their favorite meats, vegetables, and/or desserts to share with the group.

**Friday, May 9**  
Hardin Reynolds Memorial School (HRMS) PTO will hold spring bingo at the school. Ticket, vendor, and food sales start at 5:30 p.m. Bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 for 20 games and 2 coveralls.

**Saturday, May 10**  
The Patrick County Master Gardener's annual plant sale will be held from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Rotary Building in Stuart. Plants start at \$2 and will include flowers, vegetables, shrubs, trees, groundcovers, and bulbs.

Summertime Tea hosted by Buffalo Ridge Church Women's Ministry, 2 – 4 p.m. Call or text (276) 340-1478 for more information.

**Wednesday, May 14**  
The Patrick County Food Bank will distribute food at the Stuart site from 8:30-11 a.m. and from 5-6:30 p.m., at the Fellowship Church in Ararat from 8-10 a.m., and starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Community

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stricted access to his personal Facebook account last year, Marshall said he stopped once he understood the legal boundaries.

"I disable comments due to coordinated harassment campaigns that targeted my official and personal accounts, forcing me to delete the official ones. The board misinterprets my rights—posting factual statements doesn't obligate me to endure abuse," he said.

Marshall said he's only required to allow commenting if he had the authority to speak on behalf of the government and was exercising that authority in the specific social media posts in question.

"The boards (sic) accusations stem form (sic) being willfully misinformed," he said.

Marshall also wrote that during the closed session meeting, Overby "unlawfully seized my phone to stop a recording (a 4th Amendment violation), and Supervisor Jonathan Wood took possession of it."

Marshall said he attempted to record the closed session meeting because he "anticipated extortive threats related to the censure, a concern validated by their actions. Overby has a history of aggressive behavior in closed sessions, including emotional outbursts directed at staff and myself."

Marshall said stripping him of his committee assignments is also ineffective as he'll continue attending them as a public member and hold the

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**Thursday, May 15**  
The Carroll County Genealogy Club will meet at 5 p.m. in the club's library located in the historical courthouse on Main Street in Hillsville.

**Friday, May 16**  
The community food truck will be at the Fairystone VFD from 3-4 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 20**  
The Stuart Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting at 5 p.m. in the Patrick & Henry Community College (P&HCC) Stuart site conference room.

**Sunday, June 22 - Wednesday, June 25**  
New Hope Church of the Brethren will hold a Vacation Bible School from 6-8:15 p.m. Dinner will be served nightly. Call and leave a voicemail at (276) 930-2121 if you need a ride on the church van.

**Ongoing**  
  
The Coffee Break Café hosts live music on 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 inside yard sale is open to the public. Proceeds from the yard sales are used to purchase supplies. Members meet on the first Monday of every month at 6 p.m. in the Alzheimer's office, located on Wood Brothers Drive, in the basement of Hills Tax Service. 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 Vesta group meets at the Vesta Community Center on the third Tuesday each month at 12 p.m. Both groups welcome new members and invite caregivers to attend. Literature is also available.

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

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

The Patrick County Veterans Memorial Honor Guard meets the first Tuesday of every month at the American Legion Post 105 at 7 p.m. Interested veter-

ans are welcome to attend.

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

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

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

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

The Patrick County Senior Citizens are sponsoring a two day, one night trip to the Abingdon and Bristol areas of southwest Virginia departing Tuesday, November 18 and returning Wednesday, November 19. Chartered bus transportation, shopping opportunities at Thee Draper Village located in Draper, Virginia, one night's accommodation, one buffet dinner, and one breakfast at the historic Martha Washington Inn in Abingdon, admission to the 4-mile Bristol Motor Speedway's "Speedway in Lights" featuring 3 million Christmas lights and Christmas Village, admission to the Barter Theatre's Christmas Show entitled "Elf: The Musical," baggage handling, all taxes, and all gratuities are included. Registration deadline and payment of \$ 100 deposit is August 15. For additional details, call Patrick County Parks and Recreation, (276) 694-3917.

board accountable for its habitual absences and lack of transparency.

"If anything, this move will spotlight their failure to engage with committees. This censure is performative politics, led by Overby, who thrives on drama. Instead of silencing me, it's reinforced my commitment to transparency. The board's tactics won't work. Patrick County deserves better than petty retaliation."

While recording in a closed session meeting isn't illegal, Overby said it's not allowed without the consent of everyone involved.

"We as a county do not record closed session meetings. I'm not sure of the exact legalities, but nobody's going to be recording our closed sessions unless we all agree to it," Overby said, adding that Marshall turned on a recording device and placed it in front of him (Overby).

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Patrick County Planning Commission will have a regular business meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 6 p.m. The meeting will be at the Patrick & Henry Community College (Stuart site) in the Community Room.



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The Patrick County PSA 2024 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is now available. The CCR will not be mailed to customers of the PSA unless requested. Anyone wishing to obtain a copy may do so in-person at the office of the PSA located at - 106 Rucker Street, Stuart VA; or by calling the PSA at (276) 693-2101. An electronic copy is also available at the following address [www.bit.ly/4iEK2qg](http://www.bit.ly/4iEK2qg). The CCR contains important information about the quality of drinking water delivered by the PSA and all of our customers and consumers are encouraged to obtain a copy for their review.

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### RFP 2025-MNT-0023 - CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES 2025/2026 SCHOOL YEAR

The Patrick County School Board is accepting competitive proposals from vendors for custodial supplies and paper products for the school division. RFP packets are available from the Maintenance Office at 117 Via Avenue, Stuart, VA 24171, or e-mail Chad Haynes at [chad.haynes@patrick.k12.va.us](mailto:chad.haynes@patrick.k12.va.us). Proposals are due by Friday, May 16, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. EST at 117 Via Avenue, Stuart, VA 24171.

### ABC NOTICE

Primland LTD trading as Primland Resort, 1450 Moonshine Dr, Meadows of Dan, VA 24120. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for Resort Complex with Restaurant, Wine, Beer, Mixed Beverages, Consumed On and Off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Stephen G Helms, VP of Real Estate NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at [www.abc.virginia.gov](http://www.abc.virginia.gov) or (800) 552-3200.

## GIRL of THE HOLLER

a one-woman memoir show

Sunday, May 18  
at the Reynolds Homestead



## Girl of the Holler to premier on May 18

The Reynolds Homestead will host the Patrick County premier of Christina Holland’s Girl of the Holler on Sunday, May 18 at 3 p.m.

A funny and poignant one-woman memoir, this storytelling show about growing up in small town Appalachia with mental health issues and a moonshiner father runs about one hour. Tickets are \$10 at the door or in advance.

Girl of the Holler contains mature themes including mental illness, substance abuse, domestic violence, incarceration, childhood trauma, and grief. It also includes strong language and references to emotional and physical abuse. Viewer discretion is advised. This show is not suitable for audiences under eighteen. Reserve tickets by visiting [bit.ly/girloft-heholler](http://bit.ly/girloft-heholler).

## Monday Market returns to Fairy Stone State Park



Scenes from Monday Markets at Fairy Stone State Park

Fairy Stone State Park is excited to announce the return of its popular Monday Market, taking place every Monday from May through the first week of September.

Monday Market features a variety of vendors showcasing farm-fresh fruits and vegetables, homemade baked goods, artisan products and more. Guests can also explore booths offering handmade jewelry, artwork and other unique items.

“The Monday Market is a wonderful way for visitors to connect with our local community while enjoying all that Fairy Stone has to offer,” said Park Manager Adam Layman. “We encourage guests to spend the day exploring the park’s trails, lakeside beach and, of course, searching for the famous fairy stones that make this park unique.”

Monday Market is held at picnic shelters 3 and 4 from 5 to 7 p.m. every week from May through the first week in September. Admission is free, and the parking fee is waived for shoppers.

For more information about the Monday Market or to learn about becoming a vendor, please go to [www.virginiastateparks.gov/events](http://www.virginiastateparks.gov/events).

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### Town of Stuart Seeks Town Clerk / Treasurer

The Town of Stuart is seeking a responsible and detail-oriented individual to serve as its Town Clerk/Treasurer. This crucial role is responsible for managing the financial and administrative operations of the town.

**Responsibilities:** include utility billing and collections, property tax administration, BPOL tax and licensing, meeting minutes, customer service, work orders, financial record keeping, budget preparation and monitoring, payroll administration, records management, website and social media management, and election support.

**Requirements:** Thorough understanding of accounting principles, proficiency in billing/collections, knowledge of property tax administration, strong communication and organizational skills, and proficiency in relevant computer software. Experience with FMS software by Southern Software is beneficial.

**Education and Experience:** High school diploma or equivalent required; Associate’s degree preferred. Minimum 2 years of relevant experience, preferably in a municipal setting.

**To Apply:** Submit a resume, cover letter, completed Town of Stuart application, and three professional references to [information@stuart-va.org](mailto:information@stuart-va.org) or in person to the Stuart Town Office, 100 Patrick Ave, Stuart, VA 24171. A Town of Stuart application may be obtained online at [stuartva.org](http://stuartva.org) or in person at the Stuart Town Office.

**Deadline:** Noon (EST), May 21, 2025.

The Town of Stuart is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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### TRUSTEE’S SALE OF

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

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$193,325.00 dated October 17, 2022 recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for Patrick County on October 21, 2022 as Instrument Number: 220001897, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction, at the Main entrance of the courthouse for the Circuit Court of Patrick County, 101 W Blue Ridge St, Stuart, VA 24171 on June 17, 2025 at 10:00 AM the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and briefly described as: All that certain tract or parcel of land with all improvements thereon and appurtenances and rights of way thereunto belonging, and being in the Blue Ridge Magisterial District of Floyd County, Virginia, being Lot 13, containing 4.9142 acres, as shown on that certain plat of survey prepared by Larry G. Rakes, CLS, dated October 29, 1984, and recorded in Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court of Patrick County, Virginia, in Plat Cabinet I, Slide 15-C; and Together with that right to use the roadways shown the aforesaid plat of survey, for ingress and egress to State Route #601, as set forth in Deed dated November 19, 1984, recorded in the aforesaid Clerk’s Office in Deed Book 240, Page 592.

Parcel ID: 4414-111

TERMS OF SALE: A bidder’s deposit of \$10,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required in the form of a certified or cashier’s check. Cash will not be accepted as a deposit. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustee may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. This is a communication from a debt collector. This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. (Trustee # 25-004567)

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

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### Public Notice

#### The Town of Stuart - Fiscal Year 2026 Budget

The Town of Stuart will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 12, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Stuart Town Office, located at 100 Patrick Avenue, to solicit public input on the Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Budget. The proposed budget is attached for review.

For additional information, please contact Bryce Simmons, Town Manager at 276-694-3811. Comments can be submitted in writing to the Town of Stuart at PO Box 422, Stuart, VA 24171 or [information@stuartva.org](mailto:information@stuartva.org) until Friday, May 16, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. If you plan to attend and have any special needs requirements, please call the number listed above.

#### Town of Stuart, VA - Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 2026

General Revenues	FY 2026
AUTO DECALS	\$ 30,000
AUTO RENTAL TAX	\$ 150
BUSINESS LICENSE	\$ 200,000
CIGARETTE TAX	\$ 10,500
FESTIVAL INCOME	\$ 1,500
FIRE DEPARTMENT OTHER FUNDS	\$ 2,500
FIRE DEPT. GAS REIMB.	\$ 5,000
FIRE PROGRAM FUNDS	\$ 500
FRANCHISE TAX	\$ 192,000
INTEREST INCOME	\$ 30,000
MEALS TAX	\$ 454,000
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$ 12,000
PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 287,000
RENT - INCOME	\$ 43,500
RESTRICTED INCOME	\$ 1,200
STATE COMMUNICATIONS TAX	\$ 1,264
STATE SALES TAX	\$ 58,000
General Revenues Total =	\$ 1,329,114
General Expenses	FY 2026
ADMIN. RETIREMENT	\$ 1,640
ADMIN. SALARY	\$ 54,500
ADMIN. FICA	\$ 4,170
ADMIN. INSURANCE	\$ 2,400
ADVERTISING & PUBLIC NOTICE	\$ 6,000
BANK CHARGES - SERVICE CHARGE	\$ 4,200
BANK CHARGES - CREDIT CARDS	\$ 600
BLIGHT ENFORCEMENT	\$ 20,000
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 20,000
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 30,000
DEBT RETIREMENT	\$ 64,440
DUES, LICENSE, PERMIT	\$ 1,500
ELECTRICITY	\$ 69,000
FACADE PROGRAM REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 10,000
FARMERS’ MARKET	\$ 1,500
FESTIVAL EXPENSE	\$ 7,800
FIRE DEPT. - MISC	\$ 20,000
INSURANCE	\$ 63,000
INTERNET & COMMUNICATION	\$ 10,500
MATERIALS & SUPPLY	\$ 52,000
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	\$ 10,000
OFFICE EXPENSE	\$ 21,000
POSTAGE	\$ 3,600
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	\$ 35,000
RENT - EXPENSE	\$ 15,000
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$ 36,000
STREETS - GROUP INS.	\$ 34,500
STREETS - INSURANCE	\$ 10,000
STREETS - RETIREMENT	\$ 2,055
STREETS FICA	\$ 5,241
STREETS WAGES	\$ 68,500
TELEPHONE EXPENSE	\$ 3,800
TOWN COUNCIL FICA	\$ 918
TOWN COUNCIL SALARY	\$ 12,000
TOWN MANAGER	\$ 75,000
TOWN MANAGER - FICA	\$ 5,738
TOWN MANAGER INSURANCE	\$ 9,775
TOWN MANAGER RETIREMENT	\$ 2,250
TREASURER - INSURANCE	\$ 12,000
TREASURER - RETIREMENT	\$ 1,925
TREASURER FICA	\$ 4,896
TREASURER SALARY	\$ 64,000
VEHICLE EXPENSE	\$ 16,000
Interfund Transfer (General -> Enterprise)	\$ 436,666
General Expenses Total =	\$ 1,329,114
Sewer Fund	FY 2026
PSA SEWER INCOME	\$ 13,000
SEWER FEES IN-TOWN	\$ 288,000
SEWER MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$ 16,000
Interfund Transfer (General -> Sewer)	\$ 239,513
Sewer Revenues Total =	\$ 556,513

DEBT RETIREMENT	\$ 131,808
SEWER ADVERTISING & PUBLIC NOTICE	\$ 600
SEWER CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	\$ 8,000
SEWER DUES, LICENSES, & PERMITS	\$ 4,600
SEWER ELECTRICITY	\$ 77,000
SEWER INSURANCE	\$ 6,000
SEWER INTERNET & COMMUNICATION	\$ 2,000
SEWER MATERIALS & SUPPLY	\$ 40,000
SEWER MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	\$ 1,500
SEWER OFFICE EXPENSE	\$ 500
SEWER PROFESSIONAL SERV.	\$ 25,000
SEWER REPAIRS & MAINTEN.	\$ 20,000
SEWER SLUDGE DISPOSAL	\$ 25,000
SEWER SYSTEM FICA	\$ 10,075
SEWER SYSTEM GROUP INS.	\$ 54,050
SEWER SYSTEM RETIREMENT	\$ 5,500
SEWER SYSTEM WAGES	\$ 114,000
SEWER SYSTEM WAGES P/T	\$ 17,680
SEWER TELEPHONE EXPENSE	\$ -
SEWER TESTING FEES	\$ 12,000
SEWER VEHICLE EXPENSE	\$ 1,200
Sewer Expenses Total =	\$ 556,513
Water Fund	FY 2026
PSA WATER INCOME	\$ 43,000
WATER FEES IN TOWN	\$ 338,000
WATER MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$ 8,000
Interfund Transfer (General -> Water)	\$ 116,463
Water Revenues Total =	\$ 505,463
DEBT RETIREMENT	\$ 113,580
PSA EXPENSES	\$ 600
WATER ADVERTISING & PUBLIC NOTICE	\$ 600
WATER CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	\$ 25,000
WATER DUES, PERMITS, LICENSES	\$ 1,500
WATER ELECTRICITY	\$ 65,000
WATER HEALTH DEPT. ASSESSMENT	\$ 2,200
WATER INSURANCE	\$ 7,000
WATER INTERNET & COMMUNICATION	\$ 2,000
WATER MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$ 62,000
WATER MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	\$ 2,500
WATER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 25,000
WATER REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$ 18,000
WATER SLUDGE DISPOSAL	\$ 8,000
WATER SYSTEM FICA TAX	\$ 8,983
WATER SYSTEM GROUP INS.	\$ 34,500
WATER SYSTEM PART TIME	\$ 18,400
WATER SYSTEM RETIREMENT	\$ 3,000
WATER SYSTEM WAGES	\$ 99,000
WATER SYSTEM RESTING FEES	\$ 6,800
WATER VEHICLE EXPENSE	\$ 1,800
Water Expenses Total =	\$ 505,463
Sanitation Fund	FY 2026
GARBAGE FEES	\$ 173,000
Interfund Transfer (General -> Sanitation)	\$ 80,690
Sanitation Revenues Total =	\$ 253,690
INSURANCE	\$ 10,000
SANITATION DUMPSTER EXPENSE	\$ 12,000
SANITATION FICAS	\$ 8,152
SANITATION GROUP INS.	\$ 25,000
SANITATION LANDFILL FEES	\$ 50,000
SANITATION MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$ 5,000
SANITATION MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 8,000
SANITATION RETIREMENT	\$ 4,000
SANITATION VEHICLE	\$ 25,000
SANITATION WAGES	\$ 106,538
Sanitation Expenses Total =	\$ 253,690
All Local Funds	
Revenues	FY 2026
General Revenues	\$ 1,329,114
Enterprise & Utility Revenues	\$ 879,000
Total Revenues FY 2026=	\$ 2,208,114
Expenses	FY 2026
General Operating Expenses	\$ 892,448
Sewer Expenses	\$ 556,513
Water Expenses	\$ 505,463
Sanitation Expenses	\$ 253,690
Total Expenses FY 2026 =	\$ 2,208,114
All Project, Grant & Pass-Thru Funds	
Project & Grant Funds	FY 2026
WTP Backwash Equalization	\$ 1,634,200
Stuart Downtown - CDBG	\$ 990,272
Stuart Downtown - ARC	\$ 700,000
Water Security & Infrastructure Improvements	\$ 1,100,000
Total Project Budget FY 2026 =	\$ 4,424,472



# Woolwine Elementary School’s 2025 “Summer Fun” Beauty Pageant



**By Yvvette Foley**  
Woolwine Elementary School and the WES PTO presented the 2025 annual Beauty Pageant on April 26, in the Woolwine Elementary School Auditorium. This year’s “Summer Fun” Pageant was directed by Mrs. Yvvette Foley with the help of Mrs. Jeannie King Hubbard, Mrs. Annette Harbour, Mrs. Anita Elgin, Mrs. Mandy Flannery, Mrs. Shannon Brockway, Miss. Brittany Jett and Mrs. Vicky Brammer along with many other staff members and volunteers to help make the evening one to remember. Miss. Rylee Goad presented the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Shawn Draughn presented our Moment of Prayer.  
The pageant included 17 amazing young ladies ranging from kindergarten to 7th grade. The young ladies competed for Miss. Photogenic, Little Miss Woolwine, Young Miss Woolwine and Teen Miss Woolwine. The 2025 winners are Little Miss Kreedence Rose Flippin, Young Miss Adalynn Paige Stanley, Teen Miss Alycia Lenai Wilson and Miss Photogenic Skye Jade Belcher. Our Returning Miss’s came back to crown our new winners and were 2024 Little Miss Ellie Griffin, 2024 Young Miss Paisley Cardenalli and 2023 Teen Miss Katy Shepard. We would also like to spotlight all of our amazing contestants, Felicity T., Sophia S., Raelyn D., Jayda C., Hattie G., Rylee G. Rose M., Madilynn S., Jobie D., Oakley M., Raina N., Hayden P. and Dixie S. All of the young ladies in this years program showed their amazing personalities, love for each other and beautiful friendships. Mrs. Foley would like to thank each and every parent and guardian



not only for their hard work but also for their kindness and willingness to help.  
The 2025 Summer Fun Pageant was by surprise dedicated to Mrs. Jeannie King Hubbard for her extraordinary dedication to Woolwine Elementary School and Patrick County Public Schools. Mrs. Hubbard presents 33 years in Education, and currently serves as the Woolwine Elementary School Principal.  
We would like to extend many thanks to our many sponsors this year, which include many parents and grandparents, Twisted Goat Towing and Recovery, Shayna Foley Photography, Southern Comfort Photography, Fairy Stone State Park, B & W Excavating, Grace and Jade Photography, Griffith’s Lumber, Bluebird Hill Farms, Total Fitness of Stuart, Woolwine Elementary PTO, VIRginia International Raceway, Wood’s Cold Storage, Woody & Son Towing and Hauling, The Staff at Country Convenience, Lawson’s Lawncare and our three amazing Judges.  
We hope that everyone looks forward to our 2026 Woolwine Elementary Program.

**WWW.THEENTERPRISE.NET**



## MAY MARKET EVENTS

Every Friday 8 am to 12 pm

**May 2:** Tool Sharpening. Bring those dull knives to have sharpened while you shop. (Fee)

**May 9:** Great selection of fruits, vegetables, meats, eggs and bedding plants.

**May 16:** Great selection of fruits, vegetables, meats, eggs and bedding plants.

**May 23:** Information provided by the Patrick County Master Gardeners

**May 30:** Blood Pressure Checks by Blue Ridge Nursing & Landmark Center

Open every Friday : Great selection of fruits, vegetables, baked items, meats, eggs, plants & craft items

Check us out on Facebook for up to date information  
Stuart Farmers Market



## ONLINE AUCTION

**QUADPLEX FOR SALE AT AUCTION IN PATRICK COUNTY VA**  
**ONLINE AUCTION ENDS WEDNESDAY, MAY 21ST, AT 4 PM**  
*2209 CLODBREAK RD., MEADOWS OF DAN, VA 24120*  
**Bid NOW at VAAuctionPro.com**

Searching for your next investment opportunity? Check out this quadplex, which was built in 1986, that is for sale. There are three 2 bedroom, 1 bath units and one 1 bedroom, 1 bath unit. All units have luxury vinyl plank flooring throughout, except for the kitchen which is tile. The building is served by an electric heat pump, well and private septic system. The exterior is finished with a metal roof and vinyl siding. The 2 bedroom units are currently rented for \$550 and the 1 bedroom unit is rented for \$400.



TERMS & CONDITIONS: 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to final high bid to arrive at contract price. Earnest Money Deposit of \$5,000 is required on the day of sale. Close on or before July 7th, 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 21st, 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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# Geocaching at Laurel Hill



Pictured are many of the twenty-seven sites on the geocache list, from the Devil's Den in Fancy Gap to Richmond Hill in Yadkin County, North Carolina.

**By Tom Perry**  
Laurel Hill is part of the Geocaching for History/Virtual Exhibits at the Mount Airy Museum of

Regional History. This regional project contains sites in North Carolina and Virginia. I go with Amy Snyder, Curator of the Mount Airy

Museum of Regional History, twice a year to replenish the twenty-seven geocaches. The geocache at Laurel Hill is located at the Letcher Overlook, encouraging visitors to walk across and read all the interpretive signs at J. E. B. Stuart's Birthplace.

The museum website describes it this way. "Geocaching for History, developed in partnership with the Mount Airy Museum of Regional History and the Mount Airy Parks and Recreation's Reeves Community Center, combines history and treasure hunting with exercise using GPS devices or smartphones to assist in the hunt for history. All geocache sites will have local and regional historical or cultural significance. Each cache will contain a digital QR code, readable by smartphones, directing the geocacher to this website for additional information and photos about the specific historic location."

**Laurel Hill**  
[https://www.northcarolinamuseum.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=171:laurel-hill-birthplace-of-csa-major-general-jeb-stuart&catid=49:virtual-exhibits&Itemid=166](https://www.northcarolinamuseum.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=171:laurel-hill-birthplace-of-csa-major-general-jeb-stuart&catid=49:virtual-exhibits&Itemid=166)

"Laurel Hill – CSA Major General James Ewell Brown "Jeb" Stuart's Birthplace

James Ewell Brown "Jeb" Stuart was born at his parents' Laurel Hill Farm in Ararat, Virginia, on February 3, 1833. Educated in southwest Virginia and the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, Stuart served in the United States Army, mainly in the First U. S. Cavalry in Kansas Territory. In 1859, Stuart, with Robert E. Lee, put down John Brown's raid on Harpers Ferry. In

1861, he resigned to join the Confederate States of America, where he rose in rank to Major General, commanding all of Robert E. Lee's cavalry in the Army of Northern Virginia. Stuart fought at the largest cavalry battle in the history of the Western Hemisphere at Brandy Station in 1863. He died on May 12, 1864, after being wounded the previous day at the Battle of Yellow Tavern, north of Richmond, Virginia, where he is buried in Hollywood Cemetery.

The Laurel Hill Farm contained 1500 acres. Owned by Archibald and Elizabeth Letcher Pannill Stuart, the farm came from Mrs. Stuart's family, specifically her great-grandfather, William Letcher, who lost his life to Tories (pro-British sympathizers) during the American Revolution and is buried on the property. The Stuarts had thirty slaves in 1850, growing wheat and raising livestock.

Laurel Hill Farm is on the Virginia Landmarks Register and National Register of Historic Places. Each year, a Scottish Highland Games is held in June, and a Civil War reenactment takes place on the first full weekend in October.

This site, a part of the "Geocaching for History" program, was researched and placed by the Mount Airy Museum of Regional History in partnership with Blue Cross Blue Shield North Carolina Foundation and the North Carolina Humanities Council. The goal of this program is to encourage physical activity and exploration of the history of our community."

Museum List of all the geocache sites.

<https://www.northcarolinamuseum.org/index.php...>

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## Ararat couple to celebrate milestone



Billy and Sandy Marshall will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on May 10. They were married on May 10, 1985, and have two children, Evan Marshall and Heather Wilson, both of Ararat. The couple also has two grandchildren - Foster and Finley Wilson.

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