



County Administrator Beth Simms addressed some misconceptions about county finances at the May 12 board meeting.

Board rejects proposed budget, makes additional cuts

By Taylor Boyd

The Patrick County Board of Supervisors voted against approving the proposed fiscal year (FY) 2025-26 budget and made several changes to it during its meeting on Monday, May 12.

Before the board discussed the budget, County Administrator Beth Simms addressed public questions regarding take-home vehicles, county debt, and the county’s unassigned fund balance.

“Patrick County employees do not have take-home vehicles. Staff report to work in their personal vehicles and utilize county-owned vehicles for official duties such as maintenance calls, building inspections, and related services,” she said.

As of July 1, the county’s outstanding debt is \$26.7 million, with approximately 71 percent attributed to school construction and facility improvements.

“Much of the debt originated from

capital projects between 2005 and 2010. All obligations are being repaid on schedule, with final maturity set for fiscal year 2040,” Simms said.

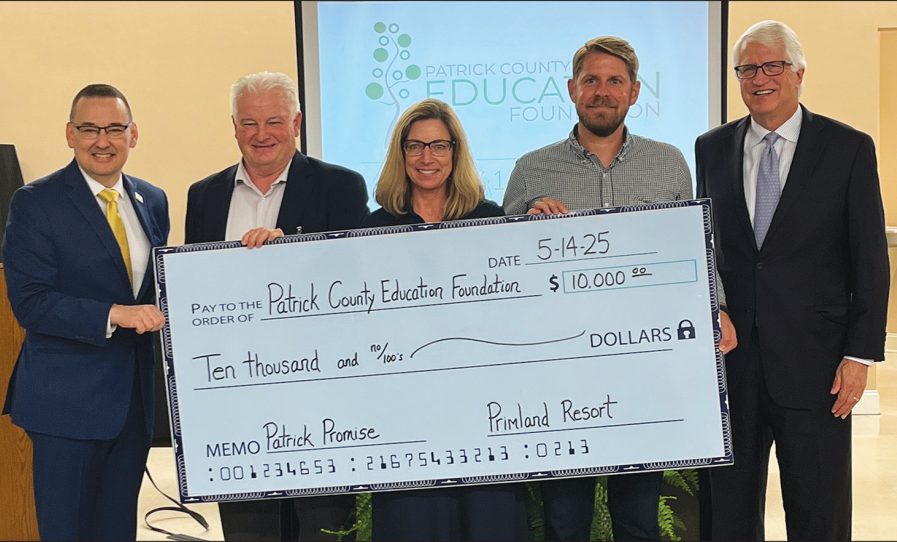
Contrary to public claims of overspending, Simms said the county has made deliberate efforts to improve its financial position.

“One clear indicator is the growth in our unassigned fund balance. In FY 2020, our unassigned fund balance was \$6.4 million, representing 13.95 percent of operating expenditures. At the close of the most recent fiscal year, that figure had grown to \$15.5 million, or 22.74 percent of operating expenditures—an increase of more than \$9.1 million,” she said.

Simms encouraged board members and residents to seek accurate information directly from county administration.

As the board still needs to trim approximately \$197,000 to balance

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Pictured from left to right: P&HCC President Dr. Greg Hodges, Primland Vice President Steve Helms, P&HCC Foundation Executive Director Tiffani Underwood, Primland General Manager Will Rentschler, and PCEF Chairman Dr. Stewart Roberson.

Primland donation advances Patrick Promise Initiative

By Taylor Boyd

Primland Resort donated \$10,000 to the Patrick County Education Foundation (PCEF) for its Patrick Promise initiative at a luncheon on Wednesday, May 14.

The Patrick Promise will extend support to provide free tuition to Patrick County High School (PCHS) graduates attending Patrick & Henry Community College (P&HCC), similar to The Harvest Foundation’s SEED Program that supports students in Martinsville and Henry County.

Steve Helms, vice president at Primland, said the business is happy to invest in Patrick County youth by donating to the Patrick County Education Foundation for the Patrick Promise initiative.

“For our PCHS seniors to be able to get an associate’s degree at no cost is outstanding. I mean, my family all went to school here, my kids graduated and went on to school, and they were very fortunate and actually got community degrees when they were in high school, so it was fantastic,” he said.

Helms said the Primland Auberge Resorts Collection wants to see more of this type of commitment going forward.

“Primland is very proud to be able to make a little donation here to the Patrick Promise, and hopefully we’ll get it over the hump and get some other folks out here to do the same,” he said.

P&HCC President Dr. Greg Hodges said the Patrick Promise has a threefold goal: to increase the post-high school credential attainment rates for Patrick County, to decrease the population migration from Patrick County, and to increase the economic attractiveness and workforce development potential of the Patrick County region.

PCHS has “consistently now for several years ranked among the top 10 in Virginia. The flipside of that are the post-high school credential attainment rates, which lag behind significantly the region and the state as well, and the economic impediment that is to attracting new businesses and industry,” he said.

Hodges said eliminating the population decline will help keep good, paying jobs in the county and potentially bring more into the area so people have a reason to stay and provide a good life for themselves and their families.

In his role as P&HCC president,

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Station 8 relocates amid safety concerns

By Taylor Boyd

Patrick County’s paid Emergency Medical Services (EMS) service, Station 8, has started its move from its current facility to the former school board office beside the Patrick County Administration Building.

The move was decided on May 5. It is anticipated to be completed by June 6.



One of Station 8’s rescue vehicles parked outside of the new facility – a former school board building situated beside the Patrick County Administration Building. (Contributed)

Doug Perry, of the Smith River District, said the squad’s current location on East Blue Ridge Street is unacceptable.

“They can’t be in there. So, to get them out of that building, we moved them into the old school board building,” Perry said, adding that County Administrator Beth Simms made the decision to move Station 8 to the new facility.

She said, “Look, here’s what has to happen, here’s what we’re going to do.’ I received an email, and I’m like, ‘I’m fine with it.’ Being a facilities thing, being that the county owns the building, being that there’s no money—there’s no need for the board to make that decision and vote on it,” Perry said.

With the move, EMS Coordinator Scottie Cassell said he “was just told, and I follow orders.” He deferred to Simms for additional comments.

Perry said he doesn’t anticipate the move to be “a permanent, permanent thing. It’s not the best place for them, but for right now, to get them out of that old, dilapidated, condemned building, it’s the best route to take right now.”

Perry explained the Department of Social Services (DSS) is going to need more space, along with other departments — and

that will require moving and rearranging offices. He said those projects are still in the works and added that the county’s facilities director is working to coordinate the best use of its properties.

“There’s a plan, and like I said, for the right here and right now, to get Station 8 out of a really bad facility that they should have been moved out of quite some time ago—that’s, of course, just the action we’re taking,” he said.

Past boards, Perry said, have discussed moving Station 8 to a new facility.

“Something had to be done to get them out of the building as quick as possible. Like I said, there are other plans and things in the works, moving toward getting a very adequate facility,” he said.

Perry doesn’t know how long Station 8 will remain in the new facility.

“It’s going to be a budget thing. That’s where the board has failed over the past several years. So, when we talk about, ‘Oh yeah, we definitely need to put Station 8 into a real building and get them in an adequate facility,’ it’s never been budgeted, and so if there’s nothing in the budget, nothing’s going to happen. This year, we’ll see what money

we can set aside for moving forward with a Station 8 building. It’s all going to depend on what monies can be set aside and what we can get and move forward,” he said.

Perry added that the county has identified some properties as potential building sites, and other buildings have been considered for purchase, but “again, there’s no real, solid plan at this time,” he said.

While Station 8 is moving what it can, Cassell expects some items will have to be stored elsewhere, as the new facility has one less floor than the old one.

“I was just told to pack up and move, and I said, ‘Yes, ma’am,’ and she (Simms) said if anybody has any questions to send them to me and I’ll explain why,” Cassell said.

Station 8 was notified that Virginia Occupational Safety and Health (VOSH) received a notice of health and safety hazards at its 108 East Blue Ridge location on April 9.

The specific hazards alleged include “many health risks, including but not limited to mildew and mold exposures. Outdated lead plumbing, poor water for drinking and cooking. No accessible

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Strawberry Fest attracts thousands to Stuart



The annual Strawberry Festival on Saturday attracted thousands of visitors to Stuart. The festival, in its 22nd year, also attracted nearly 100 registered vendors, which Stuart Town Manager Bryce Simmons said was a marked increase from previous years.

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SCC to review extended service outages

Patrick County residents who are experiencing extended Brightspeed service disruptions may contact the State Corporation Commission's (SCC's) Division of Public Utility Regulation.

The SCC is following up on all complaints from multiple localities served by the com-

pany, Patrick County Administrator Beth Simms said.

Consumers are encouraged to call Brightspeed first to resolve issues but if they have no success with the company, they may contact the SCC.

There also is an online SCC communica-

tions complaint form available at <https://www.scc.virginia.gov/consumers/public-utility/communications-consumer/communications-company-complaint-form/> or consumers may call the Division of Public Utility regulation toll-free at 1-800-552-7945 or directly at (804) 371-9611.

Tourism Talks



Hi Patrick,

I hope all is well and life has been good to you. This week, or I should say the weekend, marks the unofficial start to the summer vacation season. Many of you are planning Memorial Day Celebrations. We have a major event scheduled for this upcoming weekend. Dominion Valley Park will host its annual Gospel Music Festival from May 23 to 25. The weekend will feature seven

artists, including The Chuck Wagon Gang, The Carolina Band, The Churchmen, and more. Camping is available!

This Saturday, several events are also scheduled to take place. Saturday music is back at Villa Appalaccia. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon listening to great music and a glass of their excellent wines. Join the Willis Gap Community Center for their monthly Oldies Jam, featuring music from the 50s, 60s, and 70s, along with dancing. Doors open at 5:30. Hot dogs, drinks, and other snacks will be available for purchase. PCMA's Free May show features Lonesome Heart, with special guests Barry Collins & The Mudflappers. Doors open at five and music starts at 6. Join us in Stuart, VA at The Hooker Building, next door to the Rotary Building.

Come with us to Fairy Stone State Park to experience the beginnings of Bluegrass music and follow its evolution as it traveled across the ocean and settled in the Appalachian Mountains. The event will trace the origin of this style of music back to its roots and explore the influence of the Scottish, Irish, and English pioneers who settled along the Appalachian Mountains on its development. The Bluegrass band, the Kitchen Pickers, will play representative

songs relevant to our area on Saturday, May 24th, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Many more activities are available for you and our guests to enjoy throughout the county.

As we prepare to join family and friends this weekend, let's not forget the most essential part of it: Memorial Day. A federal holiday for honoring and mourning the U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Without the brave men and women who served, we would not be able to enjoy the freedoms we have. So, fire up your grills, eat your favorite foods, listen to some great music, and enjoy your freedom, but don't forget to offer your thoughts, prayers, and an attitude of thankfulness for those brave souls who lost their lives to protect ours. Remember all who served. All gave some, and some gave all. May God Bless the United States of America!!!!

Come, get lost and find yourself here, in beautiful Patrick County!!!

Love ya!!

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Strawberry

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Pets of the Week



Miss Luna is such a sweet mixed breed pup. She is about 10 months old and needs a loving home.

Storm is a white neutered male, friendly and playful. He is stressed at the shelter and needs a forever home as soon as possible.

Free spay/neuter and rabies vaccinations are available. 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; we are always in need of pet food donations. Contact blueridgeawl@gmail.com for details.

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Board

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The Patrick County Board of Supervisors voted against approving the proposed fiscal year 2025-26 budget.

the budget, Smith River District Supervisor Doug Perry suggested using a portion of the unassigned fund balance.

“Taxpayers paid into it, and if it’s above that best practice number, then I think that would be a suitable use for that,” he said.

Chairman Jonathan Wood, of the Peters Creek District, agreed.

“This is money that the county has paid in—your tax dollars have gone to this,” Wood said.

When discussing additional cuts, Mayo River District Supervisor Clayton Kendrick made a motion to remove the \$15,000 budgeted for financial advising from Davenport & Co.

“I think we ought to stop some of these outside studies this year,” Kendrick said.

Dan River District Supervisor Andrew Overby seconded the motion.

“I think they’re needed,” Perry countered.

Based on Davenport’s proposal, Overby said he didn’t believe the services offered were beyond what county staff could do by researching what other localities have done.

“I mean, it seems like we’re trying to recreate the wheel and come up with a brand new policy when it really shouldn’t be that hard,” he said.

Blue Ridge District Supervisor Steve Marshall disagreed.

“None of us up here are qualified to replace these professionals. That’s why we have them. Not an insult, but I think a lot of times members of boards of supervisors and councils tend to lose sight of what their role is, and I believe the role is to hire competent professionals to handle situations like this,” he said. “I don’t believe this is the role of our regular, everyday staff.”

Kendrick said he had faith in the staff to handle the work and save money.

“They did most of the budget,” he said.

Perry noted that staff already has full plates without the added workload.

“I’m not on all these outside surveys,” Kendrick replied, before asking County Attorney Jim Guynn, of Guynn Waddell, P.C., about his reaction.

“Every county and city in the Commonwealth has financial advisors,” Guynn said.

Wood said he believed Davenport probably earned every bit of the \$15,000 budgeted.

The motion failed in a 2-3 vote, with Overby and Kendrick voting in favor, and Wood, Perry, and Marshall opposed.

Perry then made a motion to adopt the FY 2025-26 budget in the amount of \$76,203,341. Marshall seconded the motion, but it failed 2-3. Perry and Marshall voted yes; Kendrick, Overby, and Wood voted no.

Overby made several additional motions to cut capital expenses:

*To reduce the county access control system funds to \$50,000. Passed 3-2 (Wood, Kendrick, Overby in favor; Marshall, Perry opposed).

*To remove \$486,045 for an emergency generator at the administration building. It failed 2-3, with Overby, Kendrick in favor; Wood, Marshall, Perry opposed.

*To remove \$50,000 for courthouse carpet replacement. Passed 3-2 (Wood, Kendrick, Overby in favor; Marshall, Perry opposed).

*To remove \$400,000 for a new ambulance. Failed 2-3 (Overby, Kendrick in favor; Wood, Marshall, Perry opposed).

Perry made a motion to increase the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) from five percent to seven percent.

“I know that as we get more visitors in the county, they depend on strong, reliable EMS service,” he said, noting a recent rescue of a hiker. “Money needs to come from somewhere to support these services.”

The motion failed for lack of a second.

In other business the board also:

*Heard from Kurt Bozenmayer, who questioned

the \$400,000 allocated for a new ambulance, asking whether it was a replacement or an addition. He expressed concern about abandoned vehicles near the Mayo River Rail Trail and called for an exit plan before new vehicles are added to the fleet.

*Heard from Jane Fulk who questioned the pay raises outlined in the budget, noting that some employees were receiving raises of up to 19 percent while EMS personnel were only receiving three percent. She said last year’s raises totaled nearly \$1 million, and this year’s adds another \$500,000. “These raises do not seem to be fair or equitable,” she said.

*Heard from Steve Ferring, who criticized what he saw as inconsistencies in proposed salaries, alleging reductions in increases for 33 employees, including five constitutional officers. He argued that managing personnel salaries should be a public process and handled by the administrator, not the board behind closed doors.

*Heard from Galen Gilbert, who opposed the proposed 0.16-cent increase in personal property tax and said the funds, if raised, should be set aside exclusively for fire and rescue services. He also recommended employee raises be limited to no more than the 2.4 percent Social Security increase.

*Discussed the personal property tax rate.

*Heard a facilities update from Facilities Director Mike McGuinness.

*Discussed potentially replacing the HVAC system at the courthouse.

*Heard from Tourism and Economic Development Director James Houchins about the EDA’s strategic plan.

*Approved a proclamation naming May 18-24 as EMS Week.

*Approved meeting minutes from April 14 and 28 in a 4-1 vote (Marshall opposed).

*Approved bills, claims, and appropriations.

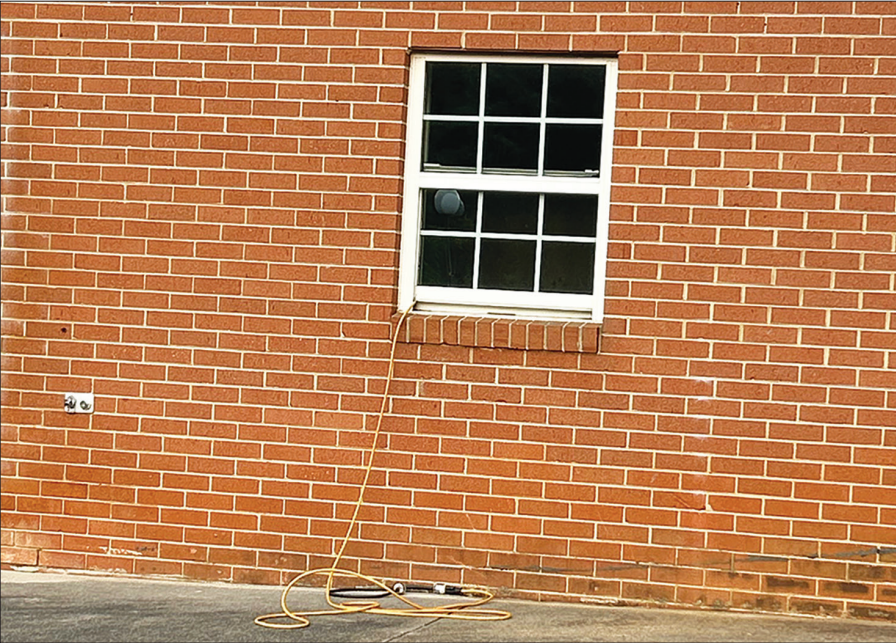
*Heard reports from the county administrator and board members.

Station 8

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Mattresses were unloaded in the new facility on May 9.



Station 8 is using extension cords to use electricity as it moves into the former school board building. According to Virginia Occupational Safety and Health (VOSH), it received a letter stating the building has health and safety hazards. (Contributed)

shower, even as a functioning 911 service where exposures may require showers. Our coordinator has ordered an air quality test and been denied, knowing what results of the air quality test will show prompting them to be required to relocate” Station 8.

The letter states VOSH had not determined whether the alleged hazards exist at the site and does not plan to conduct an inspection at this time.

However, since the allegations were made, VOSH requested that Cassell immediately investigate

the alleged conditions and make any necessary corrections. It also requested Cassell to notify VOSH of his findings no later than April 16.

Perry said he doesn’t know to what extent the claims in the VOSH letter are true.

“I know there’s always been foundation issues, and I know there’s been leaks. I’m not exactly sure what the measurements came back,” he said.

When asked for comment after the May 12 Board of Supervisors meeting, Simms did not respond.

Birdhouse dedicated in Bishop’s honor

The Stuart Farmers’ Market dedicated a birdhouse during the market opening on Friday, May 6, in honor of Tom Bishop, who died earlier this year. Bishop was a longtime market vendor with his unique birdhouses. His love and dedication to Patrick County was unquestionable.



Rebecca Adcock, executive director of the Patrick County Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Stuart Town Council, is pictured, along with Connie Bishop, Tom Bishop’s wife and a promoter of the Stuart Farmers Market.

Patrick Pioneers

Master Sergeant Joseph Elisha Knowles
By Beverly Belcher Woody

As Memorial Day approaches, we pause to honor the brave men and women from Patrick County who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. In the coming weeks, this column will spotlight local heroes whose lives and legacies deserve remembrance. Today, we begin with the story of Master Sergeant Joseph Elisha Knowles, a son of Meadows of Dan, Virginia, who gave his life during World War II.

Joseph Elisha Knowles was born on May 10, 1898, to Charles Reed Knowles and Susan “Sarah” West Knowles. He was the sixth of eleven children. His family’s roots ran deep in Meadows of Dan—his paternal grandparents were David and Elizabeth Hill Knowles, and his maternal grandparents were Wilson Jackson West and Elizabeth Cockram. Tragedy was not unfamiliar to the Knowles family; in 1862, David and Elizabeth lost three young children — Mary (7), Susan (6), and John (3)—to a devastating diphtheria epidemic.

Elisha, known as a hard worker and devoted son, spent his early years helping on the family farm. In the 1920s, he ventured to West Virginia to work in the coal mines and on the railroads but eventually returned to Patrick County to support his father and brother with the farm.

His military journey began early. By the time of the 1930 U.S. Census, Elisha was stationed at Schofield Barracks in Honolulu, Hawaii Territory. In 1935, he departed Fort McDowell, California, aboard the ship Republic en route to the Panama Canal Zone, serving as a Corporal in the 3rd Ordnance Company at Fort Lewis.

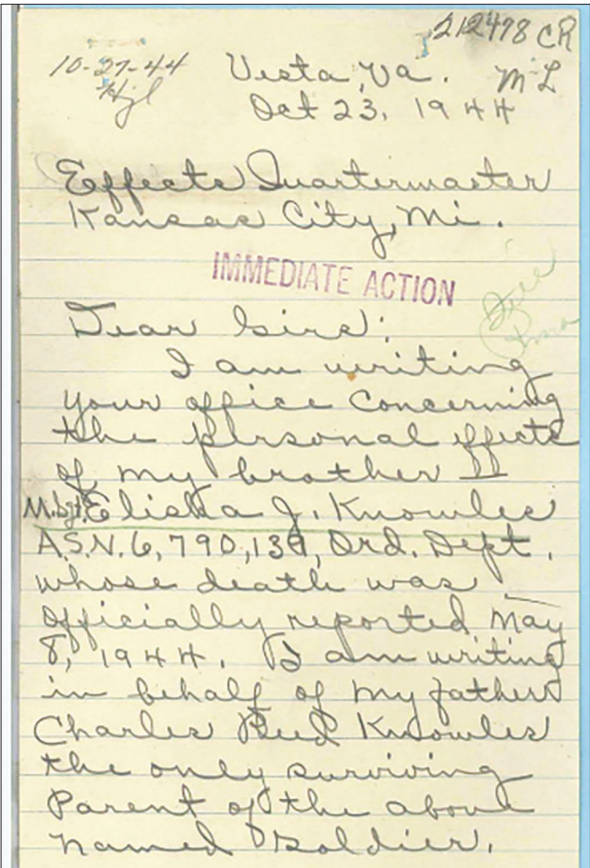
In the 1940 Census, he was again recorded at Fort Lewis, Washington, where he was listed as a Sergeant in the U.S. Army.

On September 9, 1941, just three months before the attack on Pearl Harbor, Elisha reenlisted in the Ordnance Department of the U.S. Army as a Technical Sergeant. What followed would be both heroic and heartbreaking.

In April 1942, Sgt. Knowles was listed in a U.S. Army hospital admission file for dysentery. At that time, he was being held as a prisoner of war at the infamous Camp O’Donnell in the Philippines—a brutal Japanese prison camp known for its appalling conditions and high death toll among American and Filipino soldiers.

On April 28, 1942, Sgt. Knowles died at Camp O’Donnell from dysentery. He was just 43 years old.

His body was eventually returned to Patrick County and laid to rest in the Knowles Cemetery in Meadows of Dan. The family’s struggle to have his remains brought home lasted until 1949, and the military compiled a detailed Individual Deceased Personnel File (IDPF) that chronicles this process.



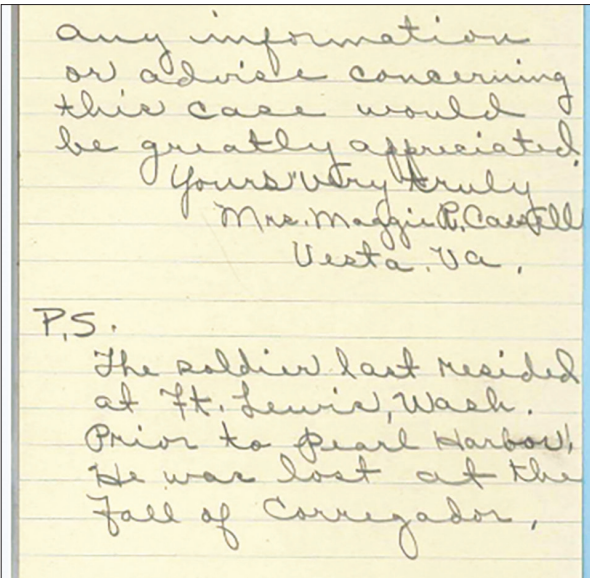
Elisha Knowles page 78 IDPF

The IDPF includes correspondence between the U.S. military and Sgt. Knowles’ family, offering a moving glimpse into their grief, hope, and determination.

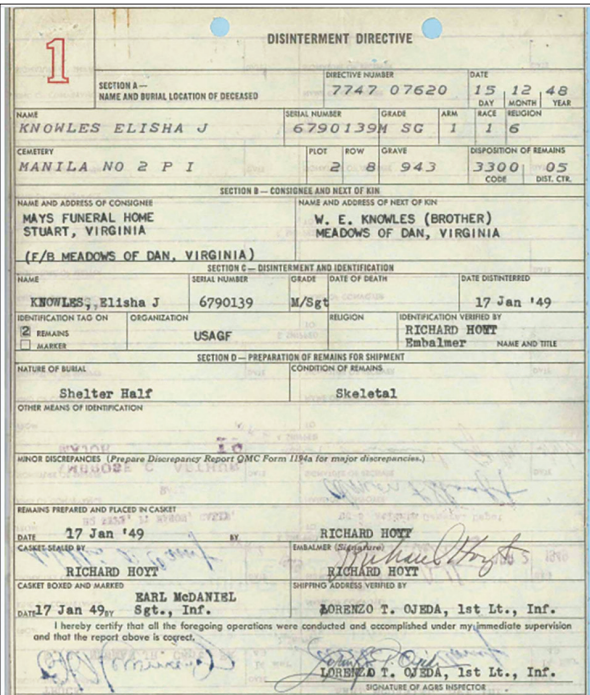
If you would like to learn more about the tragic conditions at Camp O’Donnell and the brave souls from Patrick County who suffered there, I previously published a five-part series titled *The Defenders of Bataan*.

For those seeking records about relatives who died in service during WWII, I want to share an important resource. Thanks to a legal settlement related to the return of remains from a mass grave in the Philippines, there are now over 500,000 IDPFs available to families—free of charge. These files cover WWII, the Korean War, and some from Vietnam.

To request the IDPF of Sgt. Elisha J. Knowles or another fallen soldier, you may email idpfbataan@gmail.com. Include the full name, date of birth, and place of birth of the individual you’re researching. Alternatively, you can contact me at rockcastlecreek1@gmail.com, and I would be honored to assist you in accessing these precious records.



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Elisha Knowles page 10 IDPF

Thank you to Travis Knowles, Sgt. Knowles’ great-nephew for verifying my information on the Knowles family and to Jim O. for letting me know about the IDPFs!

As we approach Memorial Day, may we reflect on the courage and sacrifice of Sgt. Knowles and all those who gave their lives in defense of our freedom. Their stories must not be forgotten.

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 – Will “DOGE” Hurt our Social Security or Medicare Benefits?

Dear Rusty: I am a new AMAC member and have an important question for you, and your answer will be greatly appreciated. My question is: Is the new DOGE effort going to help us, or hurt us, all those living on Social Security and receiving Medicare benefits? Please let us know soon. *Regards: Worried Senior*

Dear Worried Senior: Here at the AMAC Foundation, we offer free access to everyone, the public as well as AMAC members, for our acclaimed Social Security Advisory Service, at which we answer all inquiries from anyone with questions about Social Security and enrollment in Medicare. As you can imagine, we very closely watch all action in Washington, D.C. which will affect Social Security and Medicare, especially any Congressional legislation being considered.

The new “DOGE” (Department of Government Efficiency) organization is tasked with uncovering and eliminating fraud and waste in all areas of the Federal Government, and that includes Social Security and Medicare. But the important

thing to remember is that DOGE is seeking only to discover fraud and government waste.

Recently a great deal of visibility has been given to DOGE’s efforts to discover potential fraud (and waste) in the Social Security Administration. Everything we have seen thus far indicates that DOGE’s efforts have identified opportunities for reducing fraud and waste at the Social Security Administration, so our expectation is that DOGE’s efforts will tend to help the Social Security Administration become more efficient but not endanger anyone’s Social Security benefits. Indeed, President Trump and the DOGE team have repeatedly said that no cuts in Social Security benefits will occur as a result of DOGE’s efforts. Reducing fraud and waste at the SSA would tend to improve the agency’s financial posture and improve their ability to pay full benefits longer. The same is true for Medicare. Actually, DOGE is very transparent and posts everything they find on this website: www.doge.gov. A quick look at this website reveals that none of what they have found at the SSA indicates any threat to SS or Medicare benefits.

I suggest that any negative news media and social media accounts of DOGE’s activities be taken with a grain of salt. All such articles are largely meant to attract attention to unlikely

“doomsday” scenarios. The reality is that our government is over \$36 trillion in debt, and that debt is growing, which is an unsustainable financial path for our country. DOGE is specifically tasked with eliminating the deficit gap by reducing frivolous government spending and fraud. But reducing crucial benefits for seniors on Social Security and Medicare are NOT part of DOGE’s efforts, nor their goal.

Rest assured that here at the AMAC Foundation we are watching all current DOGE efforts very closely and will vigorously oppose anything which will negatively affect Social Security and Medicare. Indeed, AMAC’s stated goal is to strengthen and preserve Social Security for all future generations.

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Breaking Free From the Chains

After World War I, Second Lieutenant Bill Wilson failed to graduate from law school because he was too drunk to pick up his diploma. Years later, a severely alcoholic Bill entered the Charles B. Towns Hospital for Drug and Alcohol Addictions in New York City four times, receiving no help. His doctor eventually told him if he wasn’t locked up permanently, he would die. Months later, Bill heard about a Christian group who had success helping alcoholics. Shortly after again finding himself hospitalized, he cried out, “I’ll do anything. Anything at all! If there be a God, let Him show Himself!”

This prayer began a process that led to the formation of Alcoholics Anonymous, a peer-led mutual aid fellowship dedicated to recovery from alcoholism. Over the last near-century, countless lives have been saved by AA and the many associated organizations such as Narcotics Anonymous, Overeaters Anonymous, and Sex Addicts Anonymous. Today almost every addiction treatment protocol involves attending such groups. Because addiction has many faces, over 30 anonymous groups exist.

We might break addictions into two general categories: substance addictions and process ad-

dictions.

Substance addictions occur when a person ingests psychoactive agents. These agents alter brain chemistry, causing changes leading to desensitization and tolerance. The substance becomes necessary to avoid withdrawal symptoms; addicts eventually stop getting high, but keep consuming to avoid getting “dope sick.”

The same phenomena can occur with what we call “process addictions,” or practices which lead to changes in brain chemistry and subsequent habit formation. Pornography, gambling, overeating, codependency, overwork, and other practices stimulate naturally-occurring opiates in the brain, and—get this—it is possible to become addicted to them. We become junkies from our own inner heroin. Addiction is very bad news. It rots out the heart and soul of the life. While using may be an effort to escape problems, the problems actually accumulate to hopeless levels in the life of the user. The continual failure at self-mastery destroys self-worth, respect, and confidence. Some “functional addicts” can continue to work, but sooner or later health will break down. Worst of all, an addict cannot love. Addiction attacks the very part of the brain that

engages in empathy and bonding. Ultimately, the addiction will force the addict to become entirely, myopically self-centered, a shell of a human being who cares about only one thing: the next fix. How horrifying to wake up one day and realize one has become such a person.

But there is hope. The revelation of brokenness provides a turning point. AA calls it “the gift of desperation.” That “I’ll do anything!” sense of despair opens a gateway for help and healing. What happens now is crucial to future healing. The desperate addict must re-invest all the energy, time, and resources that have been invested in the addiction. They must fully commit to recovery. If they do, the combination of divine power and human choice will bring about change.

Note: The listed helps at the close of this article is too long for this reprint, so for some suggested helps, find the original article at <https://lifeandhealth.org/lifestyle/healthy-habits/breaking-free-from-the-chains/0722517.html>.

(Submitted by Betty Dean. Written by Jennifer Jill Schwirzer LPC. Used by permission from www.lifeandhealth.org. Courtesy of LifeSpring – Resources for Hope and Healing Stuart, VA)

Congressional staff to visit

U.S. Rep. Morgan Griffith's Ninth District staff will be available in Patrick and Henry counties on May 28.

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

In Patrick County from 12:30 – 2 p.m. in the Patrick County Administration Building, Conference Room, 106 Rucker Street, Stuart.

Call the Christiansburg Office at (540) 381-5671 or the Abingdon Office at (276) 525-1405 with any questions.

SNHU names Mitchem to President's List

William Mitchem of Stuart has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's (SNHU) Spring 2025 President's List. The spring term runs from January to May. Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a mini-

mum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

PCMGA awards scholarship in Cobbler's memory



The 2025 Christopher Newton Cobbler Scholarship was awarded to Ms. Lexi Cutchins.

Christopher Cobbler was a young man who loved nature. He excelled in landscaping and horticulture, using his love to enhance the environment.

In his memory, the Patrick County Master Gardeners Association (PCMGA) is pleased to award a \$1,000.00 scholarship to a graduating senior at Patrick County High School who plans to further Christpher's love of nature through support of agriculture and horticulture.

Martin to Run for Radford

By Ashlee Mullis
Patrick County High School Senior Sadie Martin signed her letter of intent to run Cross Country, Indoor Track, and Outdoor Track at Radford University in the fall.



In attendance for the signing were: Front (l-r) Father Randall Martin, Sadie Martin, Mother Lori Martin Back (l-r) PCHS Athletic Director Terry Harris, PCHS Track Coach Tony Mosley, Brother-in-Law Joel Johnston, PCHS Cross Country Coach Eli Roberson, PCHS Indoor Track Coach Kiran Penn, PCHS Track Coach Will Greene, PCHS Principal Hope Perry.



Pictured are Hope Dellinger, KayCee Glenn, Layla Wright, Paisley Holt, Hannah Miller, Emily Hawks. (Holly Lawrence is not pictured.)

Girl Scouts earn one of highest awards

Girl Scout Troop 1302 had its end of year Recognition Ceremony on May 12. At this meeting a Bronze Award was presented to 7 Junior Girl Scouts for their work with the backpack program at Patrick Springs Primary School (PSPS).

This project provided bags of food with snacks, vegetables, easy fixing foods, etc., that are given to 25 students each week for the months of March, April and May from Providence United Methodist Church (UMC). The rest of the school year, two other churches provide the bags for the students.

The girls worked February through April packing bags before their usual meetings. Several of the girls also presented to their church family's information on this project and the girls were given food donations to use in the bags from their churches. The girls worked at least 20 hours and some a few more completing this project for their award.

The Bronze Award is the first of three of the highest awards in Girl Scouts. These girls will now be going up to Cadette Girl Scouts next year and will start working on their Silver Award. Congratulations to these 7 girls for their hard work.

Primland

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P&HCC President Dr. Greg Hodges spoke about the Patrick Promise at a May 14 luncheon.

Hodges said he does a lot of work in the economic development space.

"There are two things now that we discuss regularly when attracting new business and industry. The first is location and the second one is workforce development, and sometimes those flip, frankly. It's the workforce development piece though, and it's competitiveness for talent that we're seeing across the world, frankly, that becomes the determining factor. So that's what the Patrick Promise is trying to solve," he said.

As of 2023, the one-time high school attainment rate in Virginia is 89 percent. For Patrick County, it's 92 percent. However, it's the

post-high school education attainment rate where the Patrick Promise seeks to make a change.

"In other words, some kind of certification—meaningful, we call it meaningful certification—which means it's a certification that leads to employment. We're talking about certifications, associate's degrees, career study certificates, or industry-recognized credentials that are tied directly to getting a job," Hodges said.

The national post-high school graduation attainment rate for 2023 is 54 percent, while in Virginia it's 59 percent. Patrick County's rate is 29 percent.

"If you look at the 133 munic-

ipalities, the counties and cities in Virginia, Patrick County as of 2023 ranks 105 among all 133 and is well behind all surrounding localities. I think perhaps most concerning is that the national and the state rates are growing faster than the Patrick County rates. So every year that means we're getting a little further behind, and that means we've got more work to do in order to keep folks here and get them connected to good-paying jobs," he said.

Based upon current enrollment and tuition rates, Hodges said PCEF estimates that funding year one of the Patrick Promise would be \$45,000. The cost for year two would be double that at \$90,000, and year three and each subsequent year thereafter would be \$135,000.

"We also made the decision that we did not want to launch this until we have the first three years in place. We were very resolute that a false start would be disastrous for the program, so we wanted to be able to launch to say we've got the first cohort funded and ready to go, which meant \$270,000," he said.

Following Primland's donation, \$180,395.64 is needed to launch the program.

PCEF Chairman Dr. Stewart

Roberson said funding for the Patrick Promise has been operating in a silent phase for some time.

"We've been making appeals to graduating classes, particularly those who have had their 50-year reunions. The class of '71 and '73 have made significant contributions... and we're going to continue that strategy as other classes celebrate those milestones," he said.

Roberson said the PCEF appreciates the Patrick County School Board's pledge for cell tower revenue, the Economic Development Authority's (EDA's) commitment of a check, and the Patrick County Board of Supervisors for continuing to give consideration to helping the community.

"It's a great community effort as we move forward," Roberson said. "Now we're going more public, and we're turning to business and community leaders because now is the time to do so. We know you understand the value—we all understand the value—of an educated workforce. Promoting the Patrick Promise is the right thing to do for our businesses."

Community members interested in donating to Patrick Promise are encouraged to visit <https://bit.ly/phccgivenow> (designate Patrick Promise when donating).

Crossing the Lines

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

Council approves tax rate hike amid public outcry, staff confrontations



Council member Rayshaun Gravely stands between Mayor LC Jones and council member Aaron Rawls after a tenuous discussion at the meeting Tuesday.

After two failed motions and a meeting filled with tension, accusations, and applause from the audience, Martinsville City Council narrowly approved a 4.5 percent real estate tax increase per \$100 of assessed value for fiscal year 2025–26 during its May 13 meeting.

The vote came after a contentious debate over the city’s spending priorities, administrative salaries, purchasing card expenses, and unresolved issues surrounding the city’s handling of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding.

Council member Julian Mei opened the discussion by proposing a smaller, 2 percent increase—\$0.7352 per \$100 of assessed value—which was seconded by Aaron Rawls. The motion failed 2–3, with Mei and Rawls in favor and Mayor L.C. Jones, Vice Mayor Kathy Lawson, and Councilman Rayshaun Gravely voting against it.

During the discussion, Rawls cited potential cost saving measures to what he said was a proposed \$638,000 increase in spending, which included \$225,000 for Human Resources, \$360,000 for Procurement, and \$140,000 for leasing space to move facilities. Another area that saw a significant increase is the travel category.

“Depending on how you define what our baseline is for travel, we could look at \$60,000 to

\$100,000 for travel. Then, we do have very, very significant increases in HR salaries of like \$225,000—I understand that’s positions moving, not people getting pots of money thrown at them,” and another “\$360,000 in budget procurement salaries,” he said.

Rawls said he likely would support the full real estate tax increase if it were used for public safety, police, fire, public works, water, wastewater, and electric workers.

“We definitely need that revenue so that we can implement phase one of the frontline workers, which is a minimum of a quarter million. Once we get our wage study, this is in addition to the three percent that’s already in the budget. So, we need another quarter million,” Lawson said.

Under the proposed budget, Rawls said the increased revenue would be spent on administrative functions.

“In the new salaries just of HR and procurement alone, I mean we’re looking at \$585,000, which — that’s pretty much the whole tax increase by itself, particularly when we discount the lease,” Rawls said.

With a lot of new information from finance staff, state agencies, and federal agencies, Rawls said the most comfortable thing would be a revenue neutral budget.

Phillips cites family, faith, and economic vision in re-election bid

Eric Phillips, 49, is seeking re-election to the Virginia House of Delegates representing District 48 as the Republican nominee. He will face Melody Cartwright, the Democratic nominee and an opponent he previously defeated in the 2023 special election. If re-elected, Phillips said he plans to continue prioritizing the interests of the Martinsville-Henry County area.

Phillips said he will maintain his focus on pro-life policies, economic development, and protecting Second Amendment rights.

“I’m glad to be running again for this seat, protecting those traditional rules that we mostly share in this area,” he said.

“As the senior delegate from Southside, I will continue to be a champion for our traditional values. Since 2024, I have worked tirelessly to deliver for our district’s families and be a voice for common-sense conservative solutions. I look forward to continuing to fight for lower taxes, safer schools, and better communities that make our region the best place to live, work, and raise a



Eric Phillips

family in our Commonwealth,” Phillips said.

He expressed pride in the area’s recent economic growth, citing the Commonwealth Crossing Business Centre project and the return of high-paying jobs.

“We’ve had a long fight back,” Phillips said. “The reason I’m running again is for economic development and jobs, for creating more housing, and traditional conservative values like being pro-life and pro-Second Amendment. Looking at the rights of victims more than looking out for the rights of criminals.”

Fallen law enforcement officers honored at memorial



Henry County Sheriff Wayne Davis was among the speakers at a Peace Officers' Memorial Service on Wednesday.

A regional Peace Officers’ Memorial Service was held on Wednesday, May 14, at the Patrick & Henry Community College (P&HCC) MET Complex, to honor and pay respects to those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

The memorial was held during National Police Week, which is held to recognize the men and women in law enforcement who protect and serve, the families who stand behind them, and their sacrifices.

Speakers included Gary C. Dove, Chief of Police/Emergency Planning Coordinator at P&H-

CC, Chaplain Dr. C. Lee Hagwood Sr., Martinsville Mayor LC Jones, Henry County Board of Supervisors Chairman Jim Adams, Martinsville Police Chief Rob Fincher, Martinsville Sheriff Steve Draper, Henry County Sheriff Wayne Davis and members of the Virginia State Police.

The service and commitment of officers from the Henry County Sheriff’s Office, Bassett Police Department, Fieldale Police Department, Martinsville Police Department, and Area 42 of the Virginia State Police were among those honored.

Bassett Train Station blossoms for Garden Week celebration



The Bassett Train Station Event Center was lined with plants during the Garden Week event.

The Garden Club of Virginia’s Martinsville-Henry County chapters took over the Bassett Train Station Event Center on April 30 to make it their tour headquarters as part of Historic Garden Week in Henry County and Martinsville. Schools, organizations, and vendors were invited to showcase their wares while keeping to the floral theme. Factory Roast, a coffee truck, and the Bustique were also invited to set up outside the train station to offer unique shopping options to visitors.

“The beginning of Historic

Garden Week dates to 1927, when a flower show organized by the Garden Club of Virginia raised an impressive \$7,000 to save trees planted by Thomas Jefferson on the lawn at Monticello.

The Garden Club of Virginia operates as a non-profit organization comprised of 48 member clubs and 3,400 volunteers. Proceeds from Historic Garden Week fund the restoration and preservation of Virginia’s historic public gardens and provide graduate-level research fellowships,” says the Garden Club of Virginia’s website.



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Clyde Everett Williams

Bruce is loved and survived by his three sons, Travis, Taylor (Sandi), and Patrick and their mother Piper (Allen), sisters: Pat, Dee (Bret), Monya (David), and many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles, and a very spe-

Outside of work, Kathy was known for her warm smile, quick wit, and the quiet strength she carried through

Mrs. Patricia Ann Maynard Brunner, 79 of Claudville, VA, passed away on Tuesday morning May 13, 2025, at Northern Regional Hospital in Mount Airy. She was born in Mount Clemmons, Michigan on August 3, 1945, to the late Christine Kniffel. Mrs. Brunner was a retired cake decorator for many years. She was a very loving and friendly person who never met a stranger. She loved



He is predeceased by his brother, Larry Burton, and sister-in-law, Pam.

Along with his artistic gift of drawing, he was very athletic and played most sports. After high school, Bruce joined the Navy. When his service was complete, he followed in his father's footsteps and

life's challenges. She found joy in the little things: morning coffee, the laughter of her grandchildren, and a home filled with family and love. She leaves behind a legacy of kindness, humility, and unwavering devotion to those she loved. She will be missed more than words can express, but her spirit lives on in the memories she created and the lives she touched.

Left to cherish Kathy's memory are her husband of 60 years, Harvey Jackson Cassidy of the home; her three daughters, Laurie Anne Cassidy of Stuart, Rebecca Gail Palmer of Patrick Springs,

A celebration of life will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to a charity of choice.

A heartfelt thank you to Moody Funeral Services Inc., 202 W. Blue Ridge St., Stuart, VA 24171, and online condolences may be sent by visiting www.moodyfuneralservices.com.

A graveside service will be held for Mrs. Cassady on Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at Patrick Memorial Gardens with Eli Robertson officiating. Moody Funeral Home in Stuart is in charge of the arrangements, and on-line condolences may be sent by visiting www.moodyfuneralservices.com.

daughters, Tia Berry and Tara Brown; and many other family and friends. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Brunner was preceded in death by two brothers, Daniel Brown and James Brown. Following Patricia's wishes, there will be no formal services at this time. Moody Funeral Services in Mount Airy is serving the family. Online condolences may be made at www.moodyfuneralservices.com.

Clyde Everett Williams, a beloved man who touched the lives of many, passed away peacefully at his home on May 12, 2025, at the age of 86, leaving behind a legacy rich in love, dedication, and musical talent. Born on June 2, 1938, in Patrick County, Virginia, Clyde was the proud son of Dudley Williams and Bertha Murphy Williams, who raised him with strong values and a sense of community. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Jack and Earl Williams; and three sisters, Helen Roberson, Iris Payne, and Lillian Carter. He faithfully served in the United States Army for two years. Clyde's career was marked by a dedicated 25 years of service as a heavy equipment operator with the Virginia Department of Transportation. His commitment to his work and his community was unwavering. In addition to his professional contributions, Clyde spent many years as a cattle farmer, nurturing the land and livestock with the same passion and care he applied to every aspect

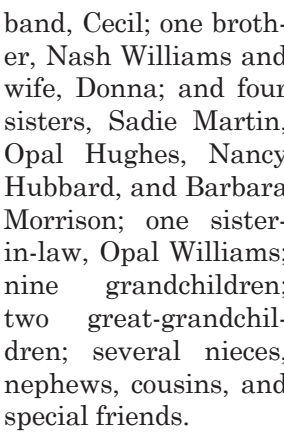
Barnie K. Day, 72, died Monday, May 12, 2025, of complications of Parkinson's Disease and dementia, after hospitalization at Duke Regional Hospital. He was a native of Roxboro, N.C. and a graduate of both the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Duke University in Durham. He used to say that he carried UNC in his heart.

Barnie is survived by his wife of 48 years, Debbie Edge Day, his sister Nancy Day Jordan of Roxboro NC, nephew Grant Jordan and his wife Bryson and their daughter Scarlett of Raleigh NC.

He is predeceased by his father Bernie Gray Day, his mother Nancy Jane Clayton Day, two brothers, Casey Day and Kenneth Day, his niece Ashley Marie and his nephew Ian Jordan.

Barrie was a student of vivid writing and a collector of stories, but he worked in a long and varied list of positions on his way to becoming a novelist. He was a newspaperman, radio news editor, editor of a string of small newspapers in Missouri, farmer, merchant, manufacturing executive, banker, rancher, medical administrator, local government executive, politician. Patrick County supervisor, member of the Virginia General Assembly's House of Delegates and an electrifying writer with an eye and ear for a barn-burner of a book.

He also loved the rural mountain life, particularly the outdoors, the hunting, horseback riding, fishing and gardening, and at the end of the day he enjoyed



of his life. His life was not only defined by his work but also enriched by his immense love for music. By the age of 25, Clyde taught himself to play the fiddle, sharing his extraordinary talent at the Floyd Country Store during the Friday Night Jamboree for many years. His mastery of old-time music earned him respect and admiration within the music community, where his performances created memories that will be cherished forever.

Mr. Williams is survived by his devoted companion of almost twenty years, Theresa Brown; Theresa's children, Christa Hennis, Terri Burcham, Daniel Hennis and his wife Melodie, and Joshua Robertson and his wife Jennifer; daughter, Rebecca Nelson and hus-

a wee sip of the adult
beverage offerings.

A journalist called him “Virginia’s Mark Twain.” Another observer named him “The Country Doctor of Political Satire.” And a book reviewer of his novel “The Last Pahravant”, published by Amazon Books, called him “The Pat Conroy of the Blue Ridge.”

But his friends and neighbors knew Barnie and Debbie as pillars of the rural Belcher Mountain Community near Meadows of Dan, VA. They knew what needed to be done, who was sick and needed regular rides down to Stuart for dialysis, who needed deer meat from a recent hunt to get their family through a long winter, who needed a big box of canned goods or some folding money so the grandparents could feed the grandchildren while the parents were serving time in the sheriff's care on a drug bust.

It was Bernie who organized a fundraiser for the local fire and rescue departments. It was Bernie who came up with the idea to mobilize every tractor owner in the community to spend a day tilling spring gardens for the aging members of the mountain top. It was Bernie who led the creation of an annual oyster roast to

raise money for the food banks of the Appalachian hillsides. He wanted no credit and sought none. It was enough, he once said, that we brought people together to help their neighbors.

Barnie considered himself a conservative Democrat who was wary of both the major parties. He was more interested in getting things done, and when he was in Richmond and debating in the House of Delegates, word would get around the Assembly. The House gallery would fill up with folks who wanted to hear what he had to say. It was often direct, funny, and on the spot. He was marked by some leaders as a future lieutenant governor of the Old Dominion, and it might have happened but for his diagnosis of Parkinson's in his 40s. In future years it would take a toll on his body, but true to form. Barnie and Debbie took it on and fought it for decades. Only recently did Barnie need hospitalization.

There will be a visitation on Saturday, May 24, at Brooks and White Funeral Home in Roxboro at 2 pm and a memorial service at 3 pm. Bernie's nephew Grant will deliver the eulogy. Friends who have a story to tell about Bernie will be welcome to speak after the eulogy. For those who wish to make a contribution in Bernie's memory, the family asks that donors send a check to local, state or national offices of the Parkinson's Foundation.

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The Greatness of Partial Knowledge

By Van Yandell

Proverbs 18: 15 “The heart of the prudent gets knowledge and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.”

Proverbs 2: 6 “For the Lord gives wisdom, out of His mouth comes knowledge and understanding.”

We’ve often heard the stories of when we were young; we thought we had all the answers. Knowing everything we needed to know, as time passed, we realized how great a wealth of knowledge exists in the world.

One purpose of education may be for us to learn how much knowledge there is. As time passes, in many of us, a great curiosity develops to gain as much of that knowledge as we can.

Daniel 12: 4 “But thou O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro and knowledge shall increase.”

God spoke to us through the prophet Daniel over 2500 years ago and told us knowledge would increase. We are now told knowledge/information is increasing exponentially. Daniel’s prophesy is being fulfilled.

What does this say to us individually and collectively? Basically, the older we get, the more we realize how much more there is to learn.

One of my favorite cousins told me the year I started college, “The first two years you learn how dumb you are.” Over the years I’ve realized just how truthful that statement was and still is even today. The more we learn, the more many of us want to know.

A stagnant mind is one that knows nothing and has no desire to learn anything. Perhaps you’ve met people and had the thought, “If everyone was like him, we’d still be living in caves.” At times I’m not sure if that person is to be pitied or envied.

In Bible study, perhaps you and I have something in common. We find that in studying the Holy Bible there is a depth in which we cannot reach. Every reading (with prayer and meditation) reveals something new.

In a recent article I addressed the study of “The Battle of Jericho.” In that study we find that God does things in a logical sequence in order to achieve His desired outcome. Many of the actions and situations have a purpose and many of those purposes throughout the Old Testament were preparing for the coming of Savior Jesus.

In The Book of Joshua, the Israelites re-entered The Promised Land (Israel). God led them out of bondage in Egypt because they had to be in Israel, specifically Jerusalem and Bethlehem, for the Savior to be born, to live, to be crucified and resurrected.

This series of actions led to the redemption of the world. John 3: 16 “Whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.”

In our Bible study we find advances and progressions that verify the Biblical accounts as actually having happened. Combining the Biblical information, archeological findings and carbon dating, verification can be authenticated.

I have come to believe such Bible stories as Jericho, Adam and Eve/creation, the parting of the waters,

the flood and many other happenings documented in the Bible, without doubt, really did occur.

The greatness of partial knowledge is that it motivates us to seek even more. In some, the desire for knowledge is insatiable. This is especially true in Bible study. We soon learn the depth of God’s inspired word has much more than a superficial reading would provide.

As an industrial arts teacher, I was devastated when most school systems eliminated the subject. My last four years I taught in a technology lab and must admit it was interesting and even somewhat fun to learn about the new concepts and applications.

Realizing at the same time we were about to embark of the conditioning of an entire generation (now in the second generation) of young people that were mechanically and functionally illiterate. I’ll be the first to admit that everyone does not need to know how to build a house, rebuild an engine or change a carburetor on a chain saw, but a few skills are necessary.

Most everyone lives in a home where a few skills are essential that would be learned in an industrial arts class. Wiring a switch or lamp, changing the float valve in a water closet or repairing a piece of damaged furniture could prove beneficial.

Vocational agriculture, home economics and business principles could benefit many. Many college graduates would not know how to plant a garden or care for animals. Of course, those skills are not needed with a Publix or Winn Dixie down the street but who is to say they will always be there.

Yes, I can plant a garden, operate a sewing machine and cook a chicken pot pie. The lyrics of the Hank Williams Jr. song “A Country Boy Can Survive” should be an admonition.

To be economically illiterate can lead to a life of financial misery. Being misinformed and uninformed about our nation’s history can lead to misplaced values concerning our great country.

Partial knowledge can be motivational or dangerous and perhaps there is a thin line between the two. To have partial knowledge of The Word of God (the scripture) should motivate us to seek more. For others, however, superficially, the scripture may seem as a fairy tale or too good to be true.

The simplicity of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is essential for eternal salvation. The depth of the scriptures that only God understands is inspiration for all of us to “dig deeper.”

It is the choice of the individual to determine his/her own desires for knowledge. I’ve told many young people the greatest, most beneficial characteristics you can have are those of perseverance and determination. They are no more important than in the seeking of knowledge.

Set your priorities and values. Those are your choices! Choose wisely.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

BY WILSON CASEY

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

2. Which king was stricken with leprosy because he disobeyed God’s command and burned incense on a holy altar? Uzziah, Solomon, Joab, Petra

3. From 1 Kings 19, what prophet experienced an earthquake while standing on a mountaintop? Paul, Ahab, Andrew, Elijah

4. Who was the first woman

to be ashamed of her lack of clothing? Eve, Anna, Pilate’s wife, Miriam

5. In Acts 9, what dressmaker was restored to life by Peter’s prayers? Naomi, Priscilla, Lydia, Dorcas

6. Where did Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead? Sinai, Bethany, Tarsus, Smyrna

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Uzzaiah, 3) Elijah, 4) Eve, 5) Dorcas, 6) Bethany

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27 Upset infant's sound
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5 Not well lit
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11 Like crumbly piecrusts
12 Rowing blade
13 Reggae's — Kamoze
14 Best Musical before "Phantom"
15 Silvery fish
16 Dharma follower
17 Private
18 Recycle
19 Fixes up text
24 Son of Odin
30 Holy relic
32 Lake of TV talk
33 Hit hard, biblical-style
35 Novelist Uris
36 "— get it!" ("Oh, makes sense!")
37 Sacred song
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89 Ration
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93 Bygone bird

95 Verb before "thou," perhaps
99 Words after man or sergeant
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102 House speaker after Ryan
103 Metallic sound
104 Novarro of silent films
105 H.S. science class for college credit
106 Roster of least-sought-after celebs
107 "Eleni" director Peter
108 "— your disposal!"
109 Group trying to sack a QB
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Meetings

Wednesday, May 21

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

Events

Thursday, May 22 - Saturday, May 24

The Patrick County Alzheimer's Group, LLC, will hold a yard sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Alzheimer's office on Wood Brothers Drive. All proceeds will go to purchase supplies for local Alzheimer's patients.

Saturday, May 24

The Meadows of Dan Alumni meeting and covered dish dinner will be held at the Meadows of Dan Elementary School cafeteria. Doors open at 5 p.m. and the meal will be served at 6 p.m. with the meeting to follow. For more information contact Betty Banks at (276) 952-2674.

The Christian Bowhunters of the Blue Ridge will host a 3D archery target shoot for both Youth, starting at 6 yrs old, and Adult, at Sycamore Baptist Church, 179 Sycamore Church Road, Stuart, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Bows and arrows are provided or you can bring your own recurve or compound bow.

New Hope Community Church will hold an evening of music and fellowship featuring Mike Hall starting at 7 p.m. Refreshments will follow the singing.

Live Bluegrass Music, 7-9 p.m., Shelter 3 at Fairy Stone State Park.

Friday, May 30

Jeb Stuart Volunteer Rescue Squad will hold a spaghetti dinner to benefit Anita Harrell from 5-8 p.m. The menu includes spaghetti, salad, Texas toast, dessert, and a drink, for \$10 per plate.

Saturday, June 7

Jeb Start Volunteer Rescue Squad will hold its

monthly community breakfast from 7:30-10 a.m. Plates are \$10 each and dine in, carryout, and curb services are available. Call (276) 694-6171 to place orders.

Wednesday, June 11

The Patrick County Food Bank will pass out food boxes from 8:30-11 a.m. at 108 Commerce Street, Stuart and again from 5-6:30 p.m. Boxes will also be passed out from 8-10 a.m. at Fellowship Church in Ararat and from 5:30 p.m. until out of boxes at the Community Building in Meadows of Dan.

Thursday, June 12

The Patrick County Senior Citizens Group will meet at 11 a.m. in the Hooker Building at Rotary Field in Stuart. Entertainment will be provided by Junior Cassady and friends. Hot dogs, buns, Cole slaw, condiments, and beverages will be provided. Attendees are requested to bring side dishes and/or desserts to share.

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 for children. Call and leave a voicemail at (276) 930-2121 if you need a ride on the church van.

Ongoing

The Monday Market at Fairy Stone State Park will be held every Monday, rain or shine, through Labor Day from 5-7 p.m. at Shelters #3 & #4. This is a cash only market and parking is free.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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Patrick County Senior Citizens group is sponsoring two upcoming trips — three-days, two-nights to Lancaster, Pa., June 18–20, and a one-day trip on August 2 is planned to NarroWay Dinner Theatre, Fort Mill, South Carolina. For more information, call (276) 694-3917.

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.

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Sparrell Dillard Williams	John William Gardner	Jackie Harman Rorrer	Lewis W. Hennessy	Clayton Cummings
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Washington Williams	James Doc Gilliam	Johnie C. Rorrer	Franklin Delano Hill	Frank Dezort
Claude Eugene Wilson	Johnnie Jerome Goode	William Allen Rorrer	Paul Hill	Virginia Elmer Epperson
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Esmond Lee Wood	Harvey Parker Harris	Alvis Ralph Shelton	John M. James	Early Bedford Joyce
G. Eugene Wood	Frank G. Harvie	Linwood Simmons	Paul Bradley Jones	Lowell H. Lawson
Garland Clayton Wood	Barnie B. Hawks	Richard Simmons	Everett Cooper Joyce	William Roy Napier
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Hansford Wood	Cecil Ray Hazelwood	James Russell Smith	David B. Knowles	Andrew Jackson Rogers
James Leo Wood	Homer R. Hazelwood	Robert C. Smith	Steven E. Lavender	Zeb Stuart Scales
Maynard Penn Wood	Joe Hazelwood	Virgil Smith	Franklin Delano Lewis	Michael J. Service
Ray Wilson Wood	James H. Hazelwood	Curtis Calvin Spence	James Michael Lyon	Hassell Lee Simmons
Roy Wood	Coy R. Helms	L. Cecil Spencer	Franklin D. R. Martin	James Edward Spence
Rufus Eden Wood	William Clyde Hensley	Vernon Stanley	James Reed Martin	William C. Staples, Jr.
Rufus Alvin Woodall	Hoyett Dolphus Hiatt	Bobby Ray Steagall	Leland Morris Martin	J. W. Starkey
Charley Henry Worley	David E. Hill, Jr.	Thomas Storey	Ronnie Martin	<i>The name of the conflict was not provided for those listed below. If you can provide updated information, please call (276) 694-3101.</i>
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Warren Hardin Wright	George Gilmer Hodges	Richard Critz Tatum	David Leonard Mitchell	Wallace Nash Cox
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Bernard M. Yeatts	Gordon Hooker	Bueford E. Tilley	Margaret F. Niten	Charles Joseph Hazelwood
Alver Pershing Young	Clarence Hopkins	Louis Tolbert	Wayne Nunn	Charles T. Martin
Cecil Jacksonn Young	Harry P. Howell, Jr.	Larney Edward “L.E.” Turner	Betty Jo Pruitt	James Tyler Morrison
James Wesley Young	Roy Emmett Howell	Billy Gray Underwood	Ronnie Lee Puckett	Oscar A. Pendleton
Marvin “Tom” Young	Ted J. Hughes	Cephas Henry Via	Phillip Rakes	Dennis Puckett
Moyer Young	James Rufus Hutchens	James Curtis Via	Weldon J. Roberson	Cody Reynolds
William L. Young	John Winfred Hutchens	Coy D. Vipperman	Marvin C. Rorrer	Michael Wayne Shelor
Korean	George C. Hylton	David Lynn Walker	Richard Lee Rucker	Wayne Simmons
Curtis Adams	Oliver Hylton	Glidewell Frank West	David C. Scales	Rowan F. Stanley
Ralph D. Adams	Robert Paul Hylton	James Kirk West	James Wesley Scales	Claude Taliefferro
Ora Dewey Baker	Curtis Clayton Kendrick, Sr.	Vernon R. White	Franklin Leroy Sehen	Dick Talley
Douglas Taylor Barbour, Sr.	James King	Jack J. Wilkinson	S. Leon Sheppard	Bobby Lee Tatum
Tommy Lee Barnard	Hassell Gene Knowles	Garland Willard	Donald Shively	Raymond Adkins Vipperman
Charles Clifton Baughan	Bernard R. Koger	Harvey D. Williams	Gerald Shively	Samuel Lawrence Walker
Harry Robert Beasley	Leon B. Lawless	John Jackson Williams	Jesse Ben “JB” Shough	Herman Westley Wall
Roy Beasley	James Odell Lawson	Lane C. Williams	Earl Sink	Lonnie Webb
John Robert Belcher	William Howard Lawson	Duke Willard Wood	Raymond Smith	Richard Franklin Wigington
Paul L. Belcher	Arzie Leon Lewis	James Benton Wood	Samuel J. Soyars, Sr.	
Robert Bouldin, Jr.	Cleo C. Light	Leonard Wood	Larry K. Spangler	
P. H. Bowman, Jr.	Wallis L. Lott, Sr.	James Oscar Wright	Edward Euell Spence	
Ted D. Bowman	Virgil E. Lowell, Sr.	Vietnam	Bobby Lee Spencer, Sr.	
Caleb A. Boyd				



Potato chip products included in health alert

A public health alert was issued for potato chip products containing chicharrón (pork cracklings) that were imported from the Republic of Colombia.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), Colombia is ineligible to export meat products to the United States. FSIS is issuing this public health alert to ensure that consumers are aware that these products should not be consumed. A recall was not requested because the products are no longer available for purchase.

The mixed bags of potato chips containing chicharrón were imported between August 2024 and March 2025. The following products are subject to the public health alert, regardless of the product date [view labels]:

- 270-g. plastic bag containing six 45-g. foil bags of “De Todito NATURAL” mixed chips with “CHICHARRÓN AMERICANO JACKS,” “Margarita,” and “NATU CHIPS.”
- 165-g. foil bags containing “De Todito NATURAL” mixed chips with “CHICHARRÓN AMERICANO JACKS,” “Margarita,” and “NATU CHIPS.”
- 270-g. plastic bag containing six 45-g. foil bags of “De Todito BBQ” mixed chips with “CHICHARRÓN AMERICANO JACKS,” “Margarita,” and “NatuChips.”
- 165-g. foil bags containing “De Todito BBQ” mixed chips with “CHICH-

- ARRÓN AMERICANO JACKS,” “Margarita,” and “NatuChips.”
- 165-g. foil bags containing “De Todito LIMÓN” mixed chips with “CHICHARRÓN AMERICANO JACKS,” “Margarita,” “TOSTITOS,” and “NATU CHIPS.”
- 270-g. plastic bag containing six 45-g. foil bags of “De Todito LIMÓN” mixed chips with “CHICHARRÓN AMERICANO JACKS,” “Margarita,” “TOSTITOS,” and “NATU CHIPS.”
- 140-g. foil bags containing “GOLPE CON TODO SABOR LIMÓN” mixed chips with “RIZADAS,” “PLÁTANOS,” and “Chicharrón Fred.”

The products in the health alert do not bear any import marks on the labels. These items were shipped to distributors in Florida and New York and to retail locations nationwide.

There have been no confirmed reports of adverse reactions due to consumption of these products. Anyone concerned about an illness should contact a healthcare provider.

Consumers with food safety questions can call the toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 888-MPHotline (888-674-6854) or send a question via email to MPHonline@usda.gov. For consumers that need to report a problem with a meat, poultry, or egg product, the online Electronic Consumer Complaint Monitoring System can be accessed 24 hours a day at <https://foodcomplaint.fsis.usda.gov/eCCF/>.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Town of Stuart Backwash and Sewer Outfall

The Town of Stuart (Owner) is requesting Bids for improvements to the existing Water Treatment Plant (WTP) backwash recycle system which includes: demolition of the existing equalization basins, installation of a new equalization backwash tank, 5100 LF of 4-inch sanitary sewer including two directional bores under the South Mayo River and Poorhouse Creek, and demolition of the existing outfall.

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received by:
Bryce Simmons, Town Manager
100 Patrick Avenue
Stuart, VA 24171
276-694-3811; Bryce.simmons@stuartva.org

Public Bid Opening: Thursday, June 26th, 2025, at 2:00 PM EST, Town of Stuart Town Office, 100 Patrick Ave, Stuart, VA 24171

Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference: Tuesday, June 3rd, 2025, at 2:00 PM EST, Town of Stuart Town Office, 100 Patrick Ave, Stuart, VA 24171

Contract Documents: Documents will be made available the week of May 19th by the Issuing Office. Documents will be viewable at the Town of Stuart Town Office or digitally via the Town of Stuart website.

Issuing Office: Dewberry Engineers, 551 Piney Forest Road, Danville, VA 24540

Contact: David Ross, PE; dross@dewberry.com; 984-232-6788

Prospective Bidders must notify the issuing office of intent to bid to be placed on the plan holders list. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the designated website and sent directly to the plan holders.

Information and Bidding Documents for the Project will be available the week of May 19th and can be obtained by contacting the Engineer – David Ross, PE. Documents will be sent in PDF format, and prospective bidders will be placed on the plan holders list. All further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award are provided in the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office following the Pre-Bid Conference on June 3rd.

Economic Development Is the Answer to Virginia’s Future

By James Houchins

What if the answer to better education, safer housing, stronger job opportunities, and access to health care was right in front of us.

It is—and it’s called economic development.

Across Virginia, economic developers are collaborating with business leaders, local governments, and community partners to attract investment, create opportunities, and foster sustainability in the places we call home. These are not abstract ideas or far-off initiatives. They are real results, happening in real communities every day.

From July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2024, Virginia celebrated over 1,000 company announcements, nearly 90,000 new jobs, and more than \$143 billion in capital investment. For every dollar invested in economic development, the state’s return in tax revenue is estimated at \$8.

That’s not just growth—it’s smart policy. In fact, about 73 percent of those announcements came from existing businesses choosing to grow right here in Virginia. That’s a powerful endorsement of our busi-



Ron Haley, chairman of the EDA



Rick Worley



James Houchins



Rodney Overby



Rodney Boyd

ness climate, workforce, and economic development infrastructure. These expansions don’t just create jobs — they strengthen our tax base, fund schools and services, and help maintain the quality of life Virginians expect and deserve.

Every new job created sparks additional opportunities across sectors. On average, each direct job results in 1.3 additional jobs in other industries. When we talk about economic development, we’re not just talking about buildings or businesses — we’re talking about creating competitive communities and long-term prosperity.

As we celebrate Economic Development Week this year, we’re proud to highlight the profound impact of economic development on every aspect of our daily lives.

When it comes to



Clayton Kendrick, liaison, Patrick County Board of Supervisors

building stronger communities, supporting business expansion, and investing in innovation, the answer is clear: Economic development is the answer, and the local Economic

Development Authority Team, pictured, is working to improve Patrick County’s quality of life.

The Virginia Economic Developers Association (VEDA) was established in 1982 after a small group of individuals from across the Commonwealth came together with a shared interest in facilitating



Danny Foley, treasurer

economic development in Virginia. VEDA was created with the express purpose to “increase the effectiveness of individuals in the practice of economic development in Virginia.”

The Virginia Economic Developers Association has grown from fewer than 100 members in 1982 to more than 525 members in 2017, marking its 35th anniversary. VEDA’s events schedule has grown from one annual banquet to two annual conferences, two membership meetings, and two professional



Doss Cummings

development workshops. VEDA’s role in public policy has increased with each passing year. For the first time in 2017, VEDA’s Board of Directors was responsible for helping to secure patrons, draft legislation, and work to get it passed in the Virginia General Assembly. A Legislative Reception and Day at the General Assembly were added in 2008.

Currently, with more than 550 members, VEDA represents all corners of the Commonwealth, providing a platform for members to meet, organize, and



Debra Shelor, vice chairman

implement programs that help create new jobs,

encourage investment opportunities, and foster a pro-business climate in Virginia. VEDA is the voice in

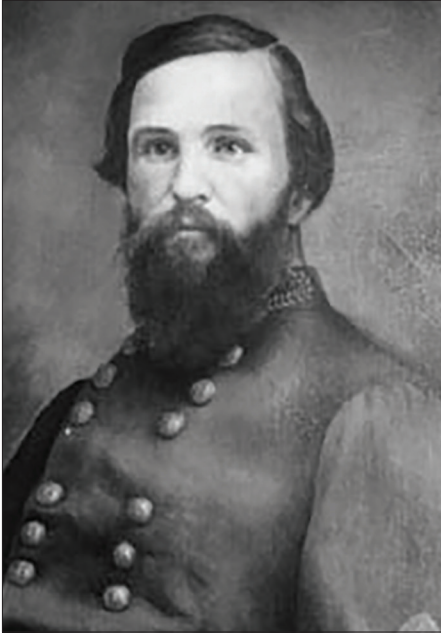
Virginia for shaping economic development public policy, and a primary source of strong and effective education and networking for economic development professionals.

(Houchins is the county’s director of Economic Development and Tourism)

J. E. B. Stuart At The Battle of Yellow Tavern



J. E. B. Stuart



Lunsford Lomax

By Tom Perry

On May 8, 1864, James Ewell Brown “Jeb” Stuart fought his last battle with Robert E. Lee’s Army of Northern Virginia at Laurel Hill in Spotsylvania County. Infantrymen wrote of seeing Stuart in the road directing traffic. “All remember the person of that cavalry officer, Stuart, as he sat his charger on that morning at the edge of the open field and encouraged us. General Stuart stood and witnessed the encounter from his position on the hill, and after the battle was over, he came up and congratulated our colonel on the conduct of his men. This was our last view of him.” “Sitting on his horse amidst a storm of bullets, laughing and joking with the men and commending them highly for their courage and for the rapidity and accuracy of their fire. He was as cool as a piece of ice, though all the time laughing.”

The next day, one resident reported that “the roads are full of Yankees.” Phil Sheridan, commanding the cavalry of the U. S. Army of the Potomac, took his men south from Fredericksburg towards Richmond. The column was 13 miles long, with 12,000 men, and took 4 hours to pass. James H. Kidd called it “the most superb force of mounted men that had been assembled under one leader on this continent.”

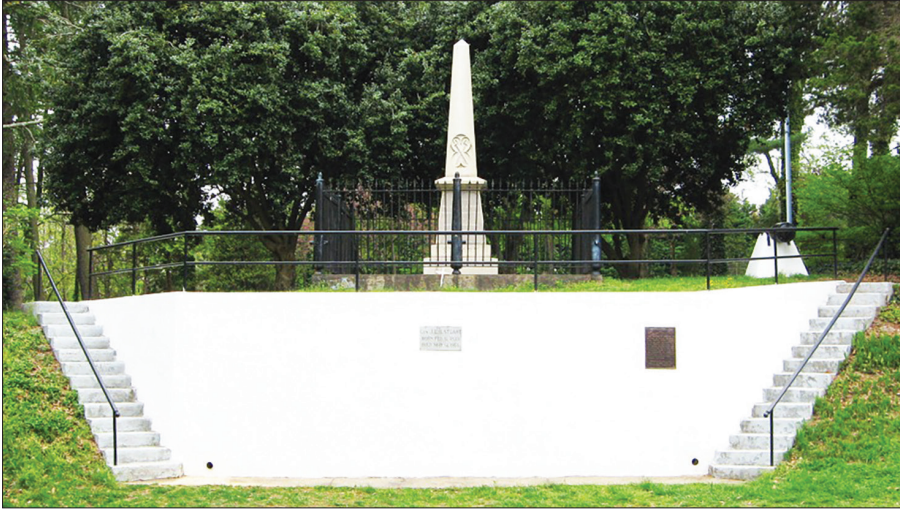
On May 9, 1864, Stuart was at Spotsylvania Courthouse. Edward Porter Alexander saw Stuart sitting under an apple tree near Spotsylvania Court House, “He was in his usual high spirits and cheerful mood, and of course we laughed...In

him, we lost a soldier whose qualities were as rare and high as his personal character was admirable and attractive. Of all our officers who did not rise to command independent armies, I have always believed that Stuart and Hampton were the fittest.”

Stuart was outnumbered 2 to 1 took three brigades, leaving cavalry with Lee to watch and fight Grant. Stuart took the brigades of James B. Gordon, Fitzhugh Lee, Williams Carter Wickham, and Lunsford Lindsay Lomax. Born in 1835, Lomax was a graduate of West Point in 1856. Stuart saved him in 1857 from a Cheyenne Indian. After the war, he went on to be President of Virginia Tech. He worked on the Official Records and became a Commissioner of Gettysburg National Military Park.

On May 10, Stuart faced a grim situation. Personal concerns were involved as his wife, Flora, and children were staying nearby at the home of Colonel Edmund Fontaine, President of the Virginia Central Railroad. Major Reid Venable rode with Stuart to the house. Stuart did not dismount but spent several private moments with Flora. She and the two surviving children were safe. Stuart kissed her and rode off. They would not see each other again.

Stuart was quiet after the meeting, expressing to Venable that he never expected to outlive the war and did not want to if the South were defeated. H. B. McClellan noted Stuart was not excited. “He was more quiet than usual, softer and



Yellow Tavern site today.



Hunter’s Chapel Church where James Clements is buried in Ararat, Virginia.

more communicative.” “It seems now that the shadow of the near future was already upon him.” One of the buglers in his command said, “General, I believe you are happy in a fight.” Jeb replied, “I don’t love bullets any better than you do. It is my duty to go where they are sometimes, but I don’t expect to survive this war.”

One Confederate said that May 11, 1864, was “the darkest day I have seen since I have been in the service.” Venable spoke up to Stuart saying that he was exposing himself on horseback while men behind fences and stumps were being killed. “I don’t reckon there is any danger!” The Battle of Yellow Tavern began.

Theodore Garnett said Stuart

was everywhere, “directing their fire and making his dispositions for the coming battle.” One man with Stuart that day was James T. W. Clements of the 6th Virginia Cavalry, who had seen Turner Ashby in 1862 say, “Now is our time boys. Follow me, we’ll drive them back or die.” and then saw Ashby killed on the road to the Port Republic. Now he wound stand and be captured with the 6th Virginia and be within sight of J.E.B. Stuart when he was mortally wounded. Clements rests today in Hunter’s Chapel Church in Ararat, Virginia.

Lomax attacked “like an arrow from a crossbow.” Stuart cheered them, waving his sword. “Charge Virginians and save those Mary- (See J.E.B.p. 16)

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landers. Bully for old K, Give it to them, boys.” Stuart fired his revolver “as coolly as I could fire at a squirrel.” Stuart and Dorsey were firing into the flank of the enemy. “General Stuart, as usual, was in the hottest of the fight, cheering the men--and emptied his revolver into the enemy at close range.”

James Ewell Brown Stuart was alone. The man with the most staff officers in the history of the Army of Northern Virginia was with men from a company of the First Virginia Cavalry, the first regiment he commanded for the South at a battle named for a yellow tavern, yellow for the cavalry. One Confederate wrote of the Yankees. “As they retired, one man who had been dismounted in the

charge and was running out on foot turned as he passed the general, and discharging his pistol inflicted the mortal wound.”

Stuart held onto the pummel of his saddle as his plumed hat fell to the ground. James D. Oliver of 1st Virginia wrote, “The bullet struck Stuart in the side. I saw him press his hand to his side and said to him: ‘General, are you hit?’ ‘Yes,’ he replied, ‘Are you wounded badly?’ ‘I am afraid I am, but don’t worry boys Fitz will do as well for you as I have done.’” “General Stuart was suffering such pain that he insisted upon getting off the horse and lying on the ground. We kept him on the horse until we got him to the ambulance.”

Stuart sees men retreating and yells, “Go

back, go back, and do your duty, as I have done mine, and our country will be safe. Go back, Go back! I had rather die than be whipped.” Stuart was taken to the home of his brother-in-law, Dr. Charles Brewer, on Grace Street in Richmond, where he died the next day, May 12, 1864.

W. W. Blackford wrote in his book War Years With JEB Stuart that a white cross was erected at the site. “I had a large cross sixteen feet high made of cedar with the inscription cut on it in neat large letters,’ Here fell Gen J. E. B. Stuart, May 11, 1864.” The present day marker at Yellow Tavern was placed in 1888 by the men who served under Stuart.

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