



Patrick County Education Foundation Chairman Dr. Stewart Robertson said the Patrick Promise ensures students can take the next step in their futures without financial barriers.

Patrick Promise opens college doors for county students

By Taylor Boyd

Patrick County students will soon be able to attend Patrick & Henry Community College (P&HCC) for up to two and a half years at no cost to their families through the new Patrick Promise program launched by the Patrick County Education Foundation (PCEF).

The first group of Patrick Promise students will be those graduating in the spring of 2026.

P&HCC President Dr. Greg Hodges said the Patrick Promise is a “last dollar” funding program.

“That means all other aid — federal, state and scholarships — will apply first, and the Patrick Promise will fill in the balance,” he said.

Like other P&HCC Promise programs, it covers tuition, textbooks and fees for up to two and a half years for graduates of public, private, home school, or GED programs.

“Recent graduates who choose to attend P&HCC the semester after they graduate will be able to earn their credential at what we say is no cost to the family,” Hodges said. “We avoid calling it ‘free’ because somebody is paying for it — and in this case, it’s coming from the generosity of many donors you see in the building today and others who have been so gracious with their resources.”

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NICW to unleash Halloween mayhem in Stuart Oct. 18

By Taylor Boyd

National Independent Championship Wrestling (NICW) will host its third annual Halloween Mayhem event on Saturday, Oct. 18, at the Stuart Rotary Memorial Building. Doors open at 6 p.m., and the first match begins at 7 p.m.

Scott Rutter, of Rutter’s Martial Arts, said six matches are scheduled, including four championship bouts.

NICW World Heavyweight Champion “The Lariat” Eric Steel will defend his title against “The Hangman” Larry Cooter.

“It’s actually the first time we’ve had our champion in Stuart in a while because he’s been defending the title in places like West Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee,” Rutter said.

Rutter noted that local fans are familiar with Cooter, who’s “pretty popular in the area.”

Another highlight will be the NICW Mid-Atlantic Heritage Championship match, with “The Ragin’ Rebel” Robert Stanley defending against “Lionheart” Chase Bennett.

“Chase was on our last show, and the fans really took to him, so he’s a pretty big favorite there,” Rutter said.

The NICW World Tag Team Championship will also be on the line as “Team USA” Scott Lee and Tony Ray defend against the “Mid Atlantic Aces,” Joe Brody and Tony Perdue, a new team from West Virginia.

Kasper Lee will defend the NICW Cruiserweight Championship against Scorpion Jr.

In a special attraction, “Renegade Cowboy” Daniel Craig of Ridgeway will face “The Outlaw” Josh Tart in a Texas Bull Rope match.

“They’ll have a bull rope tied to their arms so they can’t get out of the ring or run away. It’s something new that the fans haven’t seen in Stuart yet,” Rutter said.

Other wrestlers scheduled to appear include Hillbilly Joe, Ace Englund, Shanghai Pierce Jr., and

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Martin debuts children’s book inspired by Fairy Stone State Park

By Jessica Dillon

J. David Martin, EdD, a former member of the Henry County Board of Supervisors and school superintendent in both Henry and Patrick counties, held a live reading of his new book, “A Fairystone Adventure,” on Sept. 27, in the Henry County Administration Building.

Several of Martin’s former colleagues and friends attended the event, praising the author and his work in the community.

“We are just really appreciative of having a book that describes that in more detail. Thank you very much for the long time that you have worked in getting this today,” said Karen Clark, a former coworker.

“He stood right be-



J. David Martin reads his children’s book, “A Fairystone Adventure,” at the Henry County Administration building.

side us and worked with us, and we are so appreciative that for the public debut of his book, he was willing to come back here. It means a lot to us,” said another former coworker.

Jean Hairston, a former teacher, also celebrated Martin’s leadership, sharing a fond anecdote about friendly banter over dress attire during their time working together.

Now living in Winchester to assist his family, Martin said he misses the area, noting that. Northern Virginia has nothing

Apple Dumpling Festival set for Oct. 18

By Taylor Boyd

The 24th annual Apple Dumpling Festival is set for Saturday, October 18, in downtown Stuart.

The event will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with vendors setting up from 8-10 a.m.

Town Manager Bryce Simmons said late last month, about 70 vendors were registered to set up at the event.

“We usually start restricting about 100. Over the next month or so is when people really start to call in and request spots,” he said.

Vendors are still being accepted, and there is a \$25 vendor fee.

Simmons said the turnout for the festival is heavily weather-dependent.

“Last year, I think that we probably had anywhere from 3,000 to 3,5000 people that passed through downtown. If the weather’s good, I would hope that we have that many people that come through town” for this year’s event, he said.

Live music sponsored by August Heat will be performed throughout the day. Elijah Smith and Levi Head

“Bluegrass” will take the stage from 11-11:45 a.m. with Face 2 Face, a Christian Rock Band, following from 12-12:45 p.m. Marcie Horne and Company will perform from 1-1:45 p.m., and Warren, Bodle and Allen will play from 2-3:15 p.m.

In addition to the live music and vendors selling crafts, food, and other items, Simmons said there will be a free bobbing for books event at the Stuart Farmers’ Market.

“It’s part through the Reynolds Homestead and the West Piedmont Planning District Commission. I know that they are bringing in some children’s authors. I think it is part of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, and it is geared towards children and children’s books,” he said. That segment will be from 12-2 p.m.

The annual Apple Dumpling 5-K begins at 8 a.m. with registration at 7 a.m.

The cost for early registration is \$30. To register, contact the Patrick County Chamber of Commerce at (276) 694-6012 or via email at director@patrickchamber.com.

See the schedule of events inside.



Wood Brothers Racing to Host 75th Anniversary Fan Day October 24 in Stuart

Wood Brothers Racing will welcome fans back to its hometown later this month, leading into the Martinsville Speedway race weekend, for a special 75th Anniversary Fan Day celebration at the Wood Brothers Museum, located at 21 Performance Drive, Stuart.

The event will take place Friday, October 24, from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., serving as one of the final cornerstone celebrations of the team’s diamond anniversary season. Fans can enjoy an afternoon filled with

driver appearances, Q&A sessions, autograph opportunities, raffle prizes, trivia, giveaways and more. The Wood Brothers Museum will be fully open throughout the day, featuring historic cars, artifacts and memorabilia spanning the team’s 75-year history.

Nine drivers connected to the Wood Brothers legacy are scheduled to attend throughout the afternoon, including Donnie Allison, Trevor Bayne, Josh Berry, Ryan Blaney,

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venturous spirit.”

Martin said he hopes the book will encourage readers to explore the region. “Yes, between Patrick and Henry, it’s just a magical place. I’m hoping that by putting the website on the back of the book, people will get to experience it,” he said. “Coming back here is always like coming home for me. We have so many friends here, and we just pick up where we left off the last time I was here. It is truly a place I call home.”

“A Fairystone Adventure” is intended for children and is available for purchase online, including through Amazon. The book includes a website for Fairy Stone State Park to encourage families to visit.

Promise

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Patrick & Henry Community College President Dr. Greg Hodges said the Patrick Promise is currently funded for the next three years.

The program’s current funds are expected to support students for the next three years. “While we are thrilled to announce that we’ve raised the first three years, we know that more is yet to come,” Hodges said. “The work is just beginning.”

The PCEF is already raising resources for year four and beyond. Hodges estimated the program will cost about \$150,000 annually.

“Every penny you give goes directly to the project,” he said. “No one receives a salary, and there is no overhead. The P&HCC Foundation serves as the fiscal partner, so every dime goes directly to the project.”

An anonymous estate has already bequeathed \$79,033.22 to the program.

“That means we’ve raised half of year four already,” Hodges said.

PCEF Chairman Dr. Stewart Robertson said the foundation was formed 25 years ago by Gov. Gerald Baliles, Dr. Rick Cole, Joe Vipperman and himself to strengthen Patrick County’s education system.

“We wanted to move Patrick from one of the lowest-ranked localities in Virginia to the top five in high school diploma and GED attainment,” Robertson said. “We wanted to increase the number of students seeking post-high school education and to create more workforce training programs.”

The group gave itself 10 years to succeed but met those goals in five, Robertson said.

After helping expand similar efforts statewide, PCEF began partnering closely with P&HCC to align its programs and expand opportunities for local students.

“Just before he passed away in 2019, Gov. Baliles exhorted the PCEF Board to embrace a simple but audacious idea,” Robertson said. “If talent is universal — and he believed Patrick County talent was universal — but opportunity is not, then let’s change the opportunity.”

That idea became the Patrick Promise.

Robertson said the program was built “the Patrick County way,” with donations from alumni, business leaders, civic groups, and faith communities.

He added that the announcement comes as Patrick County schools are performing strongly statewide.

“Our educators and staff have positioned our students to be ready,” Robertson said. “The Patrick Promise ensures they can take the next step without the barrier of cost.”

Patrick County Board of Supervisors Chairman Jonathan Wood, of the Peters Creek District, said the county supports its students by participating in the Promise.

“We know the importance of post-high school training and education to help not only the individual person, but our community as a whole,” he said. “This opportunity will create a workforce of well-trained individuals that will help us become the county for new



Patrick County Schools Superintendent Jason Wood said the Patrick Promise represents opportunity, equity, and belief in local students.



Del. Wren Williams announced that Patrick students will be able to attend P&HCC at no cost starting with the spring 2026 graduating class.



Several state, local, and school officials attended the Oct. 9 announcement. Pictured from left: Dr. Greg Hodges, Ron Haley, Del. Wren Williams, Jonathan Wood, Dr. Stewart Robertson, and Jason Wood.

businesses, business growth, and job opportunities.”

By removing the financial burden of continuing education, Wood said the Promise creates a level playing field for the county’s youth.

“Post-secondary education is essential to allow students to have more career opportunities, higher salaries and room to grow,” he said. “As the job market constantly becomes more competitive, students must earn a high school diploma and pursue further education or training to be of interest to employers.”

Patrick County Schools Superintendent Jason Wood said the Patrick Promise is more than tuition assistance — it’s a promise of “opportunity, equity and belief in our students. It tells our young people: you matter, your future matters, and your community stands behind you,” he said.

As educators, Wood said, teachers and administrators see the hopes and challenges of students. “Whatever their path, the Patrick Promise ensures that the door to higher education remains open,” not closed “behind financial barriers, but defined by our youth and their purpose.”

Del. Wren Williams, R-Stuart, said the program will give students a valuable boost in education and technical training — and the chance to do it locally.

“Regularly, I brag on P&HCC at the Richmond level,” Williams said. “People are aware of it and of the education that’s provided in our schools’ programs and how well they do.”

Williams said the Patrick Promise “is a big deal” for the county and its students.

“Going forward, I hope to continue to support it in any way we can, both at the local and state level,” he said.

Patrick County students interested in the

program may contact their school-based career coach or P&HCC SEED Coordinator & Transfer Advisor Megan Willis at (276) 656-0348 or mwillis@patrickhenry.edu.

P&HCC will host a Patrick Promise Night at its Stuart site auditorium on Nov. 6 at 6 p.m.

Registration Day will be held on April 22 at Patrick County High School.

More information is available at www.patrickhenry.edu/paying-for-college/pcefs-patrick-promise-fund.

Donations can be made at tinyurl.com/bddjnppw or by contacting Associate Vice President of Institutional Advancement and P&HCC Foundation Executive Director Tifani Underwood at (276) 656-0281 or tunderwood@patrickhenry.edu.

Applications now open through October 31 for certain grants

The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) is currently accepting grant funding applications for projects that will help expand the commercial fishing and processing of blue catfish in the Commonwealth. Applications for the Governor’s Blue Catfish Processing, Flash Freezing, and Infrastructure Grant Program will be accepted today through Oct. 31, 2022.

The Blue Catfish Processing, Flash Freezing, and Infrastructure Grant Program awards reimbursable grants of up to \$250,000 to sup-

port infrastructure development projects that directly support local food production, enhance environmental sustainability, and demonstrate a broad community benefit. Grant funds should be used primarily for capital expenditures. Grant priority will be given to the following project types:

Projects that create processing, flash freezing, and infrastructure capacity in proximity to small-scale blue catfish watermen.

Processing facilities that are primarily locally owned, including packaging, freezing, and labeling facilities

that are used for processing blue catfish.

Projects that involve or incorporate existing seafood processors and businesses.

Projects located in the localities of the Rural Coastal Virginia Community Enhancement Authority or in Planning District 23.

Additional information and application for this grant opportunity are available at www.vdacs.virginia.gov/agriculture-afid-infrastructure-grants-blue-catfish.shtml. Completed grant funding applications should be emailed by Oct. 31 to Rachel Meyers, Office

of Agriculture and Forestry Development, at rachel.meyers@vdacs.virginia.gov or postmarked by Oct. 31 and sent by postal mail to VDACS Office of Agriculture and Forestry Development, 102 Governor Street, Richmond, Va., 23219.

Pets of the Week



These two males were owner surrendered and are available now for adoption. They are both very sweet, beautiful boys. The brindle Plott hound mix, Reese, is approximately 2 years old. The black male, Tommy, is a wired haired pointer mix, approximately 1 year-old.

All dogs and cats deserve a permanent loving home. 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 vaccinations.

Check out the new videos of many of these dogs on the Blue Ridge Animal Welfare League Facebook page. BRAWL also provides pet food assistance and is always in need of pet



This calico beauty is a playful and loving female kitty, a little purr box.

food donations, especially cat food. Contact blueridgeawl@gmail.com for details. Visit the Blue Ridge Animal Welfare League website at www.blueridgeawl.org.

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Crossing the Lines

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

Support for NCI, P&HCC proposal sparks questions from board, partners

Some officials, partners, and business residents of New College Institute (NCI) said they were unaware of a resolution asking the Henry County Board of Supervisors to support Patrick & Henry Community College (P&HCC) overseeing NCI's operations. At its Sept. 23 meeting, the board unanimously approved a resolution endorsing P&HCC to convert NCI into the Patrick & Henry Workforce Economic Development

Building. County Administrator Dale Wagoner said the request came from NCI Board of Directors member Dr. Mark Crabtree and was supported by two other board members. The decision has raised questions among NCI officials, board members, and partners who say the proposal bypassed the usual processes and left some stakeholders uncertain about the future of programs and partnerships housed at the institute.

Crabtree and P&HCC outline proposal rationale



Dr. Mark Crabtree (Contributed)

Dr. Mark Crabtree addressed questions about the 'Proposed New College Institute Resolution Establishing the Patrick & Henry Community College Center for Workforce and Economic Development at the Baldwin Building.'

The Henry County Board of Supervisors approved adding the resolution to the county's annual legislative agenda.

Before submitting the resolution to the supervisors, Crabtree said he assessed

community needs and determined the higher education environment had changed significantly since NCI's founding. "The communities' efforts must evolve to improve the lives of our citizens," he wrote in an email.

Crabtree said individual discussions were held with local leaders Jay Dickens, Lee Prillaman and Del. Eric Phillips, R-Martinsville.

"We eventually had a discussion with P&HCC President Greg Hodges, who envisioned a transformation of the NCI building and its programming as a part of P&HCC," Crabtree said.

"Dr. Hodges and I were actually talking about what he envisioned as a good path forward and what he wanted to do. He needs the space, and he could use it," he said. He noted P&HCC was the top partner considered.

Phase 4 of Fieldale Service Line Project to begin Oct. 20



The Henry County Public Service Authority (PSA) has issued the Notice to Proceed for Phase 4 of the Fieldale Service Line Project. Construction is scheduled to begin on October 20, with final completion estimated around September 16, 2026. This phase will impact approximately 150 customers as outdated water lines and service connections are replaced. During construction, those residents and others in the surrounding neighborhoods may experience short, temporary water shutoffs as crews complete the work.

The Phase 4 contracts were awarded to Prillaman and Pace, and C.W. Cauley and Son. Together, they will continue the PSA's ongoing effort to modernize water infrastructure in Fieldale.

"This project reflects our commitment to reliable service and safe drinking water," said PSA General Manager Dale Wagoner. "By phasing this work, we are making long-term improvements while minimizing disruption to the community as much as possible."

For more information about the project, call the PSA at 276-634-4776.

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Ridgeway Volunteer Fire Department receives \$15,000 grant



From left: Ridgeway Volunteer Fire Department Treasurer John Adams, Fire Department President Tim Decker, Ridgeway Town Council member Maeve McCulloch, and Mayor Craig O'Der.

The Town of Ridgeway presented a \$15,000 check to the Ridgeway Volunteer Fire Department on Wednesday, Oct. 1. The funding comes through the Virginia Fire Programs Fund, for which the town applied earlier this year.

"We're glad to support them in any way," Mayor Craig O'Der said.

The department has not yet decided how to spend the grant. Treasurer John Adams said officers will determine the most pressing needs, which could include turnout gear, hoses, or other equipment.

President Tim Decker said the department is considering replacing aging extrication equipment, which is tools used to rescue entrapped people from vehicles. "Some of that stuff is getting so old it's getting more and more maintenance, it's getting hard to use. It just needs to be updated," he said.

Decker noted the rising cost of equipment. A new Airpack costs about \$10,000, and a hydraulic rescue tool, commonly called the Jaws of Life, costs roughly \$14,000-\$15,000. "Needless to say, we're very appreciative of the grant," Adams said. The program "allocates funds based on population, and we're very fortunate that Henry County and the Town of Ridgeway are participants in that program."

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Find Your Challenge

By Van Yandell

Philippians 4: 12-13 “I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: everywhere and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.”

One of life’s greatest rewards is to find a challenge, study it, work it and achieve it! To be challenged is to be motivated. Motivation is the key to action and ultimately success and that great feeling of accomplishment.

Unchallenged people may be sad and have not a clue why. An uncle retired from an automotive plant in Ohio and moved back to Kentucky. I’ll never forget him saying “The biggest mistake I ever made was moving back with nothing to do.”

He left all his friends in Ohio and the area he was familiar with. He fished with a neighbor friend but never found it necessary to wet a line in one of the many Kentucky lakes or rivers.

He never found his challenge. To try to give him suggestions would have been counterproductive because a person must find his/her own challenge.

A student in my industrial arts wood shop asked if he could build a guitar. I did not tell him “No, that’s never been done before!” Instead I asked him, “What do you need me to do to help you get started?”

He was an already accomplished craftsman. Being a second year student, he knew the materials, tools and processes necessary to produce the product. I was there if he needed me but the challenge was his.

A person without a challenge faces every day without a goal. Without a goal what is there to live for? Is a simple existence actually worth living? In this writer’s opinion, the answer to that is an absolute NO!

To wake up each morning with the thought of one’s challenge is a life fulfilled. Waking up wondering “Well, what am I going to do today?” is a bland and boring existence.

Talking to a young person recently, I asked, “How’s school?” His answer was “Boring.” My next question was “Why?”

His answer did not surprise me. “It’s so simple, I finish while the others are trying to figure out what to do.” Why do many teachers not recognize that gifted child of higher intelligence and initiative? Is he not as important as the child with no parental motivation and inspiration? He/she will be the mover and shaker of the future!

If a teacher regards all students as equal in everything, their teacher certification is in question. Students are as different in intelligence, motivation and creativity as they look. None of us look alike or think alike. Why would our personal achievement capabilities be equal?

A challenge is personal. Whether it is climbing a mountain, building a guitar or reaching an unchurched

person with the Gospel of Christ Jesus,

A young friend made the statement “If you achieve all your goals, you did not set your goals high enough.” In a movie a police officer said to a thief “You got to know your limitations.”

Do you have limitations? Oscar Pistorius, a South African sprinter was born with a birth defect in his lower legs. His lower legs were amputated when he was eleven months old. Pistorius became known as “the blade runner.” His achievements as a runner were a result of his personal challenge.

Christians regard Acts 1: 8 as “The Great Commission.” “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”

Did Jesus issue to us an admonition, a mandate or a command? Perhaps! But it is, to the analytical mind, a challenge! Why must we regard it as an order to be done by another?

Should our Great Commission challenge be to send another person? Absolutely not!

Acts 1: 8 states what on the surface appears to be four geographic locations. “Jerusalem, Judaea, Samaria, and the uttermost part of the earth.”

But are they? The Samaritans were a despised people by the Jews; they were “half breeds.” The Samaritans did not determine their ancestry and could not change it.

My dad told me of five nationalities in my blood and I do not remember for sure what they are, or care. Perhaps Jesus was telling His disciples “If you are waiting for someone just like you, to tell about Me, you will never tell anyone about My saving power.”

In stating the “uttermost parts of the earth” He was telling them to go everywhere in the world. However the uttermost parts to us individually, may not be thousands of miles away. It may be a difficult neighbor or even in one’s own home.

A former student told me (twenty years after he was in my construction tech class), “I was able to build my family’s house because of what I learned in your class.”

Wouldn’t it be cool to be in Heaven some day in eternity and someone tell you, “I’m here because you told me about the saving power of our glorious Savior, Jesus.”

The Bible teaches there is only one eternal salvation. That is by a faith based belief (Ephesians 2: 8) that Christ Jesus was crucified (Matthew 27: 35) for the remission of sin (Romans 4: 25), resurrected (Matthew 28: 6) and ascended alive into Heaven (Acts 1: 9).

Your challenge is before you. Don’t ignore it!

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BIBLE TRIVIA

BY WILSON CASEY

- 1. Is the book of Mark (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- 2. From Genesis 32, who was “greatly afraid and distressed” about a reunion with a brother he had wronged? Joseph, Jacob, Cain, Peter
- 3. What city was beat down and sowed with salt? Shechem, Caesarea, Gaza, Berea

- 4. From Numbers 20, who died on a mountaintop after having his garment stripped? Moses, Abraham, Noah, Aaron
- 5. Who lost all his horse-drawn chariots in a sea? Ornan, Balaam, Pharaoh, Benaiah
- 6. Where did Abraham meet angels? River, Tent door, Juniper tree, Prison

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Jacob, 3) Shechem, 4) Aaron, 5) Pharaoh, 6) Tent door



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- 48 Zac of 2017's "Baywatch"
- 49 German linking word
- 50 Org. for teachers
- 51 "Sure, we should do it!"
- 52 Desperate, as a situation
- 54 Syrian president
- 58 Auto racer's warm-up circuit
- 61 Riddle, part 3
- 64 In-vogue thing
- 65 Brand of fuel additives
- 66 Forearm bone
- 67 Crew tool
- 68 "You folks," in the South
- 70 West of "Diamond Lil"
- 73 "General" of Chinese cuisine
- 74 Riddle, part 4
- 78 Museum overseer
- 82 Golfer Sam
- 83 Eighth parts of circles
- 84 Redding of
- 85 Sly laugh sound
- 87 Gp. with merit badges
- 89 On a cruise
- 90 End of the riddle
- 97 "Strut" singer Easton
- 98 Affirm strongly
- 99 Flying geese formation
- 100 High peak: Abbr.
- 102 "No more details!," in texts
- 103 Sushi tuna
- 105 Archer's skill
- 108 Riddle's answer
- 116 Really virile
- 117 Apollo 7 astronaut Wally
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- 120 Certain support group for adolescents
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- 28 "The Clan of the Cave Bear" heroine
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- 41 Mano-a-mano fight
- 42 "At Last" singer James
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- 44 In progress
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- 47 Interval
- 48 Ice cream brand
- 53 Inuit dwelling
- 55 Feel faint from ecstasy
- 56 Divide up
- 57 Vital blood line
- 59 Insurer with a duck icon
- 60 Sch. with a Fresno branch
- 62 Univ. dorm supervisors
- 63 Thesaurus word: Abbr.
- 69 Score — (earn some points)
- 70 Minister's residence
- 71 Modify
- 72 Anna's sister in "Frozen"
- 73 Eat a bit of
- 75 "Poppycock!"
- 76 "Sounds likely to me"
- 77 Unglossy photo finish
- 78 Simple beds
- 79 Neighbor of Colorado
- 80 Initiation, e.g.
- 81 Pi-sigma link
- 86 Very bad grades
- 88 Scandinavian "Salut!"
- 91 1986 #1 hit for 19-Across and Michael McDonald
- 92 Vow
- 93 Revel at a really hoppin' party
- 94 "Carlos" star Edgar
- 95 Neighbor of Ethiopia
- 96 Sinister gaze
- 101 Like some congestion
- 104 Rival of Avis
- 105 Demean
- 106 Lazybones
- 107 Ship spars
- 108 Postmarked pieces
- 109 Zapzyt target
- 110 Perlman of "Cheers"
- 111 Roman 651
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Music • Crafts • Games

Music By:
11:00 - 11:45 am Elijah Smith and Levi Head "Bluegrass"
12:00 - 12:45 pm Face 2 Face - Christian Rock Band
1:00 - 1:45 pm Marcie Horne and Company
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Woolwine festival draws large crowd



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Crowds gathered for music, food and more.



Couples also took to the dance floor.



Several vendors were featured at the event.



The Woolwine Fire Department's annual October festival on Saturday attracted a large turnout.

In addition to crowds, attendees had oppor-

tunities to enjoy music, dancing, shop and have lunch.

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Jeb Stuart’s Siblings



John Dabney Stuart



William Alexander Stuart as a young and older man.



Graves of Ann Dabney Stuart and David Pannill Stuart in Pulaski, Virginia.

By Tom Perry

Sometimes, we forget that Archibald and Elizabeth Stuart had ten other children besides their most famous son, James Ewell Brown “Jeb” Stuart. We thought it would interest our readers to learn something about these “other” Stuart children. We know more about the lives of some children than about others. They are presented in birth order.

The first child of Archibald and Elizabeth Stuart was a daughter named Anne Dabney Stuart. She was born on March/April 24, 1818, at Chalk Level in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, the home of her maternal grandmother Bethenia, who was born at Laurel Hill in 1780 during the American Revolution. Anne married Mr. James Peirce of Wythe County, and they had three children: Mary Belle, Elizabeth Pannill, and David Stuart Peirce. Anne died in Pulaski, Virginia, in 1846 and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery beside her brother, David Pannill Stuart. This author believes a contagion claimed the lives of both Stuart siblings.

The second child was Bethenia Frances Stuart, born on September 10, 1819, at Seneca Hill, Campbell County, Virginia. She married the Reverend Nicholas Chevalier, who was originally from Connecticut. They would have four children: Archibald, Bertha, Lilly, Alexander, and William. Bethenia lived until 1910. She died on October 25, 1905, and is buried in Eastern Cemetery in Louisville, Kentucky.

In 1821, Archibald Stuart moved his family to St. Louis, Missouri, where his father, Alexander Stuart, served as a United States Judge in Illinois and Missouri. It was here that their third child, Mary Tucker Stuart, was born on July 20, 1821, at her paternal grandfather’s home. Mary married Dr. Tazewell Headen of Floyd, Virginia. They lived at Glenanna. The house still stands in Floyd, Virginia. Dr. Headen represented Floyd County in the Virginia Legislature and died during the Civil War after reportedly a bout with mental illness. Mary moved to Saltville after the War, where she taught school in a cabin that still stands, once home to J. E. B. Stuart’s wife, Flora Cooke Stuart. Mary died on May 21, 1888, and is buried beside her parents and brother, William Alexander Stuart, in Elizabeth Cemetery in Saltville, Virginia.

Within two years, the Stuarts had returned to Virginia. On September 10, 1823, their first son, David Pannill, was born at Chalk Level, Pittsylvania County, Virginia, at one o’clock in the morning. David became an attorney and served as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1844, which nominated James K. Polk for President of the United States. David died in 1845 of typhoid fever at the age of 23. In 1846, he was remembered by a special order of the Patrick County Court. He is buried beside his sister, Anne Dabney Stuart, in Pulaski’s



Columbia Lafayette Stuart Hairston and her children.

Oakwood Cemetery.

The fifth child, William Alexander, the first child born at Laurel Hill, appeared at 11 o’clock on May 2, 1826. William first married Mary Taylor Carter, by whom he had three children: Henry Carter, Dale C., and John James Stuart, who became a well-known lawyer in Abingdon, Virginia. After the death of his first wife in 1862, he married Ellen Spiller Brown, the widow of his cousin Alexander Stuart Brown. William and Ellen would have five children: Susan, Alexander, William, Archibald, and James Ewell Brown Stuart.

William was a highly successful businessman who operated a dry goods store in Wytheville. He built a home in Wytheville called Oak Level, which still stands named Loretto. William was a Deputy Clerk of Court in Giles and Wythe counties, the Clerk of Court in Wythe, and the cashier of the Bank of Southwestern Virginia. He operated the salt works in Saltville, Virginia, during and after the Civil War as President of Stuart, Buchanan, and Company. William Alexander Stuart became the largest landowner in southwestern Virginia. He eventually settled in Russell County and founded the Stuart Land and Cattle Company. His son, Henry Carter, served as Governor of Virginia from 1914 to 1918. William died in Philadelphia on February 6, 1892. He is buried in Elizabeth Cemetery in Saltville with his two wives, his parents, and his sister Mary.

The next child was a son, John Dabney Stuart, born on November 15, 1828, at Laurel Hill. John went to Wytheville to school and then to Emory and Henry College. Their uncle, Judge James Ewell Brown of Wythe County, assisted the Stuart brothers, John, William, and J. E. B. Stuart. John studied medicine under his



Grave of John Dabney Stuart in Wytheville, Virginia.



Grave of Mary Stuart Headen in Saltville, Virginia.

brother-in-law, Dr. Tazewell Headen of Floyd, Virginia, receiving his medical degree in 1851. He practiced medicine in Floyd and Wythe counties. He served in the Civil War as a surgeon in the 54th Virginia Infantry, Army of Tennessee, and practiced medicine in hospitals in Staunton, Charlottesville, and Warrenton. John married Anne Elizabeth Kent of Wythe County, and they had five children: John, Alexander, Elizabeth, Ellen, and Flora. He eventually returned to farming and spent his remaining days in Wythe County. He died in 1877 and is buried in East End Cemetery in Wytheville, Virginia. His home still stands just off the Rural Retreat exit of Interstate 81.

The seventh child was Columbia Lafayette Stuart, born at Laurel Hill on May 28, 1830, and married Peter W. Hairston on November 8, 1849. They made their home in Cooleemee, Davie County, North Carolina. She bore four children: Samuel, Archibald, Agnes, and Elizabeth. None survived to adulthood. Columbia was the favorite sister of J. E. B. Stuart, and he visited her at Cooleemee in the 1850s. She died in 1857 and is buried at Berry Hill, Pittsylvania County, Virginia. Her husband served on the staffs of J. E. B. Stuart and their cousin, Jubal Early, during the War Between the States.

James Ewell Brown Stuart was born at Laurel Hill on February 6, 1833, and died on May 12, 1864, after serving as a Major General in the Army of Northern Virginia. A son, Daniel Patrick Stuart, was born at Laurel Hill on April 21, 1834, and died on July 17, 1834. Virginia Josephine Stuart was born at Laurel Hill on April 21, 1834, and died at home on May 6, 1842. Virginia and Daniel are buried at Laurel Hill in Ararat, Virginia.

Victoria (Virginia) Augusta Stuart was born at Laurel Hill on July 19, 1838, and married Nathaniel A. Boydton (Boyden) of North Carolina. They had one daughter, Columbia Stuart Boydton, who is buried in Oakdale Cemetery in Mount Airy. Nathaniel is buried near Shoals, North Carolina. Victoria is buried near Shoals, North Carolina. Victoria attended Salem College in Salem, North Carolina, from January 1852 until June 1853 with her cousin, Bettie Hairston, whom J. E. B. Stuart often wrote to.



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