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Supervisors divided over proposed subdivision ordinance

By Taylor Boyd

The Patrick County Board of Supervisors will hold a joint public hearing with the Planning Commission on Monday, Oct. 19, to consider proposed changes to the county's subdivision ordinance, including expanded oversight of land divisions involving parcels smaller than five acres.

The meeting begins at 6 p.m. in the third-floor meeting room of the Patrick County Veteran's Memorial Building on Rucker St. in Stuart.

The proposed ordinance, last updated on Sept. 9, would require certain land divisions involving parcels of less than five acres to undergo review and approval before the property could be transferred or sold.

The draft states that single-lot conveyances of less than five acres must be submitted to a subdivision agent for review and approval before being recorded. It also requires an approved and recorded final plat for certain conveyances that would leave a remaining parcel of less than five acres.



Andrew Overby



Clayton Kendrick



Richard Cox

Supervisors have expressed differing opinions about the proposal, which supporters say is intended to protect buyers from purchasing property that cannot accommodate a home.

Board Chairman Andrew Overby, of the Dan River District, said the proposed changes arose after county staff, residents and another supervisor raised concerns about property being subdivided and marketed as suitable for construction.

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Visitors browse vendor booths lining Patrick Avenue during the 2025 Apple Dumpling Festival in downtown Stuart. The festival returns Saturday, Oct. 17, for its 25th year, with more than 100 vendors registered to participate.

Apple Dumpling Festival returns Saturday for 25th year

By Taylor Boyd

Downtown Stuart will welcome more than 100 vendors on Saturday, Oct. 17, as the 25th annual Apple Dumpling Festival returns with food, crafts and activities for children.

The festival will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with Patrick Avenue closed from the dry bridge in downtown Stuart to the stoplight to accommodate vendors and visitors.

Stuart Town Manager Bryce Simmons said vendors will be set up along the street and in the parking lot.

"We have had to cut off registrations at this point because we are getting full. It's going to be a wide array. We're going to have food vendors,

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Rain fails to dampen Octoberfest spirits



Vendors displayed an assortment of merchandise beneath a large canopy during the Woolwine Volunteer Fire Department's annual Octoberfest fundraiser Saturday, Oct. 10. Rain and wind accompanied the event, which also featured food and live music inside the fire department.

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Candidate forum set for Oct. 27

By Taylor Boyd

Voters in the Smith River District will have an opportunity to hear from the two candidates seeking the district's seat on the Patrick County Board of Supervisors in the Nov. 3 special election.

The Woolwine Community Ruritan Club will host a candidate forum at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 27 at the Woolwine Fire Department.

Candidates Crystal Harris and Richard Cox, who currently serves as interim supervisor, will answer questions during a question-and-answer session.

Light refreshments will be provided by the Ruritan Club.

Halloween Mayhem returns for fourth year Saturday

By Taylor Boyd

National Independent Championship Wrestling (NICW) will host its fourth annual Halloween Mayhem event on Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Stuart Rotary Memorial Building, featuring three championship matches and a tribute to a longtime wrestling manager.

Doors open at 6 p.m., with the first match beginning at 7 p.m.

Scott Rutter, of Rutter's Martial Arts, said the show will honor Douglas J. Wentworth III, a longtime wrestling manager who died of cancer last year.

"He was very well-known amongst the fans, and he's been a wrestling manager for probably 25 years or more," Rutter said.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Riders program of American Vets Post 35 in Collinsville.

"It's their motorcycle program that does a lot for the community, so we're doing it to help benefit the riders," Rutter said.

The event is expected to feature approximately five matches, including three championship contests.

Scheduled matches include Anthony Xavier vs. Larry Cooter for the NICW World Heavyweight Championship; "Team USA" Scott Lee and Tony Ray vs. "Appalachian Wrecking Crew" Daniel Craig and Josh Tart for the NICW World Tag Team Championship; and "Shang Hai" Pierce Jr. vs. Adam Hex for the NICW Mid-Atlantic Heritage Championship.

Other wrestlers scheduled to appear include Ace Englund, Brad Taylor, Daniel Ocean,

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Tri-Area seeks court review in $7.48 million Medicaid dispute



Tri-Area Community Health (TACH), a Federally Qualified Health Center serving Carroll, Floyd, Franklin, Grayson, and Patrick counties and the City of Galax, has asked a Virginia circuit court to review a Final Agency Decision related to Medicaid reimbursement issued by the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS).

The dispute concerns how DMAS calculated Medicaid reimbursement owed to TACH after the health center expanded services and locations over several years. TACH's position is straightforward: when a safety-net health center expands services for Medicaid patients, Medicaid reimbursement should be calculated fairly and in accordance with the laws and regulations governing Federally Qualified Health Centers, and that, at the end of each fiscal year, reconciliation should be conducted to ensure TACH receives adequate reimbursement from DMAS to cover the costs of TACH providing services to Medicaid patients.

An independent Hearing Officer who presided over TACH's formal administrative appeal agreed with TACH on the central reimbursement issues. After reviewing the evidence and testimony, the Hearing Officer recommended that TACH met its burden to show that DMAS's reimbursement calculations were erroneous and recommended that DMAS pay TACH approximately $7.48 million in additional reimbursement to make up for over a decade of underpayment.

DMAS Director Steve Ford subsequently issued the agency's Final Agency Decision rejecting the Hearing Officer's recommendation. TACH respectfully disagrees with the Final Agency Decision and has appealed.

This is not about stepping away from Medicaid patients — it is the opposite," said James Werth, Jr., CEO of Tri-Area Community Health. "We serve rural communities where many patients have limited alternatives for primary care, behavioral health, pharmacy, and other services. To keep providing and expanding those services, we need public programs to pay health centers fairly for the care we deliver so that we can cover our costs."

TACH is a nonprofit community health center and rural safety-net provider. The organization continues to invest in services intended to meet unmet needs across its six-jurisdiction service area. When reimbursement does not keep pace with the reasonable cost of serving Medicaid patients, resources that could otherwise support workforce, access, new services, and community programs must be used to cover the gap.

"We recognize that reimbursement rules are complex and that DMAS has taken a different legal position," Werth said. "That is why judicial review is appropriate. We are asking the court to review the agency decision and determine what the law requires."

TACH's services to Medicaid patients will continue while the appeal proceeds. The organization's focus remains on maintaining access to affordable, high-quality care for patients and communities throughout its service area.

Tri-Area Community Health is a Federally Qualified Health Center serving rural communities in Carroll, Floyd, Franklin, Grayson, and Patrick counties and the City of Galax. TACH provides comprehensive health services and serves patients regardless of their ability to pay.

Cup of Ambition Day raises more than $900 for Imagination Library



More than $900 was raised for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Patrick County during Cup of Ambition Day, a community fundraiser held Sept. 25 by the Patrick County Chamber of Commerce and Stagecoach Coffee.

The event encouraged residents to "Give Like Dolly" through coffee purchases, cash donations and online contributions to support the program, which provides free books to participating children each month.

"Patrick County continues to show that when we come together, we can make a real difference for our children," said Rebecca Adcock, executive director of the Patrick County Chamber of Commerce. "Every dollar raised helps us keep Dolly Parton's Imagination Library available to families in our community and ensures that more children have the opportunity to grow up surrounded by books."

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library provides participating children with a free, age-appropriate book each month. The program is supported through state reimbursement and local fundraising.

The chamber thanked Stagecoach Coffee, Uptown Stagecoach, Rotary Club of Stuart and STEP Inc. for helping make the event possible, along with residents and visitors who contributed.

Organizers said they look forward to holding the fundraiser again next year.

For more information about the Imagination Library program or how to contribute, contact the Patrick County Chamber of Commerce at 276-694-6012, email director@patrickchamber.com or visit www.patrickchamber.com.

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Halloween

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Scorpion Jr., Black Scorpion, Hillbilly Joe, "Ragin' Rebel" Robert Stanley, Joe Brody and Cuban Assassin.

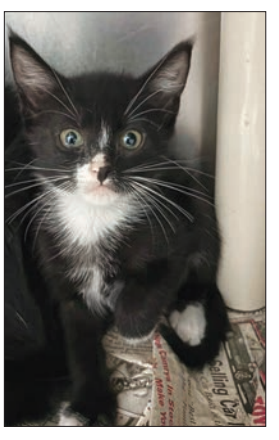
Sponsors include Rutter's Martial Arts, Lawless Welding & Fabrication Inc. and Impressive Prints & Designs.

Admission is $15 for adults and $12 for children. Those wearing Halloween costumes will receive discounted admission of $12 for adults and $10 for children. Children aged 5 and younger will be admitted free.

For more information, visit Facebook.com/NationalIndependentChampionshipWrestling.



Pets of the Week



This adorable female kitten came in with her mom and two litter mates weeks ago. There are so many wonderful cats and kittens that need loving homes.



This cute, playful young male was found on Poplar Drive in Stuart. He wants to go home.

Please save a life by adopting your next pet. All dogs and cats at the shelter deserve a permanent, loving home. Call the Patrick County Public Animal Shelter at (276) 694-6259, visit the shelter or check out their Facebook page for information about these and other available pets in need of a forever home. Adoption fees are $10 and include spay/neuter and vaccinations.

The Blue Ridge Animal Welfare League provides pet food and spay/neuter assistance. Visit the league's Facebook page for new videos at https://www.facebook.com/blueridgeawl/.

State releases $67 million for home repairs, energy efficiency

Virginia residents may be eligible for assistance with home repairs and energy-efficiency improvements following the release of more than $67 million in state funding announced Thursday by Gov. Abigail Spanberger.

The funding includes $15 million for the Weatherization Deferral Repair program, which helps eligible homeowners address problems that would otherwise prevent their homes from receiving energy-efficiency improvements.

Repairs may include leaking roofs, structural problems, electrical and plumbing issues, mold, moisture damage and water damage.

State officials said the additional funding is expected to support repairs to more than 1,000 homes across Virginia, and notes that Weatherization Deferral Repair funding is for repairs needed before a home can receive weatherization services. Applicants must meet eligibility requirements and agree to both stages.

The program also helps residents qualify for services through the federal Weatherization Assistance Program, which can provide insulation, air sealing, energy-efficient lighting and carbon monoxide detectors.

"Investing in energy efficiency is one of the most effective and impactful ways to lower monthly energy costs for Virginians," Spanberger said. "These services lower high energy costs for families, improve indoor health and safety, and support long-term housing stability across the state."

The money comes from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, or RGGI, a multistate program that generates funding through carbon dioxide emissions allowances.

According to the governor's office, the funds had previously been withheld during former Gov. Glenn Youngkin's administration.

An additional $52 million will go toward the Affordable and Special Needs Housing program to support energy-efficiency improvements in affordable housing construction, rehabilitation and redevelopment.

The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development administers the weatherization programs through a network of 15 providers across the state.

"Having these additional funds for critical repairs will allow us to serve more Virginians whose homes are in need of energy efficiency upgrades," Secretary of Commerce and Trade Carrie Chenery said.

Residents interested in assistance can apply through their local Weatherization Assistance Program provider. Eligibility and available services are determined through the program's application process.

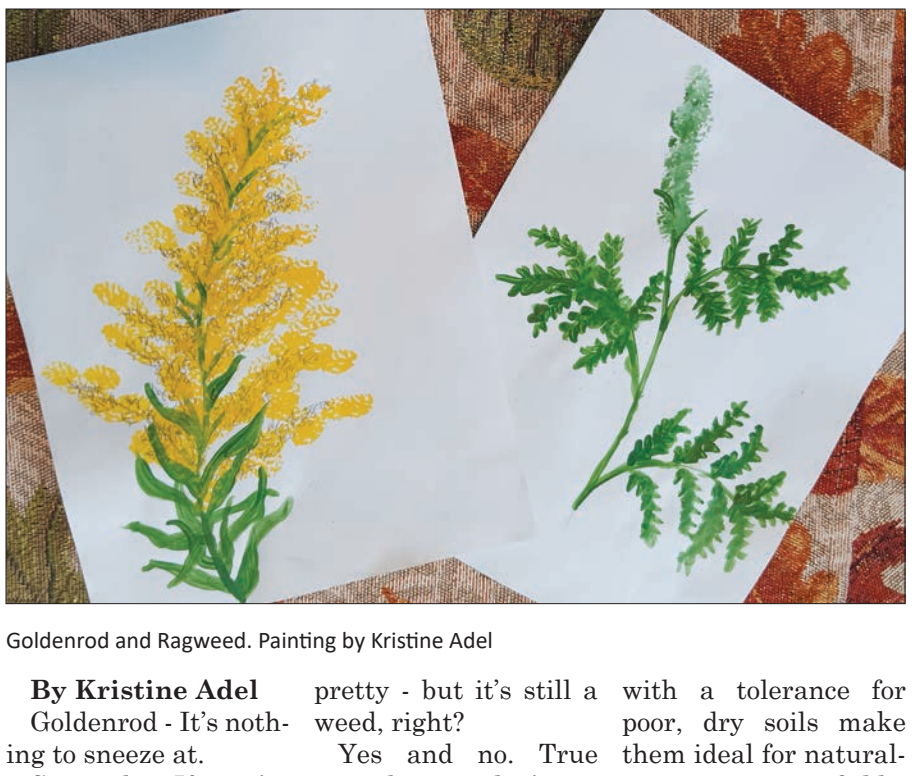
The Department of Housing and Community Development provides information about the Weatherization Deferral Repair program and a directory of local weatherization providers on its website.

STEP's Patrick County office is located at 4559 Wayside Road in Stuart and can be reached at 276-694-2239.

To qualify for the Weatherization Deferral Repair program, applicants must meet the eligibility requirements of the federal Weatherization Assistance Program. Repairs must address conditions preventing a home from receiving weatherization services.

Additional information is available through the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development at www.dhcd.virginia.gov/wdr.

Goldenrod



Goldenrod and Ragweed. Painting by Kristine Adel

By Kristine Adel

Goldenrod - It's nothing to sneeze at.

Seriously. If you're sneezing a lot lately, it might be because of Common Ragweed (Ambrosia artemisiifolia), which releases clouds of tiny, swirling, airborne pollen from its inconspicuous green flowers all Fall.

Meanwhile, Goldenrod (Solidago sp.), with its bright yellow flowers and its big, sticky, insect-dependent pollen, takes the blame.

So, it's not a menace. It's actually really pretty - but it's still a weed, right?

Yes and no. True enough, you don't really want some species of Solidago growing among your other ornamentals or vegetables. Some species, like Solidago altissima, the commonly seen Tall Goldenrod, can be quite aggressive with their interconnected underground rhizomes and their allelopathic discouragement of competition (a natural biochemical defense).

Nonetheless, these features combined with a tolerance for poor, dry soils make them ideal for naturalization in open fields, along roadsides, across areas that have been disturbed, and even in problem areas of the yard that could easily be turned into small pollinator gardens.

Tall Goldenrod isn't just another pretty flower. It's a Keystone species that supports entire ecosystems, starting with the underground root structure that helps prevent erosion, aerates soil, and retains moisture. It's allelopathic nature may even help discourage invasive plants from taking hold.

Tall Goldenrod attracts over 100 species of caterpillars and dozens of species-specific native bees, as well as other bees and pollinators that are less picky.

It also attracts other kinds of insects that come to eat the plant or make their homes in or on it. Still others, predators like spiders and Praying Mantis, show up for the buffet. In turn, the insects, the ground cove, and seeds attract birds and other wildlife.

Goldenrod is easy to propagate by division. A wide variety can also be had from commercial seed suppliers. Planted in mass, they can add beautiful color to your fall landscape.

Don't forget to tune into WHEO Tuesday morning October 27, 8:30 to 9 a.m. with Patrick County Master Gardeners for more on native plants.

Find us on Facebook or contact us through https://patrickmastergardeners.org/.

Arrests Reported

The Patrick County Sheriff's Office reported the following:

*David Allen Fulk, 57, of Ararat, was charged Oct. 3 with drive while intoxicated. Lt. D.L. Foley was the arresting officer.

*Gavin Isaiah Hill, 21, of Stuart, was charged Oct. 3 with drive while intoxicated. Lt. D.L. Foley was the arresting officer.

*Leah Marie Hickman, 37, of Stuart, was charged Oct. 4 with one count each drive while intoxicated and assault. Lt. D.L. Foley and Senior Deputy N.A. Wolfe were the arresting officers.

*Robert Lee Bedsaul, 43, of Meadows of Dan, was charged Oct. 5 with fail to appear on felony offense. Senior Deputy B. Fields made the arrest for Carroll County.

*Hannah Nicole Miller, 27, of Bassett, was charged Sept. 28 with one count each possess methamphetamine with intent to sell and distribute. Senior Deputy M. Nester made the arrest for Franklin County.

*Brandon Lewis Ramsey, 36, of Spencer, was charged Sept. 28 with identity theft. Senior Deputy C.L. Adkins was the arresting officer.

*Russell Hall, 60, of Spencer, was charged Sept. 29 with one count each sodomy and aggravated sexual battery. Inv. D. Dillon was the arresting officer.

*Rylon Lee Robertson, 23, of Reidsville, N.C., was charged Sept. 30 with grand larceny of firearm. Sgt. M.T. Rorrer was the arresting officer.

*Wayne Green Marshall III, 36, of Meadows of Dan, was charged Sept. 22 with two counts each abuse/neglect child and animal cruelty. Inv. Tennille E. Jessup was the arresting officer.

*Debra Kay Parks, 54, of Claudville, was charged Sept. 12 with drive while intoxicated. Trooper D. Bryant was the arresting officer.

*Keisha Gwynn, 38, of Ararat, was charged Sept. 17 with one count each abuse/neglect child and brandishing/pointing firearm. Inv. Linda Martin was the arresting officer.

September Patrick County Library Monthly Report

Henry David Thoreau said, "Live in each season as it passes: breathe the air, drink the drink, taste the fruit." I am almost positive he meant to add "read the book". In any case, the seasons are changing and change is good. I think we are all ready for cooler weather. I, for one, am ready to get my "librarian cardigans" out of the closet. Nothing says autumn like a good cardigan.

Children's programming was great this month. Lucia is partnering with the Reynolds Homestead once a month to bring a spin to Storytime and we so appreciate everyone there for helping us. This month's Storytime themes were fall leaves, fairs and carnival games and Norma Bozenmayer came by to teach about skunks. Apparently, the smelly critters eat bugs and help the ecosystem. Thank you, Norma, for all you do for our library—inside and out. Lego club has been well attended, and we have met many new faces in September, which is always a joy.

Lucia hosted "The Digital Door to Your Library", which is essentially a class on how to navigate our new OPAC catalog and use the BRRL website in the most effective manner. She had two programs for that particular day planned but only two patrons came for her morning session. They did leave the library with a better understanding of the website and encouraged her to try again. She has plans to do just that; we just need to settle on a date.

I only had one homeschool bookworm this month. Our theme was "Show and Tell". I read him a book and then he read me a book, as I had brought two books to read. We worked on presentation skills and he shared with me that his best friend; Rose had given him a toy boat when he was little. Keep in mind he is six or seven years old. I shared my Little Golden Book of "Beauty and the Beast" and explained why that is not only my favorite Disney movie but fairytale. It's a story of how we should care for others for who they are on the inside, not how they look





on the outside. We finished our meeting with a game of checkers.

Special thank you to the ladies with the Patrick County DAR for setting up their Constitution Day display area. We are proud to showcase this in the library every September.

Board Games Between the Stacks was attended by several of our teen homeschoolers this month. Their favorite games are Cards against Humanity, Family Edition and UNO. One patron brought his own card game and some recommended new word games for us to purchase. I can't say that the library was particularly quiet during those two hours; lively it was and I was okay with that. The library is for everyone.

The Patrick County Agriculture Fair was held the third week of September. Lucia and I went to the VIP night on Monday to see everyone's displays and discuss possible collaborations for programming with different groups in the county. The Stuart Rotary hosted dinner that evening and we dined on BBQ sandwiches and shrimp with veggies and slaw. It was delicious and we were so appreciative. The following night, "Student Night," Gayle and I sat at our booth with fair hotdogs (we had been waiting for them since last fair year) and ate and greeted some of our regulars and some new faces. We encouraged them to come to programming and we discussed books, of course.

Although the fair was fun, we had to compete with it on Sitcom Trivia Night. We had two teams—The Golden Gals and Friends. The final score was 116 to 82, with Friends taking home the trophy. Kaye did a fabulous job as usual, and we appreciate all she does for this event. Next month's theme is October Hauntings.

On Saturday, Sept. 19, the CCC met. The Crafty Chapters Club worked on "Bookish" bedazzled trucker hats. We had so much fun and then when we were done, we worked on our book bedazzling, simply because one bookish craft

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Keeping Our Feet on the Ground and Reaching for the Moon



Morgan Griffith

Representative

American leadership in space represents a new frontier for technological progress.

Elon Musk's company, SpaceX, recently undertook an orbital mission with the launch of its Starship rocket. Not to be confused with the Enterprise of Star Trek fame, the Starship launch is a steppingstone for something greater. SpaceX and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) are working together to lead manned flights to the moon.

The first step in reaching this goal will rely on low-Earth orbit (LEO). LEO refers to the lowest reach of space closest to Earth and the same altitude where the International Space Station operates. The Starship launch successfully reached LEO for the first time, setting in motion the next phase for Americans to return to the moon.

SpaceX's LEO satellite technologies are not just seen as critical to our prospects in space.

At the federal level, I continue to advocate for LEO technologies with helping rural communities access satellite internet.

Most recently, I delivered opening remarks at an online event hosted by the Connect Everyone Coalition. The webinar focused on the two-year anniversary of Hurricane Helene and connectivity lessons from the natural disaster.

During my remarks, I highlighted the connectivity issues that impacted Ninth District communities.

Helene devastated our public communications networks. The disaster disabled services provided by our cell phone carriers. Further, the floods that swamped our region also washed away fiber optic infrastructure.

Because of the loss of communications, family members struggled to confirm the safety of their loved ones and first responder crews faced challenges with emergency operations.

These issues went on for days.

It was unclear when internet and cell phone coverage would be restored, so one group relied on SpaceX for help.

Wise County's Health Wagon, which traveled to Damascus to help serve and treat those affected by Helene, turned to SpaceX's Starlink.

Starlink consists of a network of LEO satellites which serves high-speed, reliable broadband internet to communities on Earth. This network reduces connectivity dead zones and provides more coverage in regions like Southwest Virginia.

Thus, Starlink is particularly helpful for mountainous and rural regions where fiber installation is extremely difficult and cost prohibitive. Amazon is launching a similar LEO program which should be available in Virginia in late 2027.

Thanks to a portable Starlink unit, a rarity in our area at the time, the Health Wagon could access internet service.

This episode showed that even in times of emergency, cell phone users can take advantage of LEO technologies.

As the recovery from Helene continues, I remain committed to expanding our broadband capabilities through LEO technologies to prepare our region for the next Helene.

Federal initiatives to support broadband innovations like LEO technologies include the Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) program.

In 2024, I advocated for Governor Youngkin's BEAD Final Proposal. This set in motion various opportunities to expand broadband in Virginia.

The federal entity that runs BEAD is the National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA).

This summer, NTIA Administrator Arielle Roth testified before the House Committee on Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, on which I serve.

During the hearing, she discussed BEAD as well as signaled support for LEO technologies.

Later in the summer, Administrator Roth visited Bedford County to tour local broadband projects.

There are approximately 1,600 Bedford County addresses that will gain new access to broadband through BEAD funding, according to the NTIA. While new fiber installation will serve a majority of these Bedford County locations, SpaceX and Amazon will make LEO broadband available to eligible hard-to-reach locations.

Aside from BEAD, LEO broadband will get an additional boost from a bipartisan Congressional bill.

In the Communications and Technology Subcommittee, I supported the SAT Streamlining Act. Following Subcommittee approval, I voted for the bill again in the full Energy and Commerce Committee.

This bill would modernize a federal agency's satellite licensing process by setting more precise timelines and a more predictable list of requirements for satellite applications.

In effect, we make it easier for groups to bring LEO technologies to the market to better provide reliable and secure internet access.

I am proud to have taken these actions to bridge the digital divide in Virginia and the United States.

Broadband in rural America can help our hospitals, schools, businesses and more.

As your federal representative, I will keep fighting for our rural communities to get a fair shot at broadband access.

With the same technologies, we can succeed with broadband while keeping our feet on the ground and reaching for the moon.

Letters to the Editor

Writer questions Griffith's priorities

In the September 30, 2026 edition of The Enterprise, Morgan Griffith is really excited about AM radios and would rather push legislation to expand AM coverage rather than work on housing, food insecurity, and restoration of health insurance lost by his voting for THE BIG Beautiful BILL in 2025.

In a September 29, 2026 article in Cardinal News, he sees no reason to debate his opponent since people "know where he stands". That is a great way to avoid responsibility and not have to defend his votes that hurt his constituents. He is also proud of his effort to limit birthright citizenship in U S territories.

He is rather arrogant and condescending in my opinion on how he views the citizens living in the Ninth District. People are hurting and he is pushing for AM radios. That does not help anybody in my community of Meadows of Dan.

Tom George,
Meadows of Dan

Letter backs Harris for Smith River seat

Wanna know what I think? It's about time. It is my pleasure to strongly recommend Mrs. Crystal Harris for the Patrick County Board of Supervisors, Smith River District.

I am Barbara Morrison, retired elementary School Teacher. I worked with Crystal, who was the cafeteria manager, several years at Woolwine Elementary School. She was well organized and strict, but the mutual love and respect with the students and staff definitely made her stand out.

Crystal is a charter member of the Smith River Rescue Squad. She has been a dedicated, hard-working volunteer. I have seen her knowledge and concern when working with a patient.

She previously served four terms on the Board and did a great job. During that time, she was instrumental in many major accomplishments. She worked with the Patrick County Education Foundation helping many citizens further their education. She helped get the new STEP building in Patrick County. Her (with two others) greatest achievement was locating and receiving the old Stuart Hospital Brass Book after the hospital closed. Crystal took a break from the Board, but though inactive, she has still stayed informed about what was going on in Patrick.

Now Crystal is ready, willing, and highly qualified to return to the Board as the Smith River Representative! I am confident that all of her experience, knowledge, skills, love for God, her family, our people and county, besides her desire to do all that she can to help Patrick County, make her our choice.

Our vote for Crystal Harris on November 3rd is a vote for high qualifications, sincerity, and honesty. She is inquisitive and has a very positive attitude. She is unafraid to say what she thinks and believes and is ready to disagree when she sees that an action is wrong for her county. A vote for Crystal Harris is a vote for a representative who will listen to our concerns and do something about it!

Barbara Morrison,
Stuart

Library

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wasn't enough. A special thank you to Emily Keith for being my sidekick at these meetings.

The Caring Hearts Free Clinic stopped by on Thursday, Sept. 24 and set up to give free blood pressure screenings. The turnout wasn't great, but I can blame the weather on that one. It was cool and rainy. All of us were able to get our blood pressure checked and I was able to talk a few people from the museum next door to come and get checked as well. Special thanks to Christie and Amber for coming by and handing our Caring Heart treats. During that program, a group of students from PCHS happened to be at the museum and were able to come by the library for a quick tour. I hope to see some of them at some of our teen programs soon.

We finished out the month as usual with our Senior Social. This month the idea was creating an autumnal craft. I had small trays, picture frames, canvases, and wall



hangings to decorate and paint. Alicia took over this program and became the professional glue gun handler. We had a good turnout, and it turned out to be Dolly Day, so they jammed out to Dolly. At the same time, I had a record player in the main part of the library playing Dolly tunes from 10-2, not 9 to 5. Lucia created coloring pages and don't you know that our neighborhood Dolly Parton aka Rebecca Adcock stopped by for photo opportunities.

Also, the Patrick County Bookmobile schedule can be found at https://www.brrl.lib.va.us/locations.php#-bookmobile.

It was a great month. Fall decorations are coming along inside the library and the trees outside our windows facing DeHart part are spectacular. October is going to a busy month, with festivals and programs but I am not worried one bit because the staff here at the Patrick County Library is amazing and will do an incredible job.

Until next month, happy reading,

Somer Ojodeagua, PC Library Branch Manager

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Patrick Pioneers

D. W. Scott's History of Meadows of Dan-Part VII

By Beverly Belcher Woody

This week, we come to the final installment of Daniel Webster (D. W.) Scott's fascinating account of the history of Meadows of Dan, written in 1949. Throughout this series, Mr. Scott has taken us back to an earlier time, offering a glimpse into the people, places, and events that helped shape this beloved mountain community.

As we bring his writings to a close, I would like to spend a little time getting to know some of the individuals he mentions. After sharing Mr. Scott's concluding account, we will take a closer look at these folks, exploring a bit of their family histories and the lives they lived. After all, behind every name in an old historical account is a person with a story worth remembering, and that is what Patrick Pioneers is all about.

Here is D. W. Scott's 1949 history in his own words...

The children of the first settlers were almost deprived of any education, except what some of the parents could teach them at home. But as the settlements began to grow and families increased, there being no schoolhouses, the people would hire a teacher to teach the children in one room of someone's home. They taught only reading, writing, arithmetic and spelling. The usual price paid to teach each child was $1.00 per month, and the school lasted from two to three months.

The first schoolhouse in this section stood near P. L. Cassell's house. M. E. Lewis was the teacher.

The first schoolhouse that was built by the county in this section was built in 1871 and was located where L. J. Cruise's house now stands. It was built of logs and the cracks stopped with mud. The seats were made of split logs and a fireplace used for heat. There was a row of windowpanes 10 x 12 on the west side of the building and a small window on each side of the fireplace. This was known as the Lewis Schoolhouse.

Out of the sixty pupils who attended this school at that time, only five are living; C. R. Clifton, Robert Clifton, A. L. West, S. W. West, and D. W. Scott.

At that time only two schools were in this section. The other, the Langhorne School, was located near J. S. Langhorne's. This school was first taught by Mrs. Alice Langhorne Cassell. Nothing is left of the old building.

We have no mention of a Superintendent of Schools until about 1880. Major J. A. Taylor was the first Superintendent we have any account of in this County

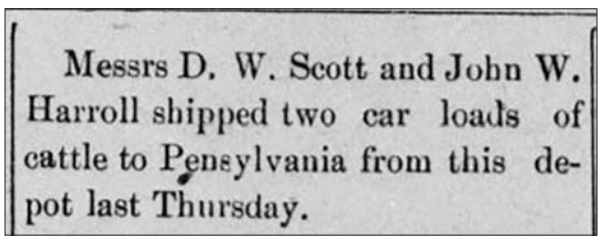
The Superintendent's duties were to appoint a board in each Magisterial District to assist him in examining teachers, and locating and looking after the schools in the District. This examination was both oral and written on spelling, grammar, hygiene, geography, arithmetic, physiology, civil government and algebra. He was paid a salary of $500.00 per year.

The Superintendent had also to visit each school twice during the five month session, and also send an annual report to the State Board of Education. Teachers were paid according to their grade. First grade paid $30.00, Second $16.00, and Third $15.00 per month.

I have a contract dated 1897, held by myself, stating that the teacher agrees to teach for a salary of $20.00 per month for a five-month period. This contract also called for school to open at 8:00 o'clock in the morning, take sixty minutes for lunch, and close at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon. This contract was signed by D. H. Wood, Clerk; A. J. Harbour, Chairman of the Board; and D. W. Scott, teacher.

The next superintendent after Major Taylor was Col. Abe Staples, then W. E. Foster. Then came later George W. Via, followed by J. F. Reynolds, C. J. M. Kyle, and our present Superintendent J. V. Law.

It was necessary, as the population increased, to build more schoolhouses. These were frame



Messrs D. W. Scott and John W. Harroll shipped two car loads of cattle to Pensylvania from this depot last Thursday.

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buildings. The young people would meet occasionally for an old time Spelling Bee.

In 1870 there were two schoolhouses and two teachers. In 1915 there were seven schoolhouses and eleven teachers. Salaries paid teachers then were $40.00, $30.00 and $20.00 per month.

The first church that was built in this section was Concord Church, built by the Primitive Baptists. This church was built before the Civil War and the building has been repaired. Billy Lawson was the first pastor. The Meadows of Dan Missionary Baptist Church was the next church built. William Beamer became the first Pastor. There are now nine churches in this section.

Now this section is thickly settled with beautiful houses, and with barns for the livestock. There was a time when the people had no barns for the cattle, and now several have Grade A dairy barns. People have learned that dairy farming is very profitable in this area.

J. S. Langhorne had the honor of having the first frame dwelling house in this section, and Rev. Thomas D. Scott had the first painted house in this area.

POST OFFICES

The first Post Office in this section was located on Dan River about 1-1/2 miles southeast of where Meadows of Dan Post Office is now located, with J. B. Reynolds the first postmaster. The Post Office was kept in Mr. Reynolds' dwelling house, and Mr. Reynolds gave it the name of "Meadows of Dan." It was supplied with mail once a week from Stuart. It was later on moved to its present location. Later, five other Post Offices were established in this section; Vesta, Mayberry, Tobax, Ballard, and Cruise.

Mayberry, Tobax, Ballard and Cruise Post Offices have been discontinued, and the territory is now served by R. F. D. routes from Meadows of Dan Post Office.

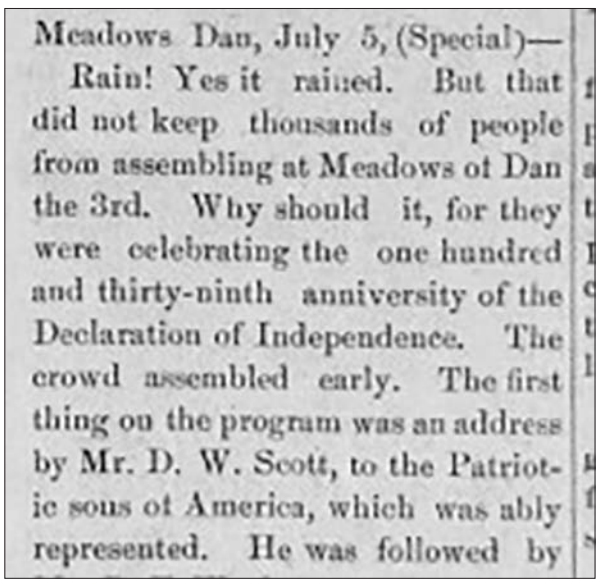
EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

Previously, I have given a brief sketch of the educational and educational facilities of the early settlers of this section of Patrick County up to 1915. At that time there were approximately 440 children of school age and twelve teachers in this section—average monthly salary paid each teacher $32.50 or $450.00 per month for twelve teachers. Total amount paid teachers in this section for a term of five months, $2,250.00. Teachers were required to open school at 8:30 A.M. and close school at 4:00 P.M.—6 hours and 30 minutes a day each day not counting noon recess. Average cost for each pupil of school age for a term of five months $5.10.

In 1949 there are sixteen teachers and approximately 430 pupils. Teachers' average salary is approximately $140.00 per month or $2,225.00 per month for sixteen teachers, and approximately $800.00 per month for two, one janitor, one clerk and three school buses for carrying the children to and from school. Total cost per month for 430 pupils approximately $3,450.00 or an average cost of $7.85 for each pupil per month, or $65.25 for each pupil for a term of nine months not counting overhead expense. Total cost for a nine-month term $31,050.00.

PEOPLE

Dr. Clyde West and Dr. Frank West who partly worked their ways through college and became noted physicians, also their brother Professor Byrd West who partly worked his way through college and is now teaching in a college, also J. F. Reynolds who was born and raised in this section, and who was appointed Superintendent of Schools for Patrick County in 1914 and served



Meadows Dan, July 5, (Special)—Rain! Yes it rained. But that did not keep thousands of people from assembling at Meadows of Dan the 3rd. Why should it, for they were celebrating the one hundred and thirty-ninth anniversity of the Declaration of Independence. The crowd assembled early. The first thing on the program was an address by Mr. D. W. Scott, to the Patriotic sons of America, which was ably represented. He was followed by

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in that capacity until his death in 1940.

Jesse D. Blackard made first school desks in Patrick Co.

THE END

Now that we have reached the conclusion of Mr. Scott's history, I would like to take a closer look at some of the individuals he mentioned and see what we can learn about their lives and family connections.

The P. L. Cassell mentioned by Scott was probably Posey Lester Cassell, the son of Austin and Isabelle Plasters Cassell. Posey married Miss Essie Clifton, the daughter of Alga D. and Rosa Rakes Clifton. Posey and Essie were the parents of three children: Donnie, Roy, and Betty Lou Cassell Banks.

The identity of M. E. Lewis, the second individual mentioned in Scott's account, remains a mystery. Despite my research, I have been unable to confirm with certainty who this person was.

Next, Scott mentions L. J. Cruise, who was most likely Levi Joseph Cruise, the son of Peter Frank Cruise, and Martha Rozina Rakes Cruise. Levi married Miss Crystal Mae Williams, the daughter of Sparrell Jacob Williams and Rosanna Turner Williams. Interestingly, Crystal has a special connection to the history we have been reading, as she was the very person who typed Mr. Scott's account for him in 1949!

The Cliftons mentioned by Scott have also proven somewhat difficult to identify. However, I suspect that the Robert Clifton he refers to may have been William Robert Clifton, the son of Andrew Martin Clifton and Martha Jane Boyd Clifton. This Robert Clifton was the same age as Mr. Scott, which makes the possibility especially interesting.

Several other individuals mentioned in Scott's writings have already been featured in previous Patrick Pioneers columns. Readers interested in learning more about J. S. Langhorne may refer to the December 6, 2023, and September 22, 2026, installments. Jesse D. Blackard was featured on July 7, 2026, and J. B. Reynolds was the subject of a column published on September 22, 2026.

There is still more history to be shared! I am planning an upcoming Patrick Pioneers story about Clyde, Frank, and Byrd West and the many contributions their family made to Patrick County.

As we close this series, I am reminded once again that even the briefest mention of a name in an old historical account can open the door to generations of family history. Mr. Scott may not have realized it when he put his memories on paper in 1949, but he was preserving much more than the history of a mountain community. He was helping ensure that the people who called Meadows of Dan home would not be forgotten.

For questions, comments, or story ideas, contact Woody at rockcastlecreek1@gmail.com or 276-692-9626.

Social Security Matters

By Russell Gloor, AMAC Foundation Social Security Advisor

Association of Mature American Citizens

Ask Rusty – Does a Veteran who uses VA Healthcare need Medicare at age 65?

Dear Rusty: I'm not yet old enough, but must I enroll in Medicare at Age 65? I am a disabled military veteran with VA benefits, so must I still take Medicare when I turn 65? *Signed: Disabled Veteran*

Dear Disabled Veteran: First, please accept my gratitude for your military service to our country. And please also know that if you now rely 100% on the VA for all your healthcare needs, and you expect that to continue for the rest of your life, then you have the option to decline enrolling in Medicare Part B when you turn 65. However, if you believe that using healthcare providers from outside the VA may someday be in your future, you should enroll in Medicare when you are first eligible.

Although you are required to enroll in Medicare Part A (coverage for inpatient hospitalization services) if you collect Social Security after age 65, enrolling in Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient medicals services) is always optional because there is a monthly premium for Part B ($202.90 for 2026 - changes yearly). So, as a military veteran using VA healthcare, you have a choice to either enroll in Medicare Part B at age 65, or not if you get all your healthcare services from the Veterans Administration. Just be aware that VA healthcare is not considered "creditable" for Medicare purposes, so if you do not enroll in Medicare Part B during your Medicare Initial Enrollment Period (IEP), and later choose to enroll in Medicare Part B, there will be a permanent Late Enrollment Penalty for enrolling in Medicare Part B outside your initial enrollment period (your Medicare IEP is 3 months on either side of the month you turn 65).

So, the decision you will need to make as you approach 65 years of age is this: will all of your healthcare needs always be provided through the VA? Or do you want the convenience (and flexibility) to know you can use any healthcare provider anywhere the U.S. or its territories, whenever and wherever you wish. If the latter is true, then you should likely enroll in Medicare Part B when you turn 65. You can still use the VA for some services if you are enrolled in both, but there is no coordination of benefits (e.g., the VA will not make copayments if you use Medicare services, and vice versa). Which means that you may also wish to also consider a Medicare Advantage plan or a Medicare Supplement plan to go with Medicare Part B if/when you enroll.

I hope this answers your question, but please don't hesitate to contact us again if needed. And, importantly, thank you for your service to our country.

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Octoberfest

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Shoppers browse merchandise at outdoor vendor tables during Saturday's Octoberfest fundraiser at the Woolwine Volunteer Fire Department. Canopies provided shelter from the rainy weather.



Jars of homemade goods were among the items offered for sale during the Woolwine Volunteer Fire Department's annual Octoberfest fundraiser. Vendors set up outside the department while visitors gathered indoors for food and entertainment.



Musicians entertain a crowd at the Woolwine Volunteer Fire Department's Octoberfest fundraiser Saturday, Oct. 10. The annual event featured live music, food, outdoor vendors and fresh apple butter sold in a building across the road.



Visitors gather inside the Woolwine Volunteer Fire Department to enjoy live music during the annual Octoberfest fundraiser Saturday. The indoor activities provided a welcome escape from the rain and wind.

USDA Approves Emergency Conservation Assistance for Patrick County

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Patrick County is accepting applications for the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) to address damages from flooding that occurred Aug. 1 through Aug. 2, 2026. ECP provides cost-share and technical assistance to producers to restore farmland to pre-disaster conditions following a qualifying natural disaster. ECP signup begins on October 13, 2026, and ends on December 14, 2026.

Approved ECP applicants can receive up to 75% of the cost of the approved restoration activity with a maximum cost share of $500,000 per natural disaster event.

Approved ECP practices include:

- Removing debris from farmland
- Grading, shaping and releveling
- Replacing or repairing permanent fence
- Restoring conservation structures
- Emergency soil erosion measures
- Field Windbreak and farmstead shelterbelt restoration

Check with FSA before beginning work to ensure required compliance measures are complete to be eligible for cost share payment.

ECP cost-share assistance can provide advance payments for up to 25% of the total allowable cost for all ECP practices before the restoration is carried out. The advance payment must be spent within 60 days.

Producers who lease federally owned or managed lands, including tribal trust land, as well as state land, are eligible to participate in ECP.

Conservation concerns present on the land prior to the qualifying natural disaster event are not eligible for ECP assistance.

Eligibility and Environmental Requirements

Producers with damage from qualifying natural disaster events must apply for ECP assistance before beginning reconstructive work. FSA's environmental compliance review process is required to be completed before any actions are taken. A waiver can be requested for necessary activities that are taken as emergency action to prevent further loss. Producers who apply after reconstructive work has been completed are at risk of not qualifying for ECP.

FSA county committees will evaluate applications based on an on-site inspection of the damaged land, taking into consideration the type and extent of the damage. An on-site inspection does not guarantee that cost-share funding will be provided.

To learn more about ECP or to schedule an appointment to submit an application, producers can contact the Patrick County FSA Office at 276-694-3121 x.2 or visit farmers.gov/protection-recovery.

JV volleyball earns road win at Radford

The Patrick County High School JV volleyball team defeated Radford in straight sets Thursday, Oct. 8, winning 25-15 and 25-20.

Addy Foley recorded 13 assists, while Gabby Reynolds led the team with seven aces. Savannah Fain added four aces in the victory.

Patrick County 14-Radford 49

By David Morrison

Patrick County fell to Radford on Friday night by a score of 49 to 14.

The Cougars were led offensively by Jayden Corns who went 9 of 16 passing for 143 yards and one touchdown and added 66 rushing yards on 16 carries with one rushing touchdown as well. Brayden Hylton led the Cougar Receiving corps with 3 receptions for 101 yards and a touchdown. Ethan Errichetti added 28 yards on 4 receptions, Charlie Tabor had 12 yards on one catch and Jaxon Handy added 2 yards on one reception as well as 47 yards rushing on 14 carries. Josiah Shelor had 21 yards on 4 carries, Aedan Frazier had one carry for 7 yards and Wheeler Helms had one carry for 3 yards.

Defensively the Cougars were led by Wheeler Helms and Josiah Shelor who had 5 tackles each with Helms having 2 tackles for loss and Shelor adding one tackle for loss as well. Noah Becker chipped in 4 tackles, a fumble recovery and a pass break up. Jaxon Handy, Andrew Miller, and Brayden Hylton added 3 tackles each with Hylton adding an interception. Ethan Errichetti, Briar Branch, Logan Brown, Aedan Frazier, Brent Errichetti, and Perry Hicks all added tackles for the Cougars as well.

The Cougars will be back on the gridiron next Friday night when they travel to Nelson County.

Dementia Caregiver Workshops Scheduled

The Patrick County Extension Office will host a series of three free workshops designed for caregivers of individuals living with dementia. Each session covers a different topic, and participants may attend one, two, or all three workshops. Sessions will be facilitated by Mountain Valley Hospice.

Dementia Basics

Participants will be introduced to Teepa Snow's Positive Approach to Care® method, which focuses on the abilities that remain rather than losses caused by dementia. Caregivers will learn strategies for working with individuals living with dementia in ways that promote cooperation, reduce frustration, and improve outcomes.

Date: Wednesday, November 4, 2026
Time: 2-3 p.m.

Understanding Sundowning

This workshop explores sundowning, a common condition in which individuals with dementia become more confused, anxious, or restless during the late afternoon and evening. Participants will learn practical techniques to reduce stress, increase comfort, and create supportive daily routines.

Date: Wednesday, November 18, 2026
Time: 2-3 p.m.

Filling the Day with Meaning

Caregivers will learn how to provide meaningful, engaging, and purposeful activities that help loved ones feel valued and connected. The session will offer ideas for creating positive experiences throughout the day.

Date: Wednesday, December 2, 2026
Time: 2-4 p.m.

Registration Information

All workshops are free; however, seating is limited and pre-registration is required. Workshops will be held in the Patrick County Extension Office, (former school board building), 104 Rucker Street, Stuart. Participants are welcome to attend any or all of the workshops.

To reserve your space, call 276-694-3341. Contact Terri Alt, Family and Consumer Science Extension Agent with any questions.

Kitten rescued from transfer station finds new home

By Taylor Boyd

A tiny kitten rescued from a container of construction waste at the Patrick County Transfer Station last month has found a new home.

Transfer Station employee Dustin Whorley said a company delivered a roll-off container filled with construction waste on Sept. 24. As the driver emptied the container, Whorley spotted an unexpected passenger.

"When he backed in to dump it, he dumped all of the load out, and when I looked up there was a cat in the trailer, a little kitten," he said.

Whorley said he and other workers alerted the driver and attempted to rescue the kitten.

"She was sitting at the top of the trailer of the roll-off container, so we went up there and it ran back down and I grabbed it before she hit the ground. She bit me and I held onto it and we wrapped it in a towel and took her to the animal shelter. She was very, very small. I'm surprised it was even weaned off her mother," he said.

The kitten was quarantined after biting Whorley and breaking the skin. Once the quarantine period ended, she became eligible for adoption through the Patrick County Animal Shelter.

Because rescued animals must be quarantined when they bite someone and break the skin, the kitten was recently eligible for adoption at the Patrick County Animal Shelter.

"The day they posted it I believe she got adopted," Whorley said.

Although the kitten could have climbed into the container, Whorley suspects someone deliberately placed her there.

"Of course I can't prove it. Where the roll-off container is solid steel and it's so high there's no way it could have climbed in there, so I feel like somebody threw her in there," he said.

Whorley said this was the first time an animal had been rescued from the transfer station.

"I'm just happy to save a life. We don't deserve animals, animals are a gift to us and as humans it's our job to take care of animals, so I feel like I was placed in the right place at the right moment to take care of her," he said.

Supervisors

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"There's been some problems where those supposed buildable lots have not been able to perk, and the people who had purchased those properties didn't know that until they had purchased the properties," Overby said.

After looking at the ordinance, Overby said he and at least one other supervisor thought the board needed to consider modifying it and added that the proposal would restore the five-acre threshold that was reduced to two acres in 2005.

"To make it more restrictive and go back to the five-acre limitation as opposed to the two acre that it currently is right now. For all practical purposes, that's really the only change that is proposed right now in the ordinance, other than some minor administrative changes," he said.

The proposal also would expand the definition of immediate family members eligible for certain family subdivision provisions to include stepparents, stepchildren, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

"We tried to make that a little less restrictive as far as defining what a family member is to allow those family member subdivisions to be able to be administratively approved, without them having to go through the entire process of going to the Planning Commission," Overby said.

Overby said the changes are intended to provide additional oversight and help prevent buyers from being misled about whether property is suitable for development.

"Were trying to fix this, or at least help this, to the extent of creating a little bit larger oversight mechanism than what we've previously had. Actually, we used to have it at five acres, and it was changed in 2005 to two acres," he said.

After reviewing minutes from the 2005 meeting, Overby said he believes the earlier change was shortsighted "because the justification that was used did not really match what the change actually ended up being."

Vice Chairman Clayton Kendrick, of the Mayo River District, said he is leaning toward supporting the ordinance, although he still has questions about some provisions.

"There's a couple of things that we still need to iron out that I had some questions about, and there's a couple of things that I don't understand the way they're written, but I think I'll probably go for it," Kendrick said.

He believes the board could vote on the ordinance following the public hearing, depending on the comments received.

"There's some stuff going on that sort of needs to be taken care of before it gets out of hand, so I feel like we'll probably vote on it that night, but I guess it depends mostly on what the public comes up with and what they want. If they come up with some good arguments, we may have to work on it some more," he said.

Kendrick said he initially was concerned about how the changes might affect property owners who want to give smaller parcels to family members, but those concerns have largely been resolved, and there's nothing in the current draft ordinance that worries him.

"I found out since then that there would still be possibilities that you could do it for a kid of yours or something where you want to let them have a two-acre tract as long as it was approved through the Planning Commission. So that kind of settled that for me," he said.

Interim Smith River District Supervisor Richard Cox, however, said he does not support the proposal in its current form.

Cox said the draft differs from the version originally discussed by the Planning Commission.

"It's a new version. It was drafted in part by Mr. Overby and some other participants, and it's just that - a draft," he said.

Although Cox agrees with the goal of protecting property buyers, he believes the proposal goes beyond what was originally intended.

"It's quite a complicated picture when you try to compare individual property rights and what they can do with their property versus the developer that wants to spend the money and come in and make a quick profit and leave the buyer holding the bag. That's the sole intent of the ordinance to prevent something like that," Cox said.

He said he would support some provisions discussed earlier in the process, but not the ordinance as currently written.

"I would be in favor of some of the provisions that had been discussed earlier that would apply, but I think we've overextended on this draft, which goes beyond the intent of what" it was "requested for. So, as it exists now, I would not be in favor of this ordinance as presented," Cox said.

Among his concerns is a provision establishing the role of a subdivision agent, which Cox believes would require the county to hire another employee.

"I don't see the need for a new employee. There are also some definitions in there that contradict some of the provisions of the article that they've written in. There's some things in there I don't believe we need to add in there, and it has a lot of discussion to come out concerning my issues that I think they also concern other members of the board," he said.

Cox also cited the Planning Commission's limited membership as a complication. The commission currently has two members, both appointed on Sept. 14.

"According to the Code, our local government has to have a Planning Commission even though it serves totally as an advisory commission. We are however receiving applications for volunteers to serve on that commission, and it may be just a short time in the future that we have a fully operating Planning Commission to aid us," he said.

Under the circumstances, Cox said responsibilities that would ordinarily fall to the Planning Commission are being handled by the Board of Supervisors.

Supervisors Jonathan Wood, of the Peters Creek District, and Steve Marshall, of the Blue Ridge District, did not return calls for comment.

The proposed ordinance is available on the county's website at co.patrick.va.us.

Apple

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The Patrick County tourism booth was among the displays at the 2025 Apple Dumpling Festival in Stuart. This year's festival will feature more than 100 vendors, with booths set up along Patrick Avenue and in a nearby parking lot.



Crowds fill downtown Stuart during last year's Apple Dumpling Festival. The annual event returns Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., featuring food, crafts and activities for children.

craft vendors, sort of the same sort of vendors that we see on a regular basis at our Strawberry Festival and a lot of returning vendors from our Apple Dumpling Festivals. We're obviously looking forward to that," Simmons said.

Unlike previous years, the festival will not feature live music.

"Because we were short-staffed and waiting for our new Community Coordinator to start, we didn't have a chance to get music scheduled this year. So that will be a change, but we do anticipate bringing that back in future festivals. It was purely a short staffing issue," Simmons said.

A bounce house and other activities for children will be available at the Farmers' Market and festivalgoers also can look forward to the event's popular apple dumplings.

Simmons said attendance will depend on the weather, but he expects a strong turnout.

"This is a rain or shine event, so we won't reschedule anytime. Assuming that the weather is good we could anticipate upwards of 4,000-5,000 people," he said.

The festivities will begin earlier in the day with the Apple Dumpling Festival 5K, hosted by the Patrick County Chamber of Commerce and the Dan River Basin Association (DRBA).

The race will begin at 8 a.m. along the Mayo River Rail Trail, with registration opening at 7 a.m.

Registration costs $30. Preregistered participants are guaranteed a T-shirt, while shirts will be available to other participants as supplies last.

Proceeds will benefit DRBA's trail development efforts in Patrick County.

To register for the 5K, contact the Patrick County Chamber of Commerce at 276-694-6012 or director@patrickchamber.com.

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Otis Wayne Hairfield

Otis Wayne Hairfield passed away peacefully on the evening of October 1st, leaving behind a rich legacy of love, family devotion, and a life beautifully lived. He was a longtime fixture of the Henry County community and a resident of both Martinsville and the scenic hills along the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Born on September 3, 1935, in Henry County, Virginia, Wayne was the youngest son of the late Otis Lockett Hairfield and Annie Laura Tatum Hairfield. Wayne was a proud graduate of Martinsville High School's Class of '54, and was a standout athlete who excelled in football, basketball, and baseball. His athletic talent earned him scholarships to both Virginia Tech and Roanoke College. Professionally, he spent many years working as a dedicated salesman in the Martinsville area and was a member of Starling Avenue Baptist Church.

Wayne went on to build a full, vibrant life in Martinsville. He was united in marriage for almost 48 years to his beloved first wife, the late Betty Lou Isley Hairfield, with whom he raised four daughters. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Harold Hairfield and his sister, Kizzie Hairfield Harding.

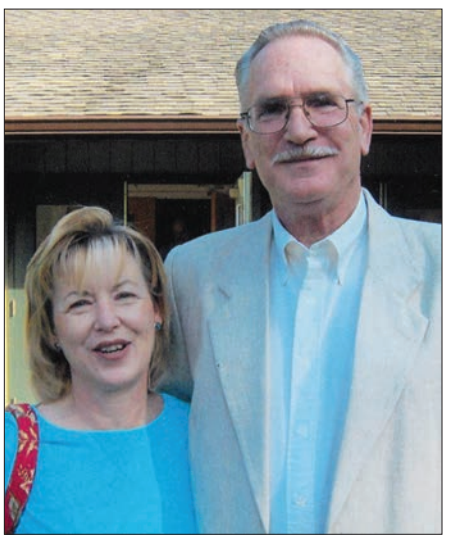
Wayne is survived by his devoted wife, Jessie Martin Hairfield of Fancy Gap, VA who cared for him throughout the final years of his life and was by his side every step of the way. He is also survived by his four daughters, Jenny Hammond (David) of Myrtle Beach, SC; Kathy Varn (Rex) of Sugar Land, TX; Beth Padgett (Robbie) of Lexington, SC; and Susan Lass (Rob) of Chapin, SC. As a proud "Pop" to seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, he played a wonderful, active role in their lives. His deep love of music, sports, golf, and Clemson athletics will live on forever in their hearts.

Later in life, Wayne embraced his passion for music by playing the bass in the bluegrass band Two Young/Two Old. Performing and singing live brought him immense joy and created cherished memories for all who heard him play.

Wayne will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. His legacy of kindness, music, and love will endure in the lives of those he touched. A celebration of life will be held at Norris Funeral Home, 1500 Kings Mountain Road, Martinsville, VA on October 26th at 11 am. followed by a reception. He will be interred at Roselawn Cemetery alongside his family.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in his honor to a charity of your choice.

Earl Robert "Bob" Cunningham



Born in Ellsworth, Kansas, Earl Robert "Bob" Cunningham was a man who dedicated his life to his country, his family, and his community. Bob passed away peacefully on October 5th, 2026, at Stuart Community Hospital, surrounded by his loving family.

A proud veteran, Bob served honorably in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War, carrying the values of discipline and service with him throughout his life. After his military service, Bob was a true jack-of-all-trades, working countless jobs over the years. His hard-working nature led him to a decades-long career at what is now known as Stuart Community Hospital, where his dedication left a lasting impact on those around him.

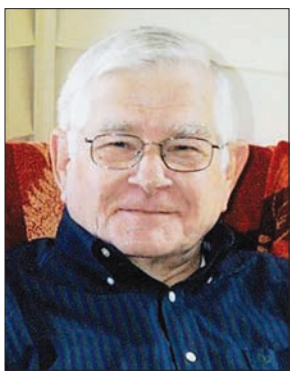
Outside of work, Bob was incredibly resourceful and loved working with his hands. He was an avid hobbyist who took great pride in carpentry and spent hours working on his beloved '69 MG. Whether fixing something around the house or helping others, he truly embodied the spirit of a craftsman.

Bob's greatest joy, however, was his family. He is survived by his loving wife, Claudia; his five children; and 14 cherished grandchildren, all of whom carry forward his legacy of hard work and love. He is also survived by his brothers, Larry and Roger; and his sister, Jo.

Bob will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and the many lives he touched throughout his meaningful journey.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations should be made to the donor's favorite charity in Bob's name. Moody Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements and online condolences may be sent by visiting www.moodyfuneralservices.com.

Walter Marion Gunter



Mr. Walter Marion Gunter, age 86 of Stuart, passed away Sunday, October 11, 2026, at his home. He was born in Patrick County on March 3, 1940, to the late Howard and Ruth Adams Gunter. In addition to his parents, Mr. Gunter was preceded in death by his brother and sister-in-law, Bruce Gunter (Thelma). He faithfully served in the United States Army National Guard. He attended Mountain View Church of God of Prophecy, and was retired from DuPont.

Mr. Gunter is survived by his wife of 56 years, Marie Plaster Gunter of the home; a son, Daren Gunter (Beth); a daughter, Lori Hutchins (Jay); six grandchildren; a twin brother, Marvin Gunter (June); and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services for Mr. Gunter will be held Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at 2:00 PM with Pastor Tom Warren officiating. Burial will follow in High Point Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Patrick County Chapter, P.O. Box 1301, Stuart, Virginia 24171 or to the Mountain Valley Hospice and Palliative Care, 945 Zephyr Road, Dobson, North Carolina 27017. Online condolences may be sent by visiting www.moodyfuneralservices.com.

Brenda Sue Turner



Mrs. Brenda Sue Turner, age 73 of Meadows of Dan, Virginia, passed away peacefully at Carilion New River Valley Medical Center on Tuesday, October 6, 2026. She was born in Meadows of Dan on September 28, 1953, to the late Glenn Ellis Turner and Margaret Wood Turner. Brenda found great joy in the simple things that made life special. She was a prolific reader, loved spending time scrapbooking and crafting, working on puzzles and collecting her beloved Longaberger Baskets. Some of her happiest memories were made while hosting "Camp Grandma," creating special moments and lasting memories with her grandchildren. She also enjoyed spending time with friends and sharing new experiences along the way. Above all, her greatest joy was her family and friends.

Left to cherish the memories of Brenda are her husband, Mark Crook of the home; six children, Joe Maloney of Morristown, TN, Mike Maloney (Heather) of Columbia MD, Kathy Maloney of Odenton, MD, Mike Crook (Stephanie) of Jessup, MD, Matt Crook (Mollie) of Austinville, VA, and Sarah Crouse (Matt) of Gambrills, MD; eleven grandchildren, Makayla, Braeden, Sydney, Teagan, Michael, Sophia, Marissa, Memphis, Mylie, Madison, and Matthew; two brothers, Douglas Turner (Terry) of Meadows of Dan, VA and Clyde Turner (Josee) of Dumfries, VA; and several nieces, nephews, close friends and of course their dog, Harley.

A graveside memorial service for Mrs. Turner will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. in Meadows of Dan Baptist Church Cemetery with Pastor Shawn Carter officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Vesta Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 911, Meadows of Dan, VA 24120. Online condolences may be sent by visiting www.moodyfuneralservices.com.

J. E. B. Stuart, Jr.





Photos by Tom Perry

By Tom Perry

Several years ago, I found myself in Arlington National Cemetery, walking toward the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. I veered off to the left of Roosevelt Drive just after I crossed McClellan Drive. In section 7, site 9002, I came across the grave of Captain James Ewell Brown Stuart, Jr., and his wife, Josephine "Joe" Phillips Stuart.

J. E. B. Stuart is buried on the land that once belonged to Robert Edward Lee and his wife, Mary. The 1,100 acre plantation was illegally taken from the Lee Family during the Civil War and turned into Arlington National Cemetery. After the War, the Lees sued and won 5-4 in the Supreme Court. Their son, Custis Lee, who was a classmate of J. E. B. Stuart at West Point, sold the property to the United States for $150,000 in 1883.

Phillip St. George Cooke Stuart was born on June 26, 1860, at Fort Riley in Geary County, Kansas, to his parents Flora Cooke and Lieutenant James Ewell Brown Stuart, while the latter was stationed with the First United States Cavalry in what was then Kansas Territory. Named for his maternal grandfather, Phillip St. George Cooke, the boy's name changed during the early stages of the War Between the States when his Virginia-born grandfather did not join the Confederacy. He became J. E. B. Stuart, Jr. We are now up to J. E. B. Stuart VII, who was born in 2026.

We might prefer to remember him with something a contemporary of "Jeb" Stuart Jr. said once: "For it is better to dare mighty things than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much because they live in the gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat." Surely, Theodore Roosevelt would have liked "Jeb" Stuart as he did his son.

After his father's death on May 12, 1864, Flora Cooke Stuart moved her family to Saltville, Virginia, to live near her husband's brother, William Alexander Stuart. When George Stoneman raided Saltville in December 1864, family tradition holds that Stoneman almost fought "Jeb" Stuart, but it was four-year-old J. E. B. Stuart, Jr., who nearly walked outside into the fray after hearing the shots and thinking they were firecrackers. At the last moment, his mother intercepted him from striking a blow for the Confederacy.

Growing up in the post-war South with the name J. E. B. Stuart was no doubt a blessing and a problem for a young man. His grandson, J. E. B. Stuart IV, described him as having "inherited high spirits and love of life from his father," and he attended Norwood Academy, an Episcopal High School in Alexandria. After spending one year and seven months at the school in Lexington, the Virginia Military Institute dismissed J. E. B. Stuart's son on April 3, 1880, for "excessive demerits" that included "laughing, fidgeting, whispering, talking, pillow fights."

Stuart, Jr. worked as a surveyor for the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad on an extension from Richmond to Newport News. During this time, he met Josephine Phillips, "the Bell of Warwick County." Her father, Colonel Joseph Phillips, served on General John Magruder's staff and died at Vicksburg. Stuart and Phillips were married on July 21, 1886, at St. John's Church in Hampton, Virginia.

The family moved to a wheat farm in Kansas, where a son named for his father and paternal grandfather was born in September 1887. Stuart, Jr., and family returned to Staunton the next year to work at the Staunton National Bank. Sadly, the first J. E. B. Stuart III died in July. A daughter, Mary Marrow Stuart, was born on May 28, 1889.

In 1890, the Stuarts moved to Lexington, where Stuart Jr. worked at the Rockbridge National Bank. On June 16, a daughter, Flora, was born. She later married George M. Garmony of New York in 1918. The family lived nearby at Buena Vista, Virginia, for the next two years. Another daughter, Josephine Phillips Stuart, was born on August 9, 1892. She later married Drewry M. Smith of Norfolk. The following year, the family moved to Richmond, where Stuart worked at Merchants National Bank.

Richmond was a "halcyon days" time for the family, who attended St. James Church, where his father's funeral was held in 1864. In 1897, the family welcomed a new baby, the second James Ewell Brown Stuart III. When War with Spain erupted in 1898, Stuart Jr. offered his services to his country, writing from the Merchants National Bank in Richmond to General Scott Shipp, the Superintendent of the VMI, asking for a letter of reference. He applied to General Russell Alger, who was part of the force that killed Stuart's father at Yellow Tavern, along with the false report of John Huff being the assassin. Reliving his father's days as a quartermaster in the Kansas Territory in the 1850's, Stuart served in the Commissary Department under former Confederate General Joseph Wheeler in South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Cuba. He became ill and returned to the United States.

In 1904, Stuart served as Marshall of the Eastern District of Virginia while living in Portsmouth. President Theodore Roosevelt appointed Stuart to the position. An associate wrote that the President "wishes to show that he has no hostility to Southern men who participated in the Civil

(See J.E.B p. 14)

Patrick Pulpits

Going up to Jerusalem

By Van Yandell

Exodus 29: 43&45 "And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and the tabernacle shall be sanctified by my glory. And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will be their God.

Much of the terminology in the Bible is based on first century, (and previous centuries), knowledge at the time.

Also, many of the Bible usages concerning such things as geographic directions are based on factors we may not consider today.

For example, the Bible often states "going up to Jerusalem." (Matthew 20: 18, 1 Kings 12: 27, John 2: 13) We may think of "going up" as meaning going in a northerly direction.

In Bible speak, "going up to Jerusalem" is because Jerusalem is a high point in that specific geographic location. Mt. Moriah, the location of the first and second Jerusalem Temple, is 2700 feet above sea level. Jericho is 850 feet below sea level and only seventeen miles from Jerusalem. The trip is definitely uphill all the way.

The Dead Sea is 1200 feet below sea level and only twenty-five miles from Jerusalem. The coastal cities in Israel are of course, at or near sea level. It doesn't matter where one is traveling from (walking in Bible times) the trek is up hill; thus "up to Jerusalem."

We must also consider the Bible reference to "the world." Their world was less in area than the eastern part of the U.S.

Matthew 24: 9 "Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake."

"All nations" would have been different from today. Whereas there are 195 countries in the world today, how many nations were there in 33 AD? We could probably come up with a close number but with over 2000 years passed, the history of nations could easily have been convoluted.

We continually try to make the Bible fit into our current day conditions of speech, geographic, social and economic conditions.

At times, considering the differences in usages (then and now), the meaning we glean from our Bible studies can completely change. Most Christians believe the Holy Bible was written by forty men over a period of 1600 years, and their inspiration came from God.

Since such an opinion may be true, we still should consider the time factor involved. The knowledge of the planet earth possessed by those forty writers and the interpreting in the King James Bible (Published 1611) and those compiling other versions was limited.

Understanding these and other considerations are open for opinions, it becomes logical to regard the differences in time and space.

Personally I have to think that if God inspired the writing of the Holy Bible, He would possibly have inspired the translating of the numerous versions. While those were mostly composed with a "sell-the-product" motivation; whether or not God inspired them is certainly up for opinion.

The examples of changing understandings throughout the Bible are numerous. Conditions currently identified as such as epilepsy, blindness or mental illnesses were thought to be demonic possession.

This, of course would be impossible to disprove but current "medical wisdom" indicates injuries, chemical imbalances or short circuits in the brain as being the causes of such conditions.

I was in a village in East Africa and saw a little boy with numerous one inch scars on his chest and belly. The attending physician (witch doctor) had cut holes in him when he was ill, to let out the evil spirits.

The child survived and appeared healthy when I saw him. Consequently, the people of the village believed the doctor's treatment cured him.

Such beliefs are in the thousands and we seldom consider all the possibilities. Our presumptions are sometimes not logical but we also know we believe what we want to believe and researchers usually publish findings that agree with their points of view.

There is one Bible teaching we can take at its face value. That would be the Biblical plan of eternal life. Regardless of one's denominational affiliation, the fundamental of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the same.

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).

In today's world, the church places value on many conditions and situations the Bible does not support. The Bible says nothing about the church accumulating wealth for the sake of "having wealth."

The only reference to buildings is in 1 Kings 6, the building of King Solomon's Temple. The building of cathedrals and large elaborate church buildings is not supported by scripture. Many of us believe (Matthew 16: 18) the church is the people, not a building.

One such example of changed meanings is the word "tabernacle." That word is currently used in the name of many churches but in Old Testament times (Exodus) a tabernacle was a portable/moveable structure (tent) that adapted to the nomadic nature in the middle-east of the people in that day and time.

Passage of time and generational handed-down information is many times misleading or inaccurate. Always read the Bible to determine what it really says and consider the passage of time.

Does it matter what we believe about the issues that divide Christians? Only eternity and how to be a part of it does matter.

The next time you go "up to Jerusalem" be prepared for an uphill trek; and you may not be heading north.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

BY WILSON CASEY

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

2. From Genesis 17, who asked, "Shall a child be born unto him that is a hundred years old"? *Adam, Abraham, Aaron, Agrippa*

3. What group did John the Baptist exhort to be content with their pay? *Priests, Zealots, Judges, Soldiers*

4. From Genesis 8, what was the first thing Noah did after leaving the ark? *Burned the ark, Built an altar, Performed a marriage, Hiked to mountains*

5. Which king of Israel had a reputation as a wild chariot driver? *Joash, Jehoash, Jehu, Jeremiah*

6. Whose biblical name meant "eagle"? *Nehemiah, Timothy, Aquila, Miriam*

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Abraham, 3) Soldiers, 4) Built an altar, 5) Jehu, 6) Aquila

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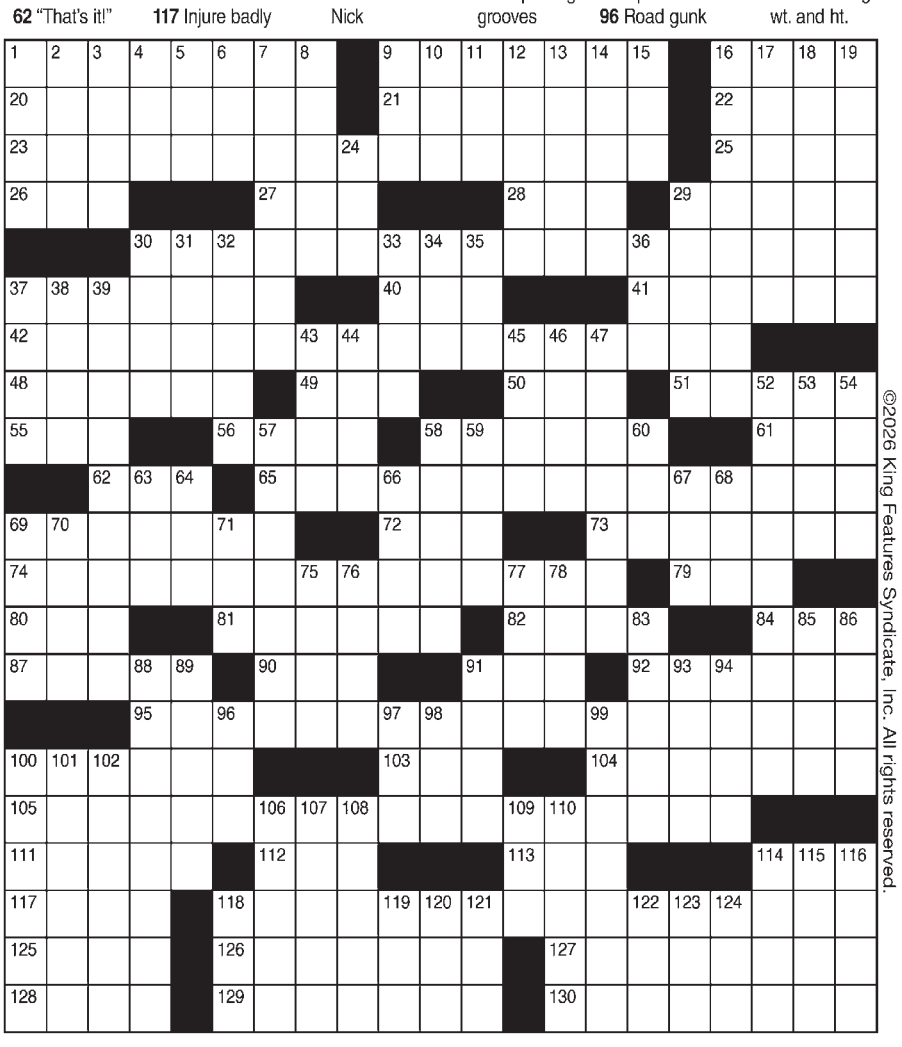
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9 Beginning of a process
16 Opposed to
20 Woman from Madrid's land, to Madrid natives
21 Relatives of grapefruits
22 Cut of beef
23 Start of riddle #1
25 Pea holders
26 Kyoto coin
27 Actress Longoria
28 Astern
29 Diameter halves
30 Middle of riddle #1
37 Star of "10"
40 Foe of Spinks
41 Most polar
42 End of riddle #1
48 Second-rate
49 Suffix with glob or duct
50 Spicy
51 V-shaped cut
55 Hand-talking syst.
56 90 degrees from norte
58 Intend to do
61 Great sorrow
62 "That's it!"
65 Answer to riddle #1
69 Humility
72 Mensa stats
73 Performs in front of
74 Start of riddle #2
79 Casino stake
80 Flaky dessert
81 Unit of a sentence
82 Tell — story (try to evoke sympathy)
84 Undergrad degs.
87 Drinking aid
90 Part of ENT
91 Actress Ortiz
92 Actor Skeet or drummer Lars
95 Middle of riddle #2
100 Warship fleet
103 "I'll take that as —"
104 Civil War general Grant
105 End of riddle #2
111 Kicked in seed money
112 Bottom line
113 Chum
114 Crunches work them
117 Injure badly
118 Answer to riddle #2
125 Hotel chain
126 Greek
127 Ate lunch or dinner
128 Former rival of Nintendo
129 Tranquil and carefree
130 "Yes, it's true, alas"

DOWN
1 Like many wet lawns
2 "This —" (telephone response)
3 Arch across
4 Pic on a chest, maybe
5 Mom's bro
6 Jumping Aussie critter
7 Feature of a cloudless day
8 Balm
9 Secret agent
10 As well
11 Very tall bird
12 Praline ingredient
13 1957-91 king of Norway
14 "Affliction" star Nick
15 Course for U.S. immigrants
16 "Scarface" star
17 Strip of pasta
18 Neatens up
19 Refuse to yield
24 Pappy
29 Puerto —
30 Te- — (giggles)
31 Municipal laws: Abbr.
32 Yeshiva teacher
33 Scarce
34 Styled after
35 Victory
36 Fruit drink brand
37 — Raton
38 Avian hooters
39 Genetic structure with "rungs" of base pairs
43 Novel writer, e.g.: Abbr.
44 Pooch pest
45 Gabfest
46 Charged atoms
47 Sink as low as
52 Drill attachments with spiraling grooves
53 Paint layer
54 Sub in a deli
57 Reaping tools
58 Arouse
59 Misplaced
60 Pittsburgh Steelers' org.
63 Whack down
64 Burning residue
66 Waterways, to Mexicans
67 "— Four" (Beatles)
68 Dark deli bread
69 Atlas features
70 Handling the matter
71 Strike gently
75 Part of UAE
76 Uncovered
77 Sharp pain
78 Morales in movies
83 Horn for taps
85 Nagging pain
86 "— Out of My League"
88 The universe of universities
89 Walked through water
91 After a while
93 Distance unit in astron.
94 Optimistic
96 Road gunk
97 On the — (escaping)
98 Yoko of art
99 Roast that may include chopped cashews or almonds
100 Los —, New Mexico
101 Title anew
102 Beating at chess
106 When many a driver stops
107 Touchy- —
108 To any extent
109 Jungle beast
110 Sister of Malia Obama
114 On a mattress, say
115 Squeezing snakes
116 WWII battle site in Normandy
118 X, to Greeks
119 — Aviv
120 Kin of mono-
121 — room (Ping-Pong place)
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Meetings

Wednesday, Oct. 14
The Patrick County School Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the school board office.

Thursday, Oct. 15
The Patrick County Tourism Advisory Council will meet at 6 p.m. in the community room of Patrick & Henry Community College.

Monday, Oct. 19
The Patrick County Board of Supervisors will meet at 6 p.m. in the third-floor court room of the Patrick County Administration Building.

Tuesday, Oct. 20
The Patrick County Planning Commission meeting has been canceled.

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

Thursday, Oct. 22
The Blue Ridge Regional Library Board will meet at the Collinsville Branch Library at 3 p.m.

Events

Wednesday, Oct. 14
The Patrick County Food Bank will hold its distribution day at its Stuart location from 8:30-11 a.m. and from 5-6:30 p.m., at the Fellowship Church in Ararat from 8-10 a.m. and starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Building in Meadows of Dan.

Friday, Oct. 16
The community food trick will be at the Fairystone VFD from 3-4 p.m.

The Stuart Farmers' Market will be open from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Fresh vegetables, fruits fall flowers, local beef, poultry, free range eggs, herbal products and other special items. Support your neighbors and shop local.

Ross Harbour Methodist Church, 6260 Elamsville Road, Stuart, will hold a free community meal from 4-6 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 16 - Saturday, Oct. 17
A fundraiser yard sale to benefit the Perry Family Scholarship will be held at the former home of Theodore and Bertie Hill Guynn, 3139 Ararat Highway, Ararat.

Saturday, Oct. 17
The Patrick County High School Class of 1986 will hold its 40th class reunion at Tin Pin Alley. For ticket information, reunion updates, and all the event details, join the Patrick County High School Class of 1986 Facebook group or email Lyn at hillstl1681@gmail.com or Derrick at derricklanderson@gmail.com.

Saturday, Oct. 24
Disaster Relief Food Ministry will hold a food drive at Wal-Mart in Stuart from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Haunted Hikes at 'Scary Stone' State Park – guided hikes with ghost stories at 7, 8 and 9 p.m. at Fairy Stone State Park, $7 parking fee. Don't forget your flashlight. Register at the front office or call 276-930-2424.

High Point Baptist Church, 2381 Big A School Road, Stuart, will hold a community meal featuring homemade soup from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dine-in and take-out options are available. Donations are not expected but will be accepted to benefit the Patrick County Recovery Ministry.

Saturday, Oct. 31
Disaster Relief Food Ministry will hold its mobile food distribution at Smith Brothers Trucking at 2904 Ararat Highway from 10-11 a.m. and at Meadows of Dan Baptist Church from 12:45-1:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 12
The Patrick County Senior Citizen Group will meet at 11 a.m. in the Hooker Building at Rotary Field. Entertainment will be provided by Philip Adams. The Reynolds Homestead will provide the meal. Attendees are requested to bring desserts to share with the group and cans of food to donate to the Patrick County Food Bank.

Ongoing

American Legion Post 105 meets the third Friday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Post building at 553 American Legion Road, Stuart. All are welcome.

VFW Post 7800 meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month. Premeeting meal starts at 6 p.m.; meeting starts at 7 p.m., 939 VFW Road, Patrick Springs. Qualified new members are welcome.

Patrick County Veterans Memorial Honor Guard meets on the first Tuesday of every month at the American Legion Post 105, at 6 p.m. Interested veterans are welcome to attend.

Inside yard sale to benefit Patrick County Alzheimer's Group LLC. 109 Buena Vista, Stuart, Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Members meet on the first Monday of every month at 6 p.m. in the Alzheimer's office. New members are welcome. For more information, call (276) 693-6018.

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

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

The Patrick Springs Ruritan Club meets at 6:30 p.m. on the 2nd Thursday of each month in the community room at Patrick Springs Park, 2 Ballpark Road, Patrick Springs.

Vesta Alzheimer's Group LLC meets at the Vesta Community Center on the third Tuesday of each month at noon. Both groups welcome new members and invite caregivers to attend. Literature is also available.

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

Free Community Meal, on the 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.

Willis Gap Community Center: Members Meeting, the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.; Appalachian Acoustic Open Jam, every Friday. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for food, with music and dancing, 6:30-9 p.m.; Golden Oldies Open Jam is on the last Tuesday of the month. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for food, music, and dancing from 6:30-9 p.m.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 326 HILL VALLEY ROAD, STUART, VA 24171. In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated March 24, 2006, in the original principal amount of $81,632.18 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court of Patrick County, Virginia as Instrument No. 060000758. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Patrick County, 101 West Blue Ridge Street, Stuart, Virginia, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on December 8, 2026, at 12:00 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL OF THAT ONE CERTAIN LOT, TRACT, OR PARCEL OF LAND, TOGETHER WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING, LYING AND BEING IN PETERS CREEK MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF PATRICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA, ON THE EAST SIDE OF STATE ROAD #730, THAT IS MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT:
BEGINNING AT A DRIVEN IRON STAKE, A NEW CORNER, ON THE EAST SIDE OF STATE ROAD #730, THENCE A NEW DIVIDING LINE S. 70 DEG. E. 157 FEET 7 INCHES TO A NEW CORNER IRON STAKE; THENCE ANOTHER NEW DIVIDING LINE S. 20 DEG W. 200 FEET TO A DRIVEN IRON STAKE IN THE LINE OF WITT ROGERS PROPERTY, THENCE WITH THE RODGERS LINE N. 64 DEG. 46 MIN. W. 181 FEET 3 INCHES TO A DRIVEN IRON STAKE ON THE RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF THE SAID STATE ROAD #730; THENCE LEAVING THE ROGERS LINE AND WITH THE RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SAID STATE ROAD #730; THENCE LEAVING THE ROGERS LINE AND WITH THE RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SAID STATE ROAD #730 N. 28 DEG. 45 MIN. E. 186 FEET 3 INCHES BACK TO THE POINT OF THE BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.75 OF AN ACRE, MORE OR LESS, BY SURVEY. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a $50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.aldridgepite.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240 Richmond, VA 23229. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Virginia Pre-Sale Department of counsel for Equity Trustees, LLC at 301-961-6555, website: www.aldridgepite.com. 1012-1312B.

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ABC NOTICE
MSRD CAN LLC trading as Roberts Market & Grill, 3918 Fairystone Park Hwy, Stuart, Patrick County, Stuart, Virginia 24171.
The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Convenience Grocery Store (Off-Premises Wine & Beer) license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.
Ronakkumar Govindbhai Patel, member
NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or (800) 552-3200.

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ABC NOTICE
Primland LTD & Busted Rock Corporation trading as Primland Resort, 1450 Moonshine Dr, Meadows of Dan, Virginia 24120.
The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Resort Complex with Restaurant, Wine, Beer, Mixed Beverages, Consumed On and Off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.
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ABC NOTICE
Vaishvi Patel LLC trading as Ararat Stop N Shop, 5348 Ararat Hwy, Ararat, Patrick County, VA 24053-3920.
The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Convenience Grocery Store, Wine, Beer, Consumed Off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.
Vardhman Patel/Partner, Chiragkumar Patel/Partner
NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or (800) 552-3200.

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Meeting Notice
Patrick County Public Service Authority
Quarterly Business Meeting
The Patrick County Public Service Authority Board of Directors will hold their quarterly Business Meeting on Tuesday, October 27, 2026 at 6 PM in the 3rd Floor Court Room of the Patrick County Veterans Memorial Building.
Petitions and requests from the public to address the Board shall be submitted in writing to the PSA located in the Patrick County Administration Building at 106 Rucker Street, Suite 218, Stuart, VA. Petitions and requests to address the Board shall be submitted no less than five (5) business days prior to the scheduled meeting and placed on the official meeting agenda in order to be considered. Persons wanting to address the Authority's Board not having submitted a pre-request to do so may only be heard after a majority of Directors agree. The Directors encourage public attendance at all meetings.

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TOWN OF STUART PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
The Town of Stuart Planning Commission will hold a meeting on Tuesday, October 27, 2026, at 5:00 PM in the Stuart Town Office, located at 100 Patrick Avenue, Stuart, Virginia.
The Commission will meet as the Façade Improvement Committee for the Stuart Downtown Revitalization Project (CDBG #23-23-08) to review the façade improvement packages and funding recommendations, and will take up other business properly brought before the Commission.
All interested persons are invited to attend. Those unable to attend who wish to provide comments may contact Bryce Simmons, Town Manager, by phone at (276) 694-3811 or by email at bryce.simmons@stuartva.org.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF PROPERTY
174 Niten Hollow Lane, Ararat, VA 24053
Tax Parcel No. 4011-87
In execution of a Deed of Trust dated October 31, 2023, in the principal amount of $113,279.71, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Patrick County, Virginia, of record as Instrument Number 230002039, Woods Rogers Vandeventer Black PLC, Substitute Trustee, will offer for sale at public auction outside the main entrance of the Patrick County Circuit Court, 101 W. Blue Ridge Street, Stuart, VA 24171, on October 27, 2026 at 12:00 noon , the property described in said Deed of Trust lying in Patrick County, Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:
That certain tract or parcel of land, together with the improvements thereon, lying and being in the Dan River Magisterial District of Patrick County, Virginia containing 1.7207 acres as shown on that plat of survey entitled "James W. Niten" prepared by Larry G. Rakes, CLS, dated November 4, 1994, of record in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Patrick County, Virginia in Deed Book 303, at page 775.
TOGETHER WITH a 50-foot non-exclusive easement for right of way from Virginia State Route No. 671 to insured premises as more particularly described in Deed recorded in Deed Book 303, page 773, and shown on plat attached thereto in Deed Book 303, page 775.
TERMS: Cash - Bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sales price by cashier's or certified check may be required. Balance of purchase price shall be due and payable not later than ten (10) days after sale.
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Public Notice - Environmental Permit
PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that would allow impacts to wetlands, stream channel, and open water in Patrick County, Virginia.
PERMIT COMMENT PERIOD: 9/23/2026 - 10/23/2026
PERMIT NAME: Virginia Water Protection Permit issued by DEQ pursuant to applicable water laws and regulations
APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Triton Construction, Inc.; P.O. Box 1360, Saint Albans, WV 25177; VWPP Permit Application No. 26-0835
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant has applied for a new permit for the Route 58 Improvements - Vesta Section project. The project is an approximately an approximately 4.4-mile roadway construction project located between Meadows of Dan Bypass and Lover's Leap Section in Patrick County, Virginia. The proposed activity would affect 2.39 acres of wetlands, 0.29 acres open water, and 6603 linear feet of stream channel. The proposed activity would affect waterbodies in the Roanoke River watershed. To compensate for the surface waters affected, the applicant would purchase 3.50 wetland mitigation credit(s) and 7,650 USM stream mitigation credits DEQ's tentative decision is to issue the permit.
HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts written comments and requests for public hearing by hand-delivery, e-mail, or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses or email addresses of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.
CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. SHAWN CRIST; Blue Ridge Regional Office; 901 Russell Drive Salem, VA 24153; Phone: 434-316-4031; Email: shawn.crist@deq.virginia.gov. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above.

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PATRICK COUNTY

MARIE C. LANTRIP,	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
v.	)	**CASE NO. CL26-653**
MICHAEL LEE MARSHALL,	)	
MELANIE MARSHALL-PARK,	)	
WILLIAM CRAIG MARSHALL, JR.,	)	
and	)	
UNKNOWN HEIRS OF WILLIAM	)	
CRAIG MARSHALL, DECEASED,	)	
Defendants.	)	

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to obtain a partition of property interests, in kind, as proposed by the Plaintiff, against the Defendants, concerning real property situated in Patrick County, Virginia, as more fully set out in the Complaint.

IT APPEARING that an Affidavit has been made and filed stating that Defendants Unknown Heirs of Sallie Gillis Reyes, Deceased, and Defendants Unknown Heirs of William Craig Marshall, Deceased, are set out in the pleading as persons, as defendants by the general description of "parties unknown;" are deemed interested in the subject to be divided or disposed of; and the nature of such interest is described as possible ownership interest in the subject real properties should such individuals exist.

It is hereby ORDERED that the Defendants, set out in the pleading as persons, as defendants by the general description of "parties unknown", to wit:

Unknown Heirs of William Craig Marshall, Deceased, should any such individuals exist, be served through the Order of Publication pursuant to 8.01-316 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, to appear in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for Patrick County, Virginia within **fifty (50) days** after the date of this Order of Publication and do what is necessary to protect his or her interests in this case;

It is further ORDERED that the foregoing portion of this Order be published once a week for four successive weeks in The Enterprise, a newspaper published in Stuart, Virginia, having a general circulation in the Patrick County, Virginia.

A copy teste:

By: _____ Deputy Clerk

Morgan Boothe, Clerk
Patrick Circuit Court

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Counsel for the Plaintiff

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Request for Public Comments
West Piedmont Planning District Commission (WPPDC)
and
Danville Metropolitan Planning Organization (Danville MPO)
2026 Public Participation Plans

The West Piedmont Planning District Commission (WPPDC) hereby notifies the public of a 45-day public review period both for the WPPDC Public Participation Plan as well as for the Danville Metropolitan Planning Organization's Public Participation Plan, in accordance with 23 C.F.R. § 450.316(a)(1)(x).

The Public Participation Plans utilized by these two organizations document their responsibilities, goals, and strategies for engaging the public with respect to transportation planning.

The West Piedmont Planning District Commission (WPPDC) Public Participation Plan may be accessed at https://westpiedmontpdc.org/about/title-vi-public-participation-plan/, or by contacting the WPPDC at (276) 638-3987. The Danville MPO Public Participation Plan may be accessed at https://danvillempo.org/documents/, or by contacting the WPPDC at the phone number above. Either the WPPDC or the Danville MPO Public Participation Plan may be reviewed at the office of the West Piedmont Planning District Commission, 1100 Madison Street, Martinsville, from 8:30 AM to 5 PM, Monday - Friday. Any person without Internet access desiring to review the draft 2050 LRTP will be provided a copy of the full document by mail or fax.

Any questions or written comments on the draft 2050 LRTP may be directed to Michael Armbrister, Danville MPO Administrator, 1100 Madison Street, P.O. Box 5268, Martinsville, VA 24112, (276) 638-3987, Fax: (276) 638-8137, or email: danvillempo@wppdc.org. Comments will be received until November 30, 2026.

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First Fairy Stone 5K draws about 165 runners



Runners take off at the start of the inaugural Fairy Stone 5K at Fairy Stone State Park on Saturday, Oct. 3.



Medals, park information and promotional materials are displayed at the inaugural Fairy Stone 5K. The display also promotes the second annual Fairy Stone 5K, planned for fall 2027.



A participant gets into the spirit of the inaugural Fairy Stone 5K with an elaborate nature-inspired headdress and matching adornment.



A hand-drawn map shows the 3.1-mile course runners followed through Fairy Stone State Park during the inaugural Fairy Stone 5K.

By Jessica Dillon

About 165 runners took to the roads of Fairy Stone State Park Saturday, Oct. 3, for the inaugural Fairy Stone 5K, with some participants sporting fairy wings for the occasion.

Runners traveled a 3.1-mile course through several areas of the park, including the campground and yurts.

"The idea for the race came from our secretary, no, treasurer of the Friends Group, Madeleine Saxton. She's our race director," said Friends of Fairy Stone State Park President Annabelle Sechrist.

Sechrist said Saxton began planning the event about a year ago, with the race scheduled around swim season and timed to give runners an opportunity to see the park's changing fall foliage.

"We're actually just using the roads throughout the park. It's been measured out to start here, go up to our campground, and back down, and then through our yurts, and back here, and that's right at 3.1 miles, you know, a 5K distance," said Park Manager Adam Layman.

Park rangers helped guide runners along the course.

"This is amazing. We are blown away for this to be our first race ever, in the park with the Friends group. The mission of the Friends group is really to support the park in any way that we can. And bridge the gap between the community and the park. There's a lot of people who have lived here their whole lives and don't know about all the cool events that happen at the park, and this was one way to get a lot of people here, so we're really happy about that," Sechrist said.

The 5K is among several events planned at the park this fall.

"There's going to be a trunk or treat later this month. There's going to be the spooky hikes this month, and then next month, we're going to have the holiday market on Small Business Saturday, and then we're going to have Festival of Trees later this year in December all of those dates and details can be found on the official state park's website," Sechrist said.

Layman said organizers hope the 5K becomes an annual event and eventually grows beyond the race itself.

"We're just grateful for the Friends group and their dedication to helping make Fairystone a better place for all of our guests. And we're excited. Being the first year we're doing this, we had an excellent registration number. I'm really excited about how many people are coming out. And looking forward to not only making this an annual event, but hopefully in the future, making it a full-day event," Layman said.

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War…the fact that Mr. Stuart was a son of the famous cavalry leader appealed strongly to the president…the President admires the history of that intrepid leader and wishes to honor his memory." Roosevelt received recommendations from Fitz Lee and John Mosby. Stuart, a Democrat, first went Republican with the 1896 Election casting his vote for McKinley. Roosevelt also appointed Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson's grandson to the USMA at West Point, New York.

President Theodore Roosevelt appointed Stuart as Collector of Customs in Newport News, Virginia, in 1908. He later worked as an accountant with American Express and the Texas Company in New York City. He traveled the world in this work, especially visiting Africa. Stuart volunteered during World War I. He traveled to France as a civilian, using his logistics skills to move supplies. J. E. B. Stuart, Jr. retired in 1927.

Captain Stuart, who was the son of the famous Confederate cavalry General, "Jeb" Stuart, is survived by his widow, Josephine Phillips Stuart, who lives with their daughter, Mrs. G. M. Garmany of Port Washington, Long Island. He is also survived by three other daughters and a son, J. E. B. Stuart, III of Manhasset, Long Island.

Captain Stuart held the esteemed position of the very first Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans from 1896 to 1897. His leadership in the SCV laid the foundation for an organization dedicated to preserving the legacy and honor of Confederate soldiers and their families. His commitment to the cause and his service to the SCV are remembered with great respect and admiration.

He died on November 28, 1930, at the age of 70 in Istokpoga, Highlands County, Florida. Jo Phillips was born on February 3, 1862, in Hampton, Virginia. She died on October 4, 1932, at age 70 in Port Washington, Nassau County, New York, near her son, J. E. B. Stuart III.

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Recently I have received several inquiries about why I am a candidate to continue to serve on the Board of Supervisors as your Representative for the Smith River District.

The answer is very simple. In the last election a candidate was put forth that disappointed us all. He was chosen by a select group that only sought to present a candidate that would face an opponent that had encountered severe legal issues prior to the election. As it turned out the selected candidate, while being successful in being elected, was a total misfit for the job. He did meet the requirements set forth by his supporters. A young man with youthful appeal and, as my current opponent thought, had "new, young eyes and the capability to view the issues facing Patrick County from a different perspective."

The result of this election was achieved without consideration of several factors including: 1) His length of residency in the Smith River District and 2) his lack of understanding what serving as your representative meant and 3) His commitment, at best, was questionable from the onset of his being chosen to serve as our representative. These factors soon became evident when after attending only two (2) meetings of the Board and declining to accept any position on the various Commissions and Committees of Patrick County he resigned. This is what led me to seek the interim position he left vacant and to fill the vacuum his resignation created for the Smith River District and now it is my desire to complete the rest of the term of office that was vacated.

Again, Why me? I have been a public servant for the majority of my adult life beginning when I volunteered to serve in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam Era. I have 27 years of experience in the Criminal Justice system. I retired as a Magistrate in the 21st Judicial District after 13 years of public service. To enhance my abilities to serve I have attained an AAS Degree in Law Enforcement and a BS Degree in the Administration of Justice. I have served as a representative for Patrick County on the Board of Directors for the Southern Area Agency on Aging for six (6) years concluding my service in June of this year as Vice-Chairman of the Agency Board of Directors. After my term of service with SAAA was concluded I felt the need to continue to serve as a public servant when the vacancy in the Smith River District happened. In a competitive interview process I was chosen by the Board of Supervisors to fill the interim term left vacant by my predecessor. Since my appointment I have gained the mutual respect and acceptance from other members of the BOS and the County Administrator as I work to represent you. I have proven my ability to work as a team as we seek solutions to the many problems facing Patrick County and the Smith River District.

On Nov. 3 I ask you to VOTE RICHARD COX FOR SUPERVISOR-SMITH RIVER DISTRICT so I can continue to address your concerns as your Representative.

Richard

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FOR SUPERVISOR – SMITH RIVER DISTRICT
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