

US DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT

8-STEP DECISION-MAKING PROCESS EXAMPLE

DHCD CONTRACT # 22-PW-01A

PROJECT NAME:

Dick & Willie Passage Trail 6A Completion

Step 1: Determine whether the action is located in a 100-year floodplain (or a 500-year floodplain for critical actions) or wetland.

This action is located in a 100-year floodplain. A pedestrian bridge will span the designated floodplain area, as indicated on Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel 16 of 70 no. 5301260026R, revised September 27, 2008. The FIRM is attached to this document.

This project is new construction of a multi-use trail. E.O. 11988-Floodplain applies.

The proposed project is a mile-long segment of the final 2.96-mile gap in the Dick & Willie Passage Trail segment. Phase 6A entails 10,742' of new Dick & Willie Passage Trail segment and 1,461' sidewalk connection. This new trail section will extend from Dick & Willie Passage Trail Phase 5 (to the north) to the Spruce Street trailhead (to the south).

The ARC funding is for the last mile of the 2.96-mile gap, now called Phase 6A-2. A portion of Phase 6A (called Phase 6A-1) will be completed this coming year using VDOT and local funds. But significant inflationary measures have resulted in a funding deficit to complete the last mile. This last mile is the particular stretch of trail being funded through the Appalachian Regional Commission POWER and National Park Service Land and Water Conservation Funds. All clearances from the NPS grant were received in February 2023. The entire Phase 6A is being put into permanent conservancy according to LWCF regulations.

To help minimize impacts and maintenance issues, the alignment for Phase 6A, determined during the evaluation of various options in a 2015 Preliminary Engineering Report, will be located primarily within an existing cleared sanitary sewer line easement along the east side of Mulberry Creek. Due to its location within the Mulberry Creek floodplain, some culvert/piping (and culvert outlet riprap apron) impacts to tributaries and small adjacent wetland areas will be unavoidable. One aerial bridge crossing of Mulberry Creek is also planned near the southern / downstream terminus of this trail segment. The adjacent first-order tributary streams all have drainage areas less than 0.1 square mile each, and third-order Mulberry Creek has an approximate watershed area of 2.6 square miles.

Phase 6A-2 picks up at the southern terminus of Phase 6A-1, crossing over Mulberry Creek with a 12-foot wide single span bridge, and connecting to the existing sidewalk along the west side of Spruce Street with the incorporation of a new crosswalk. The existing sidewalk extends in a southerly direction to Hunting Ridge Road (approximately 0.63 miles), and will include minor upgrades to private entrances and curb ramps for ADA accessibility. From Hunting Ridge Road, approximately 0.28 miles of new sidewalk is proposed to connect to the existing Phase 6B trailhead on the west side of Spruce Street near Mulberry Creek.

This project does not meet any of the exceptions at 24 CFR 55.12 and requires an 8-step analysis of the direct and indirect impacts associated with the construction, occupancy, and modification of the floodplain. There are no wetlands associated with this section of the trail.

Because this section of land containing the trail is being put in permanent conservation easement with restrictions on future development, the only anticipated construction activity is for the purposes of this particular project. The entire Phase 6A project has already received a Nationwide Permit from the Department of the Army Corps of Engineers issued on 4/20/22.

Step 2: Notify the public for early review of the proposal and involve the affected and interested public in the decision making process.

A public notice describing the project was published in the *Henry County Enterprise* on Saturday, August 5, 2023. The ad targeted local residents, including those in the floodplain.

The notice was also sent to interested Federal, State, local agencies, and non-profit groups such as the state floodplain manager, and environmental protection groups. A list of specific agencies and individuals and a copy of the published notification is kept in the project's environmental review record and attached to this document. A copy was also posted on the Henry County website. **The required 15 calendar days were allowed for public comment.**

As required by regulation, the notice also included the name, proposed location and description of the activity, total number of floodplain acres involved, and the responsible entity contact for information as well as a website and the location and hours of the office at which a full description of the proposed action can be viewed.

No comments from the public were received.

Step 3: Identify and evaluate practicable alternatives.

A Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) was completed for this project in 2015. The design guidelines recommended for use in the design of a multi-use (shared-use) trail facility following American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) guidelines.

These include:

- (a) The AASHTO and VDOT recommended trail width is between 8 ft. and 14 ft., depending on volume and type of planned users (bicycle, pedestrian, equestrian, etc.). A 10 ft. minimum width is recommended.
- (b) Per AASHTO, the minimum shoulder width is 2 ft.; however a 3 ft. to 5 ft. shoulder is ideal for user safety. The maximum recommended shoulder slope is 6H:1V. Should the trail be adjacent to a slope steeper than 3H:1V or water hazard, a 5 ft. or greater shoulder width is recommended (unless a physical barrier or railing is provided, see below for barrier/railing warrants).
- (c) Per AASHTO, a 5-foot buffer should be installed between the trail and roadway curb or edge of traveled way. If the paved shoulder is present then the buffer begins at the edge of shoulder. If the separation is less than 5 ft. then a physical barrier railing should be installed between the trail and roadway.
- (d) AASHTO and VDOT both recommend the vertical clearance to obstructions be a minimum of 8 ft. However, vertical clearance may need to be greater to permit passage of maintenance and emergency vehicles. Going under crossings and through tunnels, 10 ft. is desirable for adequate vertical shy distance.
- (e) A 2 ft. minimum horizontal clearance should be obtained to obstructions such as trees, large rock, piers, poles, walls, signs, etc. When smooth features such as fences or railing with flaring end treatments are proposed a 1 ft. minimum horizontal clearance is acceptable. When a trail is located along a roadway, a 5 ft. separation should be provided from the edge of trail to the outside edge of a paved shoulder unless a physical barrier is provided.
- (f) To meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines, the cross slope cannot exceed 1:48, which is approximately 2 percent.
- (g) Pedestrian bridges for shared use trails should be designed to meet the structural requirements of “LRFD Guide Specifications for the Design of Pedestrian Bridges”. Bridges should be designed for H-10 (20,000lb) vehicle loading and 90psf live load for pedestrians. The minimum width for bridges should be the trail width plus 2 ft. clear width on each side. So a 10 ft. wide trail requires a 14 ft. clear width opening.
- (h) Where the trail intersects and crosses roads, unauthorized motor vehicles should be restricted from entering the shared use trail by means of lockable, removable or reclining bollards. These bollards/barriers are required to be permanently reflectorized for nighttime visibility and painted a bright color for daytime visibility; striping on the trail surface is also recommended to direct trail traffic around the bollard. The barriers should be spaced at 5 ft. to prevent unauthorized motor vehicle access and allow passage by adult tricycles, wheelchairs, and bicycles with trailers. The bollards should be set outside of the clear zone for the intersecting roadway or be of a breakaway design.

Based on field investigations and utilizing the contours and GIS data provided by Henry County, concept plans were developed for Phase 6A from the existing Dick & Willie Passage to the Smith River Sports Complex. The proposed alignment was developed using the design criteria described in the previous section. The proposed paved trail is 10 ft. wide with 3 ft. shoulders. The vertical grades meet the current ADA guidelines for a multi-use trail. A

preliminary existing and proposed HECRAS model was developed for the crossing over Mulberry Creek just below Spruce Street. The proposed creek crossing is a triple 10 ft. wide by 8 ft. high box culvert, which produced less than a 0.5 ft. rise in the flood plain.

The proposed trail extension will begin at the eastern terminus of existing Dick & Willie Passage at Mulberry Creek and end at Spruce Street. The trail length is approximately 2.5 miles. Two options were developed as part of this phase which provide feasible alignments to extend the trail from the existing trail terminus down to Mulberry Creek. The vertical alignments are steepest in this area since the existing trail is approximately 45 ft. above Mulberry Creek. The two options are described below.

Option 1 provides trail extension from D&W Passage to Spruce Street; recommending coming off perpendicular to the existing Dick & Willie Passage on the west side of Mulberry Creek for a more favorable alignment and slope. This option follows a gentler slope, but will require a crossing over Mulberry Creek where the trail will then follow an existing sanitary sewer along the east side of Mulberry Creek.

Option 2 provides trail extension from D&W Passage to Spruce Street; recommending coming off the end of the existing Dick & Willie Passage at picnic area and continuing eastward to cross over Mulberry Creek along the old railroad bed. This option eliminates the need for a creek crossing, but the terrain is steeper requiring a trail switchback. The trail will then follow an existing sanitary sewer corridor along the east side of Mulberry Creek. As noted previously, it is recommended for the trail to follow the east side of Mulberry Creek to the intersection with Spruce Street. The corridor along the east side follows a sanitary sewer alignment and is cleared and graded which will minimize construction costs. Once the trail is constructed it can also be utilized as access for maintenance.

Option 2 costs were considerably higher than Option 1. And with the minimal environmental impact to a floodplain (limited to 20 linear feet with temporary impact), this Option is much more feasible on numerous counts.

The POWER funding goals to provide outdoor recreation and natural resource asset development to support economic growth for a community align with this project. This section provides a critical link for an existing trail constructed in phases over six years. This final mile of trail will complete an 11.5-mile stretch of multi-use trail that connects numerous neighborhoods on a safe, fully accessible transportation corridor.

Henry County considered several alternative sites and actions believed to satisfy these requirements:

A. Locate the Project Within the Floodplain

The selected alignment reduced impact to 6,120 SF of disturbance within the floodplain.

B. Locate the Project Outside of the Floodplain

The only other option to locate the project outside the floodplain was significantly more expensive and created more challenges to ensure full ADA and PROWAGS accessibility. This phase connects two existing trail segments (6A-1 and 5).

A Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (PCE) conducted by VDOT in 2017 represents accord that this alignment allows for the completion of the trail with the least environmental impact possible.

C. No Action or Alternative Actions that Serve the Same Purpose

A no action alternative was considered and rejected because of the long-standing plans and support for creating this trail. Without this trail segment, the Dick & Willie Passage Trail would be incomplete.

Step 4: Identify Potential Direct and Indirect Impacts of Associated with Floodplain Development.

The proposed alignment is expected to impact 6,120 SF of disturbance within the floodplain associated with Mulberry Creek. Per the Joint Permit Application to the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, there are no impacts to stream channels with watersheds larger than five square miles. The adjacent first-order tributary streams all have drainage less than 0.1 square miles each and third order Mulberry Creek has an approximate watershed area of 2.6 square miles.

Calculated impact to Mulberry Creek is 156 linear feet of trail and bridge, 6,120 SF of disturbance within the floodplain. A detail of the crossing area is provided in this section of the ERR.

The 2017 Programmatic Categorical Exclusion completed by VDOT noted: “This project will not cause an increase in of the flood level by more than one foot within a regulatory floodway or affect the base floodplain elevation, per correspondence from the locality’s design consultant, dated 12/09/2020.”

Step 5: Where practicable, design or modify the proposed action to minimize the potential adverse impacts to lives, property, and natural values within the floodplain and to restore, and preserve the values of the floodplain.

- (a) Preserving Lives: Given the existing PCE along with the approved Nationwide Permit, this project has been designed to ensure that no lives are adversely impacted.
- (b) Preserving Property: Careful design consideration was given to preserve property values and minimize the potential for adverse impact.
- (c) Preserving Natural Values and Minimizing Impacts: This project was determined to have “no effect” on federally listed species and critical habitat with the exception of the Northern Long-eared Bat per the Threatened and Endangered Clearance Form, dated 10/29/20. It was determined that the project “may effect” the Northern Long-eared Bat;

however, the project is relying upon the findings of the Programmatic Biological Opinion on Findal 4(d) Rule for the Northern Long-eared Bat and Activities Exempted from Take Prohibitions, dated 01/05/2016.

The designation of a conservation easement associated with the Land and Water Conservation Fund for the immediate land along the trail will further minimize any adverse impacts to property.

Step 6: Reevaluate the Alternatives.

Efforts to minimize the potential adverse impacts to life, property, and natural values within the floodplain were incorporated into the original design of the proposed action; therefore, no further modifications are deemed practicable due to existing conditions and the project budget.

The no action alternative is also impracticable as the gap between two trail segments will discourage use and could diminish the overall benefits for the trail including past public and private investments made to complete this valuable asset.

Step 7: Determination of No Practicable Alternative

It is Henry County's determination that there is no practicable alternative for locating this project outside of the floodplain. The existing segments of the trail that this section connects were selected with the same cautious approach to minimizing environmental impact. The alignment and design solutions have already been approved through a Nationwide Permit from the COE as well as through the rigorous VDOT analysis, which issued a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion.

A final notice was published and posted consistent with the prior notice. The notice explains the reasons why the modified project must be located in the floodplain, offers a list of alternatives considered at Steps 3 and 6, and describes all mitigation measures at Step 5 taken to minimize adverse impacts and preserve natural and beneficial floodplain values. The notice is attached to this document. No concerns were expressed by the public concerning this notice.

Step 8: Implement the Proposed Action

The County will assure that this plan, as modified and described above, is executed and necessary language will be included in all agreements with participating parties. The County will also take an active role in monitoring the construction process to ensure no unnecessary impacts occur nor unnecessary risks are taken.

The Enterprise

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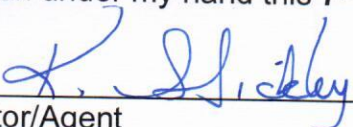
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I, **Kathleen Stickley**, one of the Editors or Agents of **The Henry County Enterprise**, a weekly newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Henry, State of Virginia, do certify that publication of the advertisement or advertisements **100-Year Floodplain**, attached hereto was made in **1 issue(s)** of the newspaper, dated **August 5th, 2023**.

Given under my hand this **7th** Day of **August 2023**.



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“This is a beautiful and remarkable piece,” said Mayor LC Jones.



Roanoke mural artist John Murrill addresses the crowd at the unveiling of the “Rooting for the Same Hope” mural at the Broad Street parking lot.

Mural ‘beautiful and remarkable’ addition

By Holly Kozelsky

The Broad Street parking lot shines brighter now in uptown Martinsville with the new “Rooting for the Same Hope” mural. The 300-foot-long mural on a low wall facing the Big Chair,

along the former American of Martinsville showroom which now houses Community Storehouse, is a vibrant bluish teal with flowers and reaching hands. The mural was started in June, and a crowd celebrated its unveiling on July 27.

The mural was a joint initiative of Piedmont Arts, the City of Martinsville, the Martinsville Sheriff’s Office, the Martinsville-Henry County Chamber of Commerce, Martinsville Uptown,

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NC man sought in connection with county incident

A Greensboro, N.C. man is being sought on several charges related to a July 30 incident in Henry County, according to Henry County Sheriff Wayne Davis. According to a release, law enforcement personnel responded to the 10:48 a.m. report that a person at 625 Price Hairston Lane, Martinsville had suffered a gunshot wound. Deputies and investigators arriving at the scene located Michael Deangelo Hairston, 31, with a gunshot wound to his hand. Deputies immediately began administering first aid to Hairston, who was alert and able to communicate. Hairston was transported to SOVAH Health Martinsville, where he was treated and released. In the ensuing investigation, authorities determined that Hairston heard a knock on the door of his home. When Hairston went to answer the door, he allegedly saw a man with a handgun standing outside. The gunman allegedly then fired multiple rounds at Hairston, who was struck once in the hand. James Bearvie Hylton IV of Greensboro, N.C. is currently wanted by the Henry County Sheriff’s Office on charges of malicious wounding, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, use of a firearm in the commission of a felony, and discharging



James B. Hylton IV is being sought by county authorities.

a firearm into an occupied dwelling, according to a release from the sheriff. Investigators processed the scene for evidence and alleged they located about one kilogram of methamphetamine and a small quantity of cocaine. Four handguns were also found at the

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More than 30 charged in undercover drug sting

Grand jurors in Henry County issued 34 indictments that resulted in 100 felony charges at the conclusion of an undercover drug operation by the Henry County Sheriff’s Office. The July 17 indictments were sealed by the Henry County Circuit Court until July 31, according to a release, which added that fentanyl, along with quantities of methamphetamine and cocaine were seized during the operation. On July 20, the Henry County Sheriff’s Office, assisted by the Virginia State Police, Martinsville Police Department, Henry County Department of Public Safety, United States Marshals Service, and the Drug Enforcement Administration arrested multiple people on felony charges. Agencies assisting in the investigations included the Henry County Commonwealth Attorney’s Office, Martinsville Police Department, and Virginia State Police. Those arrested include: *Tony Cecil Ashby, 4925 Daniels Creek Road, Collinsville, distribute methamphetamine 3rd or subsequent

offense, \$5,000 secure bond. *Jessica Renee Bailey, 49 Coopers Court, Martinsville, distribute methamphetamine, distribute Imitation controlled substance, attempt to distribute heroin, \$5000 secure bond. *Jose Antonio Becerra-Salas, 131 Kimway Drive, Axton, two counts distribute cocaine, \$5,000 secure bond. *Ashley Nicole Bowman, 83 Candyland Road, Bassett, four counts of endanger the life of a child, two counts distribute methamphetamine, one count each distribute fentanyl, and conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. *Sharon Marie Bowman, 83 Candyland Road, Bassett, distribute methamphetamine, conspire to distribute methamphetamine, and endanger the life of a child, \$3000 secure bond. *Curtis Lee Clark Jr., 792 Oakcrest Circle, Bassett, distribute methamphetamine. No bond. *Willie Jefferson Dodson, 17 Holly Hill Road, Bassett, three counts distribute methamphetamine and one count of conspiracy to

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Local celebration of national event attracts hundreds



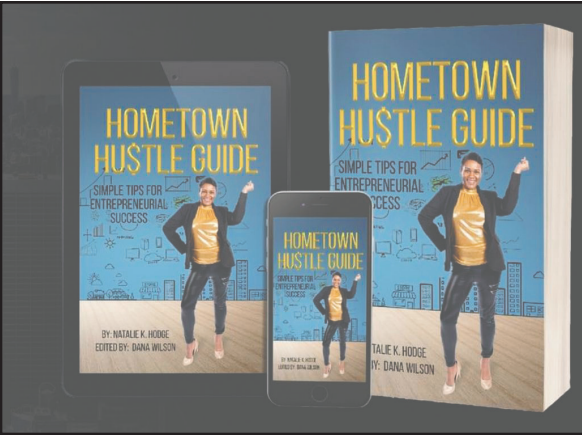
Henry County Sheriff Wayne Davis took his turn in a dunk tank, provided by the Bassett Volunteer Fire Department. The tank was a hit with many youngsters and the young at heart, as they tried to hit the bullseye and send the tank’s occupant into the water. Davis did not stay dry for long. Matt Tatum, director of Public Safety, and Thomas Smith, pastor, also took turns getting dunked.

By Pat Delaney

Law enforcement and first responders got together with a few hundred friends from the community Tuesday to enjoy an evening of fun and food at the National Night Out event, held August 1 at Compassion Church in Axton. Noting the event “has been around for about

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Hodge releases book to help budding entrepreneurs



Natalie Hodge’s newest book Hometown Hustle Guide: Simple Tips for Entrepreneurial Success,” is available on Amazon and at the Rudy’s Girl Media studio.

Taylor Boyd
Staff writer

Released about a month ago, Natalie Hodge’s newest book, “Hometown Hustle Guide: Simple Tips for Entrepreneurial Success,” serves as a guide for potential entrepreneurs. Hodge, an entrepreneur, writer, producer, and transformation coach, said she gathered many nuggets of

wisdom while filming season two of Hometown Hustle and from her own experiences. “I wanted to share those nuggets with people who are venturing to start their own businesses, or maybe are already in business and need a little inspiration,” she said. Hodge said a lot of the book is a mix of successes as well as challenges because she thinks sometimes those challenges are the best teachers.

“But I don’t want everyone to have to go through the same challenges that I went through or other entrepreneurs that I’ve worked with have gone through in order to achieve their personal business success,” she said. The 156-page book is written in a guide format because Hodge wants readers to engage with the content

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K-9 demonstrations were among the highlights for many. Henry County Deputy Marinus, and his K-9 partner Edo wasted no time when a threat from Deputy Grubbs was perceived. Grubbs, who portrayed the villain, was quickly subdued by Edo, to the delight of the gathered crowd.



Henry County Deputy Marinus, and his K-9 partner Edo.



40 years,” Henry County Sheriff Wayne Davis explained the gathering “is for the community to come out and engage with their police, law enforcement, and first responders in a positive environment, and just get to know us and see how we can work better together and build those relationships.”

Turnout for the

event, “has been absolutely tremendous,” said Davis, adding hundreds of hot dogs were served to those attending. “It’s an absolutely great event for the community,” said Davis. “It’s been a great event for the sheriff’s office and deputies to get to engage with the community in such a positive environment.”




There was plenty to do and see for attendees of all ages. The Henry County Sheriff’s Department brought their dive boat and armored vehicle, which youngsters were able to explore. The Virginia State Police and Officer Scott were on hand, and Air Methods flew in an Air Life helicopter giving those interested a close look at the lifesaving equipment on board and an opportunity to ask questions of the crew. In addition, the National Wild Turkey Federation brought its BB-gun range for kids to learn about firearm safety, and Piedmont Community Services provided Narcan training for those wishing to learn.



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If the smiles of community members and law enforcement alike were any indication, the event was a hit.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

(Event information/calendar items must be received by 5 p.m. on the Tuesday before the desired publication date. Email to dhall@theenterprise.net.)

Meetings

The Martinsville-Henry County Lions Club regularly meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Pacific Bay Restaurant, 530 Commonwealth Blvd, Martinsville.

Events

Friday, Aug. 4 - Sat., Aug. 5

Theatre [in the] Works- Improv in the Blackbox is BACK! Come laugh with us as our Improvisers create scenes based off of YOUR suggestions right on the spot, much in the same way as “Whose Line is it Anyway.” The event begins at 7 p.m. (theatre opens at 6:15 p.m.). Tickets are \$10 at the door (no advance/online tickets) - suggested rating PG-13.

Saturday, August 5

Music at the Imagination Lavender Farm – 3590 Green Hill Drive, Martinsville, (276) 734-2828. The show is from 5-8 p.m. Liv Sloan with Austin Janey and Griffin Haley jazz-influenced classics, soulful blues, and 50’s Motown. No cover charge but donations appreciated. Bring a chair and coolers welcome. Concessions will be available.

Storytime at the Spencer Penn Centre, at 10 a.m. This monthly program will include special readers, crafts, and other fun activities. The free program is fit for all ages. No registration needed.

Monday, August 7

The first of a three-week Basic Computer Skills Class will be held for those 18 and up at the Martinsville Main Branch Library at 2 p.m. Additional classes are scheduled on Aug. 14 and 21. Call (276) 403-5430 to register.

Friday, August 11

Music Night at Spencer Penn. 2 Young 2 Old will play in Alumni Hall. Gate opens at 5 pm with the band starting at 6:15 p.m. Admission is a \$5 CASH donation. Come enjoy some great mountain music and dancing! Concessions, including our ever-popular hotdogs will be sold.

Exhibit Opening Reception - Compulsory Measures, 5:30 p.m. at Piedmont Arts. The gallery talk begins

at 6:15 p.m. Free and open to the public. Complimentary wine and light refreshments. Live music.

Saturday, August 12

Catfish Tournament to benefit Valerie Smith, 4 p.m. blastoff from Boat Ramp #1 (Marina) at Philpott Lake. \$40 entry fee, \$10 big fish optional. Weigh in at midnight. 50/50 payout, payout for heaviest bag. Call Jonathan Scott at (276) 229-1700 for more information.

Sunday, Aug. 13

Pleasant View Baptist Church will celebrate Homecoming. Dr. Wayne Falson, executive director of Virginia Baptist, is the guest speaker. Lunch will be served following the morning service. All are invited to attend.

Saturday, Aug. 19

Bassett Highway 57 Cruise-In, downtown Bassett, 3 until 7 p.m. There will be a 50/50 drawing to benefit the Bassett Library Building Fund. The Boys and Girls Club will sponsor a Duck Race on the Smith River on Saturday afternoon.

Friendly Worship Center’s Generation 4 Hope in Ridgeway is holding its 2023 Lock-Up, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the CB Hut, 606 Boone Road, Eden, N.C. Prisoners will be fed bread and water until bond is reached. All proceeds go to Hometown Christmas. The event includes drawings for door prizes and concessions will be available. For more information, call Robert Hilburn at (336) 255-9494 or Dawn Hilburn at (336) 255-4443.

The 7th annual Bike Ride, Car Show & Fish Fry will be held at Mt. Nebo Holiness Church, 30598 JEB Stuart HWY, Spencer, Va. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Ride leaves at 10 a.m. Motorcycles, Cars & Trucks are welcome. The \$20 entry fee per bike or auto includes a meal for the driver. The Car/Truck Show includes Trophies for first, second, and third place & a People’s Choice award. The entry fee is \$20.

Registration is from 9 to 10:30 a.m., when judging begins. Fish Fry starts at 8 a.m. and runs until. For more information, call David Hylton at (276) 692-5878.

Auditions for “Doubt, A Parable” (October performances), 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., TheatreWorks Community Players. Cast members needed are Female (age 40s - early 60s), Female (age 30s), Female, African American (age 20s - 30s), Male (late 20’s - 40s). There are also opportunities to learn to be a director, stage manager, or set crew. Indicate interest at twcproduction@gmail.com.

The third annual Uptown Music Fest, 6-8 p.m. at the Virginia Museum of Natural History. The MWW Foundation will host the fest that features live music

with performances by Matt Crowder & BDE and The Low Low Chariot and JD Sutphin back for a short time from Nashville. Food vendors will be on site. Bring your lawn chair for concert seating and let the music move your feet! Event is rain or shine. Sponsors include The Lester Group, BTW 21, Martinsville Uptown Farmers Market, Chamber’s Partnership for Economic Growth (CPEG), and the Virginia Museum of Natural History. Free admission for those aged 12 and under. Tickets are \$10 in advance and may be purchased at <https://www.facebook.com/uptownmusicmhc/> OR on Eventbrite.

Slick Jr. and the Reactors are among the performers during Music at the Imagination Lavender Farm, 3590 Green Hill Drive, Martinsville (276) 734-2828. The show is 5 to 8 p.m. Bring a chair and cooler and enjoy an evening of outstanding music influences, including Muddy Waters, Howlin’ Wolf, Buddy Guy, the Allman Brothers, Grateful Dead Sam Cook and Marvin Gay. No cover charge but donations appreciated. Concessions will be available.

The Smith River Fest, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Monogram Foods Smith River Sports Complex. Ride the river, learn to fly-fish, browse vendors, and challenge yourself in the Helgramite Hustle 5K Mud Run. Join us as we celebrate the Smith River and its 45 miles of scenic beauty flowing through our community and the nearly 20 miles of shared-use trails that make up the Smith River Trail System. Admission and parking are free.

Sunday, August 20

80’s Sock Hop at Spencer Penn, from 2-5 p.m. \$5 admission, free for Spencer Penn members.

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ONGOING

Saturdays through November 18

Martinsville Uptown Farmers’ Market is open from 7 a.m. to noon, with the freshest fruits and veggies, homemade snacks, locally raised beef, and more. July 5-September 27, the

market is open Wednesdays from 7 a.m. to noon.

Henry County Parks and Recreation is accepting registrations for its youth flag football, tackle football, girls’ basketball and cheerleading programs through August 11. Flag football is offered for boys and girls ages 7-8. Tackle football is offered for boys and girls ages 11 - 12. Girls’ basketball is available for girls ages 8 – 13. All ages are as of October 1, 2023. Cheerleading is offered for girls in grades 3 – 8. Call Henry County Parks and Recreation at (276) 634-4640 for additional information or questions.

Tuesdays in September - A series of four genealogy classes will be offered at the Bassett Historical Center on Tuesdays in September (5, 12, 19, 26), from 10 a.m. until noon. Classes are free and open to the public, but there will be a limit of 12 participants. Call (276) 629-9191 to register.

Zumba is held Tuesdays and Thursdays at Spencer Penn, beginning at 5:45 p.m. Join Body by Jenise for a great, fun workout. The drop-in price is \$8.

The Blue Ridge Regional Library offers free one-day passes to the Virginia Museum of Natural History and the Henry County YMCA with your library card. The passes are good for one day and exclude special events. There is a wait period before you can check out the pass again. For more details and exclusions, visit brrl.lib.va.us.

The Fontaine Ruritan Club hosts Bingo every Tuesday at 1903 Joseph Martin Highway, Martinsville. Doors open at 5:30 and games begin at 7. Money from Bingo supports community service awards, scholarships, and other community efforts.

Book Bingo on the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Martinsville Branch of the Blue Ridge Regional Library, 11 a.m. to noon. Call (276) 403-5430 to register.

Medicaid eligibility renewals have resumed. Martinsville-Henry County Coalition for Health and Wellness (MHCCHW) offers Medicaid/FAMIS application and renewal assistance for Virginia residents from birth to 64 years of age in-person: Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at Community Storehouse, 128 E. Church St (lower level of the old Leggett Building) in Martinsville, or by phone, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. MHCCHW’s specially trained Medicaid/FAMIS Outreach Advocate is available to help. Call or text Ann Walker at (276) 732-0509 to learn more or for an appointment.

The Henry County Adult Learning Center offers free in-house and online classes to help prepare for college, career, or earn your high school equivalency or GED. Call (276) 647-9585.


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1. Disco light
7. London radio station
10. Aerospace Co. Morton
11. Capital of Puglia, Italy
12. A phantom or apparition
13. Packed wine
14. The ocean below 6000 meters
15. 1st dynasty: AKA Xia
16. Every
17. Six (Spanish)
18. His ark
20. Segment or a circle
21. Pres. Johnson or Obama
26. 12th Greek letter
27. The First Lady

32. A blood group
33. Takes to task
35. Prints money (abbr.)
36. Airbus manufacturer
37. A instance of selling
38. 12th month (abbr.)
39. Baseball's Ruth
40. 1959 Nobel biochemist Severo
43. Weights deducted to obtain net
44. To lie scattered over
47. 6th Jewish month
48. Physical mal-treators
49. Founder Franklin
50. Published

CLUES DOWN

1. Fish of the genus Alosa
2. Rock singer Turner
3. Muslim weight from 1 to 5 pounds
4. Turkish unit of weight
5. Bovine genus
6. Popular shade tree
7. The principal foundation of
8. La ___ Tar Pits
9. Spanish hero soldier
10. Brains egg-shaped grey matter
11. Fundamental
12. Bast
13. Small angels
16. Not or
17. S Pacific island group
19. Ad ___: impromptu
22. Gen. ___ DeGaulle

23. Hasidic spiritual leader
24. Aluminum
25. Considerate and solicitous care
28. Popular Canadian phrase
29. Consumed food
30. Hayfields
31. About Andes
34. Secondary School Certificate
35. Pen maker Castell
37. Brand of clear wrap
39. Past tense of bid
40. Resort city on Lake Biwa
41. Big Bear was chief
42. A group of cattle
43. The bill in a restaurant
44. People of the Dali region of Yunnan
45. One point S of due E
46. Pig genus

OPINION

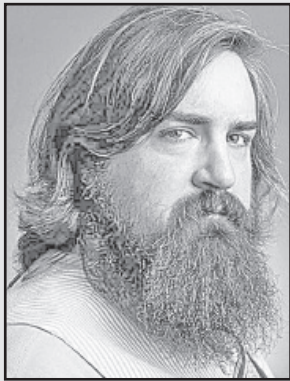
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But how do you know when it's time? As soon as your loved one begins exhibiting signs of confusion or agitation, have them file a Federal Election Commission Statement of Candidacy (Form 2) and state whether they're a new guest to our facility or, if they have already been living with us for two years, state that they're an incumbent. They should also raise at least \$5,000 to help cover living expenses while at



By Ben R. Williams

our facility.

Next, have your loved one vigorously campaign in their district; if they win the approval of their voters come November, they'll be well on their way to a bed at Congressional Acres.

Obviously, some guests need a higher degree of care than others. Fortunately, we have plenty of aides and

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All too often in this country, the elderly are sidelined. Their driver's licenses are taken away after just a few fender benders, their ladders are taken away after one too many falls, and their guns are taken away after accidentally shooting just a single mailman.

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Chuck G. — "The folks at Congressional Acres are real nice. The heavyset woman in the kitchen always gives me extra corn. I like corn because I'm pretty sure I serve Iowa."

Dianne F. — "I've been here for thirty years and I like it. Except one of those boys keeps stealing my good socks with the grippers on them. I don't know what you're talking about, I've never lived here."

Mitch M. — "Congressional Acres is a wonderful place to live, and uhhhhh... <47 seconds of silence> Goodbye."

News from the 9th: Office of Refugee Resettlement

Morgan Griffith
Representative

In a March hearing, I asked U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra to come before my Oversight and Investigations (O&I) Subcommittee

to discuss the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR). I recently chaired said hearing.

ORR, an agency within HHS, is responsible for the care and placement of unaccompanied children who cross our borders.

During my opening statement, I thanked him for testifying and said even though he and I don't agree on the Biden policies that brought these children

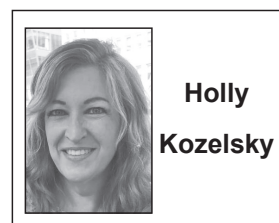
to our border, once we have taken on the responsibility for them, we must properly care for them.

During the Biden Administration, ORR has faced an unprecedented surge in the number of unaccompanied minors referred to its custody.

For reference, from fiscal years (FY) 2018 through 2020, ORR averaged around 44,500 referrals per year. As of March 31, 2023, the agency had received almost 60,000 referrals in FY2023. This puts the agency on pace for over 120,000 referrals

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Making ice and other side jobs



Holly Kozelsky

My honorary daughter asked me what kind of business she should go into to make some money during this time she's out of work for carpal tunnel syndrome.

Being an American, I couldn't think of anything. We just either try to mow yards or clean houses or go out and apply for jobs, but without an education, she can't do much other than physical labor.

Of course, a lot of

people would jump right in and suggest some type of pyramid scheme that delivers promises while it squeezes you dry of any and all money you sink into it, but I knew better than to do that.

She lives in Mexico, where life is a whole lot harder than it is here, but people also are a lot more creative than we are on how to get by. We communicate every day with chats over Facebook Messenger and sometimes over video calls too.

While I was hemming and hawing and not coming up with any good answers, she sent a reply: What would I think about her selling ice?

Selling ice? Why, that

would not have occurred to me in a million years.

Sofia lives on the outskirts of Monterrey, a dry and dusty concrete city of more than a million people (yes, it has its lush and beautiful parts, but not so much for the average poor person like my Sofia). She was born and grew up in a lovely remote mountain village where there wasn't any possibility at all of making a living, so she emigrated.

She and her two kids live in a new government-sponsored development of small matching concrete houses in a sea of other developments of small matching concrete houses

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LEGAL NOTICES

**HENRY COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE
INTENT TO REMOVE AN UNSAFE STRUCTURE
RECORD OWNER:
Shemita N. Williams-Yates**

Pursuant to Section 6-300 of the Henry County Code, NOTICE is hereby given that the owner shall remove the structure which might endanger the public health or safety of other residents of the County on or before thirty (30) days following this publication and failure to do so will result in the County having to remove the structure and the cost or expense shall be charged to and paid by the owner and collected as taxes are collected.

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PROPERTY LOCATION AND TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER
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Notice of Public Meeting

The City of Martinsville Planning Commission and Martinsville City Council will hold a joint public meeting on August 16, 2023, beginning at 4:00 p.m. and held in Council Chambers of the Martinsville Municipal Building located at 55 West Church Street, Martinsville, VA 24112. The purpose of the meeting is to serve as a work session to discuss development processes within the city. Questions or comments can be directed to Hannah Powell at hpowell@ci.martinsville.va.us or (276) 403-5156.

**Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity
Partially within a 100-year Floodplain**

To: All interested agencies, groups and individuals.

This is to give notice that Henry County under Part 58 has determined that the following proposed action with the Dick and Willie Passage Trail Phase 6a-2 is located in 100 year floodplain and the County will be identifying, identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action as required by Executive Order 11988 in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C, procedures for making determinations on floodplain management and protection of wetlands.

This trail construction project will utilize funds available through the Appalachian Regional Commission POWER project. Within the IOC-year floodplain project activities include construction of a mile-long segment of the 2.96-mile gap in the Dick & Willie Passage Trail segment. Phase 6A entails 10,742' of new Dick & Willie Passage Trail segment and 1,461' sidewalk connection. This funding is for Phase 6A-2, the final mile of the 2.96-mile gap known as Phase 6A. Preliminary design plans anticipate the following floodplain impacts: 156 linear feet of trail and bridge, 6,120 SF of disturbance within the floodplain. The entire Phase 6A trail section will extend from Dick & Willie Passage Trail Phase 5 (to the north) to the Spruce Street trailhead (to the south).

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in the floodplain and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain alternative methods to serve the same project purpose and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be important and important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplain could facilitate and enhance federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of the special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by Henry County at the following address on or before August 21, 2023: Henry County, P.O. Box 7, Collinsville, VA 24078, ATTN: Dale Wagoner, County Administrator and Phone: 276-634-4600. A full description of the project may be reviewed at the Office of Engineering, 3300 Kings Mountain Road, Martinsville, VA 24112 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. Comments may also be submitted by email to dwagoner@co.henry.va.us

ORDER OF PUBLICATION Case No. CJ23000017-00

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104
HENRY CIRCUIT COURT
3160 Kings Mountain Rd., 3rd Floor, Martinsville, VA 24112
Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re*
Henry-Martinsville Department v. Donald Martin
of Social Services

The object of this suit is to:
Terminate all residual parental rights to daughter McKenzie Rose Rector.
It is ORDERED that Donald Martin appear at the above-named court and protect his interests on or before September 21, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

July 11, 2023

Joseph A. Roberts
JUDGE

Notice of Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held before the Martinsville Architectural Review Board on August 17, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers at the City of Martinsville Municipal Building located at 55 W. Church Street, Martinsville, VA 24112, for those parties in interest to the following request(s):

1) **APPLICATION for CERTIFICATE of APPROPRIATENESS**
- Application of Danville Housing Authority, Applicant, and Chief Tassel, LLC, Owners, requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness to allow for the display of signage on business property located within the Martinsville Historic District. The property is located at 51 East Church Street, currently zoned C-UB, Uptown Business District, and operates as a mixed-use development. The building is approximately 17,120 square feet and was constructed in 1929. Changes or additions of signage to buildings within the Historic District require review by the Architectural Review Board and the granting of a Certificate of Appropriateness.

Any comments or questions can be directed to Hannah Powell, Community Development Specialist, at (276) 403-5156 or hpowell@ci.martinsville.va.us.

**COUNTY OF HENRY
REZONING PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Pursuant to Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia, a series of public hearings has been scheduled for **August 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Summerlin Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, Kings Mountain Rd, Collinsville, Virginia. Following these public hearings, the Planning Commission will make a recommendation on the applications to the Board of Supervisors.

The Henry County Board of Supervisors will conduct public hearings on the following applications on **August 22, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Summerlin Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, Kings Mountain Rd, Collinsville, Virginia.

The purpose of these public hearings is to receive input into the possible rezoning of property. Following are the specifics of the public hearings.

Case R-23-11 Lonnie D. Eggleston
The property is located at 3180 & 3186 Figsboro Rd, in the Reed Creek District. The Tax Map number is 18.4(2)B/18. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of approximately 13-acres from Rural Residential District R-R to Agricultural District A-1. The applicant plans to sell the property to a new owner that wishes to keep chickens and livestock.

Case R-23-12 Robert K. Mills
The property is located at 782 Fisher Farm Road, in the Ridgeway District. The Tax Map number is 52.7(22)6/7. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of 2 lots from Suburban Residential District S-R to Commercial District B-1. The applicant wishes to bring the property into zoning compliance to allow for possible expansion.

The applications for these requests may be viewed in the Department of Planning, Zoning & Inspection between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Lee H. Clark, ACP
Director of Planning, Zoning & Inspection

OBITUARIES

Shannon Michelle Horton

Shannon Michelle Horton, 40, of Bassett, VA passed away Monday, July 24, 2023, at her residence. Born in Roanoke, VA, Shannon was the daughter of Roger Horton, Jr. of Martinsville and the late Elizabeth Carol Gilbert.

Shannon was a CNA with home health care services.

In addition to her father, Shannon is survived by a son, Matthew Hines of Ridgeway; step-father, Terry Gilbert of Martinsville; mother,



Rhonda Horton Masters and husband, Jeff Masters of Martinsville; step-brothers, Brooks Corcoran and Josh Martin; lifelong friend, Jonathan Hines of

Ridgeway; paternal grandparents, Roger, Sr. and Shirley Horton of Martinsville; maternal grandparents, the late Bill and Edith Boggs; paternal grandparents, Ruth Masters and the late Jim Masters of Bassett. Also surviving are a host of extended family and friends.

The family received friends on Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at Norris Funeral Services, Martinsville Chapel.

Online condolences may be made at www.norrisfuneral.com.

Shelia Ann Draughn Naff

Shelia Ann Draughn Naff, 74, of Bassett, VA went to her heavenly home surrounded by her loving family on Tuesday, July 25, 2023. She was born February 5, 1949, in Martinsville, VA to the late Lonnie Draughn and Pearl MountCastle Draughn. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Keith Draughn.

Shelia was a founder and charter member of Victory Baptist Church. She loved her church family and served by teaching Sunday School, singing in the choir, singing gospel specials, and in many other capacities. Shelia found joy in serving others,



whether that meant doing hair, cooking, sewing, or spending the day with her granddaughter, Madison. Her family meant the world to her, and she loved them all dearly.

She was married July 2, 1972, to her loving husband of 51 years, David Harold Naff;

daughter, Ashlie Naff (Tommy); son, Drew Naff; granddaughter, Madison Cline; sisters, Glenda Wood (Leon); Becky Painter (Evan), and Karen Beckett (Lindy); and brother, Charles Draughn (Beth).

The funeral service was held on Saturday, July 29, 2023, at Victory Baptist Church with Pastor Dan Schelling officiating. Burial was at Mill Creek Missionary Baptist Church.

Norris Funeral Services, Martinsville, VA is serving the Naff family. Online condolences may be made at norrisfuneral.com.

Charles William “Billy” Ferguson

Charles William “Billy” Ferguson, 73, passed away on Sunday, July 30, 2023, at his residence. Billy was born on September 22, 1949, in Henry County to the late Charles Henry Ferguson and Margaret Mikels Ferguson.

Billy attended Fieldale-Collinsville High School and served in the National Guard. He was the owner and operator of Collinsville Cycle Shop for many years and well known for his skills as a motorcycle mechanic. People came near and far for Billy to work on their bikes.

Billy is survived by his wife of 53 years, Margaret D. Ferguson;



daughter, Samantha Brumbaugh (Jon) of Greensboro, NC; sister, Debbie Ferguson Rakes (Terry Mikles) of Stuart; brother, Allen Ferguson (Myrna) of Collinsville; grandchildren, William “Will” Brumbaugh and Henry “Hank” Brumbaugh; and numerous nieces and

nephews. Billy is pre-deceased by his beloved Jack Russell, Gator.

A memorial service will be held at Norris Funeral Services, Martinsville, VA on Friday August 4, 2023, at 1:00 pm with Pastor Daniel Reed officiating. There will be a visitation one hour prior to the memorial service.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the SPCA of Martinsville-Henry County.

Norris Funeral Services, Martinsville, VA is serving the Ferguson family. Online condolences may be made at norrisfuneral.com.

Ice

that stretch for as far as the eye can see.

“There’s a lot of construction work going on here, and the workers need ice,” she said, but in Spanish of course.

All she needed was a big freezer to store it in, and a sign on the window proclaiming “Se vende hielo” – “Ice for sale.” She sent me a video of a used freezer. I sent her \$150 to buy it and get it delivered, and I hoped she’d sell a lot of ice.

How much ice does one need to sell to provide for oneself and two children?

She had asked me earlier to send her some clothes for her to sell. People in Monterrey love American clothes, she said, and she could do pretty well with that. However, when she was working full time in the battery factory, she earned the equivalent of about \$70 a week. That’s probably a standard pay for that area, and I didn’t see any sense in my spending \$30 or whatever for individual shirts (and she was probably thinking of name brand \$70 shirts), then another \$130 to send her a box of shirts, just for her to sell them for a few dollars each.

That’s why I didn’t mind sending her \$150 for a freezer and seeing how she made out.

Well, a couple of months later, she told me that the ice deal was not working as she had hoped. By the time she paid her bus fare to get to the store to buy a bag or two of ice, which melted a great deal on the way back home before she could put it in the freezer, she had very little left for any profit.

“Have you been buying the ice all this time?” I asked her. “They have molds you can make your own ice in. That’s how we

do it in America. Can you make some popsicles too, out of fruit juices?”

I also started seeing Facebook posts she was making on a community sales page. She has been selling jewelry out of a catalog, and their old clothes. “Come see them, with no obligation,” her posts said, punctuated with cheerful emojis.

What a long row it is to hoe in life, much longer for some people than for others.

She finally had her surgery for the carpal tunnel syndrome, and the government, or whoever manages these things – she just said “They” – gave her a month of incapacidad before she could return to work.

Today we returned to the topic of ice. It started with a general conversation of what we had done today. I told her about the boring parts of my day but left out the part of buying a new pair of shoes and some treats for the cats because I don’t like to rub in the differences between here and there, and I asked her what she and the kids were doing.

“Today I went to the market to get something to eat,” she replied. “I go out to buy food each day, depending on how my ice sales are going.”

“Can’t you make ice in molds?” I asked.

“Yes, look,” she replied, sending a picture with eight ice cube trays on a freezer shelf. “But they take a long time to freeze.”

“They also make ice machines people can set on the counter,” I replied.

“Yes, but they are very expensive, Mama,” she wrote.

Well, for us, fifty or a hundred bucks for an icemaker isn’t so bad, all things considering – is it?

Patsy Lee Shelton Swafford

Patsy Lee Shelton Swafford, 83, of Collinsville, VA passed away on Thursday, July 27, 2023, at Riverside Health & Rehab in Danville, VA. Patsy was born on January 19, 1940, in Henry County, Va to the late Paul Freeling Shelton and Rilla Lawless Shelton. She was also preceded in death by her husband Stephen Terry Swafford

Ms. Swafford was a member of Stone Memorial Christian Church and a true believer in her lord and savior Jesus Christ.



Patsy is survived by her brother; Billy Shelton (Bonny) of Danville, nephew; Marcus Shelton of Summerfield, NC, nieces; Debbie Deane and Jennifer Thomas

both of Danville; special friends; Reggie and Jeanie Mayhew of Collinsville and Peggy Young of Bassett.

A funeral service was held at Norris Funeral Services, Martinsville, VA on Monday July 31, 2023, with Pastor Tim Wood officiating. Entombment was at Roselawn Abbey Martinsville, VA.

Norris Funeral Services, Inc. and Crematory, Martinsville, VA is serving the Swafford family. Online condolences may be made at www.norrisfuneral.com.

Aubrey “Bimbo” Marion Moses

Aubrey “Bimbo” Marion Moses, 65, of Martinsville, VA passed away Thursday, July 27, 2023, at Roanoke Memorial Hospital in Roanoke, VA. He was born on June 30, 1958, in Tennessee to the late Clyde Moses and Dulsie Derrick Moses. He was also predeceased by his sisters, Daisey Stephens and Phyllis Joseph; brother, Billy Moses; grandmother, Nannie Ruth Amos; and foster parents, Pat and Eugene Kessel.

Aubrey served in the U.S. Navy and retired from the U. S. Postal Service as a supervisor. He was a member of Freedom Baptist Church where he loved serving the Lord with his church family. After retirement, Aubrey discovered his talent for woodworking.



He made and shared many beautiful pieces. He had a great sense of humor and loved being with his family and friends and watching the University of Tennessee football.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Sandra Koger Moses; daughter, Erin Motley (Brandon); beloved granddaughter, Emersyn Motley; sisters, Sylvia Britton, Linda Earhardt, Gwen Clemons, Becky Wright (Ricky), and Tracy

Clark (Joseph); brothers, James “Jim” Moses (Marie) and Daniel Moses; aunt, Mary Young; and many loving nieces and nephews.

The funeral service will be held at Freedom Baptist Church on Saturday, August 5, 2023, at 11:00 am with Pastor Larry Luffman officiating. Visitation will be on Friday August 4, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the church. Burial will be at Blackberry Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Freedom Baptist Church, 790 Irisburg Road, Martinsville, VA 24112.

Norris Funeral Services, Martinsville, VA is serving the Moses family. Online condolences may be made at norrisfuneral.com.

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for the third year in a row.

Evidence from whistleblowers, Inspector General reports, and news reports demonstrate a failure by ORR to competently manage the surge. This surge has led to increased exploitation and trafficking of unaccompanied minors.

During the questioning portion of the hearing, I asked Secretary Becerra about a few specific concerns I have with ORR.

First were comments that Secretary Becerra himself made. In a leaked audio recording, the Secretary was heard saying, in reference to the processing of unaccompanied minors: “If Henry Ford had seen this in his plants, he would have never become famous and rich. This is not the way you do an assembly line.”

These comments are alarming! In April, the New York Times reported that instead of taking the necessary time and effort to properly vet the people the children were being placed with, ORR fast tracked children through their system. This has led to reports of children being forced to illegally work in dangerous and inappropriate jobs instead of being enrolled in school.

ORR does not even notify the local school system that the children have been placed in their jurisdiction.

While Secretary Becerra’s comments seem to suggest that moving children out of ORR facilities quickly is more important than protecting them, the Secretary claimed that was not the case and his comments were more about overall ORR efficiency.

I also questioned the Secretary about ORR’s unacceptable vetting practices of family members and sponsors.

In regard to establishing claimed familial relationships between an adult and an unaccompanied minor, I asked if the agency does DNA testing. Secretary Becerra said that the agency verifies the identity of the family member mainly through documents, like birth certificates.

This is not enough. Documents like birth certificates or passports can be forged!

DNA testing is the only way to be completely sure there actually is a family connection. *

Additionally, I questioned Secretary Becerra about ORR continuing to waive background checks not only for people claiming to be family members, but also for unrelated adults who live in the house where a child is being placed – practices that were approved by the Secretary in ORR Field Guidance 10 and 11.

Further, ORR does not generally conduct FBI background checks of sponsors.

The Secretary’s responses to my questions about ORR’s vetting process were far from satisfactory. I was hoping to hear that ORR would start doing FBI background checks on sponsors and DNA tests on those claiming to be family. Unfortunately, that was not the case.

These issues with ORR have been ongoing since the start of the Biden Administration.

In 2021, I visited the Emergency Intake operation at Fort Bliss, Texas, and was shocked by what I learned. There was no collaboration with law enforcement for background checks when vetting sponsors and the “background check” or “public records check” they were using were merely widely available internet search engines.

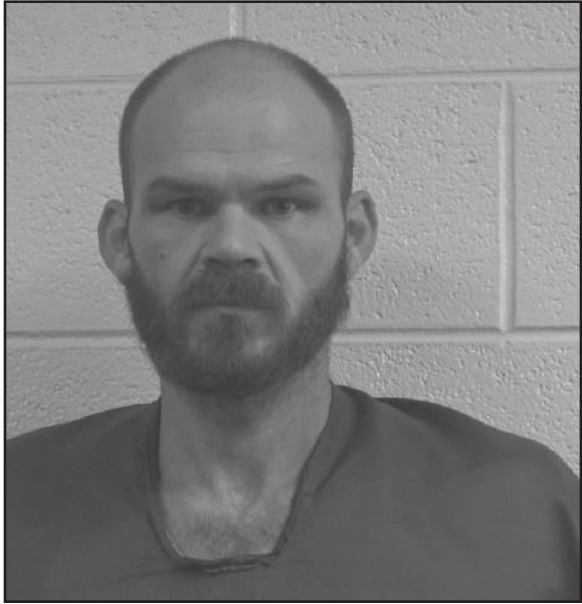
In my opening, I placed into the record a report by a statewide grand jury in Florida, charged with investigating ORR. It said:

“If any resident of Florida exposed U.S. born children to this process, they would be justifiably arrested for child neglect or worse. We do not think children should be less-protected simply because they were born outside our borders and brought here by a government agency.”

I agree. In my view, as a former domestic relations attorney in Virginia, ORR’s practices and actions are tantamount to child neglect. A child’s legal status is irrelevant, ORR must do better.

If you have questions, concerns, or comments, call my Abingdon office at 276-525-1405, my Christiansburg office at 540-381-5671, or via email at www.morgangriffith.house.gov.

*Claims of adoptive relationships are rare amongst unaccompanied minors at the border.



Andrew Webb



Courtney Renee Thomas

Two held in alleged shooting incident

By Staff Reports

Two people from Eden, N.C. are being held in the Rockingham County Detention Center in connection with a July 27 shooting incident in Henry County.

The Martinsville-Henry County 911 Center received a call around 12:25 a.m. that day to report a vehicle had been shot into while traveling on Meeks Road in Henry County.

Jackie Duncan, Jr. reported he was traveling on Meeks Road, and a burgundy vehicle was driving at an unsafe distance and following closely. Duncan alleged the vehicle then passed him and stopped in the 400 block of Meeks Road.

Duncan told authorities that he pulled into a driveway to turn around and go in the opposite direction, and as he was turning around, he heard four gunshots.

Duncan’s vehicle was struck by multiple bullets, according to a release from Henry County Sheriff Wayne Davis.

Duncan then traveled to Eden, North Carolina, and called 911.

Henry County Sheriff’s investigators traveled to Rockingham County, N.C. on July 28 and located the suspect vehicle, and identified two suspects. They were assisted by the Rockingham County Sheriff’s Office, which obtained a search warrant for the suspect’s residence and vehicle. While conducting the search, investigators allegedly located five firearms and ammunition at the residence.

The Henry County Sheriff’s Office charged Courtney Renee Thomas, 28, and Andrew Webb, 37, both of Eden, N.C., with attempted malicious wounding, shooting at an occupied vehicle and use of a Firearm in the commission of a felony.

Thomas was arrested in North Carolina and is being held in the Rockingham County Detention Center on a \$150,000 bond.

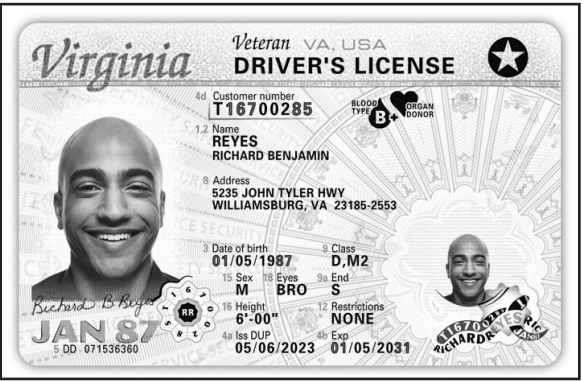
Rockingham County Sheriff’s investigators also charged Webb with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, and he is currently being held in the Rockingham County Detention Center on charges from both states on a \$225,000 bond.

Local authorities thanked their counterparts in the Rockingham County Sheriff’s Office and Eden Police Department for their assistance in this investigation.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact the Henry County Sheriff’s Office at (276) 638-8751 or Crimestoppers at 63-CRIME (632-7463).

Register for Fall Sports

Henry County Parks and Recreation is accepting registrations for its youth flag football, tackle football, girls’ basketball and cheerleading programs through August 11. Flag football is offered for boys and girls ages 7-8. Tackle football is offered for boys and girls ages 11 - 12. Girls’ basketball is available for girls ages 8 – 13. All ages are as of October 1, 2023. Cheerleading is offered for girls in grades 3 – 8. Call Henry County Parks and Recreation at (276) 634-4640 for additional information or questions.



Blood type can now be listed on VA driver’s license or ID

Virginians may now choose to indicate their blood type to include on their driver’s license to assist first responders in the event of an emergency.

Virginians have the option to indicate their blood type when they renew or replace their driver’s license or ID at dmv.virginia.gov or in-person at any Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) customer service center. Customers who are applying for a license or ID for the first time must visit a customer service center in person.

If you renew or replace your credential online, you will be prompted with a question whether you’d like to indicate blood type during the transaction.

Choosing to have your blood type displayed on your license or ID is optional. The blood type will be displayed in a small icon on the front of your license or ID.

It is not required to show proof of your blood type if you’d like it to appear on your credential. It is your responsibility to self-certify, and make sure you have your correct blood type.

“The law was intended to aid individuals and first responders when every second counts in an emergency,” said DMV Commissioner Gerald Lackey. “DMV is proud to provide Virginians with options. On your driver’s license or ID, you can indicate not only your blood type, but also your willingness to be an organ donor, your veteran status and can even list important medical indicators.”

American Red Cross Issues Heat Safety Tips

According to the National Weather Service, the majority of the U.S. will experience above-normal temperatures for as long as the next week. This summer is being recorded as the hottest ever and currently, nearly 80 million people are experiencing dangerously hot temperatures as a heatwave moves across the country.

HEAT SAFETY TIPS

The Red Cross offers steps you can take to help stay safe when the temperatures soar.

Hot cars can be deadly. Never leave children or pets in your vehicle. The inside temperature of the car can quickly reach 120 degrees.

Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of fluids. Avoid drinks with caffeine or alcohol.

Check on family, friends and neighbors who do not have air conditioning, who spend much of their time alone or who are more likely to be affected by the heat.

If you don’t have air conditioning, seek relief from the heat during the warmest part of the day in places like schools, libraries, theaters, malls, etc.

Avoid extreme temperature changes.

Wear loose-fitting, lightweight, light-colored clothing. Avoid dark colors because they absorb

the sun’s rays.

Slow down, stay indoors and avoid strenuous exercise during the hottest part of the day.

Postpone outdoor games and activities.

Take frequent breaks and use a buddy system when working outdoors.

Check on animals frequently to ensure that they are not suffering from the heat. Make sure they have plenty of cool water and shade.

Excessive heat can lead to sunburn, heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke. If someone is experiencing heat cramps in the legs or abdomen, get them to a cooler place, have them rest, lightly stretch the affected muscle, and replenish their fluids with a half a glass (about 4 ounces) of cool water every 15 minutes.

If someone is exhibiting signs of heat exhaustion (cool, moist, pale or flushed skin, heavy sweating, headache, nausea, dizziness, weakness, and exhaustion), move them to a cooler place, remove or loosen tight clothing and spray the person with water or apply cool, wet cloths or towels to the skin. Fan the person. If they are conscious, give small amounts of cool water to drink. Make sure the person drinks slowly. Watch for changes in condition.

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Join us for “Courthouse Karaoke” and be the Sounds on the Square on Friday, August 4, on the beautiful brick Plaza of the Historic Henry County Courthouse, 7-10 p.m.

All levels are welcome! BJ’s Karaoke will guide you through your performance – solo, duet, or group

Admission is free. The background music will begin at 5:30 p.m. while Scuffle Hill Brewing Company serves craft beers and wine in non-disposable, collectable event cups. Ella’s Eats and Bahama Sno-Shack will sell Southern comfort food and frozen treats, respectively. You will be able to adopt ducks from The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Blue Ridge for its Blue Ridge Duck Race.

Karaoke, a compound word formed from the Japanese words “kara=empty” and “okesutora=orchestra,” is a type of interactive entertainment usually offered in

clubs and bars where people sing along to recorded music using a microphone. The music is an instrumental version of a well-known popular song. Lyrics are typically displayed on a video screen, along with a moving symbol, changing color, or music video images, to guide the singer.

“Sounds on the Square” is coordinated by the Martinsville-Henry County Historical Society and sponsored by Carter Bank & Trust, Children First Pediatrics, Hooker Furnishings, The Lester Group, and Sarver Cleaning Services. The Historic Henry County Courthouse and Plaza are fully handicap accessible. The Heritage Center & Museum will be open following the program.

“Courthouse Karaoke is your opportunity to be the star. Karaoke isn’t about talent; it’s about performing and having a good time,” said John Phillips, Historical Society President.

Firefighters treated for heat exhaustion Thursday

Several Patrick County firefighters responding to an afternoon fire call were treated for heat exhaustion last week, according to previous reports.

Dispatchers received the call reporting a structure fire at 150 Riverside Drive in Stuart around 2:55 p.m.

Fire crews arriving at the scene found a single brick home with smoke coming from both ends of the attic. Firefighters gained access to the attic and extinguished the fire. The home received heavy damage to the kitchen area as well as the wall behind the cook stove and ceiling.

Fire crews throughout the county responded to the call including those from Stuart Fire, Patrick Springs, Patrick County Emergency

Services, Fairystone, and Moorefield Store volunteer fire departments.

While working to extinguish the blaze between 3 and 4 p.m., firefighters were challenged by the extreme heat as temperatures spiked well above 90 degrees. Several were treated for heat exhaustion by members of the Jeb Stuart Rescue Squad.

The Virginia State Police are investigating the blaze, which was one of multiple events on Thursday.

Early Thursday, around 8:50 a.m., crews also responded to a call on U.S. 58, according to a report from the scene. Two women were riding their bikes on the westbound side of U.S. 58, just before the stoplight near Wendy’s, when one of the women was struck by an 18-wheeler.

The woman suffered from road rash and right leg pain. She

was checked out by Stuart First Responders and Patrick County EMS Services, and then transported by Jeb Stuart Rescue Squad.

The call to report a kitchen fire came in around 2:40 p.m. Stuart Fire and Patrick County Emergency Services crews responded to the blaze at 210 Patrick Avenue. The stove in the kitchen caught fire, and while fire crews quickly extinguished the blaze, the apartment sustained heavy smoke. Fire crews placed a smoke ejector fan in the apartment and were working to clear out the smoke when the call to the house fire was received, according to a report from the scene.

Firefighters were working to clear the smoke from an apartment when they were summoned to the house fire.

Dan River is site of DRBA’s First Saturday Outing

A 5.5 mile, Class 1, paddle on the Dan River from the NC 135 Mayo River State Park Access in Mayodan to the new Jacob Creek Batteau Landing is the scheduled site of the Dan River Basin Association’s (DRBA’s) First Saturday Outing (FSO) on August 5. Participants will meet at 9 a.m. at the Jacobs Creek Batteau Park & Landing to coordinate the take-out.

This paddle is suitable for those with some paddling experience. Along the route, participants will float through some of the best examples of intact batteau structures. Batteaux were 50-60 feet long flat bottom boats that could carry up to five tons of commercial goods like corn, cotton, and tobacco up and down the river. They frequently were guided by enslaved persons and later by freed Blacks until railroads became the common form of transport in the 1880’s.

This is the first time DRBA will use the NC 135 Access and the Jacobs Creek Batteau Landing for a paddle. After about 1.25 miles the Mayo joins the Dan River. About ¼ mile past the US 220 Bridge starts the 800 foot Slink Shoals rapid. For the batteau to navigate this more easily, crib wing dams were built on each side of the river to make a deeper channel down the middle of the waterway. These wooden and rock structures were built in the



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1820’s and are still intact. Further downstream is the Lone Island Ford which was used by General Greene after the Battle of Guilford Courthouse. This Ford was in use from circa 1769-1868 when the Settle’s covered bridge was completed.

Jacobs Creek Batteau Landing is close to where Alexander Martin built his home Danbury. Alexander Martin was the 4th and 7th NC Governor. The batteau

landing is listed on the National Register of Historic places as being part of the Dan River Navigational System.

Participants must supply their own boat, paddles, life jackets, water and lunch. Please wear water-shedding artificial fabric or wool (not cotton, and certainly not blue jeans); and provide a back-up change of clothing. All participants will be required to sign a waiver.

DRBA’s First Saturday

Outings are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Will Truslow, 336-547-1903, willtruslow@hotmail.com.

NOTE: If for any reason the event needs to be cancelled, visit www.danriver.org by Friday, August 4 to determine whether the outing will be held.

Outings and meetings of the Dan River Basin Association are open to the public without charge.

Report - VA, US Crime Rates See Post-Pandemic Decline



By Edwin J. Viera,
Virginia News Connection

A recent report finds crime across cities in Virginia and the nation is in sharp decline.

The Council for Criminal Justice report tracked crime data for 37 cities across the country. Across these cities, homicides were around 10% lower during the first half of 2023, compared with the same period the year before. Robberies, residential burglaries and aggravated assaults also declined during the same period.

However, report co-author Ernesto Lopez said it’s interesting that car thefts rose 104%, although there could be a reason behind it.

“Many stolen vehicles over the last few months to a year are likely

certain Kia and Hyundai models. Approximately, 9 million of these vehicles can be vulnerable to vehicle theft,” he said. “While these manufacturers are now providing security updates, it will take some time to install those updates for a sufficient number of vehicles.”

He said it will be interesting to see where vehicle theft rates go from here. A settlement was reached, providing \$200 million in compensation for people affected by this particular theft. Safety updates were made available for numerous Kia and Hyundai vehicles, but the Associated Press found 8.3 million cars are still vulnerable to these safety issues.

Even at pre-pandemic levels, crime was still at an all-time high. The report found violent crimes

reached their lowest levels in 2014, which was on par with crime levels during World War II.

Lopez described what can be done at a policy level to ensure this downward trend continues.

“States and the federal government can provide resources to local governments, or the federal government can provide resources to states,” he said. “Also, providing a strong data infrastructure can encourage data sharing amongst agencies.”

He added that a challenge to ensuring cities are implementing best practices is funding not being sustained. Also, Lopez noted that crime-reduction programs need to be continuously re-evaluated to ensure they’re operating properly.

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If the person refuses water, vomits or begins to lose consciousness, call 911.

HEAT STROKE LIFE-THREATENING Heat stroke usually occurs by ignoring the signals of heat exhaustion. Heat stroke develops when the body systems are overwhelmed by heat and begin to stop functioning. Signs include hot, red skin which may be dry or moist; changes in consciousness; vomiting and high body temperature. Call 911 immediately if someone shows signs of heat stroke. Move the person to a cooler place. Quickly cool the person’s body by immersing them up to their neck in cold water if possible. Otherwise, douse or spray the person with cold water, or cover the person with cold, wet towels or bags of ice.

WHO’S AT RISK? Heat is the leading weather-related killer in the U.S. More than 600 people in this country die every year from heat-related illnesses, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Some people are more at risk of developing a heat-related illness, including adults over 65, those with chronic medical conditions, people who work outside, infants and children, and athletes. Some may take medications that make the effects of extreme heat worse. People with heart disease, poor blood circulation, obesity and mental illness are also at risk for getting sick if the temperatures climb.

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Virginia food bank to mix aquaponics with education and food production

A new aquaponics facility will fuse philanthropic spirit with innovation when it opens its doors this fall.

The Healthy Harvest Fresh educational center and aquaponics production facility is projected to open in September. It will be adjacent to Healthy Harvest Food Bank, which serves six counties in Virginia’s Northern Neck and Upper Middle Peninsula.

The facility will house a 2,000-square-foot state-of-the-art classroom and an 11,700-square-foot aquaponics production space to grow premium-quality vegetables and fish and educate visitors on the importance of fresh food and sustainable agriculture.

With aquaponics at the forefront of the operation, the facility will be “one-of-a-kind” in Virginia, said Tammy Cole, Healthy Harvest Fresh director of operations.

“It’s a phenomenal concept,” Cole remarked. “There are some smaller aquaponics facilities, a lot of aquaculture and hydroponics, but there’s not very much aquaponics in Virginia.”

Aquaponics combines fish culture and hydroponic plant production in a symbiotic recirculating system. The plants harvest the nutrients in the water generated by the fish, following a multi-step filtration process.

“We’re an education center first and foremost,” Cole said. With a robust team of superintendents, Virginia Cooperative Extension agents and teachers, Healthy Harvest will provide educators with “many opportunities to expand on academic principles using aquaponics as the medium.”

Healthy Harvest Fresh’s team of experts will offer school systems the opportunity to visit the facility for experiential learning, like testing the water, exploring plant and fish anatomy, and studying physiology or bacteriology.

“Agricultural literacy is more than understanding where your food comes from—it’s being able to make wise consumer choices, healthy decisions, and potentially even providing for yourself and your family,” Cole said.

The program aims to educate and empower individuals of all ages while continuously producing fresh, locally grown food. It will supply up to 140,000 pounds of protein and produce to the food bank and local schools year-round. Excess produce will be offered to other food banks across the state in conjunction with Healthy Harvest’s signature agricultural program.

One of the localities that will be served by Healthy Harvest is Essex County, and that county’s Farm Bureau president, Faye Hundley, said the new facility is “a godsend to the local community.

“I’m excited to see aquaponics production happening here in the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula,” she added. “Healthy Harvest Fresh is implementing innovative farming techniques and providing sustainable, healthy food options year-round to those in need.”

That’s important because sourcing fresh, healthy products during the off-season is challenging for food banks, Cole noted.

“We’re really excited about being able to provide that year-round and expand on locally sourced foods in the school food service system,” she added.

“We hope to be a model for similar organizations to adopt and implement in different parts of the state, our eastern region or nationally,” she said.

For updates on the facility’s grand opening, visit hhfb.org or the Healthy Harvest Food Bank Facebook page or its Twitter or Instagram accounts.

Incident

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scene and collected along with the illegal narcotics.

This matter remains under investigation, and additional charges are anticipated in the ongoing investigation.

Anyone with information about the incident or Hylton's whereabouts is asked to call the Henry County Sheriff's Office at 276-638-8751 or Crimestoppers at 63-CRIME (632-7463). The Crimestoppers Program offers rewards up to \$2500.00 for information related to crime. The nature of the crime and the substance of the information determine the amount of reward paid.



A kilogram of methamphetamine, a small quantity of cocaine and four handguns were among the items seized by county authorities on July 30.



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distribute methamphetamine, \$3000 secure bond.

*Kimberley Sue Farley, 932 Crestview Drive, Bassett, three counts distribute methamphetamine, one count of conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine.

*Patrick Antonio Gilbert, 1821 Sunset Drive, Bassett, two counts distribute cocaine, one count distribute imitation controlled substance, \$3,000 secure bond.

*Michael Aundrea Hairston, Henry County Adult Detention Center, four counts distribute fentanyl - 2nd offense.

*Timothy Lee Hairston, Henry County Adult Detention Center, distribute fentanyl - 2nd offense.

*Donny Ray Harris, 216 Navy Lane, Martinsville, three counts distribute fentanyl. No bond.

*Demetrius Nazshae Inge, 18 Meadowlark Lane, Collinsville, dis-

tribute more than 10 grams of methamphetamine. No bond.

*Robin Everett Joyce, Sr., 1867 Sunset Avenue, Bassett, distribute cocaine, \$2000 secure bond.

*Cora Michelle Keith, 787 Friendly Church Road, Ridgeway, possess methamphetamine, possess a firearm while possessing methamphetamine, \$2000 secure bond.

*Jamie Lee Keith, Martinsville City Jail, two counts distribute methamphetamine - 3rd or subsequent offense.

*Justin Demarcus Menefee, 1105 Tahoe Drive, Collinsville, two counts each distribute methamphetamine 100 grams or more and conspire to distribute methamphetamine 100 grams or more.

*Belinda Dianne

Peyton, 221 Lakeview Lane, Bassett, three counts distribute methamphetamine, \$3500 secure bond.

*Joseph Coy Setliff, 487 Lackey Road, Stuart, distribute methamphetamine, conspiracy to distribute Schedule I or II drug, \$2000 secure bond.

*Howard Leonard Wagner, 4063 Stones Dairy Road, Bassett, five counts distribute fentanyl, two counts distribute methamphetamine, and one count of conspiracy to distribute a Schedule I or II drug.

*Jerry Donell Turner, 3142 Columbus Drive, Bassett, three counts distribute cocaine, \$5000 secure bond.

*Damantas Cental Williamson, 25 Dunlap Street, Martinsville, three counts distribute cocaine.

By mid-week, about 12 people were being sought in connection with the round of indictments. Those named and the outstanding charges are:

*Duran Oshane Baker, 3392 Old Liberty Drive, Axton, distribute methamphetamine, distribute fentanyl.

*Corby Ray Dillard, 1617 Stultz Road, Martinsville, three counts distribute cocaine - 3rd or subsequent offense.

*Demarias Marquese Dillard, 1617 Stultz Road, Martinsville, distribute imitation controlled substance.

*Tyler Ray Farley, 932 Crestview Drive, Bassett, distribute methamphetamine, conspire to distribute methamphetamine.

*Ryan Matthew Haynes, 316 Mrs. Turner Road, Bassett, distribute methamphetamine, conspire to distribute methamphetamine.

*Bridgette Ann Hodges, 405 Myrtle Road, Bassett, distribute cocaine.

*Alison Gray Howell, 1230 J.S. Holland Road, Ridgeway, three counts

distribute cocaine.

*Stoney Lynn James, 18 Wren Court, Martinsville, distribute cocaine - 3rd or subsequent offense.

*Lashawna Nicole Phillips, 1617 Stultz Road, Martinsville, distribute cocaine.

*Luis Eduardo Roman, 108 Primrose Drive, Bassett, distribute methamphetamine.

*Kary Lee Taylor, Jr., 2708 Elm Street, Bassett, two counts distribute cocaine - 2nd offense.

*Todd Jerome Woods, 1862 Sunset Drive, Bassett, four counts distribute cocaine.

Anyone with information about their whereabouts is asked to contact the Henry County Sheriff's Office at (276) 638-8751 or the Crimestoppers Program at 63-CRIME (632-7463). The Crimestoppers Program offers rewards up to \$2500.00 for information related to crime. The nature of the crime and the substance of the information determine the amount of reward paid.

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Hodge

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and insert their own personal stories into the pages.

“There’s space to take notes, there are prompts throughout the book, so people who are reading can flesh out their own ideas,” she said. “I want it to be a living document in someone’s entrepreneurial journey.”

Hodge thinks the opportunity for people to note their ideas and use the prompts to help them think through their processes is one of the most important parts of the book.

‘A lot of times, I’ll read a book and I’ll be in speed-read mode. I’ll be trying to get through the book as quickly as possible, and I don’t use all of those opportunities sometimes to reflect and insert my own ideas and think through my personal processes,” she said.

Hodge said the way to maximize the book is to get in it, write

in it, doodle ideas, and really engage with the questions.

Each chapter also has a specific theme, with one chapter about putting ducks in a row.

“It’s about the ways in which you should start to prepare when you’re endeavoring to open a business. There’s a chapter about business plans. It breaks down the essential elements of a business plan and why entrepreneurs should have some type of plan,” she said.

Another unique aspect of the book is that each chapter has a quote from someone about hustling, business, and entrepreneurship.

“So, you also have those moments of inspiration from people who have had success in business ownership,” she said.

While there’s a lot of content on the internet and numerous books available to help explore

entrepreneurship, Hodge believes her book is an easy access point because it’s simple to read and gives some quick tips and notes to help readers.

Hodge said one fun chapter is titled, “To Quit or Not to Quit.”

“That chapter is all about what you should be pondering as you think about leaving your traditional job. Reasons you should stay, reasons you might want to step away to pursue your business opportunity full time,” she said.

Hodge said the chapter, “Understand Time,” is an important chapter because she hears people all the time say they don’t have time to do a certain task.

“Most often, we’re in some ways not efficient with our time. This chapter’s all about looking at time efficiencies and time thieves are what I call them. Things like needing to meet or people who might take you on a wild goose

chase, death by processing, or crisis-making,” she said.

Each is a time-eater that will steal time that could be spent working on business opportunities or resting so that people are in the most balanced place possible to bring their best self to the table in their businesses, she said.

The process of writing and putting the finishing touches on the book, Hodge said, forced her to be reflective of her own entrepreneurial journey, her business challenges, and her missteps.

“There were moments where I felt like, ‘well, what qualifies me to be an expert in this area? I’m not perfect as an entrepreneur.’ I worked through that by remembering that people need to hear about those flaws,” she said.

Hodge believes thinking that someone has it all together is sometimes a deterrent for people moving forward with their own

life goals “because we’re looking in from the outside thinking someone else is more qualified because they check all the boxes, and someone who’s imperfect couldn’t possibly achieve success.”

Through reading this book, Hodge wants others to know she’s still on the entrepreneurial journey and is still making mistakes every day.

“And I utilize those lessons to support other people having a smoother journey than I’ve had,” she said. “So, I learned to be transparent and to share things that I think other people might not if they’re presenting themselves as an expert.”

The book is available on Amazon as a paperback and at the Rudy’s Girl Media studio. Hodge plans to have copies placed in the display case of The Ground Floor in the near future.

Mural

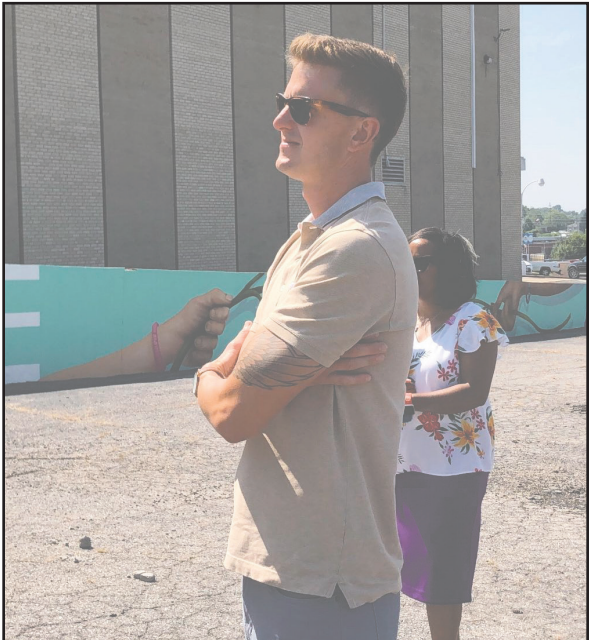
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Bracelets on the wrists of the mural have messages such as this one, which reads “Unity.”



The “Rooting for the Same Hope” mural spans 300 feet and covers 23,000 square feet.



Roanoke mural artist John Murrill listens to speakers at the unveiling of the “Rooting for the Same Hope” mural he designed and oversaw.



The mural “reflects the diverse makeup of our community,” said Chamber President Brenell Thomas.



Several dozen people participated in the unveiling of the “Rooting for the Same Hope” mural in uptown Martinsville.

and property owners the Martin family, with \$10,000 in funding through The Harvest Foundation’s Project Hope grant.

The 23,000-square-foot mural was painted by 40 local volunteers under the design and guidance of artist John Murrill of Roanoke.

“It reflects the diverse makeup of our community,” said Chamber President Brenell Thomas.

Murrill “captured the diversity of Martinsville and Henry County with local details to symbolize the collective hope for progress and a more inclusive community,” she said.

Murrill has been to Martinsville many times, including participating in Piedmont Arts’ Expressions exhibit, where he has won Best in Show, said Piedmont Arts Executive Director Heidi Pinkston. He had a solo show in 2019 and has taught at Virginia Western Community College and Patrick Henry High School. He retired from teaching in the spring to dedicate his time to murals.

“My predecessor, Lisa Watkins, was intentional in

her vision to afford all populations – youth, disabled, seasoned adults, families, community citizens, business teams – just everyone had the opportunity to participate in this community mural project,” Thomas said.

The size and scale of the mural and the hot sun under which the painters worked created many challenges, Murrill said, “but because this was something that Martinsville truly accepted and wanted to be a part of, it made it such a joyful experience.”

“You want the community to celebrate with you, to participate, to see it, to find joy in that ... bringing a mural like this to uptown is such an amazing opportunity,” Murrill said.

The mural shows vibrant flowers and arms with bracelets around the wrists. The bracelets have messages representing different cultures and “what makes Martinsville such a great area to live in,” Murrill said. The flowers are representative of the area, and the bees are a nod to Martinsville’s being a Bee City USA.

“This is a beautiful and remarkable piece,” said

Mayor LC Jones. “It’s a great symbolization and representation of the diversity and the culture here in Martinsville, and how there are so many different people here, and that’s what really makes us great ... It shows the resilience that we have, and I see that in the partnerships that brought this piece together.”

“We all sweated together and worked in the sun, and they made this possible,” Murrill said of the volunteers.

“Public art is an important part of any great community,” said Pinkston.

“It enriches our physical environment. It brings streetscapes and buildings to life. It is a great tool for civic engagement and builds social capital. It provides professional artists with opportunities. It boosts local economies. It’s an investment in place-making measured by livability, quality of life, and promoting community pride,” Pinkston said.

“This mural is a wonderful addition to the many public art pieces that we have in Martinsville and Henry County,” she said.

Father and son died in murder-suicide

A father and son are dead following what authorities believe was a murder-suicide, according to a release from Henry County Sheriff Wayne Davis.

On July 30, around 5:14 p.m., the Martinsville-Henry County 911 Center received a call from 264 Sharon Dr., Axton, to report multiple deceased individuals. Upon arrival, Henry County deputies located two deceased males inside the residence. The decedents were identified as Roger McGuire, 69 (father), and Luke McGuire, 31 (son).

The preliminary investigation indicates that an altercation took place between the two, according to the release. The father, Roger McGuire, was stabbed multiple times.

Luke McGuire then is believed to have gained access to a firearm and took his own life, the release stated.

The bodies were transported to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Roanoke, Virginia, for an autopsy. At this time, the investigation remains open and is ongoing regarding any potential motive.

Anyone having information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Henry County Sheriff's Office at (276) 638-8751 or Crimestoppers at 63-CRIME (632-7463).

Group presents donation to BHC



Sons of the American Revolution, Col. George Waller chapter president Jarred Marlowe (right) presents a check to Fran Snead (left), director of the Bassett Historical Center, for appreciation for their work in preserving and educating on local history.

‘Compulsory Measures’ exhibit opens at Piedmont Arts

Join Piedmont Arts for an opening reception in honor of the museum’s new exhibits, Friday, Aug. 11, 5:30-7:30 p.m., at the museum.

The antidote for an over-stimulated, stupefying and simulated culture... is discovered through the artist’s hand. In response to a culture saturated with devices that distance, digitize and disembody, the artists in Compulsory Measures embrace repetition and ritual as mindful strategies to ascertain meaning. Bordering on the obsessive, Jorge Benitez, Kristy Deetz, Al Denyer, Joan Elliott, Reni Gower, Steven Pearson, Jennifer Printz and Tanja Softic provide lifelines for “making sense” out of the chaos entrenched in contemporary culture. By utilizing complex systems, intricate patterning, repetitive marking or minute detail, Compulsory Measures offers revelatory and celebratory works slowly crafted by hand.

With social media fictions and rampant consumerism triggering excessive anxiety across most demographics, the artists in Compulsory Measures offer a contemplative slowing down even as they urge acknowledgement of some of the most pressing issues (environmental crisis to global marginalization) facing civilization today. Enticed by touch, the artists counter visual skimming and encourage quiet reflection. As such, the exhibition is a perfect conduit for diffusing unease while generating conversations that embrace cultural awareness through mindfulness.

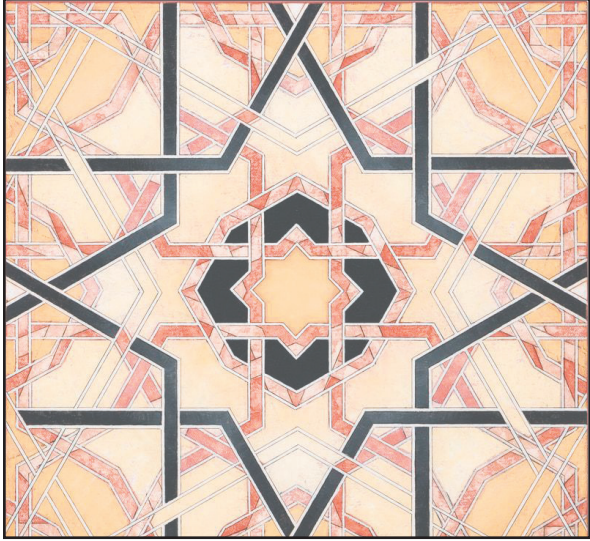
The Lynwood Artists Gallery features work by Rick Dawson. Dawson’s photography articulates the magic of the mundane and has the power to turn a glance into



Tanja Softic’s multimedia work, “Future of Secrets” will be on display at Piedmont Arts.

a lingering, thoughtful gaze. From the iridescent wings of butterflies basking in the sunshine to the glow of a full moon on a tranquil night, Dawson ensures every hue and shade is shown and appreciated to the fullest. Dawson has been painting pictures with his camera lens, capturing the world’s beauty and unveiling layers of beauty that often go unnoticed for more than four decades. He is from Bassett, Virginia.

The opening reception is free and open to the public. Complimentary wine and light refreshments will be served. Live music by Spencer Koger. RSVPs can be



Joan Elliott’s work, “Comet” will be on display during ‘Compulsory Measures’.

made by calling the museum or at PiedmontArts.org by Aug. 7. Exhibits will be on display Aug. 12-Oct. 21. Exhibit admission is always free.

Exhibits and reception sponsored by Liz and Doug Goldstein, Annette and Paul Huckfeldt, Susan and David Morris, Anne and Eric Smith, Barbara and Guy Stanley and Lynwood Artists.

Piedmont Arts is a nonprofit art museum in Martinsville. Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is free. Learn more at PiedmontArts.org.

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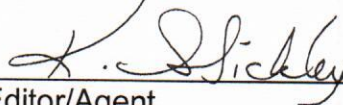
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CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

State of Virginia
County of Patrick, SS:

I, **Kathleen Stickley**, one of the Editors or Agents of **The Henry County Enterprise**, a weekly newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Henry, State of Virginia, do certify that publication of the advertisement or advertisements **Final Notice & Public Explanation – 100-Year Floodplain**, attached hereto was made in **1 issue(s)** of the newspaper, dated **August 26th, 2023**.

Given under my hand this **28th Day of August 2023**.



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LEGAL NOTICES

FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF A PROPOSED ACTION PARTIALLY WITHIN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN

August 26, 2023
County of Henry
PO Box 7
Collinsville, VA 24078
276-634-4620
(Voice 800-828-1140)
(TTP 800-828-1120)

To: All interested agencies, groups and individuals

This is to give notice that Henry County under Part 58 has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection. This activity is funded under the Appalachian Regional Commission's POWER grant under DHCD CONTRACT # 22-PW-OIA. The proposed project, Dick and Willie Passage Trail Phase 6a-2, Henry County, Virginia, is located in a 100-year floodplain.

Within the 100-year floodplain project activities include construction of a mile-long segment of the 2.96-mile gap in the Dick & Willie Passage Trail segment. Phase 6A entails 10,742' of new Dick & Willie Passage Trail segment and 1,461' sidewalk connection. This funding is for Phase 6A-2, the final mile of the 2.96-mile gap known as Phase 6A.

Henry County has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values:

A. Locate the Project Within the Floodplain - The alignment leading to the least impact was identified (156 linear feet of trail and bridge, 6,120 SF of disturbance within the floodplain).

B. Locate the Project Outside of the Floodplain - The only other option to locate the project outside the floodplain was significantly more expensive and created more challenges to ensure full ADA and PROW-AGS accessibility. This phase connects two existing trail segments (6A-1 and 5). A Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (PCE) conducted by VDOT in 2017 represents accord that this alignment allows for the completion of the trail with the least environmental impact possible.

C. No Action or Alternative Actions that Serve the Same Purpose - A no action alternative was considered and rejected because of the long-standing plans and support for creating this trail. Without this trail segment, the Dick & Willie Passage Trail would be incomplete.

Henry County has reevaluated the alternatives to building in the floodplain and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988 are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by Henry County at the following address on or before September 4, 2023: Henry County, P.O. Box 7, Collinsville, VA 24078, ATTN: Dale Wagoner, County Administrator and Phone: 276-634-4600. A full description of the project may be reviewed at the Office of Engineering, 3360 Kings Mountain Road, Martinsville, VA 24112 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. Comments may also be submitted by email to dwagoner@co.henry.va.us

VDOT

Virginia Department of Transportation
ADVERTISEMENT FOR SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT SERVICES WITH OPERATOR SIGNUP

The Virginia Department of Transportation invites heavy equipment owners to sign up for the rental of their equipment with operators for SNOW & ICE REMOVAL purposes in Martinsville Residency which includes the counties of Henry, Patrick and Carroll during the winter of 2023-2024. Price per hour shall include operators, fuel, tire chains, supplies and required insurance. VDOT will need dump trucks, pickups with plows, motorgraders, backhoes, dozers, track loaders, tractors, rubber tire loaders and farm tractors. All equipment shall be equipped for night work and be in good mechanical condition to ensure a safe and dependable 24/7 operation. VDOT reserves the right to determine acceptability of equipment size and condition for the task. Contractors submitting prices meeting the requirements of the Agreement may be contracted with and may be eligible to receive a mobilization payment and a minimum guaranteed payment for the season.

Contractors must submit their application on the electronic M7B bidding site at <https://plov4va.com/>. All new and returning Contractors must be active in the Virginia eProcurement Portal (eVA) in order to do business with the Commonwealth of Virginia (<https://eva.virginia.gov>).

Applications received by 7:00 PM on Monday October 2, 2023 may be eligible for a mobilization bonus. See the EVA posting for additional information, including contract requirements.

Questions can be directed to the Martinsville Residency from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday - Friday. Phone: 276-629-2582
Email: SalemDistrictSnow@vdot.virginia.gov
EEO/AA Employer

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VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HENRY COUNTY, VIRGINIA

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY,
a public service corporation
organized and existing under
Title 56 of the Code of Virginia,
Plaintiff,

Law No. CL23001088-00

v.
SHIRLEY M. GRAVELY,
DAVID MARTIN,
ANN QUARLES,
ESTELLE PRESTON,
PAULINE PRITCHETT,
AVERY N. PENN,
MARGARET CALDWELL,
ALICE PENN,
JAN PENN,
JAMES ANTHONY PENN,
JERVIS PENN,
JEROME PENN,
JASON PENN,
WILLIAM JOHNSON,
RENETTA JOHNSON,
UNKNOWN OWNERS, THE HEIRS OF
RUSSELL LANE,
ANTHONY FERRELL,
KIM PRESTON,
ANTHONY PRESTON,
SHIELA LONG,
ELIJAH SMITH PRESTON,
FASHION SMITH PRESTON,
AMBER SMITH PRESTON,
LESHAY SMITH PRESTON,
ASKYA SMITH PRESTON,
JACQUELYN JEANINE FERGUSON,
CLARENCE O'BRIAN JACKSON,
KATHLEEN DAVIS,
CAROLYN PRESTON,
DOROTHY PRESTON FERGUSON,
EARL MCCOY PRESTON, SR.,
and
a transmission line right-of-way easement,
comprising 1.71 acres, more or less, and a
temporary construction easement, comprising
0.80 acres, more or less, across a parcel of land
located in Henry County, Virginia and
identified as Tax Map No. 51.5(000)000/109
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FILING PETITION FOR
CONDEMNATION BY
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CONDEMNATION BY PUBLICATION

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to an order entered on the 10th day of August, 2023, this notice is hereby given:

In this proceeding, the petitioner seeks to acquire by condemnation a right-of-way easement and temporary construction easement across a certain parcel of land situated in Henry County, Virginia, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, and operating an electric transmission line, which is described more particularly in the Petition for Condemnation and exhibits attached thereto on file in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Henry County, to which reference is hereby made for a full and accurate description thereof; for the right of immediate entry in accordance with Virginia Code §§ 25.1-223 and -224; and for the appointment of commissioners or the empanelment of a jury to ascertain just compensation to the owners of any estate or interest in the property to be taken or affected as a result of the taking and use thereof by the petitioner.

A hearing on the petitioner's request for immediate entry onto the property for the purpose of improving the transmission line will be held on October 19, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. in the Circuit Court of Henry County. Any person with an interest in the property is invited to attend and participate.

At a later date, the petitioner will move the Circuit Court of Henry County to set a date for the trial of this proceeding. The purpose of the trial will be to determine just compensation for the easement to be condemned and to ascertain the damages, if any, resulting to the adjacent property as a result of the taking.

And it appearing by affidavit filed according to law that after diligent inquiry, the following owners of the property are not residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia or their names and addresses are unknown:

DAVID MARTIN, 86 Tyler Drive, Willingboro, NJ 08046;
ESTELLE PRESTON, Unknown Address;
AVERY N. PENN, 607 Stonebarn Road, Towson, MD 21286;
MARGARET CALDWELL, 1091 SageCrest Drive, Columbus, OH 43229;
ALICE PENN, 6726 Hawthorne Street, Hyattsville, MD 20785;
JAN PENN, Unknown Address;
JAMES ANTHONY PENN, Unknown Address;
JERVIS PENN, Unknown Address;
JEROME PENN, Unknown Address;
JASON PENN, Unknown Address;
WILLIAM JOHNSON, Unknown Address;
RENETTA JOHNSON, 4552 Wokker Drive, Lake Worth, FL 33467;
UNKNOWN OWNERS, 5709 Lansdowne Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19131
KIM PRESTON, 3288 Bellerive Drive, Pickerington, OH 43147;
ANTHONY PRESTON, 3233 Bellerive Drive, Pickerington, OH 43147;
SHIELA LONG, 4274 Golden Meadows Ct., Groves City, OH 43123;
ELIJAH SMITH PRESTON, Unknown Address;
FASHION SMITH PRESTON, Unknown Address;
AMBER SMITH PRESTON, Unknown Address;
LESHAY SMITH PRESTON, Unknown Address;
ASKYA SMITH PRESTON, Unknown Address;
JACQUELYN JEANINE FERGUSON, 13509 Princess Kelly Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32225;
CLARENCE O'BRIAN JACKSON, 7621 Rainforest Dr., North Jacksonville, FL 32277;
CAROLYN PRESTON, 3801 26th Street, NE, Washington, DC 20018;
DOROTHY PRESTON FERGUSON, 3840 W Girard Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19104;

it is ordered that any of the aforesaid owners or any person with an interest in the property appear within 10 days after due publication of this order in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Henry County and do what is necessary to protect his or her interest; and it is further ordered that if any of the above named owners or any person who has an interest in the property desires to assert any objection or defense to the taking or damaging of the property or to the jurisdiction of the Circuit Court of Henry County to hear the case and to proceed with the appointment of commissioners or the empanelment of a jury shall file his or her answer and grounds of defense, the grounds of any objection or defense to the taking or damaging of his or her property or to the jurisdiction of the Circuit Court of Henry County to hear the case and to proceed with the appointment of commissioners or the empanelment of a jury for the determination of just compensation. Should any such person fail to file an answer and grounds of defense as hereinabove provided, such failure shall not preclude the owner from appearing on the date set for the appointment of commissioners or the empanelment of a jury nor from presenting evidences as to valuation and damage nor from sharing in the award of just compensation according to his or her interest therein or otherwise protecting his or her rights, but such failure shall preclude such owner from any other defense by way of pleas in bar, abatement, or otherwise.

An extract, Teste:


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said the additional revenues "can certainly be used to help pay down the debt on the jail."

Davis shared the specifics of his solution at the August 22 Henry County Board of Supervisors meeting and noted that in June, the county's Adult Detention Center was approved to house inmates for the federal government.

"We signed an intergovernmental agreement between the Henry County Sheriff's Office, the United States Marshall's Office from the Western District of Virginia to house 20 inmates at a \$65 per day per diem," he said.

Davis estimated that the arrangement would produce \$465,000 in annual revenue. The first federal inmate from Virginia was housed in the center in July.

Reiterating the decrease in inmate population across Virginia, and noting there was not a serious need for inmate bed space in the Western District, Davis said, "So, what we've done is we've continued to work on that relationship with the Western District of Virginia and we've grown and fostered that relationship."

Last Thursday, he said the Henry County Sheriff's Office, the United States Marshall's Office for the Western District of Virginia, and the United States Marshall's Office for the Western District of North Carolina met at the county detention center.

"As a result of that meeting, we have finalized and signed a new intergovernmental agreement between the Henry County Sheriff's Office and the United States Marshall's Office for the Western District of North Carolina to house 200 federal inmates," he said.

As early as the beginning of next week, Davis believes the Adult Detention Center will start housing those inmates. The agreement states the Adult Detention Center will start with housing 50 inmates.

The county will be paid the federal daily per diem, which is \$65, Davis said, noting that amount is more than double the \$30 daily rate paid by other jurisdictions.

"The \$65 federal rate is a true win/win for us. If we house inmates for another local jail, the rate is \$30 per day," he said.

The arrival of federal inmates in the county will be "phased in slowly over the coming months. They won't be bussed in at one time," Davis said, adding the number will build up to the agreed-upon 50 inmates.

The gradual pace also will give jail staff the opportunity to adjust to the federal system, he said.

"There's a tremendous amount of paperwork that comes with a federal inmate. So, our staff has to get accustomed to handling their paperwork and billing processes associated with these federal inmates," he said.

"Those 50 inmates equate to \$1.1 million in annual revenue. So, as we continue to move that up, the Western District has a need for a lot of bed spaces, so we hope to grow this agreement to the full 200," he said, adding the Henry County Adult Detention Center has a rated capacity of 400 inmates. The current average daily number is 251.

The 50 additional inmates "will still only take us to about 300 inmates, which leaves us about three-fourths of the way full," he said.

The center's current rated capacity is 400 inmates. Davis said it can begin to double bunk some of the low and medium-risk inmates to increase the capacity to 600 inmates.

Additionally, "when the facility was constructed, it already has a footprint for an annex" that would house an additional 200 inmates, he said, and added core facilities such as laundry and kitchen were built to handle 800 inmates.

The Adult Detention Center will hold all of the inmates it receives, regardless of their offenses.

"We didn't put anything into the agreement of level of offenses we would hold and what we wouldn't hold," Davis said, adding the facility is "extremely secure" and its staff can handle all offense levels.

If the arrangement works out well, Davis said housing 200 federal inmates would equate to \$4.7 million in annual income at the \$65 per day rate.

"I know several board members and myself had discussed this and the importance of getting it done, and I believe we got it done," he said.

Davis said the federal intergovernmental agreement includes a transportation agreement to provide some level of transportation, but that also will be at an hourly rate and federal mileage.

On August 8, Davis said he met with the City of Martinsville Sheriff Steve Draper also housing inmates from Martinsville.

"It was an excellent meeting, and Sheriff Draper agreed to allow us to house a number of his inmates. He still needs to maintain a certain number or percentage of inmates, so he can assure the security of his staff having a job," he said.

The Adult Detention Center is currently housing 22 inmates from Martinsville.

Henry County Administrator Dale Wagoner said the additional revenue generated from the agreement will help alleviate the burden on taxpayers.

While Wagoner said the construction debt may not be paid off earlier, "getting this revenue secured makes it easier to make that payment and less of a burden on the taxpayers."

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