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JEB Stuart Birthday Celebration-Stuart- At Mom and Pop Antique Mall

On February 5, starting at 10:00am Patrick County will celebrate Maj. Gen. J. E. B. Stuart's birthday at Mom and Pop Antique Mall in Downtown Stuart, VA. The public is invited. There will be birthday cake, refreshments, music and door prizes. Address: 301 South Main Street. *“Commemorating the Civil War’s 150th Anniversary.*

Primland Makes Southern Living Magazine-Feb 2011

“Hit the links or get the star treatment in the spa at this secluded Virginia mountaintop resort,” reported Southern Living Magazine in its February, 2011 edition. Again, Primland gets more publicity and notoriety in major magazines. Congratulations to Primland staff and management!

Tom Rose Accepts County Administrator Role-Patrick County-VA

Tom Rose accepted the job as County Administrator at the regular monthly meeting of the Patrick County Board of Supervisors on January 12. The Board deliberated in closed session for approximately 2 hours before announcing this decision. Tom has served as Interim Administrator since the departure of Jay Scudder in October. Congratulations, Tom!

Roger Hayden Selected as New Chairman-Patrick Co. Board of Supervisors

On January 12, Roger Hayden, Supervisor from the Dan River District, was selected at the 2011 Chairman of the Patrick County Board of Supervisors. Roger is a resident of Claudville, VA. He replaces Karl Weiss, from the Blue Ridge District, who served in 2010. Roger is a member of the Red Bank Ruritan Club of Claudville. He has served for several years as the Chairman of the Broadband Committee, seeking to expand high speed Internet services in Patrick County.

Mayo River Trail Advertisement For Bids

On January 19, the Mayo River Trail (Stuart, VA) was advertised for bids in The Enterprise. Sealed bids were for the construction of the Phase 1 of the Mayo River Rail Trail. The project consists of construction of approximately 2550 linear feet of paved multiuse trail, 740 linear feet of gravel access road, 6000 square feet of gravel parking area, and related appurtenances.

Century Link Gets Grant Money for Broadband Expansion in Patrick County

CenturyLink was one of the 3 companies getting 50/50 matching money to expand broadband services in 8 Virginia counties including Patrick. Over \$750,000 was awarded to Mid-Atlantic Broadband Cooperative and 3 broadband service providers. (From news releases on January 26, 2011)

“Annie Get Your Gun” performance-April 8-10

Get your tickets for this event at the Patrick County High School. Also consider becoming a financial supporter for the important event. Contact Mark Donnell at 276-694-7137 or write him at mark.donnell@patrick.k12.va.us.

Sheriff Dan Smith Plans to Seek Reelection

Dan Smith of Patrick Springs has announced his intent to seek reelection in the November election as Sheriff of Patrick County. He will be seeking election to a 2nd term. Sheriff Smith is a member of the Patrick County Chamber.

Agriculture Still Plays Important Role in Patrick County

A recent study by Ken Meter of Crossroads Resource Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota reveals that agriculture still plays an important role in the Patrick County Economy. His recent study reveals there are 613 farms with 80,027 acres of farmland. The average farm is 131 acres. There was \$15.9 million of farm products sold in 2007, which is a 5% increase over 2002. \$8.4 million of the sales were from livestock. Patrick County sold \$4.6 million of cattle and calves.

Stephanie Vipperman Will Seek Reelection

Stephanie Brinegar Vipperman will seek reelection as the Patrick County Commonwealth Attorney in the November reelection. She previously served as Assistant Commonwealth Attorney in Henry County. She is a member of the Patrick County Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Lock Boyce Will Seek Reelection

Dr. Lock Boyce has said publicly he will be seeking reelection as the Peters Creek District representative to the County Board of Supervisors. He is a local veterinarian with the Boyce-Holland Veterinarian Service in Patrick Springs. He is a member of the Patrick County Chamber of Commerce.

Edward Jones Moving Office From Woolwine to Downtown Stuart

Edward Jones is opening a new office soon in Downtown Stuart, VA. Financial Advisor, John Abadie, a resident of Woolwine and Chamber Director is the contact. The address is: 304 Patrick Avenue.

Sandra Stone Announces Run for County Treasurer

Sandra K. Stone, deputy treasurer in Patrick County Treasurer’s Office has announced that she will seek the position of Treasurer in the November election. Ms. Tatum, current Treasurer, has announced her retirement as of end of 2011. Ms. Stone is native of Patrick County and a graduate of Patrick County High School.

Jon Morris Writes A Book & Works to Strengthen Families

Jon Morris is Executive Director of the Step, Inc. (Support to Eliminate Poverty) with main offices in Rocky Mount, VA. He has written a book, Road To Fatherhood and has conducted seminars on promoting and strengthening families.

Stuart Rotary Announces Building For Lease

The Patrick County Fair Association has 3200 square feet of office space available on 420 Woodland Drive, John D. Hooker Building (Stuart, VA) for lease. There is plenty of parking. For more information call 276-694-4124.

Chamber Banquet Rescheduled for February 11

Due to the extreme winter weather the Annual Chamber banquet was changed from January 14 to February 11. There is still opportunity to get your reservations in. Ticket price is \$18 per person. Contact the Chamber office to make your reservations. Guest speaker is: Ms. Janet Collins Demiray, a Patrick County native with a career in the U.S. Department of State as a Foreign Service Officer. Major sponsors include CenturyLink and Mountain Valley Hospice and Palliative Care.

2011 Virginia State Peach Festival Schedule Announced

The 24th ANNUAL VIRGINIA STATE PEACH FESTIVAL is set for: Friday, August 19 in Stuart and Saturday, August 20, in Meadows of Dan (Folk Fair)

New Members Reported as of February 1, 2011

The following new members have been added since the last newsletter:

- Clayton Kendrick Paving-Patrick Springs
- Rose Window-Woolwine
- Stanburn Vineyard and Winery-Patrick Springs
- Fresh Start Guest House-Stuart
- Russell Easterbrooks-Artist-Stuart
- CMP-Human Resource Consultants-Stuart
- Styles of Stuart (barber and hair stylist)-Stuart
- Danview Retreat (lodging)-Meadows of Dan

Welcome to all our new members!

Martinsville Trade Show Set for March 1-2

The Annual Fast Track trade show is planned in Martinsville for March 1 and 2. The Patrick County Chamber of Commerce will be there to represent the businesses and tourist attractions of Patrick County. The show is limited to VIP members on the first evening, March 1 beginning at 4:00pm. On the second evening, March 2, it will be open to the general public, beginning at 4:00pm., with an admission price of \$3.00 per person. The Location is the Clock Tower Building near the Liberty Fair Mall.

Edward Jones Plans New Office in Downtown Stuart

Edward Jones will be opening a Branch Office at 304 Patrick Avenue, Downtown Stuart, VA, in the near future. Local representative is John Abadie and he can be reached at 276-930-2298.

Wayne Kirkpatrick Named Volunteer of the Year-Reynolds Homestead

Wayne Kirkpatrick, of Stuart, was named "Volunteer of the Year" at The Reynolds Homestead, accumulating over 120 hours of service in the Hiking Class for the College for Older Adults. Wayne is a member of the Patrick County Chamber of Commerce.

New Patrick County Jail Opened For Public Viewing

On January 25 the new Patrick County Jail on Commerce Street in Stuart, VA to allow the community to stroll the halls and cells, getting to see first hand the new \$9.9 million facility. The new jail will go into service in early February

Patrick Unemployment for November & December 2010 Drops

Patrick County unemployment dropped from 11.3% in October, 2010 to 11.2% in November 2010. Then the rate went to 10.9% in December 2010.



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Businesses may Contact Anthony.S.Porch@CenturyLink.com or call 276-666-4253 for a free consultation or visit www.CenturyLink.com. CenturyLink is a sponsor for the Annual Chamber Banquet and the Annual Virginia State Peach Festival.



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