



SHARING

It's been over a year since the inception of the "Simply Patrick County" newsletter. We'd love to know what you think and how we're doing. Any comments, suggestions, and/or recommendations you would like to share would be welcomed. If there's something specific you would like to see featured in *Simply Patrick County*, just let us know.



If you've visited Patrick County as a result of our newsletter, tell us about your visit. Feel free to include stories about your trip, places you visited, photos, etc. We'd love to share your experience in one of our newsletters.

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And, if you've tried one of the recipes from our "What's Cookin'?" section, tell us if you liked it...or not. [Share](#) some of your recipes so we can share it with our readers.



QUILTED COLORS

Welcome to Quilted Colors, Stuart's new location for fabric, notions, and patterns. Quilted Colors not only offers a wide selection of fabrics at great prices, they offer classes and techniques on the age-old art of quilting in the tradition of our ancestors. They offer a place for advice and assistance for the novice quilters and a place of friendship and fellowship for kindred spirits.

Their store is filled with 100% cotton fabrics, notions, and patterns for making quilts and quilted projects. They offer some antique sewing machines and craft storage items as well.

[Sign up for classes](#) and view their [website](#). Welcome Quilted Colors!

STARS AMONG US



J.B. KEARNS

Corporal J.B. Kerns, Combat Engineer from Patrick County, VA, lost his legs and right arm while on a mine sweep in a safety zone during his third tour of duty in Afghanistan. J.B., 22 at the time, returned to his hometown in September 2011 to a hero's welcome. In May 2012, Actor Gary Sinise creator of the Gary Sinise Foundation, along with Tunnels To Towers Foundation, stepped into action, when he held a fundraiser concert in neighboring Martinsville, VA to raise funds to build a smart home for J.B. It's now 2014 and the home is complete. A dedication ceremony was held the end of September. Gary Sinise says, "Freedom and security are precious gifts that we, as Americans, should never take for granted. We must do all we can to extend our hand in times of need to those who willingly sacrifice each day to provide that freedom and security. While we can never do enough to show gratitude to our nation's defenders, **we can always do a little more.**" Patrick County is so proud to have JB home.



Photo courtesy of Building for America's Bravest



LISA MARTIN



Photo compliments of Virginia Tech

Lisa Martin, Senior Program manager at Reynolds Homestead, has been selected as Virginia Tech's Extraordinary Employee, a series that highlights the achievements of VT employees who go above and beyond. In her role, Lisa is responsible for coordinating all of the programs, including lectures, discussions, workshops, exhibits, classes, and all performances. A native of Patrick County, Lisa wasn't looking for a job with Virginia Tech when she came across the newspaper ad back in 2005, but she states, "It felt like the job description was written for me." Lisa spends her personal time cultivating relationships and giving back to the community.

Congratulations Lisa and Thank you for all you do!

ARARAT, VA . . . WHAT'S IN A NAME

How did Ararat get its name. There is no documentation on how Ararat, VA, birthplace of General J.E.B Stuart, got its name, but there are several stories pulled down from many years. Muskrat trappers would call back and forth across the river, "catch 'ary rat? And the name was born; however, this very same story was told in Ararat, NC which is nine miles south of Mount Airy. Ararat, VA is about nine miles north of Mt. Airy. Both communities are on the Ararat River.



The second story according to a 1980s article in the Roanoke Times by Joe Kenned, Tom Barnard stated "a couple of pioneers were out hunting one day when he heard a noise, took a look and said to the other, "Hand me an arrow, I see a rat."

Some local residents will tell you the name came from the Biblical mount of Ararat where Noah landed his ark after the great flood.

Surry County, NC Historian Ruth Minnick, believes the name derives from the word Tararatt, which is what the river was originally called. It's believed that Tararatt is an Indian word, but no proof has been found. The early settlers turned the name of the river into the Biblical name of Ararat.

However the name derived, Ararat natives, who pronounce the name "Air-rat", will tell you it's a wonderful place to live.

These stories were found in Volume 1 of the Patrick County Virginia Heritage Book, which is available [here](#).

WHAT'S HAPPENING

October 1st - History Around Us: Edgewood: The Sam and Carolyn Davis House, 12 noon, Reynolds Homestead. Sam and Carolyn Davis will present a talk on "Edgewood," an imposing 1830s manor house. Bring a bagged lunch, sit back, and learn through photographs and discussion about this unique home and the history that surrounds us. FREE. For more information click [here](#).

October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st, 7:00pm-10pm - Willis Gap Community Center Open Jam Join in on a jam session, dance, grab a snack, or just sit and enjoy the traditional sounds of mountain music. For more information, visit their [website](#).

October 11th, First Annual Family History Institute, "Exploring Local and State Resources". For the beginner to the experienced genealogist, historian, author or researcher, this first annual Family History Institute at the Reynolds Homestead will have something for everyone to learn. This promises to be a rich day full of information. Contact the Reynolds Homestead for a registration form. \$55 for full day, dinner and keynote; \$25 for dinner and keynote only.

October 11th— Homestead Hikers. This will be a special outing with a Full Moon Hike at the Reynolds Homestead through Forestry property. Time to be announced.

October 11th & 12th, 3:00pm—Jazz on the Lawn at Reynolds Homestead. Well respected on the East Coast as an inventive jazz singer, arranger, songwriter and educator, L'Tanya Mari is back for her second appearance at our Jazz on the Lawn event. Bring a picnic and a favorite bottle of wine. There's no more beautiful spot than the Homestead to sit back and enjoy great music against the backdrop of fall in the Blue Ridge Mountains. \$8.00 per person. 3:00 p.m.

October 16th, Dinner and a Movie —Reynolds Homestead. Featured film, "Argo" (2012). Acting under the cover of a Hollywood producer scouting a location for a science fiction film, a CIA agent launches a dangerous operation to rescue six Americans in Tehran during the U.S. hostage crisis in Iran in 1980. This outstanding film won three Academy Awards including Oscars for Best Picture, Best Writing and Best Achievement in Film Editing. Reservations are required, seating is at 6:00 and dinner is \$14.00 per person. The movie begins at 7:00 p.m. and is free.

October 17th, 8:00 am until—Scarecrows at the Farmer's Market. The [Reynolds Homestead](#) will be hosting the scarecrow contest at the Farmer's market this year, so bring yours by for a chance to win prizes. Scarecrows will be used to decorate the town for the Apple Dumpling Festival on Saturday, October 18. 8:00 a.m. to noon.

October 18th, 8:00am. Apple Dumpling Festival. EMI Security 5k Run/Walk kicks off the Apple Dumpling Festival. Registration is from 7:00-7:45am in the parking lot of the Patrick County Food Bank. All proceeds benefit DRBA and trail development for Patrick County. For more info on the walk, contact [Rebecca Adcock](#) or call 276.229.9917. 10:00am-4:00pm, Jewelry, jams & jellies, handcrafted items, live music, great food and fun.

October 18-19th, 10:00am-5:00pm-10th Annual Indian Summer Days in Meadows of Dan. Play on the hay bale maze or stroll through the corn maze or the pumpkin maze. Visit with craft vendors, enjoy old time music, or pick your own pumpkin. Rain or shine. For more information, visit the [website](#) or call (276) 952-5568.

October 19th & 26th, 7:00am-7:00pm, Annual Pancake Days in Meadows of Dan. Folks come from all over the country to enjoy [Pancake Days](#) in Meadows of Dan, with homemade sausage & gravy, buckwheat and buttermilk pancakes, and lots of fellowship. \$10.00/adults, \$5.00/child.

QUOTES OF THE MONTH

"Nothing is impossible, the word itself says I'm possible." Audrey Hepburn

"Whatever you are, be a good one." Abraham Lincoln

WHAT'S COOKIN'?

Autumn Harvest Stew

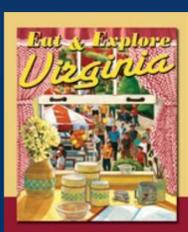
1 lb boneless pork shoulder	3/4 tsp crushed dried thyme
2 medium sweet potatoes, peeled & cubed	1/2 tsp crushed dried rosemary
2 medium sweet potatoes, peeled & cubed	1/2 tsp salt
2 small apples, cored, cut into 1/2 inch slices	1/4 tsp pepper
1 medium onion, chopped	2 cups apple cider or apple juice



Trim fat from meat. Cut meat into 1 inch cubes. In a 3 1/2 or –quart crockery cooker, layer potatoes, apples & onion. Sprinkle with thyme, rosemary, salt & pepper. Add meat. Pour apple cider or juice over top. Cover and cook on low heat for 7 to 8 hours or high heat for 3 1/2 to 4 hours.

Recipe compliments of Grace McDonald

***Eat & Explore Virginia Cookbook** is available for purchase at the Patrick County Chamber of Commerce office located at 103-B Stonewall Court in Stuart, VA.



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