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AMERICAN MUSIC CONCERT SERIES

The American Music Series explores the roots of old-time, bluegrass, blues, jazz and gospel music with artists representing many talented Patrick County & surrounding area musicians.

Concerts are held the second Sunday of each month, December through April, in the Community Enrichment Center at [Reynolds Homestead](#). Tickets are available now. \$12 for adults and \$6 for students. Series tickets are available at \$25 for adults and \$12 for students. The Gospel Concert in February is free.

The upcoming series includes the following concerts:

December 13, 2015, 2:30pm – Christmas Concert featuring The Fringe Band • Brandon Hooker

January 10, 2016, 2:30 pm – Youth Concert featuring Madison Williams • [Colt Coates](#) • [Mason Via & Friends](#)

February 14, 2016, 3pm – 27th Annual Gospel Concert (No Admission Fee)

March 13, 2016, 2:30pm – Heritage Concert featuring Jeff Little Trio

April 10, 2016, 2:30pm – Old Time Music & Dance with the [Slate Mountain Ramblers](#)

Tickets are available now!

To reserve your tickets or to learn more about the series, call 276.694.7181



VEGAS STYLE GAMBLINE



[The Landmark Group LLC](#) will be hosting “Vegas Style Gambling on Friday, November 13th at the Reynolds Homestead in Critz. Cocktails begin at 6:00pm and the games begin at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$35 each and benefit The [Virginia Veterans and Family Support Program](#). Platinum member Jim Mills will be there to showcase conversion vans. Other members are Reynolds Homestead, JML Roofing, Mountain Valley Hospice, Patrick County Family Practice, Moody Funeral Service, Citizens, and River Community Bank.

How to contact us:
Patrick County
Tourism
106 Rucker Street
P.O. Box 466
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Come out and support our Veterans. Tickets are available at The Landmark Center, 227 Landmark Drive, Stuart, and Reynolds Homestead, 463 Homestead Lane, Critz.

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER EVENTS

November 2nd, 6:00-8:00pm. **Open mic night at Honduras Coffee Shop.** For more information, call 276-694-7575.

November 6th, 7:00pm. **Will Easter** at [Honduras Coffee Shop](#).

November 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th. Willis Gap Community Center **Open Jam Sessions.**

November 7th, 7:00pm. **Taylor Vaden & Memphis Thunder** at the [Star Theatre](#). Admission-\$10.00 .

November 13th, 7:00pm. **Ombrew** at **Honduras Coffee Shop.**

November 14th, 7:00pm. **Chris Woods** at the Star Theatre. Admission \$5.00.

November 14th, 6:00pm. **Xperience Youth Rally** at Patrick County High School. Jason Kerr is guest speaker, entertainment by Patrick County High Praise & Worship Team. For more, visit their [website](#).

November 28th & December 26th, 4:00pm. **Patrick County Music Association Monthly Jamboree.** FREE monthly music jamboree on the [Crooked Road Music Trail](#) in Patrick County, VA that features award winning musicians of acoustic bluegrass, gospel, and mountain music. Fun for all ages.

November 28th, 3:00pm. [Meadows of Dan](#) Christmas Parade.

December 5th, 8:00am-1:00pm. 2nd Annual **Vendor Blender** at the Star Theatre. Free

December 5th, 2:00pm. Stuart's **Annual Christmas Parade.**

December 13th, 2:30pm – **Christmas Concert** featuring *The Fringe Band* • *Brandon Hooker*. [Reynolds Homestead](#). \$12 adults, \$6 children

STARS AMONG US



MEET OUR NEW TOURISM DIRECTOR, JOSEPH QUESENBERRY



A native of Patrick County, Joseph graduated from Patrick County High School in 2007 and Patrick Henry Community College in 2010, where he obtained his Associate's Degree. Joseph then transferred to VCU, where graduated with his Bachelor of Political Science Degree. He is currently finishing up his Masters of Public Administration Degree. While living in Richmond, he worked for the Virginia Municipal League, worked for State Delegate Steve Landes during the 2013 General Assembly Session, and served in leadership roles in the Virginia Eta Chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity. In 2012, Quesenberry also interned here in the Patrick County Administrative Offices.

Following his graduation, Joseph moved on to Richmond County, Virginia, where he served as the Planning and Zoning Administrator, Floodplain Administrator, Northern Neck Tourism Commission Representative, Planning Commission Liaison, and participated as the County's Economic Development and Tourism Coordinator. While serving in his capacity as the Land Use Administrator. he also worked to bring in grant funding for a new community pier, a new community boat landing, and new entrance signs into the County.

Joseph now calls Patrick County home and looks forward to working with the staff and citizens of Patrick County in promoting our locality as a premier tourist destination.

For packages or ideas on planning your visit, check out our website: visitpatrickcounty.org



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DID YOU KNOW?

In 1953, someone at [Swanson](#) misjudged the number of frozen turkeys it would sell that Thanksgiving by 26 TONS! Some industrious soul came up with a brilliant plan: Why not slice up the meat and repackage with some trimmings on the side? Thus, the first TV dinner was born!

There are four places in the U.S. named Turkey. Louisiana's Turkey Creek; Turkey, Texas; Turkey, North Carolina; and Turkey Creek, Arizona.

Magazine Editor Sarah Josepha Hale convinced Abe Lincoln to declare [Thanksgiving as a national holiday](#). Ms. Hale also wrote the nursery rhyme, *Mary had a Little Lamb*.

Male turkeys, called toms, gobble. Females, called hens, cackle.

A turkey less than 12-weeks-old is called a fryer-roaster. Poor turkeys, they don't have a chance.

It was once believed that any woman who went under a mistletoe and was not kissed, would not marry the coming year.

If you counted all the gifts that were given in the song "Twelve Days of Christmas" you would realize that the number of gifts being presented were 364 in total, thus a gift was given for each day of the year.

Christmas shopping may be hazardous to your health. If you are an avid Christmas shopper statistics have concluded that you will be elbowed at least three times while shopping. However, you will walk an average of five miles between the parking lot and your destinations.

Sending Christmas cards is still the in thing to do around Christmas time. On average, Americans send out 28 Christmas cards to friends and family yearly, and most will receive 28 for the same period.

This recipe and more can be seen in the **Eat & Explore Virginia Cookbook*.

The Cookbook is available for purchase at the Patrick County Chamber of Commerce office located at 103-B Stonewall Court in Stuart, VA. Or by calling their office at 276.694.6012

CLASSIC SOUTHERN TOMATO BISQUE

1 onion, dices	2 cans tomato paste
1/2 cup fresh garlic	1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup fresh dry basil	3 to 4 tablespoons chicken base
1/4 cup fresh dry oregano	2 quarts heavy cream
Bay leaves, crushed	1 tablespoon salt
3 cans plum tomatoes	1 tablespoon pepper



Sauté onion until tender without browning; add garlic, dry herbs, and crushed bay leaves. Sauté 1 minute. Add tomatoes, tomato paste, sugar, chicken base and water for desired consistency. Bring to a simmer. Add heavy cream, salt and pepper. Puree and strain. Serve immediately.

Executive Chef Tony Dellorso
Blackstone Grill

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

What lies behind you and what lies in front of you, pales in comparison to what lies inside of you.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

