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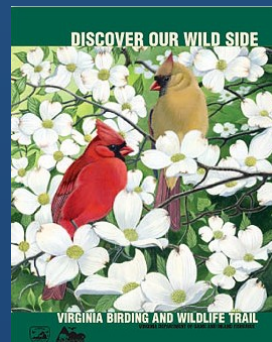
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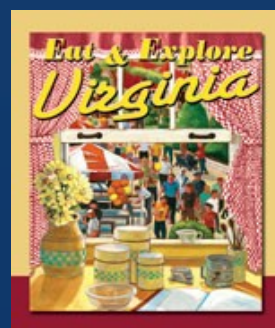
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HISTORY OF THE PATRICK COUNTY COURTHOUSE

In 1792, Captain Eliphaz Shelton donated ten acres of land where the Patrick County Courthouse now sits. In April 1793, the "Gentlemen Justices" of Patrick County authorized the construction of the building. The structure was to be 36' L x 24' W with two 12' jury rooms, plaster walls, eighteen "lights of glass" in the windows, and heated by fireplaces. Contractor Charles Vest completed his work before the deadline, and the courthouse opened for court in October 1794. For the next twenty-five years that building served the county.

In 1819, a new building was authorized, but two years passed before construction began. Justice Abram Staples built the new courthouse and had the new structure ready one year and one month later on July 11, 1822. Four major renovations have occurred since 1822. A vault was added in 1906, the Sheriff's Office and jail were added in 1928, and remodeling occurred in 1936 and 1972. In 1982, another renovation began to relocate the General District Court, Juvenile and Domestic Court Relations Court, the Circuit Court Judge's secretary, and to add space for the Patrick County Clerk of Court's office. Today, in 2012, the only offices housed at the Historic Patrick County Courthouse are the County Clerk's office and Circuit Court. In 1974, The Patrick County Courthouse was placed on the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places.

To read more, [History of Patrick County Courthouse](#)



HISTORY, ARTIFACTS, GENEALOGY



The Historical Society & Museum in Stuart, VA houses a large collection of Patrick County memorabilia including old photographs, newspaper, tools, books and a section of articles from WWI and WWII. Corporal Charlie B. Herring's watch, which stopped at a little past 10pm are among some of the artifacts of the remains of the 1944 B-24 Crash Site on Bull Mountain where 11 men lost their lives. Also included are weapons used during the 17th century. Genealogical materials include marriage, death, census, and birth records along with family files that are available for family tree research. A computer is available to assist in the research. In addition, The History of Patrick County, published by the Historical Society, is available for purchase. Hours of operation are Tuesday-Saturday, 10:00am—2:00pm or by appointment by calling 276.694.2840.

To read more about the museum, visit the [Historical Society](#) website .

To read the newspaper article on the Crash of the B-24 visit: [The Bee Danville Virginia 1944-03-16](#)

AN AMERICAN MUSIC SERIES



The Second Sunday American Music Series explores the roots of old-time, bluegrass, blues, jazz, and gospel music with many multi-talented musicians from Patrick County and neighboring counties in Virginia and North Carolina. The series of four concerts will run on the second Sunday of each month at 2:00pm, beginning in January and ending in April. The Continuing Education Center at the Reynolds Homestead will be the host site for the Series. Refreshments will be available and dancing is encouraged.

Opening the Series on January 13th is Narrator Mary Jo Leet with A Youth Concert featuring young Patrick County musicians *Red, White and Bluegrass* of Catherine Connor, Casey McPherson, & Maggie Blankenship; *The Mish Mash Trio* of Nick Goad, Jacob Harbour, & Ron Pendleton; and many others including Ross Adams, Brady Horton, Elliot Robertson, Bailey Steele, Harper Steele and others.

February 10th - Bishop Bugee Penn leads The Gospel Concert in Celebration of Black History Month. This long running community event will include the Trinity Choir along with other great gospel singers. Tradition continues with this event being free to the public.

March 10th - March 10th is Banjo-Rama with Sammy Shelor, Tommy Morse and more well-know backup musicians. Hear great bluegrass banjo, frailing and old-time banjo myths and styles.

April 14th - Golden Era Musicians and Family Traditions – Great Patrick County musicians like Troy Brammer, Junior Cassady, Garland Cockram, Ralph Haden, Cecil Hall, Clarence Hall, Bernard Hylton, and others. Hear these historic musicians play, and listen to them talk about family influences and musical traditions.

THIS MONTHS FEATURES



CHARLIE AND MARY JO LEET

Mary Jo and Charlie have been performing in the acoustic music industry for a combined total of more than forty years, traveling internationally as well as in the United States. They also provide hosting and coordination services for an "enhanced workshop experience" for festivals and music events. They have several CDs available on their website featuring their sounds of Bluegrass, Gospel and American Acoustic Music.

To watch Charlie and Mary Jo on TV in Louisville, KY click the link below:

[True Life Travelers with Charlie & Mary Jo Leet](#)



THE BASEMENT STUDIO

Ursula Allen has a studio in her basement where she makes fiber pieces there. In *The Basement Studio*, the work you will find includes wearable attire (jackets, hats, and purses) . She also crafts handmade dolls with FIMO clay. This studio is a trail site on the Hidden Treasures Artisan Trail in Patrick County, and a member of 'Round the Mountain Artisan Network. Ms. Allen's work can be seen at the Artzy Shop & Gallery in Stuart, VA. Or to arrange a visit to her studio, call Ms. Allen at 276.694.4760

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

January 11th, 18th, & 25th. 7PM-Open Jam Session. Willis Gap Community Center on Hollow Rd in Ararat, VA. All musicians are invited to come. Free to the public. Food and Drinks are available.

January 13th, 2PM-A Youth Series at The Reynolds Homestead. 463 Homestead Lane, Critz, VA. See article above for detailed information.

January 17th, Dinner and A Movie. Dinner starts at 6PM, Movie at 7PM. Feature drama, "King of Devil's Island. (Norwegian 2010 NR) . This true story tells of a new boys arrival at the Basti Boys Home Correctional Facility on a Norwegian island and his inspiration in

leading an uprising against the brutal treatment of he and the inmates. Reynolds Homestead, 463 Homestead Lane, Critz, VA. 276.694.7181, www.reynoldshomestead.vt.edu

January 18th-7PM-WHEO Friday night Jamboree at the Star Theatre. Feature band, Mish Mash. 318 Patrick Avenue, downtown Stuart, VA.276.694.5139

January 26th, 4PM-Patrick County Music Association. Rotary Building, 264 Woodland Drive, Stuart, VA. Featuring Wayne Henderson & Jeff Little, Catherine Conner, Carla Mullis & Friends, Marshall Brothers & the High Road, Southern Prophets, and The Country Boys. 276.694.4232, www.patrickcountymusicassociation.com

WHAT'S COOKIN'?

DAVID'S CHICKEN AND DUMPLINGS

1 whole chicken
1 Tbsp. garlic powder
1 Tbsp. kosher salt
1/2 tsp. black pepper
1/2 Tbsp. onion powder
3 stalks celery, cut into 2-inch pieces
2 medium onions, chopped
3 garlic cloves, chopped
1 tsp. red pepper flakes
1 Tbsp Montreal Chicken Seasoning
3 Tbsp cornstarch, dissolved in 1/4 cup water

Combine chicken, garlic powder, salt, pepper, onion powder, celery, onions, garlic, red pepper, and chicken seasoning in large pot and cover with water. Cook 40 minutes or until chick falls apart. Remove chicken to cool and debone. Strain liquid and return liquid and deboned chick to stew pot. Bring back to slow boil. Add cornstarch paste and stir well.

DUMPLINGS:

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 1/2 cups self-rising flour
1 tsp salt
1/2 tsp pepper
4 Tbsp. shortening
1 1/4 cups milk

In bowl, combine flours, salt and pepper. Cut shortening into flour and add milk; mix well. Roll dough out to 1/2 inch thick and cut into 1 x 1 inch squares. Add dumplings, dropping in 1 at a time. Simmer, covered, 10-15 minutes.

Recipe from the River District Festival

