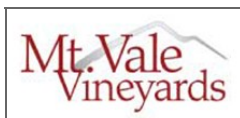




FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL

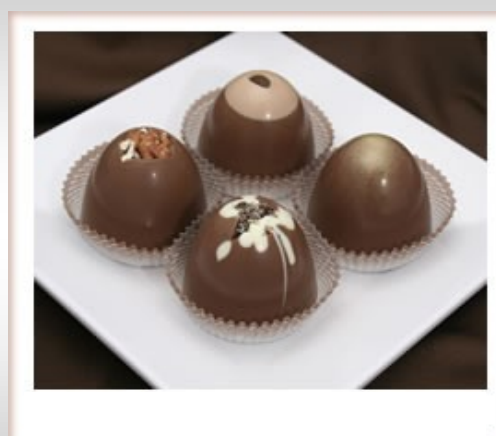


Traveling to or through Stuart? Stop and join us on April 5th from 3:00 to 7:00pm for good food, live music and great wines. The popular band [“Slick Jr. & The Reactors”](#) will be providing the entertainment while Steve Smith cooks mouth watering BBQ. And for dessert, select something yummy from Gingerbread Creations. [Wade’s Orchard](#) will be there with their wide selection of jellies, jams, and cheeses, great accompaniments to the wines. [Stanburn Winery](#), [Mt. Vale Vineyards](#), [The Homeplace Vineyard](#), and [West Wind Farm, Winery & Vineyard](#) will provide their wines for tasting. Located in the parking area between former Lemons Jewelers and Divine Design on Main Street in Stuart. For more information, call 276.694.3811.

“Wine is bottled poetry.” Robert Louis Stevenson (1883)

NANCY’S CANDY COMPANY

In 1987, while trying to satisfy her sweet tooth, Nancy Galli mastered her original fudge recipe, and with help from family & neighbors, opened *Nancy’s Homemade Fudge*. Folks in VA & NC loved her fudge so much that in 1989, she created her signature Fudge Cup in chocolate peanut butter flavor and began exhibiting at trade shows. In 1998, Nancy’s handmade candies grew so much that she outgrew her space, so she purchased 4.5 acres with a 30,000 sq. ft. building.



In 2009, she added her artisan truffles and a new family of chocolates, the N Collection. Today, you can enjoy 45 different flavors of fudge, more than 80 mouthwatering chocolates, 20 artisan chocolates from her N Collection, and many more homemade sweets. For more information, [visit Nancy’s website](#).

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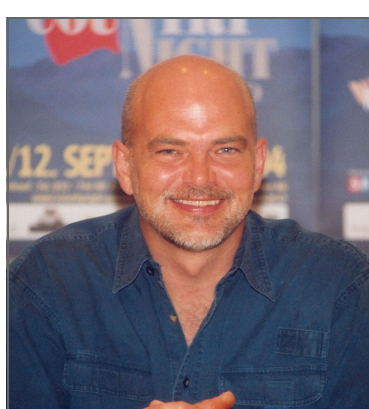


Martin Clark, Jr. is an author and Virginia circuit court judge. Judge Clark’s first book, *“The Many Aspects of Mobile Home Living”*, was published by Alfred A. Knopf in 2000 and was a *New York Times* Notable Book for 2000, a Book-of-the-Month Club selection, and a finalist for The Stephen Crane First Fiction Award. His second novel, *“Plain Heathen Mischief”*, was released in 2004 and Clark’s third novel, *“The Legal Limit”*, was released in April 2008. *“The Legal Limit”* was a *Washington Post* “Best Book of the Year” for 2008, and in October, 2009, was announced as the winner of The Library of Virginia’s People’s Choice Award for fiction.

Clark became a juvenile and domestic relations district court judge in 1992 and was appointed to the circuit court bench for the Virginia counties of Patrick and Henry in May 1995.

Clark graduated from Davidson College in 1981 and the University of Virginia School of Law in 1984. He lives in Stuart, Virginia.

To purchase Judge Clark’s books, visit [amazon.com](#) or any [Barnes & Noble](#).



Sammy Shelor is a native Patrick Countian, a Virginia Country Music Hall of Famer, a 5-time IBMA Award Winner for Banjo Performer of the Year, a 2011 Award Winner for the Steve Martin Prize for Excellence in Banjo and Bluegrass, and is the leader of the Lonesome River Band, who just celebrated 30 years together.

As a testament to Sammy’s prominence and influence in the banjo world, he has his own signature Sammy Shelor banjo fingerpicks, and a signature model banjo produced by Huber Banjos.

Sammy has performed with Alan Jackson and Steve Martin among others, and has received numerous awards and nominations. To read more about Sammy or to purchase his CDs, visit his website, [sammyshelor.com](#).

LEAF TRAIL

The Reynolds Homestead has created a 1.0 mile interpretive forest tour trail that combines learning about natural resource use and heritage tourism. The trail is open throughout the year from dawn until dusk and offers seasonal observers an opportunity to experience the changing habitat of native flora and fauna.



An informational kiosk is located at the top right of the upper parking lot at the Continuing Education Center. There are brochures, bird sighting records, and more information there. The trail begins just to the right of the kiosk. For more information or to download their Interpretive Forest Tour brochure, visit the [Reynolds Homestead site](#).

WHAT’S HAPPENING

April 5th-3-7pm

Food and Wine Festival, Town of Stuart, VA
Great Food and Wine with music by Slick Jr. & The Reactors Parking area between Lemons Jewelers and Devine Design. 276-694-3811

April 4th, 5th & 6th and April 11th, 12th & 13th Fri & Sat, 7pm, Sun 3pm

“Rex’s Exes” by BRATS at the Star Theatre. Tickets \$10.00 Adults, \$7.00 Students, (show current college ID), SENIORS (60 AND UP) and groups of 10 or more 318 Patrick Avenue/Star Theatre - Stuart - 276-694-5139

April 13th, 2:30pm

Banjo-Rama in The Second Sunday Music Series at Reynolds Homestead. Featuring Kinney Rorrer and The New North Carolina Ramblers. Contact 276.694.7181 or The [Reynolds Homestead](#).

April 18th, 7:00pm—

Music at the Star Theatre., featuring Jason Harris and Friends. \$5.00 admission.

HONDURAS COFFEE SHOP

April 5th, 6-9:00pm

A little paint, a little wine, and a whole lot of fun. \$30 fee includes all painting supplies. Wine available for purchase. Register before 12N, April 4th by calling Honduras Coffee Shop at 276.694.7575. Directed by Pepper Martin

Music on Main at Honduras Coffee

April 5th, 8pm— The Foddrells
April 7th, 6pm—Rural Music Coalition
April 11th, 7pm—O Brother Where Am I? & Mason Via and Friends
April 18th, 7pm—RAGTOP
April 25th, 7pm—Les Moore Trio

April 14th, 6:00pm

Movie Night at Honduras Coffee. Feature- Marley

WHAT’S COOKIN’?

April is National Grilled Cheese month. Though the history of “cooked bread and cheese” predates many records, the first U.S. modern accounts link an open-faced sandwich to the 1920s when inexpensive sliced bread and American cheese were readily available. Called a “cheese dream” during the Great Depression, the concept sometimes involved ham or bacon, or perhaps eggs, cayenne, mustard or mayonnaise, browned on both sides and served in tomato sauce at Sunday supper. In fact a 1918 *Good Housekeeping* magazine also featured cheese dreams.

Classic Grilled Cheese Sandwich

2 slices cheddar, Monterey jack, Muenster, and Swiss cheese
2 slices country white bread
Salted butter

Heat 1 Tbsp. salted butter in a cast-iron or nonstick skillet over medium-low heat. Press the sandwich slightly and place it in the skillet. Cook until golden on the bottom, 3-5 minutes Flip, adding more butter to the pan if needed, and cook until the other side is golden and the cheese melts. 3-5 minutes

For 49 more recipes, visit the [Food Network](#).

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