



STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL



Patrick County's Strawberry Festival is held in May each year in uptown Stuart. Streets are blocked off so folks can enjoy live bluegrass music by award-winning bands, and awesome foods provided by homemakers and vendors, i.e. jams jellies. Local and surrounding area artisans set up to offer their handcrafted items, and as always, you can purchase fresh strawberries from local farmers. This year's festival is scheduled for May 17th from 10:00am to 4:00pm. For early birds, you can start the day by joining the Strawberry Festival's 5K Walk/Run that starts at 8:30am. All proceeds benefit DeHart Park's trail expansion. [Email](#) for information on the 5K Walk/Run. [Vendors can register here.](#)

NEWSLETTER

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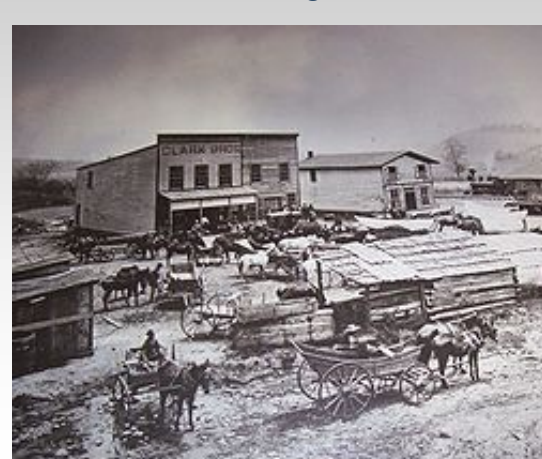
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PATRICK COUNTY IN THE 1800S

Patrick County was formed in 1791 when Patrick Henry was divided into Patrick County and Henry County. Patrick County had an area of 576 square miles, or 368,678 acres, and the land had an average assessed value of \$2.58 per acre. Historical records from the New River Notes, a historical and genealogical site for the Upper New River Valley of Virginia and North Carolina, are shown below.

Population 1880 - White 10,099; colored 2,734; total 12,833
County seat, Stuart, Population 500
Vote of county, November 1886--Democrats 666; Republicans 1,068
Value of real estate 1886: \$941,672.97
Value personal property: \$266,992.00
Tax real estate: \$3,776.32
Tax personal property: \$1,071.46
Captation Tax: White 2,090; colored 354.



Stuart Train Depot, ca 1895

Courts- The Circuit Court of the Fourth Circuit meets at Stuart on the third of June and the fifth of October.

Judge: S. G. Whittle, Clerk: L. G. Rucker
The County Court meets at the C.H. on the Tuesday after the fourth Monday in each month.
Judge: P. W. Shelor, Clerk: L. G. Rucker

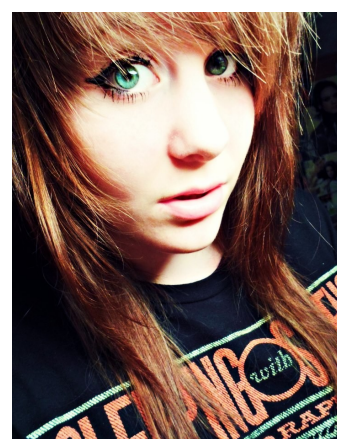
County Officers- Sheriff: S. H. Dunkey, Treasurer: Isaac C. Adams, Surveyor: Elkanah Lewis, Commissioners of Revenue: H. C. Clark, W. T. Massie, Commonwealth's Attorney: J. R. Moore, Superintendent of Poor: S. R. West

Newspapers-Patrick Press (Dem) weekly, Thursdays, M. V. Stgedman, proprietor, - Stuart

Other topics on the New River Notes site are: **Supervisors, Overseers of The Poor, Attorneys at Law, Coach and Wagon Builders, Distillers, Druggist, General Merchants, Hotels, Saw Mills, Corn & Flour Mills, Post Offices, etc.**

To learn more history about Patrick County, visit [New River Notes](#)

STARS AMONG US



OLIVIA JO

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Olivia Jo started showing interest in music somewhere around the age of 5. She began to learn how to play many different string instruments, and eventually turned her focus to guitar, and sharpening her vocal skills. Living in an area rich in traditional music, Olivia naturally fell right into the vocal bluegrass scene. She recorded her 1st album at the young age of 11. This gained her exposure in radio and television where she enjoyed moderate success with two bluegrass albums. At age 13, she was one of the featured female artists for a PBS television documentary called "Women in the Arts." Since that time, she has recorded with band members from Diamond Rio, Dolly Parton, Dan Tyminski, Martina McBride, Lorrie Morgan, and Joe Diffie. She has performed with numerous groups and artists, and has become a great singer/songwriter and musician. Olivia Jo is a master of three part harmony that lends itself to great vocals in any genre of music. Her heart and career goals are in the direction of country music.

This amazing young singer/songwriter was recently signed to a prestigious artist management firm based in Nashville, and is currently dividing her time between writing and recoding songs for her first release. Olivia Jo is determined and dedicated to her country music career and is putting pride in the hearts of all that know her from Patrick County to Nashville, TN and beyond.



LORA MAHAFFEY

After living in Alaska for 17 years, Lora Mahaffey and her husband made the move to Patrick County. During her years as a bakery owner, Lora was a National Champion of the Food Network's "Cupcake Cookoff Challenge". In addition to a baker, she considers herself a mixed media artist, muralist, and jewelry maker. She's recently picked up the art of playing with polymer clay, which has produced some neat and interesting pieces. (see photo right).



Lora offers instructional videos as well as fun insight on current projects on her blog, ["Cackle and Hoot"](#), Adventures of a curious crafter. She is a juried member of [Heartwood](#), the gateway to Southwest Virginia craft, music, food, and local culture, where you can see her work. To contact Lora, visit her site or send an [email](#).

FLOYD FEST 2014



You might think it's early, but tickets for FloydFest 2014 are going fast!! With 15,500 in attendance at last year's event, this year promises to be even larger and better. Situated at milepost 170.5 off of the beautiful Blue Ridge Parkway, Floyd Fest has become a nationally recognized event, drawing nature-loving enthusiasts from all over the country. With musicians like Ben Harper, Charlie Mussel White, Lauryn Hill, Ziggy Marley, and lots of other award-winning artists, ticket sales are exploding. Come enjoy awesome music, the Vendor Village, and the energetic crowd. Floyd Fest is slated for July 23rd-27th. To view the lineup and purchase tickets, visit the [FloydFest](#) site.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

May 2nd
Opening day at the Stuart Farmers Market.
The Farmers Market is open on Fridays from 8am-12N, May thru Nov., and Tuesdays from 3-6pm, June thru Sept.

May 2nd, 6:00pm until
Patrick County Chamber of Commerce Block Party.
Join members of the community for free food, drinks, and live music. For more information, call 276.694.6012

May 3rd, 4:00-11:00pm
50's Sock Hop & Cruise In. Guest appearance by Elvis Presley, lots of food & drink along with a wine garden. Tickets are \$10.00 singles, \$15.00 for couples. Rotary Field. Sponsored by The Patrick County Alzheimer's Group. 276.692.7188 or 276.694.7358

May 3rd, 8:00am until
Car and Truck Show. Trophies for the top 80 and 17 best in show. Registration 8:00 to 11:30 am, judging starts at noon. Food available. For more info, call 276.6947421.

May 10th, 12:00n -6:00pm
Stanburn Winery's "First Festival" with a Cause. Live music with Les Moore and the Foddrells. All proceeds go to Relay for Life Team. 276.694.7074

[HONDURAS COFFEE SHOP](#)

May 3rd, 7:00pm. Music on Main. Featuring Slick Jr, and the Reactors. 276.694.7575.

May 5th, 6-9:00pm Honduras Coffee Shop Rural Music Coalition. Hosted by Les Moore

May 6th, 6:00pm. Dart night at Honduras Coffee.

May 10th, 7:00pm
WHEO Jamboree at the Star Theatre. \$5.00 admission fee.

May 17th-8:30am
Strawberry Festival 5K Run/Walk. Proceeds benefit fitness trail at DeHart Park. Registration \$25.00 after April 25th. All pre-registered runners receive a t-shirt. [Email](#) for more information.

May 17th, 10:00am-4:00pm
Strawberry Festival. Arts & crafts, food, family fun, & music. Free to the public. Vendors fee - register at www.townofstuartva.com. 276.694.3811

May 23rd-25th
Gospel Singing at Dominion Valley Park. Live gospel music. \$15/day or \$25 weekend pass. Ice cream and pop corn available. 276.694.4245 for more information.

May 24-25th, all day
Hit & Miss Engine Show at Meadows of Dan Farmers Market. Crafts, antique farm machinery, food, and live music. 540.593.3279

May 24th, 4:00pm until
Patrick County Music Association (PCMA). Live music featuring award-winning musicians, food, good fellowship. Rotary Field. Contact Denny Alley at 276.694-4232

WHAT'S COOKIN'?

From Patrick County's own Reynolds Homestead

SAUSAGE & EGG CASSEROLE

A delicious breakfast on its own, or served with grits and fresh seasonal fruit.

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| 1 lb. bulk pork sausage | 1 tsp ground mustard |
| 6 eggs | Pepper to taste |
| 2 cups milk | 6 slices white bread, 1/2 inch cubes |
| 1 tsp. salt | 1 1/2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese |

In skillet, brown and crumble sausage; drain and set aside. In large bowl, beat eggs; add milk, salt, mustard and pepper. Spread bread cubes over bottom of greased 11x17 inch baking dish. Layer sausage and cheese atop break. Pour egg mixture evenly over bread/sausage/cheeses layers. Cover and refrigerate 8 hours or overnight. Remove from refrigerator 30 minutes before baking. Bake, uncovered, at 350° for 40 minutes or until a knife inserted near the center comes out clean.

