

# Simply Patrick County

## NEWSLETTER

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## CELEBRATE APRIL IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE

In addition to April Fools, there are many Bizarre and Unique "Holidays" celebrated in the month of April. Below are just a few.



- **Stress Awareness Month**- Stress Awareness Month, founded in 1992, is a national cooperative effort to inform people about the dangers of stress, successful coping strategies, and harmful misconceptions about stress that are prevalent in society.
- **National Humor Month** - National Humor Month was founded in 1976 by comedian and best-selling author Larry Wilde, Director of The Carmel Institute of Humor. It is designed to heighten public awareness on how the joy and therapeutic value of laughter can improve health, boost morale, increase communication skills and enrich the quality of one's life.
- **Keep America Beautiful Month** - Keep America Beautiful is a U.S. based nonprofit organization founded in 1953. It is the largest community improvement organization in the United States. Keep America Beautiful focuses on litter prevention, waste reduction/recycling and community greening & beautification.
- **National Poetry Month**- National Poetry Month, founded in 1996, is the largest literary celebration in the world. National Poetry Month was created to highlight the extraordinary legacy and ongoing achievement of American poets, encourage the reading of poems, assist teachers in bringing poetry into their classrooms, increase the attention paid to poetry by national and local media, encourage increased publication and distribution of poetry books, and encourage support for poets and poetry.
- **Sexual Assault Awareness Month**- The US first observed Sexual Assault Awareness Month nationally in April 2001. The goal of SAAM is to raise public awareness about sexual violence and to educate communities on how to prevent it.
- **Lawn and Garden Month**- In celebration of Lawn and Garden Month, Southern States offers a variety of lawn & garden "How To" tips.

"April showers bring forth May flowers"

## NEW LOOK FOR PATRICK COUNTY

Patrick County's Tourism website, [visitpatrickcounty.org](http://visitpatrickcounty.org), and the *Simply Patrick County* newsletter have a new look. The Tourism Advisory Council, along with David Stanley of Silver Lining Designs, and Beth Deatheridge of HD Web Studios continue to work hard to bring the new look to completion. The new icons depict a good overall view of what Patrick County has to offer. "From music to outdoor activities, from agriculture to sport, we have an abundance of activities that make Patrick County a wonderful place to visit and live", says David Stanley. "The more specific icons will be used on brochures, maps, and other marketing materials that will give us a cohesive look and allow us to maintain our message of what makes this county great. Our people and our way of life."



## STARS AMONG US



### FELECIA SHELOR

Felecia Shelor, a native of Meadows of Dan, opened [Poor Farmers Market](#) at the Blue Ridge Parkway in Meadows of Dan when she was 21 years old. She grew up selling produce with her grandmother along the roadside at Lover's Leap. Felecia's daughter, Casey, was born when Felecia was 19 years old. Felecia wanted to be able to raise her daughter in the mountain she loved and in the old ways of the mountain people. She began by working as a farmhand. Out of that experience, her own produce business was born. Felecia started her business by loading a truck with local produce and peddling it to stores and restaurants. On weekends, she operated a small produce stand near the parkway in Meadows of Dan. Out of the wholesale produce business, and that first produce stand, Poor Farmers Market was born. Poor Farmers Market has grown to become a corner stone of the community and a regional landmark. The country store employs fifteen people, most of whom have been working at Poor Farmers Market for many years.



Felecia was able to go back to school to pursue one of her childhood dreams. She received her master's degree in Christian Counseling. Her biblical studies sparked her interest in the conflict in the Middle East. She has traveled extensively in the Middle East working with Palestinian Christians on peace efforts with Israel. After Felecia's daughter finished medical school, she came back to Meadows of Dan to start a family and work as a local physician. Felecia stays closer to home in Meadows of Dan now, instead of traveling to the Middle East, to help raise her grandchildren. She is the founder and facilitator of the Addictions Recovery Support Group, an outreach of Mayberry Church; a founding member of the Meadows of Dan Community Association, and the creator of The Meadows of Dan Folk Fair.



## MURDER MYSTERY DINNER & SILENT AUCTION

The Friends of the Reynolds Homestead is sponsoring a Murder Mystery Dinner and Silent Auction at the Reynolds Homestead on May 30<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. A limited number of tickets will be sold, so make your reservations now. People will be "dying" to attend this event. \$20.00 per person.

During the opening wine reception, guests will begin browsing silent auction items and learning clues about the mystery. Silent Auction items currently include art, antiques, jewelry, gift certificates and more. Following the first "murder", guests will proceed to a "killer" dinner, where they will learn more clues about the mystery as the "Hollywood" entourage offers possible motives for the "murder." During the dinner, a second "murder" occurs, and guests must consider all of the clues to determine who has committed these crimes.

After dinner, guests will have an opportunity to make their predictions about the guilty party, as everyone reconvenes at the Silent Auction to enjoy a variety of "death by chocolate" desserts and make their final bids on the array of auction items.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Events at [Honduras Coffee Shop](#)

**April 4th, 7-9pm.** Live music featuring CC Coates. \$5.00

**April 6th, 6-8pm.** Monday night open mic. Free

**April 17th, 7-9pm.** Live music featuring Sound Wave. \$5.00

**April 25th, 6-8pm.** Corks & Canvas. A little paint, a little wine, and whole lot of fun with your host Pepper Martin. \$30 includes all your painting supplies. As for your wine supplies we will have you covered. We will have many bottles of Stanburn Winery, Chateau Morrisette, and Childress Winery on hand for you to purchase.

### Events at [Reynolds Homestead](#)

**April 1, 12:00noon-The History Around Us.** Steve Sims will talk about Native Americans in Patrick County, share artifacts and historical information on the Natives in the early days. Bring a bag lunch.

**April 4th, 2:00pm-Stoneman's Raid and Our Patrick County History.** A series of guest speakers including Tom Perry, David Minter, Chris Owens and more will talk about the significance of the event, what happened, and other historical happenings of significance. Browse the Confederate Exhibition collected by Minter and an extraordinary exhibition of panels celebrating our own General J.E.B. Stuart. Refreshments will be served. FREE! 2:00 p.m.

**April 11th, 3:00pm-The Legacy of Kitty Reynolds.** Kitty Reynold's great, great grandson Jay Kimble Reynolds, along with African American historian John Whitlow, will talk about the tremendous legacy of the Reynolds' children's Nanny, Kitty Reynolds.

**April 18th, 7:30am registration. 3.2 for 32 Run in Remembrance.** On this day, the Virginia Tech community reflects on the vibrant lives of the 32 students and faculty who were tragically taken from us on April 16, 2007. This community run/walk throughout the trails at the Reynolds Homestead strives to bring fellow Hokies together, to feel the support of the community, and to celebrate the lives of our friends and family members. Commemorative race bibs and t-shirts will be provided to the first 60 who register.

**April 12th, 2:30-5:00pm—Sunday—Second Sundays American Music Series presents The Dry Hill Dragers Concert and Dance** Students half-price.. Concert only, at the door \$12. under 5 free.

**April 13th, 20th, & 27th, 6:00-9:00pm-Elements of Design.** Instructor Pepper Martin. Explore the fundamental principles of design that are inherent in all forms of art. Focus on hands-on application, understating of terminology, and the implication of the principles. Meets Mondays. The class can be applied towards an Artisan Certification. 276-656-0343.

**April 16th, 6:00pm-Dinner and a Movie.** Featuring "Twenty Feet from Stardom". Dinner at 6:00pm, Movie at 7:00pm. (free). Dinner is \$14 per person and reservations are required. You do not have to attend dinner to come and enjoy the movie.

## MORE EVENTS

**April 3rd, 10th, 17th, & 24th, 7:00-10:00pm. Willis Gap Community Center Jam.** The Center has been jam ming successfully for over seventeen years. All skill levels are invited to attend. Bluegrass. Country, Old time is played during the jam, the Center also loves Gospel. Hotdogs, chips, snacks, and drinks available for purchase. All proceeds of Jam Session go to the Willis Gap Community Center. 276.251.1936

**April 25, 4:00pm-Patrick County Music Association (PCMA).** PCMA jamboree on the Crooked Road Music Trail in Patrick County, VA features award winning musicians performing a variety of acoustic bluegrass, gospel, and mountain music. PCMA highlights many local bands as well as artists from Tennessee and North Carolina. Fun for all ages.

**April 4, 3:00-7:00pm-Stuart's Second Annual Beer & Wine Festival.** Free admission, \$10.00 tasting fee for those that want to enjoy food and wine. The festival will be held on Main Street between Divine Designs and the Old Lemon's. Music by SHARP 5 and SLICK JR. & THE REACTORS

**April 18th, 10:00am-5:00pm. Homeopathic Remedy Kit Making with Dr. Jude.** Learn and understand the process of homeopathic remedies, dry to wet, amplification of remedies, & potency recommendations. Reservations required. \$125.00.

**April 10th, 6:00pm. Alzheimers Bingo.** J.D. Hooker Building/Rotary Field. Tickets are \$25.00, all proceeds benefit Alzheimers clients and caregivers in and around Patrick County. Door prizes of all types, including 31 bags. Hot dogs, BBQ, chips, drinks, and desserts available.

**April 10-11th, 8:00am until. Alzheimer's Yard Sale.** Office furniture, clothes, antiques, and more. Proceeds to benefit Alzheimers clients & caregivers. 109 Buena Vista Ave, Stuart. 276-698-2901or 694-7358.

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

It is difficult to say what is impossible, for the dream of yesterday is the hope of today, and the reality of tomorrow.

Robert H. Schuller

## WHAT'S COOKIN'?

### Bacon Wrapped Baked Rabbit

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| 1 cup flour         | 1 rabbit, cut in 5 to 7 pieces |
| 2 tsp. black pepper | 1 cup rendered bacon fat       |
| 2 tsp garlic powder | 1 cup fine dry breadcrumbs     |
| 1 Tbsp paprika      | Sage, basil or oregano         |
| Salt to taste       |                                |

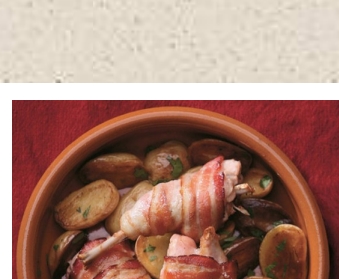


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Preheat oven to 350°. Combine flour, pepper, garlic powder, paprika and salt. Lightly coat rabbit in seasoned flour, shaking off excess. Dip pieces in warm bacon fat, brushing excess to drip off. Coat in breadcrumbs. Arrange rabbit in baking dish. Bake 30 minutes, turn, bake 30 minutes longer. Rabbit will be brown and crisp when done.

Recipe compliments of Mountain Meadow Farm

This recipe & more can be found in the "Eat & Explore Virginia" cookbook and can be purchased at the Patrick County [Chamber of Commerce](#).

\*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.

