

Cat Tales Newsletter

Patrick County High School

May 1, 2017

2017 Distinguished Patrick Countian Awards

On April 27, the PCHS community met to honor the recipients of The Distinguished Patrick Countian Award and the Outstanding Community Service Award.

This year's Distinguished Patrick Countian was Dr. Sally Ann Terry Rodgers. Dr. Rodgers, a Patrick County native, attended Hardin Reynolds Memorial School. She earned her Bachelor's degree from Westhampton College, her Master of Education from the University of Virginia, and her Doctorate from Virginia Tech. Now retired, Dr. Rodgers has had a very active career in education. She spent eighteen years in Patrick County as a teacher at Stuart Elementary and PCHS, as Principal at Patrick Springs Primary, and as Assistant Principal of Instruction at PCHS, as well as Director of Instruction for the county. Her twenty-five years in Henry County were spent in administration. She has also taught as an adjunct professor for Virginia Tech. In her speech, Dr. Rodgers urged the student body to develop a strong work ethic, seek life-long learning, and practice volunteerism. She encouraged them to take advantage of opportunities that come their way. We give our thanks to Dr. Rodgers for her many years devoted to the development of our young people.

The Outstanding Community Service Award recipient was Nancy Lindsey, who retired from a long career in journalism in December 2016. After graduating from Stuart High School in 1962, Lindsey began her journalism career at *The Martinsville Bulletin*. She attended Radford College, The College of William and Mary, and earned her Bachelor of Journalism at the University of Washington in 1972. After moving back to Patrick County in 1971, Lindsey worked as a Title I reading teacher at Stuart Elementary School before working at *The Bull Mountain Bugle*, and finally at *The Enterprise* where she worked as reporter, columnist, and editor. She has won numerous awards from the Virginia Press Association in many writing categories as well as for photography. She was awarded 2nd place by the National Newspaper Association in 1981 for feature writing. She has been a faithful reporter and recorder of local history and news in Patrick County for decades and richly deserves this award.

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Left to right: Mr. Trey Cox, Principal, Dr. Sally Ann Terry Rodgers, Lexy Carico, Ashton Young, and Dr. William Sroufe, Superintendent



Nancy Lindsey

Teacher Feature

Wendell Terry, Agriculture Career and Technical

College degrees held:

BS in Agriculture from Berea College, Berea, KY
MS in Plant Protection from Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

PCHS Experience

25th year at PCHS, 34 years in all
Teach all Horticulture Classes (Horticulture Sciences, Floral Design, Floriculture, Greenhouse Production, Landscaping, and Turf Management)
Occasionally teach regular Agriculture Classes

Extra-curricular activities at PCHS:

Past
Girls' Varsity Basketball for 15 years
Boys' Varsity Basketball Assistant for 4 years

Current

FFA Advisor
Coach Soils, Floriculture, Nursery/Landscape Teams (several state championships)
Occasional Bus Driver for athletics and other activities

Hobbies:

Landscape Gardening
Like to mow grass
Occasional help on parents' farm
My biggest hobby is not really a hobby but a calling. I have been a member of The Gideons International for almost 19 years now. I am currently serving as Virginia State Vice-President. This occupies much of my time when not at school. I have travelled all over the state of Virginia, across the nation, and even to Venezuela to take the Word of God to places and to people that need it.

Family:

Wife-Cindy, a retired PCHS teacher and coach.
Daughter-Shannon, a PCHS graduate who is now married and living in Jacksonville, NC

Life goal:

To share the gospel of Jesus Christ with as many people as possible and do other activities to make a difference in the lives of others.



Dress Code Policy

With the change in seasons and warmer weather upon us, we would like to remind everyone of our dress code policy.

Hats, bandanas, headbands, head wraps, or any other inappropriate head gear may not be worn in the front office, any classroom, cafeteria, auditorium, library, or gymnasium.

Fish hooks on hats are prohibited.

No dress attire that exposes *any portion of the torso or undergarments* may be worn. Half-shirts, tube tops, spaghetti straps, halters, or any apparel incorporating these items are not acceptable. No "short shorts" or "short skirts" may be worn.

All tops, shorts, and skirts will be measured by using a 3X5 index card. The shoulder piece of the top must measure three inches. Shorts and skirts must measure 5 inches above mid-knee.

Legging/jeggings must be worn with a shirt or skirt that meets the 5 inches measure requirement.

No pajama pants, tops, or bedroom shoes may be worn.

No shirts, hats, or clothing that displays messages or illustrations of a profane nature or advertisement for drugs or any illegal substance may be worn. Tank-tops, basketball jerseys, and vests shall be worn with a T-shirt underneath.

Sunglasses may not be worn in the building.

No jeans, pants, etc., that are cut-out or torn, that reveal any of the private anatomy, or cause a disturbance may be worn. Pants will be pulled to the waist line/belt line.

Any student wearing clothes that are judged disruptive (apparel that reflects use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, profanity, sexual connotations) by the principal or assistant principal will be sent home.

Body piercings that endanger the safety of oneself or others will not be allowed.

Dog chains, pocket chains, wallet chains, or any type of chain deemed inappropriate by the administration will be prohibited.

SOL Testing Schedule

Tuesday, May 2	EOC Tests
Wednesday, May 3	EOC Tests
Thursday, May 4	PHYS SCI & E SCI
Friday, May 5	BIO
Monday, May 8	CHEM & WH 1
Tuesday, May 9	US HIS / WH 2 PM—PHYS SCI / E SCI Exp. Retakes
Wednesday, May 10	Gr. 8 Reading PM—BIO Exp. Retakes
Thursday, May 11	EOC Reading PM—CHEM / WH1 Exp. Retakes
Friday, May 12	ALG 2 & Math 8 PM— US HIS / WH2 Exp. Retakes
Monday, May 15	ALG 1 PM — Gr. 8 Reading Exp. Retakes
Tuesday, May 16	GEO PM — RLR Exp. Retakes
Wednesday, May 17	Make Up and TG 2nd Attempts PM — ALG 2 / Math 8 Exp. Retakes
Thursday, May 18	Make Up / TG 2nd Attempts ALG 1 Exp. Retakes (all AM)
Friday, May 19	Make Up & GEOM Exp. Retakes (all AM)



Test Taking Tips

1. Practice, practice, practice. The more you practice, the more familiar you will be with the test format, and the less likely you are to panic when you take the test for real.
2. Studying for the test over an extended period is much more effective and lasting than cramming for the test at the last minute.
3. Eat a good breakfast the morning of the test.
4. Visit the restroom 15-30 minutes before the test.
5. Get a full night's sleep before the test. Do not pull an all-nighter cramming before the test. A lack of sleep will affect your performance.
6. Wear comfortable clothing.
7. Don't panic. If you start getting anxious, take slow deep breaths. Don't worry about other people finishing early. Smart people know to use all available time to double-check their work.
8. Pace yourself. Calculate the amount of time you have to answer each question and avoid getting bogged down on any one question.
9. If you have time left over at the end of the test, review your answers. Don't second-guess an answer unless you are certain that you misread or misinterpreted the question. Watch out for careless errors. Also double-check that you wrote all of the answers in the correct locations.
10. Read the question in full before trying to answer it.

Good luck Cougars!

Taken from: Mark Kantrowitz. "Top Standardized Test Taking Tips." Fastweb!

<http://www.fastweb.com/back-to-school-2012/articles/top-standardized-test-taking-tips>



Come and enjoy our band and chorus spring concert on Tuesday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the PCHS auditorium!

Decision Day

Seniors revealed their college and career choices with a celebration on Friday, April 28. Congratulations seniors!



CONGRATS CLASS OF 2017



Senior Events

Tuesday, May 2	8:00 A.M. Cafeteria	Pick up graduation tickets
Friday, May 5	Leave 7:00 A.M.	Carowinds Trip
Saturday, May 13	Luna's Trail Westfield, NC	Prom
Thursday, May 18	6:00 P.M. Cafeteria	Senior Honors Banquet
Friday, May 19	6:30 P.M. Cafeteria	Athletic Banquet
Sunday, May 21	5:00 P.M.	Baccalaureate
Tuesday, May 23		Exams — 3rd & 4th Blocks
Tuesday, May 23	7:00 — 11:00 P.M.	Sportlanes
Wednesday, May 24		Exams — 1st & 2nd Blocks
Wednesday, May 24	12:00—3:00 P.M. Rotary Field	Senior Picnic
Friday, May 26	9:00 A.M. Football Field	Graduation Practice
Friday, May 26	5:00 P.M.	Graduation Reception
Friday, May 26	7:00 P.M.	Graduation Ceremony

Go Cougars!

May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 EOC Tests Seniors Graduation Tickets 4:30p Tennis G/V Magna Vista 4:30p Tennis B/V Magna Vista 5:00p SB JV Magna Vista 5:00p BB JV Magna Vista 5:00p BB V Magna Vista 5:30p Soccer B/JV Magna Vista 6:00p Soccer G/V Magna Vista 6:30p SB V Magna Vista 7:00p Soccer B/V Magna Vista	3 EOC Tests 4:30p Tennis G/V Bassett 4:30p Track G/JV Tunstall 4:30p Track B/JV Tunstall	4 SOL Testing TBD Track G/V William Fleming TBD Track B/V William Fleming 4:30p Tennis G/V Martinsville 4:30p Tennis B/V Martinsville 5:00p SB JV Halifax Co 5:00p BB JV Halifax Co 5:00p SB V Halifax Co 5:00p BB V Halifax Co 5:30p Soccer G/JV Halifax Co 5:30p Soccer B/JV Halifax Co 7:00p Soccer G/V Halifax Co 7:00p Soccer B/V Halifax Co	5 SOL Testing Senior Trip Carowinds TBD Track G/V William Fleming TBD Track B/V William Fleming	6 JROTC Military Ball TBD Track B/V William Fleming TBD Track G/V William Fleming
7	8 SOL Testing 5:30p Soccer B/JV Blacksburg 7:00p Soccer B/V Blacksburg	9 SOL Testing 4:00p SB JV Franklin Co 5:30p SB V Franklin Co 7:00p Band/Chorus Spring Concert	10 SOL Testing Blood Drive TBD Track G/V Franklin Co TBD Track B/V Franklin Co 5:00p SB V Blacksburg 5:00p SB JV Blacksburg 5:00p BB V Blacksburg 5:00p BB JV Blacksburg 5:30p Soccer G/V George Washington	11 SOL Testing	12 SOL Testing 5:00p BB JV Martinsville 5:00p BB V Martinsville 5:30p Soccer G/JV Martinsville 5:30p Soccer B/JV Martinsville 7:00p Soccer G/V Martinsville 7:00p Soccer B/V Martinsville	13 Prom
14	15 SOL Testing	16 SOL Retakes/Make Up 5:30p Soccer B/V Tunstall 5:30p Soccer G/V Tunstall 6:00p SB JV Tunstall 6:00p BB V Tunstall 6:00p SB V Tunstall 6:00p BB JV Tunstall	17 SOL Retakes/Make Up	18 SOL Retakes/Make Up 6:00p Senior Honors Banquet—cafeteria 5:00p SB V Glenvar	19 SOL Retakes/Make Up Special Olympics 6:30p Athletic Banquet—cafeteria	20
21 5:00p Baccalaureate	22 8:30a JROTC Field Day	23 Senior Exams 3rd & 4th 7:00p—11:00p Seniors Sportlanes Trip	24 Senior Exams 1st & 2nd 12:00p—3:00p Senior Picnic at Rotary Field Underclass Yearbooks	25 Underclass Exams 1st & 3rd	26 1:00p Dismissal Underclass Exams 2nd & 4th 9:00a Graduation Practice 5:00p Graduation Reception 7:00p Graduation	27
28	29 HOLIDAY 	30 Teacher Workday	31 Teacher Workday			

Have a great summer!