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Patrick County High School

# Cat Tales Newsletter

The mission of Patrick County High School is to build a foundation for lifelong learning that prepares students for responsible citizenship.

*Believe \* Achieve \* Succeed*

## 2016 Distinguished Patrick Countian and Outstanding Community Service Awards



Mrs. Janice Wilkins



Judge Martin Clark

In an assembly held on Wednesday, April 27, the PCHS Student Government Association awarded Janice Wilkins the Distinguished Patrick Countian Award and Judge Martin Clark the Outstanding Community Service Award.

Mrs. Wilkins graduated from Patrick County High School in 1974 and went on to earn her Bachelor of Nursing Degree from Radford University. Since that time, she has dedicated her life to serving Patrick County and its residents. She has worked for both the Blue Ridge Nursing Home in Stuart and the Golden Living Center in Mount Airy. She has served on the Board of New College Institute, as well as the Rotary Board (including serving as president). Mrs. Wilkins has been Director of Nursing and the Administrator of the Stuart Hospital. She is the recipient of the International Convention Paul Harris Award. She currently lives in Patrick County with her husband, Alex. She has two sons, Brandon and Davis Wilkins.

Judge Martin Clark is a Patrick County native who earned a bachelor's degree from Davidson College and a law degree from the University of Virginia. In 1992, he was appointed to the bench at age thirty-two, which made him one of the youngest judges in the history of our state. In addition, Judge Clark is an author of bestselling novels which earned accolades including The New York Times Notable Book and Washington Post Book of the Year. For many years, Judge Clark has made causes in Patrick County a priority. He and his wife Deana live on a farm in Patrick County surrounded by their many animals.

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## Congratulations! PCHS Senior Beta



Our Senior Beta Chapter has been recognized as a 2015-2016 National Beta School of Merit from The National Beta Club. The Senior Beta Club has over 100 members and is sponsored by Jonathan Turcek and Katherine Shockley.

## Teacher Feature



### Lynell LeViner, Special Education Department

**Education:** Bachelor of Science from Averett College

**Past Work Experience:** Hughes Memorial Home; 20 years with Danville Public Schools; Langston Focus Center; Bonner Jr. High School

**Family:** Husband, Mark LeViner; two stepsons, Michael and John Derek and their wives Rebecca and Anna; three grandchildren, Oron, Abigail, and Declah; and four brothers

**Extra-curricular activities at PCHS:** Civil War Reenactment Club

**Hobbies:** Reading, playing with her cats, cooking, traveling, and reenacting

## FAFSA Help

Expert FAFSA assistance available to seniors and parents on May 7, 3:30 - 6:30 P.M. in the Library! A PHCC financial aid specialist will answer questions about the aid process and admissions. Also, they will assist students with scholarship applications.

## National Decision Day



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## CLASS OF 2016

### Senior Events

Friday, May 6	Carowinds Senior Trip
Tuesday, May 10	Graduation tickets given out All indebtedness must be paid
Thursday, May 19	Senior Honors Banquet 6:00 P.M.
Friday, May 20	Athletic Banquet Cafeteria/Auditorium 6:00 P.M.
Sunday, May 22	Baccalaureate Service Auditorium 6:30 P.M.
Wednesday, May 25	Senior Picnic 12:00—3:00 P.M. Rotary Field
Tuesday, May 31	Sportlanes 7:00—11:00 P.M.
Wednesday, June 1	Final Exams 1st and 3rd blocks
Thursday, June 2	Final Exams 2nd and 4th blocks
Friday, June 3	Mandatory Graduation Practice 9:00 A.M. Football Field
Saturday, June 4	Graduation breakfast, 8:00 A.M., Cafeteria Graduation, 10:00 A.M., Football Field

## Drama Department Presents The Trip to Bountiful

Students of the Patrick County High School theatre community, under the direction of Mark Donnell will present, *The Trip to Bountiful*, for three performances, April 29, 30, and May 1 in the school's unique on-stage theater.

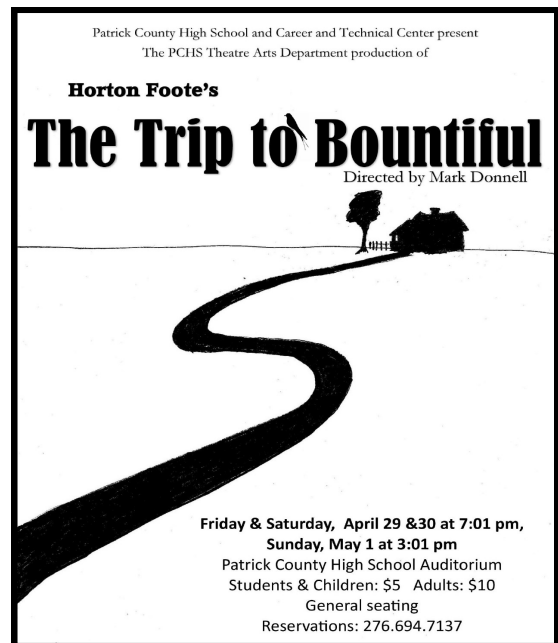
In *The Trip to Bountiful* spunky, hymn singer Carrie Watts, played by Roxie Irwin, seeks to escape the watchful eye of her fifteen year "roommates," daughter-in-law Jessie May and son, Ludie, played by Shylah Wester and Joshua Biedrycki, to return to her home in Bountiful, Texas. Along the way Mrs. Watts discovers the tension and kindness of leaving the familiar to return to her home, all while meeting a wide variety of new friends. Succeeding in this return is her goal and the ultimate high for cast, crew and audience alike.

Director Donnell is pleased to have this opportunity to direct such a strong cast and crew in this, his final production as teacher/director at PCHS.

There are three shows of, *The Trip to Bountiful*, Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30 at 7:01 pm and Sunday, May 1 at 3:01 pm. Doors open 30 minutes prior to curtain.

There are 110 general seating tickets available for each performance. Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

Reservations are recommended by calling 276-694-7137.



## Job Interview Skills

On Wednesday, April 27 local members of the business community conducted mock job interviews for students enrolled in Office Administration and Business Management classes. This offered our students valuable real-life practice and feedback. We appreciated the time and effort these volunteers donated to our students.

### Practice

#### Prepare



#### Preform



## 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>



## Class of 2016

Come by the library and  
order your 2016 Senior  
Class DVD  
Price is \$22.50

*Order today!*

### SOL Testing Dates

Monday, May 9	Physical Science / Chemistry
Tuesday, May 10	Earth Science
Wednesday, May 11	Biology
Thursday, May 12	World History I
Friday, May 13	US History / World History II
Monday, May 16	English 8
Tuesday, May 17	English 11
Wednesday, May 18	Algebra I
Thursday, May 19	Geometry
Friday, May 20	Math 8/ Algebra II



## Special Olympics

The PCHS Varsity Club helped host a Special Olympic event on Wednesday, April 20 at the football field. Thanks to everyone who participated in this fun day!



## 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.
- No dress attire that exposes any portion of the torso or undergarments may be worn. Half-shirts, tube tops, spaghetti straps, halters, or any other apparel incorporating these items are unacceptable.
- 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 from mid-knee.
- Legging/jeggings must be worn with a shirt or skirt that meets the 5 inches measurement 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-off or torn, that reveal any of the private anatomy, or cause a disturbance may be worn. Pants will be pulled to the waist/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 may be sent home.
- Body piercing that endangers 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.

# May 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1  3:01p Drama Play	2  SOL Term Grad.	3  SOL Term Grad.  4:30p G/V Tennis vs Magna Vista 5:00p JV SB @ Magna Vista 5:00p JV BB vs Magna Vista 5:00p V SB @ Magna Vista 5:00p V BB @ Magna Vista 5:30p B/JV Soccer @ Magna Vista 6:00p G/V Soccer vs Magna Vista 7:00p B/V Soccer @ Magna Vista	4  SOL Term Grad.	5  SOL Term Grad.  4:30p G/V Tennis @ Martinsville 4:30p B/V Tennis vs Martinsville 5:00p JV BB vs Halifax Co 5:00p V BB @ Halifax Co 5:00p V SB @ Halifax Co 5:30p G/JV Soccer vs Halifax Co 5:30p B/JV Soccer @ Halifax Co 7:00p G/V Soccer vs Halifax Co 7:00p B/V Soccer @ Halifax Co	6  SOL Term Grad.  Senior Trip-Carowinds  5:00p JV SB vs Halifax Co	7  3:30—6:30p FAFSA Workshop Seniors and Parents PCHS Library
8  Mother's Day  <b>Happy Mother's Day!</b>	9  SOL Chem. / Phy. Science  5:30p B/JV Soccer @ Hidden Valley 5:30p G/JV Soccer vs Hidden Valley 7:00p G/V Soccer vs Hidden Valley 7:00p B/V Soccer @ Hidden Valley	10  SOL Earth Sci. Smiles Mobile Dentist  Senior Graduation Tickets Given Out...Indebtedness Due  5:00p V SB vs Franklin Co 5:00p JV SB @ Franklin Co 5:00p JV BB @ Franklin Co 5:00p V BB vs Franklin Co	11  SOL Biology	12  SOL WH I	13  SOL US H/WH 2  5:00p V SB vs Martinsville 5:00p V BB vs Martinsville 5:00p JV BB @ Martinsville 5:30p G/JV Soccer vs Martinsville 5:30p B/JV Soccer @ Martinsville 7:00p G/V Soccer vs Martinsville 7:00p B/V Soccer @ Martinsville	14  4:30p G/V Track @ Cave Spring 4:30p B/V Track @ Cave Spring
15	16  SOL English 8th	17  SOL English 11th  5:00p V SB @ George Washington 5:00p JV SB vs George Washington 5:00p JV BB vs George Washington 5:00p V BB @ George Washington	18  SOL Algebra I	19  SOL Geometry  6:00p Senior Honors Banquet	20  SOL Math 8/Alg. 2  6:00p Athletic Banquet	21  TBD G/V Track @ TBA TBD B/V Track @ TBA
22  6:30p Baccalaureate Service Auditorium	23  SOL Makeups	24  SOL Makeups	25  SOL Retakes  12:00p—3:00p Senior Picnic Rotary Field  2:00p—3:30p Year-book Signing	26  SOL Retakes	27  SOL Retakes	28  TBD G/V Track @ TBA TBD B/V Track @ TBA
29	30 Holiday—Closed  	31  SOL Retakes Exam Review  7:00p—11:00p Seniors Sportlanes Trip				

# June 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Exams 1st & 3rd Blocks	2 1:00p Early Dismissal Exams 2nd & 4th Blocks	3 Teacher Work Day 9:00a Seniors Mandatory Graduation Practice Football Field TBD G/V Track @ TBA TBD B/V Track @ TBA	4 8:00a Graduation Breakfast 10:00a Graduation TBD G/V Track @ TBA TBD B/V Track @ TBA
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