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High-profile leaders speak at SML

The Proud Patriots of SML recently welcomed Charlie Hurt of Fox News and The Washington Times and Rich Anderson, Chair of the Republican Party of Virginia, for a "Kitchen Table Talk." The well-attended event was held at the Celebration Room in Downtown Moneta.

The main topic for the discussion was the 2022 election results and how those results will shape the focus of the party's efforts in 2023. Each guest began with a brief talk on the subject. Hurt spoke on the D.C. perspective and Anderson gave a recap of the Virginia House races and results.

A lengthy question and answer session followed, covering

a wide range of topics, notably the importance of the Virginia Senate races in 2023. A Senate majority would be a major boost for Gov. Glenn Youngkin in implementing his agenda.

The speakers emphasized the importance of unity and also, based on history, gave reason for optimism. Recent polls have shown that 73 percent of Americans believe our country is on the wrong track. Hurt and Anderson both expect that sentiment to translate into votes in the next elections.

For information on the Proud Patriots of Smith Mountain Lake, contact them at ProudPatriotsofSML@gmail.com or call 5640-227-0972.



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Rich Anderson (left), chair of the Republican Party of Virginia, and Charlie Hurt of Fox News and The Washington Times led the Kitchen Table Talk for the Proud Patriots of SML's recent event.

Sea Tow SML earns accolades

Captains Nancy and Rick Ellett, owners of Sea Tow Smith Mountain Lake, recently attended the Sea Tow Annual Franchise meeting in Florida and came home with four awards:

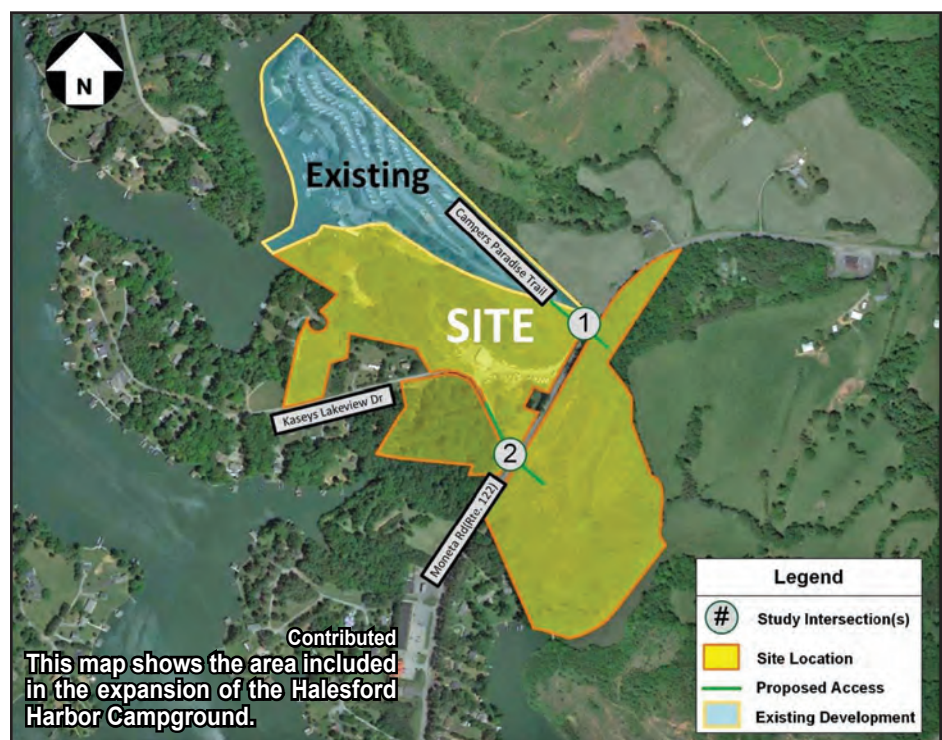
- First Place Nationwide for Outstanding Membership Retention
- First Place Nationwide for Outstanding Membership Growth among inland lakes
- An award for 10 years of continuous membership growth year over year
- An award for five years continuous revenue growth year over year.

The Elletts credit their success to their "great professional captains" and thanked the members who stick with them year over year.

Sea Tow has been on Smith Mountain Lake since 2009.



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Captains Nancy and Rick Ellett, owners of Sea Tow Smith Mountain Lake, are shown at the Sea Tow Annual Franchise meeting in Florida, where they won four awards.



RV site expansion OK'd

The Bedford County Board of Supervisors voted on Monday, Nov. 28, to approve two special use permits that would expand the Halesford Harbor Campground, despite opposition from many residents speaking at public hearings.

Accupoint Surveying and Design LLC, on behalf of Stewart Garland, requested to establish a "campground" use through two separate special use permit applications for:

1. West site: 109 recreational vehicle sites, pool, recreational center, and stacked boat storage as an expansion of the existing Halesford Harbor Campground. (This was approved by a vote of 6-1.)
2. East site: 132 Recreational vehicle sites, pool, check-in/general office, playground, bathhouse, splashpad, boat landing,

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Hidden cabin found in the Inn at Maggodee Creek

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Sometimes, people are oblivious to how unique the property their parents leave behind for them actually is.

In Boones Mill, Danny Poff, son of Tommy and Helen Poff, and his wife, Rhonda Poff, learned that

their home is more than just an old farmhouse — inside the structure is an unknown and hidden pre-Civil War log cabin.

According to Chuck Angier, a friend of the Poffs, Tommy and Helen Poff had purchased the farmhouse and roughly 100 acres on Maggodee Creek in Boones Mill in 1949.

The couple raised three sons and lived there until their recent passing. One of the sons, Danny Poff, who has a home on the property, inherited his parents' home and started renovating it as the Inn at Maggodee Creek.

While doing renovations, an



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Shown are photos of the Inn at Maggodee Creek, which has a hidden pre-Civil War log cabin within its walls.



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Cabin

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electrician discovered logs behind a wall. Further investigation revealed that there was an intact, pre-Civil War log cabin hidden inside the home. The rest of the farmhouse apparently was added on to the log cabin, and newer walls covered up the old cabin logs.

"Thus far, we can find no one living today aware that hidden inside that old farmhouse was an intact, primitive log cabin," Angier said.

Angier knows a thing or two about the situation, as he owns a similar home in Pittsylvania County.

"My wife and I live in a similar home in Pittsylvania County and are friends with Danny and Rhonda," Angier stated. "We've been enthusiastically contributing our labor and knowledge to the project. Rhonda (and I) have been chronicling the progress of the project on Facebook. It has stirred much interest with folks from all over, reaching out with connections to the property, some as friends of the family, others as prior residents."

Over the last 73 years, the Poff family members, friends and other visitors spent ample time in the house, which makes

the discovery even more shocking.

Upon this discovery, Rhonda Poff has been working with Angier to maintain and restore the log cabin's original glory.

"They are dear friends embarking on a large, expensive project and need all the help they can get," Angier said.

Rhonda Poff has been working vigorously toward this goal because she appreciates the property she and her husband inherited, desires to preserve the cabin's historical qualities, and wants many people throughout the community to use the cabin as an event venue.

She has dear feelings toward the property because this is where her husband has spent the majority of his life.

"This is my husband's homeplace," she stated.

Danny Poff only left the property for a brief period of time during his life, and he continues to live there today despite living in a different house.

Furthermore, the Poffs appreciate the log cabin's mysterious and unique logs.

"The old logs would be our favorite part," Rhonda Poff added.

The Poffs frequently discuss whether the logs are chestnut or oak. While they would appreciate either type, they would find it more unique if the logs were chestnut.

Rhonda Poff's appreciation for the property does not end with the mystery of the log cabin, as she loves the property's view and location.

"It sits off of Boones Mill Road and has quite the view from the front porch," she said.

The property is located 10 miles from Roanoke, 10 miles from Rocky Mount, and one mile from the Town of Boones Mill.

The Poffs enjoy how private the property is, as the seclusion allows them to relax, read books, take walks to the creek together and watch the cows graze in the field.

The Poffs and Angier want to preserve the cabin's historical qualities for future generations to enjoy and are willing to put in the work.

"I find no fault in finding and preserving history of any kind," said Angier.

The log cabin and its corresponding property have a rich historical background.

"We have heard that the first Boones Mill post office was located on this property," Rhonda Poff said.

Additionally, Rhonda Poff said that George Wright was the first postmaster in the area and built various log cabins in the area. She believes he owned this log cabin.

"We consider the Inn at Maggodee Creek to be a unique property," Angier added.

Rhonda Poff and Angier hope that future generations will continue to appreciate and preserve the uniqueness and historical significance of the Inn at Maggodee Creek.

looking forward to many people throughout the community using the Inn at Maggodee Creek for weddings, vacation rentals and other parties.

Given how large the house is, everyone involved in the restoration of the log cabin's historical glory believes the house is great for hosting an entire bridal party.

"There are several ideal locations on the property for a wedding or other celebration," Angier said.

One of the great advantages of the property is that it is easy to enjoy since it is in a peaceful setting, contains historical qualities, and is near restaurants and shopping attractions.

Rhonda Poff hopes to have an open house soon, and she encourages everyone in the community to attend, especially those who want to learn more about Franklin County's history.

"The open house would attract people that are interested in history, especially in Franklin County," she said.

Furthermore, many people will appreciate the house's secluded area and the property's ability to be used for a variety of events.


"The house and property offer a spacious residence set in a large, open, quiet, secluded, bucolic setting perfect for a large family reunion, a corporate retreat, or countless other activities," Angier said.

Currently, Rhonda Poff is accepting reservations for the property to be used as a wedding venue in 2023.

Poff is working out the details regarding any additional usages of the log cabin.

"We are working on the nightly rental part, and we will have further information available soon," Rhonda Poff said.

If you are interested in reserving a stay, an event, or a wedding at the Inn of Maggodee Creek, go to the inn's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/TheInnatMaggodeeCreek, and message the inn regarding its availability.



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