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# INDICTMENTS



# Warren Coalition presents Larry M. Funk award to Roger Smelser



Warren Coalition Executive Director Christa Shifflett presents the Larry M. Funk Award for Outstanding Service to Children in Warren County to Roger P. Smelser during the Warren Coalition Awards & Appreciation Luncheon on July 28th.

By Celeste Brooks

On July 28th, Warren Coalition members and staff gathered for the annual Awards & Appreciation Luncheon at the Warren County Community Center. This event has traditionally recognized the Warren Coalition Member of the Year and demonstrated appreciation for members who have shown consistent dedication throughout the year. This year, there was also a new award presented: the Larry M. Funk Award for Outstanding Service to Children in Warren County.

Larry M. Funk was a member of Warren Coalition for more than 20 years, serving in a number of positions to include Vice

President and President during that time. He was the Warren County Sheriff's Office D.A.R.E. instructor and Community Policing representative for 27 of his 28 years of his law enforcement career, and frequently went above and beyond his role in service to the children of Warren County. He was also an elder at his church and served as assistant Sunday school superintendent and as a youth Sunday school teacher. During the luncheon, Larry was remembered with fondness.

"Larry loved children. The Coalition was the apple of his eye," his wife, Linda, said.

"It's really hard to follow a man like my father," his son, William, acknowledged. "He was a wonderful man. He cared so much about kids, and treating others the way you want to be treated was also a priority for him."

"He was such a cheerleader for the Coalition," said Christa Shifflett, Warren Coalition Executive Director. "The uplifting words, the posts online that he

was pleased and honored to be a part of such a great organization supporting the kids of Warren County. Continuously promoting, promoting, promoting."

Submissions for the award were accepted from early May through June 3rd. A committee of three members from the Warren Coalition independently reviewed the nominations and sent their top four choices to Christa. Three people were selected by all three committee members, and a fourth received two votes. Chris-

ta forwarded those four nominations to Linda and William for the final decision.

Of the 18 nominations submitted, five of them were for this year's recipient of the Larry M. Funk Award for Outstanding Service to Children: Roger P. Smelser, Jr.

Roger has been a coach, manager, and President of Front Royal Little League for over 30 years, serving even during times of illness. "Roger is there for the children and would do anything

## Rennie Emmitt "Pop" Cooke, III



his family and many friends.

Surviving are his loving fiancée and soulmate, Angie Buterakos, of Front Royal; two daughters, Brooke Ballard and husband Chris, who he thought of as a son, of Front Royal, and Desirae Cooke and fiancé Tyler Deavers of Bentonville; two step-children, Seff Oates and Adrienne Hickerson; three brothers, Bro Cooke of Front Royal, Steve Cooke (Leanne) of Luray and Joe Cooke (Lindsey) of Front Royal; four sisters, Tammy Sealock (James) of Manassas, Pamela Maddox (Scott) of Front Royal, Katrina Saunders (Steve) of Front Royal, and Sandy Cooke (Raymond Henry, who was his life-long best friend) of Front Royal; three grandchildren, Nathan Ballard, Cole Deavers and Cohen Deavers; two step-grandchildren, Jude Oates and Aurora Mathews; Leila, his dog, and faithful companion; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a grandson, Caine Deavers; a brother, David Allen Cooke; and the mother of his girls, Tina Marie Cooke.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Rennie Emmitt "Pop" Cooke, III, passed away peacefully on Friday, July 29, 2022 in his home in Warren County, Virginia, surrounded by his loving family.

A Celebration of Life Service was held August 5 at Maddox Funeral Home with Sammy Campbell officiating. Inurnment was private.

Rennie was born September 16, 1967 in Front Royal, Virginia, son of the late Rennie Emmitt Cooke, II and Shirley

May Merchant Cooke.

He was a graduate of Warren County High School Class of 1985. He was married to the late Tina Marie Cooke.

Rennie enjoyed life and never met a stranger. He loved baseball, NASCAR, watching his grandson play football, his cornhole family, telling jokes, fishing and being "Pop" to many children. He was a member of Helltown Baggers and S.V.C.

He will be greatly missed by

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for any of these children in the league,” wrote one supporter. “[He] would give you the shirt of his back if he needed to. [He] is a role model to all the baseball children which he has been coaching for over 30 years.”

“His kindness, his honesty, his hard work, his dedication to the youth in our town and county has endured for many decades. He continues to amaze me how much he cares for our children,” another person wrote in.

“[Roger] maintains commu-

nity outreach, knows the kids by name, donates his time every day, maintaining the fields, umpiring games, and especially great relationship and much respect from all the kids,” wrote another.

While there were many worthy nominees, the choice of Roger Smelser for the first Larry M. Funk Award for Outstanding Service to Children was clear. “What really struck me was that everything he does is volunteer-based,” Linda commented.

As Christa presented the award

to Roger, she said, “Sir, thank you so much for your dedication to the kids in Warren County. Trust me when I tell you the community loves you and recognizes how much you have given to the kids.”

Clearly moved by the award, Roger thanked everyone, saying, “It’s an honor. I know with Larry, it was all about kids. To even be considered [for this award] in his name is special.”

Roger received an engraved crystal award and a \$500 cash prize. In addition, his name has

been engraved on a plaque that will list each year’s honoree and be kept in the Warren Coalition office.

In addition to presenting the Larry M. Funk Award during the luncheon, the Coalition recognized Nick Croft as the Member of the Year. This is the second consecutive Member of the Year Award for Nick, who has received the award multiple times during his tenure with the Coalition. Despite facing serious challenges this past year, he still continued to provide much-needed technical support and website assistance to the Coalition. Nick also hosts the Coalition website on his own server.

Additional awards included a Perfect Attendance Award for Robbie Seal of the Warren County Sheriff’s Office, and three

people received the Attendance Award for being at 80% of the Coalition meetings: Jessica Dandridge from WCPS, Alexia Rosen from Family Preservation Services, and Susan Smith with WCPS.

Warren Coalition is a nonprofit agency established in 1994 to help fill the gaps in health care and substance misuse awareness to the community. The Coalition began under the guidance of Warren Memorial Hospital as an outreach project, but it has since grown and was incorporated in 2001. The office is currently located in the Warren County Community Center. Their mission is to make Warren County a safe, healthy, and drug-free community through many programs and in collaboration with 15+ member agencies.

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# Annual Route 11 Yard Crawl is Saturday, August 13, 2022!



Yard Crawlers browse at Newtown History Center on Main Street (Stone House in background). Courtesy Stone House Foundation.

By Mark Gunderman

Any way you look at it, the Annual Route 11 Yard Crawl on Saturday, August 13, 2022, either begins or ends in Stephens City

at the Newtown Commons on Main Street, across from Clem's Garage. A yearly event since 2005 (Stephens City and Middletown joined in 2008), the Crawl is held during the second Saturday in

August. The Crawl constitutes a 43-mile-long yard sale that stretches from Stephens City's Commons through seven historic small towns to New Market in Shenandoah County.

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through each town. Over 3,000 individual sellers will clear their attics, basements, garages and carports and set up for the marathon event. The Stephens City Commons Area is considered to be one of top three busiest locations during the entire day.

Dudley Rinker, Chair of the Stephens City Lions Club Yard Crawl Committee has 100 spaces at the Newtown Commons on the north end of town with only 12 spaces still available. Rinker also rents at the Old Stephens City School on the south end with 15 spaces

available. Contact Rinker at scyardcrawl@gmail.com.

Rick Kriebel, Manager of Collections and Programs, Newtown History Center, has 24 vendor spaces (front porch, south yard and parkway) for rent with excellent locations. Kriebel cites 17 prime spots are still available. Contract Kriebel at info@newtownhistorycenter.org

Kim Begnaud, Trinity Lutheran Church Community Outreach Minister, has 10 outstanding spaces for rent in the church parking lot with 4 spaces still available on Main and Fairfax Streets. Contact Begnaud at Trinity Lutheran Church at 540-869-4019.

The Yard Crawl t-shirts are collectible items with a different color featured each year. The 17th Yard Crawl t-shirt is a royal heather color. Shirts are available at Main Street Classics in Stephens City.

About one third of the residents living on Main Street also set up on front porches to sell their own wares. Between vendors and locals as many as 400 people will be selling product within the Stephens City Historic District limits. Come seek out the most unusual objects imaginable and discover incredible treasures in our town's yard sale heaven.

The event officially starts at 7 AM and will be held rain or shine. Adept shoppers cruise on Friday evening or very early Saturday before the event to locate any rare or collectible items for cherry-picking at daybreak.

Yard Crawlers can prepare for the event by bringing small bills and change to make shopping more convenient, possibly receiving a discount by enabling an easy transaction. Carry bottled water to stay hydrated. Wear sunscreen, a hat and lightweight clothing and

take an umbrella. Stow away nylon rope, lashing straps or bungee cords to tie down any oversized purchases.

Expect traffic congestion along Route 11 most of the day. Safety is paramount during the Yard Crawl. Navigate streets carefully, as pedestrians get distracted by displays without watching for oncoming traffic. Park vehicles completely off the road and do not block driveways. No double parking is permitted along the route.

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# The Valley Chorale appoints new artistic director and conductor

## *Drew A. Young takes the helm of the 2022-23 season and holiday concerts*



The Valley Chorale's new Artistic Director and Conductor Drew A. Young, has a deep interest in the musical history of the Moravian Church, well-known for their brass choirs. Here a four-trombone choir plays by torchlight on Easter Day, to announce the Easter sunrise service in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. *Public Domain.*



The Valley Chorale is delighted to announce that Drew A. Young has been appointed Artistic Director and Conductor in anticipation of its 2022-23 season. Courtesy of Kenneth Brewster Edwards.

By Carol Ballard  
Warren/Frederick County Report

"I am thrilled to join The Valley Chorale as its new artistic director and conductor," said Drew Young in a recent interview. "I'm really excited to be the new art director. It will be a really fun season to work with."

Just starting his new position, and already multitasking, Young cheerfully and enthusiastically took part in a phone interview while heading down to visit his family at his native home in Orlando, Florida.

He had just finished performing as a guest artist at the prestigious Des Moines Choral Festival in Iowa.

"It was fantastic! Five weeks of great music-making as a professional guest artist. I grew up around music and it was instilled in us that we should have appreciation for it," he remarked. "I always loved music from the 60s and 70s, from groups like Peter, Paul and Mary and the Mamas and Papas. I started performing professionally at 18 as a tenor soloist."

When asked about his new job, he said, "I've been very lucky."

And he added, "Over the years and through several permutations, this organization (the Valley Chorale) has been a cherished

part of the northern Shenandoah Valley community for more than five decades. I'm honored to continue its legacy while bringing new ideas and further expanding our reach to audiences across the

region."

Then he shared some of the steps that he took along the way to bring him here.

"I just moved here last year," he began. "I came up for graduate work at Shenandoah Conservatory and served as associate director of Shenandoah Voices, which

is the Shenandoah Conservatory Choral Ensemble.

When asked how he feels about moving from Florida, he said, "I love it here, it's so nice to have seasons. Florida is just humid and hot, and not good for allergies. "Surprisingly, I have not had allergies here, so I guess it was meant

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He explained that right now he is living in the heart of downtown Winchester, and loves being front and center for the festivals.

“It’s a good happening place for music and tons of concerts. They do a good job of showcasing music from the University.”

When asked if he had already

begun his duties in his new position as Valley Chorale’s director, he replied, “Yes, in a remote sort of way. I’ve already programmed the first concert for the holiday events. Then, looking ahead to the spring concert series, he added, “I’ve just started sending emails like crazy and calling people about that.”

The Holiday Concert is already named “Night of Wonder” and

Young described it as “a story-driven concert with holiday traditional music beginning from the 13th century with early chanting, ending in the 21st century and themes over many time periods.”

For both concerts, there are places for new singers.

“We would like to invite everyone in the community to our open auditions. If anyone has an interest in the ensemble, we’d love to

hear them sing,” he said.

When asked about an item of interest in his biography about his experience editing 17th century Moravian choral manuscripts, he described how that happened.

“Their history had close ties to my undergraduate work, and I started recording projects for the Moravian Church,” he responded. “Dr. Nola Reed-Knouse of Winston-Salem North Carolina sparked my interest and gave me a wealth of information and hospitality. It’s so great to see the history behind any kind of music we have today.”

“Moravians were music educators and their music seeped into many local communities, (in America) mostly in classical and church music. They were around during the founding of our country and there are records of writings from Benjamin Franklin in Bethlehem, Pa. and in North Carolina, their two major locations. When I was editing, I went into the Moravian music archives in Winston-Salem. Documents in the archives go back to the 1500s. They were brought here from Germany by immigrants who had been persecuted in Europe.

“Also, I have a good relationship with the Moravian Church. I love working with them, they’re wonderful people.”

Young went on to describe the kind of music that has made them uniquely famous.

“They are well-known for their brass choirs and are very musical. Each person in their churches plays an instrument or sings. It is integrated into their services.”

He said he had a great time at a “Love Feast” where he witnessed how the music was an integral part of a service at the Home Church in Old Salem, N.C., headquarters of the Southern Province Moravian Church. After the service, “We ate buns and drank coffee! The buns were delicious,” he said.

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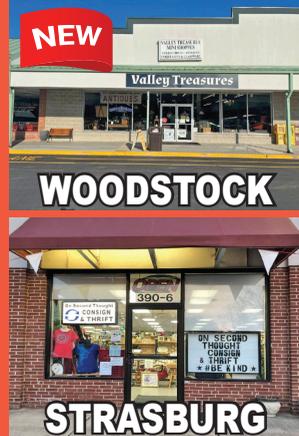


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Young, and David Freese, president of their board of directors, remarked, "Our decision to bring Drew on board was enthusiastically unanimous. His credentials as a musician and conductor are superb, and the energy he brings is absolutely infectious. We can't wait to embark on our 2022-23 Season with Drew at the helm, and for our audiences to join us at our yuletide concerts in December."

The 23-year-old performer and director's background information includes an abundance of

qualifying experience. Young's complete bio can be found at [www.TheValleyChorale.org/meet-the-choral-director](http://www.TheValleyChorale.org/meet-the-choral-director).

Some of his experience includes:

- Conductor of a college ensemble in Florida, working with professional church musicians in various churches and cathedrals there.
- Professional vocalist for many performing arts ensembles, including the renowned Bach Festival Society of Winter Park as well as for the HBO National Concert tour of "Game of Thrones: Live in Concert" under the baton of renowned composer and conductor

Ramin Djawadi.

- Assistant Director of Music at Trinity Episcopal in Upperville, Va.
- Associate Director – Shenandoah Voices, co-directing the conservatory's Tenor Bass ensemble.
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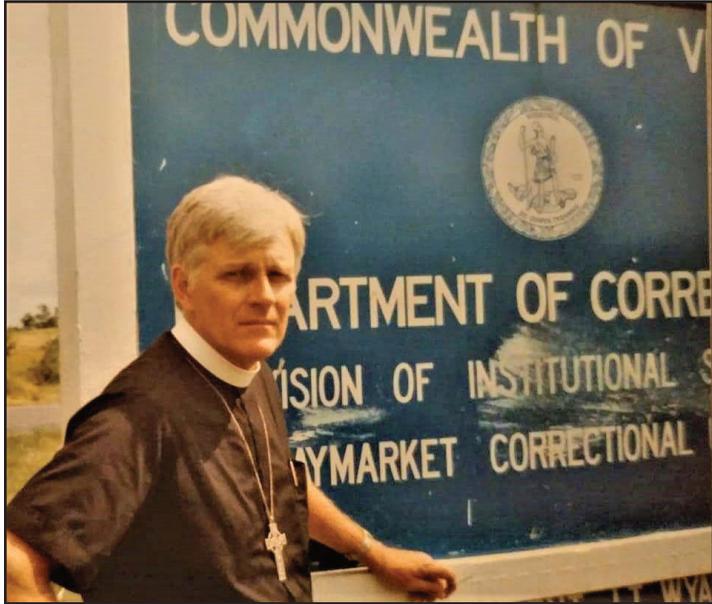


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# Pastor Larry Johnson recalls his years as Unit 26 Prison Chaplain



The Reverend Larry Johnson was the Christian Chaplain at the now abandoned Unit 26 prison Gilbert's Corners, Virginia, and shared some of his memories in a sermon recently at the Browntown Baptist Church.



Barracks at this abandoned Unit 26 prison that former Governor Wilder closed along with five others in 1991.

Unit 26 when I was new to my calling.

There are so many stories, lessons really, for all of us, especially for me. Stories of the men and how God worked in their lives. How I witnessed the power of the Holy Spirit "in camp." And the resistance of Satan at every turn. Men lost to society, but not forgotten by Jesus. Amazing stories of Christ working behind bars in the hearts of these hardened men. The war between good and evil...the heat and the cold in the hole, fear in the huts at night, escapes leading to murder. And finally, for one, execution.

In all this I witnessed the heart changes as many men came to Christ, and a brave woman from "outside," herself new to Christianity, agreeing to go into the prison with me, to stand beside and sponsor, a large, intimidating hardened criminal who wanted to be baptized.

During my time in prison, I baptized both inmates and guards. These stories live on in my heart as do the names and faces of those men I was privileged to "serve time" with.

As a postulant I was to do an internship at Unit 26 for six weeks. I stayed for 3 1/2 years.

Governor Wilder closed it and five others in 1991. There is a regional park there now near the intersection of Routes 50 and 15 near Haymarket.

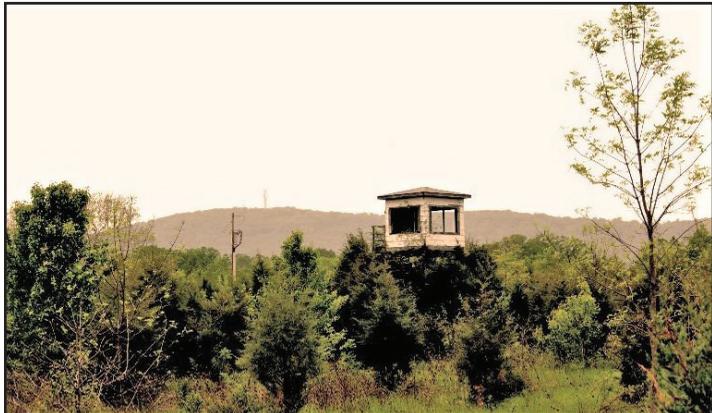
This unit was the worst.

It was the place where an inmate, who had killed a store owner at Dale City, was incarcerated. He was on work release. He later was executed for his deed. He never came to my services...was a loner and had previously killed another person. He should not have been in a work camp...he was doing 48 years for a previous murder.

Politicians were going through a period of advocating "state should rehabilitate and not incarcerate."

Tell that to the families of the victims.

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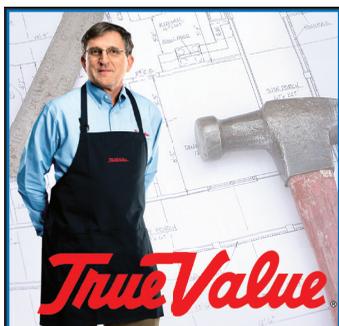
Watchtower at the abandoned Unit 26 prison.

By The Reverend Larry Johnson

I was the guest preacher at Browntown this past Sunday. My sermon was to be stories of my time

behind the bars at Unit 26 at Gilbert's Corners, Virginia. However, as I looked over the congregation, I felt there were other things God wanted me to say first. In the interest of time there was much left unsaid.

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# Museum of the Shenandoah Valley doesn't disappoint

## Visit to see giant metal Origami installations along the trails outside



Seven-year-old Eleanor consoled the lone lion on guard in the Bamboo Forest in one of the trails at the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley in Winchester (MSV).

By Carol Ballard  
Warren/Frederick County Report

An experience that should be missed by no one, is the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley in Winchester, an oasis of beauty and education.

The mission, the staff says, is to “preserve and enrich the cultural life and heritage of the Valley,” and

folks who have visited and taken part in the many events, art exhibits and classes there say that it definitely does not disappoint in this mission.

Last week, the museum, in addition to its permanent exhibits, was also showcasing the outstanding giant metal Origami-inspired sculptures outside along its winding trails in the art park



Folks are fascinated by the way people lived in the past as seen in this replica of a 1930s kitchen set up as a permanent exhibit inside the museum.

which has 90 acres of outdoor art installations and miles of trails for walking, running and bicycling through fields, woods and wetlands.

When we visited last week, our family party of three was warmly greeted by Community Relations Deputy Director Julie B. Armel,

who made it a point to tell us about the outside installation.

“In these times, it’s a fun outdoor experience,” she said. “You

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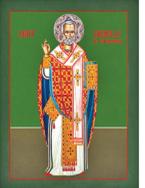
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**The Emerging Peace is a metamorphosis of a butterfly sculpture by Kevin Box and Michael G. LaFosse.**

can't go wrong with Origami in the Garden and it's fun for all ages."

She was right.

First, though, we visited a few

fascinating rooms in the main museum, including a 1930s kitchen, as well as the extremely detailed and authentically reproduced miniature buildings, and the re-



**The "Oh Shenandoah" relief map gives a bird's eye view of the Shenandoah Valley inside the MSV.**

lief map of the entire Shenandoah Valley, with little sliding question and answer devices. Seven-year-old Eleanor particularly liked this aspect of the exhibit.

But "The miniature houses were my favorite, because they were cute, especially the miniature furniture," she commented.

Once outside we entered the Glen Burnie House where a tour of the house was in progress. The table at the entrance held smaller paper origami versions of the sculptures outside set out on a table. A brochure there held paper and a pattern for cutting and folding a swan.

From there, paths led to flower and vegetable gardens with human-sized scarecrows and one small, rabbit-sized one.

Soon we saw the metal origami structures that Armel had described.

The huge origami pieces each had printed artists' descriptions and phone numbers to call to hear more information from the artists who created them.

One of the most entertaining pieces was the origami herd called Painted Ponies. The description in the MSV literature, says "In Chinese legend, the horse exemplifies bravery, adventure and innovation. It is the first collaborative

sculpture Kevin Box created with Chinese American origami artist Te Jui Fu.

In our imaginations, we watched as they raced across one of the meadows near an outside trail.

Then Eleanor noticed a very high butterfly at the top of a sculpture and its beginning egg at the base with a caterpillar and chrysalis in the middle.

This was called The Emerging Peace and shows the lifecycle of a butterfly.

The description read, "A caterpillar can destroy a plant through

its enormous appetite. It can also change into a beautiful butterfly that helps pollinate countless plants many miles apart. As pollinators, butterflies are an important part of nature and the food chain that feeds us." The sculpture was created by Kevin Box and Michael G. LaFosse.

Wandering away from the sculptures, we saw vegetable and flower gardens in full bloom, the classical statue garden, folks resting on benches and others jogging and enjoying it all.

But we were surprised and coolly refreshed on that hot day by the relaxing Asian Garden and its peaceful bamboo forest, with stone lions, dragons, benches in secluded spots, waterfalls and ponds.

"The bamboo maze was cool," said Eleanor, and her mom Rose added, "The garden was so beautiful and peaceful. The waterfalls and streams made a wonderful atmosphere to enjoy with my family."

We left, promising to come back with the rest of our family, to spend a lot more time inside the museum and exploring more outside.

There are so many other activities during the year like plant sales, classes, exhibits and entertainment, that it's tempting to

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**WINCHESTER, from 11**

buy a membership. With an MSV membership, many programs are either free or reduced in cost.

But the trails are free to all.

Following are just a few of the attractions of the museum and its grounds.

The Online Spring Bulb Sale 2022, just in time for fall planting, is available until August 15.

Armel invited everyone to look at the upcoming events for August and September and noted that buying tickets online saves 20% off the normal admission cost to the MSV, including Origami in the Garden.

Discounted tickets are Adult \$12; Senior (60+) \$8; Youth (13-18) \$8; Child (5-12) \$4 and children 4 & under are free. This discount offer is only available online with no refunds. For more information, visit <https://themsv.secure.force.com/ticket/#/>

- Tickets include admission to the exhibition and all MSV galleries, formal gardens, and Glen Burnie House.

- Tickets are valid for general admission only and are not applicable for Gardens at Night/MSV programs.

- Origami in the Garden is on view through November 13, 2022. Reservations are not required.

From Memorial Day through Labor Day, admission is free to active military and their families and individual veterans, but military ID is required. The MSV is a Museums for All participant and admission is free to visitors with EBT cards.

Particularly interesting for musical entertainment are performances featured in the ongoing Gardens at Night concert series.

The first is "Walk the line with Cash Unchained," a tribute to country music legend Johnny Cash on Friday, August 12 from 6-9 p.m.

Then on Friday, September 9, from 6-9 p.m. the Gardens at Night program at the MSV fea-

tures the Robbie Limon Band with favorite hits from the 70s.

Tickets are available at [www.themsv.org/events/gardens-at-night](http://www.themsv.org/events/gardens-at-night).

Food, beer, wine, and hard cider are available for purchase at the shows. Gardens and galleries will be open from 5:30-8:30 p.m. and tickets include the outdoor Origami in the Garden exhibit.

Tickets are presale only and will not be available at the gate.

All attendees, including children, must have a ticket.

On August 26th on Friday between the hours of 5-8 p.m., everyone is invited to come out for evening access to galleries and gardens, artist demonstrations, art sales, food trucks, a cash bar, and live music. The entire family is welcome to join the festivities with everything open.

Free to MSV members and ages 4 and under; all others: \$15, \$10 youth (13-18)/senior (60+), and \$5 ages 5-12. Registration is not required.

**Current and upcoming exhibits**

The exhibit "Contributions: African Americans in the Shenandoah Valley" is currently available to view and runs until January 15, 2023.

The museum description begins, "African Americans have contributed to the shaping of the Shenandoah Valley for more than 300 years and their influence can be found throughout the MSV Collection."

It continues.

"With art, objects, and documents, Contributions tells the stories of those who endured enslavement, resisted oppression, and achieved success. Nearly 40 significant African Americans in the northern Shenandoah Valley's history—from the 1700s to today—are highlighted in the exhibition.

Contributions will be updated with new discoveries, ongoing re-

search, and community collaborations.

Their next major art exhibit in the galleries inside the main building will open on September 3, with Destination: Latin America.

This is described as a multifaceted journey through twentieth- and twenty-first-century Latin American art.

The exhibition includes more than 60 paintings, photographs, prints, books, drawings, and sculptures by Mexican, South American, and Caribbean artists spanning six decades, from the 1950s to late 2010s, and features some of Latin America's most celebrated artists, including Lucio Fontana, Roberto Matta, José Clemente Orozco, Engels the Artist, and Rufino Tamayo.

MSV display of Destination: Latin America will be on view



**It's fun to imagine the thundering Origami herd called Painted Ponies race across one of the meadows near an outside trail at the MSV. The sculptures' colors recall colored origami paper.**

through January 8, 2023.

See the Contributions: African Americans in the Shenandoah Valley" exhibition's gallery guide at [www.themsv.org/app/uploads/Label\\_panel-handout-Contributions\\_singlepagespread.pdf](http://www.themsv.org/app/uploads/Label_panel-handout-Contributions_singlepagespread.pdf).

The Museum of the Shenan-

doah Valley is located at 901 Amherst Street, Winchester, Virginia 22601. Call (540) 662-1473 ext. 240 or Visitor Information (ext. 235) Visit <https://themsv.secure.force.com/ticket/#/>

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# Discovering Warren County: 2022 Waggin' for Dragons



By Ken Thurman  
Warren/Frederick County Report

August 6th marked the ninth annual running of the Dragon Boat Races on the Shenandoah River at the Front Royal Golf Course on Country Club Road.

The event was jointly hosted by the Humane Society of Warren County (HSWC), the Warren County Chamber of Commerce and the United Way.

The event featured a 200-meter course which the teams competed in two boats at a time. Teams travel the distance in just over a minute.

It takes coordination, stamina, and determination to win.

The races this year featured nine teams of 15 paddlers each competing in large gaily painted and adorned boats with dragon heads on the bow.

The teams were equally colorfully named with names like the Rotary River Rats, the Coldwell Banker Blue

Crew, Rugged Terrain Cross Fit, State Farm Good Neighbors, HSWC Foster Fleabags, Element Risk Management, and Skyline Soaring Hawks, plus teams from Valley Health and the Warren County Sheriff's Department.

This year First Place went to Cross Fit, Second Place to the Warren County Sheriffs, Third Place to Coldwell Bankers, and Fourth Place to State Farm.

Teams raised a minimum of \$1,000 to participate and the fund-raising award this year went to the Rotary who raised over \$5,000.

To find out more about the HSWC and how you too can become a member or volunteer call (540) 635-4734, email the shelter at [info@humane-society-warrencounty.org](mailto:info@humane-society-warrencounty.org), or visit the Humane Society on the web at [www.humanesocietywarrencounty.org](http://www.humanesocietywarrencounty.org).

You can also stop by and tour the facility and meet the animals you can adopt at 1245 Progress Drive, Front Royal, VA 22630.

The HSWC has also opened a Low Cost/High Quality Spay-Neuter at 840-B John Marshall Hwy. in Front Royal.

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Your membership dues are tax deductible and allow you to vote at the HSWC's annual meeting plus receive their regular newsletter.

Keep on the lookout for some of the other events sponsored by the HSWC like the Rough, Tough, and Scruffy Canoe race, Tales and Ales Games and Food Night and Barks and Bags which is a luncheon just for the ladies.

Through their efforts and with the help of membership dues, fund raising events like the Dragon Boat races, individual contributions, the Julia Wagner Trust, "animal bank" donations, and the Warren County Government contract, the HSWC has maintained a no-kill rate for dogs since 2012 and continues to increase pet adoptions.

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The Dragon Boat Races are col-

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# INDICTMENTS

## 2022 June Indictments April Term

### Allen Michael Reedy

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges Allen Michael Reedy, 33, of the 200 block of Ridge Top Ln., Linden, VA 22642, with two counts. COUNT ONE: In the County of Warren, Allen Michael Reedy did unlawfully and feloniously wrongfully and fraudulently use, dispose of, conceal, or embezzle property, having a value of \$1,000 or more, which he received by virtue of the accused office, trust, or employment, or which a court, corporation, company, or another person entrusted or delivered to the accused. COUNT TWO: did unlawfully and feloniously use a computer or computer network, without authority, and with the intent to obtain property or services by false pretenses and did obtain property or services having a value of \$1,000 or more. Date of the offenses was on or about February 17, 2021.

### John Edward Perry

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that:

on or about March 7, 2022, in the County of Warren, John Edward Perry, 36, of the 200 block of Ridge Top Ln., Linden, VA 22642, a person convicted of a Tier III offense, did unlawfully and feloniously, knowingly fail to register or re-register or knowingly provide false information to the Virginia State Police for placement on the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minor Registry.

### Robert Wayne Bartles

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about November 5, 2021, in the County of Warren, Robert Wayne Bartles, 37, of the 300 block of Nippon Loop, Lynchburg, VA 24501, a person convicted of a Tier III offense, did unlawfully and feloniously, knowingly fail to register or re-register or knowingly provide false information to the Virginia State Police for placement on the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minor Registry.

### Nicholas Jeffrey Adams

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about February 23, 2022, in the County of Warren, Nicholas Jeffrey Adams, 36, of the 500 block of Leon Sullivan Way, Charleston, WV 25301, did unlawfully and feloniously possess a Schedule I or II controlled substance.

on or about March 4, 2022, in the County of Warren, Raymond Lee Marion Jackson, Sr., 41, of the 300 block of Virginia Ave., Front Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully and feloniously manufacture alcoholic beverages without being licensed, or bottle beer for sale while not being a brewery or bottler's licensee.

### Nicholas Jeffrey Adams

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about April 29, 2022, in the County of Warren, Nicholas Jeffrey Adams, 36, of the 500 block of Leon Sullivan Way, Charleston, WV 25301, did unlawfully and feloniously possess a Schedule I or II controlled substance.

### Matthew Joseph Embrey

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about December 30, 2021, in the County of Warren, Matthew Joseph Embrey, 33, of the 800 block of W. 11th St., Front Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully and feloniously, knowingly and intentionally possess a controlled substance, to-wit: Methamphetamine listed in Schedule II of the Drug Control Act.

### Raymond Lee Marion Jackson, Sr.

The Warren County Va. Circuit

Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about February 25, 2022, in the County of Warren, Brian Lee Howes, 29, of the 200 block of Poplar Rd., Front Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully and feloniously, knowingly and intentionally possess a controlled substance, to-wit: Methamphetamine listed in Schedule II of the Drug Control Act.

### Brian Lee Howes

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about July 13, 2021, in the County of Warren, Otis Lee Allen, 52, of the 200 block of Virginia Ave., Front Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully and feloniously, having received a visible or audible signal

### Otis Lee Allen

from a law-enforcement officer to bring his motor vehicle to a stop, drive such motor vehicle in a willful or wanton disregard of such signal so as to interfere with or endanger the operation of the law-enforcement vehicle or endanger a person.

### Michael Wilson Sealock

on or about January 27, 2022, in the County of Warren, Michael Wilson Sealock, 45, of the 100 block of N. Royal Ave., Front Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully and feloniously while having been the driver of a vehicle involved in an accident in which a person was injured or an attended vehicle or other attended property was damaged, did unlawfully and feloniously fail to immediately stop as close to the scene of the accident as possible without obstructing traffic and fail to report the accused's name, address, driver's license number, and vehicle registration number forthwith to the State Police or local law-enforcement agency, to the person struck and injured or to the driver or some other occupant of the vehicle collided with or to the custodian of the other damaged property.

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### ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, now could be a good time to map out your financial future. You're riding a professional wave and your finances will benefit significantly from your hard work.

### TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, you can be a strong and formidable advocate for any cause you choose to support. Figure out what ideas you want to align with this week and voice your support.

### GEMINI – May 22/June 21

This week you may start out feeling like the life of the party. But you may run out of steam as the week winds down. Plan light activities for the weekend, Gemini.

### CANCER – June 22/July 22

Cancer, if you are feeling frustrated at work, you may want to address your feelings with friends this week. They may be able to provide a fresh perspective on the situation.

### LEO – July 23/Aug 23

Don't take anything for granted this week, Leo. Even seemingly mundane events can have a significant impact on both your present and your future.

### VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Explore creative outlets, Virgo. They may be just what you need right now to calm your mind and work through some of the problems that have been tough to solve lately.

### LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, it is important to define boundaries between work and home life this week, especially as you explore remote working opportunities or a promotion.

### SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, your close relationships could benefit from some increased conversation this week. Small talk is a start, but dig into topics that are meaningful to you and your partner.

### SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Concerns about finances could have you holding back on all spending, including important purchases, Sagittarius. A professional can help you establish a budget.

### CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, life may be challenging this week, and attempts to get ahead could be thwarted. You may just have to hunker down a little longer and work harder.

### AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Set up your living space to ensure you feel peaceful and calm at all times, Aquarius. This can improve your overall mood and benefit your long-term health.

### PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Frustrations with finances may have you feeling poorly at the moment, Pisces. Some news at work could provide the relief you need.

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#### AUGUST 14

Halle Berry, Actress (56)

#### AUGUST 15

Joe Jonas, Musician (33)

#### AUGUST 16

Madonna, Singer (64)

#### AUGUST 17

The Kid Laroi, Rapper (19)

#### AUGUST 18

Christian Slater, Actor (53)

#### AUGUST 19

Bill Clinton, U.S. President (76)

#### AUGUST 20

Andrew Garfield, Actor (39)

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### Michael Wilson Sealock

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges Michael Wilson Sealock, 45, of the 100 block of N. Royal Ave., Front Royal, VA 22630, with three counts. COUNT ONE: In the County of Warren, Michael Wilson Sealock, 45, of the 100 block of N. Royal Ave., Front Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully and feloniously while being a parent of, guardian for, or person responsible for the care of H.L., a child then under the age of eighteen years, commit a willful act or omission in the care of said child which was so gross, wanton, and culpable as to show a reckless disregard for human life. COUNT TWO: did unlawfully and feloniously drive or operate a motor

vehicle while having a blood alcohol concentration of 0.08 percent or more by weight by volume or 0.08 grams or more per 210 liters of breath; or while under the influence of alcohol; or while under the influence of narcotic drug or other self-administered intoxicant or drug, or a combination of drugs, to a degree which impaired the accused's ability to drive or operate a motor vehicle safely; or while under the combined influence of alcohol and a drug or drugs to a degree which impaired the accused's ability to drive or operate a motor vehicle safely, with the accused having committed this offense after having committed a prior Felony violation. The accused committed this offense while transporting a person 17 years of age or younger. COUNT THREE: did unlawfully and feloniously

drive a motor vehicle while his license was revoked and such revocation was based on at least one conviction of an offense committed after July 1, 1999, and this violation being a second or subsequent violation. Date of the offenses was on or about January 19, 2022.

### Tara Lynn Taylor

The Warren County Va. Circuit

Court Grand Jury charges Tara Lynn Taylor, 37, address unknown, with two counts. COUNT ONE: In the County of Warren, Tara Lynn Taylor did unlawfully and feloniously possess with the intent to distribute a Schedule II controlled substance, to wit: Fentanyl. COUNT TWO: did unlawfully and feloniously possess with the intent to distribute a Schedule II

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controlled substance, to wit: Cocaine. Date of the offenses was on or about March 8, 2022.

**Kyle Wade Shelton**

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges Kyle Wade Shelton, 32, address unknown with six counts. COUNTS ONE, FOUR and FIVE: In the County of Warren, Kyle Wade Shelton, did unlawfully and feloniously possess and possess with the intent to distribute a Schedule II controlled substance, to wit: Fentanyl. COUNT TWO: did unlawfully and feloniously possess with the intent to distribute a Schedule II controlled substance, to wit: Cocaine. COUNT THREE: did

unlawfully and feloniously possess a Schedule I controlled substance, to-wit: Para Fluorofentanyl. COUNT SIX: On or about March 1, 2022, in the County of Warren, Kyle Wade Shelton, did unlawfully and feloniously possess a Schedule I controlled substance, to-wit: Heroin. Dates of the offenses were on or about February 24, March 1 and March 8, 2022.

**Skyler Rose Welsh**

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges Skyler Rose Welsh, age and address unknown, with three counts. COUNTS ONE through THREE: In the County of Warren, Skyler Rose Welsh did unlawfully and feloniously conspire to and did possess with the intent to distribute,

a Schedule I or II controlled substance. Date of the offenses was on or about April 13, 2022.

**Peter Matthew Cameron**

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about December 31, 2020, in the County of Warren, Peter Matthew Cameron, 42, of the 3100 block of Hawks Hill Ln., Keedysville, MD 21756, did unlawfully and feloniously rape A.R., by having sexual intercourse when such act was accomplished against the victim's will by force, threat or intimidation of or against the victim or another person.

**Alisha Renee Merritt**

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about December 22, 2020, in the County of Warren, Alisha Renee Merritt, 42, address unknown, did unlawfully and feloniously fail to appear as required on a felony charge before the Warren County General District Court.

**April Lil Dawn Spiker**

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about January 31, 2022, in the County of Warren, April Lil Dawn Spiker, 48, of the 500 block of

Branch Rd., Strasburg, VA 22657, did unlawfully and feloniously possess a Schedule II controlled substance, to-wit: Cocaine.

**Cal Byren Kilby**

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges Cal Byren Kilby, 29, address unknown, with four counts. COUNTS ONE through THREE: In the County of Warren, Cal Byren Kilby, did unlawfully and feloniously possess with the intent to distribute a Schedule I or II controlled sub-

stance. COUNT FOUR: did, while a prisoner in a state, local, or community facility or in the custody of an employee thereof, unlawfully and feloniously possess a chemical compound which the accused had not lawfully received. Date of the offenses was on or about April 13, 2022.

*A Grand Jury Indictment is only a charge and not evidence of guilt. The defendants are entitled to a fair trial with the burden on the government to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.*

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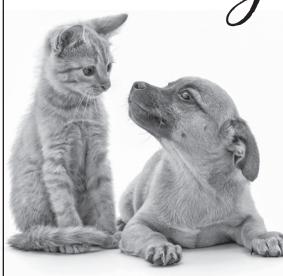
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# Weather forecast

**Friday, August 12, 2022:** Sunny, with a high near 80. North wind around 8 mph.

**Friday Night:** Clear, with a low around 57. Light northwest wind.

**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 81. Light north wind.

**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 58. Calm wind.

**Sunday:** A chance of showers after 2pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 80. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

**Sunday Night:** A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 62. Chance of precipitation is 50%.

**Monday:** A chance of showers, then showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm after 2pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 76. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

**Monday Night:** Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm before 8pm, then a chance of showers between 8pm and 2am. Partly cloudy, with a low around 61. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

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**Tuesday:** A chance of showers after 2pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 76. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

**Tuesday Night:** A chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 60. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

**Wednesday:** A chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 78. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

**Wednesday Night:** A chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 59. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 81.



## Ask Stewart

Hey Stewart,

What's going on with the Tree Stewards in Front Royal?

– Melody

Lots!

August 13th – Saturday --10 am --

Tree Planting in the open space next to the Truist Bank, marked off by Jim Osborn, Town Arborist. Crepe Myrtle trees were purchased courtesy of the Beautification Committee of Front Royal. The Town will pre-dig the holes and the Tree Stewards along with members of the public will assist with the plantings. Tell all your friends and neighbors. Please bring shovels. Help make our town Beautiful!

August 15th – Monday -- 6:30pm -- Tree Stewards monthly meeting at the Library in Meeting Room B.

We are helping the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee (ESAC) on a project to establish a formal Town Tree, Flower and Bird for Front Royal.

- They want to whittle the options down to around 5 for each category (with an accompanying description and photo)
- They plan to open up a survey where community members can vote on their favorites
- Then propose the winning species to the Town of Front Royal for official adoption
- And, integrate those species into local art, businesses, and tourism.

And finally a shout out to The Front Royal-Warren County Anti-Litter Council (ALC) which will be hosting a cleanup event on August 15th, from 5-6pm, on Short Street in Front Royal. They have permission to base out of the Salvation Army parking lot, 223 Short Street (on the corner of South St. and Cloud St.). This is a great opportunity to get outside, do some

walking and socializing, and contribute to beautifying our community. Please spread the word and hope to see you there!

Your Pal in the Trees,

– Stewart

The Front Royal/Warren County Tree Steward program began in 1997 with volunteers dedicated to improving the health of trees by providing educational programs, tree planting and care demonstrations, and tree maintenance throughout the commu-

nity. The group now consists of over 30 active members with several interns working toward becoming certified tree stewards from our annual "All About Trees Class". Each month Stewart will answer a question from our readers. Please forward it to "Stewart" in care of:

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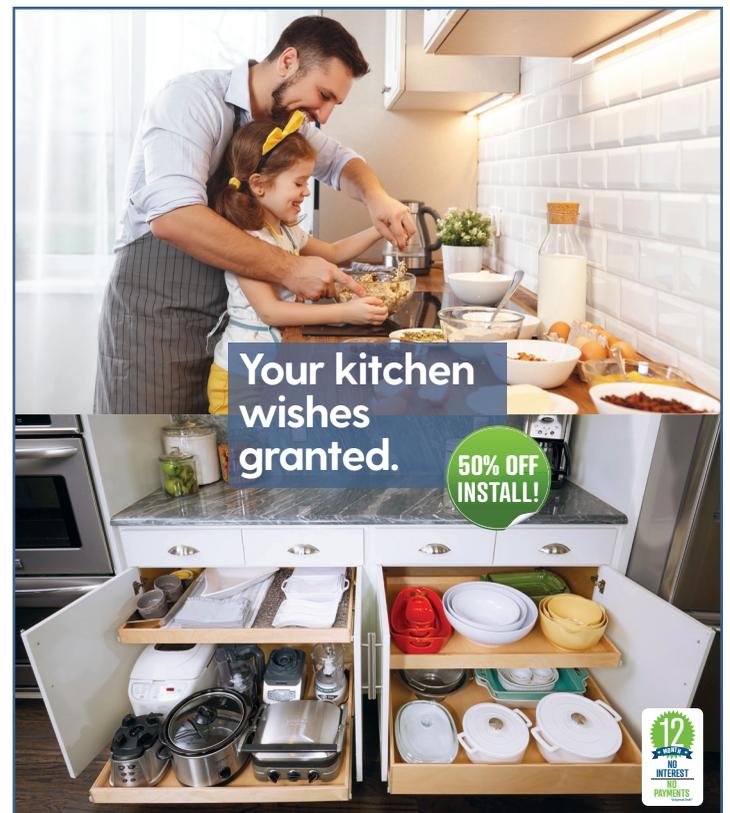
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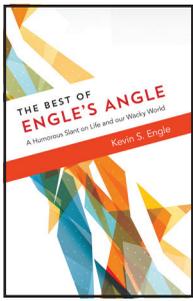


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by Kevin S. Engle

My wife and I eat more than our fair share of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for lunch.

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I prefer more jelly.

Well, you can't have a PB&J without the PB and J.

Our favorite PB is Jif Natural Creamy.

It's the only one I'm allowed to buy.

My wife has given me strict instructions.

Lately, I haven't had any success finding it.

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Every flavor of Jif.

The shelves have been bare.

I assumed it was a supply chain issue or something to do with COVID.

Until I checked online.

Product recall!

Back in May.

Possible salmonella contamination.

That's not a good thing.

Especially since we've been eating it all that time.

Our jar is 1/2 full.

I compared the Universal Product Code and lot # on ours with the numbers on the recall list.

And there it was.

Dang!

The next thing I did was to look up salmonella and its symptoms.

It's not something you want to get.

I've had food poisoning twice in my life.

That's two times too many.

I'll be quite happy if there's never a third time.

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But wait a second, we've eaten 1/2 a jar of this stuff and had no issues.

Maybe none of the bad stuff was in ours?

And besides, I hate to see food go to waste.

I asked one of my wife's brothers what he would do.

He was a chemist and spends lots of time in the kitchen making great meals, and he's smart.

He said we should toss it.

I knew he was right, but still.

I told my wife I couldn't bear to do it.

She'd have to do the deed.

And she did.

I watched as she dropped it in the garbage.

That hurt.

Now what?

If we want another PB&J anytime soon, we need peanut butter.

Something other than Jif.

But would she allow it?

In light of the current crisis, she said yes. She'd give SKIPPY® a try.

I picked up a jar a few days ago.

I noticed there wasn't a lot to be had.

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We tried it yesterday.

My wife gave it the thumbs up.

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Wait, that's a Smucker's slogan.

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**'Rails to Trails' law firm planning lawsuit to seek federal compensation for local landowners in Shenandoah Valley Rail Trail Conversion**

Stewart, Wald & McCulley, LLC, a leading Rails to Trails law firm is

reaching out to landowners whose property rights will be affected by the conversion of a 48.5-mile stretch of railroad line in the Shenandoah Valley into the Shenandoah Valley Rail Trail. The law firm has been retained by over 100 landowners, and the firm expects to file a lawsuit on the landowners' behalf once the conversion is approved by the federal government. When this lawsuit is filed, Stewart, Wald & McCulley will be seeking monetary compensation for their clients for the taking of land in a case against the federal government. This lawsuit is not

against any local entities building the trail and will not stop or hinder trail progress.

The landowners own land located along the dormant Norfolk Southern Railway which extends from Broadway to Front Royal. The rail line was constructed in the 1850's by the Manassas Gap Railroad. On June 1, 2022 the General Assembly passed the state budget which included funding for the purchase of the 48.5-mile line to construct the Shenandoah Valley Rail Trail.

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**Sunday Worship in the Park held in Stephens City**



**Pastor Bertina Westley preaches from Commons Stage. Photos courtesy Marty Barley.**



**Church-goers attend worship service held at the Stephens City Newtown Commons.**

Stephens City United Methodist Church (SCUMC) hosted a Sunday worship service on July 31st at Newtown Commons. Pastor Bertina Westley provided a sermon on Zephaniah 3:14-20, "God's Great Compassion."

The service took place at 10:00 am. The congregation brought lawn chairs to worship under the open summer sky with the Commons Stage substituting for the pulpit. "Our church is taking advantage of the Newtown Commons location to be able to reach out to people that are passing by on Main Street. We are in the process of building community at SCUMC," Westley said. The folks in Stephens City were invited to share in this time of fellowship and prayer. 71 adults and children

attended the morning service. "It is all about touching those who have left the church for some reason and also welcoming potential newcomers who may be seeking faith programs for their families," Westley added.

According to Westley, healthy worship comprises inspiring faith, building community, and connecting people to the congregation's mission. As church attendance increases, there is an enhanced opportunity to spread God's message and ensure people love and follow Jesus.

Deanna and Steve Morris began attending SCUMC services a few weeks ago and reside in Lake Frederick. They were referred to SCUMC by a neighbor who told them about the church's many local ministries. "During the early service the congre-

gation made us feel at home and Pastor Bertina presented the sermon in a very lively and interesting manner. We thought the outdoor combined service and picnic were a great way to have fellowship with the community and meet other church members," said Deanna Morris.

The service was followed by a picnic of hot dogs, chips, cookies, and ice cream under the Newtown Pavilion.

The Worship Team and United Methodist Men collaborated to provide an outdoor worship service and picnic for the congregation and welcomed any passerby to join in the church service.

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States Surface Transportation Board (the federal agency that oversees the Rails to Trails program) must grant its approval to convert the railroad line into a trail. Although the trail conversion request has not taken place, following that request, the Surface Transportation Board would approve the project under the National Trails System Act (Trails Act) and issue a

Notice of Interim Trail Use.

The Trails Act permits the conversion of abandoned railroad corridors into nature and hiking trails, which simultaneously preserves the rights of way for future use. The practice is known as railbanking, and prevents the land within the abandoned railroad from reverting to the adjoining landowners. It grants the trail sponsor

a new easement, thereby blocking the rights of the landowner to reclaim the property within the corridor.

Stewart, Wald & McCulley, LLC is seeking compensation on behalf of the landowners whose property rights will be affected by this rail-trail conversion. Attorney Michael J. Smith notes any lawsuit filed on behalf of a landowner is solely against the federal government and does not affect the

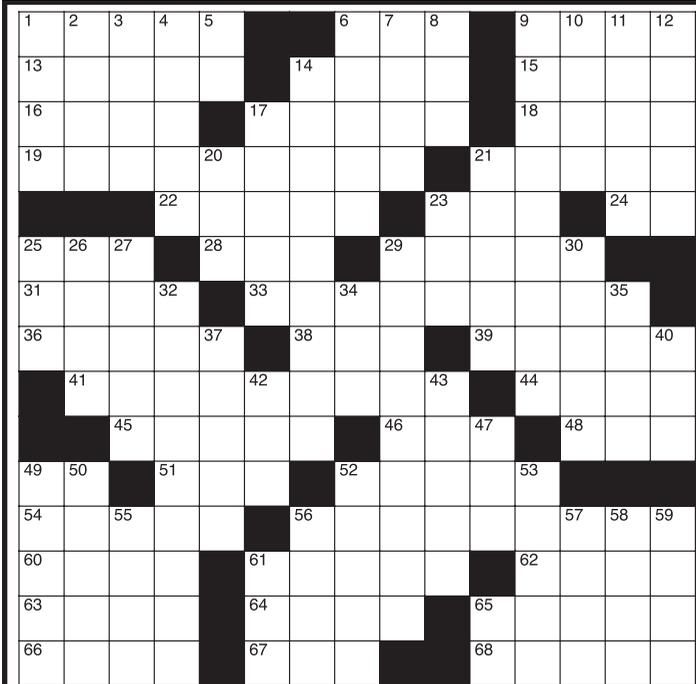
trail project. "We are not seeking and do not expect to seek recovery against any entity other than the federal government. We believe there are over 1,000 parcels of land that will be impacted by the rail trail conversion."

A representative from Stewart, Wald & McCulley will be returning to the area in late August to conduct additional landowner meetings. Interested landowners should reach out

to the law firm at [www.swm.legal](http://www.swm.legal) for details on meeting times.

Stewart, Wald & McCulley is a law firm with locations in Kansas City and Saint Louis, Missouri. Their national practice focuses solely on representing landowners in rail-trail conversation across the nation.

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**CLUES ACROSS**

1. Influential Swedish, Belgian clan
6. Swiss river
9. Nocturnal S. American rodent
13. Like coagulated milk
14. Lima is its capital
15. Lying down
16. Jai \_\_\_, sport
17. Egyptian statesman
18. Napoleon Dynamite's uncle
19. Renovated
21. Chadic language
22. 18-year period
23. Beverage container
24. Natural logarithm
25. The "mecca" of basketball
28. A way to darken
29. Mackerels
31. Actor Pitt
33. Places to buy seafood
36. True firs
38. Neither
39. Fencing sword
41. Italian pastas
44. Island nation close to the U.S.
45. Begets
46. Resembles a pouch
48. \_\_\_ student, learns healing
49. Sodium
51. Indicates position
52. The world has one
54. Partner to pains
56. Photographer
60. Chew the fat
61. Culture of the British Iron Age
62. Weaverbird
63. Advice or counsel
64. Asian nation
65. Brought on board
66. German river
67. Airborne (abbr.)
68. Leaf-footed bug genus

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Mark left behind
2. Cry weakly
3. Ancient region in modern Syria
4. Farewell
5. Blue grass state
6. Genus of mosquitoes
7. S. Israeli city
8. You can get stuck in one
9. One who mistrusts others unjustifiably
10. First month of ancient Hebrew calendar
11. Tigers legend Fielder
12. Make more attractive
14. Horses
17. Slight projection in typefaces
20. Male parent
21. Jack and Jill are two
23. After B
25. Licensed for Wall Street
26. Missile with about 600-mile range
27. Goddesses
29. A day kids love
30. Oily secretion
32. One-tenth of a meter
34. A father's male child
35. One point east of southeast
37. Silk garments
40. Cool!
42. The color of anger
43. Trade profession
47. It can get you around
49. Mother-of-pearl
50. Hurt
52. Legendary slugger Hank
53. Polio vaccine developer
55. Incline from vertical
56. Sea creature
57. Actress Kate
58. Affirmative votes
59. Nothing
61. Pie \_\_\_ mode
65. Expresses surprise

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ANSWER: PLAY

*How they SAY that in...*

**ENGLISH:** Vacation  
**SPANISH:** Vacaciones  
**ITALIAN:** Vacanza  
**FRENCH:** Vacances  
**GERMAN:** Urlaub

**Crossword Puzzle**

**ACROSS**

1. Water hobby
4. Type of flowering tree
6. National park
8. Takes pleasure in

**DOWN**

1. Related to one another
2. Seek out
3. Comes together
5. Women
7. Sense of self-importance

Answers:  
Across: 1. Fishing 2. Hunt 3. Ladies 4. Ego  
Down: 1. Family 2. Magnolia 3. Yosemite 4. Enjoys

**THIS DAY IN...**



**HISTORY**

- **1858:** CHARLES DARWIN PUBLISHES HIS THEORY OF EVOLUTION THROUGH NATURAL SELECTION.
- **1914:** BRUSSELS IS CAPTURED DURING THE GERMAN INVASION OF BELGIUM DURING WORLD WAR I.
- **2020:** JOE BIDEN ACCEPTS THE 2020 DEMOCRATIC PARTY NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT VIA A VIRTUAL SPEECH.

**New Word**

**BOND**

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**Did You Know?**



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**GET THE PICTURE?**



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: PERSON RIDING A COASTER



## BE AWARE OF ALGAL MATS

**Toxic Algal mat may be present in this water**  
Mats can be attached to the bottom, detached and floating, or washed up on shore

**IF YOU SEE ALGAL MATS**

Do NOT let children or adults touch, eat, or swallow any algal mats

Do NOT let dogs eat algal mats or drink from the water

Report Algae Blooms Online: [www.SwimHealthyVA.com](http://www.SwimHealthyVA.com)

It is safe to eat properly cooked fish caught from waters with an algae bloom. Thoroughly clean the fish, discarding the carcass and guts and washing hands and surfaces with soapy water is advised.

For local information, contact: [nano.sumsame@vdh.virginia.gov](mailto:nano.sumsame@vdh.virginia.gov)

**VDH** VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

### Public advised to avoid contact with algal mats in sections of North Fork of Shenandoah River near Strasburg

An Algal Mat Alert has been issued for the North Fork Shenandoah River for the Town of Strasburg. The alert area begins above the town at approximately Route 644 (Deep Hollow Lane), to include the Deer Rapids Road Bridge, to below the town at approximately Route 611 (Long Meadow Road), for a total of approximately 11.5 miles. Potentially toxic algae mats could be widespread or patchy in areas within this vicinity. Recreational use may continue providing those using the waterway take caution to avoid contact with the algae mats. If mats appear unavoidable in an area, the public should discontinue recreational activities there.

Algal Mat Alert signs have been posted near the boat ramp at Deer Rapids and at public access points along the North Fork Shenandoah River in Strasburg. The area of the river where algal mats have been investigated can be seen on the interactive Harmful Algal Bloom Map ([www.vdh.virginia.gov/waterborne-hazards-control/algal-bloom-surveillance-map/](http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/waterborne-hazards-control/algal-bloom-surveillance-map/)).

While this alert applies to this particular area, everyone is reminded to avoid areas in any natural waterway that have algal mats or discolored, scummy water. People should also avoid allowing their pets to swim in areas where mat material is observed. Contact with these mats may cause skin rash and gastrointestinal illnesses, such as upset stomach, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. If mats are producing toxins, consumption of mats could be fatal to dogs and other animals when ingested. Sadly, animal deaths may occur suddenly following exposure. Humans should never consume water or material from a natural waterbody because this water is not treated water and is not suitable for consumption.

Although cyanotoxins were either below or just above detection in water samples tested from these locations, it is important to remember that toxin concentrations within the mats may be much more highly concentrated than those that may be in the water column. Avoiding contact with mats should avoid the release of toxins to the water, if mats are producing them.

VDH has observed no evidence of impacts to drinking water at this time. The Office of Drinking Water is working with drinking water utilities to protect drinking water sources.

The North Fork of the Shenandoah River is a popular local recreation area for boating, swimming and fishing. Please look for Algal Mat Alert signs posted along the river shoreline at public access points and observe the advisory precautions. Recreational uses may continue provided proper caution to avoid mats is observed. It is best to ensure pets, livestock and horses do not have access to this section of the river when mats are present.

Algae blooms can occur when warm water and nutrients combine to make conditions favorable for algae growth. Most algae species are harmless, however, some species may produce irritating compounds or toxins. Avoid discolored water, scums or mat material that are green or bluish-green because they are more likely to contain toxins.

To prevent illness, people should:

- Avoid contact with mats which may be present in North Fork Shenandoah River above and below the Town of Strasburg.

If mats are unavoidable, do not attempt to recreate in the waterbody.

**WHEN IN DOUBT, KEEP PEOPLE AND PETS OUT!** Use your best judgment before recreating in natural waterbodies.

- Do not allow children or pets to drink from natural bodies of water or consume material in the water or along the shoreline.

- Keep small children, pets, and livestock out of the areas experiencing an

Algal Mat Alert. They do not understand the risks associated with mats and may drink river water or consume mats which could cause illness.

- If you or your animals experience symptoms after swimming in or near the area under an Algal Mat Alert, seek medical/veterinarian care. You may also contact your local poison control center.

- Additional resources for pet owners and veterinarians are available from the CDC at [www.cdc.gov/habs/specific-groups/veterinarians-cyanobacteria.html](http://www.cdc.gov/habs/specific-groups/veterinarians-cyanobacteria.html)

- To ensure fish filets are safe to eat, properly clean fish by removing skin, discarding all internal organs, and cooking fish to the proper temperature.

- To view the Algal Mat Alert area, view the HAB Map online or the Algal Mat Status Report for the North Fork Shenandoah River 8.5.22.

- To report an algae bloom or fish kill, use the online report form.

- If you suspect you or your animal experienced health-related effects following exposure to a bloom, contact the Virginia Harmful Algal Bloom Hotline at 1-888-238-6154. Please do not call this number for updates on sampling or status reports.

The Virginia Harmful Algal Bloom Task Force, which includes the Virginia Department of Health, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, and the Old Dominion University Phytoplankton Analysis Lab, will continue to monitor mats in the river. In general, Algal Mat Alerts may be lifted following two consecutive observations where mats are not widespread and unavoidable and preferably, as

## Grilling meat-free at summer barbecues



Grilled foods are staples of summertime. There is just something about gathering with friends and family and cooking meals over an open flame to enjoy in the great outdoors — whether at a backyard barbecue or on a camping trip — that makes foods taste even better.

Burgers, steaks and chicken may be some of the first items that come to mind when pondering grilled fare. But vegetarians and vegans should rest easy knowing that vegetables and other non-meats are equally at home on grills, and taste just as smoky and delicious as more traditional fare.

Seitan is a plant-based meat substitute that is utilized in many recipes, including those for grilled dishes. Seitan can mimic the flavor and texture of chicken, and this recipe for “Barbecue Seitan Skewers” from “Vegan Cooking for Beginners” (Publications International, Ltd.) by the PIL editors is sure to please.

### Barbecue Seitan Skewers

Makes 4 servings

- 1 package (8 ounces) seitan, cubed
- 1/2 cup barbecue sauce, divided
- 1 red bell pepper, cut into 12 pieces
- 1 green bell pepper, cut into 12 pieces
- 12 white or cremini mushrooms
- 1 zucchini, cut into 12 pieces

1. Place seitan in medium bowl. Add 1/4 cup barbecue sauce; stir to coat. Marinate in refrigerator 30 minutes. Soak four bamboo skewers in water 20 minutes.

2. Oil grid. Prepare grill for direct cooking. Thread seitan, bell peppers, mushrooms, and zucchini onto skewers.

3. Grill skewers, covered, over medium-high heat 8 minutes or until seitan is hot and glazed with sauce, brushing with some of remaining sauce and turning occasionally.

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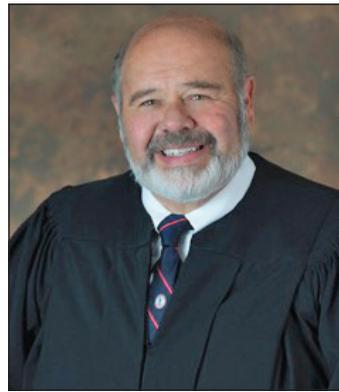
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resources allow, when water column cell counts and toxin concentrations are below safe swimming thresholds. An Algal Mat Alert may also be lifted or maintained at the discretion of the health department. For example, after

one test an advisory may be lifted if results are within safe levels for swimming if other information indicates exposure or human health risk is low.

For more information about harmful algae blooms, Algal Mat Advisories

and Recreational Water Advisories visit [www.SwimHealthyVA.com](http://www.SwimHealthyVA.com)



**Speaker Gilbert appoints retired judge Dennis Hupp to Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission**

House Speaker Todd Gilbert has appointed retired Circuit Court Judge Dennis L. Hupp to the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission.

Hupp had previously served on

the commission from 2003 and again from 2016 to 2018.

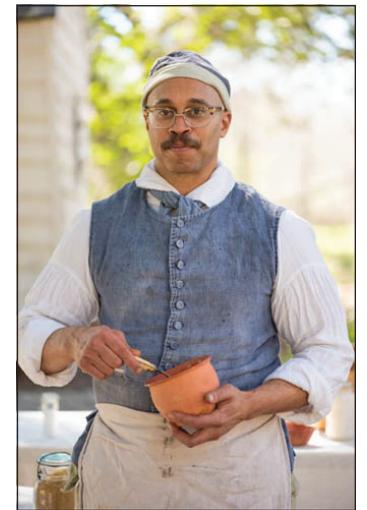
"As someone who has had the pleasure of practicing before Judge Hupp, I know what an exceptional jurist he has been, and I'm grateful to him for agreeing to return to the Criminal Sentencing Commission where we previously served together," Speaker Gilbert said.

"Judge Hupp retired with the respect and admiration of his colleagues and those who tried cases in his court on both sides. His fairness and commitment to the law speak to the kind of person he is, both inside and outside the courtroom," he added.

Judge Hupp served 26 years on the bench and retired from the Circuit Court in 2018. A native of Shenandoah County, he previously practiced law in Woodstock, Va. He served as the Commonwealth's Attorney for Shenandoah County for two terms before his election to the bench in 1992.

In addition to his previous service on the Criminal Sentencing Commission, he was appointed by the Chief

Justice as a member of the Executive Committee of the Judicial Conference. Judge Hupp continues to sit in various Circuit Courts both locally and beyond as a substitute judge.



**Belle Grove to Host Jerome Bias as an Artist-in-Residence**

Belle Grove Plantation will host North Carolina furniture maker, Jerome Bias, as an artist-in-residence August 27-October 2.

Mr. Bias has been making period furnishings and studying southern decorative arts for more than 20 years. He was a joiner for Old Salem Museums and Gardens in Winston-Salem and has been a presenter at Winterthur Museum, Garden and Library, and with the Slave Dwelling Project.

His interest in working at Belle Grove, and at other sites of enslavement like it, is to bring attention to the skilled and talented craftspersons who had significant roles in shaping Southern decorative traditions. These furniture pieces represent the local areas in which they were made, and became a way for the makers, though enslaved, to survive and thrive. Learning and demonstrating these furniture making techniques and skills has been a way for Mr. Bias to connect with his enslaved ancestors, get a glimpse at the pain, trauma, and joys that they experienced, and begin a process of healing. His current project is reproducing pieces of furniture from six areas of the United States in which his family was enslaved, including a buffet from South Carolina, and a china press from Louisville, Kentucky.

While at Belle Grove, Mr. Bias will have both indoor and outdoor workshop spaces where visitors can learn about the pieces he is making, their history, and the history of the craftspersons who inspire him. He will be demonstrating during Belle Grove's Wine Festival on Saturday, August 27, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Thereafter, he will be doing demonstrations Wednesday-Sundays when Belle Grove is open (10 a.m.-4 p.m. and 1-5 p.m. Sundays). For a specific schedule, please visit [www.bellegrove.org/calendar/artist](http://www.bellegrove.org/calendar/artist). Access to these demonstrations will be free of charge.

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nected with experiences of his ancestors is learning about the foodways of enslaved communities. He will share his experience and talents with hearth cooking during a free program by the Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Park Ranger Shannon Moeck, "Kneading in Silence: A Glimpse into the Life of the Enslaved Cook Judah." It is Sunday, September 4, at 2:30 p.m. in the historic kitchen of the Belle Grove Manor House. Attendees of the program will see first-hand the wide variety of skills, intense labor, and personality characteristics that Judah had to have in order to be the head cook.

Support for Mr. Bias's residency has been provided through the Interpretation and Education Grants of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

"Belle Grove is delighted to host Mr. Bias for this residency, and we are excited to share his craft and insights on African-American history with our guests," said Executive Director Kristen Laise.

Belle Grove is actively researching and interpreting the African American history of the site and honoring the lives of those enslaved and free. More information may be found at

[www.bellegrove.org/about/enslaved](http://www.bellegrove.org/about/enslaved). Some of the stories of the people enslaved at Belle Grove are featured in a monthly newsletter found at [virtual.bellegrove.org](http://virtual.bellegrove.org)



**Pay It Forward: Warren Coalition's "We See You, Warren County" August theme is a challenge**

After eleven months of encouraging the Warren County community to reach out to each other through various greetings, the Warren Coalition is now challenging the community to take action on their sense of goodwill and engage in acts of kindness

throughout August, under the theme of "Pay it forward."

Knowing that finances are a concern for many people, the Warren Coalition has provided a list of 36 possible ways to pay it forward, many of which are free or low-cost. One of the ways to participate is to visit the Warren Coalition at National Night Out (August 2nd) or the Warren County Fair (August 1st-6th) and pick up ice pops to share with others. The ice pops remind people "It's Cool to Connect" with others.

The We See You, Warren County campaign was started in September 2021 to encourage people to connect with others. Participants have been provided monthly themes they could use, but the main goal is to create a sense of belonging in Warren County, to help break through the sense of isolation and loneliness that many people feel.

Here are 36 potential ways for you to "Pay It Forward" in August:

1. Mow your neighbor's grass.
2. Pick wildflowers and give them to someone.
3. Wash your neighbor's car.
4. Weed your neighbor's garden.
5. Draw a picture and give it to

someone.

6. Send someone a funny photo.
7. Visit a neighbor who is a shut-in.
8. Give someone a ride.
9. Sing a song to someone.
10. Clean a room in your neighbor's house.
11. Volunteer at a local nonprofit for a few hours.
12. Pick up trash along the road.
13. Bag/carry someone's groceries.
14. Visit someone in a local nursing home.
15. Send an encouraging/appreciation text or phone call.
16. Make dinner for/give your leftovers or additional portions of food to a neighbor or friend.
17. Reconnect with a lost friend.
18. Lend an ear to a friend in need.

19. Leave a positive review of a local business (include an employee name for bonus points).

20. Ask three random people "How was your day?"
21. Give people vegetables from your garden or fruit from your fruit trees.
22. Offer to feed pets and water plants for someone while they are away.
23. Send uplifting quotes to someone who is down or struggling.
24. Bring in your neighbors' trash cans.
25. Leave a note for your mail carrier thanking them.
26. Make cookies and share some with your neighbors/mail carrier, etc.
27. Offer to help a friend in com-

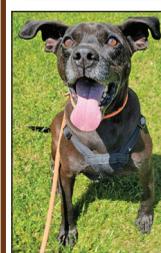
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Kevin is an 8 yr old male lab/pit mix. This boy has it all: energy to play with you, but also enough chill to sleep through the night and appreciate a Netflix binge! He might be classified as a senior, but that just means he's a top tier companion! Plus, those EARS! Come on! Adorable! AND, his adoption fee is WAIVED and he comes knowing his basic commands! What a deal!



Precious is a 3 yr old female pit mix. This beautiful girl has been in the shelter too long. She isn't appropriate for most homes, but the right one is out there! She needs to be the only pet (not dog reactive). She's looking for an active family with a secure fenced yard to get her zoomies out. She's smart, active, and very loving and the ideal adopter must love wet, sloppy kisses!

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32. Donate blood.

33. Place books in the mini lending libraries.

34. Donate books to the library or a school.

35. Volunteer at your child's school.

36. Share/hand out "It is Cool to Connect" ice pops.

Anyone can participate in the "Pay it Forward" efforts this month; you do not have to be a registered member of the We See You campaign. The Warren Coalition hopes that 100 people will engage in the campaign this month. If you perform an act of kindness as part of this campaign this month, please email [celeste@warrencoalition.org](mailto:celeste@warrencoalition.org) or post a photo or a note to the We See You, Warren County Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/wecuw/>). "While we love stories and photos, we know some people would prefer to remain fairly anonymous when they do something nice for others," said Celeste Brooks, Community Outreach Coordinator. "We aren't necessarily asking for specifics. You could send an email that just says, 'I participated in the Pay it Forward campaign today.'"

We See You, Warren County participants are encouraged to share their experiences on social media using the hashtag #WeCUWC. Organizations and individuals that register receive a window cling to show they are par-

ticipating. The program now has over 175 registered members, and more than 875 Facebook members. Sign-ups are ongoing. Go to [weseeyou.warrencoalition.org](http://weseeyou.warrencoalition.org) to learn more, or to officially sign up yourself, your family, or your business or organization. You can also join the Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/wecuw/>.

In addition, the Warren Coalition features individuals of the Warren County community on the "We See You" website, and on the Warren Coalition social media accounts. People do not have to be registered members to be featured. Anyone who lives, works, or plays in Warren County can submit a profile on:

[weseeyou.warrencoalition.org](http://weseeyou.warrencoalition.org)



### Long-Awaited Historic Letters Are Now Published

RADFORD, VA—A book nearly 160 years in the making is now illuminating life during the Civil War in Southwest Virginia. The book, which has just been released by the University of North Carolina Press, features the wartime correspondence between Confederate newlyweds Brigadier General Gabriel C. Wharton and Anne Radford Wharton. The surviv-

ing 524 letters are astounding and reveal that we still have so much to learn about our history.

Co-edited by William C. Davis, a former professor of history at Virginia Tech and the author or editor of 50 books on Civil War and Southern history, and Sue Heth Bell, the Whartons' great-great granddaughter, "The Whartons' War" is one of the fullest known sets of correspondence by a high-level officer and his wife from the time of their courtship to the end of the war when Gabriel C. Wharton swore loyalty to the United States and accepted parole before returning to his home in Radford.

Separated by 20 years in age and differing opinions on many subjects, these two well-educated and articulate Virginians frankly discussed their thoughts on generals and politicians, the course of the war, the fate of the Confederacy, life at home and their wavering loyalties. They also explored the shifting gender roles brought on by the war, changing relations between slave owners and enslaved people and much more.

The new home they eventually built in Radford just above the New River is today the Glencoe Mansion, Museum & Gallery, which is sponsoring the launch of the new book Friday, Aug. 19 at 5 p.m. in the City's Council Chambers at 10 Robertson St. The authors will provide insight into the couple's correspondence and how the book developed during a multi-year process. A book signing will follow, and copies will be available to purchase.

Glencoe's executive director Scott Gardner, who gets to share the story of the Whartons daily, says "we're ex-

cited to kick-off the promotion of this book." According to Gardner, "General Wharton graduated from the Virginia Military Institute and began his career as an engineer. When war broke out in 1861, he enlisted and was deployed to southwest Virginia where he met an independent-minded, feisty young woman who would change his life forever. In turn, General Wharton forever transformed Southwest Virginia's development."

"One of my favorite aspects of history," Gardner adds, "is pulling information out from the shadows. This information helps illustrate how life really was and challenges our conventional views and the Wharton letters certainly do that."



### Shenandoah National Park presents sixth annual Night Sky Festival

Shenandoah National Park will conduct its sixth annual Night Sky Festival from August 19 through 21, 2022. Rangers and guest speakers will present a variety of programs at sites throughout the Park focusing on space, celestial objects, nocturnal residents, and the importance of dark night skies.

Guest speakers presenting will include NASA Solar System Ambassa-

dor Greg Redfern and amateur astronomer Rich Drumm. These programs are sponsored by Delaware North, the Park concessioner.

Other activities include special Ranger-led talks, discussions, children's activities, and telescope/night sky viewings. Programs will take place at Dickey Ridge Visitor Center (mile 4.6), Mathews Arm Campground (mile 22.1), Skyland Amphitheater (mile 42.5), Byrd Visitor Center (mile 51), Big Meadows (mile 51), and Loft Mountain Amphitheater (mile 79.5).

All programs are free. No reservations are needed. However, Park entrance fees apply. Participants should be weather-prepared and bring a flashlight with a red filter. The complete program schedule can be found on the Park's website at: <https://www.nps.gov/shen/planyourvisit/night-sky-festival.htm>



The Winchester Hot Wheels Club meets Sunday August 21, 2022 from 1-3 pm in the War Memorial Building, Jim Barnett Park, 1001 E. Cork St. Winchester, VA 22601. Lord Fairfax room. Buy, sell, trade diecast cars. Door prizes too! Information: Dan Hammond at [hwdan2@earthlink.net](mailto:hwdan2@earthlink.net)

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