

Former football MVP enjoys life in Frederick County



Mark Moseley is here with two of his favorite people, the next generation of Moseleys, Ryan, and Calleyanna.

By Carol Ballard Warren/Frederick County Report

Mark Moseley, a locally well-known and liked former placekicker for the Washington Redskins (now the Commanders), was approached by a fan for an interview for a news article and he good-naturedly agreed.

Many people know, but for those who don't, he was the first and only placekicker to ever win the Associated Press NFL Most Valuable Player, a title he still holds.

On April 4th, he was relaxed and attentively watching the soccer

game that his 11-year-old granddaughter Scarlett Moseley was playing as goalie for her Mountain View Christian Academy's team.

Although born in Texas where he spent years growing up and attending high school and college, he's lived in Virginia since 1974.

"I feel like a native, though. I had three kids born here and I call them Texaginians," he said with a grin.

Also, why did he move to Virginia?

"I came to Virginia with the Redskins and stayed here because I loved it," he responded. "I have



As her soccer team's goalie, 11-year-old Scarlett Moseley carries on the Mosley legacy, and is seen here kicking the ball for Mountain View Christian School on April 4.

five children of my own and three with my former wife, Sandy who I raised as my own, 14 grandkids, a great-granddaughter and another great-granddaughter on the way.

In between answering questions, he was a loud supporter of the players on the field, yelling, "Go, go get it!"

One thing that has earned him respect and appreciation from local folks is his untiring activity in supporting charities and other generous acts for the community, as well as for more far-reaching causes

"I've always been involved in charities," he said. "Right now, I'm doing two golf tournaments in July in Northern Virginia."

This is the Heroes and Legends

Charity Golf Classic on July 10 in the Landsdowne area of Leesburg. Moseley is honorary chairman of the Tournament to benefit the NFL Alumni children's program and Military Families Market.

He's also gone with the United Service Organizations (USO) over 15 times to visit the troops.

Along with his many other accomplishments, he has been successful in business, and now is the Senior Executive of the Five Guys franchise.

He explained how that happened.

"I got with Five Guys 21 years ago as their first employee, and later convinced them to franchise. The business started with two locations in Northern Virginia Arlington and Alexandria, now over 2,000 around the world, and with 1,000 in the U.S.

But he spends a lot of his time at his farm in Frederick County when he's not traveling with charities or the Five Guys business.

"Right now, I'm just enjoying my life with my grandkids," he said contentedly.

Several of his children, stepchildren and grandchildren have been students at local schools, and his grandson Hunter is a senior pitcher at JMU "with a good chance to get drafted," he said.

He was asked if he had any advice for kids who want to get into big time sports.

"The biggest thing is to get off computers and get outside," he responded immediately. "Kids today only play sports when it's organized. When I was a kid, we played



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football and all kinds of other games outside."

He said he doesn't play sports much, staying in shape by running and trying to go to the gym every day, but the last time he kicked was with the TV show Peyton's Places when they did one of his shows in Washington, D.C. Goal posts were set up on the Mall and the Washington Monument can be seen in the background.

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Peyton Manning)

He summed up how he feels about his past accomplishments and experiences.

"I've had a good and eventful life. The Good Lord's been good to me," he concluded.

He was willing to answer questions about how he got into football and started out by telling stories about his early life.

His father had been hired by the U.S. Agency for International Development (AID) to go to Ecuador and help them find a crop so the farmers could increase their incomes, and the family went with

"My father was a brilliant man, and he discovered that bananas could be grown there," he said. "And now it is the world's largest banana producer and exporter."

"But when I lived in Ecuador as a kid, I played soccer, because it was the only game we played there," he

Then, when he was 11, the family came back to Laneville, Texas.

"When I first got back from Ecuador, we went to a Homecoming Game, and I saw the football lights.

Then they stopped in the middle of the game and a boy came out with flowers he gave to a cute girl on the field and she kissed him.

"I was 11 years old, but right then I asked my dad what it would

take for me to play football." he said. His dad allowed him to play.

As a natural athlete, he played all through high school and college, and was on the Varsity football team as a freshman in the ninth

He told how he became a star

"One afternoon, on a Thursday, I was messing around with some

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other guys and was punting and kicking," he began.

The coaches saw that and asked him why he hadn't told them he could kick like that.

"I didn't know I could," he said to them.

At Livingston High School in Texas he was on the track team and played All State football and baseball. On the track team he held the record for the 20-yard dash

"I did that all through high school, set a bunch of records and ran 9.5 seconds in the 100 yard dash, which is Olympic level," he added.

Usain Bolt, "the world's fastest man" ran the 100-yard dash in a record 9.58 seconds according to: https://olympics.com/en/news/usain-bolt-record-world-champion-athlete-fastest-man-olympics-sprinter-100m-200m.

"I was a Quarterback in high school, and had 39 touchdowns in my senior year," he said, but added modestly, "There were only two seniors on the team made up of mostly Freshmen and Sophomores which is why I got so many. The two seniors held the ball 99% of the time!"

After high school, he attended Texas A&M for his freshman season and Stephen F. Austin for the last three years.

"I still hold most of the SFA kicking records," he said.

He was asked what his toughest game was.

"In the NFL, they're all tough," he responded.

Asked about the Redskins name change, he said simply, "None of us are too happy about it."

He played with Coach Joe Gibbs for six years with them. "He was a phenomenal coach and a good friend," he said and noted that Joe Theisman was his football "holder" when he was the placekicker for the team, also a good friend.

And in answer to what besides his innate athletic ability helped him to continue to rise to the top, he said, "I was fortunate to have the talent to do sports, but I also kept myself healthy by not drinking Coke or eating popcorn, etc., and I've followed a healthy diet all through my life."

At 75, he still follows a strict routine to keep in shape.

"I try to work out every day," he responded. "I ran three miles this morning," he said. "I try to take care of myself."

Asked whether the ability to focus was a factor in his success, he replied, "I've always been able to handle pressure under unusual situations and to be able to respond



Former placekicker for the Redskins, Mark Moseley presents one of two Superbowl rings he earned. The goal he made with a legendary kick in 1982 gave the Washington Redskins the boost to go on and win the game in 1983.

in positive ways. My father taught me that 'if you're going to do something, do it well."

For some background, the following information is helpful in establishing how much he accomplished during just a part of his football career:

- In the 1982 season, Moseley converted 23 straight field goals from 1981-82, (a record at the time), made a league-leading 20 of 21 field goals, a then-record 95.2 success rate, and was responsible for 76 points.
- He became the first placekicker to ever win the Associated Press NFL Most Valuable Player.
- He was released by the Eagles in 1971 and signed by the Houston Oilers only to be released again in 1972.

 He spent two years out of the NFL and moved back to Livingston, Texas, where he installed septic systems and coached high school sports.

"His perseverance paid off, because during this period, he sent letters to two dozen NFL teams and routinely practiced kicking with his children returning his kicks. In 1974, the Washington Redskins signed him as a free agent." https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mark_Moseley#cite_note-WPKick-7

And during the interview on April 4, he said he had been cut six times from teams before joining the Washington Redskins. When asked why, he said in a dry understatement, "The NFL is highly competitive."





Scarlett Moseley's team relaxes after their soccer game.



Longtime fan Jeff Taylor brought photos for Mark Moseley to sign and happily posed next to the famous MVP placekicker.

But, his famous kick, as he modestly put it, "helped to get us to the playoffs and Superbowl in 1983."

Thus, earning him the only pure special teams player to win the Sporting News' NFL MVP award.

He is also famous for kicking

straight and has been called "the last of the straight-on kickers" because his toe-kicking style was replaced by soccer-style players from abroad, who kicked with the sides of their feet.

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Owner of Alterations by Millie puts community above self



Alterations by Millie opened in January 2020, three months before the pandemic. Recognizing an important need, Andrews and staff jumped on the bandwagon of making masks for essential workers, community members and everyone in-between.

By Ashley Miller Warren/Frederick County Report

Megan Rittgers had no idea that when she walked into Alterations by Millie on Jackson Street, in Front Royal, that she would not

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Email: dan@wfcreport.com only learn how rewarding sewing can be, but that she'd also find a mentor and friend, in owner Millie Andrews.

"Millie made me realize that I could make my dream into a reality" Rittgers said. "And that it's possible to have a positive impact on your local community,"

Rittgers first met Andrews at the Strasburg Emporium, where she was looking at a vintage sewing machine. Her parents would later purchase the machine for her, but it was serendipitous for Rittgers when Andrews asked if she was looking for a job.

"I wasn't really at the time," she said. "But she told me what she did, and asked if I would ever be interested in helping her out. I



Brides have traveled from Louisiana to Colorado, and everywhere in-between to have alterations to their dresses and veils completed by the staff at Alterations by Millie.

thought to myself, 'why not?' It was the best decision I made."

Millie Andrews started sewing Barbie doll outfits when she was nine years old. She's been sewing professionally for over 25 years.

Alterations by Millie opened in January 2020, three months before the pandemic. Recognizing an important need, Andrews and staff jumped on the bandwagon of making masks for essential workers, community members and everyone in-between.

"We made thousands of masks," Andrew said. "And they shipped all over the United States."

Patrons may remember during the pandemic there was a shortage of masks for healthcare workers. Andrews, who puts community above self, learned that Lynn Care was in desperate need of masks for staff. Andrews said she placed them in paper bags and would leave them on the doorstep as often as they needed them.

"We take care of our community, of our people."

It was during the pandemic that Alterations By Millie began to receive name recognition throughout the community, Valley and even state. It was during this time that the space next to her, formally known as Sun Studios announced their closing, Andrews quickly pounced on the opportunity to expand into the bridal industry.

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siana to Colorado, and everywhere in-between to have altations to their dresses and veils completed by staff.

Rittgers works on the bridal side of the shop and said every day is like a new adventure.

"We're always learning; we teach one another and it's really wonderful to know we can count on each other."

While she is mostly self-taught,

Rittgers said she's encouraged by her peers and looks forward to her future in the industry. She plans to move to Wyoming, where she hopes to open her own seamstress shop one day soon.

While completing everyday tasks for customers, Andrews also works with Randolph Macon Academy, local and state law enforcement, firefighters, Skyline Harley-Davidson, formally known as Grove's Harley-Davidson for patch sewing. She also works with the Wounded Warriors associations in Manassas and Stafford and the Marine Corps at Quantico.

Andrews recalled the time a law enforcement officer pulled up in front of the shop and needed the zipper of his Kevlar vest fixed.

"He told me he didn't know what to do. It would be six months before he could get it fixed and he was in a panic," she explained. "I was like, 'Oh no, you can't go unprotected for six months. I'm going to do it right now."

And Andrews did just that. The officer walked out protected.

"I want to be there for people. You know- for the little man who couldn't tie his shoes and asked me to put Velcro on them," Andrews said. "Our community- it matters to me."

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ends with her husband, Ronnie Andrews, its general manager.

Alterations by Millie has a staff of six, with some staff members working from home. Andrews cares for her staff members like family. She reminds those who are in school that it must come first; she takes members to doctors' appointments if needed and most importantly, inspires them to be their own boss and help someone else through the wisdom Andrews has passed down.

"My mom always says, 'If you're not messy, you're not doing it right; you're not creative," Andrews said. "We really do make a good team."

When asked why sewing, Andrews said she simply loves it, and always has.

"My sewing teacher in high school, Mrs. Barr, laughs because I'm the only student that has made a career of it," she said. "Coming in here, it's like my therapy."

Kathie Martin, who has known Andrews since the seventh-grade

lost contact with Andrews in the 11th grade and 36 years later, thanks to Facebook and Kathie's daughters, the two best friends reconnected. For eight days, the two best friends spent time reconnecting and as Kathie was leaving to return home, she admitted to Andrews she didn't want to go home for personal reasons.

Today Kathie is Andrew's right

"After a 36-year lapse in our friendship, it was like we'd seen each other yesterday," Andrews said. "We picked right back off. Funny enough, everyone used to think we were sisters in school. We both used to have black hair; now we don't. You'll see," she said with a smile.

For Rittgers and Martin, they both agreed their favorite thing about working for Andrews is getting "to hang out with her each and every day."

"Each day gets better and better," Martin said. "And each year gets better and better as we grow."

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"Millie has done so many things, like I have," Martin said. "But at the end of it, we always go back to what we love. Don't we?'

Like Rittgers, Martin believes Andrews empowers her staff through everyday small actions.

"We inspire each other," she said. "And at the end of the day, we're always amazed by it. All of our different knowledge, coming together. Difference in ages and experiences. It really is remarkable."

Andrews believes sewing takes a different mindset. Yes, everyone can do it, but not everyone understands the intricacy that goes into altering a jacket, prom dress or uniform. But Andrews has made sure her staff, including Rittgers, understands.

"Millie made me realize that I can take my love of sewing and have my own business," Rittgers said. "But most importantly, I'm taking everything she's taught me, sewing and in life, and becoming a better version of myself."

Alterations by Millie is open by appointment only. To learn more, find them on Facebook or call (540) 671-7672.

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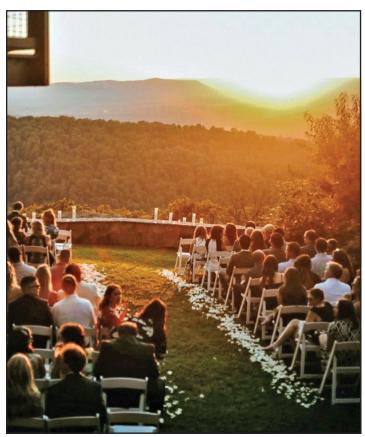






Megan Fox creates weddings to fit clients' budgets

As the owner of ElderFox, she understands what people need for their big day



A wedding set on a cliff overlooking the Blue Ridge will give folks a picturesque view of the Shenandoah Valley. Courtesy CarrieDuringPhotography.



Megan Fox, with ElderFox, works with couples to understand their unique needs, while offering the essentials for their big day. Courtesy Rosetradeco.

By Ashley Miller Warren/Frederick Report

Megan Fox knows weddings. As the owner of ElderFox, LLC, a rental company based out of Linden, Fox understands the unique needs of her clients, while offering the essentials for their big day. From table skirts to bird cages, napkins, and champagne walls, ElderFox offers it all to brides on a budget.

"I understand a lot of people don't have thirty or forty grand, and some do. Which is awesome. But not everyone has that," she said. "I love the wedding industry. But it is very saturated with high prices and part of my goal with my company is to offer reasonable prices, but an amazing experience"

Growing up in Gainesville, Fox found herself working at country clubs during and after high school. She bartended but quickly realized she need "a big girl job." Fox entered the real estate industry, got comfortable and settled into a thriving market. However, something kept pulling her back. After six years selling homes, Fox followed her heart back to her first love, weddings, and events.



Megan Fox knows weddings and understands the unique needs of her clients. From table skirts to bird cages, napkins, and champagne walls, her business ElderFox offers it all to brides on a budget. Courtesy KelseyCuervoPhotography.

"I always knew I would end up going back to weddings," she said. "I just didn't know when or how. But I always knew"

For as long as she can remember, Fox has loved weddings. From the tablescapes to the coordination, Fox knew it was where she was meant to be. She recalled noticing it was always part of her, even as she staged homes for buyers and sellers alike.

ElderFox officially opened in November 2022. Fox combined her last name, along with her husbands to create the business name. Since its opening, Fox, who specializes in wedding coordination and reception setup, has quickly made a name for herself, thanks in part to social media and word of mouth. But Fox also said its because she's partnered with local businesses, because it's "important to help your local community grow."

ElderFox offers 110 ceremony chairs, which she divides into 50 seats along with other items including tables, linens, center pieces, a champagne wall and fun unique décor

items. Fox tends to work with smaller scale or micro weddings, which she defines as "less than 50 people."

"We have more of your basic necessities and then some fun things to put along with that," Fox said. "I like to stick with the trends that are classic, romantic."

Classic for Fox is understated, simple. She said in some years the wedding industry has been popular with whimsical colors, while other years it's

been more muted. Like all industries, the trends come and go.

In 2023, Fox said couples will stick with making their weddings entirely their own, and more than likely, will keep them on the smaller, more intimate side.

"I like classic black and white. Neutrals and golds. Light pinks."

Other 2023 trends will include more outdoor weddings, midday ceremonies, dramatic ceilings and tableside charcuterie. As for colors, depending on the season colors will vary from sage greens to mustard, cool blue and orchid bloom.

Fox said her ideal bride is really a bride who doesn't have the full vision of her wedding yet and doesn't want to spend an arm/leg either.

"I pretty much do everything for them," she explained. "I figure out what color scheme she wants, flowers, caterers., etc. Honestly, I'm really her vision board."

Being the bride's vision board really puts Fox a leg up in the industry. It allows her to work with couples who simply are overwhelmed or have zero idea what their big day looks like. In setting the stage for her couples, Fox is able to offer a clear game plan with inspiration for the perfect big day, on a budget.

Micro weddings to Fox are the types of weddings where everything is brought in, is minimal, allowing the bride not to have to deal with anything, expect having a meaningful and fun day.

Like her brides, Fox loves romantic, boho style. She also loves barns, older buildings, and stonework.

She recalled a recent wedding where a bride got married on her family farm, noting that the location was simply gorgeous.

Fox said she's noticed that brides are changing the sizes of their weddings for things that are more important to them, such as flowers or food. She noted that at her own wedding she met extended family she had never met before.

"I had a bride who wanted a smaller wedding because she loved flowers," she explained. "She realized she'd have



a bigger budget for something that she really wanted there, that she wouldn't have been able to have if so many people had been there."

TikTok is also playing a large part in changing trends. Fox said many of her brides say they want something they've seen on the popular social media application.

Packages range from \$350 plus to \$950 plus, while coordination begins at \$550 for the Day Of, which includes

overseeing the timeline for the day and ensuring everything goes accordingly.

What also makes Fox unique in the wedding and event industry is she also manages Blue Mountain Lodge, in Bluemont, which use to be a popular French restaurant in the 1960s. The Lodge, which is a POA, sits on a cliff overlooking the Blue Ridge and has a picturesque view of the Shenandoah Valley. Fox said the Lodge is ideal for couples looking for a venue that is rustic yet sophisticated and perfect for those that love nature.

Fox said both ElderFox and Blue Mountain Lodge are still growing. She loves creating a fun atmosphere for her brides and their families. The lodge is fully booked for 2023, and ElderFox is 70% booked. She has her sights set on partnering with local Airbnb's, wineries and continuing to partner with other local businesses.

"The biggest thing I want brides to understand is that you can find and afford a person to help with your wedding," Fox said. "I know sometimes it doesn't feel or seem that way, and that's when brides think they have to deny themselves, but I promise, you can find people to work within your budget."

Brides and business owners are invited to attend a Spring Wedding Expo on April 22 from 12 - 3:00 p.m. at Blue Mountain Life, 540 Cliff Road in Linden. Guests will have an opportunity to explore the lodge itself, while meeting vendors. The event is free to the public.

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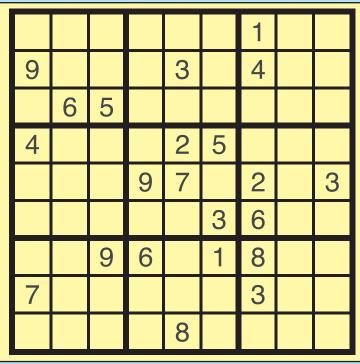
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INDICTMENTS

February, 2023 Indictments

Clayton Marquis Williams

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about August 15, 2022, in the County of Warren, Clayton Marquis Williams, 28, address unknown, did unlawfully and feloniously assault and batter Jaleesa McDuffie, a family or household member, after having been at least twice previously convicted of assault and battery against a family or household member within the past twenty years with such offenses occurring on different dates.

Joey Lynn Crafton

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about September 10, 2022, in the County of Warren, Joey Lynn Crafton, 55, of the 3500 block of Reliance Rd., Middletown, VA 22645, did unlawfully and feloniously, knowingly, and intentionally possess a controlled substance, towit: Methamphetamine.

Briant Christopher Taylor

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about March 2, 2021, in the County of Warren, Briant Christopher Taylor, 41, of the 300 block of Cherrydale Ave., Front Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully and feloniously maliciously burn or cause to be burned, or destroy or caused to be destroyed by use of an explosive device or substance, in whole or part, the dwelling house or manufactured home of Martha Coleman-Taylor.

Frank John Behnke

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges Frank John Behnke, 34, of the 700 block of River Dr., Front Royal, VA 22630, with three counts. COUNTS ONE through THREE: In the County of Warren, Frank John Behnke did unlawfully and feloniously while being a person eighteen years of age or older, use a communications system or another electronic means, for the purposes of soliciting with lascivious intent, a person the accused knew or had reason to believe was a child less than fifteen years of age to knowingly and intentionally expose his sexual or genital parts to a child to whom he was not legally married. The accused is seven or more years older than the child the accused knew or had reason to believe was a child less than fifteen years of age who

was the subject of the solicitations. Dates of the offenses were on or about March 17 and 20, 2022.

Christopher Eric Harpine

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges Christopher Eric Harpine, 48, of the 1000 block of Leaksville Rd., Luray, VA 22835, with seven counts. COUNT ONE: In the County of Warren, Christopher Eric Harpine did unlawfully and feloniously possess or transport a firearm after having been convicted of a felony. COUNT TWO: did unlawfully and feloniously while unlawfully in possession of a controlled substance classified in Schedule I or II of the Drug Control Act, simultaneously with knowledge and intent possess a firearm on or about his person. COUNTS THREE and FIVE: did unlawfully and feloniously possess with the intent to distribute, a controlled substance, to-wit: Methamphetamine Hydrochloride listed in Schedule II of the Drug Control Act. COUNT FOUR: did unlawfully and feloniously, knowingly, and intentionally possess a controlled substance, towit: Fentanyl listed in Schedule II of the Drug Control Act. COUNT SIX: did unlawfully and feloniously, having received a visible or audible signal 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 to interfere with or endanger the operation of the lawenforcement vehicle or endanger a person. COUNT SEVEN: did unlawfully and feloniously knowingly attempt to intimidate or impede, by threat of bodily harm or force any law enforcement officer lawfully engaged in the discharge of his duties. Date of the offenses was on or about November 16, 2022.

Kimberly Dawn Kuser

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about September 13, 2022, in the County of Warren, Kimberly Dawn Kuser, 33, of the 100 block of Brinklow Rd., Front Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully and feloniously, knowingly, and intentionally possess a controlled substance, towit: Methamphetamine, listed in Schedule II of the Drug Control Act.

Rafael Llera, Jr.

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about September 13, 2022, in the County of Warren, Rafael Llera, Jr., 20, of the 4000 block of Blue Mtn.

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Rd., Front Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully and feloniously utter or attempt to employ as true Queen of Virginia Skill & Entertainment ticket, knowing such document to be forged.

Ralph Crouse, Jr.

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges Ralph Crouse, Jr., 63, of the 800 block of W. 14th St. Front Royal, VA 22630, with three counts. COUNTS ONE through THREE: In the County of Warren, Ralph Crouse, Jr., did unlawfully and feloniously utter or attempt to employ as true a \$400 gaming ticket, a \$310 gaming ticket and another gaming ticket, knowing such documents to be forged. Dates of the offenses were on or about September 6 and 9, 2022.

Sherri Dawn Kisner

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about July 31, 2022, through August 1, 2022, in the County of Warren, Sherri Dawn Kisner, 44, of the 100 block of Paw Paw Dr., Front

Shenandoah National Park announces public meeting to discuss Old Rag pilot program



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Shenandoah National Park will host a virtual public meeting April 17, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. to share analysis of the data collected during the Old Rag pilot program.

The park implemented a pilot ticketing system from March through November, 2022 to manage visitation at Old Rag, one of the park's most popular hikes. The pilot was reinstated in March 2023 to give managers additional time to evaluate the data. The pilot program was introduced to address congestion and visitor safety concerns because the popularity of Old Rag has led to crowding that affects the visitor experience and fragile park resources. The ticketing system limits visitation to this portion of the park to 800 people per day.

Before starting the pilot, the park hosted a public meeting and gathered public comments on the proposed ticketing system. During the pilot, park staff gathered data which they have evaluated. A written report can be found at https://parkplanning.nps.gov/Old-Rag-Pilot The information collected will help park staff decide how to move forward with managing Old Rag.

During the upcoming meeting, park staff will share a summary of the report and there will be an opportunity to ask questions about the data and report. Following the meeting, a public comment portal will be available at the web address above. The public is invited to provide written input on the pilot program and the report.

"We appreciate everyone's cooperation while we tested a means to ensure a high-quality visitor experience and protect park resources at Old Rag," said Park Superintendent Patrick Kenney. "We look forward to sharing the data and getting additional input, especially from those who have experienced Old Rag during the pilot."

For information on how to comment and to get a link to attend April 17th's public meeting, please visit our website: www.nps.gov/shen



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HOROSCOPES

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, your emotions may cloud your judgement in the days to come. It's better to seek the advice of a third party who can guide you without the

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Messages from the universe could come across as confusing or vague, Taurus. You might need someone with cosmic intuition to help you sort out what is going on.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21

A stagnant energy has been surrounding you lately, Gemini. Fortunately, you are able to brush that away soon enough and feel rejuvenated.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, if you haven't devoted enough time lately to taking care of yourself you might awaken this week with a foggy head. Take care of your-

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Responsibilities could have you feeling overburdened, Leo. The trick is to ask others to lighten your load. There are bound to be several volunteers willing to lend a hand.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, try not to compare yourself to others this week. Everyone is unique, with his or her own strengths and weaknesses. An unfair comparison could dampen your spirits.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

You might find it challenging to articulate your feelings to a romantic partner, Libra. If you stumble over saying the words, why not write them down, instead?

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Sometimes vour pragmatic side gets into a tussle with your optimism, Scorpio. Being a realist doesn't have to mean you give up hope. There are many things that can go your way. SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, while you may feel like sleeping the week away, awaken to the possibilities before you. Numerous opportunities await, so answer the door when they knock.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

It is alright to feel uncertain about what the heart wants, Capricorn. Not everyone has things all figured out. Ponder your likes and dislikes to determine your path.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, messy work and small mistakes can sabotage all of your hard work thus far. Buckle down and focus on the details. Have someone check that everything is perfect.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

People around you may be more temperamental than usual, Pisces, Avoid offering any unsolicited advice until things quiet down.

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Kristen Stewart, Actress (33) APRIL 10

Mandy Moore, Singer (39)

APRIL 11 Alessandra Ambrosio, Model (42) APRIL 12

Saoirse Ronan, Actress (29) APRIL 13

Allison Williams, Actress (35) APRIL 14

Chris Wood, Actor (35)

APRIL 15 Luis Fonsi, Singer (45)

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Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully and feloniously conspire to forge video gaming tickets to the prejudice of another's rights.

Joshua James Schmidt

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about May 11, 2022, in the County of Warren, Joshua James Schmidt, 41, of the 500 block of Washington St., Woodstock, VA 22664, did unlawfully and feloniously take, drive or use a motor vehicle, having a value of \$1,000 or more and belonging to Carolvn Cowherd, without the consent of the owner, and in her absence, and with the intent to temporarily deprive the owner of possession

Wade Wheatley Forrester

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges Wade Wheatley Forrester, 71, of the 500

block of Woodthrush Way, Linden, VA 22642, with two counts. COUNTS ONE and TWO: In the County of Warren, Wade Wheatley Forrester did unlawfully and feloniously carnally know, without the use of force, a child fourteen (14) years of age. The accused was over the age of eighteen years at the time of the offense and has been convicted previously of an offense that is not part of a common act transaction or scheme, and the accused was at liberty in between convictions. Dates of the offenses were on or about February 15 through July

Angela Sue Marie McClellan

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges Angela Sue Marie McClellan, age and address unknown, with five counts. COUNTS ONE through FIVE: In the County of Warren, Angela Sue Marie McClellan did unlawfully and feloniously conspire to distribute and did distribute a Schedule II controlled substance, to-wit: Cocaine, this being a second or subsequent offense, said prior conviction occurring prior to the date alleged in this indictment. Dates of the offenses were on or about October 19 and 20, 2022.

Tiffany Elizabeth Filerman

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges Tiffany Elizabeth Filerman, age and address unknown, with five counts. COUNT ONE: In the County of Warren, Tiffany Elizabeth Filerman did unlawfully and feloniously manufacture, sell, give, distribute, or possess with the intent to manufacture, sell, give, or distribute, a controlled substance, to-wit: Methamphetamine, classified in Sched-

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ule II of the Drug Control Act. COUNT TWO: did unlawfully and feloniously manufacture, sell, give, distribute, or possess with the intent to manufacture, sell, give, or distribute, a controlled substance, to-wit: Para-Flourofentanyl, classified in Schedule II of the Drug Control Act. COUNT THREE: did unlawfully and feloniously manufacture, sell, give, distribute, or possess with the intent to manufacture, sell, give, or distribute, a controlled substance, to-wit: Cocaine, classified in Schedule II of the Drug Control Act. COUNT FOUR: did unlawfully possess with the intent to manufacture, sell, give, or distribute a Schedule VI controlled substance, to-wit: Xylazine. COUNT FIVE: did unlawfully possess with the intent to manufacture, sell, give, or distribute a Schedule VI controlled substance, to-wit: Medetomidine. Date of the offenses was on or about April 28, 2022.

Barrington Allen Moore

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about October 26, 2022, in the County of Warren, Barrington Allen Moore, 33, of the 100 block of Shenandoah Commons Way, Front Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully and feloniously, knowingly, and intentionally possess a controlled substance, to-wit: Cocaine.

Alan Keith Drummonds

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges Alan Keith Drummonds, 36, address unknown, with two counts. COUNT ONE: In the County of



Warren, Alan Keith Drummonds did unlawfully and feloniously, knowingly, and intentionally possess a controlled substance, to-wit: Bromazolam, listed in Schedule I of the Drug Control Act. COUNT TWO: did unlawfully and feloniously, knowingly, and intentionally possess a controlled substance, to-wit: Clonazolam, listed in Schedule I of the Drug Control Act. Date of the offenses was on or about Octo-

Charles William Davis, II

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about June 26, 2022, in the County of Warren, Charles William Davis, II, 49, of the 200 block of West St., Winchester 22601, did unlawfully and feloniously possess burglarious tools, implement, or an outfit with the intent to utilize it to commit burglary, robbery, or larceny.

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Virginia Lt. Gov. Winsome Earle-Sears of Stephenson in Frederick County was a guest on HBO's Real Time with Bill Maher March 31, 2023. From left are Sears, *Tablet* magazine columnist and author James Kirchick, Maher and New Hampshire Gov. Chris Sununu.

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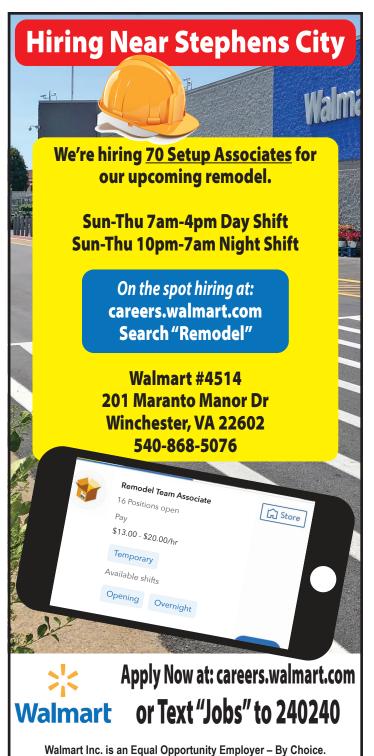
The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about November 20, 2022, in the County of Warren, Michael Frederick Pearson, 40, of the 900 block of Vista Ridge Ct., Front Royal, VA 22630, while over the age of eighteen, (18) did unlawfully and willfully contribute to, encourage or cause an act, omission, or condition that rendered a child delinquent, in need of services, in need of supervision, or abused or neglected.

Malik Absalom Peterson

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges Malik Absalom Peterson, age and address unknown, with four counts. COUNTS ONE through FOUR: In the County of Warren, Malik Absalom Peterson did unlawfully and feloniously conspire to distribute and did distribute a Schedule II controlled substance, to-wit: Cocaine, this being a second or subsequent offense, said prior conviction occurring prior to the date alleged in this indictment. Date of the offenses was on or about October 19,

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The Family Drive-In Theatre offers more than just a movie



Ron Graham, manager of the Family Drive-In Theatre at 5890 Valley Pike, serves patron Jeff Taylor, who was enjoying the movie with his four grandchildren in the car.

By Carol Ballard Warren/Frederick County Report

Ron Graham is dedicated to keeping the Family Drive-In Theatre at 5890 Valley Pike in operation as one of the country's dwindling number of places for an outdoor movie experience.

"There are 295 drive-ins left in the U.S. and only five in Virginia," he said in a recent on-site interview on April 3. "I think it's important to keep it, and important to keep it a family environment."

He maintains that their history shows that it's a whole experience that people value, not just about paying for food and the movie, but being able to socialize with others.

"Kids can play on playground equipment, and people can visit

with each other," he noted. "You don't just walk in, buy your popcorn and go watch the movie," he said with feeling.

To get the full measure of the socialization, he advises folks to come early at 6 p.m. before "The Big Man turns off the lights," he said with a laugh. Kids welcome the fun of playing with each other and enjoying the playground equipment.

He then explained that one reason drive-ins don't have a matinee is because it's typically too light to see what's on the screen.

He was enthusiastic about the upcoming Easter weekend, when there will be a new showing of The Super Mario Brothers Movie along with Puss In Boots 2 on Friday April 7th.

Admission starts at 6 p.m., and

joining Luigi, Mario and the Princess, the Easter Bunny will show up in costume.

They're pulling out all the stops with the menu as well.

"We will be making the full menu this weekend," Graham said. "And we have plans to give candyfilled plastic eggs to the first 150 kids who arrive. Six special eggs will contain a ticket for a larger toy prize like sidewalk chalk and kites.

"Whoever gets one of these should take it up to the concession stand to get the prize," he said.

He said they just opened this year on the second week of March, for weekends, a week earlier than the usual third one.

"It always depends on the weather, and we're usually about 50-75% full, also depending on the weath-



The theater's menu has a wide variety of snacks and treats for hungry patrons.

er. In summer there's nearly always full occupancy, especially because kids are out of school and the family movies bring people out for a fun experience," he said.

Most of their business happens in the summer, but for other cooler nights, there are fire pits and heaters just outside the concession stand. The place can hold up to 420 cars in the two lots with two screens.

On the second week of June, they

open full time until the second week of August for 60 nights, then weekends again until the first and second weekend of December.

This brings a whole new set of characters for the Holidays.

"Santa arrives after Thanksgiving, bringing a whole crew with him," Graham said. "He has done this for many years and arrives with the Grinch, Mrs. Claus, and Buddy the Elf."

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There's a mailbox for a Christmas wish list, too.

Graham said that they always decorate for Christmas, Halloween, and with flowers at Easter. The lilies and daffodils were already lined up in the windows of the concession room in pots last week.

Graham was accompanied by his partner Pam Moore, who said she provided support for Graham, keeping him organized. He explained that he does a lot of the work and donates some of the materials on his own without pay.

This is his thirteenth season with the theater, and his third as manager. He is carrying on the work that he did with the former owner Jim Kopp, when he was the supervisor.

"Jim Kopp loved drive-ins, but he died of Covid in January of 2021 due to some underlying health conditions he already had," Graham noted.

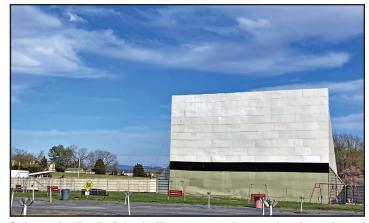


Easter flowers are patiently waiting in the lobby of the Family Drive-In Theatre, for the weekend's community events

He pointed out the special gazebo they built at the back of the lot in honor of Kopp's wife Megan who has also passed, and a commemorative bench honoring Jim Kopp

sits facing the screen in the front row of the theater.

When Jim Kopp was alive, Graham said they had Excellent reviews in 2016-2019 on Tripadviser,



Folks at the Family Drive-In Theatre are trying to raise the estimated \$80,000-\$100,000 to completely restore the screen at the 67-year-old

and Kopp showed Graham how profitable they had become, but then Covid hit and they had to close for two months, later opening with restrictions. He recalled how long the lines were for the restrooms.

"Only one person was allowed at a time and then the restroom had to be sanitized after each person went in," he said. "We paid someone \$8.00 an hour to sanitize all night long."

In the long history of the drivein, many events have been held there like wedding proposals, birthday and corporate parties, and family reunions.

"One time Valley Health rented the entire drive-in for an event," he

Another popular event is the annual Dusk to Dawn show that happens every Labor Day weekend.

"It has 4-5 movies in a recap of hits from the summer," he said. "It's

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The drive-in opened on June13, 1956, making it 67 years old now. Between 1956 and 1989, it was a single screen theater, then they built another screen, and now have two projectors. They still show the original intermission trailer with dancing types of snacks, like popcorn on tightrope doing a dance, hot dog jumping into a bun, which, Graham noted, was in one of the scenes from the movie "Grease."

Some features like FM "speakers" can be rented and they prefer cash instead of credit because the money can be used for improvements like umbrellas over the outdoor tables.

"Whether you know it or not, you are keeping us in business," Graham said. "The only way we can stay is with people contributing.

Also, concessions keep the Drive-In open, but with reasonable prices," he said.

They ask that you don't bring your own food, but if so, when you come in you are asked if you've brought any food. If the answer is yes, then the charge is \$15.00. If the answer is no, and during the show

when employees walk around to check if they see outside food, not having been paid for, patrons will be charged \$30.00.

He said that the movie Top Gun Maverick sold out, so to guarantee a spot it's better to pre-buy, but people can also pay cash at the gate.

Speaking of the many repairs to be made, he remembered when the ultimatum came down to "go digital or go dark" in October of 2013, from higher up, they were told they must pay 20% of the \$140,000 needed for repairs.

"We managed to raise the money by putting out empty popcorn buckets for donations," he said. "People were throwing money in them because they didn't want us to close."

He added, "The reason we're cheap is because we want you to have a good time."

As for why he continues, he said, "I love it, and we try to make it fun for everyone."

Graham also puts out a call for any business that would like to donate money, which would give them promotional value for having saved a local icon.

"All it would take is for someone to donate time and money to save the Drive-in," he said.

Their appeal says, "We are trying to raise the estimated \$80,000-\$100,000 to completely restore the screen here at our now 67-year-old drive-in theater. We raised a little over \$10,000 with our first event."

They also need a new roof, he

To donate to the fundraiser, go to www.thefamilydi.com

The Family Drive-In is located at 5890 Valley Pike one mile south of Stephens City. Adults - \$10.00,

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Saturday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 54. East wind around 8 mph. Saturday NightMostly cloudy, with a low around 33.

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Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 46.

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Ask Stewart

Hey Stewart,

What's going on in Front Royal on Arbor Day?

– Jude

Hey Jude!

You can see me at the Saturday, April 22nd - Arbor Day / Earth Day celebration in downtown Front Royal. I'll be easy to recognize because I will be the tallest squirrel in town that day! There will be 40 vendors and a petting zoo, and the Tree Stewards will have their booth open from 10am to 4pm. The Arbor Day Tree Planting of three River Birches will be at 1pm. You can learn more at the Tree Stewards website: TreesFrontRoyal.org

At 6pm that day is the Taste for Books event at Samuels Public Library, and the Tree Stewards will have a table celebrating H.G.Well's "The Time Machine". Contact the library for tickets and be sure to come and visit us!

The idea for Arbor Day originally came from Nebraska. If you were to visit Nebraska today, you'd be thor-

treeless plain. Among pioneers moving into the Nebraska Territory was J. Sterling Morton from Detroit, Michigan. Their new home in Nebraska was quickly planted with trees, shrubs and flowers. Mr. Morton was a journalist and became the editor of the state's first newspaper. He quickly spread his enthusiasm for trees to his readers.

His fellow pioneers also missed the trees from their home states. They quickly realized how important trees were as windbreaks, shade from the sun, for fuel and building materials. Mr. Morton encouraged individuals to plant trees, and he encouraged civic organizations and groups to do the

Arbor Day's beginning started with the first tree-planting holiday designated by the State Board of Agriculture to be April 10, 1872. Prizes were offered to counties and individuals and resulted in what was estimated to be more than ONE MILLION trees planted in Nebraska on the first Arbor Day. In 1885, Arbor Day was named a legal holiday in Nebraska and Morton's birthday, April 22nd, was chosen for the permanent observance date.

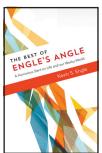
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by Kevin S. Engle

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There are lots of places in the world I want to see and spend time in.

A jail cell isn't one of them, and for many reasons.

To begin with, I'm kind of picky about what I eat.

I don't think you get lots of choices in the slammer.

I'm also not big on confined spaces. And finally, I like my privacy, par-

ticularly when I go to the bathroom. From what I've heard, you don't get

We got back a few weeks ago from a big trip Down Under.

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Something that surprised me were

the multi-person urinals in several public restrooms.

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I'm not a fan of multi-person uri-

Nothing against the chap who's standing next to me doing his thing, but I prefer a little more space between him and me.

In college, my alma mater's basketball stadium had these horse troughlike urinals. They were still there the last time we were on campus to see a

I hated those things.

I googled multi-person urinals the other day.

There's a company in California that makes these things.

Theirs are five, six and eight foot

I'm guessing the ones I saw Down Under were eight foot.

I was at Lowe's yesterday. In their restrooms, they have dividers between each of the one-person urinals.

I like that.

I asked my wife what she'd think about sitting shoulder-to-shoulder with a complete stranger, or even someone she knew, the next time she's in a public restroom.

Her level of enthusiasm wasn't all

I've never broken any laws, other than maybe exceeding the speed limit

On second thought, there was that time in college when a few buddies and me, ah, forget about that.

The next time I even consider driving a bit too fast, I hope I'll think about what it would be like to spend time in jail, and everything that goes with it.

No thanks.

The author now keeps a picture of an eight-foot-long stainless-steel trough urinal in his car. It acts as a deterrent.

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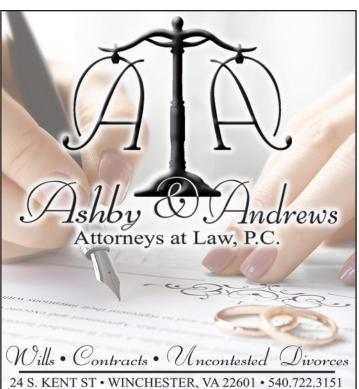
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Driver Todd Warren Collects Six Wins During Shenandoah Downs' Spring Season Opening Weekend

The first ever spring harness season at Shenandoah Downs kicked off Saturday on a warm but blustery afternoon as local Woodstock resident trainer Betsy Brown reached the winners circle in the initial race with Terry's Watching --- runner up in the 2022 Virginia Breeder's 2-Year-Old Colt/Gelding Trot Championship. Todd Warren drove the Charlie De Vie

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gelding in his first start this year for owner James Brown, locally based as

The Brown/Warren combo connected again later with Ellen's Wish, 2023 Virginia Breeder's 3-Year-Old Filly Trotting Champ, in wire-to-wire fashion. Co-owned by Brown and Morgan Marston, the Charlie De Vie mare crossed in 2:02.0 in her fifth lifetime score.

Warren, who started competing at Shenandoah in 2022, had six wins over the weekend including a natural hat trick on Sunday aboard Lomangino Standardbreds' Thaneeya and Make America Great, and with Raymond Burt's Sporty Dragon.

Warren, who has made 34,829 career starts with 5,266 wins, is part of a growing accomplished driver colony in Woodstock which includes David Ingraham (7,186 wins), John Wagner

(5,766 wins), Roger Hammer (4,421 wins), Fern Paquet Jr. (3,221 wins), Corey Braden (2,420 wins) and newcomer Nick Roland (2,178 wins). A regular and Shenandoah fan favorite since 2016, Tyler Shehan is closing in on his 1,000th driving victory. He had four over the weekend and with 987 now, is just 13 wins shy. 61-year-old driver Ingraham is 11 outings shy of career start number 53,000.

New York based trainer Mike Annunziata brought five horses to Woodstock over the weekend including \$1.6 million earner Doctor Butch. The 13-year-old Art Major horse, who finished fifth in Sunday's \$10,000 Open Handicap Pacing feature, headed to Charlottesville after the race where he will stand as part of the Virginia Harness Horse Association's lucrative new Sired Stakes program. Nick Roland's Alilthundadownunda did win the feature by a head over Archie Buford's Ideal Big Guy in 1:55 4/5.

Annunziata did end up winning races though with three of his other four horses --- Gotta Minute N, Lovin Miss Daisy N and Milady Denver A.

Trophies from the 2022 fall meet were presented to category winners during Sunday's card. Stacey McLenaghan, who received hardware as leading trainer, ushered in the '23 spring meet with three victories including one with Creekside Pete in the co-featured \$10,000 Open Handicap Trot. Fiance Corey Braden drove the 7-yearold Uncle Peter gelding to his 21st lifetime victory for owner David Jarvis.

Fern Paquet Jr. accepted leading driver honors for the third straight meet while owner Shantae Gant and trainer Mike Whitaker accepted Horse of the Meet honors for Theorem, who had four wins, a pair of seconds and a third at last fall's 8-week stand.

Shenandoah Downs continues its spring session thru May 14 with racing every Saturday and Sunday at 1 PM.

The track's simulcast signal, which is now being streamed in a high-definition format, is available to wager via TVG, Twinspires, Xpressbet and NYRAbets an at many other tracks and OTBs. Free Trackmaster past performance programs will be available at shenandoahdowns.com beginning this weekend.



A Taste for Books April 22

Samuels Public Library is hosting its 10th Anniversary A Taste For Books fundraiser on Saturday, April 22, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The event raises more than \$25,000 to support exceptional library programs and services for Warren County and Front Royal.

This year's theme, A Journey Through Time, will transform Samuels Public Library into other dimensions and "transport" participants to the past and future through ancient stones, time machines, space transporters and more as they celebrate their love of reading with their favorite time travel books.

The annual fundraiser attracts nearly 300 book lovers and library supporters including business leaders, parents, grandparents and community leaders who come together for a fantastical book-themed evening including eclectic food offerings from local organizations, costume wearing, socializing, an interactive game and a competitive silent auction.

"A Taste For Books is a fun-filled beloved community event that not only raises essential funds for library programs and services, but also connects community," said Michelle Ross, Director of Samuels Library. "We are so grateful to the many individuals, businesses and community organizations who have stepped up to support our annual fundraiser with significant sponsorships, fabulous silent auction donations, and creative table host commitments."

This year, guests attending A Taste For Books will receive a personal A Journey Through Time event photo provided by Hotshots Photography. "As a keepsake of our 10th anniversary A Taste For Books, all guests will have the opportunity to step inside the time travel photo booth, and go home with a photo from one of three time periods," said Melody Hotek, chairperson of the annual event. "This event is good for the library, and a great communityevent. We hope to see you at our 10th Anniversary A Taste For Books on April 22nd at 6:00 p.m."

Tickets are \$50 each. Buy four get one free! Get your A Taste For Books tickets now before they sell out. tickets.tasteforbooks.net For more information on A Taste For Books sponsors and some awesome silent auction items, visit tasteforbooks.net



Winchester Man Facing Multiple Charges after I-66 Pursuit

A Winchester, VA, man was behind bars after he fled law enforcement Monday, April 3. Virginia State Police have charged William C. K. Hockman, 19, in Fauquier County with one felony count of eluding law enforcement, one misdemeanor count of resisting arrest, and one misdemeanor count of reckless driving by speed.

State Police initiated a traffic stop

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The pursuit continued east on I-66 and entered Prince William County. reaching speeds of up to 130 mph. The Land Rover eventually came back into Fauquier County and then into Warren County. While on Route 55 an officer from The Town of Front Royal Police Department utilized a tire deflation device, which the Land Rover struck. The pursuit came to an end along the 130 block of 14th St. in the Town of Front Royal.

The driver, Hockman, was taken

into custody and transported to the Fauquier County Adult Detention Center, and held without bond.

During the course of the pursuit in Warren County, the Land Rover did strike a Fauguier County Sheriff deputy's patrol vehicle, but the deputy was

No civilians or officers were injured during the course of the pursuit.

Fatal Crash in Clarke County

Virginia State Police is investigating a fatal three-vehicle crash in Clarke County. The crash occurred Tuesday. March 28 at 9:41 p.m. along Route 7 (Harry Byrd Hwy) just east of Route 645 (Wrights Mill Road).

A 2005 Ford Mustang entered Route 7 traveling in the wrong direction and collided head-on with a westbound 2008 Saturn VUE and 2008 Audi A4.

The driver of the Ford, Tuan D. Dang, 66, of Berryville, VA, died at the scene of the crash. He was wearing a

A passenger in the Ford, Elaine N. Bird, 39, of Ashburn, VA, suffered lifethreatening injuries in the crash and was transported to Winchester Medical Center, where she later succumbed to her injuries. She was wearing a seat-

The driver of the Saturn, Meriam D. Trejo Santander, 23, of Winchester, VA, died at the scene of the crash. She was wearing a seatbelt.

A passenger in the Saturn, Jeiry J. Trejo Santander, 23, of Winchester, VA, suffered minor injuries in the crash and was transported to Winchester Medical Center for treatment. She was wearing a seatbelt.

The driver of the Audi, Anthony G. Williams, 51, of Bunker Hill, WV, suffered serious injuries in the crash and was transported to Winchester Medical Center for treatment. He was wearing a seatbelt.

The crash remains under investigation.

Fatal Crash in Rockingham County

Virginia State Police is investigating a fatal two-vehicle crash in Rockingham County. The crash occurred on Wednesday, March 22 at 4:50 p.m. along the 16000 block of Route 211 (New Market Road).

A 2010 Chevrolet Traverse was traveling west on Route 211 when it attempted a left turn into a private drive and collided with an eastbound 2010 Tovota Camry.

The driver of the Chevrolet, Jennifer L. Silvious, 47, of New Market, Va., suffered serious, but non-life-threatening injuries and was transported to Sentara RMH Medical Center for treatment. She was wearing a seatbelt.

The driver of the Toyota, Denice R. Grove, 72, of New Market, Va., suffered life-threatening injuries and was transported to UVA Medical Center for treatment. She was wearing a seatbelt.

A passenger in the Toyota, Melba E. Grove, 101, of New Market, Va., died at the scene of the crash. She was wearing a seatbelt.

A second passenger in the Toyota, Beatrice S. Antisdel, 69, of New Market, Va., suffered life-threatening injuries and was transported to UVA Medical Center, where she later succumbed to her injuries. She was wearing a seatbelt.

Silvious was charged with reckless driving.

The crash remains under investigation.



Page County bridge closure

Route 611 (Farmview Road) in Page 20 between Route 629 (Hollow Run

Road) and Route 631 (Hawksbill Avenue). Crews will replace the superstructure (beams, deck and railings) on a small bridge over Hollow Run.



The Winchester Hot Wheels Club meets Sunday April 16, 2023 from 1-3 pm in the War Memorial Building, Jim Barnett Park, 1001 E. Cork St. Winchester, VA 22601. Lord Fairfax room. Buy, sell, and trade diecast cars. Door prizes too! For more information: Dan Hammond at hwdan2@ earthlink.net



VMFA on the Road Artmobile Exhibition

The Friends of Samuels Library (FOSL) has partnered with the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts (VMFA) to bring VMFA on the Road: An Artmobile for the 21st Century to the Shenandoah Valley. This spring's featured exhibition is Revealing and Obscuring Identity: Portraits from the Permanent Collection. This exciting exhibition of paintings, photographs, and prints explores portraiture through diverse works by more than 10 artists from VMFA's permanent collection. VMFA on the Road will be parked at Samuels Public Library in Front Royal and open to the public May 12, 10 am - 5 pm & May 13, 10 am - 2 pm. Admission to VMFA on the Road is free. The Artmobile gallery can accommodate up to 20 people, masks are encouraged.

Samuels Public Library and FOSL have several events planned to coincide with VMFA on the Road's visit:

a virtual gallery talk with VMFA staff, a tiny art contest, a portrait exhibit by Randolph Macon Academy students, a talk by local photographer Tina Tolliver, a lecture from Museum of the Shenandoah Valley staff, a discussion with local artist Henry Wingate, and a demonstration from Carmine the Painting Dog!

"We are so excited to see the artmobile come to our community. It is an opportunity to explore the role of portrait art across cultures without hours of travel. Plus, who can resist a great lineup of programs, including a dog that paints?" says Sharon Fisher, FOSL Program Committee Chair.

For more details visit www. samuelslibrary.net



Investigation into threats of school violence leads to arrest

On Friday, March 24th, the Frederick County Sheriff's Office, at the request of Frederick County Public Schools, opened an investigation into threats made by a student at Millbrook High School to commit acts of violence on school grounds.

Administrators at Millbrook High School were made aware of statements made on social media indicating a student was intending to commit acts of violence involving the use of a firearm. School staff alerted the School Safety Division of FCSO and an investigation was immediately launched to address these allegations and ensure the continued safety of all those present inside the school.

The student in question, a 16-year-

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old male, was secured and interviewed, with a parent present, where it was determined, and later confirmed, that he did post several concerning messages to a social media platform. In these messages, the student alluded to his desire to cause some type of disturbance on school grounds and included the image of a weapon in one of those posts. Through subsequent questioning, it was discovered that the student had formulated a plan to carry out this violence at an undetermined date in the near future. At the conclusion of the interview, the student was taken into custody and charged under Virginia code 18.2-60.A.2: "Threats of Death or Bodily Injury to Persons on School Property", a Class 6 Felony, and is currently being held without bond.

As this investigation remains ongoing, Sheriff Millholland wishes to assure all Millbroook parents, students and staff, that there was no immediate danger to anyone at the school this past Friday. The suspect was in the custody of the School Safety Division and had no firearm in his possession at any point and time on the school grounds. This subject poses no threat at this time as well, as he remains secured in the detention facility.

Arrests made in two separate school-related investigations

The Frederick County Sheriff's Office has been investigating separate allegations of two Frederick County Public School employees having inappropriate contact with two students. One involving a Frederick County

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Middle School student, and the other being a student of Sherando High School.

School officials notified FCSO School Resource Officers about the situation at Frederick Co. Middle on March 13th and the second at Sherando High School on March 14th. The School Safety Division of the sheriff's office launched investigations into both complaints and have now made arrests because of interviews conducted and evidence collected in the two cases.

Emily Walker, a P.E. Teacher, and basketball coach at FCMS, has been arrested and charged with a felony of Taking Indecent Liberties with a Child. Walker was currently being booked into the Northwestern Regional Adult Detention Facility after having turned herself in voluntarily. It has been alleged that Walker had inappropriate contact with a 12-year-old student on more than one occasion. Evidence of hundreds of text messages exchanged between Walker and the student, over the course of several weeks, indicated an escalation in expectations of physical contact. The investigation revealed that the male victim, who has since turned 13, also met with Walker, on more than one occasion, on school property where the two are alleged to have kissed.

Matthew Geyer, a teacher's aide at Sherando High School, has been arrested and is currently being held without bond at the regional adult detention facility where he has been charged with Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor. Geyer has been alleged to have had a consensual sexual encounter with a 16-year-old male student after the two met through a social media app a few months ago. This investigation has confirmed that Geyer and the victim met off school property, at the victim's home, where sexual contact was made between the

At this phase of the investigation, and with initial charges placed, the Frederick County Sheriff's Office will not be releasing any further details pending upcoming court appearances and hearings.



One Shot Turkey Hunt and Youth Essay Contest

Citizens of the Commonwealth who would like to participate in a one-of-a-kind outdoors experience are encouraged to take part in the 7th Annual Old Dominion One Shot Turkey Hunt scheduled for April 21-22. The Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) and the Wildlife Foundation of Virginia (WFV) are coordinating this annual event, which provides the opportunity to hunt some of the most exclusive properties with experienced

uides. "The Old Dominion

"The Old Dominion One Shot Turkey Hunt is a wonderful event providing a first-class experience for hunters, guides and landowners, while benefiting wildlife and outdoor recreational opportunities across the Commonwealth," said Ryan Brown, Executive Director of DWR.

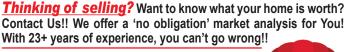
This annual, organized event brings together people from all over the country, not just throughout Virginia. Collectively, the partnering organizations are working together to promote the hunting heritage through increased access and youth programming. Proceeds from the 2023 Old Dominion One Shot Turkey Hunt will be used to promote hunting and outdoor wildlife opportunities across the Commonwealth and to support the DWR/ WFV Virginia Wildlife Grant Program. The Grant Program provides a funding source to non-profits, schools and government agencies with a focus on connecting youth to the outdoors. In

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2023, 110 grant applications were received by the Virginia Wildlife Grant Program; it will be a top priority to promote hunting heritage in Virginia. Results of the 2023 grant season will be announced in early April.

Young outdoor enthusiasts (aged 7-17) who are interested in participating are encouraged to enter an essay contest to be considered to hunt with an experienced mentor. There are five slots for those scholarships (more may be added with additional sponsorships). More than 25 youth submitted essays for the 6th Annual Old Dominion One Shot Turkey Hunt in 2022. The theme for this year's contest is "The Hunt: Describe your experience, how it made you feel and the impact on your future." Youth essay contest participants emerged as the winners of the 2018 and 2019 One Shot Hunts. Essay submission is open from March 15th - April 6th with the awards being announced April 12th. Information on how to submit an essay can be found at





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"The One Shot is an opportunity

for a broad cross section of Virginians to unite in their passion for hunting turkeys as well as for the outdoors itself. Those involved with the One Shot, whether they are participating as hunters, guides, landowners, or the supporting staff, come together in a unique manner to express their appreciation for Virginia's wildlife resources. In addition, the efforts of these conservationists are directly contributing to funding that will perpetuate the abundance of wildlife and the expansion of outdoor opportunities in the Commonwealth," said Jenny West, Executive Director of WFV.

For more information, event details, sponsorships, or how to attend the evening celebration at Bass Pro Shops, visit www.vaoneshot.com



Virginia Spirits Board establishes marketing office to promote Virginia spirits industry

The Hodges Partnership selected to develop and implement strategic marketing plan to enhance Virginia Spirits Board brand image and reputation

The Virginia Spirits Board (VSB) announced the establishment of the Virginia Spirits Board Marketing Office (VSBMO) March 14 to provide marketing, promotion and consulting services to the VSB. Richmond-based communications firm, The Hodges Partnership, has been contracted to develop the VSBMO and implement a fully integrated marketing and branding program for the Virginia spirits industry.

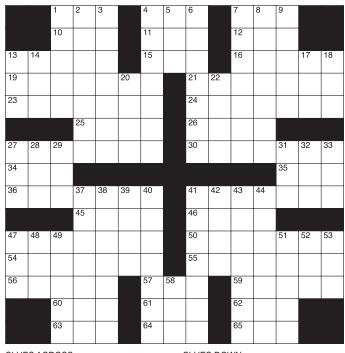
The VSB is a commodity board of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services which is an agency of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The VSB's first contract for services is with the Hodges Partnership. Funding for the VSBMO is established from appropriated funds based on liter taxes.

"As the Birthplace of American Spirits, the Commonwealth is home to family legacies, recipes and traditions that continue to shape the spirits industry here and across the world," said David Cuttino, Virginia Spirits Board chairman and CEO of Reservoir Distillery. "Today, Virginia distilleries represent an economic impact of more than \$163 million and support 1,500 full-time jobs as small businesses produce extraordinary spirits. The Virginia Spirits Board is excited and proud to work with an agency like The Hodges Partnership to promote the many talented distillers across the Common-

The Hodges Partnership will serve as the primary representative for conducting VSBMO business, and its office will be the central location for phone calls, postal mail, deliveries and meetings on behalf of the Virginia spirits industry.

"We're excited to continue the momentum created by the Virginia Spirits Association, Virginia Spirits Board, Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority and the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to raise awareness and drive sales for the Virginia spirits industry," said Jack Gorman, The Hodges Partnership account director. "Our team is honored to launch the Virginia Spirits Board Marketing Office in a way that

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Atomic mass unit
- 4. Criticize mightily
- 7. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 10. Stand in for
- 11. Everyone has one
- 12. Brew
- 13. Rectify
- 15. Popular Dodge truck model
- 16. Beef or chicken intestine
- 19. Satisfy
- 21. Of a particular people or localized
- 23. Movements in quick tempos
- 24. Able to pay one's debts
- 25. Fleshy bird beak covering
- 26. Dueling sword
- 27. Helps
- 30. Court is in it
- 34. Touch lightly 35. Airborne (abbr.)
- 36. Of one
- 41. Baked good
- 45. Jai ___, sport 46. About aviation
- 47. Low oval mound
- 50. Rugged mountain ranges
- 54. Compel to do something
- 55. A way to carve
- 56. Sao __, city in Brazil
- 57. Mustachioed actor Elliott 59. American Idol runner-up Clay
- 60. A way to soak
- 61. Car mechanics group
- 62. Born of
- 63. Time zone
- 64. Sea eagle
- 65. Even's opposite

- **CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Sharp mountain ridge
- 2. Thin, fibrous cartilages
- 3. Provides new details
- 4. Muscular weaknesses 5. Ottoman military title
- 6. Banes
- 7. Horse-riding seats
- 8 Arms of a shirt
- 9. Narrow path along a road edge
- 13. Viper
- 14. Disfigure
- 17. Variety of Chinese language
- 18. Portray in a show
- 20. Wrongful act
- 22. No (slang)
- 27. State of agitation
- Diego 29. One point east of due south
- 31. 007's creator
- 32. The NBA's Toppin
- 33. Midway between north and northeast
- 37. Examples
- 38. __ Gould, actor
- 39. The habitat of wild animals
- 40. Artful subtlety 41. Infielders
- 42. Keep under control
- 43. Herb
- 44 Distressed
- 47. A way to go down
- 48. Type of acid
- 49. Take by force
- 51. Collected fallen leaves
- 52. Shout of welcome or farewell
- 53. Monetary unit
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helps celebrate the best of Virginia's spirits."

In the coming months, the VSMBO will conduct extensive research to gain an in-depth knowledge of the Virginia spirits industry, starting with a series of "meet and greet" events at locations across the commonwealth. These sessions will be designed for distilleries

and stakeholders to meet the VSMBO team and discuss marketing opportunities and challenges. In tandem with these events, the VSBMO will field online surveys to collect distillery feedback and review best practices and innovative programs that can be applied to the spirits industry in Virginia.

To learn more about the VSB, visit www.virginiaspirits.org or visit the VS-BMO, co-located in the office space of The Hodges Partnership at 1805 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23223.

The Virginia legislature established the Virginia Spirits Board in 2020. The purpose of the Spirits Board is to allocate funds to projects that expand spirits distilling research, education, and promotion of the growing of grains and the production of spirits in the Commonwealth. The Virginia Spirits Board is one of 16 commodity boards

within the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.



Bowman Andros Products continues to invest in Mount Jackson operation

Governor Glenn Youngkin announced Mar. 30 that Bowman Andros Products, a global leader in fruit processing, frozen desserts, dairy, and confectionery products, will expand its Mt. Jackson operation in Shenandoah County. The company will build an additional production facility at 10119 Old Valley Pike adjacent to its existing plant and Bowman Andros will also expand with a new research and development center, enabling the company to continue diversifying its capabilities and product offerings.

"Bowman has provided high-quality jobs for the citizens of Shenandoah County for more than 80 years and we applaud its continued commitment to the Commonwealth with this expansion," said Governor Glenn Youngkin.

"The company's long-term growth reinforces the strength of Virginia's world-class workforce, reliable infrastructure, and sought-after quality of life, and we thank Bowman Andros for contributing to the Commonwealth's success in food and beverage processing."

"By expanding its production and research and development, Bowman Andros will be able to diversify its product capabilities for a 21st-century economy," said Secretary of Commerce and Trade Caren Merrick. "We are proud to have this innovative industry leader on the Commonwealth's corporate roster and look forward to the continuation of a fruitful partnership."

"Bowman Andros has always been committed to its employees and to the Valley. Andros shares the same values worldwide. When this major investment project was initiated, the company had several location options. However, we wanted to be loval to our great people and to the community by expanding here in Mount Jackson," said Sylvain Dronet, CEO, Bowman Andros. "We know this project will be successful with their qualities, work ethic, and core values. We also feel welcomed and greatly supported by the state of Virginia and the Virginia Economic Development Partnership. This is a key first milestone for a factory that will be a U.S. gold standard in our industry. We expect a lot of growth that should generate additional investments in manu-

Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting



The Easter Bunny and the vividly colored eggs and treats he leaves behind are one of the time-honored traditions of this spring holiday. However, many other customs also are enjoyed during Easter celebrations, including a holiday table resplendent with delicious foods.

After the main meal is cleared, family and guests can relish in any number of sweet offerings. From pastries to coconut-covered cakes cut in the shapes of bunnies, there's often no shortage of tasty options. Carrot cake is a traditional dessert to serve after Easter dinner. Since it has shredded carrots mixed into the batter, it may be challenging to keep the Easter Bunny away, especially after whipping up this recipe for "Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting" courtesy of the Food Network Kitchen

Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting *Serves 10*

Cooking spray

- 2 cups pecan halves
- 21/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 11/2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg Kosher salt
- 4 large eggs
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 3 cups finely grated carrots (about 1 pound carrots)
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract

Frosting:

- 1 pound cream cheese, cut into cubes, at room temperature
- 21/2 cups confectioners' sugar

- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract Kosher salt
- 1/4 cup heavy cream, cold
- 1. For the cake: Preheat the oven to 350 F. Line two 9-inch round cake pans with parchment and lightly coat with cooking spray.
- 2. Spread the pecans on a rimmed baking sheet and toast until light brown and fragrant, 7 minutes. Set aside 12 pecan halves to decorate the remaining pecans. Set aside 1 cup of the chopped pecans to use in the batter; reserve the rest for decorating the finished cake. 3. Whisk together the flour, baking powder, cinnamon, nutmeg, and 1 teaspoon salt in a medium bowl.
- 4. Whisk together the eggs and granulated sugar in a large bowl until smooth, about 1 minute. Whisk in the oil until well combined. Add the grated carrots, vanilla and 1 cup chopped pecans, and mix well. Add the dry ingredients, and stir until just combined. Divide the batter evenly between the prepared pans.
- 5. Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean and the cakes are nicely browned, about 30 minutes. Let cool on a cooling rack for 10 minutes. Loosen the edges with a spatula, turn the cakes out and let cool completely, right-side up, on the cooling rack, about 2 hours. Remove the parchment before frosting.
- 6. For the frosting: Beat the cream cheese and butter in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment, scraping down the side as necessary, until smooth, about 2 minutes. Add the confectioners' sugar, vanilla and 1/2 teaspoon salt; gradually increase the mixer speed to medium-high, and beat until the sugar is incorporated and the frosting is fluffy and smooth, about 3 minutes. With the mixer on medium-high, add the cream a few drops at a time until it's all incorporated. Continue beating for 1 more minute until the frosting is slightly lighter in color and creamy.
- 7. To assemble: Place one of the cake layers on a serving plate, and spread 1 cup of the frosting over the top. Top with the other layer, and use the remaining frosting to frost the top and sides of the cake. Arrange the 12 whole pecans on top of the cake like the numbers on a clock face, and sprinkle the remaining chopped pecans in between.

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"Bowman Andros Products has been a staple in Mount Jackson and Shenandoah County for over 80 years," said Shenandoah County Board of Supervisors member Steve Baker, 2nd District. "Throughout its history the company has grown to become one of our largest employers, and we are excited to see them continue to expand and invest in our community with this new venture that will expand its product offering."

"Thanks to Bowman Andros for working in partnership with the Commonwealth and Shenandoah County. we have a significant business expansion here in the Shenandoah Valley," said Senator Mark Obenshain. "I am excited about the opportunities that come with this expansion announcement. This economic growth is yet another example of the Valley being a great place to live, work, and do business.

"Bowman Andros Products, like its predecessor Bowman Apple Products, has been a mainstay and economic driver here locally in the Shenandoah Valley for generations, and continues to be an innovator and leader in its industry," said Delegate Todd Gilbert. "I am pleased that Bowman Andros Products will be expanding through this substantial investment in operations here in Shenandoah County."

Bowman Andros Products is the combination of two family-owned industry leaders, unified in providing unique, high-quality, fruit-based foods. Andros Foods North America, a subsidiary of France-based Andros Food Products, is a leader in fruit processing, frozen desserts, dairy, and confectionery. In 2011, Andros Foods North America acquired Bowman Apple Products, which has thrived in Shenandoah County since 1939. Bowman Andros Products is harvesting a cumulative 150+ years of fruit processing experience, along with production and packaging innovation, to bring its heritage of high-quality products to its global partnerships. Buddy Fruits[®] is made domestically in Virginia, and the company's imported brands are Bonne

Maman® and Andros® Chef.

The Virginia Economic Development Partnership worked with Shenandoah County to secure the project for Virginia. Former Governor Ralph Northam approved a performance-

based grant of \$400,000 from the Virginia Investment Performance Grant, an incentive that encourages continued capital investment by existing Virginia companies.

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