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Honey and Hops new brewery site on horizon

Brothers Ian, Isaac and Adam Rushing expanding business to county



Award winning Honey and Hops meads here are Midnight Sun, Back Trails and Summertime Sessions #1, 3, and 4.

By Carol Ballard
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"It's been a wild ride," says Ian Rushing, of plans to expand the Honey and Hops Brew Works company he and his brothers, Adam and Isaac own.

This year marks their four-year-anniversary in Front Royal, and they'll be hosting an event to celebrate on April 13 at 12 p.m. They say, "Save the date, for our 4-year anniversary weekend party! More info on Facebook as we get closer."

They've been selling their award-winning small batch mead and welcoming folks to socialize at their place at the popular 212 E. Main Street location since moving from the original site on 11th. St.

"We did well where we were," Ian said. "But there wasn't a lot of foot traffic."

With a loyal following, and a better location, the business has thrived.

The Main Street place has double the space of the original spot, twice as many tables and extended open hours. Folks gather there during the week and especially on weekends to taste and purchase a variety of their products, so they've gained quite a few fans locally and from far away.

But, "Starting a year ago, we knew we would need more room. "Those tanks need a lot of space and when the mead is put in bottles, they take even more. We didn't think about that," he



Head mead maker Adam Rushing attends a mead vat at Honey & Hops Brew Works.



Honey & Hops Brew Works is located at 212 E. Main Street in Front Royal. Photo courtesy Carol Ballard.

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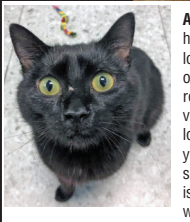
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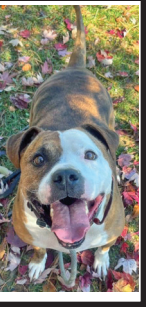
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continued.

They discussed buying the building they're in but decided to buy a 56-acre farm last September that has a 30' x 40' dirt floor barn already on it, with the goal to finish it and make a larger production and storage area than they have now.

Visions for the future in about five years out call for that place in the country to function as a tasting room and provide a venue for small weddings with an option to add a tent for bigger events as well.

This gives them room for expansion where they are now.

"And our goal is to still have our place on Main Street as long as we can," he emphasized.

Last summer found them doing the paperwork and talking to realtors to find the right spot for the future brewery and venue in a peaceful and beautiful area with the name Honey and Hops at Walnut Grove Farm already chosen.

Renovation and upgrading the barn is in progress with a well, electricity, insulation, and a concrete floor with drains replacing the dirt floor.

"We're about halfway done, and then comes the drywall," he said. "We'll start brewing this year with the goal going from spring into summer and will have vats out there then store the finished products at either location."

"This gives us the ability to start making more product focusing on wholesale and to produce more so we're not running out of our best sellers," he said. "People really like us and it's hard to keep all the meads in stock. This will alleviate the issue of people not finding their favorites when they come in."

The brothers are originally from Alaska, and since they came from a large family, their focus is to create a family-centered place where everyone can come in, sit, relax and enjoy mead. There's a friendly bee mural with life-size bee wings (to honor the honey makers) that came with them from their 11th Street site. The wings function as a background for folks who take free photos so they can pretend to be big bees.

The setting of chairs and coffee table makes a cozy spot in the back and kids are welcome to play board games and foosball in the front of the large room.

They have one full-time and two part-time employees right now, and the brothers share the duties, and all fill in where needed. Adam does most of the fermenting and brewing, Isaac oversees the day-to-day business of the tasting room and Adam takes care of marketing and a big variety of other details including organizing the recent

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Brothers Isaac, Adam and Ian Rushing of the Honey & Hops Brew Works say, "We come from a large family, in the largest state. No, not Texas. ;) Creativity, Family, Traditions, Faith. These are things that have helped shape who we are today. Photos courtesy of Ian Rushing.



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- **REGION II** – The counties of Clarke, Fauquier, and Stafford, and the portions of Warren County and Rappahannock County east of U.S. Route 522.
- **REGION III** – The counties of Albemarle, Greene, Madison, Rockingham, and the portion of Page County located south of U.S. Route 211.
- **REGION VIII** – The Counties of Hanover and Goochland.

Nomination Packets are now available. To obtain the candidate nomination packet, visit myrec.coop/boardmeetings, email directorelections@myrec.coop, or call 540-891-5889.

REC members who wish to become a candidate must reside in the region to which they wish to be elected, meet director qualifications, and complete the nomination process.

Director elections will take place on Aug. 7 at REC's Annual Meeting.

The nomination process must be completed no later than 5 p.m. on April 19. No nominations can be accepted at the Annual Meeting.

FRONT ROYAL, from 3

expansion to the country.

Their meads also go out to more places than Front Royal and have been selling to other places in the state. They can be found in Northern Virginia, Charlottesville, Richmond and Winchester and Roanoke on the I-81 corridor as well as in other small wine shops and Fauquier County restaurants, such as the Red Fox in Middleburg and Sedona Tap House in Chantilly.

The collaboration with places like the Eavesdrop Brewery in Manassas provides some welcome camaraderie with other folks in the industry.

"We enjoy going there making beer together, and their team coming out and making mead with us. We can have their name here and our name there. We can't legally have beer and they can have wine, but not make it," he explained.

When asked what brought them to Virginia, Ian said that he came to Northern Virginia 16 years ago from Alaska as a journalist to work at WJLA in the Arlington bureau, and often came out to Winchester and Front Royal for business.

He loved the area and always thought he would like to retire here. Subsequently, he met his wife Kari who grew up in Warren County where her grandfather owns a farm, and they live nearby. He said they spend a good life planting apple trees and raising their children, and commented, "We're very family-oriented."

The two brothers joined them here and since settling in the county, Ian's wife Kari now owns the Vault and Cellar in Middletown, and they are parents of a boy and a girl. His brother Isaac and wife Chelsea also have a girl and a boy and Adam and Rachel have two boys.

"It's fun taking the kids out to the farm while we continue to improve it," he added.

Also, the families like living in our area and have acclimated well to Virginia since they've been here.

"This is as close to Alaska scenery as anywhere, but the weather is better here," Ian said.

He added that one local feature in particular, was familiar.

"Where we lived in Alaska, there was a star on a hill. When I saw the one here, it reminded me of Alaska."

"I love it here and am just excited to keep going in this community," he concluded.

Their website on https://www.honeyandhopsbrewworks.com/ has much more information on the business with added ways to be a backer and donate to the business, find a list of the mead on offer and merchandise to buy. It's also a fun place to watch their autobiographical videos like "Storyteller Series: Scenic Drive" and some background of the story behind their traditional mead, Scenic Drive and Tree Things mead.

A description of mead is included.

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The Rushing brothers, Adam, Ian and Isaac from Alaska, gaze out over the Shenandoah River and celebrate with the mead they have created for their Honey and Hops Brew Works they've brought to the Shenandoah Valley.

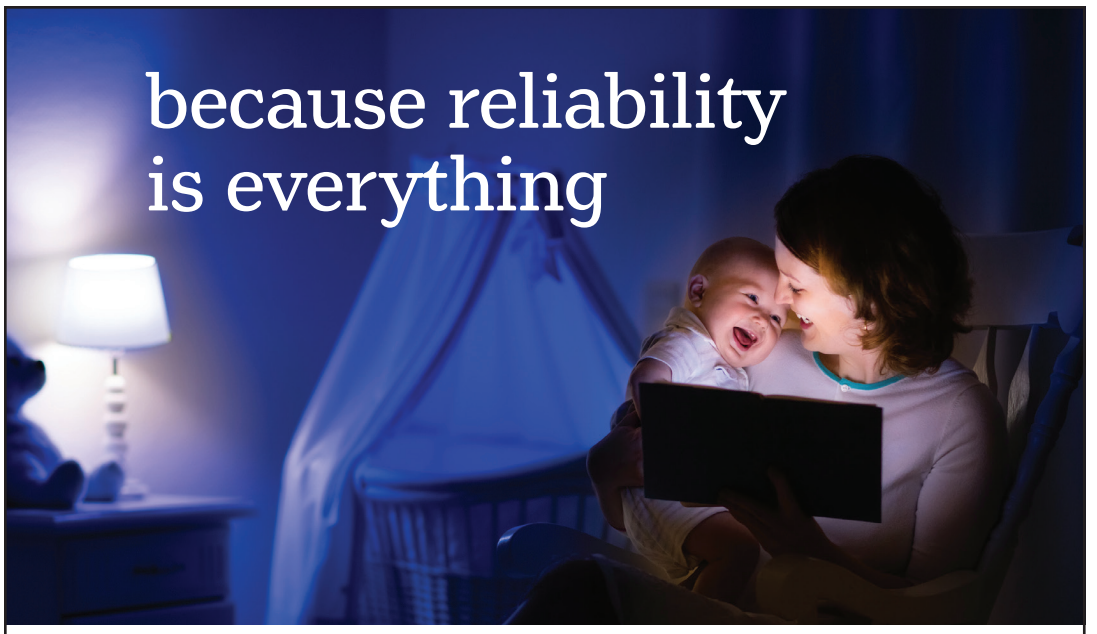
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Autumn Glen HOA waits for first purple martin arrivals from the Brazilian Amazon



A recently installed triple decker purple martin bird house stands tall adjacent to the largest Autumn Glen detention pond providing plenty of available water. Courtesy Nancy Gunderman.

By Mark Gunderman

A recently installed triple decker purple martin bird house stands tall adjacent to the largest Autumn Glen detention pond where water is plentiful. Courtesy Nancy Gunderman.

"We installed all ten bird houses on Saturday, March 16. A team of three HOA volunteers set them up in about four hours. It was a beautiful, sunny 67-degree afternoon," said HOA resident Jim Mitchell. Autumn Glen is located on Tasker Road in Stephens City.

Autumn Glen HOA now prepares to celebrate the first purple martin observance on the 52-acre community. The HOA completed their annual spring set up of two and three-level bird condominiums. Purple martins are social and prefer to nest in large colonies. Fifty purple martin nesting pairs are expected to arrive from their 4,500-mile migration north, after leaving the Amazon Valley of Brazil.

The journey from Brazil to Virginia for most martins that are part of our local breeding population tend to leave Brazil and travel through Colombia and Central America to the Yucatan Peninsula. From there they make a trans-gulf flight, and touch down in the United States between the Florida panhandle and eastern Texas. The majority arrive between Mobile, Alabama and New Orleans, Louisiana.

Martins prefer their nests in an open area with a minimum of fifty feet in diameter away from buildings, trees, and other bird houses. The houses are placed 15 to 20 feet above the ground. Martins also need a fresh water source near the nesting site. Scouts are the earliest arrivals each year. They are the oldest members of the population and head north to claim the best nesting locations. Look for scouts to arrive in northern Virginia in late March or early April.

The first Purple Martins of 2024 have been spotted in Virginia. The birds were seen on February 24 in South Boston, Virginia by a Purple Martin enthusiast who tracks and reports on the birds' annual migration on behalf of the Purple Martin Conservation Association. Martins move north as the weather warms and insect populations start to increase.

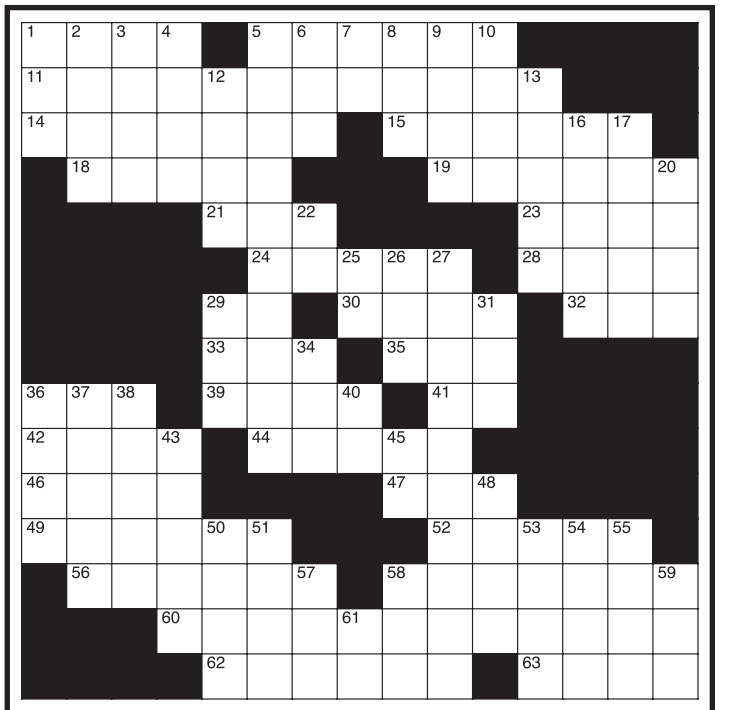
Most adults do not look for new breeding sites but will return to their site from the previous year. Yearling Martins will typically colonize new breeding sites. A pair of martins are monogamous and both help with building the nest using mud, grass, and twigs.

After arrival, martins locate their former houses, roost in trees, and socialize with their mates. Actual nest building in houses begins about four to six weeks after martins arrive at their final breeding site. Eggs usually hatch in June. The parents both feed the babies continuously for 26-32 days inside the nesting units until they fledge. The fifty nesting pairs of martins leave by mid-August, however young martins hang around until September, bulking up on insects and often making mental notes on where the housing is located for the return trip next spring.

Autum Glen, as landlords, provide critical shelter for the martins. In return, the HOA residents are blessed with a family-like bond with these beautiful and exciting birds who consistently return to the same colony each year.

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14. More satisfying
15. Other side
18. Philippine island
19. More unnatural
21. Mutual savings bank
23. Famed designer Chanel
24. Makes less wild
28. At some prior time
29. The cops who investigate the cops
30. Immune system response
32. Distress signal
33. Engine additive
35. "No Scrubs" trio
36. Very fast airplane
39. A reward (archaic)
41. Commercial
42. Spots where golfers start
44. Polite form of address (Indian)
46. French river
47. Reduce the light
49. Blood-sucking fly
52. A way to categorize
56. Procrastinates
58. Tall slender tower
60. Where researchers work
62. Office of the Pope
63. Office furnishing

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1. Possesses
2. American Board of Orthopedic Surgery
3. Ancient Syrian city
4. Clip
5. In a way, misleads
6. Human gene
7. The Golden State (abbr.)
8. Lizard genus
9. Parasites that invade the skin
10. Took apart
12. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
13. S. California town
16. Suffix plural
17. Painting technique
20. Small Eurasian deer
22. Mr. T character
25. Microsoft
26. Shock therapy
27. Able to be sold
29. A doctrine
31. These three follow A
34. Pulse
36. Quantitative fact
37. Doctor __: children's book author
38. Hebrew calendar month
40. Designated hitter
43. Norther Poland village
45. A passport is one form
48. Hand (Spanish)
50. Hit with the open hand
51. Actor Idris
53. Shakespeare's nickname "The __"
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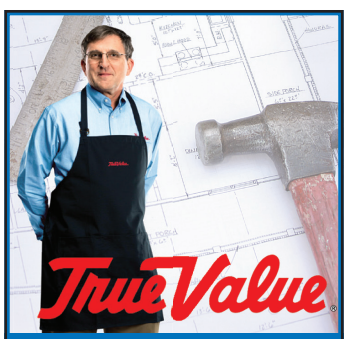
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Robin Marie Fisher

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Krista Diane Burgess

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about August 2, 2023, in the County of Warren, Krista Diane Burgess, 26, of the 100 block of W. 8th St., Front Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully and feloniously break and enter, in the nighttime, the dwelling of David Downes, with the intent to commit a felony or larceny therein.

Briana Desiree Nicole Weaver

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about December 1, 2023, in the County of Warren, Briana Desiree Nicole Weaver, 29, address unknown, did unlawfully and feloniously, knowingly and intentionally possess a controlled substance listed in Schedule I or Schedule II of the Drug Control Act.

Briana Desiree Nicole Weaver

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about January 4, 2024, in the County of Warren, Briana Desiree Nicole Weaver, 29, address unknown, did unlawfully and feloniously, knowingly and intentionally possess a controlled substance listed in Schedule I or Schedule II of the Drug Control Act.

Christopher John Dewitt

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about November 21, 2023, in the County of Warren, Christopher John Dewitt, 40, of the 9400 block of Kerwin Rd., Nth. Chesterfield, VA, did unlawfully and feloniously, knowingly

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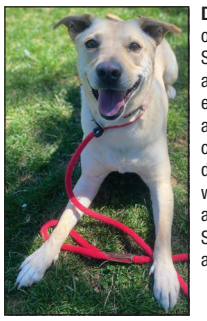
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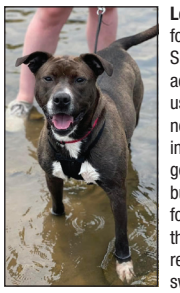
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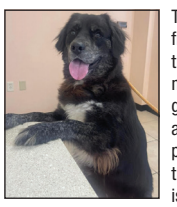
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and intentionally possess or transport a firearm after having been convicted of a felony more than ten (10) years ago.

Krista Diane Burgess

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about October 2, 2023, in the County of Warren, Krista Diane Burgess, 26, of the 100 block of W. 8th St., Front Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully and feloniously, knowingly and intentionally possess a controlled substance listed in Schedule I or Schedule II of the Drug Control Act.

Brian Lee Smith

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about February 17, 2023, in the County of Warren, Brian Lee Smith, 44, of the 400 block of Craig St., Stephens City, VA 22655, did unlawfully and feloniously obtain from Taylor Bauer an advance of money, merchandise, or other thing having a value of $1,000 or more, with fraudulent intent, upon a promise to perform construction, removal, repair or improvement of any building or structure permanently annexed to real property, and failed or refused to perform such promise, and also failed to substantially make good such advance.

Christopher Lee Ferguson

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about November 24, 2023, in the County of Warren, Christopher Lee Ferguson, 39, of the 100 block of Elsia Dr., Front Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully and feloniously commit an assault or an assault and battery against Olivia Meadows, knowing or having reason to know that such person was a law enforcement officer.

Christopher Lee Ferguson

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about November 24, 2023, in the County of Warren, Christopher Lee Ferguson, 39, of the 100 block of Elsia Dr., Front Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully and feloniously impede the blood circulation or respiration of Darian Powell without such person's consent by knowingly, intentionally, and unlawfully applying pressure to the neck of such person resulting in wounding or bodily injury.

Michael Jon Anderson

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about September 29, 2023, in the County of Warren, Michael Jon Anderson, 51, of the 100 block of W. 16th St., Front Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully and feloniously, knowingly and intentionally possess a controlled substance listed in Schedule 1 or Schedule II of the Drug Control Act.

Marquilis T'Daire Boyd

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about August 7, 2023, in the County of Warren, Marquilis T'Daire Boyd, 25, of the 3300 block of Lochway Ln., Charlotte, NC 28206, 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 so as to interfere with or endanger the operation of the law-enforcement vehicle or endanger a person.

Marquilis T'Daire Boyd

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about August 7, 2023, in the County of Warren, Marquilis T'Daire Boyd, 25, of the 3300 block of Lochway Ln., Charlotte, NC 28206, did unlawfully and feloniously while having been the driver of a vehicle involved in an accident in which a person was in-

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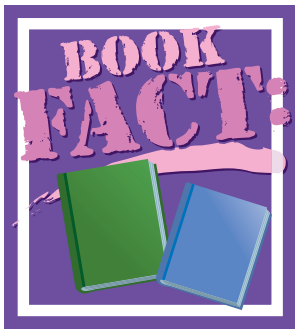
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- **1614:** NATIVE AMERICAN POCAHONTAS MARRIES ENGLISH COLONIST JOHN ROLFE.
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IT IS BELIEVED THAT THIS FORM OF LITERATURE CAME BEFORE LANGUAGE ITSELF, PROBABLY BECAUSE IT HAS CLOSE TIES TO MUSIC.

ANSWER: POETRY

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

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Answer: Rhyming words

New Word

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the rhythm of a piece of poetry

How they say that in...

ENGLISH: Verse

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Poetry Month

GET THE PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: HARDCOVER BOOKS

INDICTMENTS, from 7

jured 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 the driver or some other occupant of the vehicle collided with or to the custodian of the other damaged property. The accident resulted in damage to property valued at $1,000 or more.

Marquilis T'Daire Boyd

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about August 7, 2023, in the County of Warren, Marquilis T'Daire Boyd, 25, of the 3300 block of Lochway Ln., Charlotte, NC 28206, did unlawfully and feloniously commit an assault or an assault and battery against Trooper Stonebraker, knowing or having reason to know that such person was a law enforcement officer as defined in the Code of Virginia, engaged in the performance of his public duties.

Marquilis T'Daire Boyd

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about August 7, 2023, in the County of Warren, Marquilis T'Daire Boyd, 25, of the 3300 block of Lochway Ln., Charlotte, NC 28206, did unlawfully and feloniously by means of partial strangulation, suffocation, striking or beating, violence to the person, assault or otherwise putting in fear of serious bodily harm, or by the threat or presenting of firearms or other deadly weapon or instrumentality, seize or seize control of a motor vehicle, from Kahoga Luganywa with intent to temporarily or permanently deprive him of possession or control of the vehicle.

Marquilis T'Daire Boyd

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about August 7, 2023, in the County of Warren, Marquilis T'Daire Boyd, 25, of the 3300 block of Lochway Ln., Charlotte, NC 28206, did unlawfully and feloniously attempt, by means of partial strangulation, suffocation, striking or beating, violence to the person, assault or otherwise putting in fear of serious bodily harm, or by the threat or presenting of firearms or other deadly weapon or instrumentality, to seize or seize control of a motor vehicle, from Theresa Atherton with intent to temporarily or permanently deprive her of possession or control of the vehicle.

Lauren Ashley Close

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about June 3, 2022, in the County of Warren, Lauren Ashley Close, 32, of the 600 block of Blandford St., Rockville, MD 20850, did unlawfully and feloniously utter, or attempt to employ as true a false, forged or base coin, note or bill, knowing it to be false, forged or base.

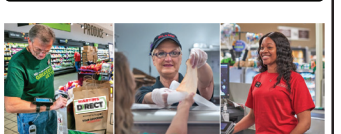
Lauren Ashley Close

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Amy Michelle Webb

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about February 15, 2023, in the County of Warren, Amy Michelle Webb, 33, of the 1000 block of Dismal Hollow Rd., Front Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully and feloniously, knowingly and intentionally possess a controlled substance listed in Schedule I or Schedule II of the Drug Control Act.

Antwainette Shanelle Washington

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about December 4, 2023, in the County of Warren, Antwainette Shanelle Washington, 36, of the 600 block of Manassas Ave., Front Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully and feloniously and maliciously wound or by any means cause bodily injury to A. W., with the intent to maim, disfigure, disable, or kill.

Dean Frederick Harting

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about the 18th day of September 2019, in the County of Warren, Dean Frederick Harting, age and address unknown, did unlawfully and feloniously sell, give or distribute or possess with the intent to sell, give or distribute 5 lbs. or more of Marijuana to another, in violation of the Code of Virginia.

Kayla Briane Williams

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about January 17, 2024, in the County of Warren, Kayla Briane Williams, 29, of the 800 block of 15th St., Front Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully and feloniously while being a parent of, guardian for, or person responsible for the care of 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.

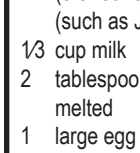
Kayla Briane Williams

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about January 17, 2024, in the County of Warren, Kayla Briane Williams, 29, of the 800 block of 15th St., Front Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully and feloniously drive or operate a motor vehicle while having a blood alcohol concentration of more than 0.20 percent per 210 liters of breath and while transporting a person seven years of age or younger.

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This recipe for "Chicken Tamale Pie" offers the flavors of tamales in a single-pan dish. Try it, courtesy of "30-Minute Meal Prep" (Sourcebooks) by Robin Miller.

Chicken Tamale Pie
Serves 4

1 (8.5 -ounce) box corn muffin mix (such as Jiffy)
1/3 cup milk
2 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
1 large egg
2 teaspoons taco seasoning
1/2 cup corn, canned, fresh or frozen (thawed if frozen)
2 cups shredded, cooked chicken
1 cup red enchilada sauce, divided
1 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese, or a blend of cheddar and Jack, or Mexican cheese blend
Fresh cilantro leaves (whole or chopped) for serving

1. Preheat the oven to 400 F. Coat a 9-inch pie plate or oven-safe skillet (such as cast iron) with cooking spray.
2. In a large bowl, whisk together the corn muffin mix, milk, butter, egg, and taco seasoning. Fold in the corn. Transfer the mixture to the prepared pan, and smooth the surface. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes, until a wooden toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean or with moist bits clinging to it.
3. Meanwhile, in a large skillet or saucepan, combine the chicken and 3/4 cup of the enchilada sauce. Set the pan over medium heat and warm the mixture through.
4. Using the end of a wooden spoon or spatula, poke holes all over the cornbread in the pan. Pour the remaining enchilada sauce into the holes. Top the cornbread with the chicken mixture. Top with the cheese.
5. Bake for 5 minutes, until the cheese melts.
6. Top with fresh cilantro, and serve.

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Grit and guts will get you what you deserve this week, Aries. You may have an opportunity to make a good deal of money, so give this plan careful consideration. Ask for advice if the need arises.
TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, there has been change in your life and you may want to blame the stars. Things will move out of your comfort zone and you will have to sharpen your ability to adapt.
GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, you may be questioning the relationships in your life at the time being, but don't worry too much. If you hit a rough patch, things will clear up in a few days.
CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
A big shift in your perception and attitude will bring new components to your life that you may not have anticipated. This week you'll certainly have a few eyes-wide-open moments.
LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
There will be no hiding out this week, Leo. You will soon learn that things will come your way at a rapid pace. Do your best to keep up, mighty Lion, as it's bound to be exciting.
VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, you might be willing to throw caution to the wind and get away on a moment's notice. There are affordable ways to do this if you are willing to do your homework.
LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, even though some drama may be swirling in your universe, you find it tolerable because it's coming at you in small portions. Just stay on the sidelines as much as possible.
SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, if boredom has set in, it's better to look to new experiences instead of doing something rash just for the thrill. See which classes you can take or find new restaurants to explore.
SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Self-care and healing are what you should focus on right now, Sagittarius. You may have been pushing your needs to the side lately and you need to make this a priority.
CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
You are not normally characterized as "impulsive," Capricorn. But you may surprise everyone this week. An opportunity to travel or another adventure could drop in your lap.
AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Try to create some tranquil spaces at home, Aquarius. You can use a haven, especially when a lot of stuff is thrown at you outside your home.
PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, you may be on a mission this week to get things done. Don't rush in your efforts to complete everything or you are bound to make mistakes that are not easily fixed.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

MARCH 31
Christopher Walken, Actor (81)
APRIL 1
Randy Orton, Wrestler (44)
APRIL 2
Pedro Pascal, Actor (49)
APRIL 3
Paris Jackson, Model (26)
APRIL 4
Robert Downey, Jr., Actor (59)
APRIL 5
Hayley Atwell, Actress (42)
APRIL 6
Peyton List, Actress (26)

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weather forecast

Friday, March 22, 2024: Mostly sunny, with a high near 54. Light and variable wind becoming south 5 to 10 mph in the morning. Winds could gust as high as 18 mph.

Friday Night: Rain, mainly after 11pm. Patchy fog after 1am. Low around 43. South wind around 6 mph becoming light and variable after midnight. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New precipitation amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.

Saturday: Rain, mainly before 2pm. High near 54. Northwest wind 5 to 13 mph, with gusts as high as 23 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90%. New precipitation amounts between a half and three quarters of an inch possible.

Saturday Night: A chance of rain before 8pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 31. North wind 15 to 18 mph, with gusts as high as 32 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 54.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 30.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 58.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 34.

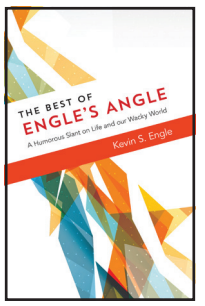
Tuesday: A chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 56. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Tuesday Night: A chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 41. Chance of precipitation is 50%.

Wednesday: Rain likely. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 58. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

Wednesday Night: Rain likely. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 42. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

Thursday: A chance of rain. Mostly sunny, with a high near 58. Chance of precipitation is 40%.



ENGLE'S ANGLE:
"A Memory I'd Like To Forget"

by Kevin S. Engle

Buried somewhere deep in my brain is a story that pops up every now and then for whatever reason. I remember the big picture, but the details have always been a bit fuzzy.

I'm just a little kid. Five years old. Maybe six or seven.

It's summertime and we just got home from a family outing, possibly an after-dinner trip to the Dairy Queen.

The next thing I know there's an ambulance in the driveway to take my mother to the hospital.

She'll be ok.

My dad went too, probably in our car.

What I remember next is my brother and me at the neighbor's house across the street.

They had three kids, a girl and two boys, all older than me.

I'm not sure if we stayed the night or just a few hours.

I can still picture us sitting around their family room.

But there's one particular detail that's always bugged me.

Haunted me is more like it.

How I was dressed.

I'm in my underwear!

Why I didn't have pants on is a mystery to this day, but it's how I remember it.

Talk about embarrassing.

I've been traumatized ever since.

I texted my brother about it the other day and asked if that's how he remembers the story. He's older than me and recalls stuff better than I do.

He didn't get back to me.

How about the neighbors?

I did some digging and tracked down the daughter, someone who I haven't seen or spoken to in fifty years.

She's eleven years older than me. If she was there, surely she'd know if I had pants on.

"Hey Kathy, it's Kevin Engle. We were neighbors a long time ago. How are you? Etc, etc. Do you remember that night …? Do you know if I was wearing pants?"

She doesn't think she was there. Maybe out with her boyfriend.

Dang!

I'm never gonna get to the bottom of this.

You've probably heard what you should do if you're nervous before speaking in front of an audience. You're supposed to imagine everyone is in their underwear.

Hmm.

I don't want to be in that audience.

The speaker might not be nervous anymore, but I'd be embarrassed.

For the rest of my life.

The author is in favor of wearing pants.

– kevinengle456@comcast.net

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Ask Stewart

Hey Stewart,

We are studying Greek Mythology in school this year. Are there myths related to trees?

– Dan in Skyline

Yes, woodlands and forests play a major role in Greek mythology, with trees bridging the gap between heaven and Earth.

One story is about Hera, queen of the goddesses, who, upon her marriage to Zeus, received from Gaia, the earth mother, some branches which had golden apples growing on them. Hera planted the branches in her gardens in the west, where they grew and produced magical, golden apples.

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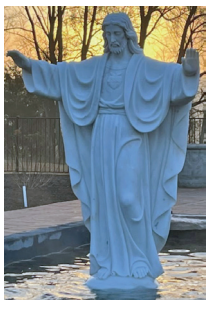
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Fri. Apr. 19, 2024 (7:30-11:30pm)
DJ & Karaoke at New Market, Va. Eagles*

Sat. Apr. 20, 2024 (7:30-10:30pm)
Karaoke at Woodstock, Va. Moose*

Sat. Apr. 27, 2024 (6-10pm)
Karaoke at Shenandoah Valley Axe Throwing Company ***OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:*** 20 South St. Front Royal, VA

Sat. May 11, 2024 (7:30-10:30pm)
Karaoke at Woodstock, Va. Moose*

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headed dragon named Ladon and were tended to by the Hesperides, the Daughters of Evening.

For the eleventh of his twelve labors, the hero, Hercules, had to steal some of these apples. Prometheus, (a Titan in Greek mythology, creator of mankind), had told Hercules, the only way to obtain the golden apples, was to persuade Atlas (A Titan condemned to hold up the sky for eternity) to bring him them. After terrible trials and tribulation, while trying to locate the Hesperides, Hercules finally arrived at his destination and encountered Atlas. Atlas hated holding up the sky and the earth, so when Hercules requested that Atlas bring him the apples, he was happy to give the weight of the world to Hercules to bear, while he went off to gather apples.

Returning to Hercules with the apples, Atlas informed Hercules, he'd had enough of holding up the sky, "you hold it for a while, and I'll take the apples to Eurystheus". Hercules had been afraid of something like this happening, he had a plan ready, and said to Atlas " Fair's fair old buddy, I'll give it a go but before you leave, will you just place this padding on my shoulders, the weight's killing them." As soon as Atlas placed the apples on the ground and took the world off Hercules shoulders, in order to put the padding in place, as quick as flash, Hercules grabbed the apples and ran off to give them to Eurystheus, leaving Atlas, once again, with the weight of the world on his shoulders.

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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 community. 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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Easter Egg Hunt

An Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, March 30th at 2pm at Bethel Life Church, 111 Totten Lane, Front Royal. Easter Egg Hunt for Children and Youth; Bake Sale; Family Photo Booth. All Are Welcome.



Warren Coalition Hosts Virtual Auditions for Youth Have Talent

The Warren Coalition proudly presents the 2024 Youth Have Talent Contest! Middle and High school students from Warren County are invited to participate in this annual competition for cash prizes. Singers, dancers, musicians, comedians (keep it clean!), jugglers—whatever talent you have, this is your time to shine!

The Coalition is now accepting virtual auditions now through April 1, 2024. Auditions (two minutes or less) may be submitted via the Warren Coalition website at https://warrencoalition.org/youth-have-talent-virtual-audition-form/. For additional rules and information, visit https://warrencoalition.org/event/yht-virtual-auditions-2024/.

Those selected from the auditions will go on to compete in a live show at 2 pm on Sunday, April 14th at Warren County High School, with cash prizes up for grabs! For more information, contact Gabriel Lee at gabriel@warrencoalition.org

STRASBURG VIRGINIA

Strasburg speed limit to be lower

VDOT conducted a speed limit study for the eastern corporate limits of the Town of Strasburg. We want to inform you of a change in the speed limit on portions of East King Street and Front Royal Road from Lemley Street, headed east just past Jackson Street. (Ace Hardware area to Nash's Garage). The speed limit will be reduced from 35 to 25 mph. The change will occur around the end of next week, Friday, March 29, 2024. VDOT will post new signs.

This adjustment is being made with the primary goal of enhancing safety for all road users. The new speed limit carefully considers various factors, including road conditions, traffic flow, and pedestrian and residential activity. "Based on the residential and light commercial nature of the roadside environment along the western portion

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of the study area and considering the proximity of the residences to the roadway, it is recommended to reduce a portion of the existing 35 mph speed limit to 25 mph."

If you have any questions, please contact Mellanie Shipe – at mshipe@strasburgva.com.



Virginia State Parks invites visitors to witness the solar eclipse on April 8, sells solar viewing glasses statewide

On April 8, the skies will offer a rare spectacle as a total solar eclipse crosses North America, the last solar eclipse visible from the contiguous United States until 2044. In celebration of this extraordinary event, Virginia State Parks invites visitors to witness this celestial wonder firsthand.

The solar eclipse, a natural phenomenon where the moon passes between the Earth and the sun, casting its shadow on Earth, promises a breathtaking experience for all who witness it. Virginia State Parks, renowned for their pristine natural settings and commitment to environmental education, provide an ideal backdrop for observing this awe-inspiring event.

With 42 state parks across Virginia, visitors will have ample opportunities to find the perfect spot to witness the eclipse. To enhance the viewing experience, Virginia State Parks will host educational programs led by knowledgeable park rangers.

Some parks are offering eclipse events as early as March 23, giving visitors the chance to learn how to be a safe observer, explore the science behind the eclipse and in some cases, make pinhole viewers. To learn more about the solar eclipse events being offered through April 8, go to dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/solar-eclipse.

What visitors will see during the solar eclipse depends on the weather and the park's location. Many parks, especially those in Southwest Virginia, are expected to experience more than 85 percent sun obscurity, with Wilderness Road experiencing 90 percent. For a breakdown by park of eclipse start, peak and end times and the percent of obscurity, click here.

Visitors are encouraged to plan ahead and arrive early, as parking and viewing areas may fill up quickly. To ensure guests can view the eclipse safely, parks will have a limited number of solar viewing glasses available for purchase. They cost $1 plus tax and will be located in parks' visitor centers and gift shops.

For more information about viewing locations and educational programs, go to dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/solar-eclipse



Warren County Rocks Scavenger Hunt

It is time for teams to rigorously train for—or at least register for—the second annual Warren County Rocks Scavenger Hunt being held on Sunday, April 28th! This fundraiser for the Warren Coalition sends teams scrambling to solve clues and hunting for five affirmation rocks, while completing hysterically fun challenges along the way to earn points towards the championship title for 2024!

This year, the Scavenger Hunt features two separate divisions: a Family Division, which will start at 1:00 pm, and an Adult Team Division, which will begin at 3:00 pm. A community showcase will be held from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm with refreshments. Hundreds of dollars in prizes will be given away, with awards for the teams that finish the fastest, the ones that score the highest on the challenges, and the overall championship title in each division as well!

The entry fee is $100 per team, with a maximum of four people per Adult Division team and five people per Family Division Team. Each team member will receive a T-shirt. Teams must register by April 4th, but will not need to pay right away. On April 5th, teams will receive a website link so they can fundraise online, if desired. While $100 is all that is needed to qualify for the Scavenger Hunt, teams are encouraged to continue raising funds. The team that raises the most money will receive a prize and earn additional points towards the overall championship title! Will Rockin' for the Weekend maintain their title for the second year, or will another team knock them off the championship boulder this year?

The location is being withheld until closer to the event.

To participate in the Scavenger Hunt, gather your team and register online at warrencoalition.org/wcrsh

Warren Coalition would like to thank Skyline Insurance Agency and Berry Media Group for being sponsors for this event, as well as our Annual Coalition Club Sponsors Aire Serv Heating & Cooling; Beth Medved Waller, Keller Williams Real Estate and WHAT MATTERS; and Warren County Parks & Recreation.

For more information, contact Celeste Brooks at celeste@warrencoalition.org

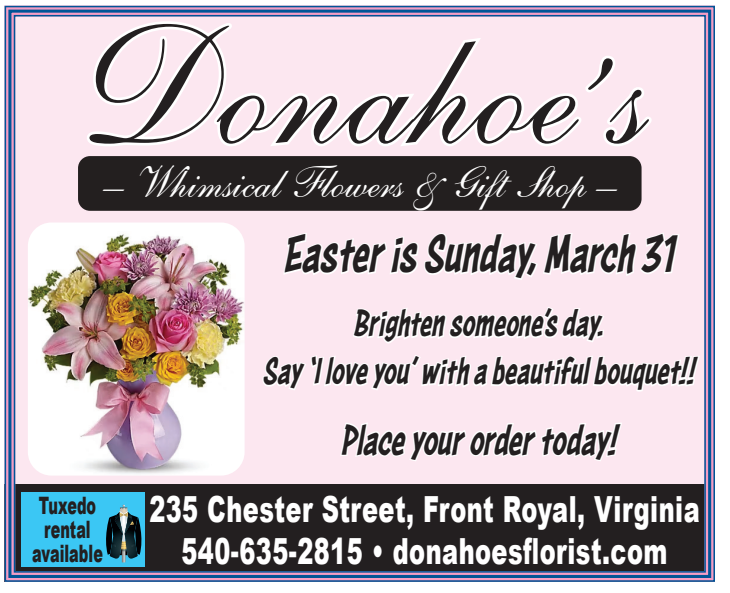
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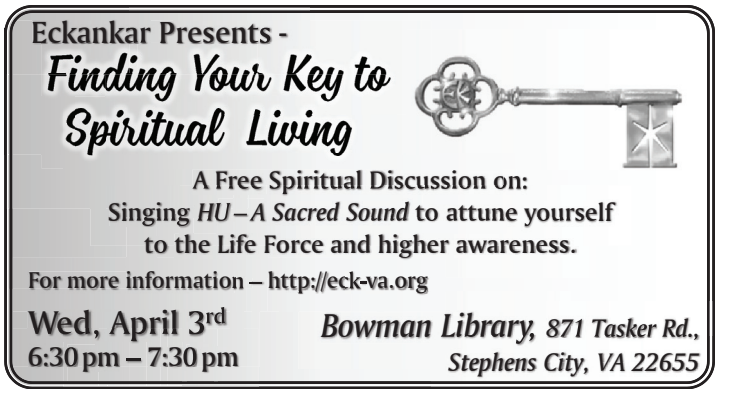
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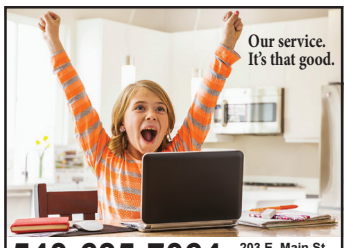
Mark your calendars for the First Annual Bluebell Festival at Shenandoah River State Park on Saturday, April 13, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. The event will include live music, food vendors, crafters, nature walks, and Ranger programs. Contact megan.goin@dcr.virginia.gov for more information about the event and to become a vendor.

Save the Date! The third Annual Earth Day Celebration is now Lone Pine Day and will be held on Sunday, April 21st. Front Royal's Advisory Committee for Environmental Sustainability (ACES) team is announcing the celebration happening in downtown Front Royal with a large, diverse representation of nature-oriented and conservation service providers, practitioners, researchers, and environmentally active groups, a petting zoo, kids activities, food trucks, plants for sale, tons of free give-aways, a wildlife education program by the Blue Ridge Wildlife Center, electric vehicle display, and an Arbor Day tree planting ceremony.

Warren County Public Schools is hosting a hiring event on April 23rd, 1-3 p.m. at Warren County High School for graduating seniors. Contact Jamison Will at (540) 635-7123 or jwill@wcps.k12.va.us to register your business.

Warren Coalition will host the second annual Warren County Rocks Scavenger Hunt being held on Sunday, April 28th. The fundraiser this year features two separate divisions: a Family Division, starting at 1:00 p.m., and an Adult Team Division, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Hundreds of dollars in prizes will be awarded. Register teams at https://warrencoalition.org/wcrsh.

Spring will be here before you know it and that means the 9th Annual Family Fun Day will be on May 11, 2024 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Beginning with a Louisiana style Parade, then fun activities, live entertainment and great fun for kids of all ages and vendors until 6 p.m. We bring a little Louisiana to Virginia and bring hope to our community! Don't delay, sign up today for sponsorship, vendors, and/or parade float or classic car entry. Go to Facebook at C & C Frozen Treats for more details.



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REC President and CEO, John D. Hewa, Honored with Prestigious Diversity Champion Award

Rappahannock Electric Cooperative's (REC) President and CEO, John D. Hewa, was recently recognized for making outstanding contributions to lead and promote diversity, equity and inclusion at the Cooperative.

Hewa was honored with the Curtis Wynn Diversity Champion Award by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), which also recognized Betty Jo Kiesow, vice president of engineering and administration at Dakota Electric Association in Farmington, Minn., as a co-recipient.

"I am humbled and honored to receive an NRECA award that bears Curtis Wynn's name," Hewa said. "For me, receiving this award is beyond motivating to uncover what more I can achieve with our fantastic team of employees, Board members, and caring culture at Rappahannock Electric. Each of us are remarkably similar and unique in the same moment."

Hewa led the development of REC's diversity, equity and inclusion plan, which focuses on leadership and strategy, employee education and awareness, and recruitment and retention. The plan has increased employee engagement, collaboration and a sense of belonging.

"While we can't possibly envision the great things to come, we at REC are thankful that our DEI plan makes way for the critical discussions, and has us pointed in the right direction," Hewa said.

He noted that REC's diversity, equity and inclusion plan supports not only the Cooperative's employees, but also its members.

"Thoughtful DEI leadership is about embracing both those similarities and differences and bringing the ideas and principles represented by our employee team forward in a considerate way that furthers our mission in serving the membership. I greatly appreciate NRECA's emphasis on diversity and inclusion as the fabric of organizational success."



William J. Wester

Chesterfield man charged

On Saturday, February 17, 2024, the investigative team at the Warren County Sheriff's Office launched a proactive undercover chat operation regarding the online solicitation of minors within the Warren County/Front Royal area. These investigative efforts are aimed at investigating and arresting those who engage in luring minors via the internet for lascivious intent. During the operation, an adult male contacted one of our investigators acting in an undercover capacity as a juvenile under the age of 15-years-old. During the chat exchange, the suspect requested photos and lewd content from whom he believed was a juvenile female. The suspect also transmitted obscene materials to the investigator in the guise of a minor. The initial interaction was unprovoked and was instigated by the accused in this case.

As the investigation unfolded, the team positively identified the perpetrator as William John Wester, a 25-year-old male from Chester, Virginia. On March 14, 2024, investigators travelled to Chesterfield County, VA and successfully apprehended Mr. Wester for the crimes listed below. Mr. Wester was taken into custody and transported to the Chesterfield County Jail in Chesterfield, VA without incident. Following his arrest, Mr. Wester appeared before a magistrate and was ordered to be held in custody on a $7,500 bond. The court date for the listed offenses has been set for April 4, 2024, at 09:00 a.m. in Warren County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.

Charged offenses: §18.2-374.3. Use of communications systems to facilitate certain offenses involving children. (x3 counts)

The Warren County Sheriff's Office is an active member of the Northern Virginia/DC Metro (NOVA/DC) Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, which is coordinated by the Virginia State Police. We request anyone with information regarding the solicitation or exploitation of any minor to contact Warren County Sheriff's Office. Anyone with further information regarding this case please contact Criminal Investigations Sergeant M.R. Ramey at (540) 635-7100 or via email at mramey@warrencountysheriff.org.

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the successful apprehension of this individual. These investigations would not be possible without the continued cohesive efforts of all our law enforcement partners throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.



Fatal Crash in Page County

Virginia State Police is investigating a single-vehicle fatal crash in Page County.

A Husqvarna TE610 dirt bike was traveling south on Kite Hollow Road near Balkamore Hill Road when it ran off the right side of the roadway. The rider was thrown from the dirt bike and collided with a large rock. The rider and dirt bike were not discovered until Saturday (March 16), by a passerby, who notified state police. At this stage of the investigation, it appears the crash occurred sometime between 8:30 p.m. Friday (March 15), and 7:00 a.m. Saturday (March 16).

The dirt bike rider, Douglas A. Burker, 29, of Stanley, Va., died at the scene of the crash as a result of his injuries. Burker was not wearing a helmet.

Speed is considered a factor in the crash.

The crash remains under investigation.

Plane Crash in Warren County

At 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, Virginia State Police responded to a report of a small, private aircraft making an emergency landing in a field on the 1400 block of Steed Lane in Warren County. The aircraft landed in a field and struck several trees. The pilot, Travis M. Berlin, 45, of Parma, MI., was the only occupant and was not injured. The FAA and NTSB were notified and the incident remains under investigation.

Wrong Way Crash in Shenandoah County

Virginia State Police is investigating a two-vehicle crash in Shenandoah County. The crash occurred Saturday (March 9), at 1:05 p.m. on Interstate 81 at the 298 mile marker.

A 2013 Honda Civic was traveling on I-81 in the wrong direction when it collided head-on with a northbound 2024 Honda CRV.

The driver of the Civic, Marlena Martinez, 30, of Sterling, Va., suffered serious injuries in the crash and was transported to Winchester Medical Center for treatment. She was wearing a seatbelt.

The driver of the CRV, Dennis W. Shipe, 54, of New Market, Va., and an adult passenger were uninjured in the crash. They both were wearing seatbelts.

Martinez was charged with driving under the influence and reckless driving. She was released on summonses at the hospital due to the extent of her injuries.

The crash remains under investigation.



Samuels Public Library Adult Programming: April, 2024

You can find and register for all library events on our website, www.samuelslibrary.net.

The Library will be closed on Saturday, April 27th for our annual fundraiser A Taste for Books. The doors will open at 6 PM for attendees. Tickets are available at the door.

One-Time Events:

Eclipse Watch Party - Monday, April 8th from 1:45 PM to 3:30 PM - In person. On April 8, 2024, a total solar eclipse will cross North America. This is the last time to see a solar eclipse for 20 years. Join us at the library to safely witness this rare total solar eclipse. Viewing glasses will be available. We will have solar eclipse-inspired goodies. During the event, we will have stones to paint with an image of the eclipse. The eclipse will begin at 2:02 PM with the maximum coverage at 3:18 PM – so plan to arrive by 1:45 PM to enjoy a snack, get your glasses, and be ready. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to get comfortable.

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brary is holding its 11th A Taste For Books fundraiser! This lively event is known as Warren County's best party of the year. It offers a one-of-a-kind opportunity to advertise your business or nonprofit, reach out to new audiences, and connect with friends and colleagues while giving back to the entire community by supporting the library. Each year has a theme, and this year, prepare for a full-out British Invasion as we magically transform Samuels Library into reflections of our royal neighbors across the pond. Come with us as we explore the rich literature, the cultural legends, and the unforgettable lyrical contributions of the United Kingdom. This evening event allows attendees to enjoy delicious food and drink, bid on brilliant silent auction items, and play games for a chance at prizes. Visit tasteforbooks.net for more information and tickets.

Sunset and Night Photography - Saturday, April 6th from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM - In person. This session will meet at Cullers Overlook in the Shenandoah River State Park. We will start by capturing the sunset and then discuss the preparation steps for taking photos at night. We need the weather to cooperate and then wait for the skies to light up with stars. Bring a snack and layers if the night is chilly. A wide angle lens, tripod, and shutter release cable is helpful. The newer generations of smart phones can be great for sunset and low light photography. Note: State Park parking fees rules apply for attending this program. The Library has a limited number of LVA state park bags with passes. Availability is not guaranteed.

Photography and Beyond: Bluebells and Wildflowers - Saturday, April 13th from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM - In person. Wildflowers, especially bluebells, abound and delight. We will meet at the Shenandoah River State Park visitor center to review tips for photographing flowers. Then we will explore the boardwalk trail near the Right Campground. Be prepared to encounter muddy areas! After our hands-on session, those who have additional time can help photograph and enjoy the Park's Bluebell Festival. There will be food trucks, live music, craft vendors, nature walks, ranger programs, and more! The Bluebell Festival is family friendly and perfect for all ages. You don't want to miss this! All types of cameras from smart phones to professional cameras and levels of photographers are welcomed. Note: State Park parking fees rules apply for attending this program. The Library has a limited number of LVA state park bags with passes. Availability is not guaranteed.

Fall Prevention Workshop - Thursday, April 18th from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM - In person. Join us for a workshop on Osteoporosis, Fall Prevention and Balance led by Dr. Sherisue Barber. Dr. Barber is a Physical Therapist and Regional Director of BenchMark Physical Therapy clinics in the area, and has over 30 years of clinical experience in orthopedics, geriatrics, women's health and chronic pain.

Ongoing Programs:

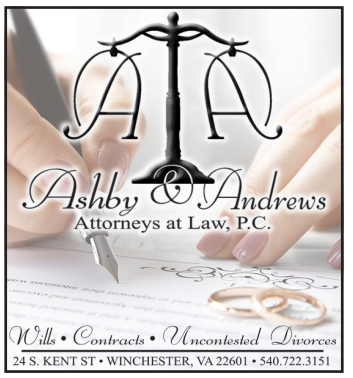
General Education Development (GED) - Every Tuesday & Thursday from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM - In person. Samuels Public Library is proud to host Laurel Ridge Community College's General Education Development course. This course is completely free. Let this course be the stepping stone to your success. More information on registration dates and deadlines can be found on the LRCC website https://laurelridge.edu/adult-education/.

What the Tech! - Every Tuesday from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM - In person. Need help with technology? Come by the library computer lab where we will be going over computers and other technology basics. Having trouble with your phone, tablet, laptop, or other device? Bring it in, and we'll help!

A.R.E. Inc. Free STI Testing - Wednesday, April 3rd from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM - First Wednesday of every quarter. In person. Did you know that 1 in 5 people in the USA have an STI? Winchester's AIDS Response Effort, Inc. (A.R.E.) will be at the library to provide free STI testing for the community. Testing includes: HIV, Hepatitis B & C, Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, and Syphilis.

Bad Romance - Wednesday, April 3rd from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM - First Wednesday of every month. In person. Do you consider yourself a hopeless romantic? Are bad romances a guilty pleasure of yours? Can't get enough puns? Can you quote every line from your favorite rom-com?

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Then you should join us for Bad Romance, where Samuels Public Library will have a themed discussion for the romance genre every month. Indulge us with your favorite romance books, movies, music or other media, and possibly discover a new treat in this awesome informal discussion! New members are always welcome!

Genealogy Club - Wednesday, April 10th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM - Second Wednesday of every month. In person. Interested in your family's history? Already done extensive research and want to be able to share your finds? Join our genealogy club where both novices and experts alike can come together and talk about different genealogy topics.

Books & Beyond - Thursday, April 11th from 6:00 PM to 7:45 PM - Second Thursday of every month. In person. Do you love books and sharing them as much as we do? Join us to delve into new worlds of conversation about new books at your community's public library! The theme this month is Diversity, read anything exploring different ethnicities, cultures, sexual orientations, social roles, etc.

Phoenix Project - Hope for New Beginnings - Tuesday, April 16th from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Third Tuesday of every month. In person. Serving all members of the Front Royal/Warren County community who have experienced or are currently experiencing domestic violence or sexual assault. Phoenix Project Advocates are available to provide crisis intervention, supportive counseling, safety planning, information, education, and more. Their services are free, confidential, and trauma-informed. Hope. Help. Healing.





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