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REC employees volunteer at Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center



Wednesday, April 24, was a sunny, blue-sky day in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Warren County. Intermixed with the sound of the breeze, birds chirping and the flowing water of Happy Creek were the sounds of hammers, sandpaper and the whirring of saws.

Through the day, employees from Rappahannock Electric Cooperative (REC) partnered with a group of employees from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association to tackle a variety of outdoor projects at the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center in Front Royal.

Projects included painting and staining facilities and benches, brush and walking trail clearing, spreading mulch, minor repairs and building a canoe and life jacket rack.

“Community partnerships like this are mutually beneficial for all involved,” said Katie Tennant, the 4-H Center’s Executive Director. “The value is immense. We have a very small staff and 229 acres to take care of. Taking on these projects on our own would probably have taken us months to years to accomplish but with the resources, donations, supplies and

manpower REC and NRECA brought we got all this done in one day. Many hands made this go spectacularly.”

The 4-H Center sees more than 1,000 school-age children come through its organization for camps and to use the facilities in the spring, summer and fall months. As a non-profit, they are fully reliant on the community to donate their time, energy and resources to provide educational, recreational and social opportunities for youth.

“This effort was all about giving back. There are a lot of co-op employees here who have either grown up going to the 4-H camp or have kids that attend 4-H camps, and to be able

to give back and put a shine on these facilities is really a wonderful thing,”

said Jeff Henry, a Director of Member Services and Community Relations at REC. “We care about our communities, so it’s really important that when there’s an opportunity to help, we jump in to do it.”

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A Year in the Life of a Newtown Heritage Festival President



By Mark Gunderman
Stephens City

In the fall of 2022, Gina McIntire replaced four-term festival president, Tootie Rinker and together they co-managed the 2023 Newtown Heritage Festival (NHF). McIntire is a Stephens City resident, property owner and independent business person who heads the event in 2024 and acknowledges the position requires scheduling monthly meetings year-round with volunteer committee members.

The committee is composed of about 12 people and the goals are simple; deliver a volunteer and donations driven, free, easy access, safe, and family friendly event. "After 32 years of success, Tootie Rinker has handed over a finely tuned machine and I just need to work with the committee leads to ensure the necessary adjustments are in place to produce another successful festival event," said McIntire.

However, due to increased Memorial Day weekend venue competition in Berryville, Front Royal, Strasburg, and Winchester, McIntire must push the festival committee to solicit the best crafts, food, beverages, music, and entertainment available. Today folks are seeking more variety regarding food, craft, and music options to support an increasingly diverse demographic allowing for a wide array of preferences.

After the Memorial Day festivities are

over, the committee meets in June to compare post event notes and reconvenes in August to document lessons learned, proposing changes that will generate tangible, repeatable improvements to the festival processes, and products. "Minutes are taken at every meeting, and during the fall Months, lessons that are found to have the efficiency and effectiveness to improve the festival are implemented by the committee," McIntire said.

Committee leads for main street parade, music and entertainment, food vendors, crafts, publicity and advertising, car show, selfie garden, chess tournament, Veteran's Day Observance, history tour and museums are identified and planning continues to move forward.

"In December a letter is distributed to our faithful sponsors thanking them for their invaluable monetary and in-kind support which makes this festival a reality. Many sponsors are long time town business partners that we often visit. The festival relies on relationships between committee members and community businesses to continue the decades long success of the best small-town festival in the Lower Shenandoah Valley," said McIntire. "Local businesses believe the festival is an ideal venue to promote Stephens City's identity as a village with a pioneering spirit and prolific history."

Applications, permit, and license forms for food and craft vendors, and parade participants are updated and proofed in January and made available to participating parties by March. Radio and print advertising decisions are made in February and communications begin in March to meet April deadlines. The Grandville Pottery commemoratives are ordered and delivered by April. Contracts for fireworks, music groups, portable restrooms, and dumpsters are signed and delivered in April and May. Health and fire department officials, and Stephens City Police are kept apprised of festival plans and schedules.

Police Chief Bill Copp coordinates the manpower to manage traffic control and safety. Stephens City Town Manager Mike Majher oversees town employees who interface with the fireworks vendor, set up

pavilion tents, mark parking areas, apply appropriate signage, and manage restrooms, trash collection and disposal. The town also carries insurance that covers the festival and has a line item in their budget to assist in funding incidental costs.

McIntire says, "We tend to be one big committee with members wearing many hats. During the month of May, the committee meets weekly with Mayor Mike Diaz and Mike Majher to review and ensure all 'To Do List' items are on schedule. It is a mutually cooperative effort between Mayor Diaz, Town of Stephens City, and the volunteer community."

The committee is always seeking new volunteers. "We meet on the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in the town office on Locust Street. We are adapting to website and social media technology. There is a continuous need for volunteers who are passionate about keeping social media sites active and current," McIntire concluded.

The festival will kick off Friday May 24, with live music at the Newtown Commons stage at 6 p.m. and finish dramatically Saturday, May 25 at dusk with scintillating fireworks, sponsored by the Hollis Family Foundation. The fireworks display can be viewed from the Newtown Commons. For more information, call the Town office at 540-869-3087.

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Historic Middletown Cabin Church Restoration complete

The April 21 celebration was attended by an overflowing crowd, visiting ministers and deacons



In 2022, the front of the historic Log Cabin Church in Middletown, estimated to be the oldest building in the town, built between 1816 and 1819, showed the considerable wear it sustained over the years.



Gaps in the ceiling two years ago were repaired and the sanctuary is filled with exuberant young people who will benefit from future uses and events in the Log Cabin Church in Middletown. The youth of the congregation circled the church and carried flags inside the completed church, then happily posed for a historic photo. Pastor Morton noted that they are the future and told them that "This is what happens when God helps..there were many congregations before, but he used this one."



Middletown Heritage Society member Ellen Gant and Vice President Joan Roach, proudly stand outside the restored church. Middletown Heritage Society donated to the funding of the restoration.

By Carol Ballard
Warren/ Frederick County Report

Middletown residents Ellen Gant, Jackie Curry and Karen Cain had the dream in 2009 of seeing the historic Log Cabin Church at Senseney and Third Street, believed to be the oldest building in Middletown re-

stored, and on Sunday, April 21, a celebration took place revealing that their dream had been realized.

Mount Olive Baptist Church next door was full and overflowing with people who had come to commemorate the renewal, including close to 10 guest Ministers and Deacons from area churches who had been

invited to the service.

Reverend Raymond H. Morton Jr., called Pastor Morton by most, was a major force in the success of the project, but he pointed to a higher power as the source of its completion.

Bold words on the front of the pamphlet he had created a pamphlet outlining the goals and realization of the project say, "God Did It" (Restored What Was Lost).

On Sunday, the Mount Olive sanctuary was the setting of a two-hour church service that included speakers who talked about the process of the restoration, special songs from individuals, music from the Glory Praise Team and the Walker

Family and a sermon by Mt. Olive Pastor Reverend Morton's daughter and Guest Preacher Ginger Ray Morton Medley, from the Fulford United Methodist Church in N. Mi-

ami Beach, Florida.

Her sermon was in keeping with the restoration, and she said, "God wanted to restore what was old, to do a new thing in an old place. And God is doing a new thing in an old place."

A background history of the church shows that it was built between 1816 and 1819 of hand-hewn logs, and chinked with a type of mud, and estimated to have seated about 20-25 people when filled and to have originally used a place of worship by a "white" people up to and during the Civil War. In 1853, the congregation had outgrown it and built another church. The church sat empty during the Civil War, and during the Civil War the church was used and abused by both Northern and Southern soldiers camping out or tending to the wounded. Middletown was occupied several times by both Union and Confederate Armies, depending on who had most recently won the

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After two years of extensive renovation, the Log Cabin Church on Third and Senseney in Middletown, shown here with folks who came to celebrate its renewal, is an example of a dream come true.

battle.

They removed the flooring, furniture, and all pews but one were burned, possibly to keep them warm. They inflicted more damage and in subsequent years the building was broken into at times.

After the war, the church leaders tried to get help for the church and sent a bill to the U.S. Senate for damages and full compensation, declaring the damages to be \$300.

In 1904, the trustees sent another letter to Congress asking for \$600 for repairs. They got a letter back saying it wasn't worth that much, and promised to send them \$300, but research done since then has not uncovered any record of it having been paid.

The church members moved on and between 1870 and 1964, had 25 preachers. In 1872, it was conveyed by the owner to the "colored congregation" to be used as their church.

The church was declared unsafe in 1985 by the then current minister Pastor Ball, saying it was too damp and ladies of the congregation didn't like worshipping in the room with a dirt floor. That's when the church across the street was built. Ellen Gant, who had attended the church as a child, when it was called Mount Zion Methodist Church, said that both of her grandmothers and Helen Lee Fletcher from the Middle-

town Heritage Society had all been members.

"It was used for anniversaries, homecomings and gatherings and we kids played games like horse-shoes outside," said Gant.

When, in 2009, its fate appeared to be doomed to demolition by the pastor of a neighboring church for more parking space, this was halted by the three concerned women, Ellen Gant, Helen Fletcher and Karen Cain.

They fought to preserve it, but Ellen recently said, "There were some unfortunate incidents."

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CHURCH, from 5

So the restoration they wanted didn't happen then, but she said they didn't stop working toward their goal.

Referring to the newest effort, she said. "I'm glad to see that Pastor Morton took over the job of restoring this church. I grew up here and

it has my childhood memories."

Reverend Morton said when the congregation was asked to help him with what the fate of the church would be, they decided to restore and remodel it with upgrades for Christian Ministry uses of the Mount Olive Baptist Church next door, as well as its "addition to the fabric of historical Middletown."

The interior and exterior of the small church have undergone a major transformation with new flooring, roof repair, electricity, heat, AC and more, now ready for use by the congregation voted for.

Pastor Morton said it will have multiple uses, not only housing the church office, but also for Bible Study, Christian education, special mentoring, baptismal services, Biblical reenactments, a live nativity setting and a place for the MOBC office and Pastor's study, and room for small weddings.

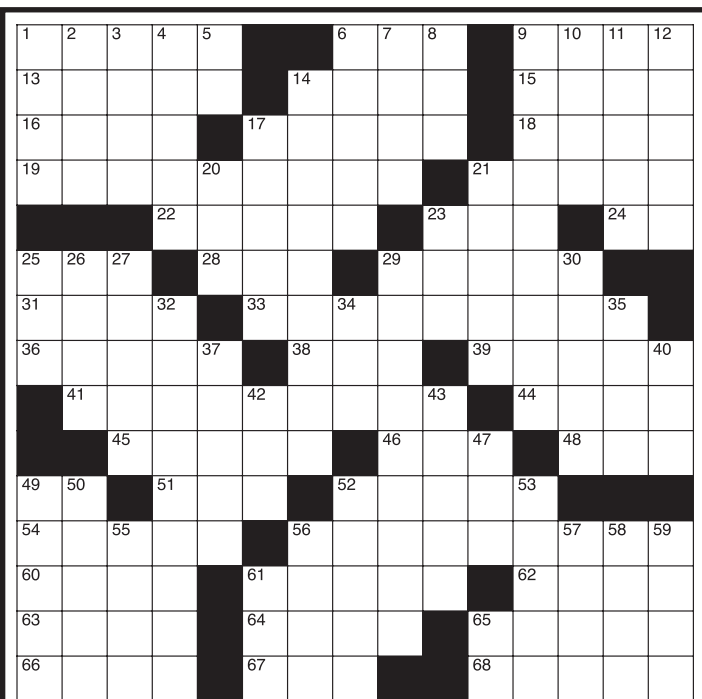
On Sunday, he concluded, "Thank You to all who supported and worked toward this reconstruction, "Words cannot express how much your support has meant to us. Your generous donations, your labor and your prayers have all helped us to reach our goal...and thank you for coming out and joining in with us in this joyous celebration. May God richly bless you and keep you."

Also, there was the announcement that they didn't have to take out a loan to restore the church, having been gifted with donations from all over the country as well

as donated labor and contributions from theirs and other local congregations.

The ceremony ended with a Rededication prayer led by the Reverend Raymond H. Morton Jr. and a request. When he stood in the circle of people holding hands, he said, "We ask that it stand another 3-400 years."

Supporter Jeff Taylor, who with Ellen Gant, had worked tirelessly for four years to restore the Baltimore-



CLUES ACROSS

1. It wakes you up
6. A place to sleep
9. Czech village
13. Appetizer
14. African country
15. Dark brown or black
16. Parent-teacher groups
17. Saturdays
18. ESPN personality Kimes
19. Songs to a lover
21. Cavalry-sword
22. Begat
23. Patriotic women
24. Famed Princess
25. One who does not conform
28. Neither
29. Nigerian monetary unit
31. Body parts
33. Hit Dave Matthews Band song
36. Depicts with pencil
38. Make into leather without tannin
39. Plants grow from them
41. Alias
44. Fingers do it
45. More dried-up
46. Clod
48. Senior officer
49. A way to listen to music
51. The bill in a restaurant
52. Historic center of Artois region
54. Cyprinid fishes
56. Poisonous perennial plant
60. Scottish Loch
61. Heads
62. Extra seed-covering
63. Wings
64. Britpop band
65. Forearm bones
66. Small immature herring
67. Female sibling
68. Hymn

CLUES DOWN

1. Vipers
2. Not on time
3. Resembling a wing or wings
4. Tears down
5. Professional designation
6. Noise a sheep made
7. Type of lodge
8. Speak poorly of
9. Ties the knot again
10. Apron
11. Studied intensively
12. City in Finland
14. One who monitors
17. 18-year astronomical period
20. Trent Reznor's band
21. Takes to the sea
23. Split pulses
25. Valentine's Day color
26. Wyatt ___
27. Type of rail
29. One from the Big Apple
30. Asteroids
32. Made more sugary
34. Change in skin pigment
35. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
37. Koran chapters
40. A place to relax
42. Young woman ready for society life
43. Female horses
47. Half of Milli Vanilli
49. Icelandic poems
50. Indiana town
52. Golden peas
53. Closes tightly
55. It's mined in mountains
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Before Pastor Morton of the Mount Olive Baptist Church next door, led the circle of well-wishers and supporters in a prayer and blessing, he spoke about those who had been involved in its restoration for years. Next to him, Ellen Gant, in white, told the story that she, Jackie Curry and Karen Cain had to restore it.

Henrico Cemetery on Reliance Road in Warren County, was present at the ceremony and contributed

his opinion. "Never give up your Faith-there's a purpose," he said. "If a door closes,

open a window. I was brought in this direction to this. Tell the Devil to go to Hell. God did it, yes, but God gave Pastor Morton the spirit to do this restoration of the church."

Others who donated locally are: Middletown Heritage Society; Doug Cornwell; Shaffers BBQ; iDeal Furniture and Mattress; Mr. and Mrs. Newlin, former owners of Sand and Gravel; Rocky and Tammy Taylor

who also donated money and labor for the Henrico-Baltimore Cemetery Project; Rockingham Cooperative ACE Hardware in Strasburg; Ashby Spiker of Chemstone who donated gravel and mulch; Donna Llewellyn, owner of the Middletown 7-11 and Jeff Taylor who donated plants and expertise for landscaping around the church.

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, it's challenging for you and a romantic partner to get together this week and that may lead to stress. Over time you will be able to reconnect and get things back in sync.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, normally you are very open, but all of your communication channels seem to be blocked of late. Don't be too hard on yourself as things will return to normal soon enough.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, if a family member has been in a bad mood or is feeling unwell, it is up to you to get to the root of the situation. Provide whatever assistance you can.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, you may feel like you don't want to get involved if a friend or colleague is in trouble. But this person can really use your help at the moment and you should step up.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Don't let your career get sidetracked by gossip and office politics. Leo. You should stand up for yourself if others are speaking poorly about you. Avoid getting involved in gossip.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, what seems to be bad news about your financial situation may not be as bad as it once appeared. Double-check the details before you become panicked.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, you may be inclined to protect loved ones from the truth this week, but they need to hear all of the details in this instance. Break any news to them gently.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, you are a workaholic by nature, but when fatigue hits you this week, you'll need to step back and give yourself time to rest. There's a lot coming your way soon enough.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

A person who is no longer in your life may be on your mind a lot these days, Sagittarius. Cherish the fond memories you have of this person and don't worry about being preoccupied.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, misinformation may be spreading around you and it can be tempting to add your own input to the discussions. Make sure your contributions can be backed up.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

You are finally putting some of your longstanding plans in motion, Aquarius. However, this week you may receive some information that might delay progress.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Someone may try to mislead you with some inaccurate information this week, Pisces. Conduct your own research and you'll get all of the details you need for to draw your own conclusion.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

- MAY 5
Adele, Singer (36)
- MAY 6
George Clooney, Actor (63)
- MAY 7
Jake Bongiovi, Actor (22)
- MAY 8
Melissa Gilbert, Actress (60)
- MAY 9
Billy Joel, Singer (75)
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Bono, Singer (64)
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- TOSSED

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

weather forecast

Friday, May 3, 2024: A chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 5pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 84. Northeast wind 5 to 8 mph becoming east in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Friday Night: A chance of showers and thunderstorms, then showers likely after 2am. Patchy fog after 5am. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 55. East wind 5 to 8 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New rainfall amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

Saturday: Showers likely, with thunderstorms also possible after 5pm. Patchy fog before 8am. Otherwise, cloudy, with a high near 67. East wind around 6 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%. New rainfall amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

Saturday Night: Showers and possibly a thunderstorm. Low around 58. Southeast wind 6 to 8 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90%.

Sunday: Showers, with thunderstorms also possible after 2pm. High near 76. Chance of precipitation is 80%.

Sunday Night: A chance of showers and thunderstorms before 2am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 60. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Monday: Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm, mainly after 2pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 81. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

Monday Night: Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm before 8pm, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms between 8pm and 2am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 62. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

Tuesday: Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm, mainly after 2pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 83. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

Tuesday Night: Showers and thunderstorms likely. Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

Wednesday: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 88. Chance of precipitation is 50%.

Wednesday Night: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 65. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

Thursday: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a

high near 86. Chance of precipitation is 50%.



Ask Stewart

Hi Stewart,

I was told that my White Oak Tree has Jumping Oak Gall. Should I be worried?

— Brian

Wherever oak trees grow, they are hosts to a group of tiny insects called gall makers. These insects cause abnormal growths or deformities, known as galls, of all manner of sizes, shapes

and colors on leaves, twigs, bark, buds, flowers, acorns and even roots of the tree.

Jumping oak galls are tiny, seed-like galls that form on the undersides of white oak leaves. They are caused by the tiny gall wasp, *Neuroterus*, at or near saltatorius (Hymenoptera: Cynipidae). The galls cause the upper surface of the leaf to lighten in color and form a kind of blister that is often ringed with a yellow halo. Severe infestations will cause the leaf tips to turn brown. Heavily damaged leaves may curl and fall from the tree and

the entire crown of the tree may be affected.

Each gall contains a single wasp larva that feeds on the inner lining of the gall. The galls drop to the ground when they have matured. The activity of the larva inside the gall makes the gall jump around on the ground after they have fallen from the tree. The insect overwinters inside the gall. In the spring, the females emerge and lay their eggs in newly opened leaf buds. The galls form in response to chemicals in the larva's saliva.

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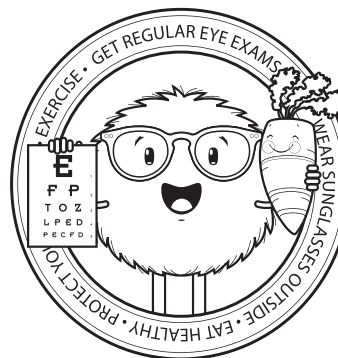
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ANSWER: CONTACT LENS CONTAINER

of its own distinctive gall that is unlike the galls formed by other species. Galls are so common on oaks that many people regard them as typical structures of the tree. Many gall makers have complicated lifecycles with a phenomenon known as heterogamy or alternation of generations. The offspring of these gall makers produce galls that are quite different than their parents, but that are identical to the galls produced by their grandparents. The alternating generations often produce galls on different parts of the oak tree. And, more amazingly, the alternating generations of wasps often differ in body structure to the extent that they appear to be two different species.

Oak leaf galls do not cause serious injury to the tree and the Michigan State University Extension does not recommend attempting to control leaf gall makers with insecticides. Oak trees and gall makers have been getting along together for thousands of years. Insecticides should only be employed when the health of the tree is threatened.

Your Pal in the Trees,

— Stewart

The Front Royal/Warren County Tree Steward program began in 1997 with volunteers dedicated to improving the health of trees by providing educational programs, tree planting and care demonstrations, and tree maintenance throughout the 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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Although sliders are most often associated with hamburgers, modern recipes utilize different types of fillings between the buns. Because they're small, sliders also are great for sampling different flavors, with two or more sliders being paired together on a dish. Those who want to try something different with their sliders can opt for "Rosemary Pork Sliders with Horseradish Aioli" from "Cooking Light: Dinner's Ready" (Oxmoor House) from the Cooking Light Kitchens.

Pork Sliders with Horseradish Aioli Makes 24

- 1 11/2-pound boneless pork loin
- roast, trimmed
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- Cooking spray
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup fat-free, lower-sodium chicken broth
- 1/2 cup vertically sliced shallots (2 large)
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh rosemary
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 3/4 cup canola mayonnaise
- 2 teaspoons prepared horseradish
- 24 wheat slider buns, split and toasted
- 2 cups arugula

1. Sprinkle pork with pepper. Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add pork; cook 3 minutes on each side or until browned. Transfer pork to a 3-quart slow cooker coated with cooking spray. Add 1 cup water and next four ingredients to slow cooker. Cover and cook on low for 8 hours or until tender.
2. Remove pork from slow cooker; place in a bowl. Shred pork with 2 forks. Pour cooking liquid through a sieve into a bowl, reserving shallots and garlic. Add 3/4 cup of strained cooking liquid, shallots and garlic to pork; toss well. Discard remaining cooking liquid.
3. Combine mayonnaise and horseradish in a small bowl. Spoon about 2 tablespoons pork mixture on bottom half of each bun. Top evenly with arugula. Spread 1/2 teaspoons mayonnaise mixture on cut side of each bun top. Cover sliders with bun tops.

— wfcreport.com



INDICTMENTS

April 2024 Indictments

Zachary Fadely

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about April 02, 2022, in the County of Warren, Zachary Fadely, 31, of the 24900 block of Old Valley Pike, Maurertown, VA 22644, did accidentally kill and murder Ralph Ennis, during the commission of a felonious act.

Tyler Poe

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about April 02, 2022, in the County of Warren, Tyler Poe, 27, of the 200 block of Skyline Vista Dr., Front Royal,

VA 22630, did accidentally kill and murder Ralph Ennis, during the commission of a felonious act.

Demica Shawnta Natt

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about October 11, 2023, in the County of Warren, Demica Shawnta Natt, 41, of the 200 block of Cloud St., Front Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully and feloniously take, drive or use a motor vehicle, having a value of \$1,000 or more and belonging to Linda L. Caison, without the consent of the owner, and in her absence, and with the intent to temporarily deprive the owner of possession thereof.

Darryl Reese

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about January 30, 2024, in the County of Warren, Darryl Reese, 64, of the 6600 block of Winchester Rd., Front Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully and feloniously commit an assault or an assault and battery against Officer S. G., knowing or having reason to know that such person was a law enforcement officer engaged in the performance of his public duties.

Cristan Melvin Blow

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about October 4, 2023, in the County

of Warren, Cristan Melvin Blow, 45, of the 11500 block of John Marshall Hwy., Markham, VA 22643, did unlawfully and feloniously, knowingly and intentionally possess a controlled substance listed in Schedule I or Schedule II of the Drug Control Act.

Jeffrey Darl Coffey

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about March 11, 2023, in the County of Warren, Jeffrey Darl Coffey, 28, of the 100 block of Waterfall Rd., Chester Gap, VA 22623, did unlawfully and feloniously take, drive or use a motor vehicle, having a value of \$1,000 or more and belonging to Ronnie Henry, without the consent of the owner, and in his absence, and with the intent to temporarily deprive the owner of possession thereof.

Elijah Arron Overton

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about September 14, 2023, in the County of Warren, Elijah Arron Overton, 28, of the 100 block of Diamond Rd., Tioga, West Virginia, 26691, did unlawfully and feloniously, knowingly and intentionally possess a controlled substance listed in Schedule I or Schedule II of the Drug Control Act.

Amanda Dawn Thompson

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

about August 30, 2023, in the County of Warren, Amanda Dawn Thompson, 30, of the 400 block of Youngs Dr., 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.

Faith Anne Marie Horton

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about September 18, 2023, in the County of Warren, Faith Anne Marie Horton, 27, of the 800 block of Morgan Ford 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.

Richard Allen Ralls

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about October 31, 2023, in the County of Warren, Richard Allen Ralls, 42, of the 600 block of S. Royal Ave., Front Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully and feloniously commit an assault or an assault and battery against M.H., knowing or having reason to know that such person was a law enforcement officer engaged in the performance of his public duties.

Jonathan James O'Donnell

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about June 6, 2023, in the County of Warren, Jonathan James O'Donnell, age and address unavailable, did unlawfully and feloniously steal a motor vehicle having a value of \$1,000 or more, belonging to James Smithlin.

Avante Tyshawn Cooper

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about October 24, 2023, in the County of Warren, Avante Tyshawn Cooper, 20, of the 300 block of Kendrick Ln., 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.

Avante Tyshawn Cooper

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about October 22, 2023, in the County of Warren, Avante Tyshawn Cooper, 20, of the 300 block of Kendrick Ln., Front Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully and feloniously break and enter, in the nighttime, the dwelling house of Carolyn Bolton with the intent to commit a felony or larceny therein.

Bradley Wayne Hart

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about January 10, 2024, in the County of Warren, Bradley Wayne Hart, 53, of the 9100 block of Winchester Ave., Bunker Hill, WV 25413, 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 disre-

gard of such signal so as to interfere with or endanger the operation of the law-enforcement vehicle or endanger a person.

Kevin Antonio Guevara Lopez

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about December 10, 2023, in the County of Warren, Kevin Antonio Guevara Lopez, age and address unavailable, did unlawfully and feloniously as a result of driving while intoxicated in a manner so gross, wanton and culpable as to show a reckless disregard for human life, unintentionally cause the serious bodily injury of another person.

Theresa Ainslie Marquez

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about March 9, 2024, in the County of Warren, Theresa Ainslie Marquez, 69, of the 400 block of Pence 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.

Gilbert Marcus Smith

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about December 8, 2023, in the County of Warren, Gilbert Marcus Smith, 62, of the 200 block of Cloud 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.

Demica Shawnta Natt
The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about August 27, 2022, in the County of Warren, Demica Shawnta Natt, 41, of the 200 block of Cloud St., Front Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully and feloniously distribute a controlled substance listed in Schedule I or II of the Drug Control Act, having previously been convicted of a like offense on one or more occasions.

Demica Shawnta Natt

On or about August 27, 2022, in the County of Warren, Demica Shawnta Natt, 41, of the 200 block of Cloud St., Front Royal, VA 22630, while a prisoner in a local community correctional facility or in the custody of an employee thereof, did feloniously, unlawfully and intentionally secrete or have in her possession a chemical compound which she has not lawfully received.

Richard Allen Ralls

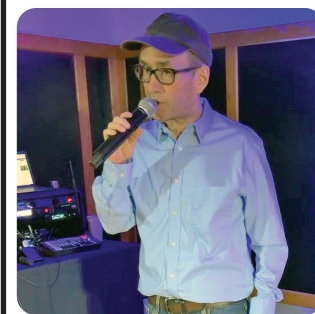
The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or

about October 31, 2023, in the County of Warren, Richard Allen Ralls, 42, of the 600 block of S. Royal Ave., Front Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully and feloniously assault and batter Constance Putnam, 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.

Jamie Scott Neale

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about January 5, 2024, in the County of Warren, Jamie Scott Neale, 43, address unavailable, did unlawfully and feloniously commit assault and battery upon a person protected by a Family Abuse Protective Order

A Grand Jury Indictment is only a charge and not evidence of guilt. The defendants are entitled to a fair trial with the burden on the government to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.
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Sat. May 11, 2024 (7:30-10:30pm)
Karaoke at Woodstock, Va. Moose*

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There will be live music all day. Raised on Analog, playing hits from

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During the break between bands,

there will be a demonstration of border collies herding sheep, a hint of the excitement to come when Belle Grove hosts the U.S. Border Collie Handler Association's National Sheepdog Finals this September 30-October 6.

Food will be available from Daily Buzz Café, Fork'd by Apple House, 3 Fires Wood Fired Pizza, and Boy Scout Troop 117. There will be an expanded number of craft and merchandise

vendors at the event, just in time for Mother's Day shopping. The complete list is at bellegrove.org/calendar/beer_festival. The Belle Grove Museum Shop will also be open all day.

There will be slot car racing and racing simulators by Rolling Miniature Speedway, face painting, fairy hair, a selfie booth, and cornhole boards ready for a pick-up game.

Festival gates will open at 11 am and

tastings will be offered 11-5:30 p.m. Advanced tasting tickets are on sale at www.bellegrove.org until Friday, May 10 at 5:00 p.m. (there are no fees for buying online). Tickets may also be purchased at the Belle Grove Museum Shop (open Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday 1-5 p.m.).

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beer tastings. Additional tastings will be on sale for \$3 each after 2 p.m. Designated drivers or guests under 21 may buy general admission tickets for \$15, which includes two complimentary non-alcoholic beverages from the Designated Drivers Tent. Admission includes access to all performances, vendors, and tours of Belle Grove's 1797 Manor House.

Visitors are welcome to bring chairs and blankets, but pets and large backpacks and totes are not allowed. No food or beverages may be brought onto the festival grounds. Photo identification is required for anyone who wishes to do beer tastings. Attendees under 18 years of age must be accom-

panied by a parent or guardian. This is a rain or shine event.

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"Of Ale and History" takes its name from "mine host was full of ale and history" a line in a 17th century satirical poem by Richard Corbet, the Bishop of Oxford and Norwich, England. Belle Grove Plantation, which was founded in 1783, originally grew wheat, barley, oats, and other grains used in beer. Today Belle Grove is a non-profit, historic house museum on 283 acres that is still farmed today

and has panoramic Shenandoah Valley views. Belle Grove is a National Trust for Historic Preservation site and a partner in the Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park.

Belle Grove Plantation is located off Route 11 at 336 Belle Grove Road south of Middletown, Virginia (exit 302 on I-81). The latest information on the "Of Ale and History" Beer Festival may be found at www.bellegrove.org or www.facebook.com/BelleGrove.



Christian Book/Movie Club continues as successful ministry

It all began in the summer of 2023 when Stephens City UMC pastor Bertina Westley challenged the congregation to identify new formats of communication that could motivate folks to attend church regularly. Kathie Czerwinski

was moved to suggest a book/movie club.

Social life can be busy for church leaders and there are usually just short conversations happening on a Sunday morning after services. But we often crave a deeper dialogue and relationship with friends and acquaintances and that takes time and investment. Using a book as a structure to discuss our spiritual journey and faith translates to an easier approach to engage in profound conversations. The book/movie club provides a framework and venue for discussions to occur that might not otherwise happen.

The Book/Movie Club continues throughout 2024 at Stephens City UMC and has become a resounding success. The club led by Kathie Czerwinski promotes some good discussion, comparing the two different types of media. The plan is to discuss Christian books turned into movies and participants can either read the book, watch the movie, or do both. Although not all will enjoy the stories the club is reading or viewing, and that is understandable, it is OK to disagree. The idea is to respectfully share each other's point of view and ac-

cept the ones which we do not agree.

Czerwinski asks questions regarding the book/movie plot, what we enjoyed, what we did not enjoy, what surprised us, etc. How is the book's author's description of God different from your concept of God? What parts of the description did you like or not like? Did the book change any of your opinions about God or Christianity?

Stephens City UMC Daycare Board Chair, Debbie Jones, attends the Saturday club meetings and has enjoyed the books and discussions. "We average six to twelve people each month. There are two ladies from the local community in the book club that have now started coming to our the 11:00 am service," said Jones.

Everyone is welcome, you do not have to be a church member to attend. This gathering is all about revisiting with old friends and meeting new friends. As with any gathering, light refreshments will be served. Czerwinski believes that food is an essential component of the bonding experience.

The book/movie club meets on the

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September 14th: Left Behind-Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins

October 12th: The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe-CS Lewis

Kathie Czerwinski is a lover of paper books. Kathie can be reached at kathieczerwinski@gmail.com

Festival History

EDITOR:

Winchester Mayor W. W. Glass held a

meeting at Handley Library auditorium on April 14, 1924 to ascertain if local business, civic, and professional people would be enthusiastic about hosting a festival promoting the apple industry. Everyone recognized the future of the Shenandoah Valley depended upon the success of the apple industry. The advisory committee urged every man to put his shoulder to the wheel and help make this festival an outstanding and triumphant success.


The next meeting held at City Hall auditorium on April 22, allowed Mayor

Glass to inspire the assemblage with an opening speech where he counseled the people of Winchester to be alive to the opportunity in that Institution of an annual festival to bring to the attention of the world the superior advantages of the Shenandoah Valley.

Mayor Glass cited, as an example, the peach blossom festival of Fort Valley, Georgia where over 30,000 people recently came to revel in the beauty of the blossoming orchards. Beginning in March 1922, Georgia greeted the first peach blossoms in an annual festival

of dance, song, elaborate pageants, and delicious barbecue. This peach festival rivaled Mardi Gras, and California's Rose Festival, and it attracted the attention of National Geographic, the New York Times and Hollywood movie studios.

W. A. "Dad" Ryan, secretary-treasurer of the Winchester Gas and Electric Light Company was appointed Director General of the festival. Mr. Ryan said it was most desirable to evolve harmonious cooperation between the people of Winchester and Frederick County.



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