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Blue Ridge Arts Council showcases local students' artwork



Art students at Skyline High School contributed these colorful and creative pieces for the Blue Ridge Arts Council's (BRAC) "Spotlight on Students" annual art show.



Warren County High School Senior Art students relax and take some time to talk about the future and their experiences as artists during their years here. They are: l-r, Art teacher Gwynnavier (Gwynn) Warrick, Myles Thornberg; Milo Whitman; Sydney Arndt; Arianna (J.J.) Burgoin; Calyssa Foxley and Emma Lord.

By Carol Ballard
Warren/Frederick County Report

March is always Youth Art Month and is celebrated all across Virginia. In Front Royal it was well represented at the Blue Ridge Arts Council's (BRAC) "Spotlight on Students" annual art show that opened on March 21.

Blue Ridge Arts Gallery was the setting for the excited and supportive crowd gathering to celebrate Warren County's creative students' artwork at the exhibit. Every wall in the gallery is filled with colorful and detailed examples of our students' efforts.

Executive Director of the Blue Ridge Arts Council Kym Crump was impressed with the turnout "It was heavily attended with wave after wave of kids, friends and family and teachers and members of the county's school board. It was the best attended in a long time."



Representative artwork from the Warren County Elementary School students filled several walls at the BRAC Art Gallery at 305 East Main St., Front Royal.

"There were three times more people this year and there was a turnover at the door with new people coming in every few minutes," she said.

"We always had it annually before Covid," she remembered.

She mentioned that WCHS art teacher Gwynnivier (Gwynn) Warrick would be available for more information on the show.

"Kym and I both organized it, and we worked together very well. She is so sweet, and it is super awesome of her to allow us to use that space," said Gwynn. "We coordinate through all the schools with the art teachers to get the work for the gallery."

Gwynn began by saying that the exhibit will be here through May 10, then volunteered that each high school art teacher was allowed to choose and contribute 10-20 pieces each.

"It was hard not to have all of them in the show, and I wanted to, but we also had a show at WCHS with all the work."

Each elementary school was allowed 20 pieces and she noted that there are about 200 pieces in the gallery right now.

"We begin to prepare for the show at the first of the school year," she said. I teach all levels, Art 1,2,3 and 4 and already know in the first semester what will go in the show, but I include pieces from both semesters," she said.

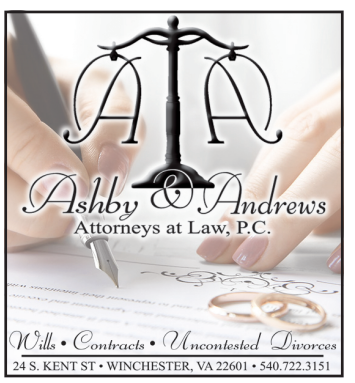
This gives the first-year students a place to shine, saying to themselves, "Wow, we're in a gallery!"

Teachers from all the schools then get started and reach out to Kym. When she says yes, then they organize the show for that year.

March is the biggest month of the year for student art in Virginia and is called Youth Art Month (YAM) with students' art featured on social media. Locally, it was celebrated by exhibiting all artwork at WCHS in the auditorium a week before the BRAC show as well as downtown at the gallery.

"I love sharing what's happening and love the county's schools, and love my job," said Gwynn. "We are already excited for next year with how well it went this year! There have been a lot of unexpected happenings and next year should be better!"

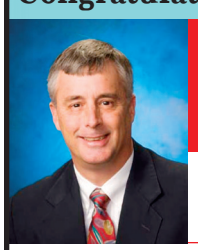
While speaking to her, along with praising all her students' work in the show, she mentioned that she wanted





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to highlight the art students who will be graduating this spring.

"I have a handful of seniors that I've had for four years, through Covid and masks and my first year of teaching!" she began. "It's so amazing to me, we've all grown in the process going through so much from then until now. Most of these kids I've taught for at least two years, if not longer, and now I have them in an Art 4 Study Group so they can have another semester in their senior year. It's getting close to their graduation on May 17.

Gwynn has taught at the school for five years and she said that two of the seniors have been with her for four years.

She mentioned Arianna (J.J.) Borgoin JJ whose design for the new logo for Warren County Public Schools was chosen.

"It was a county wide art contest and JJ won! It is now the logo on all the things WCPS related! Super cool! She got a scholarship for $500! And was featured in the yearbook!" said Gwynn. She will be going to VCU (Virginia Commonwealth University)."

Sydney Arndt won a Rotary Club Scholarship as well.

JJ, Calyssa Foxley and Sydney Arndt all attended and spoke at the Warren County School Board meeting at the Skyline Middle School in March this year, along with choir, theater, band and guitar students in the school's arts department, to tell the board members how important the arts were to them.



Skyline Middle School students outdid themselves in BRAC's annual student art show.

At Gwynn's suggestion, the students agreed to an in-person interview at their high school to be part of the BRAC show's article.

Exuberant and full of hope and plans for their future after high school, they were open and eager to communicate their thoughts and feelings. They relaxed in the hallway outside of one of Gwynn's art classes in progress, and she joined them at times.

Each of the girls had a little different way to express their feelings about how happy they are to take art classes, in particular, with Gwynn.

About the school board meeting, they said the following and then added more about their attitudes toward art in general.

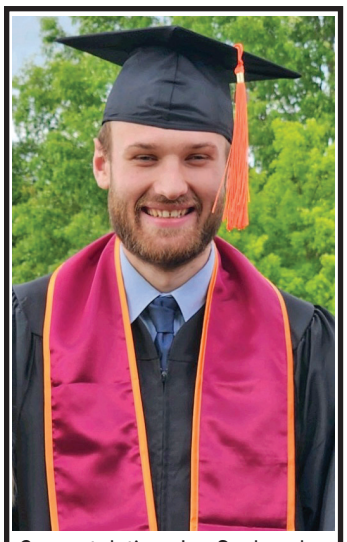
- J.J. - "It wasn't like an interview [the meeting]. We just got up and talked about how much art means to us, basically how it let us grow and express ourselves."
- Milo Whitman - "We told them how it's a great outlet and a way to express emotions that teenagers have in high school. When I'm in other classes, it feels more like it's a burden with expectations, but when I go into art class, there's no pressure or rush. I can go at my own pace and be myself."
- Calyssa Foxley - "Art changed my life for the better. Art is expressing yourself. It lets us fill in the blanks for us and lets us get out emotions physically instead of bottling them up."
- Emma Lord, who said her goal is to be an art teacher, said, "It's like, 'here's this project, but you can do it your way.'"
- Sydney Arndt - "She gives us work, and we do it our own way."
- Myles Thornberg let her creation of a three-dimensional work speak for itself, with representations of various artists' work along with her own.

Some of Gwynn's techniques for getting their ideas out were, for example, to put words of feelings or emotions on little pieces of paper in a hat, then the ones chosen would be illustrated.

When asked about their expectations of themselves when creating art, again, they had varying responses.

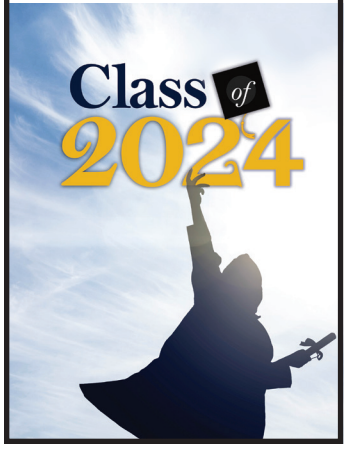
Calyssa said, "We are our own worst enemy. I've had a meltdown and ripped up a painting in class!"

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Warren County High School Senior Art students are proud of the work they've done this year in Gwynn Warrick's classes.

ARTS, from 3

Emma described how criticism from others affects how she might be influenced to value her own work.

"There are so many sketches I haven't finished," she offered. "A family member (not named here!) looks at my drawings or paintings and says, "That's not how it looks!" It makes me feel like it's not good, so she has been banned from seeing them!"

Other girls added that it feels bad when their work is compared to someone else's, too.

But they do value the positive critiques of their friends in class.

They contributed to the following remarks.

"Sometimes it gives a different feel if someone says it needs to be added to and that helps and gives us ideas to do other things."

"In this class, we've formed a bond and are friends with each other…it's definitely like learning a new language."

But on the negative side of criticism, the feelings were unanimous that, "There are so many things to say to an artist to make them feel like the world is falling apart."

"We've learned to be supportive of each other with the healthy bond we have."

Each girl had an answer to what they would do after school. Some are planning to go straight on to college, others will take time out, but all agreed they'd like to stay in contact after graduation.

At that point, Gwynn joined the conversation. "I'll miss you guys!" she said. "This group is really great. I don't have favorites, but I love it when kids are immersed and love to be here."

They're still working on projects and one is painting some of the cinder blocks in the school's hall. These will be there for future students and staff to enjoy.

Gwynn added her observations of how she sees the artwork she does. "I classify mine as abstract expression by expressing myself through abstract creativity," she said. "And these kids make me be a better artist!"

She also talked about how she feels about all the students.

"I like my room to be a safe place, where they can dive into the arts. It's like art therapy for them. I'm there for them 100 percent," she concluded.

For more on BRAC's additions to the community, and the free and open to the public ten to twelve-week summer outdoor music and entertainment series at the Town Gazebo, sponsored through a partnership with the Town of Front Royal, the County of Warren, and the Virginia Commission for the Arts, check the BRAC website for dates of this summer's Gazebo Gatherings at www.blueridgearts.org.

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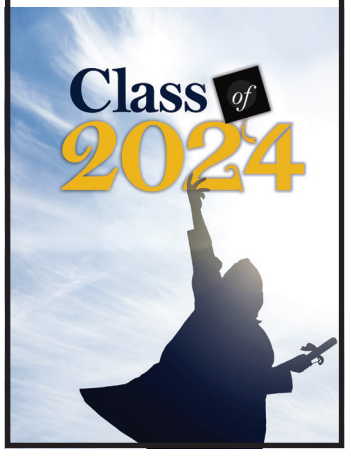
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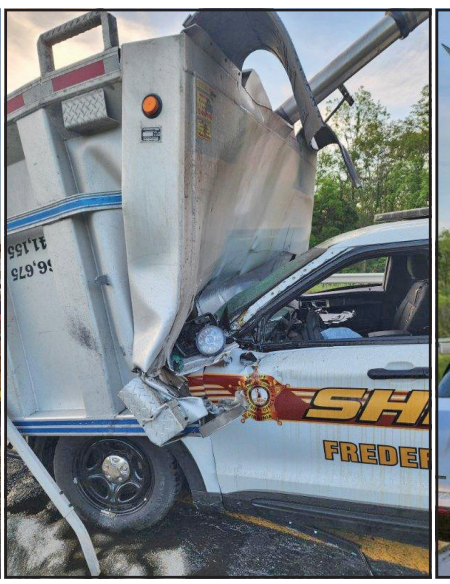
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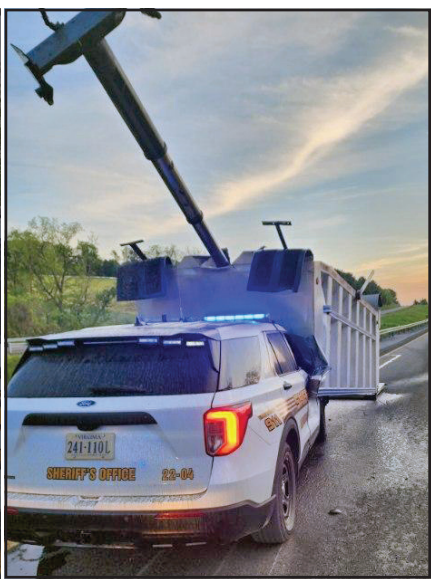
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The dump truck driver, Gaylon R. Miller, 71, of Toms Brook, Va., was not injured in the crash. He was wearing his seatbelt.

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Rick Kriebel, Stone House Foundation Manager of Collections & Programs will present a free in-depth Stephens City guided history trolley tour at 11:30 am and 4 pm. Stephens City resident & Stone House Foundation board member Vickie Hollis will present at 10 am. Courtesy Marty Barley.



The Steele & Bro Store at 5353 Main Street. See what a general dry goods store sold during the early 1900s. The store closed in the early 1950s and most of the inventory was found in the attic during the 1990s and is currently used for museum display. Courtesy Stone House Foundation.

By Mark Gunderman
Stephens City, Va.

Stephens City's biggest annual event gets underway Memorial Day weekend, May 24-25 on the Newtown Commons at 5165 Main Street. The 2024 Newtown Heritage Festival (NHF) will entertain all who attend with a Memorial Day Observance and keynote speaker, live music, food vendors, craft tents, car show, museums, Shenandoah Valley Chess League Tournament, Heroes on The River 5K Race, main street parade, selfie garden, and huge fireworks. This article highlights what the Newtown History Center – the town's exceptional museum – will offer festival attendees on Saturday, May 25th.

According to the Newtown History Center website, "The town of Stephens City has a long history spanning close to three centuries. From its beginnings in the 1730s and through the French and Indian War, the Revolutionary War and the Civil War, the town and its inhabitants witnessed and participated in events of national significance. After the Civil War into the twentieth century the town suffered through a forced name change and economic hardships associated with the general advancements in transportation technology. Today the town faces unprecedented growth along with similar small towns in the Northern Shenandoah Valley."

Do you enjoy trolly tours, museum exhibits, visiting museums and cultural centers? Due to popular demand, the Heritage Festival will now include three trolly tours: 10 am, 11:30 am, and 4 pm.

Guided History Trolley Tour

For in depth Stephens City history, folks may take a free guided history trolley tour titled "Serious about Business." Rick Kriebel, Stone House Foundation, Manager of Collections and Programs, wrote the incredibly informational tour. He will present it at 11:30 am and 4 pm. Lifelong resident Vickie Hollis has personal memories and connections to many of these businesses, and she will present it at 10 am.

This year's seven-stop history tour will cover some of the most prominent businesses in the town's history. Industry, transportation, and notable residents will be comprehensively highlighted. The one-hour tours will depart from the Newtown History Center (5408 Main Street). The tour is free but tickets are required. Obtain them on Eventbrite: https://newtownheritagefestival.eventbrite.com.

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In May 1993, Robert E. Aylor Middle School student Mark Stinnett received recognition for designing the festival trademark logo, a Conestoga wagon, which was approved for display on T-shirts, hats, and pins. It is still in use today. Courtesy Newtown Heritage Festival.



Sold out trolley at the 2023 Stephens City, "Going Out West," guided history trolley tour. Courtesy Marty Barley.

but an entire industrial district, train station, and commercial hub for Stephens City once thrived here from the 1870s until the transfer of commerce from trains to trucks.

Commercial Press: starting with a dream and a 1,110-mile truck ride, this print shop has been around for 54 years.

Open Museums, New Exhibits

There also will be three museums open throughout the town from 10 am - 4 pm. The Tavern building at 5408 Main Street houses exhibits of local craftsmanship, the Civil War and early European and African American history. The Wagon exhibit at 5516 Main Street focuses on the local wagon making trade and tools of the early 1800s. The Steele & Bro Store at 5353 Main Street showcases items that were available for purchase during the early twentieth century.

New exhibits will be present at the Tavern building and the Steele & Bro Store. The Tavern will display two eighteenth century stove plates made in the nearby Marlboro Furnace and Iron Works. They depict a comedic marriage scene and have recently been cleaned up and restored by a professional conservator. The Steele & Bro Store will have an exhibit dedicated to Venables, a family grocer that operated for most of the twentieth century (1893-1976).

Museum Hamlet

Finally, the Newtown History Center has also opened its property for other cultural organizations to set up booths. The Patsy Cline House, Clarke County Heritage Association, and Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library & Museum have already agreed to join in, but invitations have been sent out to museums, libraries, and historical societies all over the region!

The Newtown History Center is maintained by the Stone House Foundation, a not-for-profit, tax-exempt, privately-operated organization governed by a board of directors. It was established in 1990 by the late Mildred Lee Grove, a life-long resident of Stephens City. Named for the small stone dwelling built in the 1760s that originally housed the Foundation's Museum, the Stone House Foundation has always been focused on educating children, residents and visitors about the history and culture of the Lower Shenandoah Valley.

About the NHF:

The NHF, Inc. was organized in 1993 to bring the Stephens City community together to awaken and honor the prolific history of the village once known as Newtown. According to the By-Laws of the NHF, Inc., the purpose of the annual festival is to provide a forum for the citizens of Stephens City to celebrate, study, and embrace the rich cultural heritage and history of the town for both residents and non-residents alike.

At the request of the Town council, a group of local citizens came together to establish a festival that would celebrate and acknowledge the place of Stephens City in the Shenandoah Valley. Later, under the leadership of Tootie Rinker, first festival president, the volunteer festival committee began to organize a debt free, volunteer and donations driven event. The monies reserved would allow for the organizers to pass on the savings with admission to all indoor and outdoor events—offered free of charge. The current festival president is Gina McIntire.

The 32nd Annual NHF (May 24-25) begins Friday evening at 6 pm and continues with a day full of activities from 10 am until after dark Saturday, concluding with massive fireworks at 9 pm. For more information, call the town office at 540-869-3087.

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Kefta is considered a national dish in Morocco, and beloved by children and adults alike. Those who want to try this tasty meal can look to "Kefta & Olive Toast" from "Casablanca My Moroccan Food" (Firefly Books) by Nargisse Benkabbou for inspiration.

Kefta & Olive Toast
Makes 4

½ pound ground beef, 10 to 20 percent fat
½ pound ground lamb, 10 to 20 percent fat
1 large onion, grated
⅓ cup flat-leaf parsley, finely chopped
⅓ cup cilantro, finely chopped
4 mint sprigs, leaves picked and chopped
2 tablespoons paprika
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon ground black pepper
Pinch cayenne pepper

To serve:
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 quantity of kefta
4 slices of bread, chargrilled or toasted
1 cup drained pitted green olives, chopped
Chopped parsley, to garnish

To make the Kefta:

Place all the ingredients in a large bowl, then use your hands or a large spoon to mix them together. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and keep in the fridge until ready to use. Shape and cook as desired, or follow the next step.

To serve:

Heat the olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the kefta and cook, breaking up the meat with a wooden spoon, for about 5 minutes until it is no longer pink.

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Denim Day 2024 held to support victims of assault



Members of the Warren County's Sexual Assault Response Team on Denim Day 2024 were all wearing denim jackets and jeans to show their allegiance to victims of, not only assault, but of misconceptions surrounding it. They are: l-r, Avery Harper-Advocacy Director-Phoenix Project; Rachel Oden-CPS/Prevention Supervisor with Warren County Department of Social Services; Phoenix Project's Sexual Assault Advocate Aliyha Gill and (not pictured)Tina Wright-Sexual Violence Victim Advocate with Winchester's Laurel Center women's shelter.



Aliyha Gill signs jeans to show her support for victims.

By Carol Ballard
Warren/Frederick County Report

Four women who are members of the Warren County's Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) held an event in Front Royal on April 24, called Denim Day to send the firm message that sexual assault is not the fault of the victim. The presentation included information about finding help if it happens.

This was the result of Phoenix Project's Sexual Assault Advocate Aliyha Gill's efforts to bring awareness to this issue with a media release and invitation.

She wrote, in part, "Denim Day is an international campaign with a powerful history rooted in activism against sexual violence. It originated in Italy in 1999 when the Italian Supreme Court overturned a rape conviction because the victim was wearing tight jeans, suggesting that she must have helped her attacker remove them, thus implying consent.

"Outraged by this unjust ruling, women in the Italian Parliament wore jeans to work in solidarity with the survivor, sparking a global movement to challenge victim-blaming attitudes and promote awareness about sexual assault.

"Today, Denim Day serves as a symbol of protest against misconceptions surrounding sexual violence and a reminder that no one ever asks to be assaulted, regardless of what they are wearing. By wearing denim on April 24th, individuals and organizations around the world show their support for survivors and their commitment to creating a culture of consent and respect."

A table at the Warren County Community Center with information and articles related to Denim Day was available, and people could sign a pair of symbolic worn jeans.

"Denim Day is a way to bring awareness about victim blaming…hopefully [to let people know] it's not about what the victim was wearing and to be more compassionate to the survivors," said Gill.

The women all wearing denim, were Aliyha Gill; Avery Harper, Advocacy Director with Front Royal's Phoenix Project; Prevention Supervisor Rachel Oden of Child Protective Services and Tina Wright, sexual violence victim advocate from Winchester's Laurel Center women's shelter.

Harper began the discussion by saying, "I've been doing this here (with the Phoenix Project) for ten years," she said. "We come together to support survivors (of sexual abuse), but this is the first time we're doing Denim Day."

She said that the public had been invited in a mass email to the Department of Social Services (DSS) from SART and Aliyha had people share on Facebook.

The discussion turned from Denim Day in general to describing the process for finding help from SART.

"If someone is assaulted and can get in touch with SART and reach out, they have people who will help them connect with advocates to answer questions and navigate the system along with safety planning in case there's a next crisis," said Avery.

For example, they could ask the question, "Does the perpetrator have access to you?" and comfort the survivor, assuring them that it is not their fault.

But, most important, it's up to them (adults) what the next steps are.

"They do not have to report it to law enforcement," she stressed.

Since 2014, folks contacting the Phoenix Project, can be sent to local motels for safety and after that to other places.

"We're about leaving it to them where they're at but providing support."

Statistics say many instances are under-reported to police, that people usually go to friends or family first, and most of the time, reports to authorities and even to family and friends are delayed.

"We know it's a gender crime, and it disproportionately affects females, but it's open to all and we can serve others who are marginalized historically," they affirmed. This includes the male/immigrant/LGBTQ/elder and other vulnerable populations.

SART has a base of people who can go with them and can give them access to a phone if necessary.

"Often the perpetrator breaks their phone," said Harper.

"We'll never turn anyone away, and will give them direction," promised Oden, who works in DSS child protective services with victims under 18 years old.

And Gill promised that "All of our services are free, and confidential-this is big for survivors receiving services."

They want people to know that forensic nurses are available in Winchester's Valley Health Emergency Room.

"The forensic exam is not just for legality, it's also for health. The nurses will advise them about sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and how to go forward. They can be tested then for most of them, but for HIV they are given information about when and where to be tested for that at a later date," said Gill.

STDs are a risk for anyone who has been raped. And AIDs, if contacted, and developed from HIV is a possibility, and is a threat to life.

HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) is a virus that attacks the body's immune system. If HIV is not treated, it can lead to AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome). There is currently no effective cure. Once people get HIV, they have it for life but with proper medical care, HIV can be controlled. www.cdc.gov/hiv."

The team works together in communication to work to fill the gaps of care.

"We're all in conjunction with each other. If one gets a call, all do, and we can wrap around the survivor," said Oden.

So if someone from outside of Warren County calls them, they would be referred to their own county workers who would jump in and take their case.

Rachel Oden is Warren County's DSS and Child Protective Services/prevention supervisor and works with victims under 18.

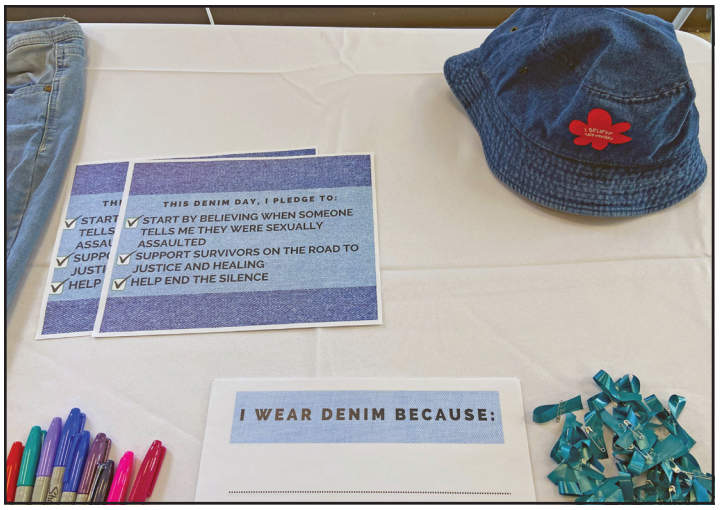
She spoke about how important it is to encourage a child to talk about what happened and to find a solution, so it won't happen again.











The table at the Denim Day event, held at the Warren County Community Center, had related information and articles, including a hat and ribbons.

"In my training with DSS, I did a weeklong class with Child First Forensic Interviewing, learning how to talk with kids and how to interview them in a non-directly (confrontational) way," she began. "It was more trauma-informed, to just start out by talking about anything and then to send questions in that direction, not to make them tell you everything in that moment. We learned to try to avoid yes or no options (for answers) and ask more open-ended questions, like whether physical abuse was done with an open or close hand, for example."

Harper added that a sample question could be, "What are you comfortable telling me about what happened?" said in a soft way, without being confrontational.

They agreed that for a minor child, after the interview, and in conference with the parents, their job is to support them in whatever situation is comfortable for them. She continued by saying that what they do depends on the situation. The main issue is to ensure the safety of the child. This involves following certain policies and procedures, like checking with other families (such as friends or relatives) to see if someone can or will help to keep abuse from happening again.

"Don't be afraid of the CPS. It might be scary if we're at your door, but we're here to help," she said, and added, "The last resort is to take the child away."

"But it's different with an adult who can choose what they want to do," she noted. "We'll try to do warm referrals to other agencies – i.e. police, etc. If they choose to go through the court process, they can have advocates and/or a forensic exam, and we can go with them. A lot of it is to remind them they have a voice and choice. If they go through the exam and decide not to continue, they can stop."

Tina Wright, victims advocate with the Laurel Center women's shelter in Winchester, comes from experience as a Uniformed Victim Advocate (UVA) when she was a sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps and learned how to provide essential support and care to victims.

She described the Laurel Center in Winchester as a 24/48-hour emergency shelter, and said, "If something happens, and a person has to go to the hospital, we can accompany them there."

"We want them to know that what they went through was not a normal thing," she added.

She said that the Laurel Center has Crisis Intervention Companions (CIC) who will accompany people. This includes calls from males, who have access to trained male companions who will go as advocates to the hospital and can be with them in the exam room if they want that. Just as with women victims, a rape evidence kit is turned into the police, then sent to a lab.

"Those nurses are good! They go through what they are doing step-by step to let the person know the procedure," said Avery.

And they agreed that it's important for the community to know that female survivors need not be labeled as helpless victims forever.

"Survivors function as leaders and can go on to lead productive, beautiful, valuable lives. They are wives, mothers, sisters and daughters. The assault/s don't have to ruin them for life," they agreed.

"Sometimes there are preconceived notions of what a survivor looks like-these are not women who never leave their homes. Some of those survivors keep in touch with us, but because of boundaries and confidentiality, they have to initiate the contact, but it's always wonderful," said Harper.

"We do get calls all day from survivors who just want to talk about something that happened 20 years ago and sometimes schedule supportive counseling sessions," said Aliyha Gill.

SART Warren County Agencies:

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- The Phoenix Project - Hotline at (540) 635-2300 for intimate partner violence 24/7
- Victim Witness - Director of Victim Witness Kelliann Harris (540) 631-0007
- Commonwealth Attorney
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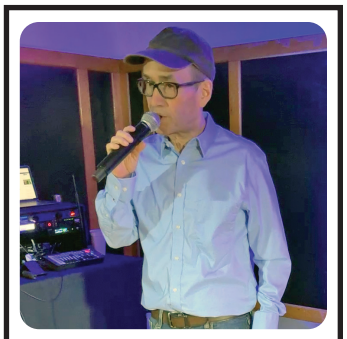
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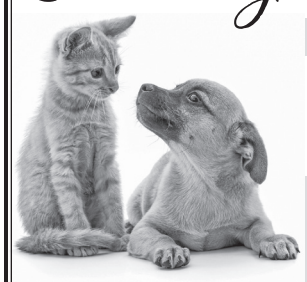
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INDICTMENTS

April 2024 Indictments

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 while being a parent of, guardian for, or person responsible for the care of two children then under the age of eighteen years, commit a willful act or omission in the care of said children which was so gross, wanton, and culpable as to show a reckless disregard for human life.

James D. Williams, Jr.

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about December 16, 2023, in the County of Warren, James D. Williams, Jr., 49, of the 200 block of Short St., Front Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully and feloniously drive or operate a motor vehicle while having a blood alcohol concentration of 0.08 percent or more by weight by volume or 0.08 grams or more per 210 liters of breath; or while under the influence of alcohol; or while under the influence of narcotic drug or other self-administered intoxicant or drug, or a combination of drugs, to a degree which impaired the accused's ability to drive or operate a motor vehicle safely; or while under the combined influence of alcohol and a drug or drugs to a degree which impaired the accused's ability to drive or operate a motor vehicle safely.

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James D. Williams, Jr.

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about December 16, 2023, in the County of Warren, James D. Williams, Jr., 49, of the 200 block of Short St., Front Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully and feloniously drive a motor vehicle after having been previously convicted of a violation of a local ordinance or law of another jurisdiction, and while the license of the accused was revoked or while in violation of the terms of a restricted license and the revocation of the license of the accused was based on a conviction of at least one offense committed after July 1, 1999.

Maurice Lee Nail, III

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about March 14, 2024, in the County of Warren, Maurice Lee Nail, III, 54, of the 200 block of Short 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.

Carissa Rose Washington

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about February 6, 2024, in the County of Warren, Carissa Rose Washington, 19, of the 300 block of Blue Ridge Ave., 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.

Carissa Rose Washington

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Mark Wayne Fleegle

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about November 17, 2023, in the County of Warren, Mark Wayne Fleegle, 62, address unavailable, did unlawfully and feloniously assault and batter Tammi Fleegle, 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.

Joseph Allen Scott

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about March 9, 2024, in the County of Warren, Joseph Allen Scott, 25, 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.

Suleiman Shaish Aqrabawi

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about March 10, 2024, in the County of Warren, Suleiman Shaish Aqrabawi, 42, of the 900 block of Bellewood Gardens Dr., Angier, NC 27501, did unlawfully and feloniously possess, with intent to distribute 40,000 (200 cases) or more tax-paid cigarettes.

Charles Lambert Marshall, III

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about November 30, 2023, in the County of Warren, Charles Lambert Marshall, III, 51, of the 100 block of W. 11th St., Front Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully and feloniously, knowingly and intentionally possess a controlled substance, to-wit: Fentanyl listed in Schedule II of the Drug Control Act.

Charles Lambert Marshall, III

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about November 30, 2023, in the County of Warren, Charles Lambert Marshall, III, 62, of the 200 block of Cloud St., Front Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully and feloniously, knowingly and intentionally possess a controlled substance, to-wit: Cocaine listed in Schedule II of the Drug Control Act.

William Leslie Moore, III

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about October 8, 2023, in the County of Warren, William Leslie Moore, III, 35, of the700 block of Highridge Rd., Front Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully and feloniously manufacture, sell, give, distribute or possess with the intent to manufacture, sell, give, or distribute, a controlled substance classified in Schedule I or Schule II of the Drug Control Act.

William Leslie Moore, III

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

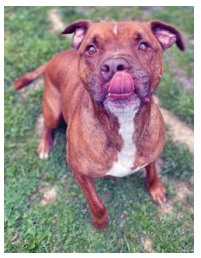
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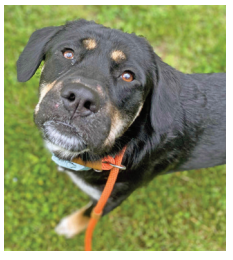
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Lucille Evelyn Taylor

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about February 4, 2024, in the County of Warren, Lucille Evelyn Taylor, 42, of the 3700 block of Bentonville Rd., Bentonville, VA 22610, did unlawfully and feloniously, knowingly and intentionally possess a controlled substance, to-wit: Methamphetamine listed in Schedule II of the Drug Control Act.

Lucille Evelyn Taylor

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about February 4, 2024, in the County of Warren, Lucille Evelyn Taylor, 42, of the 3700 block of Bentonville Rd., Bentonville, VA 22610, did unlawfully and feloniously, knowingly and intentionally possess a controlled substance, to-wit: Psilocyn listed in Schedule II of the Drug Control Act.

Kellyn Brynn Sawyers

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about October 17, 2023, in the County of Warren, Kellyn Brynn Sawyers, 43, of the 300 block of Kendrick Ln., Front Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully and feloniously, knowingly and intentionally possess a controlled substance, to-wit: Cocaine listed in Schedule I or Schedule II of the Drug Control Act.

Ryan Edward Wyatt

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about January 9, 2024, in the County of Warren, Ryan Edward Wyatt, 29, of the 100 block of Duck 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.

Ryan Edward Wyatt

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about February 23, 2024, in the County of Warren, Ryan Edward Wyatt, 29, of the 100 block of Duck St., Front Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully and feloniously, knowingly and intentionally possess a controlled substance, to-wit: Cocaine listed in Schedule I or Schedule II of the Drug Control Act.

Ryan Edward Wyatt

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about February 23, 2024, in the County of Warren, Ryan Edward Wyatt, 29, of the 100 block of Duck St., Front Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully and feloniously, knowingly and intentionally possess a controlled substance, to-wit: Fentanyl listed in Schedule I or Schedule II of the Drug Control Act.

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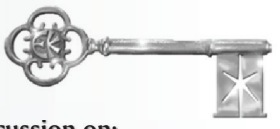
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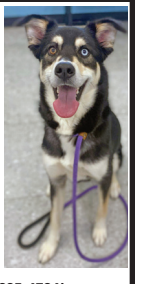


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weather forecast

Friday, May 17, 2024: A slight chance of showers, then showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm after 2pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 77. Calm wind becoming southeast around 5 mph in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New rainfall amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.

Friday Night: Showers and possibly a thunderstorm. Low around 60. Light southeast wind. Chance of precipitation is 80%. New rainfall amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.

Saturday: Showers, with thunderstorms also possible after 11am. High near 66. East wind 3 to 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%. New rainfall amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

Saturday Night: Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm. Cloudy, with a low around 56. Light northeast wind. Chance of precipitation is 70%.

Sunday: A chance of showers, with thunderstorms also possible after 2pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 68. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 53.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 76.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 53.

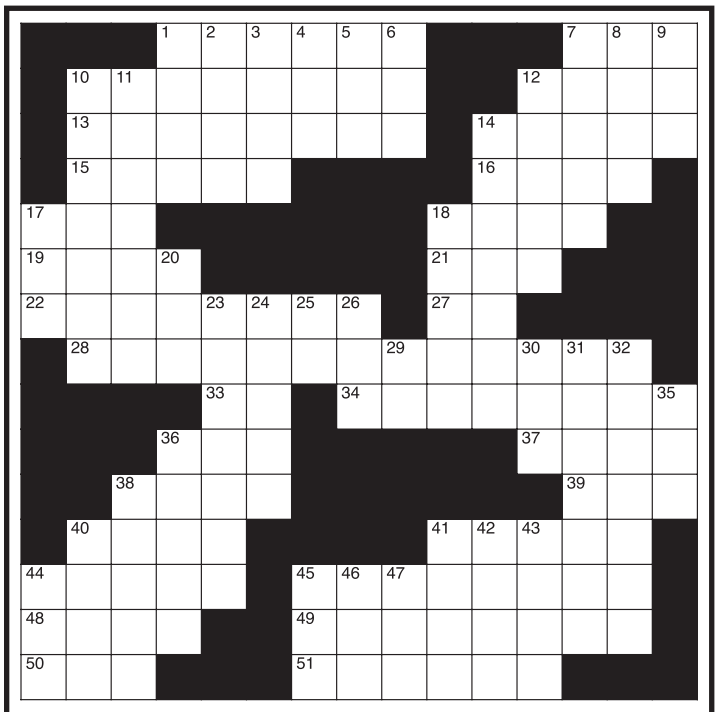
Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 81.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 57.

Wednesday: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 83. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

Wednesday Night: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 59. Chance of precipitation is 50%.

Thursday: A chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 81. Chance of precipitation is 30%.



CLUES ACROSS
1. Lunatic
7. Doctor of Education
10. Able to make amends
12. Tight-knit group
13. Gland
14. Intestinal pouches
15. Fungal spores
16. Erstwhile
17. Engine additive
18. Nasal mucus
19. Fit a horse with footwear
21. Consumed
22. Settle
27. Larry and Curly's pal
28. Basketball's GOAT
33. Exclamation of surprise
34. Made tight
36. Before
37. Actor Nicolas
38. Not hot
39. Talk
40. Pledge
41. Abandon a mission
44. Trims by cutting
45. Aspects of one's character
48. Boxing GOAT's former surname
49. Holy places
50. Body art (slang)
51. Attributes

CLUES DOWN
1. How one feels
2. American Nat'l Standards Institute
3. Information
4. Licensed for Wall Street
5. Keyboard key
6. Born of
7. Choose to represent
8. Small European freshwater fish
9. Everyone has their own
10. Line from the center of a polygon
11. Lebanese city
12. Type of watercraft
14. A way to twist
17. Soviet Socialist Republic
18. Greek island
20. Medical practitioner
23. __ DeGaulle, French President
24. Partner to "oohed"
25. Atomic #52
26. Santa's helper
29. Rapper __ Rule
30. Month
31. Word formed by rearranging letters
32. Nullifies
35. Young woman ready to enter society
36. Unemployment
38. Weight unit
40. Formal party
41. Computer language
42. Residue formula in math
43. Duty or responsibility
44. Part of (abbr.)
45. Time zone
46. Body part
47. Nucleic acid

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Ask Stewart

Hi Stewart,

What did you do for Mother's Day this year?

– Rick

For the past 6 years I've taken my mother to the Virginia State Arboretum – 400 Blandy Farm Lane, Boyce VA.

An arboretum (pl.: arboreta) is a botanical collection composed exclusively of trees of a variety of species. Many tree collections have been claimed as the first modern arboretum, with the term applied retrospectively as it probably did not come into use even orally until the eighteenth century.

Egyptian pharaohs planted exotic trees and cared for them. They brought ebony wood from the Sudan, and pine and cedar from Syria. Marco Polo described how Kublai Khan collected specimens of evergreen trees that he admired from around the Mongol Empire in the late 13th century, and had them brought by elephant to his winter capital at Khanbaliq (modern Beijing), where they were planted on a large artificial mound, "a hundred paces in height and over a mile in circumference", known as the "Green Mound", with a palace at the top.

Probably the most important early proponent of the arboretum in the English-speaking world was the prolific landscape gardener and writer, John Claudius Loudon (1783–1843) who undertook many gardening commissions and published the Gardener's Magazine, Encyclopaedia of Gardening and other major works. Loudon's Arboretum et Fruticetum Britannicum, 8 vols., (1838) is probably the most significant work on the subject in British history and included an account of all trees and shrubs that were hardy in the British climate, an international history of arboriculture, an assessment of the cultural, economic, and industrial value of trees.

I recommend you check out the Virginia State Arboretum website for all the things they have to offer: Blandy Experimental Farm | State Arboretum of Virginia

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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Wine & Craft Festival May 18

The 36th Annual Wine & Craft Festival will be held in downtown Front Royal this Sat. May 18th, 11-6pm. Vendors will include Wineries, Crafters & Artisans. Live entertainment, lots of food and a kids zone! http://www.wineandcraftfestival.com/



Front Royal Mayor Lori Athey Cockrell to seek re-election

Front Royal Mayor Lori Athey Cockrell announced May 8 that she will be seeking re-election this fall for a second two year term as Mayor of the Town of Front Royal.

"Much of my first term as Mayor has involved working with the current Town Council and our hard working staff to foster integrity within the Town Government and respect for our citizens. My first term began with the hiring of an experienced, professional Town Manager, Joe Waltz. We have worked closely together to return stability to our Town Government. While other nearby localities have raised taxes on their citizens, the Town of Front Royal has been able to balance the budget without raising taxes, while still providing the quality of services our citizens deserve," Cockrell said in a statement.

Mayor Cockrell, who first served on

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Town Council beginning in January of 2020, is a lifelong resident of the Town of Front Royal, having graduated from Warren County High School in 1985. She received her Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Mary Washington in 1989, and her Masters of Science in Education from McDaniel College in 1992. Employed as an elementary school teacher for Warren County Public Schools beginning in 1990 at Leslie Fox Keyser, and for the last twenty-five years at Hilda J. Barbour Elementary, Cockrell's professional career has encompassed serving the children and families of her community. She is married to Ricky Cockrell. They have two children, Patrick "Blake" Cockrell and Anneslee Clay Cockrell, also graduates of Warren County High School.



Cat food drive

The Town of Middletown and the Community Cat Alliance are thrilled to announce a food drive aimed at collecting canned and dry cat food to support unowned outdoor cats (community cats) in the area! Donations can be dropped off at the Mayor's office located at 7875 Church Street in Middletown, VA 22645, or shipped directly to the same address.

After the success of last year's food drive, our goal is to gather 1,000 pounds of food by the end of June. The Community Cat Alliance (CCA) is a dedicated all-volunteer organization committed to trapping, spaying/neutering, and vaccinating unowned outdoor cats. Since its establishment in 2014, CCA has successfully trapped numerous cats in and around the Middletown area. The donated food will greatly assist volunteers and families in caring for their cat colonies. Additionally, CCA provides food to our foster volunteers to ensure the well-being of kittens in their care. This year's donors are in for a special treat, all who donate cat food at the Middletown Town Office will receive a free Chick-Fil-A gift card as a special thank you!

Middletown Mayor Charles Harbaugh IV expressed his enthusiasm for the partnership, stating, "The Town of Middletown is thrilled to again collaborate with the Community Cat Alliance. We value partnerships with nonprofits in our community, and we eagerly anticipate reaching our goal alongside our friends at CCA!"

"We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mayor Harbaugh and the Town of Middletown for their assistance in securing food for community cats. As an organization, our mission is to establish more partnerships like these as we strive to enhance the lives and reduce the populations of outdoor unowned cats and their kittens," remarked longtime volunteer Lydia Mahan, a resident of Middletown.

The Community Cat Alliance is a nonprofit organization dedicated to conducting trap-neuter-return (TNR) operations for cats in the Cities of Winchester, Berryville, and Boyce, as well as Frederick County. Since 2014, the Community Cat Alliance has spayed/neutered and vaccinated nearly 4,000 cats and supported numerous colony caretakers. Additionally, hundreds of kittens have been removed from TNR colonies and placed into foster care for eventual adoption into loving homes. For more information about the Community Cat Alliance or to request assistance with outdoor cats, please visit https://communitycatalliance.org



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Pike) and Hallowed Crossing Way in Frederick County east of Winchester. It provides access to the Opequon Crossing development along the south side of Route 7 between Route 659 (Valley Mill Road) and Route 645 (Wright's Mill Road).

The new signal began operating in flash mode Tuesday, May 14 and is scheduled to go into full operation on Wednesday, May 22. Route 7 is a four-lane divided highway with a speed limit of 55 miles an hour in this part of Frederick County. Motorists should be alert for traffic-pattern changes and for Route 7 traffic that is slowed or stopped for the new signal.

When the signal goes into full operation, traffic will proceed through the intersection as follows:

Eastbound Route 7 drivers will have a dedicated right-turn lane onto Hallowed Crossing Way.

Westbound Route 7 drivers will have a dedicated left-turn lane that provides access through the center median onto Hallowed Crossing Way.

Drivers approaching Route 7 from Hallowed Crossing Way will have two right-turn lanes onto eastbound Route 7. Motorists who need to access westbound Route 7 toward Winchester will use the outer (leftmost) right-turn lane, and then make a U-turn at a signalized crossover just east of the main traffic signal.

All work is weather permitting, and the signal-activation schedule is subject to change.



Serious Crash in Clarke County

Virginia State Police is investigating a two-vehicle crash in Clarke County. The crash occurred Monday, May 13, at 11:00 a.m. at the intersection of Route 7 (Harry Byrd Hwy) and Route 679 (Pine Grove Rd).

A 2006 Kenworth dump-truck was traveling south on Route 679 when it stopped at a stop sign. As the dump-truck proceeded to cross over the westbound lanes of Route 7 it collided with a 1996 Honda motorcycle, which was traveling west.

The driver of the dump-truck, Don Robinson, 61, of Gore, Va., was uninjured in the crash. He was wearing a seatbelt.

The rider of the motorcycle, a 23-year-old male from Berryville, Va., suffered life-threatening injuries and was flown to INOVA Fairfax Hospital for treatment. He was wearing a helmet.

Robinson was charged with reckless driving.

The crash remains under investigation.

Fatal Crash Involving a Bicyclist in Shenandoah County

Virginia State Police is investigating a fatal crash involving a bicyclist in Shenandoah County. The crash occurred Wednesday, May 8, at 1:20 p.m. at the intersection of Old Valley Pike and Maple Lane.

A bicyclist was traveling east on Maple Lane when it attempted to cross the southbound lanes of Old Valley Pike and was struck by a 2024 Kia Seltos, which was traveling south. The Kia was unable to avoid a collision and immediately stopped at the scene.

The bicyclist, Rex A. Catt, 53, of Edinburg, Va., died while in transport to Shenandoah Memorial Hospital. He was not wearing a helmet.

The driver of the Kia, a 74-year-old female from New Market, Va., suffered minor injuries and was transported to Shenandoah Memorial Hospital for treatment. She was wearing a seatbelt.

The crash remains under investigation.



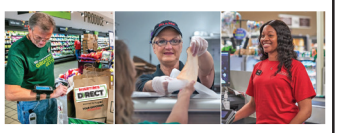
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ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, you may meet an influential ally this week. Chat them up because this is a person you want to have in your network. You never know when you'll need some assistance.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, you have real talent, so you should be proud and show off your efforts. Whether it is artistic in nature or you are a whiz with numbers, share your gift with others.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21

Explore creative possibilities, Gemini. You can use a new hobby right now that keeps you occupied. Look at trends that are popular right now and try one of those.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, trust your intuition when you meet someone new this week. You often can get a good read on someone right away. That's an important skill to develop, especially in the workplace.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

There is a lot of potential for socializing right now, Leo. Your calendar will fill up quite quickly with invitations from people in your life. Enjoy the attention.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, take inventory of the things in your life and be real about what you need and what you can get rid of right now. You may be carrying around a lot of baggage you simply don't need.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

You may be feeling extra flirty these next few days, Libra. This will help add a spark to your current relationship or help you find someone new if that is the desire.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Relationship issues at home may be on your mind, Scorpio. Create pockets in your days for deep introspection to process all of the emotions you are feeling.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, if you can't get an answer to something yourself, then you may want to pick the brains of friends or other people in your circle. They may offer unique perspectives.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, you have a lot of self-worth, so stop looking at yourself through a pessimistic lens. Be convinced of your value and ability to assist others around you.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Start feeling good about what the future may hold, Aquarius. There are a lot of possibilities out there, and you're starting to see them peeking out over the horizon.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

You may not be feeling overly social right now, Pisces. Take a few days to spend time alone and sort through your feelings. Over time you may be ready to re-engage.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

MAY 19
Kevin Garnett, Retired Athlete (48)
MAY 20
Cher, Singer/Actress (78)
MAY 21
Mr. T, Actor (72)
MAY 22
Naomi Campbell, Model (54)
MAY 23
Drew Carey, TV Personality (66)
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Priscilla Presley, Actress (79)
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One-Time Events

The Future Is Here – Robotics, AI, and Emerging Technologies - Saturday, June 8th from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM - In person. Join us to learn about emerging technologies and see a demonstration of robotics in action. Topics include – What is robotics? How are robots being used today? What are the different types of robots (with a demonstration)? What is the future of robots? What is AI and how does it relate to robotics? What skills does someone need to work in the field of robotics?

Book Discussion: What Happened to You? Wednesday, June 12th from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM - Hybrid, Virtual and In person. The insightful book What Happened to You? by Dr. Bruce Perry and Oprah Winfrey highlights the importance of understanding a person based on their past experience, particularly around Adverse Childhood Experiences and trauma. It will help you develop a better understanding of both yourself and others. Northwestern Community Services Board is providing free copies of the book for anyone who would like to participate in a discussion group with Warren Coalition and the Triumph Over Trauma Trauma-Informed Community Network on June 12, 2024. (If you cannot attend the book discussion, you will be required to complete an online survey about the book.)

Ongoing Programs

What the Tech! - Every Tuesday from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM - In person. Need help with technology? Come by the library's Meeting Room B 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!

Walking Book Club - Tuesday, June 4th from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM - First Tuesday of every month. In person. Discuss what you've been reading lately while taking a walk with fellow readers! Weather permitting.

Bad Romance - Wednesday, June 5th 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? 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, June 12th 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, June 13th 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 Pride. Read anything relating to LGBTQ+ characters and themes!

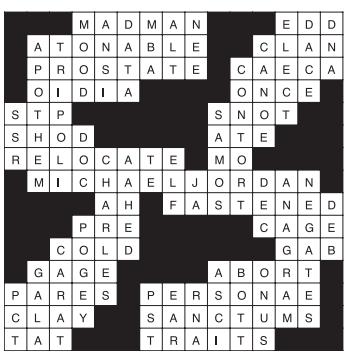
Phoenix Project - Hope for New Beginnings - Tuesday, June 18th from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM - Third Tuesday of every month. In person. Serving all members of the Front Royal/Warren County community who have experienced or are currently experiencing domestic violence or sexual assault. Phoenix Project Advocates 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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Dominion Ridge Academy Class of 2024

Dominion Ridge Academy proudly congratulates the Class of 2024 on their exceptional achievements throughout their educational journey. These graduates have exemplified competence, confidence, and belonging as leaders within our school community. We are immensely proud of their growth and the outstanding individuals they have become.

We are thrilled to announce that the Class of 2024 has received over $370,000 in scholarship offers. Our seniors' hard work and dedication have been recognized through their acceptance to a diverse array of esteemed institutions, including Bridgewater College, Christopher Newport University, Eastern Mennonite University, Hollins University, Lee University, Mary Baldwin University, Messiah University, Norwich University, Randolph College, Regent University, Roanoke College, University of Lynchburg, University of the Pacific, University of Wyoming, and Virginia Wesleyan University.

In addition to those pursuing higher education, we are also proud to acknowledge our seniors who have chosen to pursue trades, underscoring the value and importance of skilled trades in our community.

As they embark on new beginnings, we are reminded of the words from Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." May this promise guide and inspire our graduates as they move forward.

Please join us in congratulating our Class of 2024. From left to right: Mason Smedley, Thomas Hartley, Kendra Thompson, Emma Tutton, Braeden Majors, and RJ Johnson.



REC Employees Attend Clarke County Family Fun Day

Rappahannock Electric Cooperative (REC) enjoyed getting to connect with the community at Clarke County's second annual Family Fun Day & Community Fair last month in Berryville.

The event supports Child Abuse Prevention and Adoption Awareness, educating individuals, families, and the community about preventing child abuse and neglect and providing an array of resource options. Michelle Wells, Member Service Representative II & Team Lead, and Brianna Murden, Member Service Representative, brought the Cooperative's popular prize wheel and provided electric safety information to event attendees.



Reminder: if you find a fawn, leave it alone

Signs of spring are abundant across the Commonwealth with flowering dogwoods in bloom, hayfields greening up, and white-tailed deer fawns being born. During this time fawns can often find their way into yards, gardens, and hayfields. Often, concerned citizens think these fawns need help, but in almost all cases, the best way to help is to simply give the fawn space and leave it alone.

Concerned people sometimes pick up animals that they think are orphaned. Most such "orphans" that good- intentioned citizens "rescue" every spring should have been left alone. Most wild animals will not abandon their young, but they do leave them alone for extended periods of time.

Fawns, born from May through July, are purposely left alone by their mothers. Female deer, called does, stay away from the fawns to avoid leading predators to their location. The white-spotted coat camouflages a fawn as it lies motionless in vegetation. Young fawns generally will not try to run away when they are approached. Does will return several times each day to move and/or feed their young. You probably will not see the doe at all since she only stays to feed the fawn for just a few minutes before leaving it alone again.

If less than 24 hours have passed since a fawn has been "rescued," the fawn should be taken back and released at the exact same location where it was found. After returning the fawn, immediately leave the area and do not wait for the doe to return. The doe will not come back for the fawn if a human is nearby.

If a wild animal has been injured or truly orphaned, do not take matters into your own hands. Report the incident by calling the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) wildlife conflict helpline at 1-855-571-9003, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., or find a permitted wildlife rehabilitator through the DWR website. Only permitted wildlife rehabilitators are legally allowed to raise a fawn in captivity. Survival back in the wild is often low for rehabilitated fawns. Lessons during their first year of life, especially from their mother, are critical for a fawn to learn where to find food and avoid predators. Thus, the best way to help a fawn is to leave it alone.

In Virginia, fawn rehabilitation is prohibited within designated disease management areas for chronic wasting disease (CWD). This restriction is recognized as a best management practice for limiting the spread of CWD due to animal transport and potential transmission within a captive setting. Please visit the CWD website for more information on disease management and locations.

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