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Heroic military and law enforcement K-9s honored

The third annual Memorial Day event held on May 25 at Front Royal's animal shelter



Malcolm Barr Sr., who organized the first of the annual Memorial Day events to honor Dogs of War and Law Enforcement K-9s, greeted folks who gathered on May 25, 2024, at the Humane Society of Warren County's (HSWC) Memory Garden event dedicated to the heroic canines.



Former military canine handler, Christine "Chris" George, now affiliated with Randolph-Macon Academy, was the featured speaker at the third annual Humane Society of Warren County's (HSWC) Memory Garden ceremony.

By Carol Ballard
Warren/Frederick Report

more than partners, we trusted our lives to them."

"The dogs were not pets and were

These strong words were from former military canine handler, Christine

bravery to stay with me when most humans would not. He would never leave, and didn't do it for glory, only to protect. There's no animal or human braver than a military canine."

She continued.

"The dogs had no choice for where we were but only protected, without judgement or jealousy.

"I challenge anyone who believes dogs have no souls," she concluded.

After six years of active duty, the Page County resident, medically retired and returned home and was allowed to keep her canine Bak, but four years later, he was hit by a car and died in 2016, she said.

The afternoon's third annual memorial was held around the circular K-9 Memory Garden at the shelter with the German Shepherd statue "Ben" in the center.

The sound of bagpipes lent solemnity to the occasion as Jim Lundt stood in the background and played at intervals throughout the "Salute to the

"Chris" George who was the featured speaker at the third annual Julia Wagner Animal Shelter Memory Garden ceremony dedicated to the heroic animals.

George, who is affiliated with Front Royal's Randolph-Macon Academy, and who had completed one tour each of Iraq and Afghanistan, gave a heartfelt description of the deep connection

between military canines and their handlers, and her words left a deep impression impossible to express.

"Our canines are a silent sounding board, and we learned to respond to changes in their behavior or ticks that gave a warning of danger and saved other lives," George said. "I knew, in the heat of battle, Bak would never leave my side. He showed the most

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A U.S. Navy dog handler and his canine companion stand in respect at the War Dog Memorial on Guam Island. U.S. Navy photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class John F. Looney.

Dogs of War” on Saturday May 25. Malcolm Barr Sr., who donated funding for both the statue and the small garden, gave the opening address and acknowledged that Memorial Day had been created to honor fallen human military members, but he wanted to add a tribute to the ca-

nine warriors as well. About fifty visitors attended, many sitting with their well-behaved pets as well as Barr’s two canines, rescue Siberian Husky Diva, and Goose, held on leashes by a friend during the ceremony. The 92-year-old Barr gave a brief



Front Royal Councilman and Veteran Skip Rogers of the Able Forces Veterans’ assistance organization, laid the commemorative wreath in front of the statue of Ben, symbol of all warrior dogs. He and members of Randolph-Macon Academy’s Color Guard saluted the American flag and the German Shepherd statue, symbol of all the canines who have been invaluable in guarding and saving lives in all wars.

story taking listeners back to events that led to this day from when he was an Associated Press War Correspondent in Southeast Asia.

“This idea began 60 years ago during the Vietnam War. I had been on my way to Cambodia in a B-52 but had to stay over in Guam and I was looking for something to do and found myself being led through the jungle to see a cemetery of 22 dogs,” he said. “We uncovered the headstones of three of them. I thought there ought to be more done for recognition of the dogs saving soldiers by the hundreds in battlefields.

“I vowed at that time to gain more recognition and secure a home life after completing their missions for the military dogs. I always thought it appropriate for the dogs to have their own memorial, particularly when we came to Warren County to live in re-

tirement and found that the first K-9s of World War II were trained in Front Royal in 1942.”

A few years later he started the process that led to installation of the German Shepherd statue that stands

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to attention, and that arrived in 2021, appropriately, he said, "On Veterans Day, November 11."

His thinking and efforts have resulted in the cemetery on Guam being restored and is an attraction for visitors.

More information can be found at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_War_Dog_Cemetery.

A quote from the site tells a small part of the story.

"The National War Dog Cemetery

is a memorial to war dogs located at Naval Base Guam and is the first official war dog monument in the U.S. The cemetery honors the dogs—mostly Doberman Pinschers—that were killed in service with the United States Marine Corps during the Second Battle of Guam in 1944.

"Kurt, a Doberman Pinscher, was a scout dog during WWII and is estimated to have saved the lives of 250 Marines on Guam, by warning them of a Japanese attack. The WWII War dogs served as scouts, sentries and

messengers, exploring caves, detecting mines, and revealing booby traps. Kurt was the first of the war dogs to be killed."

As the ceremony continued, the Reverend Michael Williams stood to give the blessing for the dogs of war and told the story of his father, who was in the military as a K-9 handler.

He related that when his father came home, he hadn't been allowed to keep his dog, who, according to custom, had been euthanized, as the military's rule was to consider them

equipment and not useful any longer.

"We're here to show respect for these dogs now," said Williams.

According to the site www.thedodo.com/k9-veterans-day-1039267428.html,

"Until 2000, military working dogs (MWDs) were discarded, warehoused, or euthanized at the end of their service. There was no law allowing for their adoption and retirement. However, that changed when President Clinton signed a bill, known as "Robby's Law," to facilitate the adoption of retired MWDs.

And Williams added that military handlers can usually bring their dogs

home now, and the K-9 companions have been more than useful during the process required for service members when dealing with PTSD.

Then he gave the blessing for the dogs of war and included first responders and their dogs, as well as the dogs the people had brought to the cemetery.

Next, accompanied by the sound of the bagpipes, Front Royal Councilman and Veteran "Skip" Rogers, who had been a U.S. Army dog handler, laid a wreath honoring wartime and law enforcement canine participants across the world and in our community.

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some members of the visitors, saluted the American Flag and the K-9s.

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cue and located bombs.

When the wreath ceremony concluded,

A select group of members of the Valley Chorale were introduced and sang "Oh, Shenandoah" and the National Anthem as people stood in respect.

At the end of the ceremony, HSWC

Executive Director Kayla Wines invited everyone to come inside for refreshments and for a guided tour of the facility.

The owners of Fussell Florist provided wreaths for both the Saturday ceremony at the animal shelter and the Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 27 in downtown Front Royal.

Find photos of dogs in training and combat at www.parade.com/dogsof-war. To learn how to adopt one of the retired military dogs, visit:

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By Mark Gunderman

According to former Stephens City Mayor (1994-2010) and current Green Hill Cemetery trustee, Ray Ewing, Green Hill is a nondenominational, five-acre cemetery, designed in the



Colonel James Henry Drake's grave marker in the old Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery on Mulberry Street in Stephens City, Virginia. Courtesy Rick Wilde.

1880s on a parcel of land that was part of the town commons, once used for militia drills, and later as pasture for residents' livestock.

"The original design of the cemetery was planned around a proposed memorial gravesite of the town's Confederate Civil War Hero, Colonel James Henry Drake. Drake was killed in 1863 just south of Shepherdstown, West Virginia, and was buried in the old Trinity Lutheran Church cemetery on Mulberry Street in Stephens City. The founders of Green Hill planned to

move Drake's body from the church cemetery to Greenhill, but Drake's widow, Sarah Rosenberger, objected and the disinterment never took place," said Ewing.

At one time, tall trees lined the lanes leading to the proposed site at a clearing in the center of the cemetery. Drake's absence at Green Hill is now marked by an empty space. A black cast iron well water hand pump was installed there instead of the memorial.

According to Green Hill president,

John Petrie, the hand pump was removed and the well-sealed around 2000, because the cemetery trustees were concerned about soil contamination.

So, who was Confederate Colonel James H. Drake and why was he almost honored with such a prominent gravesite?

During the Confederate retreat south following the Battle of Gettysburg, the Confederate Cavalry was picketed from the Shenandoah to the Potomac River to warn of any Union advance. Union forces crossed the Potomac at Shepherdstown and ran into the Confederate pickets north of Kearneysville.

It was during an engagement at Kearneysville on July 16, 1863 whereby Colonel Drake commanding a regiment under General Fitzhugh Lee was 'Wounded in Action.' A Confederate obelisk commemorates the location where Drake was mortally wounded (thigh, right breast and through right shoulder), and died that night nearby at Mr. Marshall's farm.

Major General J.E.B. Stuart wrote of Drake's death as "depriving his regiment of a brave and zealous leader, and his country of one of her most patriotic defenders."

Drake was born on June 9, 1822, and raised in Newtown (name changed to Stephens City in 1880). The 1860 census had James Drake employed as a plasterer, mechanic, and militia officer. His family included wife Sarah, and children Alfred, Aldigetha, Earnest and Douglas. He would have had plenty of plastering work scheduled in Newtown with one hundred dwellings and numerous businesses, and a population of eight hundred people.

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Drake served with the Confederate States of America, First Virginia Cavalry from muster in April, 1861 to his death in 1863. The company had been a prewar unit established in Middletown in 1858. At the wars onset, Drake enlisted as Commissary (Lead) of Company A Newtown Light Dragoons on April 19, 1861. He was most likely selected for this position given his previous work and his experience as a civilian militia officer. Drake's job required him to read and write, possess a mathematical mind, and his militia experience showcased his excellent horsemanship skills, a familiarity with side arms, including Saber and pistol.

Many of the Civil War regiments initially elected their officers. Typically, those who played an active part in raising the company, usually one hun-

dred men, became the captain. This was commonly a popularity contest. Drake was appointed to handle recruiting. He was promoted to Captain on July 1, 1861, and was Acting Colonel for the regiment until the unit was placed under the command of J.E.B. Stuart in July 1861.

Competency was eventually established on the battlefield. Officers could resign their commissions, and inept ones did so normally and weeded themselves out. Those who adapted rose in rank. As officers resigned or were captured, killed, or wounded, senior officers typically moved up capable people within the chain of command.

Drake was appointed Major on April 23, 1862. The promotion indicated Drake had developed strong

leadership qualities. He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in July 1862. Colonel Drake often received praises from General Fitzhugh Lee for gallant conduct and was selected to lead some of the best mounted men on important reconnaissance missions. Drake's reputation grew for being dashing, devoted and courageous, always ready at the right time and place.

During 1862, Drake and the First Virginia Cavalry participated in the Seven Days Battles, and Stuart's ride around McClellan. The regiment then engaged in cavalry clashes at Gainesville, Second Bull Run, Antietam, and Fredericksburg.

In 1863, Drake and the First Virginia Cavalry supported engagements at Kelly's Ford, Chancellorsville, and Brandy Station.

Drake was promoted to Colonel on May 25, 1863. He was in command of the regiment at the Battle of Gettysburg where the First Virginia Cavalry fought in the brigade of Brigadier General Fitzhugh Lee. Drake led his horse soldiers during several intense skirmishes, protecting General Robert E. Lee's retreat to Virginia in the wake of Gettysburg.

Colonel Drake was a warrior who was known for always placing himself in front of the enemy. He attempted to halt a Union Cavalry counter-attack with just his own men and was himself mortally wounded in the heated battle. His soldiers who had known him for so long and loved him so well, were determined to retrieve his severely injured body from the field. The day after he died, Lieutenant Trussel of the Newtown Troop wrote in his diary, "I

have left my command with my company and took Colonel Drake home to Newtown and buried him."

Drake was buried on July 18 with the honors of war at the Trinity Lutheran Church. His sash and a beautiful silk flag that had been presented to his company at the outbreak of the war were buried with him.

Shortly afterward, General Fitzhugh Lee had an order published to the brigade, "Promptly rushing to arms at his country's call...he had deservedly risen to the head of his Regiment, serving faithfully, zealously, and with marked distinction ever since."

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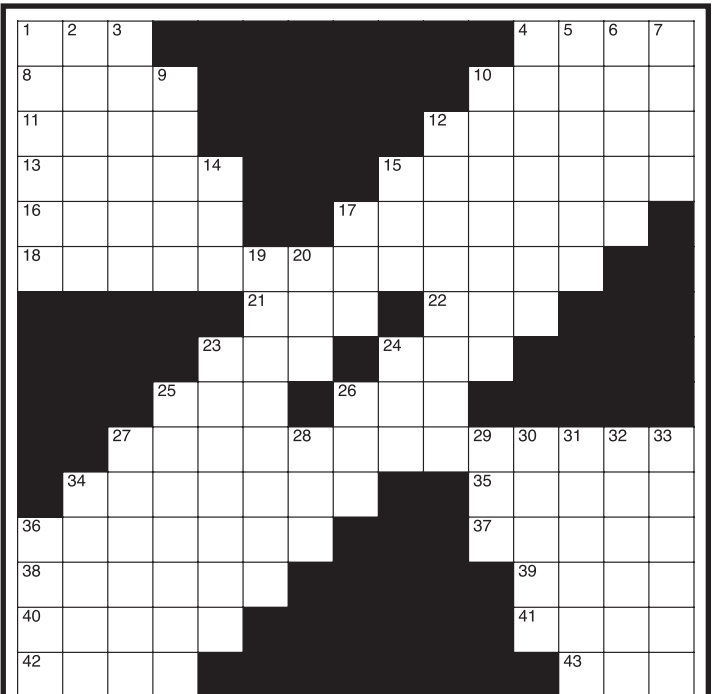
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1. Baby's dining accessory
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12. Expansive
13. Seizure
15. People with congenital absence of pigment
16. Gains
17. Mocked online
18. Clint's son
21. Body part
22. Humor
23. Code number
24. Your physique
25. Family of regulator genes
26. LA football player (abbr.)
27. "The Blonde Bombshell"
34. Charity
35. Bluish greens
36. Examined closely
37. A type of equation
38. Stretched uncomfortably
39. Indian religious god
40. Clocks
41. Slowly leak through
42. Witnesses
43. Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN

1. Nestlings
2. Induces vomiting
3. A place to eat
4. Partner in the air
5. Offered one's take
6. Nobel-winning French biologist
7. Farm animals
9. Prevent from growing
10. Sensationalist periodical
12. Soft-bodied beetle
14. Very fast airplane
15. Imaginative creation
17. Recipe measurement (abbr.)
19. Evoked a response
20. French river
23. Shiny yellow minerals
24. Make illegal
25. U.S. military branch
26. River in France and Belgium
27. A woman of refinement
28. Male child
29. Type of medication
30. German city
31. Animal disease
32. Mediterranean dietary staple
33. Sneak out
34. Radioactivity unit
36. Performs on stage

had lived..."

The 1913 Gettysburg reunion was a Gettysburg Battlefield encampment of American Civil War veterans for the Battle of Gettysburg's 50th anniversary. The June 29-July 4 gathering of 53,407 veterans was the largest ever Civil War veteran reunion. In the Times-Dispatch Richmond article titled, "Virginia Troops in Gettysburg Campaign, July 1-3 Inclusive, 1863," dated July 29, 1913, Colonel James H. Drake is listed on the roster. His name appears under Calvary Corps., Brigadier-General Fitz Lee's Brigade, Regiment.

The Stephens City Steele family has passed down oral tradition that Colo-

nel Drake may have saved the life of Milton Boyd Steele during the Gettysburg Campaign. The story alleged Drake required that the young (yet to turn 18 and enlist) Milton Steele stay back from the battle lines in the rear with the supply wagons instead of going with the men of the First Virginia Cavalry, Company A into the combat zone. Steele was a wagon driver supporting that unit during the Gettysburg Campaign.

The story was passed down by Mildred Lee Grove who received it from her grandmother Altha Watson Steele, Milton Steele's wife. Milton Steele eventually enlisted with Company A of the First Virginia Cavalry on 1 September

1863 and survived the war.

On Sunday, May 30, 1993, during the first Newtown Heritage Festival, a Grave Marking Ceremony took place at the unmarked grave of Colonel Drake at the Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery on Mulberry Street by the Turner Ashby chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC). Apparently, Drake's widow did not have the money to purchase a headstone during the war and Drake's grave lay unmarked for one hundred and thirty years.

At that time, a local newspaper reported about one hundred people attended the ceremony including UDC representatives, town officials and residents, and Drake's great-granddaughters from Winchester, Elizabeth Drake, and Beverley Tavenner. Elizabeth Drake's grandfather Douglas was Colonel James Drake's third son.

The family members were honored and appreciative of the UDC for providing such a beautiful headstone. Stephens City historian Linden "Butch" Fravel said at the time, "Colonel Drake

is the closest thing the town has to a Civil War hero."

Though his memorial at Green Hill Cemetery never happened, Drake's story represents a nostalgic period in Stephens City's history.

Reference: 1st Virginia Cavalry, by Robert Driver, Jr., dated 1991, published by H. E. Howard, Inc. Lynchburg, Virginia, was essential in writing this article.

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INDICTMENTS

April 2024 Indictments

Joshua Nicholas Byrd

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about August 2, 2023, in the County of Warren, Joshua Nicholas Byrd, 29, of the 100 block of W. 18th St., Front Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully and feloniously break and enter, in the nighttime, the dwelling of David Downes with the intent to commit a felony or larceny therein.

Joshua Nicholas Byrd

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about August 11, 2023, in the County of Warren, Joshua Nicholas Byrd, 29, of the 100 block of W. 18th 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.

Noah River Richardson

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about February 14, 2024, in the County of Warren, Noah River Richardson, 21, of the 600 block of Western Ln., Front Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully and feloniously did steal a firearm belonging to Alan Williams.

Noah River Richardson

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about February 20, 2024, in the County of Warren, Noah River Richardson, 21, of the 600 block of Western Ln., Front Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully

and feloniously, knowingly and intentionally possess or transport a firearm after having previously been convicted

of a non-violent felony within the prior ten (10) years.

Herman Antwion Jackson-Harris

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about September 20, 2023, in the County of Warren, Herman Antwion Jackson-Harris, 19, of the 200 block of Short St., Front Royal, VA 22630,

did unlawfully and feloniously possess with the intent to distribute a Schedule I or II controlled substance, to-wit: Fentanyl.

See INDICTMENTS, 10



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INDICTMENTS, from 9

Herman Antwion Jackson-Harris

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about September 20, 2023, in the County of Warren, Herman Antwion Jackson-Harris, 19, of the 200 block of Short St., Front Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully and feloniously possess with the intent to distribute a Schedule I or II controlled substance, to-wit: Cocaine.

Herman Antwion Jackson-Harris

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about September 20, 2023, in the

County of Warren, Herman Antwion Jackson-Harris, 19, of the 200 block of Short St., Front Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully and feloniously conspire to possess with the intent to sell or distribute a Schedule I or II controlled substance, to-wit: Cocaine.

Herman Antwion Jackson-Harris

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about September 20, 2023, in the County of Warren, Herman Antwion Jackson-Harris, 19, of the 200 block of Short St., Front Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully and feloniously conspire to possess with the intent to sell or distribute a Schedule I or II controlled

substance, to-wit: Fentanyl.

Herman Antwion Jackson-Harris

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about September 20, 2023, in the County of Warren, Herman Antwion Jackson-Harris, 19, of the 200 block of Short St., Front Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully and feloniously conspire to possess with the intent to sell or distribute a Schedule I or II controlled substance, to-wit: Heroin.

Herman Antwion Jackson-Harris

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about September 20, 2023, in the County of Warren, Herman Antwion Jackson-Harris, 19, of the 200 block of Short St., Front Royal, VA 22630, unlawfully and feloniously transport into Virginia, more than one ounce of a Schedule I or II controlled sub-

stance, to-wit: Cocaine.

Herman Antwion Jackson-Harris

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about September 20, 2023, in the County of Warren, Herman Antwion Jackson-Harris 19, of the 200 block of Short St., Front Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully and feloniously transport into Virginia, more than one ounce of a Schedule I or II controlled substance, to-wit: Cocaine.

Herman Antwion Jackson-Harris

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about September 20, 2023, in the County of Warren, Herman Antwion Jackson-Harris, 19, of the 200 block of Short St., Front Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully and feloniously possess with the intent to distribute a Schedule I or II controlled substance, to-wit:

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ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Family obligations are swimming through your mind, Aries. It is time to sit down and hammer out a resolution that will appeal to everyone and lighten your load.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

A special person in your life is getting closer and closer to you every day, Taurus. This may be the companion that you have been hoping for. Continue to take things slowly.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, sometimes you have a tendency to make things more difficult than they need to be. Stop obsessing over every little detail this week. Things have a way of working out.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, if someone accuses you of being too emotional this week, do not take it personally. This person may be projecting his or her experiences on you. Continue what you're doing.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, could you be holding yourself to unreasonably high standards? If you're getting frustrated by not meeting your goals, ease up on yourself for the time being.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, it is your mission to change the minds of some people at work this week, as it will bode well for you down the road. Just don't make too many extravagant requests.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Recently people have been directing accolades in your direction, Libra. This is the boost you have needed to propel yourself to do more of the things that have been your goals.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, someone simply isn't bringing his or her A-game to a work project, and it shows. It's frustrating and you want to take over, but this is supposed to be a team effort.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Simple things used to bring you pleasure and now it seems a bit of a gray cloud has descended. Don't start to fret you're getting jaded, Sagittarius. This is just a little rough patch.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, as a finish line approaches, it can be tempting to get very excited. Hold off on that elation until everything is done. You never know what can crop up in between.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

It doesn't need to be New Year's to make a resolution, Aquarius. You can aspire to change an aspect of your life anytime you want. Perhaps this is the week to embrace change?

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Have you been putting all of your focus on only one part of your life, Pisces? Take a more balanced approach; otherwise, burn-out may soon set in.

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Herman Antwion Jackson-Harris

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about August 19, 2023, in the County of Warren, Herman Antwion Jackson-Harris, 19, of the 200 block of Short St., Front Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully and feloniously distribute a Schedule II controlled substance, to-wit: Fentanyl.

Herman Antwion Jackson-Harris

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about August 19, 2023, in the County of Warren, Herman Antwion Jackson-Harris, 19, of the 200 block of Short St., Front Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully and feloniously distribute a controlled substance, to-wit: Fentanyl, while upon public property or any property open to public use within 1000 feet of public or private school property.

Gregory Mandez Roberts, Jr.

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about September 19, 2023, in the County of Warren, Gregory Mandez Roberts, Jr., 47, address unavailable, did unlawfully and feloniously produce child pornography, including by computer, sell, give away, distribute, electronically transmit, display, purchase, or possess with intent to sell, give away, distribute, transmit, or display child pornography.

Keon Levar Langford

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about March 9, 2023, in the County of Warren, Keon Levar Langford, age and address unavailable, did unlawfully and feloniously, knowingly and intentionally possess a controlled substance listed in Schedule I or Schedule II of the Drug Control Act.

Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about March 25, 2024, in the County of Warren, Christopher Augustus Washington, 26, 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.

Christopher Augustus Washington

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about March 14, 2024, in the County of Warren, Christopher Augustus Washington, 26, 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.

Stephanie Nicole Watson

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about November 2, 2023, in the County of Warren, Stephanie Nicole Watson, 33, of the 100 block of High St., Timberville, VA 22853, did unlawfully and feloniously, knowingly and intentionally possess a controlled substance listed in Schedule I or Schedule II of the Drug Control Act.

Joshua Nicholas Byrd

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about August 27, 2023, in the County of Warren, Joshua Nicholas Byrd, 29, of the 100 block of W. 18th 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.

Christopher Augustus Washington

The Warren County Va. Circuit

Stephanie Nicole Watson

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about November 2, 2023, in the County of Warren, Stephanie Nicole Watson, 33, of the 100 block of High St., Timberville, VA 22853 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 II of the Drug Control Act.

Christopher Alleyn Ingrao

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about January 18, 2024, in the County of Warren, Christopher Alleyn Ingrao, 40, 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.

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Sourwood: If you've traveled the

Blue Ridge Parkway, you've probably seen beekeepers selling sourwood honey from roadside stands. Honeybees love the slightly fragrant, bell-shaped flowers of the sourwood (or sorrel) tree.

Redbud: Various redbud species range in size, so do your research before planting one.

Crabapple: Crabapple trees are popular with a wide range of pollinators, including honeybees and mason bees. Their flowers, loaded with nectar and pollen, provide the perfect recipe for honey.

Serviceberry: The serviceberry tree is an American native that tolerates cold winters. Their pink and white flowers are among the first to appear in spring, making them an excellent choice for beekeepers.

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Former EDA Director Sentenced to 14 Years After Stealing Over \$5.2 Million

"Jennifer McDonald Used EDA Funds As Her 'Personal Piggy Bank'" - DOJ

HARRISONBURG, Va. – The former executive director of the Econom-

ic Development Authority of Front Royal and Warren County (EDA), who was convicted in November of last year of stealing more than \$5 million dollars in authority funds, was sentenced today to 14 years in federal prison.

Jennifer Rae McDonald, 45, of Front Royal, Virginia, was convicted following a 9-week jury trial in November 2023 of seven counts of wire fraud, six counts of bank fraud, sixteen counts of money laundering, and one count of aggravated identity theft.

"For more than four years, Jennifer McDonald used EDA funds as her personal piggy bank, diverting public funds to purchase real estate and to pay her personal expenses" United States Attorney Christopher R. Kavanaugh said today. "Today's sentence reflects how serious this office takes fraud and the misuse of public funds. I am thankful to the FBI and the Virginia State Police for the tireless work they did to untangle the web of lies spun by this defendant."

"The FBI is committed to investigating elected officials who abuse their positions for personal gain," Special Agent in Charge Stanley Meador of the FBI's Richmond Division said today. "I am proud of the work our team and partners did to uncover Ms. McDonald's complex fraud scheme and to bring her to justice."

According to court documents and evidence presented at trial, McDonald was the Executive Director of the EDA, a public entity designed to attract and support businesses in Warren County and the Town of Front Royal. The EDA was overseen by a Board of Directors and supported by an administrative assistant, but at the center of the EDA was McDonald.

Beginning in 2014, McDonald began stealing money from the EDA and, for more than four years, McDonald used the bank accounts and credit facilities of the EDA to divert public funds to purchase real estate and to pay for her personal expenses. She falsified documents in order to mislead the EDA's Board of Directors, external auditors, and Warren County and Front Royal government officials

so she could continue her scheme.

When confronted by law enforcement and others, McDonald drafted fake loan documents, encouraged others to lie before a grand jury and fabricated an outrageous story, alleging the fraud was part of a "secret settlement" and invented more fake documents to cover-up her fraud.

In the end, McDonald pilfered the EDA's bank accounts and is responsible for \$5,201,329 in losses.

At trial, evidence was presented that at least \$2.4 million of the money McDonald stole was used to fund her gambling - including net losses of more than \$750,000.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation and Virginia State Police investigated the case.

Assistant U.S. Attorneys Sean Welsh and Rachel Swartz and Trial Attorney Andrea Broach are prosecuting the case for the United States.



Middletown, Va. preps for July 4th Celebration

The Town of Middletown is proud to announce that it has been awarded a \$4,500 grant from the Virginia Tourism Corporation (VTC) to support its annual July 4th celebration. This grant marks the first time Middletown's Independence Day festivities have received a state award.

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"The VTC grant programs continue to inject critical funds into communities across the Commonwealth, helping to make Virginia the best place to live, work, and raise a family," said Secretary of Commerce and Trade Caren Merrick. "The tourism industry is an incredible employment on-ramp for high school and college students, part-time workers, and those interested in long-term hospitality careers. From kitchen line cooks to regional executive hotel managers, these funds support a robust hospitality workforce by inducing tourism demand and increasing overnight visitation."

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BRIEFS, from 13

ceived a \$4,500 grant from the Virginia Tourism Corporation for our annual July 4th celebration. This is the combination of years of work and efforts and I am very proud of the July 4th Committee, Staff and Council. This grant will not only help us enhance the festivities but also promote our town and wonderful local businesses. We are looking forward to taking this beloved celebration to the next level and showcasing all that Middletown has to offer," said Mayor Harbaugh.

VTC's tourism marketing and sponsorship programs are designed to increase visitor spending by leveraging limited marketing dollars, to stimulate new tourism marketing through partnerships, and to extend the "Virginia is for Lovers" brand to drive visitation. Using the hub and spoke tourism partnership model, Virginia entities partner to apply for funding. The VTC grant aims to assist in the promotion and development of local tourism initiatives, and Middletown's July 4th celebration is a perfect example of a community event that draws thousands of visitors and supports local businesses. The additional funding will be used to enhance the celebration with new attractions, entertainment, and promotional activities designed to highlight the charm and hospitality of Middletown.

This year's celebration promises to be the most spectacular yet, featuring a range of activities for all ages, including the area's only parade at 5 pm, live music from Robbie Limon and The Reflex, fireworks, various vendors offering foods and crafts, a softball tournament, a cornhole tournament, bounce houses, wine tasting, bourbon tasting, a K9 demonstration, NFL player meet and greets, and more! The event not only serves as a celebration of national pride but also as an opportunity for visitors and residents alike to experience the unique offerings of Middletown's vibrant business community.

Our second president, John Adams, predicted the following about Independence Day celebrations: "I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty; it ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other, from this

time forward forever more."

For more information about the July 4th celebration and updates on the event schedule, please visit the Town of Middletown's official website or follow us on social media.



Chamber Events

Reaching Out Now invites you to a **Business Open House on June 13th** from 5-7:00 pm to learn more about the Raymond E. Santmyers Student Union & Activity Center. The event will include refreshments and tours. Participants will learn about the goals and programs of the center and how they can help.

Quality Title, LLC invites you to **Hot Dogs & Dogs on June 22nd**, from 12-3: p.m. Bring a donation of pet food or supplies to get free food and ice cream. The Humane Society of Warren County will be in attendance with adoptable dogs and there will be a dunk tank, free face painting, and other fun activities.

Applications are available now for the **FRVED Firefighter's Parade** scheduled for July 10, 6 p.m. For questions and concerns email Brad Kresge frvfdparade@gmail.com or call at (540) 635-2540.



BELLE GROVE PLANTATION

GardenFest Saturday, June 1

The Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE), supported by the Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association, will hold its annual GardenFest on Saturday, June 1, 2024, at Belle Grove Plantation in Middletown. Admission and parking are free. Tours of Belle Grove's historic Manor House will be \$5 for visitors 12 and older and offered from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Master Gardeners will also give free guided

tours of Belle Grove's Teaching Garden.

The highlight of GardenFest is the VCE Master Gardeners' Plant Sale. This annual fundraiser supports the educational programs offered by the Master Gardeners throughout the year. Plants will be priced at \$5, and trees and shrubs will be \$10. A list of the more than 3,000 plants for sale is posted at <https://tinyurl.com/GardenFest24>. Cash and credit cards are accepted. Attendees should note that, unlike in past years, no wagons will be provided for transporting plants, so they should bring their own.

At 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. on the lawn behind the Belle Grove Manor House will be border collie duck herding demonstrations. Belle Grove will host the U.S. Border Collie Handler Association's National Sheepdog Finals this September 30-October 6.

For information, visit nsvmga.org or facebook.com/NSVMGA/



REC presents The Power of Change check to the Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum.

REC's The Power of Change: Supporting Seniors, Veterans, Low-Income Residents, among others in need

As Executive Director of Blue Ridge Opportunities, Cathy Wolfe helps adults with intellectual disabilities lead more engaged lives in their communities.

Thanks to the generosity of Rappahannock Electric Cooperative (REC) members, through a program called The Power of Change, the adults Wolfe helps every day can now get around without the stigma of arriving in a large van.

A donation from The Power of Change helped Blue Ridge Opportunities purchase a Chevy Equinox.

"Those with an intellectual disability want to live just like you and I do every day," she said, "and I'm so appreciative of REC and the support they have given us."

How The Power of Change Works

The Power of Change allows Cooperative members to give voluntarily to support nonprofits that do so much for those in need.

Most participants simply round up their electric bills to the next whole dollar, but gifts can also be a set monthly amount or a one-time donation.

Twice a year, donations from The Power of Change are made available to 501(c)(3) nonprofits in our communities.

This spring, The Power of Change awarded more than \$106,000 in grants. Congratulations to the following recipients!

Italia Performing Arts Institute (Winchester) received \$550 to support the ArteInMovimento residency

workshop for youth.

Access Independence (Winchester) received \$2,000 to support the Fall

THIS FRENCH PASTRY IS SWEET AND SATISFYING



- chocolate
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 tablespoons hot water

Preheat the oven to 450 F. Grease a cookie sheet; set aside.

Make choux pastry: Combine water and butter in a medium pot. Bring to a boil, stirring until butter melts completely. Reduce heat to low; add flour and salt. Stir vigorously until mixture leaves the sides of the pan and begins to form a stiff ball. Remove from heat and let cool 10 minutes.

Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition until incorporated. Using a spoon or pastry bag fitted with a No. 10 or larger tip, spoon or pipe dough onto the prepared cookie sheet in 1 1/2 x 4-inch strips.

Bake in the preheated oven for 15 minutes. Reduce heat to 325 F and continue baking until the bottoms sound hollow when lightly tapped, about 20 more minutes. Poke a small hole in each éclair to release steam. Cool completely on a wire rack.

Make filling; combine milk and pudding mix in a medium bowl according to package directions. Beat heavy cream with an electric mixer in a separate medium bowl until soft peaks form. Beat in confectioners' sugar and vanilla. Fold whipped cream into pudding.

Cut tops off of cooled pastry shells with a sharp knife. Fill shells with pudding mixture and replace tops.

Make icing: Melt chocolate and butter in a medium saucepan over low heat. Stir in confectioners' sugar and vanilla. Stir in hot water, 1 tablespoon at a time, until icing is smooth and has reached desired consistency. Remove from heat and cool slightly.

Drizzle chocolate icing over filled éclairs. Store in the refrigerator until serving.

An éclair is a delicious French dessert comprised of an eggy but airy pastry traditionally filled with custard and topped with a chocolate glaze. However, éclairs can be customized to feature many different flavors. Historians say acclaimed chef Antonin Carême is attributed with making the éclair famous by modifying a cake recipe previously known as "pain à la duchesse." Éclair means "flash," and the name may suggest that these pastries were eaten in a flash.

The most recognizable version of this popular pastry is the chocolate éclair. Foodies can find éclairs at nearby bakeries, but they're relatively easy to make at home as well. Try this recipe for "Éclairs," courtesy of Allrecipes.com and contributor Patty Stockton.

Éclairs

Makes 9

Choux pastry

- 1 cup water
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 4 large eggs

Filling

- 2 1/2 cups cold milk
- 1 5-ounce package instant vanilla pudding mix
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1/4 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Icing

- 2 1-ounce squares semisweet

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Ramp Up, which provides wheelchair ramps and other mobility assistance for those with disabilities.

Fauquier FISH (Warrenton) received \$2,460 to support the food pantry's Delicious Affordable Simple and Healthy meals Program serving food insecure families.

LTLT Global Ministries Inc - Harvest Outreach Ministries (Front Royal) received \$2,460 to support its mobile food pantry for low-income families.

St. Luke Community Clinic (Front Royal) received \$3,000 for supplies to the St. Luke Dental Clinic that serves low-income uninsured individuals.

Arte Libre VA, Inc. (Winchester) received \$3,000 for its Beat the Odds® Workshop Series, an arts-based intervention program that builds core social-emotional strengths among marginalized and underserved youth and families.

Godfrey Miller Home Inc (Winchester) received \$5,000 for its Congregate Affordable Meal Program for

older adults with limited financial resources.

The Winchester Rescue Mission received \$5,000 to assist with providing emergency shelter beds for the new Valley Avenue homeless facility.

Wesley Housing Development Corporation of Northern Virginia, which serves Frederick County, received \$5,000 to assist with housing stabilization services for low-income seniors.

Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum (Winchester) received \$5,250 toward its Virtual Camps with Special Love serving children with cancer and their families.

Learn more about The Power of Change at www.thepowerofchange.org.

REC provides electric service to over 178,000 connections in parts of 22 Virginia counties. With its general office in Fredericksburg, Va., the Cooperative operates and maintains more than 18,000 miles of power lines through its service area, which ranges

from the Blue Ridge Mountains to the tidal waters of the Chesapeake Bay. For more information about REC, please visit www.myrec.coop. Follow REC on Facebook, X, Instagram, LinkedIn and YouTube.



WARREN HERITAGE SOCIETY

New Warren Heritage Society Executive Director

Board President, Teresa Henry announced May 20 the appointment of Joe Petty as the new Executive Director of the Warren Heritage Society. Mr. Petty will be working with the Board, colleagues, and community to support the preservation and education of Front Royal and Warren County's history. Mr. Petty has a Bachelor of Fine Arts

degree from George Mason University and 15+ years of experience in community development and was raised in Warren County. His previous professional experience includes Vice President of Operations with the Crystal City Business Improvement District that focused on changing the way one perceived the area and creating a sense of community. His recent experience was with the Warren County Government in the Planning Department and Economic Development.

Regarding his appointment as Executive Director, Mr. Petty said, "I am excited for this new opportunity with an organization that provides an amazing asset for education and awareness of our community. Being from Warren County, it is an honor to accept this new role and I am looking forward to the new experience."

Board of Directors President Teresa Henry said, "I am thrilled to welcome Joe Petty as our new Executive Director. With his deep roots in Warren County and extensive experience in community development, I am confident he will lead the Warren Heritage Society to new heights in preserving and celebrating our rich history."

The Warren Heritage Society was established in 1971 and is located at 101 Chester Street, Front Royal, Virginia 22630. More information can be found online at <https://warrenheritagesociety.org/>.



Samuels Public Library Youth Activities - June 2024

These are the events being presented by the Youth Services Department at Samuels Public Library during the month of June 2024. More information about Samuels Library and the programs and services available can be found at www.samuelslibrary.net or by calling (540) 635-3153.

Saturday, June 1

Summer Reading Program begins for the family! Come in and register, read books, and get prizes! Non-readers can listen to 5 books each week, while readers and teens can read one book each week, to get a prize.

10:00 AM – Face Painting. Come get a face painting when you register for the Summer Reading Program.

12:30PM – Spider Man visit! Come see the web slinger, as he hands out ring pops (as supplies last)!

2:00 PM – Petting Zoo in the Garden. Come pet a lamb, baby pig, rabbit, and kids! Then register for the Summer Reading Program.

Monday, June 3

11:00 AM - Music & Movement for Babies & Toddlers. Join our relaxed and joyful time with your little ones as we listen to music while learning some basic movements and multisensory activities designed to delight your baby. Registration is required.

Tuesday, June 4

3:30 PM – Science Scouts. For ages 6-11. Children will investigate a different STEM-related topic bi-weekly. This week's theme is Dissecting a Flower. Registration is required.

Wednesday, June 5

10:15AM - Toddler Story Time. Bring your toddler to a potpourri of simple stories, fun songs, and a cute craft about Camping! Siblings welcome. Registration is required.

11:00AM – Preschool Story Time. Come in for an enjoyable hour filled with Camping stories, exciting sing-alongs, finger plays, and a nifty craft! Registration is required.

Friday, June 7

2:00 PM – Lowes Build It! For ages 6-11. Join us to learn about construction jobs and then build something! Registration is required.

Monday, June 10

11:00 AM - Music & Movement for Babies & Toddlers. Join our relaxed and joyful time with your little ones as we listen to music while learning some basic movements and multisensory activities designed to delight your baby. Registration is required.

Tuesday, June 11

10:30 AM – Homeschool Hub. For ages 6-11. Children will work together as they go through the scientific method, gathering data, and drawing conclusions. The topic this week is Homemade Slushies. Registration is required.

Wednesday, June 12

10:15AM - Toddler Story Time. Bring your toddler to a potpourri of simple stories, fun songs, and a cute craft for Father's Day! Siblings welcome. Registration is required.

11:00AM – Preschool Story Time. Come in for an enjoyable hour filled with Father's Day stories, exciting sing-alongs, finger plays, and a nifty craft! Registration is required.

Friday, June 14

10:00 AM – Toddler Trails. Join us at Seide Memorial Botanical Gardens to learn about seeds! Take a mini hike and make some seed paper to plant. For ages 2-6. Registration is required.

Saturday, June 15

2:30PM – Teens Connect. It's a mystery! Will we play games? Do crafts? Taste things? Come find out! For ages 12-18. Registration is required.

Monday, June 17

11:00 AM - Music & Movement for Babies & Toddlers. Join our relaxed and joyful time with your little ones as we listen to music while learning some basic movements and multisensory activities designed to delight your baby. Registration is required.

Tuesday, June 18

3:30 PM – Science Scouts. For ages 6-11. Children will investigate a different STEM-related topic bi-weekly. This week's theme is Homemade Slushies. Registration is required.

Wednesday, June 19

The Library will be closed for the holiday.

Thursday, June 20

11:00 AM – Magic Man. Come watch an amazing magic show with Wes Iseli and learn some tricks yourself! His show has live animals, comedy, and goody bags for children (as supplies last)! Fun for the family!

Saturday, June 22

11:00 AM – Microscopy. For ages 8-11, with parent. Come learn the parts of a microscope, create a slide, and take pictures of what you see. Registration is required.

2:00 PM – Microscopy. For ages 12-18. Learn how to hook the microscope

kids' corner

Math Blocks

Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-20. The numbers in each row add up to the totals on the right. The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

20		10	38
1	16		19
	3	17	25
26	27	29	

11	6	5
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Solution

THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

- 1654: LOUIS XIV IS CROWNED KING OF FRANCE.
- 1905: NORWAY'S PARLIAMENT DISSOLVES ITS UNION WITH SWEDEN.
- 1946: THE UNITED KINGDOM'S BBC RETURNS TO BROADCASTING ITS TELEVISION SERVICE, WHICH HAS BEEN OFF AIR FOR SEVEN YEARS DUE TO WORLD WAR II.



NATURE

the physical world, including plants, animals and the landscape



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ANSWER: FOREST BATHING

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

H E T E R G T A U D T O O S R O

Answer: The Great Outdoors

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Breeze

SPANISH: Brisa

ITALIAN: Brezza

FRENCH: Brise

GERMAN: Brise



WHEN ENJOYING CAMPING OR OTHER OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES THAT INVOLVE FIRE, IT IS VITAL TO MAKE SURE THAT THE FIRE IS COMPLETELY EXTINGUISHED BEFORE LEAVING THE SITE.



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: SWAN

BRIEFS, from 15

up to a computer, take pictures, and create your own slides. Registration is required.

Monday, June 24

11:00 AM - Music & Movement for Babies & Toddlers. Join our relaxed and joyful time with your little ones as we listen to music while learning some basic movements and multisensory activities designed to delight your baby. Registration is required.

Tuesday, June 25

10:30 AM - Homeschool Hub. For ages 6-11. Children will work together as they go through the scientific meth-

od, gathering data, and drawing conclusions. The topic this week is Underwater Fireworks. Registration is required.

Wednesday, June 26

10:15AM - Toddler Story Time. Bring your toddler to a potpourri of simple stories, fun songs, and a cute craft about Outer Space. Siblings welcome. Registration is required.

11:00 AM - Preschool Story Time. Read With the Sheriff! This week we will have a special guest from the Sheriff's office! Come in for an enjoyable hour filled with Outer Space stories, exciting sing-alongs, finger plays, and a nifty craft! Registration is required.

Saturday, June 29

11:00 AM - Story Walk at Eastham Park. Join us for the new installment of Woodpecker Wants a Waffle. Hear the story and do a craft!



Frederick County and Stephens City - Give Input on VDOT Study Reviewing Route 277 at Interstate 81 Exit 307

The public is invited to participate in a brief online survey available between Monday, May 20 to Tuesday, June 4 concerning a portion of Route 277 (Fairfax Pike/Fairfax Street) in parts of Frederick County and the Town of Stephens City. This study is being conducted by the

Virginia Department of Transportation in partnership with Frederick County, Town of Stephens City, WinFred Metropolitan Planning Organization (WinFred MPO) and ATCS, PLC.

The survey is collecting feedback on project ideas to reduce travel delays and improve safety along Route 277 between US Route 11 (Main Street) and Route 1085 (Stickley Drive). Alternatives to improve the interchange area are being recommended to accommodate future growth by addressing identified safety issues, traffic delays, as well as multimodal accessibility. Several alternatives were explored for the future configuration of the Route 277 bridge over Interstate 81 as part of the congestion mitigation and safety improvement process.

Your feedback will help your local leaders determine whether to pursue future funding opportunities.

The study will identify ways to improve safety and operations through targeted project recommendations. Solutions will be identified that may be incorporated with proposed projects or as standalone efforts.

The survey, which has a translation

tool for other languages, is available at <https://publicinput.com/st-23-08alternatives>

VDOT invites residents and travelers to learn more about this study by visiting <https://vaaprojectpipeline.virginia.gov/studies/staunton/st-23-08/>

Comments can also be sent to brad.reed@vdot.virginia.gov or Brad Reed, Virginia Department of Transportation, 811 Commerce Road, Staunton, VA 22401-9029.

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