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# Front Royal celebrates first annual Juneteenth 2024

## NAACP slogan "Learn From the Past for a Better Future" on Gazebo banner



This group of friendly, informative and active local participants in the first annual Front Royal Juneteenth celebration and area history were: Nikki DeNeal; Diamond Freeman; Dr. Evangelist Lorraine Barnes and Gene Kilby, co-organizer of the event.



Suetta Freeman partnered with Gene Kilby to organize the 2024 first annual Juneteenth Celebration in Front Royal.

"After realizing that the Warren-Page NAACP had been dormant for a number of years and membership had shrunk to under 30 members. Suetta contacted the State Conference of the NAACP seeking information on how

### Omissions/Correction

In the Late June 2024 issue of Warren/Frederick County Report, the article "Shenandoah Valley artists featured on Main Street," on the "Landscape of Desire" exhibit at the Melissa Ichiuji Studio and Gallery, the name of juror Dr. Natalie Korytnyk-Forrester was accidentally omitted. The name of the artist accompanying the painting "Daniel Boone's Forest" is Elena Maza, incorrectly spelled Elena Maya.



Ann Rhodes Baltimore, the lone graduate of Warren County High School in 1959, spoke at the Juneteenth event. She said, "The seven of us out of the 21 [who integrated Warren County High School] are still living." She introduced Charles Barbour, Pearl Jordan, Betty Roberts, Lillian Sloane, and the Rev. Alfred Woods.



Another speaker at the Juneteenth Celebration in Front Royal, Charles Lickson, spoke about his experience of watching Martin Luther King deliver his "I Have a Dream" speech on August 8, 1963, at the March on Washington.

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Sometimes it takes an accumulation of dragging years before justice is served.

In the case of the enslaved population in 1865 in Texas, their freedom didn't come until June 19, 1865, two and a half years after the Proclamation of Emancipation and executive

order, effective January 1, 1863, was issued by then-President Abraham Lincoln during the American Civil War. It took a "visit" by the U.S. Army arriving in Texas to enforce the Emancipation Proclamation.

And, in the case of the historic date, now called Juneteenth, it took 156 years for it to be declared a federal holiday.

According to Gene Kilby, co-orga-

nizer of the local event with Suetta Freeman, the reason for this year's first Front Royal Celebration came about because, as he explained, "The

Warren-Page NAACP has been very instrumental in providing protections of the civil rights and equality of all people in the Warren-Page area.



The Gazebo and flowers provided the setting for the first annual Juneteenth celebration in downtown Front Royal.

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**Cecil Taylor, from Northumberland County, who has been reciting 10-minute of the 17-minute “I Have a Dream” speech for audiences since 1998, recited some of it for the folks gathered at the Gazebo on June 19.**



**Opal Lee talks with President Joe Biden after signing the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act Bill, Thursday, June 17, 2021, in the East Room of the White House. (Official White House Photo by Chandler West) Public Domain**

of the historic event and was an opportunity for residents who fought for equality to give short and meaningful stories of the town and county's past they took part in.

While visiting the informational and interesting various booths, one stood out because it had several women who grew up in Front Royal and who shared important pieces of information.

Displayed on the table was a photocopy of an article about Opal Lee, who is often described as the “grandmother of Juneteenth.”

The following is an account of a small part of her life as it related to her monumental effort.

“Opal Lee, born October 7, 1926, is an American retired teacher, counselor, and activist in the movement to make Juneteenth a federally-recognized holiday.

“In June 1939, her parents bought a house in the 900 block of East Annie Street in the 7th Ward of Fort Worth, Texas, also known as Terrell Heights, then a mostly white area.

“On June 19, 1939, 500 white rioters vandalized and burned down their home. Lee was twelve years old at the time.

we could get our local branch back on track. Under the guidance of the State office, a local revitalization committee was formed with the intent to increase membership and bring all aspects of the Warren-Page Branch back into full compliance and functionality.

“During this process our membership has increased steadily to over 83. After discussion with our members,

we decided to make a Juneteenth celebration our first initiative.

“Juneteenth was chosen because of its historical significance in the lives of our African American ancestors. It was made known to us that many in the community did not know anything about Juneteenth and why it was made a federal holiday. Our motivation was to educate the community and celebrate the freedom of all slaves

across this country.”

So, on Wednesday, June 19, 2024, at the Gazebo at Main and Chester Streets, the family-friendly well-organized celebration drew a variety of participants to the live music, guest speakers, food vendors and organizations.

“I had a wonderful committee,” said Gene Kilby, and added, “We were very

pleased with the volume of people that attended our first annual Juneteenth Celebration and truly elated with all of the positive comments. We estimated over 500 people attended this amazing event with constant entertainment and dedications. Our various array of vendors greatly diminished their inventories.”

The event paid tribute to the value

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“Recalling it years later, she said, ‘The fact that it happened on the 19th day of June has spurred me to make people understand that Juneteenth is not just a festival.’”

“Lee campaigned for decades to make Juneteenth a federal holiday. She promoted the idea by leading

2.5-mile walks each year, representing the 2.5 years it took for news of the Emancipation Proclamation to reach Texas.

“At the age of 89, she conducted a symbolic walk from Fort Worth, from which she departed in September 2016, to Washington, D.C., where she arrived in January 2017. She was

hoping to plead the case for a federal holiday directly to President Barack Obama.

“When she was 94, on June 17, 2021, President Joe Biden signed Senate Bill S. 475, making Juneteenth the eleventh federal holiday. In 2024, Biden awarded Lee the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Nation’s highest civilian honor.” [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Opal\\_Lee](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Opal_Lee)

The friendly women in the booth last Wednesday, Nikki DeNeal, Diamond Freeman and Dr. Evangelist Lorraine Barnes, were happy to speak about some of their experiences and the Town’s history. Suetta Freeman joined them later and spoke about the past.

The process was a result of the active pursuit of equal education for

black students who integrated Warren County High School (WCHS) by James Kilby. More information is available in the documentary Knocking Down Walls that tells the story of what Charlottesville and local students experienced during the integration process in 1958-9 and available on YouTube

Dr. Barnes, daughter of Suetta Freeman, said she grew up in Front Royal, and couldn’t get a job, but when she left the area at 25 years old and moved to Alexandria, “They treated me as an equal and all kinds of doors opened, even in Old Town Alexandria,” she said. She now enjoys her life as a suc-

cessful owner of three businesses.

“My mom was part of the group who integrated Warren County High School,” she recalled. “Adults were there holding guns for intimidation. My mom is my hero, a survivor, she’s 84 years old.”

“The kids were scared..we were kids,” said Freeman. “And Mr. Kilby had zero tolerance. He was the forerunner and fighter, and his mindset was “My kids will not be treated unfairly, it’s not tolerated.”

Nikki DeNeal identified herself as a member of the local branch of the NAACP, and added that she grew up in Front Royal, graduated from

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WCHS in 1971 and also left, but then moved back here. Smiling Diamond Freeman proudly identified herself as Suetta's granddaughter.

One of the speakers at the Juneteenth Day was Ann Rhodes Baltimore, who was the first black and the only graduate in the Class of 1959 from WCHS. The students had formerly been bused every week to board and attend high school in Manassas, then bused back home for the weekends. She said that by leaving school in Manassas, they had left friends and a social life that weren't a part of their experience in Warren County.

"We gave up a lot," she said.

Baltimore said that a local jeweler refused to give her the class ring she had ordered because she was the only senior that year. She didn't receive her diploma or class ring for 19 years until 1978.

"No class ring, no diploma, no prom, no graduation," she recalled, and added, "No apology was ever given to us who tried to make a differ-

ence. It was the fault of Massive Resistance."

But Front Royal's Juneteenth was not all about the pain of the past, but a celebration of the freedom it commemorates.

Included in the schedule of events was a "Welcome to the Town of Front Royal" speech by Mayor Lori Athey Cochran, who made Juneteenth an official event, speeches by folks whose

families made a difference in politics and education.

Attorney Charles Lickson, who lives in Front Royal, identified himself as a "white guy," told the story of August 28, 1963, when he watched Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. deliver his "I Have a Dream" speech.

"I was a Law student when the March on Washington took place and went because I wanted to protect a

friend who attended and was afraid of what would happen," he began.

Trouble had been predicted, he said, and at that time, there was a holding cell for 1,000 people at the bottom of the US Courthouse made ready to jail people if necessary.

"Instead of an angry mob, though, I was surprised at the conduct of the people at the March. It was a gigantic celebration, like this one," he continued. "I knew my life was changed by the speech itself and knew I had just witnessed History. Boy, am I glad I was there."

After Lickson spoke, Cecil Taylor, from Northumberland County, who has been reciting 10-minutes of the 17-minute "I Have a Dream" speech for audiences since 1998, recited some of it for the audience.

"Reverend Martin Luther King had a vision of all people that no matter where they came from or where they're going, we're on our way," he said.

Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. and "I Have a Dream"

"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal.

"And, I have a dream that little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

"I have a dream today....

"And I say to you today my friends, let freedom ring. And when this happens, when we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual,

"Free at last! Free at last! Thank God almighty, we're free at last!"

After Taylor's stirring performance, there was a break in the speeches and later on, music by Front Royal Mt. Vernon Baptist Choir, poetry reading by the Reverend Harold Brown, a presentation by Mistress of Ceremonies Yolonda "Yodi" Baltimore, a performance by the Heart of Worship Praise Dancers, a Crown Act and Introduction of Hair Show by Romans Hair Empire & Beauty Academy.

More music and entertainment came from Lisa Frye Peacemaker & the Ted Trio, DJ Services and Bobby G and the Heavies.

Gene Kilby gave the closing remarks.

In a later conversation, Kilby said, "Our wonderful Juneteenth Planning committee consisted of: Gene Kilby, Suetta Freedom, Nikki DeNeal, Yolanda Baltimore, Cornelia Banks, David Rushton, Rebecca Altizer, Bryane Lickson, Charles Lickson, John Cermak, Janet Timbers, Vida Timbers and Michael Fletcher.

"The committee made a great commitment to make this event a success," he said and added, "The Warren-Page NAACP plans on having an annual Juneteenth Celebration as well as various initiatives throughout the year. We will again have our annual Warren-Page NAACP banquet this year. The date will be forthcoming."

Sponsors of the event were: Best buds Barber Shop; Eric Olson Piano tuning; Faces by Genevieve; Heritage Kitchen; Maddox funeral Home; Rappahannock Electric Cooperative; Talk of the Mountain and TGIF Restaurant.

For more of the story of Front Royal and Charlottesville students and their experience with integration, the documentary Knocking Down Walls, can be found on YouTube.

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act or omission in the care of said child which was so gross, wanton, and culpable as to show a reckless disregard for human life.


### Christopher Obrien Fisher

The Warren County Va. Circuit

Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about October 7, 2023, in the County of Warren, Christopher Obrien Fisher, 30, of the 200 block of Lawson Rd., Georgetown, DE 19947, 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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**Michael John Vaughn, Jr.**

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about September 25, 2023, in the County of Warren, Michael John Vaughn, Jr., 39, of the 300 block of E. Second St., Williamsburg, PA 16693, did unlawfully and feloniously while being a person 18 years of age or older, unlawfully use a communications system, including but not limited to, computers, networks, or bulletin boards, or any other electronic means, for the

purposes of soliciting with lascivious intent, a person the accused knew or had reason to believe was a child less than 15 years of age to knowingly and intentionally expose his sexual or genital parts to a child to whom he was not legally married or propose that the child expose her sexual genital parts to the accused, The accused is at least seven (7) years older than the child he knows or has reason to believe is less than 15 years of age who was the subject of the solicitation.

**Amadou Qury Bah**

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about March 11, 2024, in the County of Warren, Amadou Qury Bah, 28, of the 1600 block of Hallmark Hills Dr., Griffin, GA 30223, did unlawfully and

feloniously possess, with intent to distribute more than 5,000 (25 cartons) but less than 40,000 (200 cartons) tax-paid cigarettes, this after previously committing one prior offense under this statute.

**Jonathan Mark Smith**

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about February 20, 2024, in the County of Warren, Jonathan Mark Smith, 23, of the 5600 block of Browntown Rd. Front Royal, VA 22630 did unlawfully and feloniously take, drive or use a motor vehicle, having a value of \$1,000 or more and belonging to Amanda and

Sadie Smith, without the consent of the owners, and in their absence, and with the intent to temporarily deprive the owners of possession thereof.

**Michael Terrell Campbell**

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about February 15, 2024, in the County of Warren, Michael Terrell Campbell, 25, of the 100 block of W. 15th 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.

**Michael Terrell Campbell**

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about February 15, 2024, in the County of Warren, Michael Terrell Campbell, 25, of the 100 block of W. 15th St., Front Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully and feloniously while unlawfully in possession of a controlled substance classified in Schedule I or II of the Drug Control Act, simultaneously with knowledge and intent possess a firearm.

**Michael Terrell Campbell**

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about February 15, 2024, in the County of Warren, Michael Terrell Campbell, 25, of the 100 block of W. 15th St., Front Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully and feloniously did unlawfully, feloniously, knowingly and intentionally possess or transport a firearm after having previously been convicted of a felony within the prior ten (10) years.

**Michael David Sutphin**

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about February 13, 2024, in the Coun-

ty of Warren, Michael David Sutphin, 36, of the 300 block of Thunderbird Rd., Bentonville, VA 22610, 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 April 22, 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.

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- Thurs. July 4, 2024 (TBA)** DJ with Raised on Analogue Live Band at Shenandoah Valley Golf Club, 134 Golf Club Circle Front Royal – Tickets: <https://www.shenandoahvalleygolfclub.com/>
- Sat. July 6, 2024 (6-10pm)** Karaoke at Shenandoah Valley Axe Throwing Company **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** 20 South St. Front Royal, VA
- Sat. July 13, 2024 (7:00-10:30pm)** Karaoke at Woodstock, Va. Moose\*
- Sat. July 20, 2024 (7:30-11:30pm)** DJ & Karaoke at New Market, Va. Eagles\*
- Fri. July 26, 2024 (7-11pm)** Karaoke at Woodstock American Legion Post 199 - 411 S Muhlenberg St. Woodstock, VA 22664\*
- Sat. July 27, 2024 (6-10pm)** Karaoke at Shenandoah Valley Axe Throwing Company **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** 20 South St. Front Royal, VA
- Sat. Aug 3, 2024 (6-10pm)** Karaoke at Shenandoah Valley Axe Throwing Company **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** 20 South St. Front Royal, VA 22630
- Sat. Aug 10, 2024 (6-10pm)** Karaoke at Shenandoah Valley Axe Throwing Company **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** 20 South St. Front Royal, VA 22630
- Fri. Aug. 16, 2024 (7:30-11:30pm)** DJ & Karaoke at New Market, Va. Eagles\*
- Sat. Aug 17, 2024 (6-10pm)** Karaoke at Shenandoah Valley Axe Throwing

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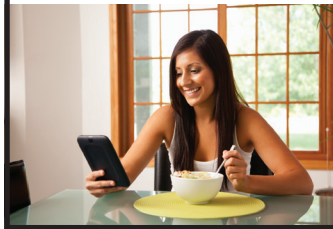
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**Kaylynn Jamica Howard**

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about November 26, 2024, in the County of Warren, Kaylynn Jamica Howard, 26, of the 100 block of Commerce 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.

**Matthew Scott Pack**

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about February 7, 2024, in the County of Warren, Matthew Scott Pack, 31, of the 7800 block of Orchard Rd. Timberville, VA 22853, did unlawfully and feloniously steal merchandise, having a value of one thousand dollars \$1,000 or more, belonging to Rural King.

**Cody Durham Smoot**

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about February 21, 2024, in the County of Warren, Cody Durham Smoot, 33, of the 200 block of Washington 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.

address unknown, did unlawfully and feloniously, knowingly and intentionally possess a controlled substance listed in Schedule I or Schedule II of the Drug Control Act.

**Donald Martin**

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about December 31, 2022, in the County of Warren, Donald Martin,

age and address unknown, did unlawfully and feloniously commit involuntary manslaughter by killing Charles Shippe.

**Cheyenne Denise Andrews**

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about August 16, 2023, in the County of Warren, Cheyenne Denise Andrews, 33, of the 100 block of N. Royal

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**Cody Durham Smoot**

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about April 15, 2024, in the County of Warren, Cody Durham Smoot, 33, of the 200 block of Washington 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.

**Robert Edward Peacoe**

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about August 16, 2023, in the County of Warren, Robert Edward Peacoe, 37,

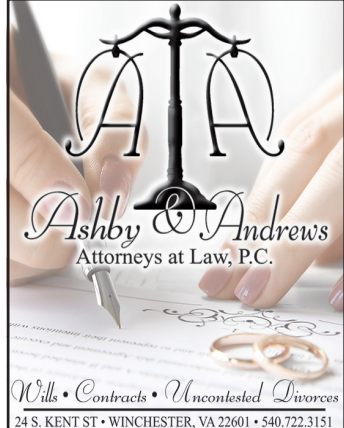


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**Samantha Elaine Nuckols**

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about December 25, 2023, in the County of Warren, Samantha Elaine Nuckols, 32, of the 1000 block of Front Royal Pike, Winchester, VA 22602, did unlawfully and feloniously, knowingly and intentionally possess a controlled substance listed in Schedule I or Schedule II of the Drug Control Act.

**Samantha Elaine Nuckols**

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about December 25, 2023, in the County of Warren, Samantha Elaine Nuckols, 32, of the 1000 block of Front Royal Pike, Winchester, VA 22602, did unlawfully and feloniously, knowingly and intentionally possess a controlled substance listed in Schedule I or

Schedule II of the Drug Control Act.

**Ibrahim Jalloh**

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about March 11, 2024, in the County of Warren, Ibrahim Jalloh, age and address unknown, did unlawfully and feloniously possess, with intent to distribute, 40,000 (200 cartons) or more tax-paid cigarettes.

**Ashley Marie Dutton**

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about July 29, 2023, in the County of Warren, Ashley Marie Dutton, age and address unknown, did unlawfully and feloniously, knowingly and intentionally possess a controlled substance listed in Schedule I or Schedule II of the Drug Control Act.

**Ashley Marie Dutton**

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about January 28, 2024, in the County

of Warren, Ashley Marie Dutton, age and address unknown, did unlawfully and feloniously, knowingly and intentionally possess a controlled substance listed in Schedule I or Schedule II of the Drug Control Act.

**Djamila Diallo**

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about March 11, 2024, in the County of Warren, Djamila Diallo, 31, of the

2400 block of Cheshire Bridge Rd., Atlanta, GA 30324, did unlawfully and feloniously possess, with intent to distribute 40,000 (200 cartons) or more tax-paid cigarettes.

*A Grand Jury Indictment is only a charge and not evidence of guilt. The defendants are entitled to a fair trial with the burden on the government to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.*  
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**HOROSCOPES**

**ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20**

After some time, a difficult situation is beginning to settle down, Aries. Enjoy this well-earned peace and consider how a new perspective can help going forward.

**TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21**

Taurus, a new plan can be just what you need to make notable progress. Finding a mentor or someone who has forged a path already can be a useful step.

**GEMINI – May 22/June 21**

Gemini, you have a lot going on in your life right now to keep you busy. With so much going on, try not to worry about what is going on with others. Stay in your lane.

**CANCER – June 22/July 22**

It is a fine week to really think about your future, Cancer. If you have goals to start a business, start hashing out plans and give thought to seeking a partner.

**LEO – July 23/Aug 23**

Leo, this week you start out with a lot of energy, but likely will burn through it early on. If you want to reach your goal, you are going to have to learn how to pace yourself.

**VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22**

A lot of emotions are running through your mind, Virgo. They may be very confusing. It is alright to feel out of sorts. Perhaps talking to someone can offer you perspective.

**LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23**

Libra, you may be feeling introspective and philosophical, so much so that people may catch you staring into space and lost in thought. Now is not the time to make heavy decisions.

**SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22**

Scorpio, this might not be the week for parties or large social events. You are experiencing some introverted feelings right now and are best in situations that have only a few people.

**SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21**

Life isn't always fair, Sagittarius. Recognize that sometimes things won't go your way. Your resolve could be tested this week so be aware.

**CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20**

Capricorn, it may be tempting to let someone else take over when the going gets tough. That likely will not be best for you, so continue to make decisions and let things play out.

**AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18**

Aquarius, you are due for a big break after going through a lot of emotional ups and downs. Your positive attitude has paved the way for some brighter skies ahead.

**PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20**

No one else is going to do a tough job for you, Pisces. You have to dig in your heels and make a plan. You are ready for this kind of assignment and the pressure that comes with it.

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  - JULY 1  
Chloe Bailey, Singer (26)
  - JULY 2  
Margot Robbie, Actress (34)
  - JULY 3  
Tom Cruise, Actor (62)
  - JULY 4  
Post Malone, Rapper (29)
  - JULY 5  
Megan Rapinoe, Athlete (39)
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**Friday, June 28, 2024:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 86. Northeast wind around 6 mph becoming south-east in the afternoon.

**Friday Night:** A slight chance of showers after 2am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 67. Southeast wind 5 to 7 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

**Saturday:** A chance of showers before 11am, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms between 11am and 2pm, then showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm after 2pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 90. South wind 6 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New rainfall amounts

of less than a tenth of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

**Saturday Night:** Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm before 2am, then a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms after 2am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 73. Southwest wind around 6 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

**Sunday:** A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms before 8am, then a chance of showers between 8am and 11am, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms after 11am. Mostly sunny, with a high near 93. Chance of precipitation is 50%.

**Sunday Night:** A chance of thunderstorms before 8pm. Mostly clear, with a low around 61. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

**Monday:** Sunny, with a high near 80.

**Monday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 56.

**Tuesday:** Sunny, with a high near

86.  
**Tuesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 62.

**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 95.

**Wednesday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 70.

**Independence Day:** A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 94. Chance of precipitation is 40%.



Ask Stewart

Hi Stewart,

It sure has been hot recently. Do I need to do anything for my trees in this heat?

- Pam

Normally trees are helpful in the summer, providing shade and reflecting 70-90% of the sun's energy back into the atmosphere. But when we have extreme heat for long periods of time our trees can't head into the air conditioning or take a dip in the river -- and it becomes important to look at the effects of the heat. Too much heat for extended periods can cause excessive transpiration (we call it sweating),

leading to a loss of water in the plant -- and ultimately the death of the tree.

Heat stress in trees can look like a lot of things: drooping branches, browning leaf tips, small or unusually shaped leaves, or even dieback of branches. In heat stress situations trees are losing water faster than they are absorbing it.

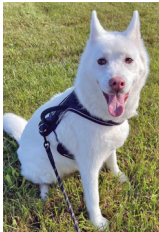
To help your trees, especially young ones, the answer is water. Long, ir-

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Keep yourself and your trees hydrated this summer!

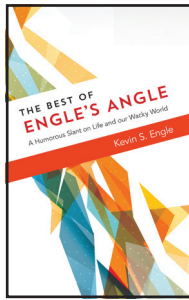
Your Pal in the Trees,

– 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:*

*frwctreestewards@comcast.net and we may publish it in a future issue.*

Please visit our website at:  
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**ENGLE'S ANGLE:  
"How Is Your Day Going?"**

by Kevin S. Engle

"I'm as mad as hell, and I'm not going to take this anymore!!!"

If you've ever seen the movie Network (1976), you probably remember that line.

I did, and I do.

And right now, I'm as mad as hell!

And so is my wife!

In March, we each got a typhoid vaccine. We needed it for international travel. She'd already spoken to our medical insurance carrier and they told her, yes, it was covered. When we got to the pharmacy, they said otherwise and told us we'd have to pay for it. We did.

Things have gone downhill ever since.

Despite all her efforts to get our money back, she's been stuck in an endless cycle of phone calls and listening to the same music while on hold, all the while getting more and more frustrated.

The pharmacy caused the problem, yet they don't want to fix it.

And my normally mild-mannered wife?

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She's as mad as hell and doesn't want to take it anymore!

While she tangles with that situation, I'm fighting with our local hospital. And the phone company.

I had a test a few weeks ago.

My doctor, and the hospital, made sure I knew the \$99 fee would be my responsibility. Insurance wouldn't pay for it.

Ok.

I paid it when I got there that day.

And that's when the problem began.

I tried to pay it but there was a technical glitch with the credit card reader.

The charge finally went through on the third try.

Later that day, when I looked at our account online, guess who'd been charged not once, not twice, but three times?

Yeah.

Almost three weeks later, I've made some progress. They reversed one of the charges. I'm still pestering them to fix the other one too.

And then there's the phone company.

For our trip abroad, we needed an International Calling Plan. All I had to do was login to our account, tell them the days we'd be gone and what countries we'd be in. That's it.

Really?

Of course not.

We were away the last week in April and then some days in May.

The phone company gave us the calling plan for all of April, but nothing in May.

I tried to fix it but couldn't.

When I spoke to a customer service rep, she couldn't either.

Her solution? Add the month of May to our account as well. They'd pay for April and bill us for May.

That worked.

But it didn't.

They billed us for April. And May.

I've been trying to get that corrected for a month. I've now called and chatted with them four times and they keep reassuring me they'll fix it.

Each chat begins with them asking me how my day is going so far?

Do you really want me to answer that?

Ok, I'll tell ya.

"I'm as mad as hell, and I'm not going to take this anymore!"

*The author is confident everything will work out in the end. Confident? Let's say hopeful.*

– [kevinengle456@comcast.net](mailto:kevinengle456@comcast.net)

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cal bookstore.



**Investigation into death of Clarke County man underway**

At approximately 7:16pm on June 25th, an incident took place in the area of Fairfax Pike near Double Tollgate resulting in the death of a 52-year old Clarke County man. This investigation is in its early stages and this is believed to be an isolated incident with no ongoing threat to the public.

Anyone traveling Route 340 & Route 277 (Fairfax Pike) yesterday between 7:00 - 7:20pm, who believes they may have witnessed any suspicious or dangerous activities, is asked to contact the Frederick County Sheriff's Office at 540-662-6162 and ask to speak to Investigator Bowman.

Anyone with information, who wishes to remain anonymous, may contact Winchester, Frederick, Clarke Crime Solvers or use the P3 app from your smart phone.



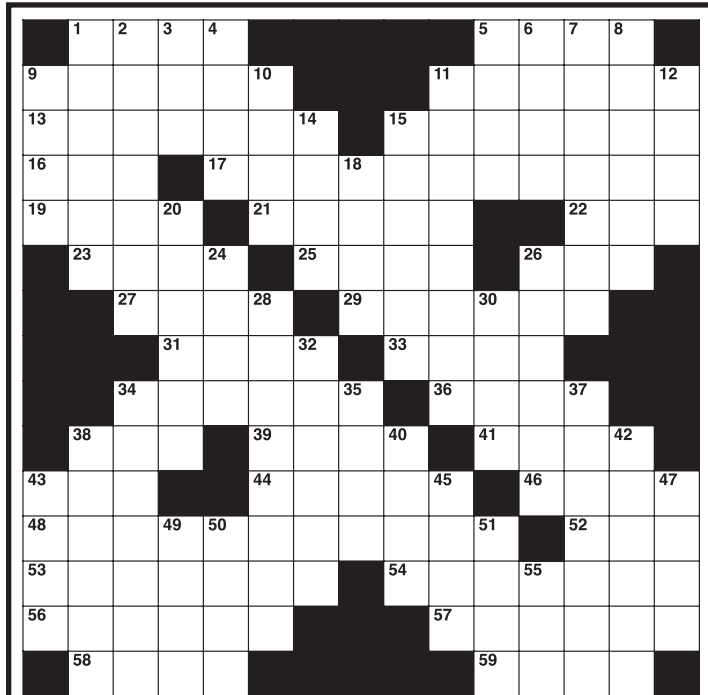
**Fatal Crash in Clarke County**

At the request of the Clarke County Sheriff's Office, the Virginia State Police is investigating a single-vehicle fatal crash that occurred at 9:51 p.m. Monday (June 24, 2024) following a pursuit on Route 653 (Kimble Rd) in Clarke County.

A 2014 Hyundai Sonata was traveling north on Route 653 at a high rate of speed when it failed to maneuver a curve, ran off the left side of the roadway, and struck several trees and a power pole guide wire.

The driver of the Hyundai, Zachery W. Smallwood, 21, of Berryville, Va., was not wearing a seatbelt and was

See BRIEFS, 12



**CLUES ACROSS**

1. Six (Spanish)
5. Invests in little enterprises
9. Large dung beetle
11. Gored
13. Partially paralyzed
15. Still a little wet
16. Legal field media company
17. Not working
19. 500 sheets of paper
21. Church structure
22. Sheep disease
23. Small drink of whiskey
25. Weaving tradition
26. Pestilence
27. Body part
29. Nabs
31. Places to stay
33. Witnesses
34. Looked for
36. Arranges
38. Political action committee
39. Middle eastern nation (alt. sp.)
41. Hair-like structure
43. Parts producer
44. Greek city
46. Subway dwellers
48. Norm from "Cheers"
52. Clean a floor
53. Vied for
54. Canned fish
56. Inspire with love
57. Sent down moisture
58. Wrest
59. Partner to carrots

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Mounted
2. Assign
3. Wrath
4. Self-immolation by fire ritual
5. Parts of an organism
6. Person from England
7. Tropical plants of the pea family
8. Body part
9. Practice boxing
10. Containers
11. Contrary beliefs
12. Bleached
14. Pre-Islamic Egyptian
15. A group of similar things ordered one after another
18. Innermost spinal cord membranes
20. Cassava
24. A restaurant's list of offerings
26. Annoy constantly
28. Orchestrate
30. Z Z Z
32. Astute
34. Highly decorated tea urn
35. Teach to behave
37. Endurance
38. Urinating
40. Barbie friend dolls
42. Repents
43. Man-eating giant
45. Jewish calendar month
47. Accelerated
49. Husband of Sita in Hindu
50. Lump of semiliquid substance
51. Lying in wait
55. Cease to exist

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ejected during the crash. He died at the scene.

For information on the events that preceded the crash, please contact the Clarke County Sheriff's Office.



**REC Awards \$20,000 in Scholarships to 17 Students**

Rappahannock Electric Cooperative (REC) has awarded \$20,000 in scholarships to 17 students to help them continue their education or work-force training.

Each year, REC's Community Scholarship program recognizes students who are seeking to advance their ca-

reer goals by attending a college or a career and technical school. The applications are open to seniors in high school planning to attend a college or university; students currently enrolled in a college or university; seniors in high school planning to attend a career and technical school; or students currently enrolled in a career and technical school.

"Empowering the youth through the Community Scholarship program not only fosters individual growth but also cultivates the very essence of community resilience," said Casey Hollins, Managing Director—Communications and Public Relations. "Investing in our youth today ensures a brighter, more promising tomorrow for the communities we proudly serve."

REC received a record number of applications in 2024, and we are so excited to announce this year's winners!

The following local students each received a scholarship:

- Rylie Benson, Frederick County - Sherando High School
- Anna Hornbaker, Clarke County - Clarke County High School
- Regan Jackson, Clarke County - Louisiana State University
- Sarah Lane, Culpeper County - Culpeper County High School

Jenna Robey, Rappahannock County, HUES Aesthetic Institute

"This scholarship will help pay for my college expenses associated with tuition, room and board, and books, allowing me to focus on my education," said Rachel Haile. "It's encouraging to know that REC is supporting me in my college career and this scholarship is further motivation for me to make my time at Virginia Tech worthwhile!"

Applications for the 2025 Community Scholarship are now open. To apply for each scholarship, the applicant's parent or guardian must be a member of REC, and the applicant must be planning to enroll in an accredited educational or training institution. To learn more and access the online application, visit [myrec.coop/scholarships](http://myrec.coop/scholarships).



**Member events**

On June 1st, the **Front Royal Women's Resource Center** named Liz Coffey as their new Director.

Mark your calendar for the grand opening of **Front Royal River Adventures** on Friday, June 28th with a ribbon cutting at 10 a.m.. All activities will be 25% off June 28-30 using the code 953.

**Reitano Vineyards** invites all to an Open House on Saturday, June 29th with a ribbon cutting at 11 a.m. and festivities until 5 p.m. Come check out this newest community venue and enjoy live music, snacks, and tastings.

Celebrate the **4th of July at Shenandoah Valley Golf Club** with live music, food, and much more.

The **Northern VA 4-H Education Center Family Fireworks event** will be held on **July 5th**. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. with the Community Band playing at 7:30 p.m., and fireworks beginning at 9:15 p.m.

Applications are available now for the **FRVFD Firefighter's Parade** scheduled for July 10, 6 p.m.

Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about the Front Royal Women's Resource Center? Join

them, along with the FR Women in Business group for an evening of fellowship, networking, and learning at **Turning Leaf Realty Group on Friday, July 18th** at 5:30 p.m.

Warren County Public Schools **Community Fun Day** will be held **August 10th, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.** at Warren County High School. Vendors and businesses interested in participating can contact Nora McMackin at WCHS, (540) 635-4144.



**Samuels Public Library Adult Programming - July, 2024**

You can find and register for all library events on our website, [www.samuelslibrary.net](http://www.samuelslibrary.net)

The Library will be closed on Thursday, July 4th, for Independence Day.

**One-Time Events:**

**Journal Book Craft** - Saturday, July 20th from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM - In person. Join us for an afternoon journal journey... Come create a custom journal for your upcoming travels, garden projects, or nature observations. Stencils for page layout, stamps, paint markers, and more will be available for you to style and embellish a hardcover blank book.

**Larsen's Amazing World of Reptiles** - Tuesday, July 30th from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM - In person. Reptile experts Scott and Kim Larsen will be coming back to share stories, interesting facts, and trivia questions about their dazzling array of lizards, frogs, turtles, and snakes - then invite you to meet the reptiles up close and personal! Fun for the family!

**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, July 2nd 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, July 3rd from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM - First Wednesday of every month. In person. Do you consider yourself a hopeless romantic? Are bad romances a guilty pleasure of yours? Can't get enough puns? Can you quote every line from your favorite rom-com? 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, July 10th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM - Second Wednesday of every month. In person. Interested in your family's history? Already done extensive research and want to be able to share your finds? Join our genealogy club where both novices and experts alike can come together and talk about different genealogy topics.

**Books & Beyond** - Thursday, July 11th from 6:00 PM to 7:45 PM - Second Thursday of every month. In person. Do you love books and sharing them as much as we do? Join us to delve into new worlds of conversation about new books at your community's public library! The theme this month is Adventure. Read anything relating to the theme and come join us to discuss it!



**Samuels Public Library Youth Programming - July, 2024**

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

Monday, July 1

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, July 2

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

Wednesday, July 3

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

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

Thursday, July 4

The library will be closed for the holiday.

Saturday, July 6

11:00 AM - Aspiring Artists. For ages 6-11. Come "wreck a painting" by adding your own touches to it or painting over one! Registration is required.

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Monday, July 8  
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, July 9  
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 Centrifugal Force. Registration is required.

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

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

Friday, July 12  
10:00 AM – Toddler Trails with Warren County Parks & Rec. For ages 2-5. Join us at Chimney Fields/ Peter LeHew Park to learn about dandelions, taste some dandelion cream cheese on crackers, and make a dandelion craft! Registration is required.

Saturday, July 13  
3:00 PM – Summer Slime. For ages 6-11. Come make slippery, shiny, sparkling, slime! Registration is required.

Monday, July 15  
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, July 16  
3:30 PM – Science Scouts. For ages 6-11. Children will investigate a different STEM-related topic bi-weekly. This week's theme is Centrifugal

Force. Registration is required.  
Wednesday, July 17  
10:15AM - Toddler Story Time. Bring your toddler to a potpourri of simple stories, fun songs, and a cute craft about Thunder Storms. Siblings welcome. Registration is required.

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

Saturday, July 20  
2:30 PM – Teens Connect. For ages 12-18. Join us for International Chess Day as we play Chess (inside and out) or check out our other board games! Registration is required.

Monday, July 22  
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, July 23  
10:30 AM – Rainbow Puppets: Beautiful Tales of Adventure. Fun for the whole family! Come watch the stories of Sleeping Beauty, The Ugly Duckling, and Beauty and the Beast.

Wednesday, July 24  
10:15AM - Toddler Story Time. Bring your toddler to a potpourri of simple stories, fun songs, and a cute craft about Picnics. 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 Picnic stories, exciting sing-alongs, finger plays, and a nifty craft! Registration is required.

Saturday, July 27  
11:00 AM – Garden Wildlife. For ages 8+. Gather cool facts about animals and write creatively about them. Registration is required.

Monday, July 29

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, July 30  
2:00 PM – Larsen's Amazing Reptile Show. Fun for the whole family! Come learn about bearded dragons, chameleons, snakes, and other various reptiles! There will be a chance to touch them!

Wednesday, July 31  
10:15AM - Toddler Story Time. Bring your toddler to a potpourri of simple stories, fun songs, and a cute craft about Beaches! Siblings welcome. Registration is required.

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



### 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.

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10	15		26
	20	3	28
19	43	6	

3	20	5
1	15	10
2	8	4

*Solution*

### Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

L C E E T A R E B H E T N O N I T A

*Answer: Celebrate the nation*

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### HISTORY

- 1608: QUEBEC CITY IS FOUNDED BY SAMUEL DE CHAMPLAIN.
- 1767: ADRESSEAVISEN, NORWAY'S OLDEST NEWSPAPER STILL IN PRINT, IS FOUNDED.
- 1973: MUSICIAN DAVID BOWIE RETIRES HIS STAGE PERSONA ZIGGY STARDUST.



### INDEPENDENCE

the state of being free of control

## GIVE CHIPS AND DIP A SWEET TWIST



Tortilla chips dipped in a tangy salsa often make the perfect opener to a meal. Salsa traditionally is made with tomatoes, but people often can find different fruits filling in for tomatoes or complementing them in various salsa recipes.

During the height of the summer entertaining season, salsa can be transformed by watermelon, a popular summertime fruit. Watermelon's high water content and subtle, sweet flavor contribute to its refreshing, some might say addictive, nature. However, this recipe for "Watermelon Fire and Ice Salsa," courtesy of the The National Watermelon Promotion Board, adds jalapeño peppers to the mix to bring a little heat to those cool watermelon pieces.

### Watermelon Fire and Ice Salsa

Makes 3 cups

- 3 cups chopped watermelon
- 1/2 cup green peppers
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 1 tablespoon chopped cilantro
- 1 tablespoon green onions
- 2 tablespoons jalapeño peppers

Combine ingredients. Mix well and cover. Refrigerate for 1 hour or more.

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*ANSWER: JULY*



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# Virginia's new laws

Following is a selection of legislation passed by the 2024 Regular Session of the General Assembly that is likely to affect the daily lives of the citizens of Virginia. The following legislation has been signed by the Governor and for the most part will go into effect on July 1, 2024. The summaries were prepared by the staff of the Division of Legislative Services. Complete information on actions of the 2023 Regular Session is available on the Legislative Information System: <http://lis.virginia.gov/>

## Alcoholic Beverage Control

**HB 688/SB 635. Alcoholic beverage control; sale and delivery of mixed beverages and pre-mixed wine for off-premises consumption; third-party delivery license; sunset; repeal.** The law repeals the July 1, 2024, sunset on provisions that allow (i) distillers that have been appointed as agents of the Board of Directors of the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority, mixed beverage restaurant licensees, and limited mixed beverage restaurant licensees to sell mixed beverages for off-premises consumption and (ii) farm winery licensees to sell pre-mixed wine for off-premises consumption. The law also repeals, effective July 1, 2026, third-party delivery licenses. The

law requires the Authority to convene a work group to review third-party delivery licenses and report its findings and recommendations to the Chairmen of the House Committee on General Laws and the Senate Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services by November 15, 2024.

**HB 1349/SB 180/SB 400/SB 657/SB 724. Alcoholic beverage control; annual mixed beverage performing arts facility licenses; on-and-off premises wine and beer licenses.** The law defines performing arts facility and sports facility and standardizes the eligibility criteria for annual mixed beverage performing arts facility licenses and on-and-off-premises wine and beer licenses for performing arts food concessionaires. Under current law, the eligibility criteria for such licenses varies by location and includes inconsistent ownership, lease, capacity, and seating requirements. The law also removes provisions that allow the Board of Directors of the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority to grant annual mixed beverage motor sports facility licenses and motor car sporting event facility licenses and creates an annual mixed beverage sports facility license, which may be granted to persons operating a sports facility or food

concessions at a sports facility and would authorize the licensee to sell mixed beverages during any event and immediately subsequent thereto to patrons within all seating areas, concourses, walkways, concession areas, and additional locations designated by the Board (i) in closed containers for off-premises consumption or (ii) in paper, plastic, or similar disposable containers or in single original metal cans for on-premises consumption.

## Behavioral Health

**HB 601/SB 543. Health insurance; emergency services; mobile crisis response services.** The law provides that emergency services, with respect to an emergency medical condition, include, as it relates to any mental health services or substance abuse services rendered at a behavioral health crisis service provider, (i) a behavioral health assessment that is within the capability of a behavioral health crisis service provider, including ancillary services routinely available to evaluate such emergency medical condition, and (ii) such further examination and treatment, to the extent that they are

within the capabilities of the staff and facilities available at the behavioral health crisis service provider, as are required so that the patient's condition does not deteriorate.

## Commerce

**HB 474. Restroom Access Act.** The law requires a retail establishment that does not have a public restroom but has an employee toilet facility to allow any customer with an eligible medical condition, as defined in the law, to use such employee toilet facility during normal business hours if certain conditions are met. A customer who suffers loss as a result of a violation may bring an action to recover damages not to exceed \$100.

**HB 707/SB 361. Consumer Data Protection Act; protections for children.** Effective January 1, 2025, the law prohibits, subject to a parental consent requirement, a data controller from processing personal data of a known child (i) for the purposes of targeted advertising, the sale of such personal data, or profiling in furtherance of decisions that produce legal or similarly significant effects concerning a consumer; (ii) unless such processing is reasonably necessary to provide the online service, product, or feature; (iii) for any processing purpose other than the processing purpose that the controller disclosed at the time such controller collected such personal data or that is reasonably necessary for and compatible with such disclosed purpose; or (iv) for longer than is reasonably necessary to provide the online service, product, or feature. The law prohibits, subject to a parental consent requirement, a data controller from collecting precise geolocation data



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from a known child unless (a) such precise geolocation data is reasonably necessary for the controller to provide an online service, product, or feature and, if such data is necessary to provide such online service, product, or feature, such controller shall only collect such data for the time necessary to provide such online service, product, or feature and (b) the controller provides to the known child a signal indicating that such controller is collecting such precise geolocation data, which signal shall be available to such known child for the entire duration of such collection. The law prohibits a data controller from engaging in the activities described in the law unless the controller obtains consent from the child's parent or legal guardian in accordance with the federal Children's Online Privacy Protection Act.

**HB 759. Food inspections; private homes; pickles and acidified vegetables; gross sales.** The law increases from \$3,000 to \$9,000 the gross sales annual revenue cap for sales of pickles and other acidified vegetables that have an equilibrium pH value of 4.6 or lower and are processed and prepared in a private home without an inspection as otherwise required to operate a food establishment. The law expands the exemption for private homes where

the resident processes and prepares certain food products to allow for such person to sell the food at a temporary event that operates for a period of no more than 14 consecutive days. The law also clarifies that such person may advertise such food products over the Internet provided that the sale takes place in person and complies with certain restrictions.

**HB 1404. Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity; Small SWaM Business Procurement Enhancement Program established; disparity study report.** The law establishes the Small SWaM Business Procurement Enhancement Program with a statewide goal of 42 percent of certified small SWaM business utilization in all discretionary spending by executive branch agencies and covered institutions in procurement orders, prime contracts, and subcontracts, as well as a target goal of 50 percent subcontracting to small SWaM businesses in instances where the prime contractor is not a small SWaM business for all new capital outlay construction solicitations that are issued. The law provides that executive branch agencies and covered institutions are required to increase their small SWaM business utilization rate by three percent per year until reaching the 42-percent tar-

get level or, if unable to do so, to implement achievable goals to increase their utilization rate. In addition, the law provides for a small SWaM business set-aside for executive branch agency and covered institution purchases of goods, services, and construction, requiring that purchases up to \$100,000 be set aside for award to certified small SWaM businesses.

The law creates the Division of Procurement Enhancement within the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity for purposes of collaborating with the Department of General Services, the Virginia Information Technologies Agency, the Department of Transportation, and covered institutions to further the Commonwealth's efforts to meet the goals established under the Small SWaM Business Procurement Enhancement Program, as well as implementing initiatives to enhance the

development of small businesses, microbusinesses, women-owned businesses, minority-owned businesses, and service disabled veteran-owned businesses in the Commonwealth.

Finally, the law requires the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity to conduct a disparity study every five years, with the next disparity study due no later than January 1, 2026. The law specifies that the study shall evaluate the need for enhancement and remedial measures to address the disparity between the availability and the utilization of women-owned and minority-owned businesses.

**Common Interest Communities**

**HB 1209. Common interest communities; reserve studies; special assessment rescission or reduction.** The law removes certain provisions of the Property Owners' Association Act and the Virginia Condominium Act that authorize associations governed by such Acts to rescind or reduce certain assessments necessary

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**Upcoming events with Dan McDermott**

**Fri. June 28, 2024 (6-9pm)**  
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**Sat. June 29, 2024 (7-11pm)**  
Karaoke at Edinburg, Va. VFW  
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**Thurs. July 4, 2024 (TBA)**  
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**Sat. July 6, 2024 (6-10pm)**  
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**Sat. July 13, 2024 (7:00-10:30pm)**  
Karaoke at Woodstock, Va. Moose\*

**Sat. July 20, 2024 (7:30-11:30pm)**  
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**Fri. July 26, 2024 (7-11pm)**  
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**Sat. July 27, 2024 (6-10pm)**  
Karaoke at Shenandoah Valley Axe Throwing Company **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** 20 South St. Front Royal, VA

**Sat. Aug 3, 2024 (6-10pm)**  
Karaoke at Shenandoah Valley Axe Throwing Company **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** 20 South St. Front Royal, VA 22630

**Sat. Aug 10, 2024 (6-10pm)**  
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for the maintenance and upkeep of the common area or other association responsibilities, including maintenance, repair, and replacement of capital components. The law also authorizes such associations to borrow money for certain purposes and assign all revenues to be received by such an association to its creditors. Finally, the law defines the term "reserve study" as a capital budget planning tool used to determine the physical status and estimated repair or replacement cost of capital components and an analysis of association funding capacity to maintain, repair, and replace capital components.

**Corrections**

**HB 103. State Board of Local and Regional Jails; powers and duties.** The law requires the State Board of Local and Regional Jails, when promulgating regulations and adopting any policy or guidance document related to the enforcement of any minimum standards applicable to local, regional, or community correctional facilities, to expressly and specifically include such items in its published agenda for meetings of the Board or any of its subcommittees. The law also requires the Board, when developing and implementing policies and procedures for the review of the death of any inmate or when establishing minimum standards for health care services, to adhere to procedures of the Administrative Process Act.

**HB 555/SB 456. Office of the Department of Corrections Ombudsman; created.** The law creates, within the Office of the State Inspector General, the Office of the Department of Corrections Ombudsman (the Office) headed by an Ombudsman who is selected by the State Inspector General. The law creates the Corrections Oversight Committee (the Committee) made up of four members of the General Assembly, nine nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Governor, subject to criteria described in the law, and two nonvoting members, appointed as described in the law, who monitor the activities of the Ombudsman and the Department of Corrections (the Department). The law provides the Office with authority to conduct inspections at least once every three years and more often when warranted of Department facilities and requires the Office to establish a statewide toll-free telephone number, website, mailing address, and paper and electronic forms for inmates, family members, friends, and advocates to submit complaints and inquiries. In addition, the law requires the Committee to hold at least two public hearings per year and requires the Office to submit an annual report to be made available online and to be delivered to the Governor, the Attorney General, the Senate Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services, the House Committee on Public Safety, the Committee, and the Director of the Department. The law directs the Office to develop a short-term and long-term

strategic plan and to provide a report on its initial activities and strategic plan to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before November 15, 2025.

**HB 611. Civilian deaths in custody; report.** The law requires every law-enforcement agency and state or juvenile correctional facility to report to the Department of Criminal Justice Services and every local or regional adult correctional facility to report to the State Board of Local and Regional Jails certain information regarding the death of any person who is detained, under arrest or in the process of being arrested, en route to be incarcerated, incarcerated, or otherwise in the custody of such law-enforcement agency or correctional facility. The law provides that any law-enforcement agency or state or juvenile correctional facility that fails to comply may, at the discretion of the Department, be declared ineligible for state grants or funds. The law also requires the Department and the Board to analyze the submitted data to determine the means by which such information can be used to reduce the number of such deaths. The law requires the Director of the Department and the Board to each annually report the findings and recommendations resulting from the analysis and interpretation of the data to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Attorney General beginning on or before July 1, 2025, and each July 1 thereafter. The law also provides that upon request,

the Board shall provide the submitted data to the Department to meet federal reporting requirements.

**HB 801. Electronic communication systems within state correctional facilities; telephone calls and communication services; lowest available rates.** The law requires the Department of Corrections to provide telephone systems and web-based or electronic communications systems and that such systems shall be established at the lowest available rates. The maximum number of telephone numbers permitted on an approved call list must be no fewer than 20.

**HB 912. Stores and telephone systems in local correctional facilities; fees.** The law provides that the net profits from the operation of stores and telephonic communication systems in local correctional facilities shall be used within each facility respectively for educational, recreational, or medical purposes for the benefit of the inmates to include behavioral health, substance abuse, reentry, and rehabilitative services and may be expended to pay for the training, salaries, and benefits of employees or contractors whose primary job is to provide such programs and services to the inmates.

**HB 1244/SB 719. Restorative housing and isolated confinement; restrictions on use.** The law prohibits the use of isolated confinement, defined in the law, in state correctional facilities,

subject to certain exceptions. The law requires that before placing an incarcerated person in restorative housing or isolated confinement for his own protection, the facility administrator shall place an incarcerated person in a less-restrictive setting, including by transferring such person to another institution or to a special-purpose housing unit for incarcerated persons who face similar threats. The law requires that if an incarcerated person is placed in restorative housing or isolated confinement, such placement shall be reviewed every 48 hours and the facility administrator shall ensure that the incarcerated person receives a medical and mental health evaluation from certified medical and mental health professionals within one working day of placement in restorative housing or any form of isolated confinement. The law also requires the facility administrator to notify the regional administrator in writing that an incarcerated person was placed in restorative housing or isolated confinement within 24 hours of such placement. Finally, the law requires that formal reviews of an incarcerated person's placement in any form of isolated confinement shall be held in such person's presence, inform him of any reason or reasons administrative officials believe isolated confinement remains necessary, and give the incarcerated person an opportunity to respond to those reasons, and that a formal ruling shall be provided to the incarcerated individual within 24 hours. **(Continued next issue.)**

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