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# INDICTMENTS

## May Indictments April Term 2025

### Kayleigh Marie McCauley

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges Kayleigh Marie McCauley, 23, address unavailable, with two counts. COUNTS ONE and TWO: In the County of Warren, Kayleigh Marie McCauley did unlawfully and feloniously, knowingly and intentionally possess a controlled substance listed in Schedule I or Sched-

ule II of the Drug Control Act. Dates of the offenses were on or about July 1 and August 18, 2024.

### Tara Danielle Landis

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about March 11, 2025, in the County of Warren, Tara Danielle Landis, 31, of the 100 block of McFarland Rd., 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.

### Jordan Nicholas Higgs

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges Jordan Nicholas Higgs, 34, of the 100 block of Pinecrest Rd., Front Royal, VA 22630, with three counts. COUNT ONE: In the County of Warren, Jordan Nicholas Higgs unlawfully and feloniously, knowingly reproduces by any means, including by computer, sells, gives away, distributes, electronically transmits, displays, purchases, or possesses with intent to sell, gives away, distributes, transmits or displays, child pornography. Date of the offenses was on or about August 2, 2024.

with a child less than thirteen years of age. COUNTS TWO and THREE: did unlawfully and feloniously penetrate sexually the private parts of a complaining witness or cause a complaining witness to engage in such acts with another person, and the complaining witness is less than thirteen years of age. The accused was 18 years of age or older at the time of the

offense. Dates of the offenses were on or about January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2025.

### Christopher Lee Smoot

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about March 28, 2025, in the County of Warren, Christopher Lee Smoot, 32, address unavailable, did unlawfully and feloniously, know-

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### Donald Edward Ahern

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges Donald Edward Ahern, 45, of the 5200 block of Browntown Rd., Front Royal, VA 22630, with four counts. COUNTS ONE and TWO: In the County of Warren, Donald Edward Ahern did unlawfully and feloniously have sexual intercourse

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ingly and intentionally possess a controlled substance listed in Schedule I or Schedule II of the Drug Control Act.

**Claude H. Dawson Jr.**

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges Claude H. Dawson Jr., age and address unavailable, with three counts. COUNT ONE: In the

County of Warren, Claude H. Dawson Jr. did unlawfully and feloniously commit involuntary manslaughter by killing Diane Dawson. COUNT TWO: did unlawfully and feloniously, handle a firearm in a manner so gross, wanton, and culpable as to show a reckless disregard for human life and caused the serious bodily injury of another

person resulting in permanent and significant physical impairment. COUNT THREE: did unlawfully and feloniously, shoot Diane Dawson in the commission or attempted commission of a felony. Date of the offenses was on or about July 18, 2024.

**Christopher Matthew Ardizzione**

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about April 19, 2025, in the County of Warren, Christopher Matthew Ardizzione, age and address unavailable, did unlawfully and feloniously assault and batter Mark Walden Ardizzione, a family or household member, after having been at least twice previously convicted of assault and battery against a family or household member within the past twenty years with such offenses occurring on different dates.

entitled to a fair trial with the burden on the government to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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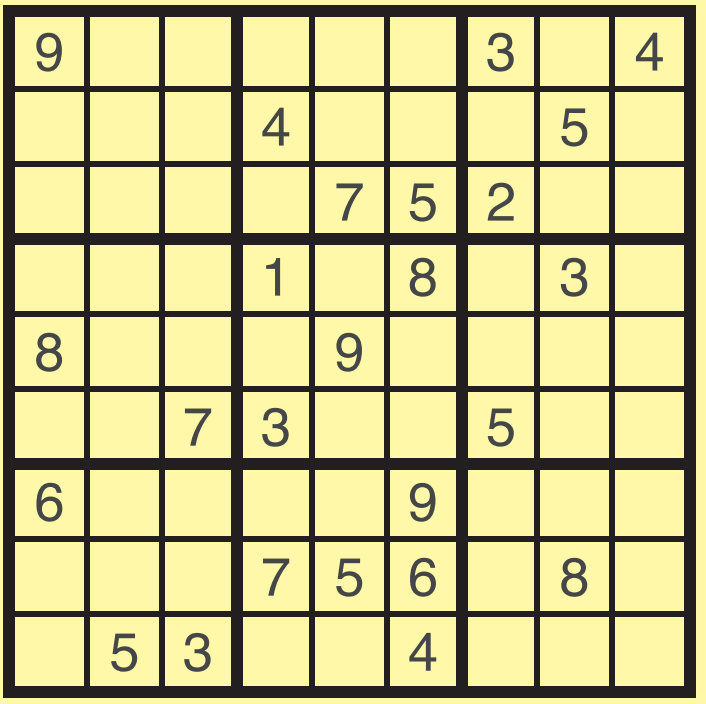
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**Friday:** A chance of showers and thunderstorms before 2pm, then showers and possibly a thunderstorm between 2pm and 3pm, then showers and thunderstorms likely after 3pm. High near 85. East wind 3 to 7 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%. New rainfall amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

**Friday Night:** Showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 8pm. Low around 70. East wind around 5 mph becoming calm in the evening. Chance of precipitation is 80%. New rainfall amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.

**Saturday:** Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm after 2pm. Mostly sunny, with a high near 92. Light southwest wind. Chance of precipitation is 70%.

**Saturday Night:** Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm before 8pm, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms between 8pm and 2am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 70. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

**Sunday:** Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm after 2pm. Mostly sunny, with a high near 91. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

**Sunday Night:** Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm before 8pm. Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

**Monday:** Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm after 2pm. Mostly sunny, with a high near 91. Chance of precipitation is 70%.

**Monday Night:** Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm before 8pm,

then a chance of showers between 8pm and 2am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 71. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

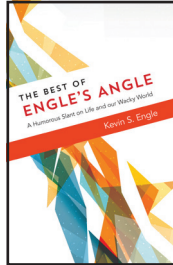
**Tuesday:** Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm. Partly sunny, with a high near 90. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

**Tuesday Night:** Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm. Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 89.

**Wednesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 65.

**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 89.



**ENGLE'S ANGLE:**  
"It's Here Somewhere"

by Kevin S. Engle

You need an advanced degree in

Industrial Engineering\* to efficiently pack a suitcase.

(\*Industrial engineers focus on efficiency, among other things.)

I don't have a degree in Industrial Engineering. In fact, I don't have any degree in Engineering. I majored in Psychology. Unfortunately, that hasn't helped one little bit when it's time to pack for vacation.

We recently got back from a trip abroad. Our luggage was in seven hotels, five train stations, four airports and the back of a pickup truck for more than 400 miles.

When we left home, I'd carefully arranged all my stuff so that everything I thought I'd need for the first few days was neatly placed on the top layers of my bag.

Yeah. That lasted about one day. Before departing for hotel #2, I'd already repacked several times. At some point during the trip, I couldn't find the little alarm clock we've had for 35+ years. Why did I even have an alarm clock on vacation? That's how I roll. By the time we arrived at our last stop, my pocket camera was nowhere to be found.

And I wasn't the only one. One woman in the group misplaced her phone. Others were missing shoes and sunglasses. My wife is still looking for the new headlamp we bought just before the trip.

## Make it a 'berry' good day for cobbler



Blueberries are out in full force when the weather warms. Blueberries are delicious freshly picked, and can be topped with some light cream for a refreshing dessert. Blueberries also are equally at home baked in muffins, breads and cobblers.

The following recipe for "Blueberry Lemon Cornmeal Cobbler" courtesy of "Vegan Cooking for Beginners!" with recipes curated by Publications International, Ltd., pairs the tang of lemon with the sweetness of blueberry for the perfect treat. It's great for dessert or even served for brunch.

### Blueberry Lemon Cornmeal Cobbler

Makes 8 to 10 servings

- 3 tablespoons boiling water
- 1 tablespoon ground flaxseed
- 5 cups fresh blueberries
- 1/2 cup plus 1/3 cup sugar, divided
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice, divided
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 1/2 tablespoons finely grated lemon peel, divided
- 1/2 cup plain unsweetened soymilk or almond milk
- 2/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup fine-ground cornmeal
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup coconut oil, melted

1. Preheat oven to 375 F. Spray 8-inch square baking pan with nonstick cooking spray. Combine boiling water and flaxseed in small bowl. Let stand until cool.
2. Combine blueberries, 1/3 cup sugar, 1 tablespoon lemon juice, cornstarch, and 1/2 tablespoon lemon peel in large bowl; toss to coat. Spoon into prepared pan.
3. Combine soymilk and remaining 2 tablespoons lemon juice in small bowl; let stand 5 minutes. Combine flour, cornmeal, remaining 1/2 cup sugar, 1 tablespoon lemon peel, baking powder and salt in medium bowl; mix well. Add soymilk mixture, coconut oil and flaxseed mixture; stir until just combined. Drop topping by 2 tablespoons into mounds over blueberry mixture.
4. Bake 40 to 45 minutes or until filling is bubbly and topping is golden brown. Let stand 30 minutes before serving.

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I've always considered myself to be organized and efficient.

I might want to rethink that.

When I couldn't find the alarm clock, I was sad. That little guy was originally my wife's. I took ownership shortly after we were married and it's been on my night stand ever since, at home and other trips. To think that

it was out there in the world, somewhere, by itself, I didn't like that.

Yes, I know it's just an alarm clock. I get weird about that kind of stuff.

When I found it the next day, hiding out on the bottom of my suitcase, all was right again.

I've only had the pocket camera a few years. I'm not as attached to it,

but to think all our pictures from the trip were gone just like that was a huge bummer. The camera had been in my hand, in my pocket or in my backpack the entire trip. I was crushed, and absolutely certain I wouldn't find it in the suitcase.

A few hours later, when our room was ready and we'd retrieved our luggage, we went upstairs to look for it.

As I pulled stuff out of the suitcase and stacked it on the bed, it wasn't there. But then, amazingly, it was. My wife saw it first. It too was hiding on the bottom.

I vaguely remembered putting it on the top of my open suitcase that morning in our room before scurrying out the door to catch an early morning train. I must've forgotten to grab it before zipping my bag shut.

Thank goodness. The woman's missing phone showed up. I believe the shoes did too, but not the sunglasses.

Oh yeah, I came home without my Swiss Army knife, something I rarely take when traveling. I didn't lose it. The security guy at one of the train

stations confiscated it.

I forgot it was in my backpack.

Duh!

The author signed up for an online class. *Intro to Industrial Engineering.*

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occidental), also known as American sycamore, American planetree, western plane, occidental plane, buttonwood, and water beech. An average tree grows 1-2 feet per year, while an American sycamore grows between 3-6 feet per year depending on soil and climate conditions.

In addition to being a quick growing tree, the American sycamore is also a long-lived species, typically surviving at least 200 years and likely as long as 500-600 years. A sycamore can grow to massive proportions, typically reaching up to 98 to 131 ft high and 4.9 to 6.6 ft in diameter when grown in deep soils.

The American sycamore is found most commonly in bottomland or floodplain areas, thriving in the wet environments provided by rivers, streams, or abundant groundwater, though it will die after being flooded for more than two weeks at a time. As one of the largest trees in the wet bottomland habitats where it dominates, it is a key component of the structure

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Sat. June 28, 2025 (7:00-10:30pm) Karaoke/Music Bingo-Woodstock Moose\*

Wed. July 2, 2025 (6-9pm) Trivia & Music Bingo at Shenandoah Valley Axe Throwing Company **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** 20 South St. Front Royal, VA

Fri. July 4, 2025 Wedding in Woodstock, Va

Sat. July 5, 2025 (6-10pm) Music Bingo & Karaoke at Shenandoah Valley Axe Throwing Company - Final Karaoke Contest to compete at Warren County Fair **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** 20 South St. Front Royal, VA 22630

Wed. July 9, 2025 (6-9pm) Trivia & Music Bingo at Shenandoah Valley Axe Throwing Company **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** 20 South St. Front Royal, VA

Thurs. July 10, 2025 (6-10pm) Karaoke at Va. Beer Museum, 16 Chester St. Front Royal Free Admission/Open to Public: Karaoke Contest – Winner entered in Warren County Fair Karaoke Playoff

Fri. July 11, 2025 (7:30-11:30pm) Music Bingo & Karaoke-New Market Eagles\*

Sat. July 12, 2025 (6-10) Karaoke for Member/Guest Night Shenandoah Valley Golf Club <https://www.shenandoahvalleygolfclub.com/>

Wed. July 16, 2025 (6-9pm) Trivia & Music Bingo at Shenandoah Valley Axe Throwing Company **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** 20 South St. Front Royal, VA

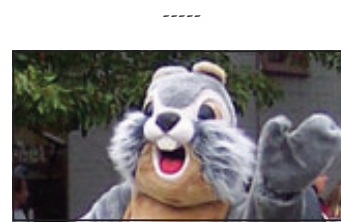
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of those habitats. The heartwood of a sycamore tree decays quickly, producing large hollow cavities in the center of the trees which are used by many animals as nesting sites. The largest hollow trees can be big enough for black bear dens, but average trees create homes for bats and cavity-nesting birds like wood ducks, barred owls, screech owls, chimney swift, and the great-crowned flycatcher.

In 1744, a Shenandoah Valley settler named Joseph Hampton and his two sons lived for most of the year in a hollow sycamore in what is now Clarke County, Virginia. In 1770, at Point Pleasant, Virginia (now in West Virginia), George Washington recorded in his journal a sycamore measuring 44 ft 10 inches in circumference at 3 ft from the ground. The terms under which the New York Stock Exchange was formed are called the "Buttonwood Agreement", because it was signed under a buttonwood (sycamore) tree at 68 Wall Street, New York City in 1792.

Your Pal in the Trees,

— Stewart

The Front Royal/Warren County Tree Steward program began in 1997 with volunteers dedicated to improving the health of trees by providing educational programs, tree planting

and care demonstrations, and tree maintenance throughout the community. The group now consists of over 30 active members with several interns working toward becoming certified tree stewards from our annual "All About Trees Class". Each month Stewart will answer a question from our readers. Please forward it to "Stewart" in care of:

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**LS&S Withdraws Proposal to Take Over Samuels Public Library**

This is a press release/opinion from Samuels Library. We welcome local opinions!

Front Royal, VA — In a major victory for public libraries and the power of local voices, Library Systems & Services (LS&S) has officially withdrawn its proposal to manage library services in Warren County. This decision follows months of grassroots pressure, highlighting the power of a community standing together to protect a beloved local institution. On Monday, LS&S notified Warren County officials that it will "not be offering our services to Warren County,"

ending a proposal that could have handed over local library operations to an out-of-state corporate provider. Similar defeats were seen recently in Huntington Beach, CA, where LS&S pulled out after a wave of community resistance—marking a national pattern of pushback against privatization.

"This is what happens when people show up," said Erin Rooney, Director of Samuels Public Library. "They tried to take this library away from the community, and the community said no. They've shown up in force: at Board meetings, through letters, with donations, and with each other. This isn't just a win for Samuels. It's a win for public libraries everywhere, and a win for the people who believe they should stay public, local, and open to all."

While LS&S has stepped back, the library is still facing the negative impact of the Warren County Board of Supervisors' decision to cut library services funding without a plan in place—leaving Samuels operating on

emergency funds in order to service Warren County and keep critical library programming running. Its future remains uncertain.

On July 1, Samuels will host an Open House. Residents are invited

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to come celebrate their library, learn more about recent developments, and rally behind its future. The event will be held all day and will feature donuts and coffee from local partners Apple House and Starbucks, a scavenger hunt, a Tiny Art exhibit, and tours of Studio 330—the library’s new Makerspace and memory lab. The entire day’s events are in great part due to the generous sponsorship of Mountain Home Bed and Breakfast.

What’s happening in Front Royal

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is bigger than just one library. Across the country, public institutions are being defunded, politicized, and handed over to private companies. But what makes Samuels unique is the way neighbors across political lines have come together to protect it. This fight reflects deeper questions facing communities everywhere: Whose voice matters? And who gets to shape the public spaces we all depend on? Samuels stands as a bellwether for what’s happening in towns like this across America.

Samuels remains committed to serving the people of Warren County. Through uncertainty, the library continues to provide trusted services and a sense of belonging to all. As this next chapter begins, Samuels will keep fighting for its future, and for the values that have guided it since 1799.

Supporters can help by attending the July 1 Open House to meet staff, see programs in action, and ask questions. Donations to the Emergency Fund remain critical to maintaining operations and defending the library’s future. To contribute, visit <https://samuelspubliclibrary.substack.com/p/donor-emergency-fund> or contact [development@samuelslibrary.net](mailto:development@samuelslibrary.net)

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Entrance fees and campground fees are important sources of revenue used to enhance the visitor experience in national parks, supporting projects that include road and facility repair and maintenance, trail improvements, and visitor and resource protection services. Moving to a cashless system reduces the amount of time park staff spends accounting for cash, improves accountability and reduces risk, and increases the amount of fee revenue available to support critical projects and visitor services.

More information about visiting the park can be found at [www.nps.gov/shen](http://www.nps.gov/shen).

Special Guests for the 2025 Middletown July 4th Celebration Parade. Thanks to our longtime community partner, Italian Touch Middletown, we are honored to welcome four-time Pro Bowler and current Assistant Linebackers Coach Ryan Kerrigan, fan-favorite two-time Pro Bowl running back Clinton Portis, and beloved NBC4 meteorologist Lauryn Ricketts, who has a special connection to Middletown.

**Ryan Kerrigan** is a former NFL linebacker and defensive end who spent the majority of his career with the Washington Redskins, earning four Pro Bowl selections. Known for his relentless pass rush, Kerrigan is the franchise’s all-time leader in sacks and was widely respected for his leadership both on and off the field. Since retiring, he has transitioned into coaching as the Assistant Linebackers Coach and Pass Rush Specialist for the Washington Commanders.

**Clinton Portis** is a former NFL running back who starred for both the Denver Broncos and Washington Commanders, amassing over 9,000 career rushing yards. A two-time Pro Bowler, Portis was known for his tough running style and entertaining press conferences, often appearing in colorful costumes and characters. Since retirement, he has worked in media and remains a beloved figure in the D.C. sports community.

**Lauryn Ricketts** is an Emmy Award-winning broadcast meteorologist known for her accurate and engaging weather coverage in the Washington, D.C. region, most recently with NBC4. A Shenandoah Valley native with family ties to Middletown, she has covered everything from hurricanes to snowstorms and is especially admired for her work during severe weather events. Ricketts is also an advocate for military families and maintains strong connections to the local community.

Other special guests include former Washington Redskins kicker **Mark Moseley**—1982 NFL MVP and Super Bowl champion—and the soon-to-be-crowned **2025 Miss Virginia**, who will be named this week in Roanoke.

Italian Touch owner Danny Brereton shared, “No one else does what

Mayor Charles Harbaugh does for our area. The sports figures are great to have in a small town like this, and the kids just love seeing them. Italian Touch wants to do our part and make that happen.”

The Middletown Fourth of July Parade, the only local Independence Day parade, sponsored by First Bank will begin at 5 p.m. on July 4th, starting from Laurel Ridge Community College and proceeding down Main Street.

Parade Director Tina Clem added, “July 4th in Middletown reminds me of the Squash Festival in the movie Doc Hollywood. I love the country appeal that goes with our parade, so if you want to walk your pet pig down Main Street, then come join us!”

Join us for a celebration filled with patriotism, community spirit, and unforgettable moments!

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### Warren Coalition Gets Cheesy

The Warren Coalition staff and Let’s Get Cheesy Committee faced their fair share of challenges leading up to their fundraiser, held on Friday June 6th at the North Warren Celebration Hall. During the week, unforeseen circumstances took the Coalition website down, but the staff cheerfully blamed cheese-seeking mice and borrowed the incredible block-built cat “Hobbes” from Play Favorites. Minor issues related to lighting and cooking were overcome fairly easily on Friday. But when Mother Nature brought a vicious storm through right before the event began, taking down a large tree that then blocked Rockland Court for over an hour—well, that challenge wasn’t on anyone’s bingo card.

Fortunately, no one was hurt, and everything that needed to be in place for the event to happen was already at the fire hall. A few of the guests had even made it to the event before the tree came down. After waiting a while for the tree to be cleared, some ticket holders chose to give up and headed home or to a nearby restaurant to wait. However, most persevered, parking along the road and then traipsing

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### Shenandoah National Park moves to cashless fee collection starting July 1, 2025

LURAY, VA – Beginning July 1, 2025, Shenandoah National Park will transition to a fully cashless fee system

### Middletown July 4th Grand Marshal Announcement

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around the tree (in the soaking wet grass) to the fire hall.

Despite the soggy and potentially frustrating circumstances, the atmosphere was festive, and guests seemed delighted by the gorgeous charcuterie table, with cheeses from Happy Creek Cheeses and Dusty's Country Store being guarded by Hobbes. Comfort food such as Red Lobster's Cheddar Bay biscuits, chicken and cheese empanadas from Garcia and Gavino, French mac and cheese from Savour by CRUSH, and lasagna from Anthony's turned out to be the perfect menu for the wet, windy evening. The main course was rounded out by cheesy green bean casserole, seafood pizza, and Caesar salad provided by the Coalition. Cheesecake nachos from On Cue, cheesecake ice cream from C & C Frozen Treats, and cheesecake-filled strawberries graced the dessert table in turn. At the end of the night, after the votes were counted, the "Crowd Favorite" was the cheesecake ice cream from C&C Frozen Treats!

The guests, totaling 50 people, were encouraged to participate in crazy games, and while many preferred to watch rather than play, they all seemed to have a good time. One guest asserted that one of the games should come with a warning. "I laughed so hard I spit out my ice cream!" he complained

good-naturedly.

The festivities were enhanced by the cheesy tunes from DJ Harold Chunn, the comedic commentary provided by M.C. Pam Foster, and a fun cheesy photo booth provided by In the Moment Photo Booth.

Thanks to the combination of a 50/50 raffle, auctions, sponsorships and ticket sales, Executive Director Christa Shifflett announced the net

profit was about \$5,700.

"Because this was a first-time event, we set our goal at \$5,000, so we're thrilled that we exceeded that," she said. She added that the funds are going to the Coalition's children's programs: Project COURAGE, which equips kids to overcome trauma; HALO Read, the affiliate program of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library providing free books to kids aged 0-4; and various resilience-building events for youth and families.



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**Fatal Crash in Warren County**

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

A 2021 Harley-Davidson motorcycle was traveling south on Eldridge Drive when it ran off the right side of the roadway and collided with a tree. Neither the motorcycle nor the rider

was visible from the roadway and were not discovered until June 23 by a family member, who notified state police. At this stage of the investigation, it appears the crash occurred sometime between 6:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on June 21.

The motorcycle rider, Dawn R. Bolton, 55, of Front Royal, Va., died at the scene. She was wearing a helmet.

The crash remains under investigation.

**Sheriff Crystal Cline Accepted into Prestigious FBI National Academy Session #295**

Warren County, VA - Warren County Sheriff Crystal M. Cline is proud to announce her selection into Session #295 of the FBI National Academy, one of the most respected law enforcement leadership programs in the world. This honor marks a significant personal and professional milestone,

as Sheriff Cline will represent Warren County beginning June 29, 2025, at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia. She will graduate on September 4, 2025.

Sheriff Cline is the first female Sheriff in Warren County's history and has served her community in law enforcement for over two decades. Her career has been built on steady leadership, a drive to modernize policing practices, and compassion. Her selection to the National Academy exemplifies recognition of both her professional reputation and the strength of the agency she now leads.

Admission to the FBI National Academy is extremely selective, fewer than one percent of law enforcement professionals across the globe are ever chosen to attend. Candidates must demonstrate exceptional integrity, professional achievement, and leadership potential. Sheriff Cline has held attending the National Academy as a personal goal for more than ten years

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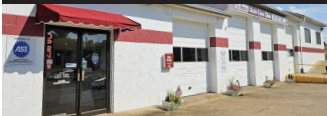


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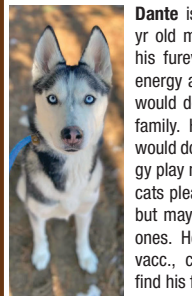
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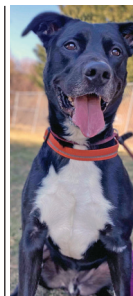
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We would like to thank all of our sponsors for their support in making this year's fair a wonderful family and community event. We would also like to thank our incredible volunteers who are the heart of the fair. The Warren County Fair is a huge part of our volunteers' hearts and lives. Some of us had siblings or parents involved in the fair. Some of us are now raising our own children and grandchildren at the fair. Some of us just needed a place to call home with a family to join. ALL of us found a connection at the Warren County Fair. If you are interested in joining us, contact us by email at [wcfair@comcast.net](mailto:wcfair@comcast.net) or visit our website or Facebook page.

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## 2025 Warren County Fair Association

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#### Saturday, July 26

11 am Fairest of the Fair Pageants  
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 Tiny Miss, Little Miss  
**To be held at Laurel Ridge College, Middletown**  
 Pre-Teen Pageant  
**To be held at Laurel Ridge College, Middletown**

11 am – 3 pm Home Ec. Exhibits Accepted  
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7 pm **Track - Demo Derby**  
 Sponsor: Auto Center

2 Shows Side Lawn - **Disc Connected K9s**  
 Sponsors: Sleepy Creek Sunrooms & Method CPA

6:30 pm Old Barn - Fair Parade – Follows Power Wheel



7 pm **Track - Dirt Drags, Truck/Car**  
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2 Shows Side Lawn - **Disc Connected K9s**  
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2 Shows Front Lawn - **Wee Wee Wee Racing Pigs**  
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#### Sunday, July 27

11 am – 3 pm Home Ec. Exhibits Accepted  
 Sponsor: Rotary Club of Front Royal

12 – 3 pm Rabbit and Poultry exhibits received in the 4-H Barn



2 Shows Front Lawn - **Wee Wee Wee Racing Pigs**  
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#### Monday, July 28

Adults - \$12, Ages 7 – 12 - \$5, 6 – Under – Free • Armbands - \$25

8 – 10 am Check-in / Weigh-in all 4-H Livestock Project Animals (at VA Livestock LLC)

1 pm All animals must be present in the 4-H Barn

4 pm Gates Open

5:30 pm Rabbit and Poultry Showmanship  
 Rabbit and Poultry exhibits judged (Following Showmanship)

5:30 pm Rides Open

5:30 pm Opening Ceremony



6 pm Main Stage - Jr. Miss, Ms., & Miss Pageants

6 pm Wonder Bldg - Kids Karaoke w/ Dan McDermott - Route 11 DJ  
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#### Tuesday, July 29

Adults - \$10, Ages 12 - Under – Free • Armbands - \$20

10 am 4-H Market Hog Show  
 4-H Swine Showmanship  
 4-H Swine Breeding

1 hour following Swine Show  
 4-H Beef Showmanship  
 4-H Market Beef Show  
 4-H Beef Breeding Show

11 – 2 pm Sensory Friendly Day  
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4 pm Gates Open

5:30 pm Rides Open

6 / 7:30 pm Line Dancing with Susan Jeffries  
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6 pm Main Stage - Power Wheel Demo Derby  
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#### Wednesday, July 30

Adults - \$12, Ages 7 – 12 - \$5, 6 – Under – Free • Armbands - \$25

9 am 4-H Farmer for a Day Camp

9 am Day Care Day  
 Sponsor: BPOE Elks Lodge

4 pm Gates Open

5:30 pm Rides Open

5:30 pm 4-H Goat Showmanship  
 4-H Market Goat Show  
 4-H Goat Breeding Show

6 pm Wonder Building - Corn Hole - Blue Ridge Baggers  
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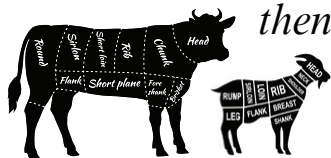


6:30 pm Wonder Building - Apple Pie Eating Contest  
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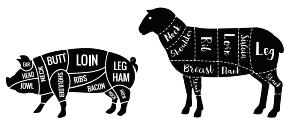
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7:00 PM

7 pm Main Stage - Karaoke: 1st \$1,000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$200  
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7 pm Track - Bullride Mania Rodeo  
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## Thursday, July 31

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9 am Senior Day  
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9 am 4-H Skill-a-Thon  
5:30 pm 4-H Sheep Showmanship  
4-H Market Lamb Show  
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6:30 pm Beer Garden - Beard, Mustache, Mullet & Farmer's Tan  
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7 pm Main Stage - Professional Midget Wrestling  
Sponsor: Rappahannock Electric  
Sponsor: Auto Care Clinic



7 pm Track - ATV Races  
Sponsor: Royal Auto  
Sponsor: Dameivias Improvements  
2 Shows Side Lawn - Disc Connected K9s  
Sponsor: Sleepy Creek Sunrooms  
Sponsor: Method CPA  
2 Shows Front Lawn - Wee Wee Wee Racing Pigs  
Sponsor: Elite Power & Energy  
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## Friday, August 1

Adults - \$12, Ages 7 - 12 - \$5, 6 - Under - Free • Armbands - \$25

9 am 4-H Round Robin  
5:30 pm Rides Open  
6 pm 4-H Barn - 4-H Livestock Buyers Registration  
6 pm Wonder Bldg - Corn Hole - Blue Ridge Baggers  
Sponsor: Rural King



7 pm 4-H Barn - 4-H Livestock Auction  
7 pm Main Stage - Five of a Kind  
Sponsor: Stephens City Insurance



7 pm Track - Truck & Tractor Pull  
Sponsor: Lindsay Chevrolet  
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Sponsor: American Legion  
2 Shows Side Lawn - Disc Connected K9s  
Sponsor: Sleepy Creek Sunrooms  
Sponsor: Method CPA  
2 Shows Front Lawn - Wee Wee Wee Racing Pigs  
Sponsor: Elite Power & Energy  
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## Saturday, August 2

Adults - \$12, Ages 7 - 12 - \$5, 6 - Under - Free • Armbands - \$25

10 am 4-H Barn - Companion Animals  
Costume Show  
3 pm Gates Open  
4 pm Main Stage - Free Children's Games  
Sponsor: 2025 Fair Queens  
5 pm Motorsports - Monster Trucks, Pit Party and Truck Rides  
Sponsor: Unlimited Welding  
Sponsor: Chad M. Lewis Insurance  
5:30 pm Rides Open  
6 & 7:30 pm Wonder Bldg - Bull Run Cloggers  
Sponsor: AJ's Grading & Landscaping  
6 pm Main Stage - Greased Pig Contest  
Sponsor: Sysco  
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7:30 pm Track - Monster Truck Show  
Sponsor: D & M Container  
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Sponsor: Marlow Motors  
Sponsor: Crim's Trailer Sales  
2 Shows Side Lawn - Disc Connected K9s  
Sponsor: Sleepy Creek Sunrooms  
Sponsor: Method CPA  
2 Shows Front Lawn - Wee Wee Wee Racing Pigs  
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Carnival: Snyder's Attractions  
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## ADMISSION INFORMATION

### Gates Open

Monday July 28 - Friday Aug. 1, 4pm  
Saturday Aug. 2, 3pm

### Admission Rates

Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat.

Adults - \$12

7-12 - \$5

6 & Under - Free

### Tuesday \*Family Night\*

Adults - \$10

12 & Under - Free

Weekly Pass - \$55 Adults

\$22 Children 7-12

3 Day Pass - \$30 Adults,

\$12 Children 7-12

Tickets can be purchased online at:  
[www.warrencountyfair.com](http://www.warrencountyfair.com)

### Rides Open:

Monday-Saturday - 5:30-10 pm

Armbands - Mon, Wed-Sat, \$25

Tues: \$20



## Warren County Fair – 2025 Home Goods Division General Rules and Regulations

The General Rules and Regulations apply to each Department.

Prizes and premiums for all classes in all departments in the Home Goods Division will be:

First Place.....\$ 2.50                      Second Place.....\$ 1.50                      Third Place.....\$ 1.00

Adults are defined as anyone 19 years of age or older as of July 27, 2025. Youth is defined as anyone 18 years of age and under as of July 27, 2025.

Entries in all classes will be accepted from residents of Warren County and its surrounding area and from Warren County 4-H members and leaders.

Exhibitor must have made all exhibits during the previous twelve (12) months.

Each exhibitor is limited to ONE entry per class.

Entries will be accepted Saturday and Sunday, July 26 and July 27, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Judging will be done on Monday, July 28th.

If, in the opinion of the Department Chairperson an exhibitor willfully violates any of the rules governing the Fair, all premiums may be forfeited and may be subject to such other penalties as deemed appropriate by the Department Chairperson and/or the Fair President and Vice-President.

The Fair Association reserves the right to withhold prizes if fraud, deception or interference with the judges is attempted. This includes the workers with the Home Economics Department.

The Fair Association reserves the right to reject or refuse any entry offered and to request the removal from the fairgrounds any exhibit which they for any reason, shall deem unfit or objectionable.

The Fair Association reserves the right to interpret all rules and regulations and resolve any situation, which may arise and is not restricted by the lack of or omission of specific rules or regulations.

Exhibits in each department will be entered and released by the Department Chairman. Eligibility of all entries is the discretion of the Department Chairman and the decisions made are final.

Use of alcoholic beverages, drugs, abusive language or other abusive misconduct is prohibited.

Judging for all entries will begin on Monday, July 28 at 10:00 a.m. (No entries will be received after the deadline.) Official Personnel only will be permitted inside the Wonder Building during judging.

Prizes are awarded at the discretion of the judges depending on quality of entry and not number of entries in class. **The decision of the judges is final.**

No exhibitor, in the Wonder Building, will be allowed to remove any article until Sunday, August 3, 2025 unless previous arrangements have been made with the Fair Association. No person or organization will be paid for any exhibit taken down before the stated hour.

Premiums and exhibits may be picked up Sunday, August 3rd from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

\*\* Each Home Ec exhibitor who enters in the Home Ec classes may purchase on (1) pass for \$12.00, which will be good for two (2) admissions to the fair. Please note: The exhibitor pass does NOT include rides. It can be used individually or collectively. Only one (1) pass may be purchased by each exhibitor.





**Department H Canned Foods – Adult**  
**Department P: Canned Foods – Youth**

- Classes are for SEALED canned entries only.
- Two piece lids and regular canning jars are required (no mayo jars).
- Rings may be removed for judging.
- Entries will be judged on appearance, texture, & container.
- Artificial coloring is prohibited.
- Judges will only open canned goods if necessary to determine Best of Show.

**Department F – Agriculture**

**Eggs-1 dozen**

- F1. White
- F2. Brown
- F3. Other Colors

**Seeds-1/4 cup**

- F4. Sunflower
- F5. Other

**Department G – Fruits & Vegetables**

\*Cut foliage from all root vegetables to 2 inches.

- G01. Apples, Green, 3
- G02. Apples, Red, 3
- G03. Grapes, 1 bunch
- G04. Nectarines, 3
- G05. Peaches, 3
- G06. Pears, 3
- G07. Plums, 3
- G08. Other Fruit
- G09. Beans, Black Eyed, ¼ cup
- G10. Beans, Lima, ½ cup
- G11. Beans, Green, 12
- G12. Beets, 3
- G13. Cabbage, Green, 1 head
- G14. Cabbage, Red, 1 head
- G15. Cabbage, Largest Head
- G16. Carrots, 5
- G17. Corn, Popcorn, 3 ears
- G18. Corn, Sweet. 3 ears unhusked
- G19. Cucumbers, Burpless, 3
- G20. Cucumbers, Pickling, 3
- G21. Eggplant, 1
- G22. Gourd, 1
- G23. Muskmelon/Cantaloupe, 1
- G24. Okra, 3
- G25. Onions, Red 3

- G26. Onions, White, 3
- G27. Onions, Yellow, 3
- G28. Peppers, Bell, 3
- G29. Peppers, Hot, 3
- G30. Peppers, Sweet, 3
- G31. Potatoes, Largest, 1
- G32. Potatoes, Red, 3
- G33. Potatoes, Sweet, 3
- G34. Potatoes, White, 3
- G35. Potatoes, Yellow,
- G36. Pumpkin, 24 or more inches around, 1
- G37. Pumpkin, less than 24 inches around, 1
- G38. Squash, Acorn, 2
- G39. Squash, Butternut, 2
- G40. Squash, Kershaw, 2
- G41. Squash, Spaghetti, 1
- G42. Squash Straight Neck, 3
- G43. Squash, White/Patty pan, 3
- G44. Squash, Italian, 1
- G45. Squash, Crooked Neck, 3
- G46. Squash, Zucchini, 3
- G47. Squash, Zucchini, Largest, 1
- G48. Sunflower, Largest Head, 3 inch stem
- G49. Sunflower, Tallest
- G50. Tomatoes, Cherry, 3
- G51. Tomatoes, Grape, 3
- G52. Tomatoes, Green, 3
- G53. Tomatoes, Pear
- G54. Tomatoes, Plum/Roma, 3
- G55. Tomatoes, Red, 3
- G56. Tomatoes, Yellow, 3
- G57. Vegetable Basket, must have at least 3 different vegetables
- G58. Watermelon, 1
- G59. Watermelon, Largest, 1
- G60. Other Vegetable

**Vegetables, Fruits, Meats**

- 01. Apple Butter
- 02. Applesauce
- 03. Apples, Sliced
- 04. Beans, Green, Whole
- 05. Beans, Green, Cut
- 06. Beans, Yellow
- 07. Beans, Lima
- 08. Beets
- 09. Blackberries
- 10. Carrots
- 11. Cherries
- 12. Chili Sauce
- 13. Corn
- 14. Grape Juice
- 15. Peaches
- 16. Pears
- 17. Raspberries
- 18. Soup Mixture
- 19. Squash
- 20. Tomatoes, Cut
- 21. Tomatoes, Juice
- 22. Tomatoes, Whole
- 23. Canned Meat
- 24. Spaghetti Sauce
- 25. Pie Filling, Apple
- 26. Pie Filling, Cherry
- 27. Other Fruit
- 28. Other Vegetable

**Jam**

- 29. Blackberry
- 30. Cherry
- 31. Grape
- 32. Peach
- 33. Raspberry
- 34. Strawberry
- 35. Pear
- 36. Plum
- 37. Other Jam

**Jelly**

- 38. Apple

**Vegetables, Fruits, Meats**

- 39. Blackberry
- 40. Cherry
- 41. Grape
- 42. Peach
- 43. Pepper
- 44. Raspberry
- 45. Wine
- 46. Other Jelly

**Preserves**

- 47. Apricot
- 48. Cherry
- 49. Peach
- 50. Pear
- 51. Plum
- 52. Strawberry
- 53. Tomato
- 54. Other Preserves

**Honey**

- 55. Honey – wildflower
- 56. Honey – clover
- 57. Honey-other

**Pickles**

- 58. Beets
- 59. Bread & Butter
- 60. Cucumber
- 61. Dill
- 62. Squash
- 63. Pickled Vegetable
- 64. Pickled Fruit
- 65. Other Pickles

**Relish**

- 66. Catsup
- 67. Chow Chow
- 68. Corn
- 69. Cucumber
- 70. Pepper
- 71. Salsa
- 72. Sauerkraut
- 73. Other Relish



**Department I: Pastry – Adult**

**Department O: Pastry – Youth**

- Exhibitors must have food on disposable plates & in plastic bags with zipper-type closure. Decorated novelty cakes are the only exception.

**Breads**

01. Biscuits, 3
02. Bread, Fruit, 1/3 loaf
03. Bread, White, 1/3 loaf
04. Whole Wheat, 1/3 loaf
05. Bread, Vegetable, 1/3 loaf
06. Muffins, 3  
Can enter up to 3 different types of muffin (3 per plate)
07. Rolls, 3
08. Other Bread

**Cakes** – NO frosting other than Novelty  
**Can enter up to 3 different types of cakes.**

09. Cake
10. Cake, Novelty, Decorated
11. Cupcakes
12. Cake-Pop, can have frosting, 3

**Cookies**

**Can enter up to 3 different types of cookie/brownie.**

13. Cookies, 3
14. Brownies, 3

**Pies** – NO custard type pies

**Can enter up to 3 different types of pie.**

15. Any type, ¼ pie

**Candy**

**Can enter up to 3 different types of fudge/candy.**

16. Fudge, 4 pieces
17. Other Candy, 4 pieces

**Pastry**

**Can enter up to 3 different types of pastry.**

18. Any type

**Department J: Sewing – Adult**

**Department R: Sewing – Youth**

- All garments must be clean & on hangers.
- Items may be put in plastic bags for protection from dust.
- Entries will be judged on general appearance, suitability of material and workmanship.

**Garments & Other Sewing**

01. Baby or Child Garment
02. Blouse/Shirt
03. Doll Outfit
04. Flag/Banner
05. Fleece Garment
06. Household Decoration
07. Jacket
08. Skirt
09. Slacks
10. Toy, Stuffed
11. Vest
12. Wall Hanging
13. Pillow
14. Apron
15. Mask
16. Dress

**Department K: Needlework**

- All Items must be clean & may be covered in clear plastic for protection from dust.
- Entries will be judged on materials, workmanship, design, colors, and appearance.

**Crochet**

01. Afghan, Baby
02. Afghan, Regular
03. Baby Set
04. Bag or Purse
05. Bedspread
06. Booties
07. Bookmark
08. Doily
09. Doll Outfit
10. Filet Crochet
11. Hat or Beret
12. Mittens/Gloves

13. Pillow
14. Poncho/Shawl
15. Potholder/Coaster
16. Scarf
17. Slippers/Socks
18. Sweater
19. Tablecloth
20. Toy
21. Self-Design

**Knitting**

22. Afghan, Baby
23. Afghan, Regular
24. Baby Set
25. Bag or Purse
26. Bedspread
27. Bookmark
28. Booties
29. Doily
30. Doll Outfit
31. Hat or Beret
32. Pillow
33. Poncho/Shawl
34. Potholder/coaster
35. Scarf
36. Slippers/Socks
37. Sweater
38. Tablecloth
39. Toy
40. Mittens/Gloves
41. Self-Design

**Embroidery & Needlepoint**

42. Bedspread or Tablecloth
43. Table Runner/scarf Set
44. Picture, Embroidery
45. Pillow, Embroidery
46. Pillow Case
47. Ribbon Embroidery
48. Liquid Embroidery

**Plastic Canvas/Needle punch**

49. Coaster Set
50. Holiday Decoration
51. Christmas Decoration
52. Home Décor

53. Self-Design
54. Tissue Box cover
55. Wall Hanging/Picture
56. Latch hook

**Counted Cross-Stitch**

57. Cross-Stitch on Garment
58. Holiday Decoration
59. Picture
60. Wall Hanging
61. Self-Design

**Quilt/Coverlet**

62. Machine Pieced, Hand Quilted (must be quilted entirely by hand)
63. Machine Pieced, Machine Quilted (domestic)
64. Machine Pieced, Machine Quilted (longarm)
65. Hand pieced, Hand Quilted
66. Appliqued by Hand
67. Appliqued by Machine
68. Mixed Techniques – both piecing and applique are used to develop the quilt top or the quilt is constructed using one special technique such as whole cloth quilt with or without trapunto, embroidered, or other surface design technique
69. Wall Hanging or Art Quilt (not intended for use as bedding)
70. Crib or other small bed quilt (smaller than twin size bed)
71. Yo-Yo Quilt
72. Cathedral Quilt
73. Tied Quilt

**Rugs**

74. Braided
75. Crochet
76. Hooked
77. Woven
78. Other Rug

**Other**

79. Latch hook
80. Needle Felting

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- Sept. 2 & Sept. 16
- Oct. 7 & Oct. 21
- Nov. 4 & Nov. 18
- Dec. 2

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**Department L: Art & Crafts – Adult**

- Entries will be judged on design, appearance, color, workmanship and suitability of materials.

01. Basket
02. Bird House / Feeder
03. Butterfly or Bat House
04. Ceramic
05. Christmas Decoration from Kit
06. Christmas Decoration not from Kit
07. Christmas Wreath
08. Doll, any kind
09. Door Decoration (not a wreath)
10. Holiday Decoration (NOT Christmas)
11. Jewelry, Beaded
12. Jewelry, Other
13. Macramé
14. Metal Sculpture
15. Models
16. Item made from Natural Material
17. Paper Craft, Quilled/Origami
18. Pottery
19. Recycled/Upcycled Item
20. Scrapbook/Memory Book
21. Silk Flower Arrangement
22. String Art
23. Wall Hanging
24. Wearable Art
25. Wood Burning
26. Wood-Hand Carved
27. Wood-Painted
28. Wood- Item, machine cut
29. Wooden Toy
30. Wreath

**Department M: Visual Arts & Photography – Adult****Department N: Visual Arts & Photography – Youth****\*\* Photography Entries must be mounted on foam board.**

- Visual Arts Entries will be judged separately from Photography entries.
- Visual Arts, B& W and Color will each have a Best In Show.
- Professionals are not eligible to enter exhibits for competition. A professional is defined as someone who engages in art/photography as a source of income.

**Visual Arts**

- 01A. Acrylics
- 02A. Charcoal
- 03A. Computer Generated Art
- 04A. Crayon
- 05A. Decorative Painting on Fabric, Metal, Wood
- 06A. Mixed Medium
- 07A. Oil
- 08A. Pastel
- 09A. Pencil/Colored Pencil
- 10A. Pen and Ink
- 11A. Puzzle Art
- 12A. Stained Glass

- 13A. Watercolors
- 14A. Other

**Photography – Black & White or Sepia (4 x 6 Size)**

- 15B. Altered Photograph
- 16B. Animal(s)
- 17B. Bug/Insect(s)
- 18B. Architectural
- 19B. Floral
- 20B. Grouping of 3 or more photos
- 21B. Humorous (caption required)
- 22B. Nature
- 23B. Selfie
- 24B. Portrait
- 25B. Winter Scene
- 26B. Fall Scene
- 27B. Spring/Summer Scene
- 28B. Action Shot
- 29B. Scene from last year's WC Fair
- 30B. Bird(s)
- 31B. Warren County Landmark
- 32B. Waterscape
- 33B. Holiday

**Photography – Color****(4 x 6 Size)**

- 34B. Altered Photograph
- 35B. Animal(s)
- 36B. Bug/Insect(s)
- 37B. Architectural
- 38B. Floral
- 39B. Grouping of 3 or more photos
- 40B. Humorous (caption required)
- 41B. Nature
- 42B. Selfie
- 43B. Portrait
- 44B. Winter Scene
- 45B. Fall Scene
- 46B. Spring/Summer Scene
- 47B. Action Shot
- 48B. Scene from last year's WC Fair
- 49B. Bird(s)
- 50B. Warren County Landmark
- 51B. Waterscape
- 52B. Holiday

**Department O: Floral – Adult & Youth**

- Entries must be grown or cared for by the exhibitor. All plant material, with the exception of dried & treated, must be homegrown.
- Potted plants should be in possession of the exhibitor for at least 3 months prior to entry.
- Exhibitor is responsible for care & maintenance of arrangement and/or plants, including but not limited to watering during the Fair.
- Leaf foliage should be intact on cut specimens, with reasonable stem for proper display.

- Leaves should be clean & free of bug bites and petals clean of bites or spots.
- Exhibitor must furnish all containers.

**Flowers (Cut)**

01. Dried Flower Arrangement – No Silk
02. Large Arrangement
03. Miniature Arrangement
04. Black Eyed Susan
05. Butterfly Bush
06. Celosia or Cockscomb, Crested
07. Celosia or Cockscomb, Plumed
08. Cosmos
09. Cone Flower
10. Crepe Myrtle
11. Dahlia, no buds
12. Delphinium
13. Gladiolus
14. Hydrangea
15. Marigold, Giant Bloom
16. Marigold, French Dwarf
17. Marigold, Other
18. Queen Anne's Lace
19. Rose, Large, Any Color
20. Rose, Climbing
21. Rose, Miniature
22. Rose, Multi-flora, 1 Stem Multi Blooms
23. Rose of Sharon
24. Shasta Daisy
25. Snapdragon, short
26. Snapdragon, Tall
27. Sunflower, Yellow
28. Sunflower, Other Colors
29. Zinnia, Bloom over 2'
30. Zinnia, Bloom less than 2'
31. Zinnia, Lilliput

**Potted Plants / Hanging Baskets**

32. African Violet in Bloom
33. Aloe
34. Begonia
35. Cactus / Succulent
36. Dish Garden, smaller than 2'
37. Fern
38. Philodendron
39. Other

**Creative Gardens**

40. Gnome/Fairy Garden, no larger than 2', Adult
41. Gnome/Fairy Garden, no larger than 2', Youth
42. Terrarium, Adult
43. Terrarium, Youth
44. Commercial Floral Arrangement Using Fair Theme (Professional Only)
45. Creative Containers

## Warren County Fair ... Inspired by Community

Warren County Fair Helps Those in Need.

**Tie Blanket Class added for both youth and adults**

Your tie blanket will be judged. Ribbons and premium money will be given to the winners. The tie blankets will be donated to the shelters in our area for those in need.

**ALL TIE BLANKETS ENTERED WILL BE DONATED TO THOSE IN NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY!**





**Arts and Crafts – Youth & Disabled**

Department S – (Ages 7 & Under)

Department T – (Ages 8-9)

Department U (Ages 10-11)

Department V (Ages 12-13)

Department W (Ages 14-18)

Department X: (All ages)-Made By Individuals With Any Type of Disability

Paintings, pictures, etc. must be matted on cardboard or in frames. Mountings and frames will not be judged.  
All work must be the work of the exhibitor and created and/or completed since previous fair.

- |   |                                     |   |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| 01. Bird Feeder / Birdhouse                                       | 23. Christmas Decoration (Kit)      | 48. Plastic Canvas                                    |
| 02. Beaded Item   | 24. Item Made with Natural Material | 49. Quilted Article                                   |
| 03. Black Velvet Picture  | 25. Jewelry                         | 50. Recycled Item                                     |
| 04. Ceramic Item  | 26. K-Nex From Instructions         | 51. Refrigerator Magnet                               |
| 05. Clay / Play Dough   | 27. K-Nex Self Design               | 52. Rock Craft  |
| 06. Collage   | 28. Keychain                        | 53. Sand Art  |
| 07. Collection (mounted, less than 2 sq ft)                       | 29. Lamp, Handmade                  | 54. Scrapbook/Memory Book                             |
| 08. Collection (not mounted, less than 2 sq ft)                   | 30. Lego Item From Instructions     | 55. Sculpted Item                                     |
| 09. Collection, Visual (book of illustrations, pictures, writing) | 31. Lego, Self-Design               | 56. Shell Craft                                       |
| 10. Construction Paper Item                                       | 32. Loomed Article                  | 57. String Art  |
| 11. Craft Stick Item  | 33. Mixed Medium                    | 58. Sun Catchers                                      |
| 12. Embroidered Article/Needlework                                | 34. Model (from kit)                | 59. Tie Dyeing  |
| 13. Crocheted or Knitted Article                                  | 35. Mosaic Craft                    | 60. Toy, Handmade                                     |
| 14. Cross Stitched Article  | 36. Paint/Pencil by Number          | 61. Wall Hanging                                      |
| 15. Dream Catchers  | 37. Painting, Acrylic               | 62. Woodworking Article                               |
| 16. Fleece  | 38. Painting, Watercolor            | 63. Woven Article                                     |
| 17. Foam Article  | 39. Photograph, B&W                 | 64. Other Items for Categories not listed             |
| 18. Food Art  | 40. Photograph, Collection (4+)     |   |
| 19. Group Made Project  | 41. Photograph, Color               | <b>Writing</b> (Under 3 pages) (Typed or Handwritten) |
| 20. Holiday Decoration (from kit) Not Christmas                   | 42. Picture, Colored Pencil         | 65. Creative Writing                                  |
| 21. Holiday Decoration (not kit) Not Christmas                    | 43. Picture, Crayon                 | 66. Poetry  |
| 22. Christmas Decoration (Not Kit)                                | 44. Picture, Magic Marker           | 67. Song  |
|   | 45. Picture, Pastel                 | 68. Non-fiction                                       |
|   | 46. Picture, Pen and ink            | 69. Comic Strip                                       |
|   | 47. Picture, Pencil                 |   |

# Warren County Fair Indoor Flea Market

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# New in 2025!



## Scarecrow Class Added for 2025

- ◆ All scarecrows will be judged
- ◆ After judging, scarecrows will be placed throughout the fair for fairgoers to take pictures with and find throughout the week.
- ◆ Scarecrows may be themed to match the Wizard of Oz/ Wicked theme or can be of your own creation.

Follow the Yellow Brick Road to the Warren County Fair to find all of our scarecrow entries!



## NEW IN 2025 FAIR THEME CLASS

\*\*\*OVERALL WINNER COULD MOVE ON TO COMPETE AT THE VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS COMMUNICATIONS COMPETITION\*\*\*

- ◆ Fairs will submit a creative display depicting their theme.
- ◆ Entry **MUST** include the theme (either spelled out on a banner, on items included in display or a written description).
- ◆ Entry can include promotional items, photographs, stuffed animals, toy tractors, etc. Photographs may be submitted for larger themed items.
- ◆ Display may not exceed 3' X 3'.
- ◆ A single page written description is allowed to accompany your display.

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**NEWS, from 8**

and is honored to be among the nation's top law enforcement leaders who have been selected to pass through its gates.

While at Quantico, Sheriff Cline will be enrolled in five graduate-level courses as part of her pursuit of a master's degree, earning academic credit through the University of Virginia. In addition to academic instruction, the program includes advanced physical training. Sheriff Cline has set her

sights on completing the "Yellow Brick Road," a grueling 6.1-mile obstacle course that symbolizes the endurance and determination required to complete the academy. Sheriff Cline plans to bring home the "Yellow Brick" as a symbol of perseverance and accomplishment.

During her absence, Major Jason Winner will oversee daily operations at the Warren County Sheriff's Office. Major Winner is a trusted and seasoned leader who shares Sheriff

Cline's vision for professionalism and excellence in public service. Citizens can expect a seamless continuation of operations, responsiveness and full operational capacity throughout the summer months.

"I've worked my entire career to grow as a leader and to earn opportunities like this. It's not just about me, it's about what I can bring back to our deputies, our community, and the next generation of public servants," said Sheriff Cline. "It's an honor to represent Warren County, and I hope to make the men and women of the Sheriff's Office and the people of this county proud."

At approximately 4:45 p.m. on June 18, Virginia State Police were notified about a road rage shooting that oc-

curred on Interstate 81 southbound

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**Man in Custody in June 18 Road Rage Incident in Shenandoah County**

On June 24, 2025, deputies with the Jefferson County (W. Va.) Sheriff's Office arrested Roger T. Chason, 35, of Summit Point, W. Va. after Virginia State Police obtained warrants for a road rage incident that occurred on Interstate 81 on June 18, 2025.


Chason faces charges of felony attempted malicious wounding, shooting from a vehicle, and shooting at an occupied vehicle. He also faces a misdemeanor brandishing charge.

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**NEWS, from 9**

near the 264-mile marker in Shenandoah County.

A Ford 150, with West Virginia plates, fired one shot at a Jeep Wagoneer while both vehicles were on the interstate.

There were no injuries.

Chason is currently being held in West Virginia pending extradition to Virginia.

**Virginia State Police Aim To "Dissrupt" Dangerous Driving Behaviors On Interstate 81**

*Operation DISS-rupt Launches July 1-2, 2025*

APPOMATTOX – The Virginia State Police Appomattox, Salem, Culpeper, and Wytheville Divisions will be conducting Operation DISS-rupt on all 325 miles of Interstate 81 in Virginia on July 1 and July 2, 2025. The traffic enforcement and educational

safety initiative focuses on distracted driving, impaired driving, speed compliance and seat belt safety. Preliminary data from January 1, 2025, to June 15, 2025, shows 310 persons have died in a traffic crash on Virginia roadways this year; 372 people died over the same time period in 2024.

"As we approach the busy Fourth of July holiday, we want to make sure the roads are as safe as possible," said Captain Craig C. Worsham, Commander of the Virginia State Police Appomattox Division. "Initiatives like 'DISS-rupt' are aimed at getting Virginians back to the basics about traffic safety: making sure they are driving sober, driving safely, buckling up, and focusing on the task ahead."

Operation DISS-rupt targets the four key causes of fatal and serious injury crashes across Virginia's interstate system. The operation's goal is to achieve zero fatal crashes during designated enforcement periods and to reduce the total number of crashes on our interstates for the calendar year by 10%:

Ditch Distractions: Virginia has a "Hands-Free" law that prohibits a driver from holding a handheld personal communications device while driving. GPS and making phone calls are still legal, as long as the device is mounted and/or not in your hands.

Never Drive Impaired: Driving under the influence of alcohol and/

or drugs is illegal in Virginia. Even buzzed driving is drunk driving. Always designate a sober driver or use public transportation or a ride-hailing service.

Comply with Speed Limits: Posted speed limits on Virginia interstates never exceed 70 mph. So, neither should your speed. Speed-related



**Upcoming events with Dan McDermott**

**Fri. June 27, 2025 (7:30-11:30pm)**  
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**Sat. June 28, 2025 (7:00-10:30pm)**  
Karaoke/Music Bingo at Woodstock, Va. Moose\*

**Wed. July 2, 2025 (6-9pm)**  
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**Fri. July 4, 2025**  
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**Thurs. July 10, 2025 (6-10pm)**  
Karaoke at Va. Beer Museum, 16 Chester St. Front Royal  
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**Fri. July 11, 2025 (7:30-11:30pm)**  
Music Bingo & Karaoke at New Market, Va. Eagles\*

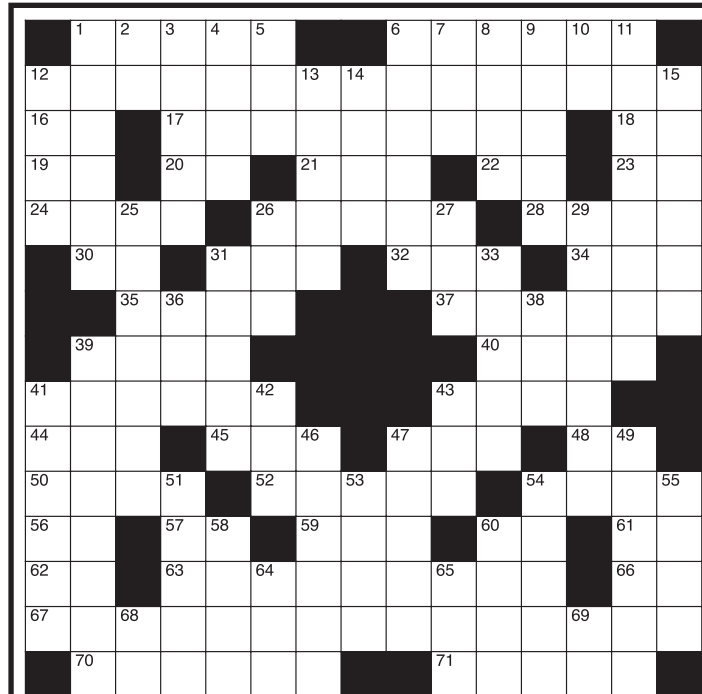
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12. ESPN's nickname
16. Spanish be
17. Disadvantage
18. Of I
19. Actor Pacino
20. On your way: \_\_\_ route
21. Fifth note of a major scale
22. Companies need it
23. News agency
24. Faces of an organization
26. Ponds
28. Samoa's capital
30. Partner to "Pa"
31. Adult male
32. Cool!
34. Used of a number or amount not specified
35. No No No
37. Hosts film festival
39. British place to house convicts
40. Made of fermented honey and water
41. Chief
43. College army
44. Thyroid-stimulating hormone
45. Consume
47. One point north of due east
48. For instance
50. Brews
52. Alaskan river
54. Not soft
56. Atomic #22
57. "The Golden State"
59. "The world's most famous arena"
60. Larry and Curly's pal
61. One billion gigabytes
62. Conducts inspections
63. Malaria mosquitoes
66. Unit to measure width
67. Features
70. Affairs
71. Letter of Semitic abjads

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Follower of Islam
2. Trauma center
3. French young women
4. Norse god
5. U.S. commercial flyer (abbr.)
6. Merchant
7. Peyton's younger brother
8. Jungle planet in "Star Wars" galaxy
9. Tree-dwelling animal of C. and S. America
10. "Pollack" actor Harris
11. Stuck around
12. Put on
13. Influential Norwegian playwright
14. Christian \_\_\_, designer
15. Fulfills a debt
25. Style
26. More (Spanish)
27. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
29. Remedy
31. Disturbance
33. "The Martian" actor Matt
36. Express delight
38. Brooklyn hoopster
39. 1900 lamp
41. Motionless
42. One's mother (Brit.)
43. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
46. Compels to act
47. Gardening tool
49. Ancient country
51. Frightening
53. Wimbledon champion Arthur
54. Popular plant
55. Database management system
58. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
60. Where soldiers eat
64. Tenth month (abbr.)
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68. Atomic #18
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- POOL
- SWIMMING
- TEAM
- TIMED
- TURN
- WADE

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

crashes claimed 410 lives in 2024 in Virginia.\* Simply, drive to save lives.

Seat Belt Safety \*\*\*NEW\*\*\*: Virginia law, as of July 1, requires all occupants of a motor vehicle be restrained, no matter their seating position. Previously, the law only required minors and adult front-seat passengers to wear a seatbelt.

Virginia State Police also conducted Operation DISS-rupt on Interstate 81

from September 19, 2024, to September 20, 2024. During that enforcement period, troopers cited 504 drivers for speeding, 79 drivers for reckless driving, and arrested seven drivers for driving while intoxicated. There was one fatality on Interstate 81 during that time period in Botetourt County.

\*2024 Virginia Crash Facts, Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, a day focused on creating a better understanding of the abuse and neglect faced by the elderly.

In addition to the recent text scams involving traffic violations, another popular scam is known as the "Grandparent scam." In this scam, callers use artificial intelligence (AI) to contact an older person. Over the phone, the AI voice plays out a very convincing and dire tale of a grandchild being held in jail and in desperate need of money to bail them out. The "grandchild" imposter will ask for either bank information or the purchase of gift cards. The scammer's ploy will often include personal family information, all of which is readily available via an Internet search and/or social media posts.

Virginia State Police also reminds citizens that no legitimate company will ever ask for payment in the form of gift cards or for cash to be mailed or wired. Virginians should also be wary of a payment request in cryptocurrency, like Bitcoin. State agencies, like

the Department of Motor Vehicles, also will NEVER text anyone regarding fines or suspensions.

"We recommend and encourage everyone, especially older Virginians, to independently verify before you reply," said Virginia State Police Special Agent A. Galton, an accountant with the Bureau of Criminal Investigation's Culpeper Field Office. "If you receive a call or email, even if it appears to be legitimate, kindly thank them for contacting you. Then take their name and number and tell them that you will independently communicate - meaning

that you will go look up the name and number of that organization and call them yourself."

Galton says, for example, if you receive an email from a company (such as Amazon) saying your account has been hacked, do not click on any link, but instead, go to your Amazon account independently to see if that message exists. "Scammers are successful because they create a sense of urgency," says Galton. "No credible organization will pressure you into a decision."

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**Virginia State Police Provide Tips To Protect Elderly Loved Ones From Scams**

June 15 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

RICHMOND – With yet another prominent text scam making the rounds, Virginia State Police is offering tips to help Virginians, especially older Virginians and vulnerable adults, avoid being taken advantage of and potentially at risk of identity and financial theft. June 15, 2025, is

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Virginia State Police also recommend older Virginians create a buddy system, in which you find someone trusted you can contact about a call, request, or deal. If the “buddy” has questions, then the older Virginian should examine the request further. State Police also recommend that the elderly population have regular independent audits of financial Power of Attorney transactions.

**Department of Fire and Rescue Services advises community of excessive heat**

The County of Warren and the Office of Emergency Management are closely monitoring forecasts from the National Weather Service, which predict a prolonged period of high temperatures and rising humidity this week. Heat indices may exceed 100 degrees—especially in lower elevations—from today, June 22, through the end of the month.

These elevated temperatures, combined with high humidity, can pose serious health risks, particularly for individuals spending extended time outdoors. Vulnerable groups include the elderly, young children, and those with chronic health conditions. Pets are also at risk and should have access to shade and plenty of water.

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Wednesday & Thursday: 8 a.m. – 8

- p.m.  
Friday: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
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**Heat safety tips:**

- Never leave people or pets in a closed car.
- Visit a cooling center if your home lacks air conditioning.
- Take cool showers or baths.
- Wear loose, light-colored, lightweight clothing.
- Avoid using your oven to reduce indoor heat.
- If outdoors, seek shade and wear a wide-brimmed hat.

Drink plenty of fluids to stay hydrated. Avoid strenuous activity during peak afternoon heat. Check on elderly relatives and neighbors. Learn the signs of heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke. Ensure pets have access to water and shade; avoid hot pavement. In case of emergency, dial 911.

**Vintage Base Ball Returns to Middletown on June 29**

*Middletown Maulers Take on the Shiners Base Ball Club in Benefit Game for Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation*

MIDDLETOWN, VA — Following the enthusiastic turnout at the inaugural Vintage Base Ball Festival, the nostalgia-filled tradition returns to Middletown Town Park on Sunday, June 29, 2025, at 2:00 PM, as the Middletown Maulers face off against the Shiners Base Ball Club of Rockingham County.

Played using the historic rules and customs of the year 1864, vintage base ball offers a unique blend of sport and living history. Spectators are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, sit close to the action, and enjoy an afternoon of classic base ball in the scenic town park.

Admission is by donation to benefit the Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation, which preserves the hallowed grounds of the Cedar Creek Civil War battlefield and provides educational programs throughout the region.

Food and refreshments will be available on-site from The Southern Market, adding a local flavor to the day's festivities. Josh Kirby, CEO of Kirby on Sports podcast, will serve as the PA announcer.

“This is a great opportunity to gather as a community, have some fun, share a few laughs, and learn the game together — all while supporting a ter-

rific cause,” said Middletown Mayor Charles Harbaugh IV. “Vintage base ball is unlike anything you’ve seen before, and we’re excited to bring it back to our park.”

For more information about the event or the Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation, visit [www.ccbf.us](http://www.ccbf.us).

**Man in vehicle**

On Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at approximately 6:00 p.m., first responders from the Front Royal Police Department and Warren County Fire and Rescue were dispatched to the parking lot of the Royal Plaza Shopping Center, located at 421 South Street, for a report of an unconscious male inside a vehicle.

Upon arrival, the individual was located in the driver's seat of a gray Toyota Tacoma. Despite life-saving efforts, the male was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Preliminary investigation indicates that the circumstances surrounding the death do not appear to be suspicious. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner will assist in determining the official cause of death.

The identity of the deceased is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact Detective R.T. Williamson at (540) 636-2208 or via email at [rwilliamson@frontroyalva.com](mailto:rwilliamson@frontroyalva.com).

**Construction site incident**

On Wednesday, June 26, 2025, the Front Royal Police Department was contacted by Warren County Fire and Rescue regarding a construction site accident that occurred earlier in the

day on Happy Ridge Drive. The incident resulted in serious injuries to one individual, who later succumbed to those injuries. At this time, the identity of the deceased is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

The Front Royal Police Department is actively investigating the circumstances surrounding the incident in coordination with Warren County Fire and Rescue and other relevant agencies. Further details will be released as the investigation progresses and more information becomes available.

Anyone with information related to this incident is encouraged to contact Detective L.T. Weaver at 540-636-2208 or [lweaver@frontroyalva.com](mailto:lweaver@frontroyalva.com).

**Traffic Stop Leads to Pursuit and Felony Arrest of Wanted Individual**

Front Royal, Virginia – On Sunday, June 22, 2025, at approximately 8:00 PM, an officer with the Front Royal Police Department observed a maroon Chevrolet Silverado being operated by Lisa Michelle Spencer, who was known to be wanted out of Warren County on several felony charges.

The officer attempted to initiate a traffic stop in the area of 6th Street and North Royal Avenue by activating his emergency equipment. However, Spencer failed to yield and continued driving westbound on West 6th Street. A brief vehicle pursuit ensued, lasting approximately seven minutes.

The pursuit ended when Spencer stopped her vehicle at the intersection of Massanutten Avenue and West 11th Street. She was taken into custody without incident. During the investigation, officers discovered a six-year-old child in the back seat of the vehicle. The child was uninjured.

Lisa Michelle Spencer was transported to RSW Regional Jail and



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charged with the following offenses:  
 § 46.2-817 (B) – Disregarding a law-enforcement officer’s signal to stop (Felony)  
 § 40.1-103 (A) – Cruelty to Children (Felony)

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**Samuels Public Library Adult Programming July 2025**

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

**One-Time Events**

Studio 330: Sewing 201: Hemming - Wednesday, July 2nd from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM - In person. Have the basics of sewing under your belt? This workshop will introduce you to hemming using a sewing machine. Bring your project to learn hemming techniques for pants, skirts, or other hemmed ma-

terial. Must have completed Sewing 101 or have a basic working knowledge of using a sewing machine. \*No food allowed in the studio and patrons between 13-17 must be accompanied by an adult.

Job Fair - Thursday, July 3rd from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM - In person. Come prepared to meet employers looking for people to hire! Need help reviewing your resume beforehand? Email [winchester@virginiaworks.gov](mailto:winchester@virginiaworks.gov)! Any questions? Contact 540-678-7079 Option 8

Studio 330: Christmas in July Craft an Ornament - Thursday July 3rd and Thursday July 10th from 12:00 to 4:00 PM - In person. Come into Studio 330 during our walk-in hours and craft a book themed Christmas ornament to trim our Library tree or take home with you. Supplies and materials provided. \*No food allowed in the studio and patrons between 13-17 must be accompanied by an adult.

Studio 330: Christmas in July Ornament on the Glowforge - Monday, July 7th from 5:30-7:30 PM - In person. Join us for a hands-on session with our Glowforge Laser Cutter and Engraver! You'll get to see the magic of our Glowforge Laser Cutter while making an ornament to trim our Library tree or take home with you. Registration required, supplies and materials provided. \*No food allowed in the studio and patrons between 13-17 must be accompanied by an adult.

Seniors First Workshop: Medicare 101- Understanding the Basics - Thursday, July 10th from 1:00 pm to 2:00 PM - In person. Learn who qualifies, how to enroll, what Medicare covers, and the difference between Parts A, B, C, and D in this workshop presented by Seniors First VICAP. Questions? Call VICAP at 540-635-7141 or visit [seniorsfirst.info](http://seniorsfirst.info).

ATF Canine Presentation - Friday, July 18th from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM - In person. Learn about the detection canine training program run by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

AIDS Response Effort, Inc. (ARE) Free STI Testing Primary tabs - Wednesday, July 16th from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM - In person. Winchester's AIDS Response Effort, Inc. (ARE) will be at the library on July 16, and October 22 of 2025 to provide free STI testing for the community. 1 in 5 people in the U.S.A. has an STI. For more information, visit the events page on our website: [samuelslibrary.net](http://samuelslibrary.net)

Studio 330: Sewing 101 Parts 1 and 2 - Wednesday, July 16th & 23rd from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM - In person. New to sewing? This two part workshop will introduce you to the very basics of using a sewing machine to create a simple project. Sessions will be held on July 16th and July 23rd. \*No food

allowed in the studio and patrons between 13-17 must be accompanied by an adult.

Art Trivia - Wednesday, July 23rd from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM - In person. Test your knowledge about all types of art with Art Trivia! Build your teams of up to 6 people and come compete for bragging rights and fabulous prizes! Snacks and drinks will be provided. Registration required.

Studio 330: Summer Fairy Lanterns - Monday, July 28th from 6:00-8:00 PM - In person. Join us in Studio 330 as we create summer fairy lanterns! Ages 13 & up. Registration required. \*No food allowed in the studio and patrons between 13-17 must be accompanied by an adult.

What the Tech!: Avoiding Scams - Tuesday, July 29th from 2:30-3:30 PM - In person. Join us for a special What the Tech session discussing how to identify and protect against different types of scams, presented by the Front Royal Police Department.

**Ongoing Programs**

What the Tech! - Tuesdays, July 1st, 8th, 15th, & 22nd 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!

Studio 330: Embroidery Club - Every Thursday from 10:00 PM to 12:00 PM - In person. Join us for Hand Embroidery Stitchers every Thursday morning! Bring your own needlework project to work on for a morning of crafting and socializing.

Studio 330 Walk-in Hours - Every Thursday from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM - In person. Come tour Studio 330 or bring your project to work on. Walk-In hours are provided on a first

come, first serve basis.\*Glowforge is not available during walk-in hours. No food allowed in the studio and patrons between 13-17 must be accompanied by an adult.

Studio 330: String Theory- A Fiber Arts Club - Every Saturday from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM - In person. Welcome to a fiber arts community for experienced, novice, or first-time artists 13 and up looking to meet other artists, relax, and/or share their expertise! Bring your own knitting, crochet, weaving, or other project to Studio 330 on Saturdays 2pm to 4pm \*No food allowed in the studio and patrons between 13-17 must be accompanied by an adult.

Scary Words Book Club - Wednesday, July 9th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM - In person. A horror book club for people who should be afraid of the dark. This month's title: Uzumaki by Junji Ito.

Bad Romance - Wednesday, July 2nd 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? Then you should join us for Bad Romance, where Samuels Public Library will have a themed discussion for the romance genre every month. July's theme is Art! Indulge us with your favorite romance books, movies, music or other media related to the topic, and possibly discover a new treat in this awesome informal discussion! New members are always welcome!

Step It Up: Line Dancing Fun - Wednesday, July 2nd & July 16th from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM - First & Third Wednesday of every month. - In person. Grab your boots and join us for an evening of toe-tapping fun! Whether you're a seasoned dancer or just get-

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 Thurs. July 10, 2025 6-10pm - KARAOKE (Contest)

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How Sweet It Is (To Be Loved By You)	I CAN'T GO FOR THAT	IGNITION (REMIX)
HAVE YOU EVER SEEN THE RAIN	I'M GONNA BE (500 MILES)	FAT BOTTOMED GIRLS

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ting started, this line dancing session is a great way to get moving, learn new steps, and have a blast with friends. No experience needed!

Studio 330: Genealogy Club - Wednesday, July 9th from 6:00 PM to 7:30 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. Register or drop-in. Make sure to come so you can also use our preservation resources such as VHS, VHS C, audio cassette, 8mm, and super 8 digitization equipment offered in Studio 330! \*No food allowed in the studio and patrons between 13-17 must be accompanied by an adult.

Seniors First Counseling - Thursday, July 10th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm - Second Thursday of every month. - In person. Sign up to meet with Seniors First for one-on-one assistance to navigate Medicare, review coverage options, and identify programs that can help lower healthcare costs. Registration required. Contact Reference staff directly to sign up for a 20 minute session.

Books & Beyond Book Club - Thursday, July 10th 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 Cold: lacking affection or warmth of feeling or temperature.

Walkabout Wednesdays - Wednesday, July 30th from 10:30 to 11:30 am - Last Wednesday of every month - In person. Join Extension Master Gardener Volunteers on Walkabout Wednesdays where they discuss and

care for the indoor plants at the library. Monthly topics for mini-lessons will vary each month. This month: learn about soil, nutrients, and repotting house plants.

**July 2025 children's events for Samuels Public Library**

*These are the events being presented by the Youth Services Department at Samuels Public Library during the month of July 2025. 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.*

Tuesday, July 1  
3:00 PM - Color Walk: Mix it Up. For ages 6-11. Listen to stories about colors, mix your own colors to make art, and watch colors "walk" from one cup to another. Registration is required.

Wednesday & Thursday, July 2 & 3  
10:15AM - Toddler Story Time.  
11:00AM - Preschool Story Time. Come in for an enjoyable hour filled with 4th of July stories, exciting sing-alongs, finger plays, and a nifty craft. Registration is required.

Friday, July 4  
The library will be closed for the holiday.  
Monday, July 7  
10:15 AM - Music & Movement for Babies (ages 0-23 months).

11:15 AM - Music & Movement for Toddlers (ages 2-5). Join our fun 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 or toddler. Registration is required.

Tuesday, July 8  
10:30 AM - Bluey Party. For ages 0-6. Join us for stories, snacks, games, dancing and crafts. Registration is required.

3:00 PM - Ancient Egyptian Party: Mix it Up. For ages 6-11. Listen to stories about

Ancient Egypt, make your own papyrus and hieroglyphics, and participate in a mummy race. Registration is required.

Wednesday & Thursday, July 9 & 10  
10:15AM - Toddler Story Time.  
11:00AM - Preschool Story Time.

Come in for an enjoyable hour filled with Shark stories, exciting sing-alongs, finger plays, and a nifty craft. Registration is required.

Friday, July 11  
10:00 AM - Laugh at Ladybugs: Toddlers Trails. For ages 2-5, with a parent. Join us and Warren County Parks & Rec at Eastham Park for stories about ladybugs, trail walking, and a craft. Registration is required.

3:00 PM - Painting with Petals: Wee Ones. For ages 3-5, with a parent.

4:00 PM - Painting with Petals: Green Thumbs. For ages 6-11. Join the Master Gardeners as they teach about painting with petals. Which flowers make the best color? Come find out. Registration is required.

Saturday, July 12  
2:00 PM - Advocacy Through Artwork. For ages 5+ with guardian. Join the ARC of Warren County as they use leaves and flowers to create beautiful collages, which will be put on display. Registration is required.

Monday, July 14  
10:15 AM - Music & Movement for Babies (ages 0-23 months).

11:15 AM - Music & Movement for Toddlers (ages 2-5). Join our fun 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 or toddler. Registration is required.

2:00 PM - Rhythmaya. Bring the family for music and dance with a touch of culture from India. Are you ready to get up and move?

Tuesday, July 15  
3:00 PM - Throw a Fit: Mix it Up. For ages 6-11. Join us for stories on dealing with frustration and anger, then make a "fit" to throw. Registration is required.

Wednesday & Thursday, July 16 & 17  
10:15AM - Toddler Story Time.

11:00AM - Preschool Story Time.  
Come hear a local author, Arlie Jerome, read his book Max the Husky. Learn about sled dogs and working as a team, do some finger plays, and a nifty craft. Registration is required.

Saturday, July 19  
2:00 PM - Rockstar Magic. Bring the family to see illusions, levitation, and live animals. There will be audience participation, drama, and music.

Monday, July 21  
10:15 AM - Music & Movement for Babies (ages 0-23 months).

11:15 AM - Music & Movement for Toddlers (ages 2-5). Join our fun 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 or toddler. Registration is required.

Tuesday, July 22  
11:00 AM - Clay Venture. For ages 6-11.  
1:00 PM - Clay Ventures. For ages 12-18. Ms. Arline, from Explore Art & Clay in Front Royal, will be bringing in tiles to paint and talking about clay and the firing process she will use to finish the projects. Registration is required.

Wednesday & Thursday, July 23 & 24  
10:15AM - Toddler Story Time.  
11:00AM - Read with the Sheriff: Preschool Story Time.

Come in for an enjoyable hour filled with Underwater stories, exciting sing-alongs, finger plays, and a nifty craft. Registration is required.

Friday, July 25  
2:00 PM - Going Crazy for Gundalows. For ages 7-11. Meet at Shenandoah River "Andy Guest" State Park to learn what a gundalow is and make your own to float down the river. Registration is required.

Saturday, July 26  
2:30 PM - LARP: Teens Connect. For ages 12-18. Join us to learn about, and practice, LARP (Live Action Role Play) with foam weapons, scoring, storylines, and local opportunities. Weapons are made of foam. Registration is required.

Monday, July 28  
10:15 AM - Music & Movement for Babies (ages 0-23 months).

11:15 AM - Music & Movement for Toddlers (ages 2-5). Join our fun 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 or toddler. Registration is required.

Tuesday, July 29  
3:00 PM - Ancient Rome: Mix it Up. For ages 6-11. Listen to stories about Ancient Rome, make your own mosaic, and learn an "ancient" game. Registration is required.

Wednesday & Thursday, July 30 & 31  
10:15AM - Toddler Story Time.  
11:00AM - Preschool Story Time.  
Come in for an enjoyable hour filled with Cow stories, exciting sing-alongs, finger plays, and a nifty craft. Registration is required.

Thursday, July 31  
2:00 PM - Wildlife Ambassadors. Hear the stories and have up-close experiences with live, non-releasable wild animals—hawks, owls, falcons, snakes, turtles, or opossums. Presented by the Wildlife Center of Virginia. Bring the family!

Our Summer Reading Program will end on Saturday, August 2nd. Keep reading and logging those books, then get your prizes when you come to one of our many events this month!

**Warren County Sheriff's Office Participates in National Operation Targeting Online Child Exploitation**

Warren County, VA - The Warren County Sheriff's Office proudly participated in Operation Safe Online Summer (SOS), a coordinated national initiative led by the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Forces. Spearheaded by the Northern Virginia/DC Metro (NOVA/DC) ICAC Task Force and supported by the Virginia State Police, this operation united law en-



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forcement agencies across the country in a proactive effort to combat the online exploitation of children.

Throughout April and May, the Warren County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division conducted several undercover chat operations targeting individuals attempting to solicit or exploit minors online within Warren County and the Town of Front Royal. Our investigators played a key role in this operation, conducting multiple investigations that resulted in eight (8) arrests and a total of 30 felony charges. These charges include a range of egregious offenses, from online solicitation of children to suspects attempting to physically meet minors for illicit purposes.

"The message is simple: if you are using the internet to harm children, we are watching, we are working, and we are coming for you," said Sheriff Crystal Cline. "Our investigators proactive efforts reflect just how seriously we take these crimes and our dedication and commitment to working with our law enforcement partners to identify, apprehend, and prosecute predators wherever they hide."

The success of this Operation SOS reflects the strength of the collaborative partnerships between the Warren County Sheriff's Office and the broader ICAC network, which includes local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. We thank all our regional counterparts for their dedication and collaboration in identifying and apprehending individuals who seek to exploit minors.

If you or someone you know is being solicited or exploited online, please don't remain silent. Anyone with information regarding these or similar cases is urged to contact the Warren County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division at (540) 635-7100.

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**Virginia Cooperative Extension Offers Free Pressure Canner Gauge Testing in June**

By Amanda Johnson, Amanda Johnson, Associate Extension Agent, Family Consumer Science, Virginia Cooperative Extension

As garden harvest season approaches, many home food preservers are dusting off their pressure canners in preparation for a summer of canning. But before the first green beans or jars of soup hit the canner, Virginia Cooperative Extension is encouraging residents to ensure their equipment is safe and accurate.

To support safe home canning practices, Extension offices across the region will be offering free dial-gauge pressure canner testing events throughout June. These tests help determine whether pressure canner gauges are providing correct readings—an essential factor in destroying harmful bacteria such as Clostridium botulinum, which causes botulism.

"A pressure canner that's even just a couple pounds off can make the difference between safe food and serious health risks," said Amanda Johnson, Family and Consumer Sciences Agent with Virginia Cooperative Extension. "That's why we recommend that anyone using a dial-gauge canner have it tested annually."

- Why test your gauge?
- Gauges can become inaccurate due to age, handling, or rust.
  - A dial gauge should be within 2 pounds per square inch (psi) of correct pressure.
  - Inaccurate gauges can result in under-processing (which may not kill bacteria) or over-processing (which reduces food quality).
  - Weighted gauge canners do not require annual testing, as they operate differently.
- Residents can bring just the lid of their dial-gauge pressure canner to any of the following events:
- June 9 — Clarke County Extension Of-

fce, 524 Westwood Rd, Berryville | 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

- June 10 — Page County Extension Office, 215 W Main St, Suite C, Stanley | 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- June 11 — Shenandoah County Extension Office, 600 N Main St, Suite 100, Woodstock | 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM
- June 12 — Warren County Extension Office, 220 N Commerce Ave, Suite 500, Front Royal | 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- June 13 — Frederick County Extension Office, 107 N Kent St, Winchester | 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- June 28 — Solenberger's Hardware, 832 Berryville Ave, Winchester | 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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**Valley Health Announces New Behavioral Health Pavilion to Address Critical Mental Health Needs**

Winchester, VA – June 11, 2025 – On May 13, Valley Health broke ground on the Valley Health Behavioral Health Pavilion, a state-of-the-art facility dedicated to addressing the highest-priority health needs in our community. This new pavilion, located on the Winchester Medical Center campus, will provide comprehensive mental health services for both adults and young people, offering a place to heal and thrive.

The Stronger Together fundraising campaign, Valley Health's \$20 million capital campaign focused around three leading health issues in our community - hearts, minds, connections - will help fund the construction of this free-standing center, ensuring that care is convenient and accessible for everyone in the community.

"Everyone in this community is impacted by behavioral health," said Tonya Smith, Valley Health Chief Operating Officer and President, Winchester Medical Center. "The new Behavioral Health Pavilion will be a transformative space where individuals can receive the care they need to improve their mental health and overall well-being. It will serve as a vital resource for our community, providing support and treatment that can make a profound difference in people's lives."

The facility will consolidate mental health services, currently spread across multiple locations in Winchester, including Linden Drive, Westside Station and Cork St, into one state-of-the-art pavilion on the Winchester Medical Center campus. Staff will offer the full spectrum of behavioral health care under one roof, including mental health therapy, substance use disorder counseling, and intensive outpatient programs for adults and teens. A key feature of the pavilion is the establishment of a Digital Health Center, which will enable prompt mental health care by connecting community medical practices with Valley Health behavioral health providers.

"We hope to move into more areas of

care," said Dr. Louis Nardelli, DO, psychiatrist at Valley Health. "People with anxiety, depression, stress, or who feel overwhelmed will have access to providers that can help. The pavilion will also focus on preventive mental health care through screening and psychological education. We are developing a geriatric program for older adults, including memory care, and the pavilion will be a resource for those struggling to cope with medical conditions. Our vision is that the pavilion will be a center for hope and resilience."

Valley Health is committed to creating a network of life-changing care that supports the mental health and well-being of our community. The Behavioral Health Pavilion is a significant step towards achieving this goal and expected to be completed in late summer 2026.

For more information about the Valley Health Behavioral Health Pavilion and the Stronger Together campaign, visit [valleyhealthlink.com](http://valleyhealthlink.com).

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**Record breaking fallfish caught in Jackson River**

RICHMOND, VA – The Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) is thrilled to announce a new record fallfish weighing in at 3 pounds, 13 ounces and measuring nearly 20 inches. Jerry R. Hall, from Lexington, landed the record-breaking fish in the Jackson River near Covington, Va. Mr. Hall caught the trophy-sized fish on April 3, 2025, with spinning tackle using a Joe's Fly.

The fish was officially weighed at the DWR regional office in Verona. After biologist verification and review by the State Record Committee, Mr. Hall's catch was certified and is recognized as the current Virginia State Record Fallfish. The fallfish surpassed the previous record of 2 pounds, 12 ounces caught by Danny Arbogast in 2024 from the Cowpasture River. This is the second time Mr. Hall has held the fallfish State Record.

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**Energy Policy: The Biggest Problem Facing Virginia's Next Governor**

By Steve Haner

6/9/2025 -- When the smoke clears on the November elections and Virginia has a new governor and a different House of Delegates, energy policy will still head the list of crucial issues. It is in the state's best interest to highlight those issues during what's left of the campaign season and force candidates to state their intentions.

Virginia is a net energy importer, approving electricity-sucking data centers faster than it can put up power plants and power lines to serve them. The power plants that our major utilities are directed to build by state law are mostly vast solar farms, plagued by low operational reliability, while the more reliable hydrocarbon generation is still scheduled by law to disappear. The

threat of shortages is growing.

If recent history is the guide, a solution to the demand-supply disconnect will be difficult because of the revenue produced by the data center industry and the public appetite for our digital economy. The same history indicates a Democratic victory in November will leave solar and wind as the preferred (basically mandatory) generation choices, with a nod toward more nuclear power at some point. A mandate for huge spending on batteries will probably resurface, but they do not power anything unless charged first by a real generator.

Dominion Energy Virginia is seeking a green light from the regulatory State Corporation Commission to build new natural gas-fired generation, with both problems in mind. The SCC is in the final stages of evaluating a 15-year integrated resource plan (IRP) for the utility that includes several new gas plants in the next few years, but opponents of using hydrocarbons have argued the utility has failed to prove that gas is the only choice.

The final round of written arguments following the long public hearing weigh heavily against the utility's plan, with most case participants arguing it should now be rejected. Even Republican Attorney General Jason Miyares told the SCC his office merely had "no objection" to the IRP, hardly a ringing endorsement. Should the SCC decide Dominion did not make the case for gas, the utility's corresponding application to build the first such plant in Chesterfield County will face a higher hurdle.

The best way to make it clear natural gas is allowed is to either repeal or amend the Virginia Clean Economy Act (VCEA), passed during the last Democratic political trifecta in 2020. That would require action by the General Assembly and the next governor. Forcing the issue into the election debate would keep it from being ignored, as many politicians would prefer.

Republican candidate Winsome Earle-Sears has expressed support for allowing the use of hydrocarbon fuels and Democratic candidate Abigail Spanberger has not. But in the case of Spanberger, the question hasn't been posed directly. In her most recent extended interview on energy the discussion was about how to expand solar power in Virginia.

Another key energy issue facing the next governor is Virginia's membership in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative or RGGI. RGGI imposes a carbon tax on utilities that extracted \$828 million during the three years the state belonged, 2021-2023, mostly paid by customers. Earle-Sears has said she supported leaving RGGI and Spanberger has stated support for getting back in, but in both cases the comments were made last year. There has been no recent discussion.

Further complicating Virginia's path forward is the continuing disruption of just about every related federal policy.

Congress and President Donald Trump are close to passing an omnibus tax and policy bill that will eliminate the generous tax subsidies granted to most wind and solar projects, at least for the next wave of projects and beyond. If that passes, ratepayers will begin to see the full cost of those projects on their bills. That rightly terrifies

advocates for wind and solar. Consumer cost projections in multiple cases pending at the SCC will change.

Congress has passed legislation, headed to President Trump and then likely to court, to override California's authority to set its own vehicle emissions standards. Those are the standards Democrat Governor Ralph Northam also imposed on Virginia's automobile sales, but which expired in Virginia when it failed to update its regulations to match revisions made by California. Under the new California standards, sales of gasoline and diesel vehicles are heading for a ban.

The congressional action could save Virginia's 2025 candidates from being forced to take a position on the question of returning to the California vehicle compact. Having left Congress, Democratic nominee Abigail Spanberger didn't have to record a vote on the recent resolution. Virginia's two Democratic senators, Mark Warner and Tim Kaine, did vote to maintain California's plan and to leave the door open for Virginia to reverse course and impose a similar ban by 2035.

President Trump's Executive Order on offshore wind projects is still in force and presumably will prevent the approval of any of projects not yet through the regulatory pipeline. Dominion Energy Virginia has two future wind projects in its plans, and insists they are years off and will not be under Trump's purview, but there is great uncertainty around them anyway. The entire industry is also facing performance and financial problems, and Trump's tariffs are increasing the component costs. Losing tax benefits could be the final blow.

Trump did briefly use the executive order to stop construction on a fully approved wind project off the coast of New York. He then reversed that order and construction is starting after all. Well-publicized efforts to get the Trump Administration to stop Dominion's first \$10.5 billion wind project, the 176 turbines off Virginia Beach also well into construction, have been met with silence. One can now assume it will be completed without interference.

In its final year, the Biden Administration finalized a new set of Environmental Protection Agency rules to restrict or eliminate the use of hydrocarbon fuels in electricity generation. There has been a target on those, as well, since Trump took office, but his EPA is still working internally toward revising or repealing them. Recent reports indicate when a new proposal is published, it may basically stop treating carbon dioxide as something that needs to be regulated at all.

Perhaps the problem is there is too much to talk about, too many moving parts to frame a message to a distracted electorate with a short attention span. If nothing else, at least force candidates to state whether they would amend or repeal the Virginia Clean Economy Act and whether they would support returning natural gas to the list of electricity choices allowed.

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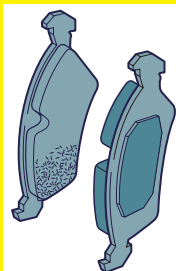
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