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TheatreWorks Community Players are presenting "The Play That Goes Wrong," tonight at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. at Theatre Works Blackbox Theatre at 44 Franklin Street. Tickets are \$15 online and can be purchased at <https://www.twcp.net> or at the door.

TheatreWorks Community Players present "The Play That Goes Wrong"

By Tara Lucas

"The Play That Goes Wrong," technically is a play within a play in which the Cornley Polytechnic Drama Society presents their production of 'Murder at Haversham Manor.' Everything that could go wrong does go wrong in this production. The set is unfinished, but the play starts anyway and

there is no time to complete it. A murder takes place, but the corpse continues to move, and the cast must adjust as the mystery unfolds. The set starts to fall apart, props disappear, and the main characters have dangerous mishaps during production. The self-destructing set quickly starts to become a major villain as the company fights a variety of obstacles

to get through the production. Director Joanie McPeak was excited about the production. Originally the script for the play was brought to the production were not available yet. The following year they brought it back to the production table again. "Brian Dunn actually suggested that we do Peter

Pan That Goes Wrong which is written by the same people. We discussed that and then we found out the rights were available, and we had the potential to perform this," said Director Joanie McPeak. "I wanted to do this one first. It's a great show," she said. The cast members are

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A third candidate enters the sheriff's race

Taylor Boyd
Staff writer



Daryl Hatcher is the third candidate to enter the race for the Henry County Sheriff's post in the November election.

Former deputy Del Mills and Henry County Sheriff's Col. Wayne Davis also are vying for the office.

Hatcher, 58, said he decided to enter the fray because it's something he's wanted to do for years.

"It's one of those things where if you try to run against a sitting sheriff, you're going to lose pretty much. So, the timing has to be right, and the time is right," he said.

Hatcher also believes he can do a better job in the position than what is currently being done.

Daryl Hatcher hopes to win the post of Henry County Sheriff in November.

"There's some changes that need to be made, and I think I'm the right person to do it," he said.

Hatcher said his platform is to restore the trust and confidence the community has in the sheriff's office.

"It's not just here,

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Performing Arts Academy to present "Shrek The Musical Jr."

By Tara Lucas

Martinsville High School senior, Logan Carter, is starring as Shrek in Martinsville City Public Schools' Performing Arts Academy's production of "Shrek The Musical Jr." Carter has been in five other productions at the high school, and this will be his final performance before he graduates.

"There are a lot of expectations for the main character of Shrek. The role is so iconic, and you expect a certain caliber from the person that is portraying it. There's a lot more work you have to put into it and a lot more practice," Carter said

of his role. He plans to pursue a career in the theatre after high school, and he plans to attend college and major in performing arts. "It's one of the few things I'm passionate about," Carter said. Patrick Henry Elementary School third-grade student Emery Taylor plays the role of Baby Bear. Taylor has been in three productions at Patrick & Henry Community College, but this represents her first role with the Performing Arts Academy.

"It's a little different because I know everybody

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Logan Carter stars as Shrek in Martinsville City Public Schools' Performing Arts Academy's production of "Shrek The Musical Jr." The show opened on Friday and will run tonight at 7 p.m., and 3 p.m. on Sunday at Martinsville High School Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$10.

Davis is the first-ever Henry County recipient of the VSI Certification



Henry County Sheriff's Col. Wayne Davis is pictured with his Virginia Sheriff's Institute Certification last week. Davis is the first-ever Henry County recipient.

By Staff Reports

Henry County Sheriff's Col. Wayne Davis was presented with the Virginia Sheriff's Institute Certification at last week's annual Virginia Sheriff's Institute Spring Conference. The Virginia Sheriff's Institute Certification recognizes the great strides law enforcement officers take to continually improve and expand their professional knowledge and acknowledges an ongoing commitment to excellence in their field.

The program promotes, recognizes, and elevates the continued individual professional development of Virginia's sheriffs and deputies. Sheriffs and deputies in the Commonwealth of Virginia carry immense responsibilities as the guardians of their communities, providing effective public safety services balanced with the fair and equitable treatment of every individual they encounter.

"The men and women who have completed

this voluntary certification program should be proud of their lifelong commitment to professional development," said Chesterfield County Sheriff Karl S. Leonard, president of the Virginia Sheriffs' Institute. "I congratulate each participant for demonstrating their commitment to professionalism, growth and learning within the law enforcement field. By obtaining this certification, sheriffs and deputies show their dedication to being equipped with the latest information and training on current issues and challenges for which law

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New exhibits at Piedmont Arts feature female artists

By Tara Lucas

Piedmont Arts has works by three female artists in its galleries until May 13. The works consist of paint, textiles, and objects to create unique pieces. The featured exhibits are Once & Again: Alterations, Identifies, Stories, Connections, and Angels Among Us.

"Once & Again: Alterations" by Susan Lenz has interesting pieces created from a variety of materials. Lenz uses everyday items such as paper



"Once & Again: Alterations" by Susan Lenz.

clips, bottle caps, holiday decorations, spoons, keys, buttons, dominoes, film reels, and various other assorted materials

to create art. "These and so many other, often vintage, items are repetitively hand-stitched, bring-

ing an extraordinary new life to otherwise everyday things,"

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

(Event information/calendar items must be received by 5 p.m. on the Tuesday before the desired publication date. Email to dhall@theenterprise.net.)

Meetings

Monday, May 8

City of Martinsville School Board will hold its regular meeting at 6:15 p.m. in the MCPS Central Offices, 746 Indian Trail, Martinsville.

Wednesday, May 10

Henry County Planning Commission meets at 5 p.m. in Conference Room 205, Henry County Administration Building, Kings Mountain Road, Collinsville. Public hearings will be held at 6 p.m. in the Summerlin Meeting Room.

Thursday, May 11

Henry County School Board holds its monthly meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Summerlin Room, 1st Floor of the Henry County Administration Building in Collinsville.

Events

Friday, May 5

Look & Learn Makeup Master Class with Angel Moyer, professional makeup artist and owner of Angel Face Beauty Company, Collinsville Library, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. To register or for more information, call (276) 647-1112.

Friday-Saturday, May 5-6

TheatreWorks Community Players will present The Play That Goes Wrong at 7 p.m. in the Blackbox Theatre 44 Franklin St, Martinsville. Tickets are \$15 online at www.twcp.net or at the door for each show. Contact info@twcp.net.

Saturday, May 6

Storytime at the Spencer Penn Centre, 10 a.m. The free program is fit for all ages. Registration is not needed.

Sunday, May 7

TheatreWorks Community Players will present The Play That Goes Wrong at 2 p.m. in the Blackbox Theatre 44 Franklin St, Martinsville. Tickets are \$15 online at www.twcp.net or at the door for each show. Contact info@twcp.net.

Monday, May 8

The Friends of the Blue Ridge Regional Library will hold their monthly meeting at 10:30 a.m., in the Patrick County Branch, 116 West Blue Ridge St., Stuart. Interested in joining? Everyone is welcome!

Tuesday, May 9

STEAM Club Kid Fun Challenge at the Martinsville Main Branch of the Blue Ridge Regional Library. 4-5 p.m. To register for the free program for kids aged 5-12, call (276) 403-5430.

Wednesday, May 10

The General Joseph Martin Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Monthly Meeting commences at 11 a.m. at Franck's Place at King's Grant. The host is Susan Yelin. The presenter is Gail Vogler. The program is Mothers of Mount Vernon. Lunch to follow meeting, must RSVP

Wednesday May 10 – Saturday, May 13

Join branches of the Blue Ridge Regional Library for Mother's Day Flower Gift Box Crafts, with artificial flowers artistically positioned in a beautiful gift box. May 10, 2:30 p.m. at Collinsville; May 11, 3:30 p.m. Patrick County; May 12, 2:30 p.m., Bassett and May 13, 2:30 p.m. at Martinsville (main) Library.

Friday, May 12

Music Night at the Spencer Penn Centre, with the Slate Mountain Ramblers playing in Alumni Hall. The gate opens at 5 p.m. Music begins at 6:15 p.m. Admission is a \$5 donation. Concessions will be sold.

Sunday, May 13

Mother's Day Tea, 1 p.m. at Imagination Lavender Farm, 3590 Green Hill Drive, Martinsville. Enjoy a traditional British tea with the special ladies in your life under our outdoor shelter for \$30. To register call or text (276) 734-2828.

Monday, May 15

The Patrick & Henry Community College (P&HCC) College Board Budget & Finance Committee will meet at 11:30 a.m. in Room 124 in the Frith Economic Development Center. While this is a public meeting, public comments will not be accepted.

The Patrick & Henry Community College (P&HCC) College Board Academic & Student Affairs Committee will meet at 11:30 in room 215 in the Frith Economic Development Center. While this is a public meeting, public comments will not be accepted.

The Patrick & Henry Community College (P&HCC) College Board Executive Committee will meet at 11:45 in room 145 in the Frith Economic Development Center. While this is a public meeting, public comments will not be accepted.

Saturday May 20

Butterfly Painting Workshop with Award Winning Artist - Lisa Garrett, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Imagination Lavender Farm, 3590 Green Hill Drive, Martinsville. To register call or text (276) 734-2828. Limited Seating - \$40 includes supplies and a light lunch.

ONGOING

Saturdays, April 29-November 18

Martinsville Uptown Farmers' Market is open from 7 a.m. to noon, with the freshest fruits and veggies, homemade snacks, locally raised beef, and more. July 5-September 27, the market is open Wednesdays from 7 a.m. to noon.

Free 'Shred Days' set for April, hosted by ValleyStar Credit Union.

May 19, Martinsville Speedway, Martinsville, 1 to 6 p.m.

May 20, ValleyStar Collinsville branch, Collinsville, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

June 3, ValleyStar Roanoke branch, Roanoke/Rocky Mount, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

RSVP for reminders as the date(s) approaches, or for more information, visit ValleyStar Credit Union's Facebook.

The Blue Ridge Regional Library offers free one-day passes to the Virginia Museum of Natural History and the Henry County YMCA with your library card. The passes are good for one day and exclude special events. There is a wait period before you can check out the pass again. For more details and exclusions, visit brl.lib.va.us.

The Fontaine Ruritan Club hosts Bingo every Tuesday at 1903 Joseph Martin Highway, Martinsville. Doors open at 5:30 and games begin at 7. Money from Bingo supports community service awards, scholarships, and other community efforts.

Book Bingo on the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Martinsville Branch of the Blue Ridge Regional Library, 11 a.m. to noon. Call (276) 403-5430 to register.

The Disability Rights and Resource Center (DRRC) will be represented at the Henry-Martinsville Health Department in Martinsville every third Wednesday afternoon to provide information to health department visitors about DRRC and its services.

MHC Coalition for Health and Wellness (MHCCHW) offers "no-touch" Medicaid/FAMIS application assistance for Virginia residents from birth to 64 years of age. No sign-up fees, no premiums, no deductibles. MHCCHW's specially trained Medicaid/FAMIS Outreach Advocate can answer questions, and help you apply by phone Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. In-person assistance is available on Wednesdays 10 am to 1:30 at Community Storehouse 128 E. Church St. (lower level of the old Leggett Building) Martinsville. Call or text Ann Walker at (276) 732-0509.

The Henry County Adult Learning Center offers free in-house and online classes to help prepare for college, career, or earn your high school equivalency or GED. Call (276) 647-9585.

Dodson charged in connection with Arby's incident

Kevin Lane Dodson, of Bassett, was charged with threats of bodily injury to person or place, computer trespass and threats over a public airway in connection with an alleged incident at Arby's on April 28.

Authorities at the Henry County Sheriff's Office described the incident as "domestic in nature," with an individual at a fast-food eatery receiving threatening telephone calls.

After the threats were made, investigators responded to restaurant, located at 1130 Memorial Blvd.

Management of the eatery then made the decision



to close the business for the remainder of the day. This led to Kevin Lane Dodson, 25, of Bassett, VA being arrested on the

following charges:

Dodson, 25, is currently held in the Henry County Adult Detention Center without bond.

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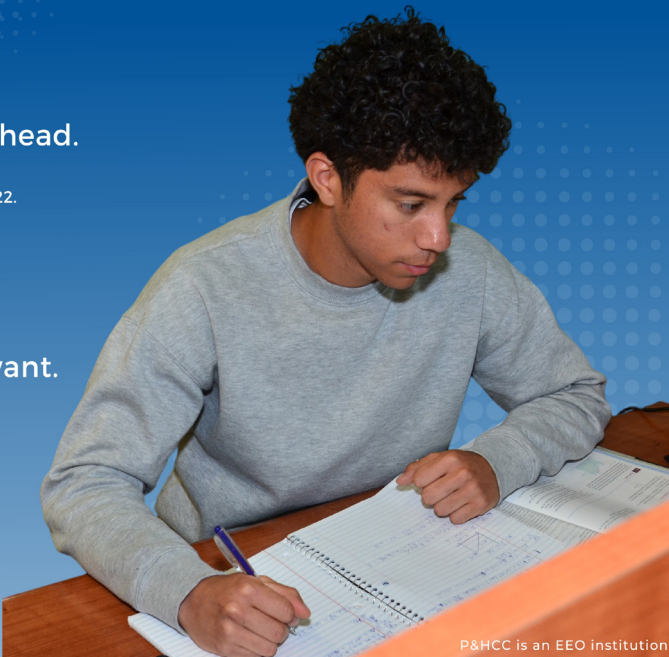
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 Nursing classes begin May 22.

FALL

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Man charged in connection with shooting incident

Trequon Antonio Davis has been charged in connection with the alleged shooting death of Clayborne Kent Jr., 37-years-old, of Martinsville, according to a release from Martinsville.



without incident at his home on Beaver Street in Martinsville.

Davis, 23, has been charged with manslaughter, reckless handling of a firearm, and discharging a firearm in a public place resulting in injury. He is currently being held in the Martinsville City Jail

without bail. The case remains under investigation.

Anyone with information is asked to call Martinsville Police Sgt. Jason Vaughan at (276) 403-5247; Lt. Jim Lovell at (276) 403-5320 or Crimestoppers at (276) 632-7463.

Theatre

Corey Thompson as Chris, Louis Norton as Johnathan, Zach McPeak as Robert, Zoe Kirk as Dennis, Briana Tatum as Sandra, Robbie Hendrix-Wirt as Max, Emma Hutchins as Annie, and Sarah Foley as Trevor.

The play will run tonight at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. at Theatre Works Blackbox Theatre at 44 Franklin Street. Tickets are \$15 online and can be purchased at <https://www.twcp.net> or at the door for each show.

TheatreWorks is also hosting an upcoming one-act festival for people who love to write and create.

"It's just a 30-minute play with a simple stationary set. We are looking for a mix, maybe a good comedy, a good drama, or a dramedy. We want to represent a good variety," said Brian Dunn.

To submit entries to the contest, send PDF format scripts to twcproduction@gmail.com and include your name and contact information. Submissions are due by September 1. One submission is allowed per person, for a maximum of 30 minutes run time, single scene, and provide your own props/costumes or use what is available from BlackBox supplies.

Candidate

it's everywhere where you see confidence and trust being eroded within law enforcement, and between law enforcement and the community," he said.

Hatcher said voters "have told me they had crimes occur and the response they got was less than adequate" from law enforcement officers (LEO).

"They didn't have confidence that if they ever had to call the sheriff's department again that they would solve their crime. I've even had other people say that 'yes, I've had a larceny occur from my property and the deputy came out and took the report, and then told me if I find anything out to call him,'" he said.

Hatcher said the person in that particular case gleaned some information about the location of the items taken and called a deputy.

"He waited, and waited, and he never got any response. So, he then went and approached the guy who supposedly had his stuff, and he told the guy to give him his stuff back. The deputy never followed up on it," Hatcher said.

To help meet his goal, Hatcher said he wants to implement a citizens' police academy where the sheriff's office is open to teach citizens how it solves crime.

"They get to see the tools, they get to see the office, meet the officers, try to establish a good two-way communication between the public and the sheriff's office. They get to see what it's like from the inside looking out, and in other words, see our perspective on how we solve crimes," he said.

Hatcher has not maintained his LEO certification. It expired in 2017, but he said he has 43 years of public safety experience, including 33 years in law enforcement.

"I'm certified as a paramedic, and I still run with the Fieldale Collinsville Rescue Squad. I've also got fire training and emergency management training," he said.

Hatcher worked as a dispatcher with the Henry County Sheriff's Office in 1984, until he was hired as a Virginia Game Warden with the Department of Game & Inland Fisheries (DGIF) in 1988, where he worked in several different areas.

He returned to Henry County in 1995 as the game warden patrolling Philpott and Smith Mountain lakes, as well as other areas in southside Virginia.

In 2006, he became the Director of Public Safety for Franklin County. In June 2017 he took his current position as the Security & Safety Supervisor for Sovah Health in Martinsville.

Shrek



Kaira Womack is one of the three blind mice in the Performing Arts Academy's production of "Shrek The Musical Jr."



Ava Grant plays Gingy and a sugar plum fairy.

at the college, but this is fun meeting new people," Taylor said. "It's a lot of work but it's all going to be worth it."

Taylor's love of singing and dancing along with a little encouragement got her started in performing arts. "Since I heard about the auditions, I was very, very excited," she said.

Kaira Womack is a ninth grader at Martinsville High School, and this is her second production with the school. Womack plays one of the three blind mice in the production. "I've always been shy about my singing, but my sister and my friend influenced me to try out," she said. Womack doesn't have a singing part in Shrek Jr., but she does have a dancing part.

Sophomore Ava Grant plays Gingy and a sugar plum fairy. Her speaking parts are for Gingy, who is the Gingerbread Man in Shrek Jr.

"This is my very first play, literally ever. I'm enjoying it a lot. Jyshir (Plunkett) is the Captain of the Guards, he told me about it and that I should do it. I saw how much he enjoyed it, and I heard it was Shrek and I was like, 'Oh my gosh, this is perfect,'" Grant said.

Other cast members are Lilly Rorrer as Princess Fiona, Bridgette Brent as Teen Fiona, Adelyn Campbell as Young Fiona, Caesar Draper as Donkey, Kaya Gravely as Dragon, Max Rorrer as Lord Farquaad, Jyshir

Plunkett as Captain of the Guards, Samson Ray as Big Bad Wolf, Josiah Porter as Pinocchio, Jeremiah Porter as Pig 1, Alex Butler as Pig 2, Nigel Cook as Pig 3, Zhedrick Capulong as Little Ogre, Kimori Dillard as Mama Ogre, Gavin Luther as Papa Ogre, Zoey Hannans as Storyteller 1, Azriel Carter as Storyteller 2, Archer Deatherine as Storyteller 3, Monica Watkins as Wicked Witch, Zion Perkins as Mama Bear, Azriel Carter as Papa Bear and Zhedrick Capulong as Dwarf.

Members of the Ensemble are KeAndrius Beal, Zefrina

Capulong, Kassidy Dodson, Jaidence Hairston, Zoe Jones, Aubrey Kirby, Riley Moore, JesMari Morales, Moriah Mose, KaVaughn Muse, and De'Coia Smith.

The production staff includes Erica Becker, music director; Latiesha Fuller, stage manager; Shauna Hines, master builder; Sharon Millner, stage manager; and Karla Scales, director, and choreographer.

The show opened on Friday and will run tonight at 7 p.m., and 3 p.m. on Sunday at Martinsville High School Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$10.



Emery Taylor plays the role of Baby Bear.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Grid for crossword puzzle with numbered squares.

- CLUES ACROSS: 1. Hot meal, 5. Razor clams, 10. Blood-sucking African fly, 12. Chauvinists, 14. Windy City football player, 16. An alternative, 18. Federal Housing Administration, 19. Styles hair, 20. Arabic female name, 22. Paddle, 23. Area once separated from Germany, 25. Marketplace, 26. Gode Airport, 27. Upset, 28. Where wrestlers sweat, 30. Garland, 31. Robert ___, poet, 33. An iPad is one, 35. Fruit of the oak tree, 37. Della ___, singer, 38. Women's clothing retailer, 40. Mailed, 41. Largest English dictionary, 42. Pouch, 44. Radioactivity unit, 45. Month, 48. Nanosecond, 50. Domestic, 52. What a boy becomes, 53. Breezes (anc. Greek), 55. Jogged, 56. At the stern, 57. Lawrenceium, 58. Destructive to both sides, 63. Arteries, 65. Removes, 66. Pretentious people, 67. Tropical Asian plant.

- CLUES DOWN: 1. Type of whale, 2. Type of medication, 3. Land of the free, 4. Formed an opinion of, 5. Logo, 6. No (Scottish), 7. Leaves tissue, 8. Sacred state to Muslims, 9. Thus, 10. African nation, 11. Someone who has a stake in, 13. Parties, 15. Subsystem producers, 17. Large, flightless birds, 18. Compromises visibility, 21. A ballet enthusiast, 23. More (Spanish), 24. Skeletal muscle, 27. Hands (Span.), 29. Weighed, 32. Businessman, 34. Famous clock Big ___, 35. Unkeyed, 36. Break between words, 39. Ink (slang), 40. Disappointed, 43. Stroke, 44. Curdled milk, 46. Restaurants, 47. Explosive, 49. Type of terrier, 51. Disfigure, 54. Innermost cell layers, 59. Bar bill, 60. Distinct period of history, 61. Mode of transportation, 62. Equal (prefix), 64. Operating system.

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OPINION

An actual letter I sent to the Wendy's corporate office

Dear Wendy's parties on a bun,

Corporate Overlords,

On the evening of April 28, 2023, I picked up my girlfriend from work and we stopped at Wendy's for dinner. I ordered a Dave's Double combo, specifying that I wanted it "plain, only cheese," and Lauren got a Cobb salad, a small order of fries, and a water.

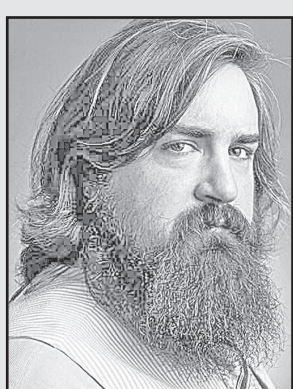
I paid the cashier \$23.56 — that's American money, not Turkish lira — and collected our food.

Upon opening the bags, we discovered that we had not been provided with any straws for our drinks, nor had we been provided with any ketchup. When I unwrapped my burger, I found it did not have cheese on it, meaning it was just two

Of course, the dining room was closed, so I couldn't just walk in and ask for a piece of cheese, and I didn't want to go through the long drive-thru again, so I just ate my dry, cheeseless burger in silence, snapping my head back like a duck as necessary to choke it down.

Now Wendy's, here's the thing: I'm not upset with the staff at this particular Wendy's, which is why I have chosen not to tell you which Wendy's this was. I don't want to risk anyone losing their job because they forgot to put cheese on my burger. That would be monstrously cruel.

But it used to be that I would go to a fast food restaurant for two reasons: it was fast, and it was cheap. That



By Ben R. Williams

was it, and it was enough. Sometimes my order would be wrong, but it would be fast and cheap. There's a reason that Little Caesar's does not offer a pizza called the Hot-N-Ready-N-Good; that last descriptor is not necessary. America wants a cheap pizza that is hot and ready, and everything else is incidental.

The point I am gradually arriving at, Wendy's, is this: if you are going to charge nearly 25 American dollars

for a burger, a salad, and two small orders of french fries, there is a certain baseline level of competence that is now expected in this transaction. I expect your employees to be paid enough to care that the food I receive is what I actually ordered and not a loose approximation. This isn't jazz. No one likes jazz, not even the people who claim to.

I checked online to find out how much Wendy's pays its employees, and I discovered that the top salary for a manager — not just an employee, but the actual manager — is \$20.25 per hour. That means that even the manager of the Wendy's I went to would have to work more than one hour to pay for the dinner I picked up on April 28.

How much money does the restaurant make in an average hour? I couldn't find that online, but based on the number of customers I saw coupled with your menu prices, I'm guessing it's somewhere between "enough

money to pay the staff a living wage" and "the GDP of a small island nation."

Do you ever feel like this nation has become unmoored, Wendy's? I went to Target the other day and there wasn't a single cashier, just endless self-checkouts. I'm an introverted person, but even I enjoy a brief interaction with a cashier. Everything is somehow becoming both more expensive and more depersonalized. I feel like in another ten years, every consumer transaction will end with a robot stealing your wallet right before a pneumatic piston fires you in the general direction of the parking lot. But at least the piston will have a rainbow spray-painted on it so that the company can virtue signal their commitment to diversity.

Anyway, feel free to send me a gift card or something.

Thanks,
Ben R. Williams

"Sounds in the Square" to kick off with two opening nights

The Martinsville-Henry County Historical Society will kick-off "Sounds on the Square," the 2023 Uptown First Friday Series, with two opening nights on Friday-Saturday, May 5-6, at 7 p.m., on the Plaza of the Historic Henry County Courthouse.

Admission is free. Beginning at 5:30 p.m., Scuffle Hill Brewing Company will serve craft beers (Big Chair Blonde Ale and Margarita Seltzer, \$5/16oz cup), and Manny's Seafood, Soul, & Mexican will sell food. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. Invite your friends and family for two evenings of fun and entertainment. "Opening Night 1.0 with Open Mic by Dennis & Kat Calfee from Above the Fray" will be held on Friday, May 5. Individuals and groups are invited to sing, play an instrument, read a poem, perform magic, or share other talents. Performers will sign up and be scheduled as they arrive.

"Opening Night 2.0 with The League of Ordinary Gentlemen" will be held on Saturday, May 6. The band will play your favorite hits from the 70s, 80s, 90s, 00s, 10s, and today, along with a few originals. The extraordinary cover band received the "Readers' Choice for Favorite Band Award" from the Danville Register & Bee in 2021 and 2022 and a "RAVE Award" from the Showcase Magazine in 2022.

"Sounds on the Square" is sponsored by the Martinsville-Henry County Historical Society and its partners — Carter Bank & Trust, Children's

Opening Night 1.0
Friday, May 5, 2023

"Open Mic by Dennis & Kat with Above the Fray"

The Martinsville-Henry County Historical Society presents
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Opening Night 2.0
Saturday, May 6, 2023

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First Pediatrics, Hooker Furnishings, The Lester Group, and Sarver Cleaning Services. The remaining 2023 Sounds on the Square season includes June 2 — "Welcome to Summer" with Forrest Taylor; July 7 — "Red, White, & Brew" with the Elena Flores Duo; August 4 — "Courthouse Karaoke" with BJ's Karaoke; September 1 — "Courthouse Crawling" (line dancing) with Sue Ann Ehmann; and October 6 — "Harvest Moon Ball" with the Tate Tuck Trio.

"Sounds on the Square revives the historical

significance of courthouses serving as places to gather socially," said John Phillips, president, Martinsville-Henry County Historical Society. "The Historical Society proudly offers this community outreach series free of charge to the public as a means of sharing a local landmark, the Historic Henry County Courthouse, while bringing together friends and neighbors from near and far. The Historic Center & Museum will also be open during the event."

An increase in some infections prompts CDC to ask other agencies for help

Reported cases of the sexually transmitted infections (STIs) chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis all increased between 2020 and 2021 — reaching a total of more than 2.5 million reported cases — according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention CDC's final surveillance data. To reverse this trend, the CDC is calling for more

groups from local, healthcare, industry, and public health sectors to contribute to STI prevention and innovation efforts.

The new report provides final surveillance data for 2021, and shows that overall, in a single year (2020-2021):

- *Gonorrhea rates increased more than 4%
- *Syphilis rates surged, increasing nearly 32% for combined stages of the infection

Among the syphilis data, cases of congenital syphilis rose by an alarming 32% and resulted in 220 stillbirths and infant deaths.

*Chlamydia rates increased nearly 4%, but — unlike gonorrhea and syphilis — still did not return to pre-pandemic levels

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This raises concerns that screening continued to be impacted by COVID-19 related disruptions the second year of the pandemic, because the infection is often asymptomatic.

While STIs are common in all U.S. regions and across all groups, some communities are hit especially hard. The 2021 data show STIs continue to disproportionately affect gay and bisexual men and younger people. Additionally, a disproportionate number of cases were diagnosed among Black/African American and American Indian/Alaska Native people, groups more likely to face social conditions that make it more difficult to stay healthy.

The nation must deepen its commitment to turn the STI epidemic around and prioritize both the increased involvement of multisectoral programs and groups and the creation of innovative prevention approaches and promising new tools. This means:

- Rebuilding, sustaining, and expanding local public health services, especially efforts to offer STI testing and treatment programs that respond to the needs of those most affected.
- Making STI testing and treatment more accessible, including through the development and approval of point-of-care rapid tests and self-tests, and by expanding ownership for STI testing and treatment to more organizations and settings.
- Continuing to advance scientific research and explore new interventions, like vaccines or post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) strategies to prevent bacterial STIs.

Please attribute the following quote to Leandro Mena, MD, MPH, Director of CDC's Division of STD Prevention

"The U.S. STI epidemic shows no signs of slowing. The reasons for the ongoing increases are multifaceted — and so are the solutions. For the first time in decades, we're seeing promising new

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Nearly 150 Inducted to P&HCC’s Phi Theta Kappa Chapter

Patrick & Henry Community College celebrated the induction of 148 Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) members to the college’s Psi Phi Chapter on Tuesday, April 25 at its fifty-first annual event.

Following opening remarks by P&HCC President Dr. Greg Hodges, advisors Bronte Miller and LaDonna Varner touted the accomplishments of the honorees and encouraged them to consider additional avenues of service as they look to the future. Officers Maggie Arnold and Nathalia Nascimento and members Camie Hoskins and Brittany Waller were also recognized for their PTK All-Virginia Academic Team honor.

PTK is an international college honor society for students in two-year colleges. The organization focuses on recognizing and encouraging the academic achievement of college students while providing opportunities for individual growth and development through participation in honors, leadership, service, and fellowship programming. For more than 100 years, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society has helped millions of high-achieving college students reach their full potential. The organization makes it easy to research and apply for valuable scholarships that help reduce the cost of college.

P&HCC’S PTK officers are Maggie Arnold, president; Aidan Cunningham, vice president; and Bryan Martell-Rios, Nathalia Nascimento, and Jelani Chandler, recording & media officers.

Pictured are:

Row 1 L to R: Melissa Preston, Briana Tatum, Candice Lockard.

Row 2 L to R: Mason Rorrer, Ashley Martin, Allison Kitzmiller, Grace Gongora, Dreama Foley, JaLena Spikes, Mallori Lowe.

Row 3 L to R: Chasity Nolen, Audra Hundley, Brittney Mitchell, Jada Setliff, Guilherme Ravaneda, Sergio Traitel, Vinicius Da Cruz, Ajani Cole, Gabriel Haley, Adam Mounkaila.

Row 4 L to R: Katie Fulcher, Haley Day, LeAndra Carson, Luca Brandao, Cortay Price, Christopher Talley

Row 5 L to R: Nathan Taylor, Iago Andrade, Joao Machado, Trinity Hylton, Matthew Murphy, John Maxwell, David Root.

Not pictured but at the event: Julianna Overby, Gracen Edwards, Daniel Rojas.

NCI hosts Mabry for presentation last week

The New College Institute (NCI) hosted Dr. Challen Mabry, recipient of the 2022 Lula White Johnson Distinguished Teacher Award, on April 27, as she presented “Organizing Resilience Across the Lifespan Through Attachment” to an engaged audience.

Dr. Mabry’s presentation to the Martinsville and Henry County community was part of the award process for the Lula White Johnson Distinguished Teacher Award. The award includes a monetary prize and a plaque and is given to a faculty member selected from nominations by students, alumni, and staff at New College Institute.

Mabry’s talk delved into the idea that creating secure emotional connections with children and maintaining mindful awareness throughout adulthood can lead to greater resilience, healing of past traumas, and stronger bonds with others. “Building secure attachments with children, and continuing mindful awareness as adults, offers an increased likelihood of resilience, healing traumas, and deeper connection with others,” said Dr. Mabry.

Dr. Mabry is a highly esteemed and dedicated instructor who has gained the admiration of her students. “I can genuinely say Dr. Mabry is one of the most passionate, authentic, and driven servant leaders I have ever met. She provides academic guidance in a loving yet directive way,” shared one of her students.

Dr. Mabry is a Licensed Professional Counselor in the commonwealth of Virginia and teaches in the Master

of Arts in Counseling at Bluefield University in NCI’s online program. She holds a BA from Hollins University in Psychology and Sociology, a MA.Ed in Counselor Education and a Doctorate of Philosophy in Counselor Education from Virginia Tech. She has additional focused training and certifications in Applied Behavior Analysis, Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavior Therapy, and Equine Assisted Psychotherapy. Her professional experience has been focused on providing community based behavioral health services.

“New College Institute is incredibly proud of Dr. Mabry, and we are grateful for Bluefield University’s partnership. Dr. Mabry’s presentation brings such an enriching opportunity for citizens of Martinsville/

Henry County,” said Joe Sumner, Executive Director at New College Institute. “Folks from the local community as well as members of the NCI team and board enjoyed the opportunity to hear Dr. Mabry’s presentation last night, and it was evident that she is certainly deserving of the title of Distinguished Teacher of the Year. From everyone at NCI, congratulations Dr. Mabry.”

The Lula White Johnson Distinguished Teacher Award was made possible by an endowment established in 2010 in memory of Johnson who taught for several decades at the former Albert Harris High School and Martinsville High School.

The event was free and open to the public.



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Davis

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Col. Wayne Davis, of the Henry County Sheriff’s Office, is pictured with a portion of the other law enforcement personnel to earn certification through the Virginia Sheriff’s Institute recently.

enforcement officials are responsible for addressing.”

The VSI Certification Program was developed by the Virginia Sheriffs’ Institute (VSI) in cooperation with the Virginia Sheriffs’ Association (VSA), the Performance Management Group at the L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs at the Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) and the Virginia Center for Policing Innovation (VCPI).

The VSI Certification Program is the first of its kind in the nation and was developed to recognize the efforts of Virginia’s sheriffs and deputies to enhance and develop their individual leadership and law enforcement skills. Certification is achieved through a combination of leadership, education, training, law enforcement instruction,



Henry County Sheriff Lane Perry, Col. Wayne Davis, and Lt. Col. Eric Hairston are pictured last week at the Virginia Sheriff’s Institute Spring Conference.

and work experience. Sheriffs and deputies who achieve certification have demonstrated an ongoing commitment to professionalism and leadership in their community.



Primary Voting Starts May 5th!

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STI interventions on the horizon, but these alone will not solve this epidemic. It will take many of us working together to effectively use new and existing tools, to increase access to quality sexual healthcare services for more people, and to encourage ongoing innovation and prioritization of STI prevention and treatment in this country.”

The Patrick County Health Department offers Family Planning services for men and women the first Thursday of every month. Family

Planning services provided may include Papanicolaou testing, breast exam, sexually transmitted disease testing and treatment, pre-pregnancy planning, birth control methods, immunizations as well as education. These services are based on a sliding scale per household income.

All services are confidential. Language assistance is offered. For more information or to make an appointment, call (276) 693-2070, option 0.

Courts

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sentencing.

A person has been jailed for over five years in the Richmond City Jail, the Richmond Sheriff’s Office stated in response to a records request. Their stay began on Feb. 8, 2018.

A person entered the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center on Aug. 27, 2019, on a first degree murder charge. This person currently has about four and a half months until their next court date, according to a records request from the Fairfax jail.

An individual incarcerated for almost three years in Henrico County awaits adjudication for pending charges, according to the Henrico County Sheriff’s Office. They entered the jail on July 30, 2020. Henrico County did not respond to requests for additional information by publication time.

An individual at the Roanoke City Jail was jailed in November 2021 and has a court date scheduled for September, according to the jail’s public information officer. The individual has returned to court 15 times to deal with five felony charges and has four more dates scheduled, according to the public information office.

The system: Some factors that contributed to court backlogs “Most people ask for jury trials,” said Edward Jewett, Richmond Circuit Court clerk. “So we have a

lot scheduled, and so some have to get bumped. It’s not a terrible backlog, but I would say that there is some backlog.”

There were no 2022 studies on whether more circuit court judgeships should be established, the judiciary stated in its annual report to the General Assembly. The recommendation was made to fill current vacancies. At the end of the year, there were six statewide circuit court vacancies, five general district court vacancies and two juvenile and domestic relations court vacancies, per the report.

A judge is more likely to find someone guilty than a jury, according to Richmond Chief Public Defender Tracy Paner.

Although inmates have a mandated right to a “speedy” trial, in Richmond, there aren’t necessarily dates available within those time frames, according to Paner. Often, the way to comply with the law is to have a substitute judge in place, Paner said.

The pandemic also stopped trials for a while, Paner said. Some jury trials have been postponed and some are already scheduled into next year, she said.

“There are clients who would plead guilty to that charge that they otherwise would not, when they’re looking at no jail time or jail time they’ve already served,” Paner said. “Just

as a mechanism to get out of the jail.”

A person waiting in jail faces the unknown and hopes for the best, but prepares for the worst, according to Paner.

The public defenders under Paner’s charge average a daily estimate of 100 cases per lawyer, she said. The types of cases vary, and there’s no determination as to how many are being actively worked on and how many are in a waiting period, according to Paner. The National Advisory Commission on Criminal Justice Standards and Goals states the caseload of a public defender should not exceed 150 felonies per year or more than 400 misdemeanors per year, excluding traffic cases.

The culture: Many say jail is worse than prison

People experience more anxiety in jail than in prison, according to Donyel Burrell. Burrell served almost two decades in prison on felony charges from the mid-’90s, and then returned to jail for several violations.

A person in jail has more anxiety because they are not very involved in the legal process, and do not know what might happen to them. There is less anxiety in prison, once there is a resolution. There also are more opportunities in prison, such as programs and opportunities to make money, according to Burrell.

“It’s just a lot of anxiety,

High School Sports schedule

The following is a list of the sporting events scheduled in Martinsville and Henry County for the week of May 8-14.

5/8	TBA	Girls Tennis	District Tournament
	TBA	Boys Tennis	District Tournament
5/9	5pm	Baseball	Magna Vista at Patrick County
	5pm	Baseball	Mecklenburg County at Martinsville
	5pm	Softball	Magna Vista at Magna Vista
	5:30pm	Softball	Jefferson Forest at Bassett
	7pm	Girls Soccer	Patrick County at Magna Vista
	7pm	Boys Soccer	Magna Vista at Patrick County
	7:15pm	Girls Soccer	Martinsville at Mecklenburg County
	7:15pm	Boys Soccer	Mecklenburg County at Martinsville
	5/10	5pm	Baseball Bassett at George Washington
	5pm	Baseball	Martinsville at William Fleming
	5pm	Track	Bassett at George Washington
	5pm	Track	Magna Vista at Patrick County
	5pm	Track	Martinsville at Patrick County
	5:30pm	Girls Soccer	George Washington at Bassett
	7pm	Boys Soccer	George Washington at Bassett
5/11	5pm	Softball	Brookville at Bassett
	TBA	Girls Soccer	Carlisle at Southwest Virginia Academy
5/12	4:30pm	Girls Soccer	Dayspring Christian Academy at Carlisle
	5pm	Baseball	Bassett at Magna Vista
	5pm	Baseball	Martinsville at Tunstall
	5pm	Softball	Bassett at Magna Vista
	6pm	Girls Soccer	Tunstall at Martinsville
	7pm	Girls Soccer	Magna Vista at Bassett
	7pm	Boys Soccer	Bassett at Magna Vista
	7:15pm	Boys Soccer	Martinsville at Tunstall

a lot of wondering what’s going on and what’s going to happen,” Burrell said.

Burrell now works with REAL LIFE, an organization that helps individuals affected by incarceration, homelessness or substance use disorder, according to its website.

Burrell has a front row view of the impact from the court’s backlog, he said. He sees people from REAL LIFE whose cases keep getting “postponed, and postponed again,” Burrell said.

“I see guys with petty larceny stuck there for four or five months waiting on their court dates,” Burrell said.

REAL LIFE founder Sarah Scarbrough was the Richmond jail program director from 2013 to 2017. She oversaw behavior, health and preparatory programs, which ranged from addressing the continuous cycle of incarceration, to yoga, job preparation and more, according to Scarbrough.

The organization provides recovery housing options to people who have experienced overdoses, and who may be grateful for the incarceration or

else they would be dead, Scarbrough said.

“It’s sad that there isn’t a process in place where they can be stopped and sat down in a place that isn’t the penal system,” Scarbrough said.

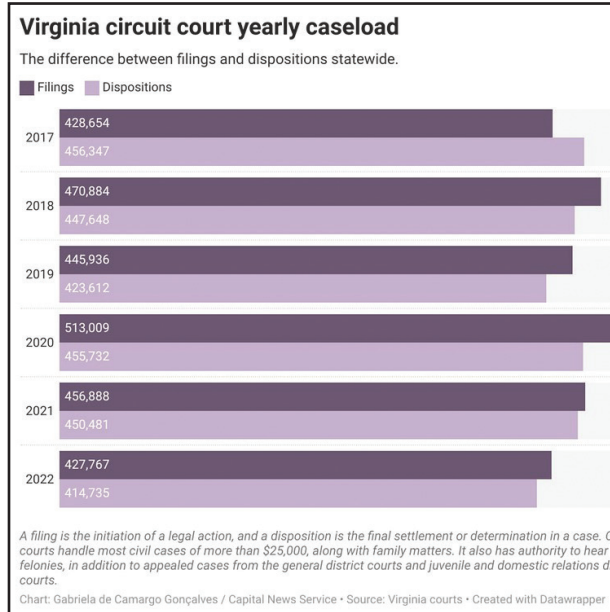
Scarbrough polled REAL LIFE program members for this story, and asked what was a more “comfortable” environment: jail or prison. With 34 votes, 95% voted for prison being more comfortable.

The system is designed to lock people up, Scarbrough said. The sys-

tem is not designed for reform, she said.

“That is an issue,” Scarbrough said. “We’re saying correction, but we’re not truly providing opportunities, or these opportunities are only talking points for somebody to be reelected.”

Capital News Service is a program of Virginia Commonwealth University’s Robertson School of Media and Culture. Students in the program provide state government coverage for a variety of media outlets in Virginia.



IALR awarded grant to continue Public Health Americorps Program

The Institute for Advanced Learning and Research (IALR) was awarded a grant of \$230,000 from AmeriCorps, the federal agency for national service and volunteerism. The grant will fund the continued impact of the Regional Engagement to Advance Community Health (REACH) AmeriCorps program, which has provided public health workshops and educational opportunities in concert with the REACH Partnership since 2022.

“We are so excited to see the positive and tangible impact that our REACH AmeriCorps members will continue making on health outcomes of individuals, families and the community as a whole,” said Dana Silicki, Advanced Learning Program Manager at IALR. “This grant will allow REACH AmeriCorps to continue serving the Dan River Region by addressing health and education needs.”

“The REACH partnership is committed to addressing systemic barriers to physical and mental health services for at-risk populations, and health education outreach offered by the REACH AmeriCorps program is a key part of that,” said Dr. Cassandra Shelton, REACH Program Manager. “The continued funding of REACH AmeriCorps will allow us to effectively and systematically improve health education and access.”

The REACH AmeriCorps program is dedicated to expanding capacity for public health service by providing direct outreach and education service in the City of Danville, Pittsylvania County and Caswell County (NC). Members provide individualized support, addressing the region’s most pressing physical and mental health challenges through a diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) lens.

IALR is recruiting 15 part-time REACH Community Health Educators, who will conduct community health workshops over nine months in targeted census tracts in the Dan River Region. Workshops will be based on specific population health topics, addressing areas of high need and chronic health issues. Members will serve approximately 25 hours per week.

In conjunction with the REACH AmeriCorps program, The REACH Partnership, an effort supported by The Health Collaborative of the Dan River Region, deploys Community Health Workers and Community Paramedics – referred to as coordinated care teams – to assist with an individual’s physical and mental health needs and connect clients to community resources, addressing the myriad social determinants of health. The REACH Partnership includes the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research (lead and fiscal agent), Virginia Cooperative Extension, Piedmont Access to Community Health Services, Gateway Health, Sovah Health Danville, Compassion Healthcare, the Danville Life Saving Crew, Caswell



County EMS, Danville-Pittsylvania Community Services and Danville Redevelopment and Housing Authority. The Partnership efforts are funded by a \$6.3 million grant from the Danville Regional Foundation.

AmeriCorps State and National, a federal-state partnership with a central role for Governor-appointed State Service Commissions, develops and implements state-specific national service programs. These grants allow organizations to recruit, train and supervise AmeriCorps members who are providing services to support education, disaster services, health, environmental stewardship, economic opportunity and service to veterans and military families.

AmeriCorps State and National engages more than 65,000 Americans in intensive service each year. AmeriCorps members in the AmeriCorps State and National program receive a modest living allowance. At the successful completion of each service term, members earn a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award to repay qualified student loans and to pay current educational expenses at eligible institutions of higher education and training programs. Members who are age 55+ when they begin service may gift their Segal Education Award to immediate family members.

Exhibits from page 1

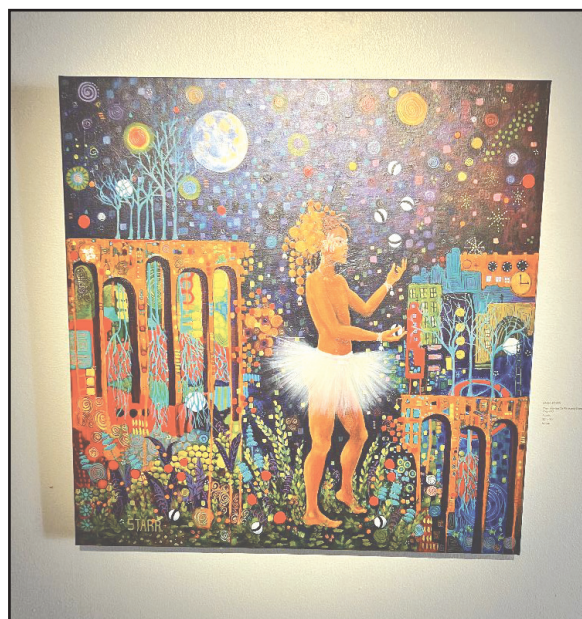
said Bernadette Moore, Director of Exhibitions and Marketing. Lenz's work addresses marriage, systemic racism, genealogy, and other themes.

"Identify, Stories, Connections" by Linda Starr, is a colorful, playful exhibit. Starr has a multi-decade career as a painter. Her work isn't preplanned, she applies paint to the canvas without thought.

"Her paintings are often sculptural, laden with texture and vibrant color, and always full of story," said Moore.

The subject of her work varies from cityscapes to strong female figures such as Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

"Angels Among Us" features local artist Lisa Garrett, who is also the Henry County Fire Marshal. Garrett is a member of the Lynwood Artists as well as Bull Mountain Artists. She also enters artwork in Piedmont Arts annual Expressions art competition. Much of Garrett's work features a variety of subjects, her favorite subjects to paint are pet portraits.



"Identify, Stories, Connections" by Linda Starr.



"Angels Among Us," by Lisa Garrett.

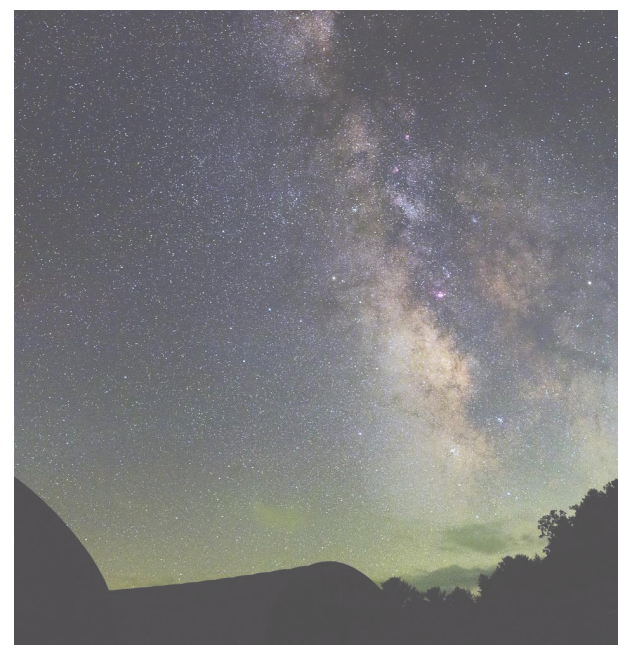


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The Milky Way seen from Earth to Sky Park in Burnsville.

Dark skies webinar set for May 10

The Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation and Mayland Community College's Earth to Sky Park will host a free 45-minute online presentation 11 a.m., Wednesday, May 10, to discuss viewing the night skies.

Margaret Earley-Thiele, Dean of Advancement, Kyle Lanning, Bare Observatory Manager, and Amanda Pastore, Assistant Coordinator for the Earth to Sky Park, will explain what it means to be an international dark sky certified park and share an overview of the park's Bare Dark Sky Observatory. The program will also provide tips on how to combat light pollution and its effects on pollinators and highlight recommended locations for stargazing along the Blue Ridge Parkway.

The webinar is the latest installment of the Insider's Report series, which highlights the Foundation's projects and programs, ways to enjoy the national park unit, Parkway history, and more. To register, visit [BRPFoundation.org/dark skies webinar](http://BRPFoundation.org/dark%20skies%20webinar).

The Earth to Sky Park in Burnsville, N.C., is an environmental educational park for those interested in learning about the natural world we live in and includes the Bare Observatory and Arthur Planetarium.

The Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation is the non-profit fundraising partner of the country's most visited national park unit. For more than 25 years, the organization has provided support for natural resource protection, historical and cultural preservation, visitor amenities, and educational programs. Learn more at BRPFoundation.org.



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