



Carl and Elaine Wright place a flag on the grave of a military service member at Oakwood Cemetery in Lawrenceville. For over 10 years, Carl has been coordinating the placing of flags at the cemetery for Memorial Day. (Bobby Conner photo)



American flags were placed on the graves of former military service members for Memorial Day at Oakwood Cemetery. (Bobby Conner photo)

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will help introduce the Fort Christanna to more people and increase visitation to the area.”

“James Solomon Russell was a remarkable African American pioneer who under difficult circumstances in the late 1800s created numerous educational and spiritual facilities that benefited the underprivileged people from all areas of Southside, Virginia. He established adult and child learning centers, over twenty churches and a college campus that included over thirty-five buildings,” said James Grimstead, Chairman of the James Solomon Russell/Saint Paul’s College Museum and Archives in Lawrenceville. “The addition of James Solomon Russell and Saint Paul’s College to the Virginia History Trails will be an outstanding benefit to all Virginians and visitors from all over the nation and other countries.”

Curated by the Library of Virginia and Virginia Humanities, the Virginia History Trails contains over 400 stories and more than 200 historic places. The Virginia History Trails app’s intuitive interface allows users to create their own profiles and “check in” at sites or share updates using the hashtag #VAHistoryTrails to earn badges. Users can immerse themselves in a themed trail that winds across the Commonwealth or employ the app’s GPS feature to find nearby historical sites and immediately transform their surroundings into a live history experience. The app also offers information about 2019 Commemoration, American Evolution events and announcements.

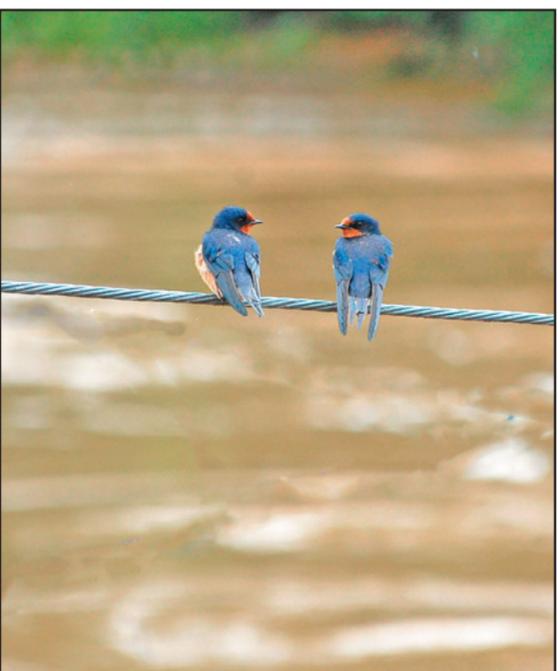
The 20 themed trails on the app include: African-American, American Revolution, Citizenship, Civil Rights, Civil War, Conflicts, Culture, Education, Entrepreneurship, Exploration, Immigration, Innovation, Military, Preservation, Presidents, Religious Liberty, Representative Government, Resistance, Virginia Indians and Women.

Virginia’s 2019 Commemoration, American Evolution™ commemorates the 400th anniversary of several pivotal events that took place in 1619 Virginia, which have had an enduring impact on Virginia and America’s history. These 1619 events set the state and the nation on a course towards the ideals of democracy, diversity and opportunity and include the First Representative Legislative Assembly in the New World, the arrival of the first enslaved Africans to English North America, the recruitment of English women in significant numbers to the Virginia colony, the first official English Thanksgiving in North America and the entrepreneurial spirit of the Virginia colony.

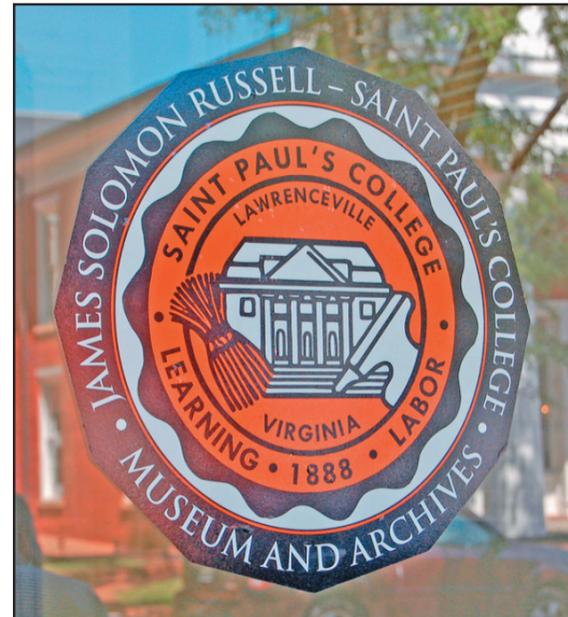
For more information about the Virginia History Trails App or the Commemoration 2019, American Evolution™ please visit www.AmericanEvolution2019.com. For iPhone users, the Virginia History Trails app can be downloaded free at the app store. The Android version of the app is also available.



The James Solomon Russell/Saint Paul’s College Museum and Archives is located at 219 North Main Street, Lawrenceville., Virginia.



These Barn Swallows were spotted Sunday, May 20, 2018 on Robinson Ferry Road. According to Joe Lively, our bird expert, there are 3 species, which are similar: Cliff, Cave and Barn Swallows. All three may build nests under bridges and frequently feed over water and fields. All love to chomp on 'skeeters. (Bobby Conner photo)



Wildlife Commission encourages boater safety

RALEIGH, N.C. - With warmer weather and summer on the way, many families will head to the water to beat the heat and cool off. The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission encourages boaters to consider these tips to remain safe on the water:

Attend a Boater Safety Course - A variety of options, including in-class and online, are available.

Wear a Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Device or life jacket at all times when boating or on a personal watercraft. Eighty percent of people who have drowned in boating accidents were not wearing a life jacket. A properly fitted life jacket is snug, yet comfortable, and will not move above the chin or ears when lifted at the shoulders.

Appoint a designated driver for the boat. Driving a boat under the influence of alcohol is illegal. Alcohol makes it difficult to drive safely, see objects in the water and supervise children so they are safe.

Assign an adult “Water Watcher “ to actively supervise the children in or around the water at all times. A Water Watcher’s role is to focus on watching the water without the distractions of activities, such as socializing, texting, fishing, drinking and reading. Young children and people who are not strong swimmers should always be kept within arm’s reach.

Only swim in designated swimming areas. Swimming in the open water can cause visibility issues for other boaters making it difficult to see swimmers. Avoid diving in areas that are unfamiliar as there may be hidden boulders, stumps and pilings.

Throw, don’t go. Be prepared to throw a floatation device or use a pole or tree branch to reach someone struggling in the water. Never jump in to save someone, because you could be pulled under, too.

Remember: Reduce, reuse, recycle.