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Homicide suspect arrested in Texas



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Daniel Fish remains at large.

Two from Martinsville remain at large in shooting death of Bassett man.

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A Bassett man has been arrested in Texas, and two others from Martinsville are wanted in the shooting death of a man earlier this month.

Robert Wayne Williams, 39, was found shot to death on June 5 just inside the doorway to an apartment near where he lived in Bas-

sett, and Henry County Sheriff's investigators had been looking for several suspects whom they knew to be present at the shooting.

Douglas Hampton Gillespie, 25, of 8 Grace Drive, Apt. 3 in Bassett, was arrested in Live Oak County in Texas on charges of second-degree murder and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony, a sheriff's office release stated. Gillespie is in jail without bond and awaiting extradition.

Investigators are looking for



Gillespie

Ashleigh Nicole McCallister, 23, and Daniel Fish, 37, both of 4250 Sunset Drive in Martinsville, who are wanted on the same charges as Gillespie.

Those charges stem from a call at 10:38 p.m. to the 9-1-1 center on June 5 that said someone had been shot at 7 Grace Drive, Apt. 14 in Bassett.

Deputies found Williams "with what appeared to be multiple

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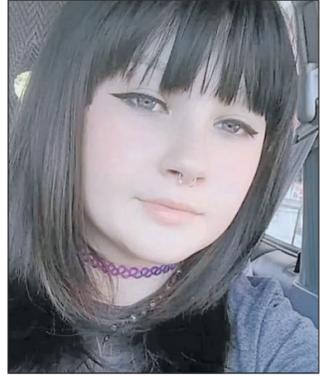


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Ashleigh Nicole McCallister remains at large.

Drawing up a new kind of camp



Two of six students in art camp at Piedmont Arts practice what they learned.

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Summer camps at facilities in the Martinsville area have to be artfully designed because of COVID-19 to allow for safety but continue to serve the kids.

By Aimee Knowles
Special to The Bulletin

Summer usually is filled with squeals of delight, a stampede of running feet and gasps of wonder as, this late into June, camps across the region typically are in full swing.

But this year is different, and the creative outlets have had to become even more creative. And it's all because of COVID-19.

Limitations on gatherings, requirements for how to manage groups and extensive safety practices have caused those who organize and produce summer camps to be able to do things differently and not give up.

Some have gone to virtual programs to limit access to their facilities, but Piedmont Arts in Martinsville actually decided to go forward with an in-person session — although it was quite different

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Spencer-Penn Centre Executive Director Susan Sabin King reads a Dr. Seuss book to a group of children last year.

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Travel, outings spike virus

West Piedmont Health District officials concerned about the spread to friends and families after 73 cases since Thursday.

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Social gatherings are generating a spike in cases of COVID-19 that has West Piedmont Health Department officials concerned about a spread of the virus.

Nancy Bell, spokesperson for the district, cited at least one trip to the beach and social gatherings as elements that led to 35 new cases on Monday, continuing a surge that has produced 73 new cases since Thursday.

There had been 24 cases on Saturday and Sunday and 14 on Friday during a time when Virginia has seen statewide increases of a few hundred a day, a much slower trend than what is happening around the nation. This also emerges after a strong spike in cases in the district since May 1 had abated somewhat.

Bell said in an email Monday that "a significant number of these cases are associated with recent domestic travel to the beach in North Carolina and other social gatherings."

In a follow-up email Bell said that "the majority of recent cases throughout the WPHD are travel-acquired, although I do not currently have exact numbers per locality. "Unfortunately, the

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