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Side Street Gallery, a nonprofit, in Colonial Heights. PHOTOS BY KRISTI K. HIGGINS/PROGRESS-INDEX.COM

Man dies after fall in Folly Castle area of Petersburg

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A man found dead July 7 in the Folly Castle District of Petersburg apparently died after falling, according to Petersburg Police.

A Facebook post from the police called the death an accident.

The unidentified man was discovered in the 1100 block of West Washington Street during the early evening hours.

"The Petersburg Bureau of Police extends its condolences to the family," the post read. "No further details will be shared at this time while we make

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Public art gallery forced to close in Colonial Heights

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A public art gallery in Colonial Heights is being forced to close. Side Street Gallery, open since July 2013, will remain open for business through July 11.

Henry Kidd, president of Side Street Gallery and sole operator of the nonprofit, is desperately looking for another place to keep the gallery alive. According to Kidd, the new landlord increased the rent higher than Side Street Gallery can afford.

"It is with a sad heart that I announce the closing of Side Street Gallery," Kidd posted on Facebook on July 1. "I have been cleaning out the back room, and I have many items for free or a donation to help us pay for our final expenses. Also, all of my prints are 30% off."

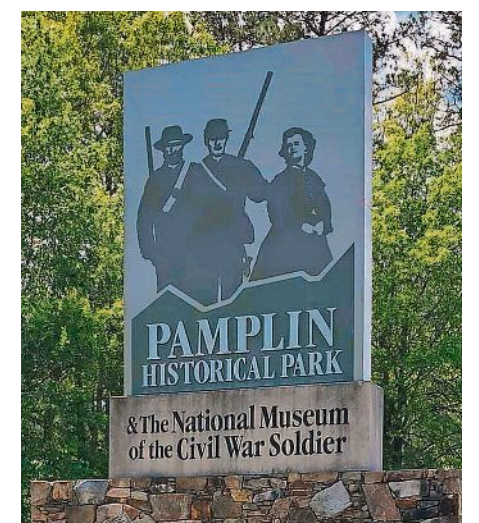
Kidd, of Colonial Heights, is a nationally recognized historical and military artist who operates out of the gallery located at 135 Pickwick Avenue.

The gallery has served the public with gallery space for local artists, art lessons, school art showings, classroom space for other art instructors and teaching people with drug or alcohol abuse problems a way to focus their attentions elsewhere, according to Kidd.

Side Street Gallery was originally co-owned and operated by artists Judy Harris and Marti Fann. In March 2018, Harris and Fann passed the torch to Rose Milazzo Mast and Kidd. In April 2022, Kidd posted he became the sole proprietor of the gallery. In that same year, Side Street Gallery became a



Paintings by artist Marti Fann at Side Street Gallery in Colonial Heights in 2022.



Pamplin Historical Park in Petersburg. KRISTI K. HIGGINS/PROGRESS-INDEX.COM

Dinwiddie County to host new mobile Revolutionary War exhibit

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In celebration of America's 250th anniversary, a new mobile exhibit, launched by the Dinwiddie County VA250 Committee, highlights the important role Dinwiddie County played during the American Revolution.

The "A Revolution Begins at Home" exhibit, funded with a VA250 grant from Virginia Humanities, is currently on display at Pamplin Historical Park and will rotate to locations throughout Dinwiddie County in the coming months. Designed to travel, the exhibit allows residents and visitors to connect

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