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Radford Police ask for community tips in shootings investigation

RADFORD - Within less than 30 minutes of each other, on Sunday, Jan. 24, the Radford City Police Department (RCPD) responded to two shootings in the City of Radford that re-

victim being taken to the hospital.

ment is asking the com- a.m. to the 100 block munity to call or e-mail of Madison Street in any information or wit- response to a report of

sulted in one gunshot in the investigation. According to the

RCPD, units were first The police depart- dispatched at 1:08 ness statements to assist shots being fired. Then at 1:22 a.m., units were sent to the 400 block of Sanford Street for an additional report of shots fired. At the scene, officers located a gunshot victim, who was transported to New River Valley Medical

> Center. In a Facebook video Sunday evening, RCPD Sgt. Emily Tribble and Radford Public Infor-Coordinator mation Jenni Wilder said the incidents appear to be connected, and that they hope the community can help with information.

> 'We ask for you to please, if there are any

witnesses or information that is available to please let us know," said Tribble. "We are relying on the community to help us out in this situation. We want to let everyone know that everything is safe at this

Wilder said the city feels the incidents are isolated.

"The city is aware of the community concern surrounding this incident as this is an unusual event in the City of Radford," said Wilder. "We appreciate the tips and statements that have come in at this time and ask that you continue to send those tips in.'

Anyone with any information about either incident should email crimestoppers@radfordva.gov or call 540-731-3624.



Burglarized twice, TruHarvest Farms offers \$50K reward for information

With some \$250,000 worth of its smokable flower cured hemp product having been stolen in two burglaries within the last couple of weeks, Christiansburg's Tru-Harvest Farms is offering a \$50,000 reward to anyone who comes forward with information leading to the conviction of the thief.

TruHarvest general manager John Straw said that the identity of anyone who provides information will be protected. He said he has not ruled out an inside job, that the thief had knowledge of the farm's operation. Security cameras showed that the thief knew exactly where to go. "He went straight to [the product] and straight out," Straw said. "We're not ruling anybody out."

Only a single perpetrator is involved, the general manager said. The burglar stole 61 pounds the first time and 50 pounds the second time.

According to Straw, the criminal knew enough not to drive through the gate onto the property, instead parking on a private drive off the property and away from the barn, loading the stolen product into duffel bags and then walking through a cornfield to the waiting vehicle.

Straw said both break-ins occurred during the 1 a.m.

Governor endorses Buchwald in state senate race

Heather Bell hbell@ourvalley.org

Democratic candidate for state senate Laurie Buchwald got the nod from

Governor Ralph Northam Monday. Buchwald will face Travis Hackworth, a Republican from Tazewell County, in the March 23 special election to succeed the late Sen. Ben Chafin, who died Jan. 1 from CO-



Travis Hackworth

"The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed the inequalities in our communities," said Northam in his endorsement. "The inability to access broadband means too many students are being left behind in the classroom. Not being able to count on school lunches means more and more of our children are going hungry. And as the economy suffers and jobs are lost, too



Laurie Buchwald

many families are worried about how they are going to keep the lights on. We need leadership to tackle these real, kitchen-table issues head-on and that's why I'm endorsing Laurie Buchwald for the State Senate."

Buchwald, who lives in Radford, is a nurse practitioner and a former Radford City Council member who served on the council from 2002-2010 before opting not to run for a third term. A residential and commercial builder, Hackworth won the Republican nomination for the seat after a primary that included six can-

Northam said he thinks Buchwald's background in health care will be helpful in the General Assembly. "As a health care provider, Laurie understands the challenges we have before us but is uniquely equipped to help us solve them," he said. "I'm confident in her ability to deliver for the people of Southwest Virginia and am looking forward to working with her in Richmond."

Blacksburg police investigating two burglaries



Officers from the Blacksburg Police Department are investigating a pair of recent burglaries that occurred at occupied residences.

On Friday, Jan. 22, 2021, officers responded to the 400 block of E. Roanoke St. for a breaking-and-entering of an occupied residence in the early morning hours. The suspect in the investigation is described as a collegeaged white male wearing dark clothing and a face

Blacksburg police are also investigating the separate breaking-and-entering of an occupied residence that occurred on Saturday, Jan. 23, 2021, in the early morning hours in the 500 block of Sunridge Drive.

Several items were taken

during these incidents. Anyone with information about either crime is urged to contact the Blacksburg Police Department at 540-443-1400. You can remain anonymous by calling the Blacksburg Police Tip Line at

540-961-1819. Blacksburg police mind everyone to lock the doors and windows of their residences while they are away and to secure their vehicles while not in use. Anyone observing any suspicious activity at any time should report it to the police by dialing 911 or by calling the New River Valley Communications Center at (540) 382-4343.

Moss Arts Center's 'HomeStage' presents world premiere of 'The City of Others' Thursday

The Moss Arts Center's "Home-Stage" series of performances continues Thursday, Jan. 28, at 7:30 p.m. with the world premiere of 'The City of Others," which showcases Colombia's Sankofa Danzafro, an Afro-Colombian and Afro-contemporary dance group with live drumming and song.

Co-sponsored by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration at Virginia Tech, the performance will actually take place in a theatre in Medellín, Colombia. The event includes a post-performance conversation with Sankofa Danzafro Artistic Director Rafael Palacios, moderated by VT Assistant Professor of Sociology Andrea Baldwin.

Ticket holders have access to the "HomeStage" series performance as it happens and for seven days fol-

lowing the event.

Tickets are \$10 for the general public and are free for Virginia Tech students. They can be purchased online, at the Moss Arts Center's box office from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, or by calling 540-231-5300 during box

Also available is the Spring Fan(fare) Pass, which provides access to all "HomeStage" events offered until May 31, 2021, guaranteeing a minimum of eight performances. While providing added support for the center, Spring Fan(fare) Pass holders also get exclusive infor-



Dancers with Sankofa Danzafro perform "The City of Others."

mation through regular Fan(fare) Insider emails and are the first to know about new events added to the schedule. In "The City of Others," Sankofa

Danzafro portrays the reality of marginalized communities who have faced ethnic discrimination and social inequality for generations. The work evokes the sensitivity and enjoyment of dance and is a legitimate representation of a diverse, multicultural nation seeking the paths of reunion and coex-

When lockdown orders temporarily lifted in Colombia recently, the dancers and musicians of Sankofa Danzafro came together

for the first time in months to per-

form their most renowned work.

The performance features traditional Colombian songs and rhythms, such as the vallenato from the Atlantic region coastline, and dances such as the bullerengue (also from the Atlantic coastline) and the currulao and abozao dances from the Pacific coastline. Using poetic movement to ex-

plore social and cultural narratives related to its home country of Colombia, the contemporary dance company is dedicated to training and creation in dance and has sought to build a bridge between Afro-Colombian peoples and the African continent. Sankofa's works are built on the ideas of social bonding, personal growth and the

positioning of local cultures in the

national dynamics.

First case of **COVID-19** variant identified in Virginia

RICHMOND — The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and the Department of General Services Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services (DCLS) announced Monday the first case of the SARS-CoV-2 variant B.1.1.7 has been identified in a sample from an adult resident of Northern Virginia with no reported recent travel history.

The B.1.1.7 variant,

which first emerged in the United Kingdom in late 2020, is associated with increased personto-person transmission of COVID-19. DCLS confirmed the case using next-generation sequencing that provides a genetic blueprint of the virus that causes COVID-19. DCLS has informed the Centers for Disease Control and

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COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, Jan. 27:

Lyman Whitaker Zoom *Talk* - Hahn Horticulture Garden's three Lyman Whitaker Wind Sculptures have been installed along the southern edge of the Conifer Garden, a gift from Warren and Margie Kark. Whitaker's Zoom talk about his work will take place at noon. Register at https://virginiatech. qualtrics.com/jfe/form/ ŠV_291uIAlpoEfN00d.

Thursday, Jan. 28:

Writing Flash Fiction Workshop - Blue Ridge Writers, an affiliated chapter of the Virginia Writers Člub, is offering a workshop "Writing Flash Fiction" (less than 1500 words) for interested writers of all ages, including high school students and adults, at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Blue Ridge Writers is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit member organization that supports beginning writers, and seasoned writers through critique programs, quarterly literary journal publication and monthly workshops. Contact Dr. John Nicolay nicolay0211@gmail.com or

visit https://blueridgewriters.com for additional information. Class size is limited.

Blacksburg-Radford Fel-

Sunday, Jan. 31:

lowship Youth Group Event - The first-ever Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) youth fellowship event will be held from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. at the Luther Memorial Lutheran Church picnic shelter, rain or shine. The event is for youth ages 13-17 (8th grade through high school seniors). Fellowship pastors will serve as chaperones. All participants must wear a mask and practice social distancing. Vicar Alyssa Kaplan will lead the group in games. Snacks will be provided, and the fire pit will help keep everyone warm.

Thursday, Feb. 4:

Radford Army Ammunition Plant (RFAAP) Commander's Community Meeting -This is a Facebook Live event from 6:30 to 8 p.m. https://www.facebook.com/ RadfordArmyAmmunitionPlant/.

This meeting is an op-

portunity to learn about RFAAP modernization and projects. environmental environmental compliance and corrective actions. The meeting is open to the public. For questions, contact Charlie Saks at 540 731 5785 or visit the RFAAP website at https://www.jmc. army.mil/Radford/Radford-Default.aspx, then "Ask the Commander" in the lower left margin of the home

American Legion Meeting - American Legion, Harvey-Howe-Carper Post 30 will meet at 7 p.m. at the VFW Post Home on 102 Watts St. in Radford. In case of heavy snow or ice, the meeting will be cancelled. For further information, call 250-2283 or 239-9864.

Tuesday, Feb. 9:

ans Meeting - Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet at 7 p.m. at Aly's Family Italian Restaurant at 3204 Riner Rd. Camp Commander Will Reed will present a talk on the History of the Fourth Virginia Infantry Regiment. Members

Sons of Confederate Veter-

of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to attend. In the event of heavy snow or ice, the meeting will be cancelled. For further information, call 320-4315 or 239-9864.

Wednesday, Feb. 10:

A Beginner's Approach

to Garden Photography Robert E. Lyons, Professor Emeritus University of Delaware, former Director of the Hahn Horticulture Garden and a faculty member of the VT Horticulture Department will offer a Zoom presentation at noon. This talk is all about using your eyes, your mind, and your camera to capture moments in your personal landscapes. They may be your gardens, vignettes from your travels, seasonal records of your favorite plants and/or features of landscape designs.

The presentation content is example-driven and provides understandable and uncomplicated information to create aesthetically pleasing images in a relatively short period of time. While equipment details and camera mechanics will

be mentioned, they will not dominate the presentation. Instead, the impact and exploitation of prevailing light, the elements of photographic composition, the power of mastering depth of field and developing a personal style will be emphasized. This presentation is particularly relevant for and geared towards earlystage photographers who use a variety of devices, including DSLR's, mobile/ cell phones or both. Register via https://virginiatech. qualtrics.com/jfe/form/ SV_4Ymy3HGvrxExkxf.

Saturday, Feb. 13:

Dialogue on Race 2021 Winter Summit - An online event held on Zoom from 10 a.m. until 11:30. All Dialogue on Race events will be held online or virtually until further notice. Keynote Speakers will be Dr. Abraham B. Hardee III, DO/PhD and Dr. Pete Guerra, MDA. Subjects include the year in masks, the COVID pandemic, race and racism and vaccination and vaccines: What to know and what to do. Register at https://us02web.zoom.us/ webinar/register/WN_Jbi-908JMSgq1264cQKX8Eg.

Throughout January:

Keep Your Lights Up for Healthcare Heroes - Local communities are calling on all citizens and businesses to keep their holiday lights up through January 31 to recognize those working in healthcare.

StoryWalk - All month at the Christiansburg Library. Brains and bodies get exercise by reading and walking the trail. The walk begins at the library at the College Street entrance of Downtown Park. This month's book is The Emperor's Egg.

Through Friday, Mar. 5:

Glencoe Mansion "2020 in Review" Art Show - The show features the works of artists Cheryl Mackian, the Radford Photo Club, and Teresa Regil, whose works all appeared in the gallery during 2020. The exhibit opened on Tuesday, Jan. 26. It is open to the public, and there is no admission

Local college students graduate, receive honors

Two local students graduate from Alabama TUSCALOOSA, AL.

Ashley Brummette of Christiansburg and Forooza Samadi of Blacksburg received degrees from the University of Alabama during its fall 2020 commencement.

Brummette received Bachelor of Science in Human Environmental Sciences degree. Samadi received a Doctor of Philosophy degree.

The University of Alabama is the state's oldest and largest public institution of higher education. The university is a student-centered research institute with more than 200 undergraduate, graduate and professional programs. Blacksburg's **Emily**

Slusser named to College of Charleston dean's list CHARLESTON, S.C.

Emily Slusser of Blacksburg was named to the College of Charleston Fall 2020 dean's list. Slusser is majoring in hospitality/tourism management. To qualify for the dean's list, students must earn a GPA

of 3.6 or higher and complete a minimum of 14 semester

The College of Charleston is a nationally recognized public liberal arts and sciences university. Founded in 1770, the college is among the nation's top universities for quality education, student life and affordability.

Variant from page 1

Prevention (CDC) of the

"Viruses change all the time, and we expect to see new strains as the disease spreads," said Virginia's Ĥealth Commissioner, M. Norman Oliver. "We know this variant strain spreads more quickly between people than other strains currently circulating in our communities, but we still have more to learn about whether it causes more severe illness. As our state public health officials closely monitor the emergence of the B.1.1.7 variant in our commonwealth, it is important that all Virginians continue following mitigation measures." In the United States,

nearly 200 cases of the B.1.1.7 variant had been detected in 23 states as of January 22, 2021. While scientists are working to better understand its impact on vaccine efficacy, early data suggests currently authorized vaccines are effective against the new

The Virginia Department of Health is working with communities across

the spread of all strains of COVID-19 through widespread adherence to preventive measures, supporting testing and vaccination efforts and conducting investigations of cases and outbreaks.

the commonwealth to slow

As a virus spreads from one person to another, it makes copies of itself and sometimes makes small genetic changes called mutations. Because of these mutations, new variants of a virus are expected to occur over time. According to the CDC, multiple vari-

ants of the virus that causes COVID-19 have been documented in the United States and around the world. The B.1.1.7 variant contains an unusually large number of mutations. DCLS began sequenc-

ing positive COVID-19 samples in March 2020, becoming one of the first public health labs in the nation to use this technology to examine the genetic makeup of the virus and track how it is changing and being transmitted in

more than 10 percent of positive samples tested by the state lab, which is working with other labs in Virginia to solicit additional positive samples to sequence so public health officials can get a representation of variants circulating throughout Virginia.

"Sequencing is one of many tools we have available at the state's public health laboratory to enable medical and public health officials to quickly identify and respond to threats the commonwealth. To such as emerging COVdate, DCLS has sequenced ID-19 variants," said Dr.

Denise Toney, Director of DCLS. "We share this information not only within the commonwealth, but with our federal and international partners to gain a better understanding of emerging genetic changes to SARS-CoV-2.

For more information about COVID-19 variants, visit the VDH CO-VID-19 Testing website and the CDC New CO-VID-19 Variants website. For more information on DCLS and its use of nextgeneration

Virginia Department of Transportation road watch

The following is a list of forecasted highway projects that may

impact traffic traveling in the 12-county Salem Transportation District

ules and construction project timelines are al-

this week. Work sched- ways subject to change and weather dependent. The Salem District covers Bedford, Botetourt, Carroll, Craig, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Henry, Montgomery, Patrick, Pulaski and Roanoke.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY ROUTE 11 BRIDGE

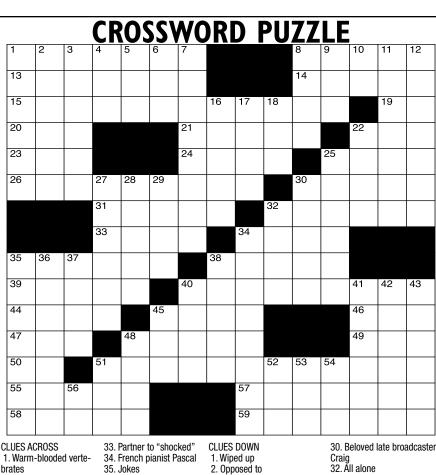
DECK REPLACE-Work has begun on Route 11 southbound to replace the bridge deck over the Norfolk Southern Railroad. The bridge is located .4 miles north of the intersection with Route 748 (Big Spring Drive) and .4 mile south of the intersection with Route 603 (North Fork Road). The left lane of both Route 11 north and south is closed until the completion of the project. Route 11 South will experience intermittent left lane closures as crossovers are prepared for an eventual detour. Once in place, the detour will re-route Route 11 south traffic through the left lane of Route 11 north, limiting each direction to a single lane. The detour will be in place until the completion of the project. The expected

completion date is November 2021. **ROUTE** BRIDGE REPLACE-MENT AT SENECA HOLLOW - Work is underway replacing the bridge on Route 636 over the Roanoke River at Seneca Hollow. A road closure is in place from Echo Hills Road to .36 mile south of Route 460. A detour is in place. The detour will restrict access to Route 460 at Seneca Hollow and will require travelers to enter/exit Route 460 at Friendship Road near Wheeling Hollow. The project is expected to be completed in late June 2021.

ROUTE 685 TURN CONSTRUC-LANE - Turn lane TION construction on Route 685 (Prices Fork Road) is underway between Route 1145 (Stratford View Drive) and Route 654 (Brooksfield Road). Motorists should expect daily shoulder closures with intermittent lanes closures controlled by flagging forces. Work will be performed from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Completion is spring 2021. WATERLINE CON

STRUCTION - Construction of a waterline along Route 659 (Vicker Switch Road), Route 719 (Switchback Road), Route 660 (Crab Creek Road), and Route 661 (Chrisman Mill Road) includes shoulder closures and lane closures. The work is expected to be completed in February 2021. Be sure to 'Like'

New River Valley Juvenile Detention Summary Statement of Financial Condition For The Year Ended June 30, 2020 \$2,237,794 **Deferred Outflows of Resources** \$85,028 \$724,073 \$132,337 \$1,466,412 \$1,441,761 Revenues \$1,169,765 Expenses Net Change in Net Position \$271,996



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Liabilities **Deferred Inflows of Resources Net Position**

the Radford News Journal on Facebook.

Businesses, college students, community members support seniors through Silver Santa program



her Silver Santa gifts from Resident Services Coordinator fast-food restaurant, to Cindy Wiley-Lamb.

BLACKSBURG Community members, local businesses, college students and Warm Hearth Village (WHV) employ-ees adopted 120 lowincome seniors at Warm Hearth Village in 2020 through the village's Silver

Santa program. The seniors were presented with \$10,617 in gifts in December.

Seniors filled out their needs/wish lists in September, and these were shared with donors. Lists included requests for food, personal care and pet supplies and any special items. Wishes ranged a cowboy hat, to special

food to meet a pet's restricted dietary needs. A sleigh load of gifts came pouring in from the community, and they were distributed to the seniors shortly before Christmas.

Among those receiving gifts was WHV resident Geraldine Grass, who said she was overwhelmed with delight when she opened the door and saw the gifts. "I could use everything in it, and it was absolutely wonderful of all those who donated," she said.

Warm Hearth Village is a nonprofit senior living community in Blacksburg that provides a full continuum of living options on its campus and in the home.

VT researcher has solution to Asian carp invasion: Eat them



Silver carp, one of several species of Asian carp, leaping from the Fox River during a removal effort by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.



Clay Ferguson displays one of the large bighead carp his team pulled from the Ohio River in June 2019 while gathering specimens to test for fillet and edible yields.

Imagine you're driving why aren't we eating them? a boat. You're enjoying a Clay Ferguson, a fisheries weekend day at the lake, researcher and Ph.D. stuthe wind whipping through dent in Virginia Tech's Deyour hair and the sun warm partment of Food Science on your face. You feel a gen- and Technology, thinks we tle spray of water as your should be. boat carves a path through the calm surface of the early research on the nutritional morning water.

splashing all around you. them as a viable food fish in Dozens of giant, shimmer- the United States. ing fish leap out of the water. Just as you turn to steer invasive species in the away, one of them jumps United States, very few are up in front of the boat and actually conducive to supslaps you across the face.

You were hit by a silver carp, just one species in a a large enough density popfamily of invasive fish col- ulation-wise, reasonably aclectively known as Asian cessible and tasty enough," carp that have grown so nu- Ferguson said. "Asian carp merous in the Mississippi are unique." River system in recent years Asian carp were intro-they've become hazard- duced to U.S. ecosystems ous to boaters. The danger in the 1970s after being Asian carp pose to boaters brought over from Asia and with people having suffered quality issues in enclosed broken bones and concus- bodies of water. Once essions after being hit by the enormous, jumping fish is only one symptom of the

greater threat the spread of these fish poses: catastrophic ecological harm. So how do you manage an invasive species of fish that in only a few decades has spread up and down the Mississippi River, out-

and becoming more than 90 percent of the total biomass of some river systems? According to one Virginia Tech researcher, you

competing native species

Believe it or not, these pestilential invaders causing some major ecological harm are a safe, plentiful, and healthy food source that is

flavorful and nutritious. So

He has published new value and fillet yield of Suddenly, there's frantic Asian carp to help establish

> "Of the roughly 4,300 pression by consumption — meaning that they're at

— and they are dangerous, were used to solve water

caping to nearby water systems, the fishes' hearty nature and rapid reproduction made them almost impossible to contain. Efforts by ecologists and wildlife agencies to control their numbers have been expensive and largely unsuccessful, and now they find themselves racing against time to prevent the fish from making their way into the Great Lakes, where they fear the resulting population explosion would cause irreversible damage to local

ecosystems. So now, the obvious question: if they're so numerous and easy to catch, why are we not eating them? According to Ferguson, there are a few hurdles to overcome. The first of which is public perception. Many American consumers see all carp as "dirty," he said. They're thought of as bottom-feeders, largely due to this being true for cer-

guson says that the opposite is actually the case for Asian

tain carp species. But Fer-

Ferguson said previous attempts at marketing the fish to consumers have addressed this by simply removing "carp" from the fishes' name. In some places, Asian carp are sold for consumption as "silverfin."

The other hurdle facing a successful Asian carp fishery is a serious lack of practical data. There just hasn't been much research on what it would take to harvest the fish for large scale consumption, making ecologists reluctant to turn to food-based solutions. That's where Ferguson's research

His initial project aimed to evaluate the consumptive value of Asian carp and provide relevant info needed for planning, such as economy of scale data. To do so, Ferguson and his team first traveled to western Kentucky where they joined a collaborative state agency effort to remove thousands of pounds of silver and bighead carp in a single day from the Ohio River, not as difficult a task as you might think when the fish leaping into the boat on their own, he said. The team then took their haul back to the lab to process the fish. The team ground up and freeze-dried each component so they could test for nutritional value, including protein and lipid content.

Their results revealed that the fish were incredibly nutritious — shockingly so for a nonmarine species.

Ferguson's findings were published in July. With it now demonstrated that Asian carp are a safe, plentiful, and healthy food source, there's probably only one question still on your mind.

How do they taste?

"They have white, flakey meat that's mild, not very fishy, and take to most any seasoning," Ferguson said with a laugh. "If you are one of the few who try and don't like Asian carp, that fish was either poorly handled, overcooked or you just don't like fish."

-Written by Alex Hood



Pets-<u>of-the-week</u>

Each Saturday the paper features pets from the Montgomery County Animal Care and Adoption Center (480 Cinnabar Road, Christiansburg). Those interested in adopting a pet can call 382-5795 or visit www.montgomerycountyva.gov/acac. At this time, visits to the Montgomery County Animal Care and Adoption Center are limited to one party at a time in the lobby area. Animal areas are not open to the public. To schedule an appointment to meet a prospective pet call (540) 382-5795 or email animalcenter@ montgomerycountyva.gov.



Meet little Trixie. Upon first meeting her, she can be a bit timid, but when she's comfortable in her surroundings and discovers her favorite human, she's a happy, attention-loving gal. She can be people- and dog- selective, so a meet-and-greet



Sweet Meg is ready for her purrfect home. She's a friendly four-year-old who happily accepts a good head rub and chin scratch. Some of her history is a little unknown. Meg's hind legs aren't the strongest and she does not have a tail, but that doesn't stop her from enjoying life.



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Being alone is not the same as being lonely

"A man's home is his castle."

According to oll.libertyfund. org/quotes/502, that quote about a man's castle is credited to the English judge and jurist Sir Edward Coke in a famous decision from 1604. The same source says it's really a simplification of what he said, for he actually declared, "The house of every one is to him his castle and fortress." The gist is

This pandemic we haven't seen the end of yet has left us in some rather ironic situations.

For one, in this age of technological wizardry from the cell phone to the computer, when we have more means than ever before to stay in touch with people, COVID has had the effect of relocating us into the Middle Ages. Europe's medieval period lasted from the fall of Rome in 476 A.D. until the beginning of the Renaissance in the 14th century, roughly a thousand years.

According to a BBC website, Far from their dour reputation, the Middle Ages were a period of massive social change, burgeoning nationalism, international conflict, terrible natural disaster, climate change, rebellion, resistance and renaissance."

The Middle Ages were the time of Europe's most impressive architectural achievements: the construction of the massive cathedrals and the massive castles, structures with drastically opposing purposes. The cathedrals were built to let people in; the castles were built to keep people out.

And the pandemic has had the effect of destroying our sense of community. Instead, out of fear largely, we have retreated into our homes and, for the most part, kept visitors at bay. Like a castle. Our homes have once again become our castles. We don't just live in them anymore. As never before in our history, more of us now work at home, too.

In his message this past Sunday, our church pastor delivered the rather surprising statistic that with more Americans than ever before working from the isolation of their homes, we aren't working less. We're actually working more: some 20 to 30 percent more.

Some time ago, the decision was made by the powers that be in the company I work for to close our Christiansburg office. Our advertising and editorial personnel would henceforth work from home. So I am parked at my computer in the solitude of the second floor of my home gamely struggling to put together something at least halfway worth reading.

Theoretically at least, in forcing us to retreat into our homes, CO-VID has given us more free time. Our pastor called it the margins of our lives, the white space at the edge of a book's pages. The irony, as my pastor's statistic shows, is that we haven't used that white space particularly wisely. Instead, we're doing more of what we've always done: We're working. The truth is, I like this working

at home. I especially enjoy it on the days when my wife -- who teaches at Christiansburg High School -- is

She often accuses me of being a bachelor, her point being that I don't mind being alone at all.

The truth is, I don't. While I certainly prefer to spend time with her, I am not wigged out by being alone either. For me, being alone does not at all mean being lonely.

When I was growing up, one of the punishments my mother doled out upon the extremely infrequent occasions that I misbehaved (gasp!) was to send me to my room. She once remarked, though, that sending me to the contemporary equivalent of time out wasn't a punishment for me because I liked it there and was perfectly content. I'd usually grab a book and read or work crossword puzzles or such. I still do that. Over the decades,

I have built a library of close to two hundred books, most of them hardback classics. They provide me with a means of constant amusement and satisfaction. And, too, in recent years, I have become a Sudoku fan. Another good way to fill the hours and drive away any hints Since the pandemic erupted

shortly after my wife and I left Georgia and moved up here, one unpleasant fact about my life is true: Working at home has meant I haven't had the chance to make any friends, a situation my more gregarious wife frequently laments. And church isn't any help either.

We attend every Sunday morning, but in yet another COVID-19-induced irony, our church isn't really a community anymore. We show up on time, grab a cup of coffee, attend the service, and then leave. Before the pandemic, we lingered and talked and chatted and socialized. No more. Masks aren't conducive to conversation, and social distancing isn't conducive to min-

These are lonesome times we live in, but I have found they are

not necessarily lonely times.

I discussed in an earlier column how our school-age kids have it worse than we adults do because the foundation of the only lives they have ever known -- school and its activities -- has been swept away, leaving them foundering. We as adults -- especially we who have been kicked around a little bit -- are somewhat accustomed to being buffeted. We may not like it all that much, but we have learned to adjust and move on. One "new normal" we have had to adjust to this time around is being alone in the sense of not being part of a larger, wider community.

Thank God, we still have

The author is a man of a certain age who does indeed miss not having good friends to visit with, party with, and swap stories and lies with. But he, like the rest of us in our isolation, will persevere and make it through.

Evans King: Another trip around the sun accomplished

This past week was my birthday, another trip around the sun in trendy parlance.

A good time to reflect or at least put down on paper some random thoughts that pop into my mind regarding my many trips in that orbit. While I was giving my approach some thought, I remembered an event from a few months ago that I felt was "Messenger-worthy."

The story that comes to

mind falls into the category primarily Facebook. I hope and social media can bring cial media platforms. people together and put a smile on your face. This is a Linked-In account for me, story of one of those times.

boomer, social media means I haven't tried to keep it up

of what a small world it is, it qualifies and that I'm not or perhaps more accurately, even more out of tune than how social media can con- I think. I tried Twitter, but it nect us. For all of its evils and was too much and not how de-sensitization and invec- I wanted to spend my time, tive-promoting excesses, at and I haven't used Instagram certain times the Internet age or any of the other similar so-

My law firm set up a but I have rarely used it, and Now, to me, a baby- as I wind down my career to date. I'd prefer to let our younger lawyers attract new clients and contacts. When I retire to the islands, I don't want to get messages from people asking me if I could handle a reverse triangular merger for them.

So it's been Facebook for me. Ridiculed or mocked by many who call it Fakebook or worse, I have found it a fun way to reconnect a little with old friends and acquaintances and to keep up with current friends, falling into the category of those who believe you can't have too many friends.

Also, if you have lost your life partner, live alone, grow tired occasionally of arguing with your cat, and believe that television is only for sports, Facebook is a welcome relief. Even more so in this time of isolation. As they say, the first step to recovery is to admit your problem. Well, I am "on" Facebook, not excessively but regularly. I'm not an addict. I swear.

When I look at those who have "friended" me or those whom I have "friended," they fall into four distinct Christiansburg categories:

friends, college friends, law school friends and West Virginia friends (those whom I would not know but for my career choice to join my law firm 41 years ago). The four special parts of my life, timewise at least, clear lines of division and connection.

When it comes to Facebook, I have certain ground rules that I follow. First, posts should be used only for pictures of kids and grandkids (of which I have a wonderful supply), pets (my cat Scarlett has a loyal following) and travel and social gatherings. Occasionally, I can remember lost loved ones or departed friends or big events.

It should not be used for politics or personal attacks or selling things. I challenge anyone to determine my political or social beliefs from my Facebook page (or this column). Too many friends on each side of the spectrum of this crazy world. I like to paraphrase one of my favorite poets, Rod Stewart: "Do what you like, just don't do it here."

Back to this story. As I teased above, I recently had one of those experiences that make you see the possibilities of social media. Through the "friend of a friend of a friend" thing, or perhaps through one of the Facebook pages established for those of us with Christiansburg ties, I received a contact from an 88-year-old lady living in Florida. She saw my name and wanted to find out if I was related to "the Evans King and Katie King" she had known from her days

growing up in Cambria. She told me that Katie King had been one of her teachers and that Evans King had been her principal at Christiansburg High. I will call her "Imogene" because that's her name. Haha (I hear LOL is no longer used by the cool I responded of course and

told this lady that I was in fact Evans and Katie's son. Mildly interesting you say, but when you were raised by school teachers in a small town and had as many connections to the schools as my family did for as long as it did, this is hardly surprising. Sadly, with the passage of time it happens less and less frequently, but at one point in my life most residents of Christiansburg had been taught by one or both of my parents or one of my aunts, or had been in school while my Dad was principal or superintendent. It is now

This is where this story gets significantly more interesting, at least to me. When I was "messaging" with Imogene, always happy to share histories, particularly with those who knew my parents, she told me that in January of 1953 she gave birth to her daughter at Jefferson Hospital in Roanoke. My mother was in the "maternity ward" with Imogene giving birth at the same time.

a significantly depleted group

of Christiansburgers I hate to

Imogene then asked if maybe that was a sibling of mine. I said, "Nope, that was me." She said she hadn't been sure. (It must have been that

my youthful appearance on Facebook made me look too young to be her daughter's age. I reject the other possibility.) So we exchanged a few more emails and she told me that she saw my Mom and Dad with me shortly after my birth and showed them her bouncing baby daughter. An exquisite mental image for me, my parents showing me off in this 1950's style maternity ward of this long gone hospital in southwest Roanoke.

Another endearing aspect of this story: I was born on my Mother's 40th birthday. Per my crack mathematical skills, İmogene was 20 years old, half my mother's age, when she gave birth to her daughter. God bless them both for their efforts.

Imogene told me she never saw my parents again. She left the hospital before my Mom did and she apparently was no longer living in Christiansburg. In other words, she didn't know the "rest of the story." She didn't know that I was the first or the only child born to Evans and Katie.

I'm very happy that my Mom and Imogene were able to reconnect through me. And the wonders of social media.

Evans "Buddy" King is a proud native of Christiansburg, CHS Class of 1971. He resides in Clarksburg, W.Va., where he has practiced law with the firm of Steptoe & Johnson, PLLC, since 1980. He can be reached at evans. king@steptoe-johnson.com.

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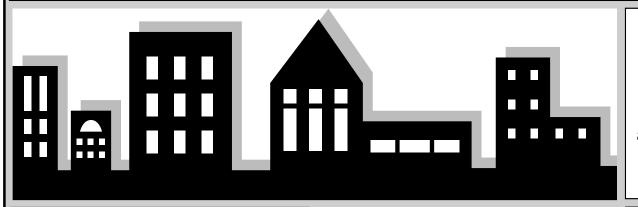
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Austin, Judy Davis

Judy Davis Austin, 67, of Blacksburg, passed away on January 22, 2021.

She was born on June 23, 1953, to the late Walter (Ben) H. and Sally Shaver Davis.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Russell and Tommy Davis, and a nephew, Dean Davis.

She is survived by her son, John (Johnny) W. Radford; sister-in-law Jeanne Davis; nieces Robin Miles and



Stephanie Linkous; neph-11 great-nieces and nephews; a special fur baby,

cousins. No services will be held at this time.

In lieu of flowers, me-

be made to the Mountain View Humane and Addie May Mann. She was prede-Society, 225 Industrial Drive, Christiansburg, VA 24073.

Demas, Doloris Gearhart

Doloris Gearhart Demas, 77, departed this life on January 21, 2021, at English Meadows, Blacksburg.

She was born in Morgantown, W.Va., on Dec. 26, 1943, to the late Flora Linkenhoker Gearhart Sumner and Ralph W.

Doloris is survived by two sisters, Shirley Gearhart Thompson McGee of Elon, N.C., and Norma Gearhart Saunders Lawson of Christiansburg, and several nieces and nephews.

Prior to moving to Blacksburg, she lived in the Washington, D.C., area where she was a broker/realtor for many years before relocating to Southern Shores on the Outer Banks



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Draper, Joseph Conner

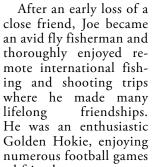
Joseph Conner Draper, 'Joe,' 86, of Christiansburg, formerly of Boykins, Va., passed away on Thursday, Jan. 14, 2021.

Joe and Lucy married in 1957 and traveled to Germany for a two-year Army enlistment where he served as a cryptolo-

gist. Upon returning to the United States they settled in Boykins and managed the family farm until he returned to VPI to study agronomy. Joe and Lucy were active members in the community and made many friends in the area through their many social and business relationships.

Joe began his professional surveying career in 1965 and became a leader in the growth of the Christiansburg-Blacksburg-Montgomery

community. Joe was a founding partner and President of Draper Aden Associates (DAA) from its inception in 1972 and held that role until he retired in 1997. He also served several terms on the Montgomery County Planning Commission. Over the course of his life, Joe's quiet leadership, incredible memory and easygoing wisdom oversaw the growth of DAA from five employees in Blacksburg to well over 300 employees spread across eight offices in two states. He was known for his ability to solve problems and mentored many of DAA's employees. Joe's business partner and dear friend Bill Aden remarked, "I'm going to miss him terribly, but know he's going to be casting for his favorite bonefish in a better place."



with family and friends.

After retirement, he enjoyed woodworking projects at Lucy and Joe's cabin on the Little River in Riner. He was Zirk Johnson. a sharp card counter which enabled him to be a fierce competitor in poker, bridge and other games of chance, all of which he enjoyed.

Joe was preceded in death by his par-Draper; daughters Lynn Rader, Kurdy and her husband Greg; grandchildren sides in Blacksburg, as does a special Joe Rader, Gwen Harris, Connor Biggs, cousin, Geofrey Grubb. Kiernin Biggs, Aaron Durrence, Olivia Durrence, Alison Durrence, Meagan Matechak and Will Silas; great-grandchildren Harmony Rader, Richie Perry and Bryce Harris; devoted friend Jane Rivers; and many nieces and nephews. Ioe will be missed by all.

Graveside services were conducted on Monday, Jan. 18, 2021 with Pastor David Rhudy officiating in Beechwood Cemetery, Boykins, Va. A celebration of life will be held later in the year in Christiansburg when conditions allow. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society or a charity of your choice.

Moore, Kathleen Elaine Slusher

Kathleen Elaine Slusher Moore, 77, passed away on January 21, 2021.

She was predeceased by her parents, Leonard and Sylvia Mabry Slusher of Blacksburg, and her husband, Ralph H. Moore.

She is survived by her brother, Jeffery Slusher (Patricia), of Southport, N.C.; three nephews, Jay Slusher (Amy) of Flat Rock, N.C., William Slusher (Laurie) of Hayes, Va., and Andrew Slusher (Amanda) of Nashville, Tenn.; one niece, Lauren Slusher, of Austin, Texas, in addition to special friends (Cousin Evon, Julia and Marilyn), numerous cousins, three grand-nephews (Hayes, Wilson and Ben), one grand-niece (Logan), and an aunt (Diane).

A Blacksburg native, Kathleen was a gifted vocalist, studying music at

Longwood College and earning her degree from Radford University. She was a former member of the Blacksburg Christian Church.

Kathleen retired as a civilian employee of the Department of the Army where she served as a senior budget an-

alyst in the pentagon for many years. She will be interred with her husband at Westview Cemetery in Blacksburg following a brief graveside service at a time to be announced.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in her name to the Humane Society of Montgomery County (http://www. hsmcshelter.com/donations.html), PO Box 287, Blacksburg, VA 24063, would be appreciated.

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Wilson, Mary Mann

Mary Mann Wilson, 92, died peaceews Stephen Davis, Tony fully on Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021, at her Davis and Forrest Davis; home in the Brookdale Meadowmont Community in Chapel Hill, N.C.

Until 2013, Mary lived for 30 years Molly; and numerous in Blacksburg with her husband and the love of her life, Colonel Gene Frederick Wilson. Gene died in July 2013.

Mary was born in Indian Mound, Stewart County, Tenn., and was the morial contributions may daughter of Noah McGregor Mann ceased by her siblings Roy, John, Rex, Lindy and Brenda.

Mary dedicated her life to family. She gave unwavering support to Gene in his military career, which took the family on many adventures around the where she continued her globe. She was devoted to her children broker/ realtor profes- and took delight in watching them sion. She maintained a grow, marry and have families of their colorful life, traveling to own. Her happiest moments were cre-Europe and the Middle ating festive gatherings at her home, East. She was a delight to the beach, skiing or anywhere the family was all together.

She is survived by her three children and unbounding love and their spouses, whom she loved go to Barbara DeHart, as her own children: Bruce Wilson who remained a lifelong (Cathy) of Danville, Va., Dennis Wilfriend and helpmate, and to Jim De- son (Susan) of Edmond, Okla., and mas, her loyal and loving friend always. Mary Ann Wilson Baldwin (Bruce) Many thanks to English Meadows staff of Hillsborough, N.C. She took great joy in her six grandchildren: Evan and A memorial celebration will be held Hannah (Bruce and Cathy), Madison in the spring or summer at the Outer and Chandler (Dennis and Susan) Banks of North Carolina, a place dear and Matthew and Scott (Mary Ann to her heart. Online condolences are and Bruce). She had one great-grand-

> Her grandchildren enjoyed piling into her beautiful, cozy home to be treated to feasts, fun, laughter and, most of all, love.

Mary was a devout follower of Jesus After an early loss of a who could sing (or whistle) many songs from the Baptist Hymnal and did so most every day. She dedicated her life to serving in the church and helping others.

The most impactful of all her acts of charity was her teaching of English as a Second Language to internationals. She first began this work in 1965 while living at Fort Richardson Army Base in Anchorage, Alaska. Family members, often spouses of service members or Alaskan company executives, came to English classes at the church as a joint church/base outreach. Mary was dedicated to serving them through teaching, but also through caring for them and their families while they were far from their homelands. A highlight for her was watching many of her students become American citizens.

She continued teaching international students for 30 years and developed programs wherever she moved. She was honored for the development of an English language program in Blacksburg, which started in her home, moved to Blacksburg Baptist Church and operated for twenty years, serving hundreds of families.

Mary's family owes a debt of gratitude to the staff at Brookdale Meadowmont, especially those who lovingly cared for her during her time in memory care. Their expertise and understanding provided our family with support and comfort during many challenging years.

Because of COVID-19 precautions, Mary's life will be honored at a familyonly graveside service. The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made to any charity that reflects Mary's acts of kindness for others.

Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

Zirk, Catherine Payton

Catherine Zirk, 73, of Blacksburg, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 21, 2021. Catherine was preced-

ed in death by her parents, William Payton and Iva Grubb Payton, as well as her daughter, Mariah

She is survived by her husband of 46 years, Gerald "Gerry" Zirk; two children, Evelyn Boyle and Senior Chief Jason and Heather Zirk, USN; grandchildren Aaron McCoy, ents, Lucian Felton and Kat Draper, and Dylan McCoy and Willow Boyle; and his wife of 62 years, Lucille Webb Drap- two additional grandchildren, raised er. He is survived by his brother, Sonny mostly in her household, Trinity Zirk Biggs and her husband John, Susan Silas and best friend, Eleanor Garrison, reand Payton Johnson. Her loving sister

Catherine was born in Blacksburg



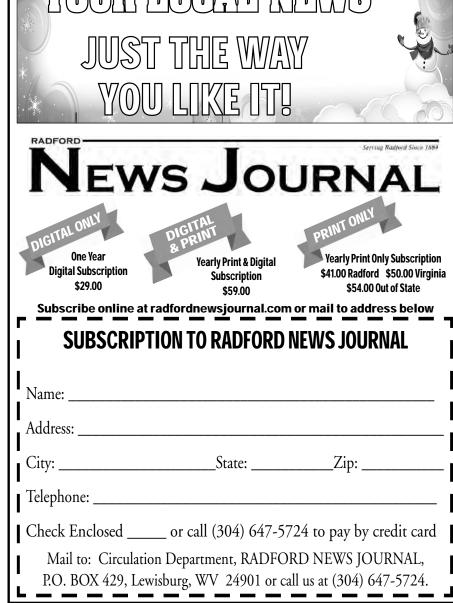
in 1947 and graduated from Blacksburg High School in 1965. She worked for the National Bank of Blacksburg for 42 years in the bookkeeping department. She was an active member of her church, the Blacksburg Christian Church, where she was a member

of the Disciples Women's Ministry.

Due to the current COVID 19 restrictions and health considerations for friends and family, a memorial service and celebration of her life will be held at a later date that will be announced when more favorable and safe conditions exist. The family appreciates your understanding during this time of mourning.

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ORDER OF **PUBLICATION**

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. Code Ann. §§ 8.01-316, Case No. 20-649

Botetourt County Circuit Court Mary Elizabeth McKenney

Richard Lee McKenney

The object of this suit is to: Obtain a divorce based on separation of 1 year It is ORDERED that Richard Lee McKenney appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on

or before 02/01/2021.

Sherry Perry Deputy Clerk

12-28-20

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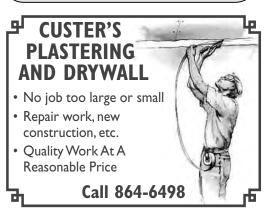
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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY **OF BOTETOURT COUNTY OF** BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA,

a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Case No. CL19-619 Complainant,

GARLAND L. BROWN, ET AL.

Respondent(s).
ORDER OF PUBLICATION The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Botetourt, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Botetourt, Virginia, described as follows: Tax Map Nos. 107A(7)BK1-1 and 107A(7)BK1-4 Account Nos. 13419 and 13458

All those certain lots or parcels of land, together with any improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging, lying and being situate in the County of Botetourt. State of Virginia and being more particularly described as follows

BEGINNING at an iron pin on the south side of Cloverdale Avenue. (S.R. 1004), said pin being the front corner of Lots 2 and 3. proceed with the south line of Cloverdale Avenue S. 33° 23' W. 102.6 feet to the northwest corner of Lot 1; thence with the west line of Lots 1 and 4. S. 43° 40' E. 165.50 feet to the southwest corner of Lot 4; thence with the south line Lot 4, N. 46' 20' E. 150.00 feet to the Southeast corner of Lot 4, being located on the west line of First Avenue (S.R. 1002): thence with said west line N. 43° 40' W. 50 00 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot 4, said point being the Southeast corner of Lot 3: thence with south line of Lot 3, S. 46° 20' W. 50.00 feet to the Southwest corner of Lot 3, said point being the Southeast corner of Lot 2: thence with the east line of Lot 2, N. 43° 40' W. 138.50 feet to point of BEGINNING of this description and containing 0.464 acres, more or less, and being shown on a plat made by Lewis A. Hickman Jr., C.L.S., dated May 24 1973, attached to a deed of partial release dated August . 16, 1973, from Lucille R. Taylor, and Being all of Lots one (1), two (2), and four (4), Block 1 (1), Updike Addition as shown on a plat made by Smith, Bradford & Co., Engineers, which map is recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia in Plat Book 1 at Page 45: and Less and except 0.006 acre conveved to the Commonwealth of Virginia recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Deed Book 420 at Page 291; and

Being the same property conveyed to Garland L. Brown from Lisa McFarland Snow by Deed dated May 18, 1999 and recorded May 26, 1999 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia in Deed Book 569 at Page 1496

This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described including but not limited to those recorded in Deed Book U at Page 350, Deed Book R at Page 387, Deed Book N at Page 451, Deed Book O at Page 71, Deed Book 420 at Page

IT APPEARING that an Affidavit has been made and filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served. that the last known addresses for the Respondents herein are as follows: Garland L. Brown, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is 8 Cloverdale Ave. Cloverdale.

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Virginia 24077; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the Respondent named herein are made parties Respondent to this action individually and/or by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before February 23, 2021 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Botetourt, Virginia, and

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Joel R. Branscom Judge

this cause.

I Ask For This: Gregory L. Haynes, Esq. (VSB No. 37158) John A. Rife, Esq. (VSB No. 45805) Jeffrey A. Scharf, Esq. (VSB No. 30591) Mark K. Ames, Esq. (VSB No. 27409) Andrew M. Neville, Esq. (VSB No. 86372) Paul L. LaBarr, Esq. (VSB No. 91609) Taxing Authority Consulting Services, PC P.O. Box 31800 Henrico, Virginia 23294-1800 Phone: (804) 864-0080 Facsimile: (804) 545-2378 TACS No.: 570639

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. Code Ann. §§ 8.01-316, -317 Case No. CL20-2497 Roanoke County Circuit

Court April Lynn Webster-Mullins

Timothy Roger Mullins The object of this suit is to: Obtain a divorce based on a one year separation It is ORDERED that

Timothy Roger Mullins appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before 2-26-2021 @ 4:30pm.

1-4-2021 Jennifer Vest Deputy Clerk

Legals - Craig County

ORDER OF **PUBLICATION** Commonwealth of Virginia

VA CODE § 8.01-316 Case No. JJ002182-04-00, JJ002182-05-00 JJ002182-06-00 CRAIG COMBINED COURT- JUVENILE Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re PAITSEL. RAYNE. AKA BABY GIRL GARMAN The object of this suit is to:

The object of this suit is to terminate the residual parental rights of the father of Rayne Paitsel, aka Baby Girl Garman thought to be either Daniel Garman, Christopher Allen Paitsel or Unknown Father pursuant to Virginia Code Sections 16.1-283 B and C, and which child is under the age of twelve (12) months and was born to Kristen Nicole Garman. Residual parental rights are defined in Section 16.1-228 of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended) as the rights and responsibilities remaining with a parent after the parent loses custody of a

child, including but not

limited to the right to

visitation, consent to

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adoption, the right to determine religious affiliation, and the responsibility for support. The termination of your residual parental rights will permanently end all of your rights and responsibilities to the child named in the petition. The ties between you and your child are severed forever and you become a legal stranger to the child.

It is ORDERED that Daniel Garman, Christopher Paitsel & Unknown Father appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 02/17/2021 09:30 AM.

12/29/2020 Patty Taylor Deputy Clerk

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The successful bidder shall

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ORDER OF **PUBLICATION**

Commonwealth of Virginia VA CODE § 8.01-316 Case No. JJ018725-06-00 Montgomery County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court In re Dejah Moser Montgomery County DSS

Telisha Leigh Moser Gebhart The object of this suit is to: Terminate the residual parental rights of Telisha Moser Gebhart legal parent

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of Dejah Moser a minor, in that said parent has, without good cause, failed to correct the conditions which resulted in the child entering foster care and it is not reasonably likely that they will be able to do so in a reasonable amount of time, failed to maintain continuing contact with the child and substantially plan for the child's future. Residual parental rights include, but are not limited to the right to visitation, consent to adoption, the right to determine religious affiliation, and the responsibility for support. The termination of residual parental rights will permanently end all of your rights and responsibilities to the child named in the It is ORDERED that Telisha Leigh Moser Gebhart

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RADFORD SPORTS

Virginia Tech basketball player arrested, faces DUI, weapons charges Redshirt sophomore guard Tyrece on the night. He recorded his second

Radford, a member of the Virginia Tech men's basketball team, was arrested Sunday and charged with driving under the influence and carrying a concealed weapon. According to police reports, Rad-

ford was pulled over for a routine traffic stop by Blacksburg police at 1:16 a.m. Sunday. He was subsequently released on \$1,000 bond.

In a statement released Monday, Virginia Tech officials said Radford has been suspended indefinitely from all men's basketball team activities, effective immediately, for not upholding the high standards the school has for its students and athletes. According to the athletic department, no further comments will be made until the matter is resolved.

Last week, Radford was named an ACC Co-Player of the Week, the award coming for his play against Wake Forest and Duke. He led the team in scoring in the games, both wins, averaging 19 points, eight rebounds and 3.5 assists as Tech beat then-No. 19 Duke 74-67 and Wake Forest 64-60.

The native of Baton Rouge, La., posted his first double-double of the season and the fourth of his career against Duke with 18 points and 12 rebounds while also dishing out five assists, all three team highs

20-point outing of the season when he scored 20 points against the Demon Deacons. He also had four rebounds, two assists and two steals.

The Hokies are coming off a 78-60 loss to Syracuse on Saturday in which the 6-2 guard scored 10 points.



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Blacksburg police Sunday arrested VT's Tyrece Radford on DUI and weapons charges.

Volleyball training facility to open at mall

Marty Gordon

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The River Valley Juniors (RVJ) Volleyball Club, a travel organization, Friday announced plans for a new volleyball training facility at the former New River Valley Mall, now Uptown Mall.

Nicole Kessner is the director for RVJ, which has more than 120 youngsters on the current roster. She called the need huge here in the region.

Loads of AAU volleyball and basketball programs struggle to find practice spaces due to competing with school and rec sports," Kessner said. "We struggle every year to find the right amount of gym space for our kids, and sometimes we have to pay a heavy price for it."

The group has signed a lease on a 6,100-square-foot space behind Kirkland's in part of the former JC Penney retail store location.

According to Kessner, the facility will include a full court and a half court. The renovated space will also have strength and conditioning equipment with plans for a storefront of its own in the near future. RVJ has a five-year goal to expand into other stores at the mall and continue

River Valley Juniors is dedicated to giving girls in the New River Valley and



A new volleyball training facility is coming to the region with plans for a site at Uptown Mall in Christiansburg.

beyond with a passion for volleyball a chance to excel and play at the next level

A fundraising effort will help pay for the facility. Donors can contribute \$1,000 for a banner to be placed in the

RVJ welcomes athletes ages 10-18.

"Our hope is to add additional space and courts, so we can run tournaments in Christiansburg," Kessner said. "This would be a great revenue source for the mall and the town of Christiansburg it-

RVJ hopes to open the new training site by the end of February or the first of

More information about RVJ and the new facility is available at www.rivervalleyjuniors.com.

Auburn JV boys win county tournament



The Auburn High School boys' junior varsity basketball team claimed first place in this past weekend's Montgomery County tournament at the Christiansburg Recreation Center. Auburn downed Christiansburg in Saturday's championship game.

Blacksburg JV girls win county tournament



The Blacksburg High School junior varsity basketball squad won this past weekend's Montgomery County tournament held at the Christiansburg Recreation Center. The Lady Bruins finished 2-0 in the event.



VT men's soccer makes history with first pick in MLS draft



Hokies men's soccer head coach Mike Brizendine Thursday saw two of his players, Daniel Pereira (left) and Kristo Strickler (right), picked in the first two rounds of the MLS draft for the first time ever. Pereira was the first overall number-one pick in program history

The Virginia Tech men's soccer program made history Thursday when Daniel Pereira was selected by Austin FC as the No. 1 overall pick and Kristo Strickler was selected No. 30 by Houston Dynamo FC in the Major League Soccer Super-Draft 2021.

A midfielder from Roanoke, Pereira became the first No. 1 pick in program history and only the third Virginia Tech student-athlete to be selected first in a professional sports draft, joining Michael Vick and Bruce Smith.

Pereira was part of the 2021 Generation Adidas class, joining Patrick Nyarko as the only other Hokie to receive the honor. Nyarko was selected with the seventh pick in the 2008 MLS Draft.

Pereira is Austin FC's first pick in franchise history as the club approaches its inaugural playing season in 2021.

An underrated recruit, Pereira estab-

lished himself as a day-one starter in Blacksburg. In 27 games across two seasons, he scored six goals and recorded six assists. In 2019, Pereira was named to the

ACC All-Freshman team.

A midfielder from Hilliard, Ohio, Strickler was selected with the third pick in the second round of the draft (No. 30 overall). A four-year starter for Tech, Strickler's versatility has led him to various honors, including being named to the VaSID First Team in 2018 and second team All-ACC in both 2018 and 2019.

With 27 career goals, Strickler is ninth all-time in program history for goals

Thursday's draft marked only the second time two Hokies have been selected in the same MLS SuperDraft (2008) and the first instance in program history of two players being picked in the first two

Aisha Sheppard sets all-time Tech record for 3-pointers

Thursday night against Notre Dame, Tech's All-ACC shooting guard Aisha Sheppard knocked down four threes and



Aisha Sheppard (left) became Virginia Tech's all-time leader in three-pointers Thursday night. Head coach Kenny Brooks (right) recognized the guard who now has 273 treys and counting.

became the program's all-time leading 3-point scorer with 273 career triples.

The Alexandria, Va., native owns the VT single-season mark of 84, which she set last season, and is filling it up at a historic rate in her senior campaign. She leads the nation with 54 threes and is tops in threes per game among players who have participated in 11 games or more.

Sheppard is co-holder of the VT single-game record for threes with eight, a feat she has accomplished twice. She has already eclipsed the 1,000-point mark and ranks 14th on the school's list of alltime leading scorers with 1,267 points. With the season still being played out, she will continue to move up on the list.

Sheppard ranks 10th all-time in the ACC for three-pointers made.

--VT Athletics