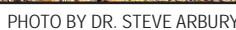


Work underway for Hedgerow art installation at Selu Conservancy



NASA engineer visits McHarg first graders virtually



Text 911 is now available in Radford

Easter survey:

78 percent of Americans eat chocolate bunnies' ears first; one chocolate bunny sells for \$49,000

A photograph showing a purple garment, possibly a shirt or jacket, hanging from a simple wooden cross. The cross is made of two weathered wooden poles and stands in a green lawn. In the background, there is a red brick building with a white door and a white column. A tree with orange leaves is visible on the left side of the frame.

Despite Easter eggs and Easter bunnies, Easter Sunday is the holiest day of the year for Christians

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, April 3:

Caturday Storytime
Montgomery Floyd Regional Library online at 11 a.m. Share in reading to Creature the cat. Creature was adopted from the Montgomery County Animal Care and Adoption Center two years ago by one of the staff members and loves to lay around and read. Email shodges@mfrrl.org for info on this Go-To Meeting and to sign up.

Teen Dungeons and Dragons
Montgomery Floyd Regional Library online from 2 - 4 p.m. DnD is now virtual on Discord. Library staff suggest downloading Discord for ease of access, but this is not required. To join the Discord server, contact shodges@mfrrl.org for more info. Ages 11 years and up.

Thursday, April 8:

Virtual Author Talk with Ron Peterson, Jr.
Join the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library as bestselling author Ron Peterson, Jr. discusses his new novel, "Chasing the Squirrel: The Pursuit of Notorious Drug Smuggler Wally Thrasher." Ron will be joining MFRL virtually on Thursday, April 8, at 7 p.m. along with Wally Thrasher's son, Montana Thrasher. "Chasing the Squirrel" is the true story of Pulaski native Wally Thrasher, whose investigation led to the biggest drug bust in Mid-Atlantic United States history in 1986.

Monday, April 12:

Radford Public Schools Special Education Advisory Committee meeting
A Radford City Public Schools Special Education Advisory Committee meeting will be held at 5 p.m. The meeting will be a Google meet virtual meeting. The public is invited to attend. To be invited to the meeting, contact Josh Brown, Chairperson, at 267-3083, or Daniel Hill, Director of Special Education, at 267-3223, to be invited with a virtual meeting link.

Tuesday, April 13:

Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting
The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart-Horse-Artillery Camp 1784 will meet at 7 p.m. at Aly's Italian Family Restaurant at 3204 Riner Road. Jonathan McPeak will give a talk on the "History of the Virginia 45th Infantry Regiment." Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy are invited to attend. For further information, call 320-4315 or 239-9864.

Wednesday, April 14:

Radford Chamber of Commerce Business over Breakfast
The Radford Chamber of Commerce presents "Business over Breakfast" from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. at Sweet & Savory Donuts and Bagels, 1026A Clement St., Radford. Guest speaker is Elijah Sharp with the NRV Regional Commission, who will present information about the new E. Main Downtown Plan and how everyone can get involved. Please bring a face mask to this event to abide by current COVID-19 state regulations.

Wednesday, April 14, April 28, May 12, May 26:

Hahn Horticulture Garden Virtual Road Trip
The second stop of the five-stop Zoom tour of gardens and arboretums at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center with Tanya Zastrow will take place April 14 at 2 p.m. Register online for these talks and a zoom link will be provided: https://virginiatech.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cumxRA4Mec96guy.
The third stop will be on April 28 at 3:30 p.m. and will feature the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden with VT alumnus Brian Trader. Then comes a visit on May 12 at 2 p.m. to the Wisconsin Arboretum with VT alumnus David Stevens. The tour ends on May 26 at 2 p.m. at Lotusland with Paul Mills and Rebecca

Anderson.

Through Thursday, April 15:

ARTGAWK Exhibition
"ARTGAWK: Selections from the Radford University Permanent Collection" is an exhibition of 111 works that range widely in media, artistic styles, and historical periods. The hours of the exhibition are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Saturday from noon until 4 p.m. at the Art Museum at the Covington Center.

Through Friday, April 16:

Young Chef Ingredient Challenge
Through Friday, April 16, all day at the Montgomery Floyd Regional Library online. Young chefs have the chance to challenge their creativity by making a meal with carrots, lemon, honey, and potatoes. They can add more ingredients to their recipe(s), but the meal must include all the ingredients listed. Please submit a photo and recipes by April 16. Email shodges@mfrrl.org for further questions and for submission.

Saturday, April 17:

Teen Dungeons and Dragons
Online from the Montgomery Floyd Regional Library from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Thursday Through Saturday April 22, 23, 24:

2021 Spring Plant Sale Pickup Days
The 2021 spring plant sale, a joint fundraising event between the Hahn Horticulture Garden and the VT Horticulture Club, is online this year due to COVID limitations on gatherings. The sale site link is <http://springplant->

saleatvtv.com/company.site.
Quantities are limited, so early ordering is suggested.

Tuesday, April 27:

Book Discussion and Meet the Author, Ron Peterson, Jr., at Radford Library
The Radford Public Library hosts Ron Peterson Jr. for a Meet the Author/Book Discussion session via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. He'll be discussing another person of local interest in his new book, "Chasing the Squirrel: The Pursuit of Notorious Drug Smuggler Wally Thrasher." Wally Thrasher, who was recently profiled on "America's Most Wanted" as US Marshals chased leads in his pursuit, grew up in Pulaski County.

Through Saturday, April 24:

"Unbearable Beauty" Exhibit at Moss Arts Center
The exhibit is open each Wednesday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. through Saturday, April 24. The exhibit is a demonstration of the devastation human activity has wreaked on the environment. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Throughout April:

Grab and Go Crafts
All the month of April, at the Meadowbrook Public Library. Call the library to request Take and Make Craft Kits. Available for grab-and-go with curbside pickup. The kits are free but supplies are limited.
StoryWalk
All the month of April, at the Christiansburg Library. Exercise your brain and body as you read and walk the trail. Begin at the library at the College Street entrance of Downtown Park. This month's book is "Move!"

Blacksburg spring cleanup begins Monday

The Town of Blacksburg's spring cleanup begins Monday in the town's northwest quadrant. The cleanup will then continue the week of April 12 in the southwest quadrant, the week of April 19 in the southeast quadrant and the week of April 26 in the northeast quadrant. The spring cleanup is a curbside collection for debris and brush. The service is provided to Town of Blacksburg recycling and refuse customers and is not intended for the collection of waste from major construction and/or demolition debris.

For the curbside materials to be picked up, they must be separated into distinct piles of brush, metal appliances, tires, and other debris. The brush must be no longer than seven feet and no greater than six inches in diameter. Metal appliances must have any airtight doors removed. Tires must be removed from the rims and have an inside diameter of 19 inches or less. No more than eight tires per household will be picked up, and no commercial, racing, or farm-use tires will be accepted. Other debris is items such as miscellaneous household

junk and bamboo. Residents are asked to place items curbside by 7 a.m. on the Monday of their scheduled collection. Brush and yard debris are collected one day, and metal, tires, and other bulky items are picked up on another day during the week. Residents are asked not to place additional items curbside after everything has been collected. Items intended for cleanup must be accessible from the public right of way. The town will not enter private property, parking lots, or driveways to remove materials. Items placed near mail-

boxes, water meters, fire hydrants, posts, or other obstacles that could be damaged will not be collected. The town is not responsible for damages. The following items are not acceptable for collection during cleanup:
1. Hazardous waste, household and yard chemicals, and paint. These materials can be taken to events sponsored by the New River Resource Authority that are held several times a year. Latex paint should be dried in its can using kitty litter or sand. Once dry, the entire can should be disposed of in

the trash.
2. Propane tanks. Only small camping types are acceptable, (16.4 oz. net weight or less).
3. Household garbage. Please dispose of household garbage in your trash cart during weekly collection. Additional garbage may be taken to Montgomery County's Consolidated Waste Sites or to the Montgomery Regional Solid Waste Authority.
4. Tires with an inside diameter of greater than 19 inches. Dispose of larger tires at the Montgomery Regional Solid Waste Authority.
5. Batteries. Car bat-

teries should be taken to local automotive parts stores for recycling. Alkaline batteries are not hazardous and can safely be thrown in with your household trash. Rechargeable batteries can be recycled at Home Depot and Lowe's.
6. Electronics. Residents may recycle electronics free of charge at the YMCA, 1000 North Main St.
7. Fluorescent Lamps. Home Depot accepts CFLs for recycling for free.
8. Leaves. Leaves must be bagged for collection during the fall and spring cleanups. Loose leaves are only collected during leaf collection, which begins the end of October.

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NRV MPO SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT FOR BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN PLAN UPDATE

The New River Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is updating its 2014 Bicycle-Pedestrian Plan as a multimodal systems plan, which includes transit, bicycle, and pedestrian planning. An overview and an opportunity for public input will be provided. Registration and information about the April 6, 2021 online (virtual) event are found at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nrv-mpo-2021-multimodal-plan-tickets-147016619667>. Further information is also on the NRV MPO website: www.montgomerycountyva.gov/mpo

The public can speak or provide written comments during the April 6, 2021 MPO Multimodal (Bicycle and Pedestrian Update) Plan Public Input virtual meeting between 4:00–6:00 PM. Written comments can also be received until 5:00 PM, April 13, 2021.

This public notice and opportunity to comment on the bike/ped plan update meets the program of projects requirements as established by the FTA pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 5307(c).

The NRV MPO ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need more information or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact Dan Brugh at: brughjd@montgomerycountyva.gov or 540-394-2145, TTY/TTD 711.

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Christiansburg Rescue is first in Virginia to implement education program for cardiac arrests

Christiansburg Rescue has become the first agency in Virginia to implement the Resuscitation Quality Improvement (RQI) prehospital healthcare provider program, enrolling 75 providers.

RQI is an innovative resuscitation quality improvement program to advance the prehospital response to cardiac arrest events.

According to the American Heart Association, more than 350,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occur in the U.S. annually. About 90% of people who suffer out-of-hospital cardiac arrest die.

Cardiac arrest victims must receive the highest quality CPR possible, which is known to be the cornerstone for sur-

vival. Christiansburg Rescue is taking a significant step to improve outcomes with its implementation of an innovative resuscitation quality improvement program to advance the prehospital response to cardiac arrest events.

RQI is a proven approach for achieving and sustaining verified competence in high-quality CPR. The program is co-developed by the American Heart Association, Laerdal Medical and the Resuscitation Academy Foundation and delivered by RQI Partners.

Christiansburg Rescue is a third-service municipal EMS agency serving the Town of Christiansburg and Montgom-

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Montgomery recreation sites openings for visitors in Washington and Jefferson National Forests

The George Washington and Jefferson National Forests are opening recreation sites on the Eastern Divide Ranger District in Bland, Botetourt, Craig, Giles, Montgomery, Pulaski, Roanoke, Smyth, Tazewell, and Wythe Counties, and in Virginia and Monroe County, West Virginia, this spring for the 2021 recreation season.

On April 15, the Eastern Divide Ranger District will fully open the following reservable group campgrounds for the 2021 recreation season: Boley Fields, Caldwell Fields, Craig Creek and Steel Bridge. Reservations can be made at recreation.gov or by calling 1-877-444-6777.

Then on May 13, the Eastern Divide Ranger District will open The Pines, The White Rocks and the White Cedar campgrounds on a first-come-first-served basis. The White Rocks and White Cedar campgrounds will be opened with reduced services as their water systems are currently not operational. There is the possibility that the water system at the White Cedar camp-

ground will be repaired by early summer. The White Rocks Campground's water system will not be available for the 2021 recreation season, and porta-potties will be in place. Note that the Walnut Flats Campground will not be open during the 2021 season due to much-needed construction upgrades.

Day-use recreation areas across the Eastern Divide Ranger District will be open, though their restrooms will be temporarily closed due to COVID-19 concerns. If local pandemic conditions improve, there is the possibility that restrooms at these day-use areas could open at some point in the 2021 season.

Many recreation areas, including hiking and biking trails, are open year-round. For the most current conditions on the status of recreation sites, contact the Eastern Divide Ranger District at (540)552-4641, visit the district's website www.fs.fed.us/r8/gwj; or follow the district on twitter at <https://twitter.com/GWJNF1>.

Bollo's apple crumb pie wins YMCA at Virginia Tech's Try Y's Pi



Alison Marr, baker at Bollo's Café & Bakery, displays a slice of the apple crumb pie that was taste-tested and judged to be the best in the VT YMCA's Try Pi contest.

Bollo's apple crumb pie was the winning entry in the first annual YMCA at Virginia Tech's Try Y's Pi contest that took place in March in partnership with Our Daily Bread, Next Door Bake Shop, Blacksburg Bagels and Bollo's Café & Bakery.

Participants purchased tickets for a four-piece pie sampler. Each sampler contained a piece of pie from each of the four bakeries. Blacksburg Bagels provided a S'mores pie, Next Door Bake Shop provided a tomato pie, Our Daily Bread provided a strawberry rhubarb pie, and, of course, Bollo's provided

its apple crumb pie.

When the tasting was over, the voting began online through the event site hosted by Eventeny, and Bollo's entry was judged the winner. Everyone who voted was entered into a drawing to win gift cards from the four bakeries.

Proceeds from this event will support the YMCA at VT Meals on Main program feeding children in the New River Valley.

The YMCA at Virginia Tech is currently hosting another new annual event: the Y Spring Expo, which continues through April 25. This vir-

tual event showcases the many and varied programs provided to the community by the YMCA at Virginia Tech and features the child-friendly programs from Virginia Tech, local businesses, and the community.

The Y Spring Expo features themed weeks. April 2 through April 9 is Healthy Lifestyles Week. Healthy Kids Week is April 10 through April 17, and Environmental Stewardship Week wraps up the expo from April 18 through April 25.

Shopping with juried artisans in the expo's craft market runs throughout the event.

Easter

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Easter determined?

Easter falls on a different date each year.

Easter Sunday and related celebrations, such as Ash Wednesday and Palm Sunday, are considered “moveable feasts,” although, in western Christianity, which follows the Gregorian calendar, Easter always falls on a Sunday between March 22 and April 25. Easter typically falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on or after the spring equinox.

In Eastern Orthodox Christianity, which adheres to the Julian calendar, Easter falls on a Sunday between April 4 and May 8 each year.

In some denominations of Protestant Christianity, Easter Sunday marks the beginning of Eastertide, or the Easter Season. Eastertide ends on the 50th day after Easter, which is known as Pentecost Sunday.

In Eastern Orthodox branches of Christianity, Easter Sunday serves as the start of the season of Pascha (Greek for “Easter”), which ends 40 days later with the holiday known as the Feast of the Ascension.

Why Is Easter Called ‘Easter?’

St. Bede the Venerable, the sixth-century author of *Historia ecclesiastica gentis Anglorum* (“Ecclesiastical History of the English People”), maintains that the English word “Easter” comes from Eostre, or Eostræ, the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring and fertility. Other historians maintain that “Easter” derives from *in albis*, a Latin phrase that’s plural for *alba*, or “dawn,” that became *eostarum* in Old High German, a precursor to the English language of today.

Despite its significance as a Christian holy day, many of the traditions and symbols that play a key role in Easter observances actually have roots in pagan celebrations—particularly

the pagan goddess Eostre—and in the Jewish holiday of Passover.

Religious Tradition of Easter

The resurrection of Jesus, as described in the New Testament of the Bible, is essentially the foundation upon which the Christian religions are built. Hence, Easter is a very significant date on the Christian calendar.

According to the New Testament, Jesus was arrested by the Roman authorities, essentially because he claimed to be the “Son of God,” although historians question this motive, with some saying that the Romans may have viewed him as a threat to the empire.

He was sentenced to death by Pontius Pilate, the Roman prefect in the province of Judea from 26 to 36 A.D. Jesus’ death by crucifixion, marked by the Christian holiday Good Friday (the Friday before Easter), and subsequent resurrection three days later is said, by the authors of the gospels, to prove that he was the living son of God.

In varying ways, all four of the gospels in the New Testament (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) state that those who believe in Jesus’ death and resurrection are given “the gift of eternal life,” meaning that those of faith will

be welcomed into the “Kingdom of Heaven” upon their earthly death.

Passover and Easter

Notably, Easter is also associated with the Jewish holiday of Passover, as well as the exodus of the Jews from Egypt, as described in the Old Testament. These links are clearly seen in the Last Supper, which occurred the night before Jesus’ arrest and the sufferings Jesus endured following his arrest.

The Last Supper was essentially a Passover feast. However, the New Testament describes it as being given new significance by Jesus: He identified the matzah (or bread) he shared with his 12 apostles as his “body” and the cup of wine they drank as his “blood.”

These rituals would come to symbolize the sacrifice he was about to make in death, and became the basis for the Christian ritual of Holy Communion, which remains a fundamental part of Christian religious services.

As Jesus’ arrest and execution were said to have occurred during the Jewish observance of Passover, the Easter holiday is often close to the former celebration on the Judeo-Christian calendar.

Easter Eggs

Irrespective of denomination, there are many Easter-time traditions

with roots that can be traced to non-Christian and even pagan or non-religious celebrations. Many non-Christians choose to observe these traditions while essentially ignoring the religious aspects of the celebration.

Examples of non-religious Easter traditions include Easter eggs, and related games such as egg rolling and egg decorating.

It’s believed that eggs represented fertility and birth in certain pagan traditions that pre-date Christianity. Egg decorating may have become part of the Easter celebration in a nod to the religious significance of Easter, i.e., Jesus’ resurrection or rebirth.

Many people—mostly children—also participate in Easter egg “hunts,” in which decorated eggs are hidden. Perhaps the most famous

Easter tradition for children is the annual White House Easter Egg Roll, when children roll Easter eggs down Capitol Hill.

Easter Bunny

In some households, a character known as the Easter Bunny delivers candy and chocolate eggs to children on Easter Sunday morning. These candies often arrive in an Easter basket.

The exact origins of the Easter Bunny tradition are unknown, although some historians believe it arrived in America with German immigrants in the 1700s. Rabbits are, in many cultures, known as enthusiastic procreators, so the arrival of baby bunnies in springtime meadows became associated with birth and renewal.

Notably, several Protestant Christian de-

nominations, including Lutherans and Quakers, have opted to formally abandon many Easter traditions, deeming them too pagan. However, many religious observers of Easter also include them in their celebrations.

Easter foods are steeped in symbolism. An Easter dinner of lamb also has historical roots, since a lamb was often used as a sacrificial animal in Jewish traditions, and lamb is frequently served during Passover. The phrase “lamb of God” is sometimes used to refer to Jesus and the sacrificial nature of his death.

Today, Easter is a commercial event as well as a religious holiday, marked by high sales for greeting cards, candies (such as Peeps, chocolate eggs and chocolate Easter bunnies) and other gifts.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 TAX LEVIES AND BUDGET

Pursuant to Section 58.1-3007 of the Code of Virginia, notice is hereby given that a public hearing be scheduled for 6:00 P.M. April 8, 2021 on the proposed intention to address the below listed local tax levies for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 upon which matter citizens will have the opportunity to be heard. Said hearing will be held at the Montgomery County Government Center Board Room, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia.

FURTHER, notice is given of the Board’s intention to propose no increases in the following tax levies for Fiscal Year 2021-2022:

Real Property tax levy remains at \$.89 per \$100 of assessed value.

Personal Property tax levy remains at \$2.55 per \$100 of assessed value.

Machinery & Tools tax levy remains at \$1.82 per \$100 of assessed value.

Merchant’s Capital tax levy remains at \$3.05 per \$100 of assessed value.

Mobile Homes tax levy remains at \$.89 per \$100 of assessed value.

Notice is also given that the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County scheduled a public hearing for 6:15 P.M. or as soon thereafter, April 8, 2021 on the **Advertised Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget** in the amount of \$210,986,555. Said hearing will be held at the Montgomery County Government Center Board Room, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia.

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Governor proposes accelerating marijuana legalization in Virginia

5. Home cultivation: The governor's changes will allow households to grow up to four plants beginning on July 1, 2021. The amendments would require the plants to be labeled with identification information, out of sight from public view, and out of range of individuals under the age of 21.

Virginia to expand vaccine eligibility to all adults by April 18

Everyone who lives or works in Virginia should pre-register so they can be notified when they are eligible for vaccination and an appointment is available. To pre-register, visit vaccinate.virginia.gov or call 877-VAX-IN-VA (877-829-4682, TTY users call 7-1-1). Assistance is available in English, Spanish, and more than 100 other languages. Videoconferencing in American Sign Language is also available at vaccinate.virginia.gov.

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CLUES ACROSS

- Our 10 numerals
- Horseshoe cleat
- Ear shell
- Soprano solo
- Vestments
- Heart's singer Wilson
- Set of type in one style
- Withdraw from work
- Ancient Hebrew coin
- Megacycle
- 26th British letter
- Colonnaded Greek walks
- Russian sourgrass soup
- OK Corral's Wyatt
- Cheremiss
- Schenectady County Airport
- Laptop
- Actress Farrow
- NYSE for Murphy Oil

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- Corp.
- Talk noisily
- New Testament
- Tax collector
- Mediation council
- Not in use
- Act as master of ceremonies
- Skin lesions
- Stiff bristle
- Equally
- Pool dressing room
- Eyebath
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- 20th Hebrew letter
- 3rd largest Colombian city
- Gum arabics
- A song of praise to God
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- 22nd state (abbr.)
- Tropical constrictor
- Hostelry
- Examine and expurgate
- Small restaurants
- E. Asian anis liquor
- Infestation of head louse
- New Yorker film critic
- Pauline
- An orange-red crystalline dye
- Indicates position
- Root mean square (abbr.)
- Electronic counter-countermeasures
- 12-31 greeting
- Fastens
- Himalayan wild goats
- One who overacts
- Facial gesture
- Absence of aggression
- China
- Older Bridges brother
- Plays
- Term denoting psychic abilities
- Oral polio vaccine developer
- Any habitation at a high altitude
- Hyperbolic cosecant
- Russian mountain range
- An aromatic salve
- Venezuelan fashion designer initials
- Highest card
- 5th son of Jacob
- Music storage device

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

*To The Montgomery County
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Program

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“We are excited about the far-reaching potential of the RQI-P GO solution,” Deputy Chief Williams said. “The mobile attribute will be beneficial in expanding the RQI footprint and providing CPR instruction to our partner agencies, including our police department and the community at-large. Christiansburg Rescue is committed to investing in our staff and the community in which we live and serving to collectively help improve cardiac arrest survival.”

Deadline for grads to register for VT in-person commencements is April 16

Virginia Tech will host 15 in-person commencement ceremonies in Lane Stadium May 10-16 that will be divided up by college to celebrate graduating Hokies while also adhering to public health guidelines.

Registration for graduating students and their guests is required. The last day to register is April 16. Each graduate may invite up to four guests.

During the week of April 19, all registered students will receive an email to secure up to four guest tickets. In order to comply with the state guidelines, information for each guest must be submitted when signing up for tickets. Entrance without a ticket will not be permitted.

The virtual university commencement will be on Friday, May 14, at 6:15 p.m., and degrees will be conferred at this time. This year's commencement keynote speaker will be announced later this month. The Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine and the greater Washington, D.C., metro area will also host in-person ceremonies separately.

Each ceremony is expected to last two hours. Large colleges will have more than one ceremony,

and students will select which time they will attend. If a graduate would traditionally attend a departmental ceremony they should now attend their college ceremony. Graduates that associate with multiple colleges should choose their preferred ceremony.

The schedule for the in-person college ceremonies that will be held at Lane Stadium is as follows:

Monday, May 10: 2 p.m. Graduate School (1 of 2); 6:30 p.m. Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine.

Tuesday, May 11: 4 p.m. Graduate School (2 of 2).

Wednesday, May 12: 6 p.m. College of Engineering (1 of 3).

Thursday, May 13: 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. College of Engineering (2 and 3 of 3); 6 p.m. College of Architecture and Urban Studies.

Friday, May 14: 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. College of Science (1 and 2 of 2); 6:15 p.m. University Commencement virtual ceremony.

Saturday, May 15: 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences (1 and 2 of 2); 6 p.m. College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Sunday, May 16: 8 a.m. College of Natural Resources and Environment; 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Pamplin College of Business (1 and 2 of 2).

The Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine and the greater Washington, D.C., metro area will also have in-person ceremonies, which will take place in Roanoke and Falls Church, respectively. The school of medicine will host its ceremony May 8 and the D.C. area ceremony will be May 18. Details about these ceremonies will be communicated to graduates separately.

The Corps of Cadets will also host a graduation ceremony. It will be May 3 at 5:30 p.m. on Upper Quad. Details will be available at vtcc.vt.edu/commencement. More than 8,000 Hokies are graduating this spring. Because of that, hosting multiple in-person events, as well as an online ceremony, is necessary to accommodate public health protocols while also making the experience special for graduates and their families.

Ceremonies will include a message from the dean, and graduates will be able to walk across the stage as their name is read. Photos will be taken, and graduates will be able to choose to have their image mailed to them.

Mt. Tabor Ruritan Club has college scholarships available

The Mt. Tabor Ruritan Club has \$500 scholarships available to students planning on attending college in the fall.

The funds are awarded to candidates living in the 24060 zip code who have applied to college, including NRV Community College.

The application form is available on the club's Facebook page. It highlights the characteristics the club is looking for, including, in addition to grades, community volunteer work.

Each year the club awards five or six scholarships and invites the winners to a dinner meeting. The winners then have a chance to share what they are doing in the community.

This attention to community volunteer work sets the Ruritan scholarships apart from typical scholarship programs. The Ruritans know many teens are already contributing to the community by volunteering at food

banks, or giving of their time for activity with children or the elderly. Not all good works count toward consideration for the scholarships. For instance, effort limited to a teen's own family does not count.

COVID-19 may have disrupted volunteering activities, so club members will be looking at the history of volunteering over a high school career.

For any questions, contact Wendy Baldwin at 646.352.3936.

The Mt. Tabor Ruritans are hoping that in this year of disrupted schooling, students are still thinking about the excitement of going to college. Someone may have already graduated from high school and are heading to college after a "gap year." That is okay for scholarship consideration.

The club stands ready and willing to help out some with college expenses, which can be burdensome for both students and the family.

ANGLICAN CATHOLIC
St. Philip's Anglican Church, 306 Progress Street, NE, Blacksburg, Virginia 24060, (540) 552-1771, www.stphilips-blacksburg.org. Reverend Fr. Wade Miller, Priest. Eucharist Sunday's at 11am and Wednesday's at 12pm.

St. Thomas Anglican Church- located at 4910 Hubert Rd, NW Roanoke, Va. Traditional Liturgical Lenten Services, Sunday at 10:30 am. Call (540) 589-1299 or visit www.sttofc.org for mid-week masses and events. (In Roanoke, go E on Hershberger, L on Hubert to 4910).

BAPTIST
First Baptist Church, 555 West Rock Road, Radford, 639-3873. Rev. Corwin C. Casey, Pastor. Worship with us: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.; Praise and Worship: 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service; Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Corinthians 15:58.

First Baptist Church on 3rd Ave., 215 Third Ave. at the corner with Downey St. We are committed to personal spiritual growth and to providing leadership in community ministry. We celebrate the dignity and worth of all persons, created in the image of God. Sunday Bible Study Groups - 9:45, Sunday Worship - 11:00. Website: www.fbcradford.org, 540-639-4419. Worship is broadcast live on 105.9 FM, 101.3 F, 1430AM.

Trinity Community Church, 1505 N. Franklin Street, C'burg. John Altizer, Lead Pastor, Brian Cockram, Associate Pastor, 382-8121. Worship at 10:45 a.m., Outreach Ministries - 6:00p.m. Wednesday, Growth Groups - 5:00p.m. Sunday, Youth and Children's Ministry - 5:00p.m. Sunday, www.trinitycburg.org.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Blacksburg Church of Christ, 315 Eakin St., 552-1331. Sun. Bible Classes 9:30 a.m., Sun. Worship 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m., Wed. Bible classes, 7 p.m., Outreach Minister Curt Seright, Community Minister Tom Gilliam.

CHURCH OF GOD
Childress Church of God, 4187 Piney Woods Rd., C'Burg. 381-3693. Sun. School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m. & Wed. 7 p.m.

New Hope Church of God, 1404 Mud Pike Rd., C'Burg. Rev. T. Michael Bond, pastor, 731-3178. Sun. School 10 a.m., Worship 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m. Thurs., 7:00 p.m.

West Radford Church of God, 1824 West Main Street, Radford, VA 24141, Sunday School - 10:00A.M. Morning Worship - 11:00A.M., Children's Church 11:00A.M. Sunday Evening - 6:00P.M., Wednesday Night - 7:00P.M., Pastor Danny Newman, Church Office - 540-639-6562 or 804-921-0828

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Radford Church of God in Christ, 206 Russell Ave., Radford. Supt. Ronald A.

Radford

WORSHIP DIRECTORY

Declare the Truth

Read Isaiah 43:1 through 45:25

"You are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me" (Isaiah 43:10).

When the people of Israel persisted in looking to the gods of the nations that surrounded them, the Lord was provoked to address their unfaithfulness. He called Israel to make a thoughtful examination of exactly what the gods of other nations had to offer. He then contrasted these false gods with himself.

These gods of the nations, which were no gods at all, could not choose Israel. But

God, who is the only God, did make a choice. In His choosing, He had a purpose. He wanted Israel to know that He alone is God, to believe in His character, and to understand His love for His chosen.

Then He wanted one more thing. He wanted His people to acknowledge Him before all others and declare His glory. Instead of seeking false gods, Israel should have been declaring: "Only our God is God; no other is like Him."

Thought for Today: God wants our love for Him to be evident to all.

Quicklook: Isaiah 43:9-13

If your church is not listed and if you are interested, call Randy Thompson at 540-389-9355 or email at advertise@ourvalley.org

Watson, Sr.; Elder, 639- 5948. Sun. School 9 a.m.; Prayer 11:30 a.m.; Worship 6 p.m.

LUTHERAN
Christ Lutheran Church, 201 Harvey St. Sunday worship with communion at 10am; fellowship & snacks at 11am. All are welcome. Upcoming events and fellowship opportunities (Senior Brunch, Faith & Film, Rough Draught, etc.) detailed in weekly email and on website: clcradford.org. 540-639-2671.

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS
Merrimac Pentecostal Holiness Church, Rev. Larry Christopher (540) 552-7194. l.christopher695@comcast.net. Sunday school at 10 a.m. and morning worship is 11 a.m. Evening service at 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m.
Radford Worship Center, 1820 Second Street, Radford, 639-6287, Our music is passionate, our worship is real, and Pastor Hal Adams brings relevant messages for everyone at any place on their journey, Sunday Worship Experience at 9:00 AM & 10:45 AM, Wednesday Family Night at 7 PM, Children Ministry provided for all services, join us as Love, Grow, Serve, find us on facebook and Instagram
Walton Pentecostal Holiness Church, 4003 Morning Glory Rd., off Walton Rd. on Rt. 114. 731-1755. Lee Sarver, pastor. Sun. School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m. & 6: p.m., Wed., 7 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN
Join us at **The Presbyterian Church of Radford**, 201 Fourth Street, at the corner of 4th and

Randolph Streets. Phone 639-2585. Worship at 11 am in the parking lot. In case of rain, the service will be streamed on Facebook. Bible study on Tuesday at noon, also on Facebook. Find us on Facebook (The Presbyterian Church of Radford) and on our Website (www.pcradford.org) The mission of our church is to exhibit our belief in God's love for us by sharing and extending that love to all of our brothers and sisters. Kelsey and Peter Hawisher-Faul, Pastors.

UNITED METHODIST
Asbury United Methodist Church, 500 Stuart Street, Christiansburg. 540-382- 0743. Rev. Ryan Schaeffer. Sunday School, 10:15 a.m., Sunday Worship, 11:30 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7pm, alternating month's with Schaeffer Memorial Baptist Church, Senior Bible Study Thursday, 10:30 a.m. All are welcome.

Central United Methodist Church, 803 Wadsworth Street, Radford. 639-3529. 8:30 a.m. Sunday Services: 8:30am (interpreter provided); 9:45am Sunday School (interpreter provided); and 11:00am. Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30pm. Child care is provided. www.centralmethodistchurch.com.
St. Paul United Methodist Church, 220 W. Main St., C'Burg. Rev. Moonsup "Paul" Song (540) 382-2410. Sunday Worship 10am, Sunday School 9am. Live streaming Sunday Service - www.twitch.tv/stpaulumc.



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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

Case No. CL19002363-00
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA, a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant, v. N M ORR, ET AL., Respondent(s).

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Montgomery, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Montgomery, Virginia, described as follows: Tax Map No. 065-A 82 Account No. 031835

All that certain lot or parcel of land with all improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging situate, lying and being in the Prices Fork Magisterial District, Montgomery County, Virginia, containing five acres, more or less, lying on the waters of Stroubles Creek, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a corner, now or formerly owned by, Ira D. L. Boozes, Lizzie Harless, and Clear Air Coal Company; thence northwest, with Clear Air Coal Company Line, across the creek to a corner in a pile of coal dirt; thence northeast, with the Coal Company Line to a big hollow; thence with the big hollow, by a new line, west to the, now or formerly owned by, H. D. Price line, to a corner on a steep hillside to Harless line; thence with the Harless line to the beginning.

And being the same real property conveyed to N. M. Orr from W. H. Bryant and Mollie J. Bryant, married, by Deed dated April 14, 1922 and recorded May 1, 1922 among the records of the Montgomery County Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Deed

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Book 76 at Page 383.

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 68 at Page 232 and Deed Book 76 at Page 305.

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: N M Orr aka Nathaniel Marion Orr, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Emma Eberle, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Nellie Orr Wilson, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; William H. Eberle, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Charles R. Eberle, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Thomas A. Wilson Sr., who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Thomas A. Wilson Jr., who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Bruce P. Wilson, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is 2 Hopkins Plaza Suite 801, Baltimore, Maryland 21201; Barbara W. Schweizer, whose last known address is 831 Hillside Road 947, Brooklandville, Maryland 21022; Roger Wilson, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is 13 Avon Road, Binghamton, New York 13905; Moya Wilson, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is 111 Endicott Apt A7, Johnson City, New York 13790; Margaret E. Loring, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Kenneth O. Wilson, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Louise Denton Weed Wilson, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Donald O. Wilson, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is 928 Elizabeth Babcock Wilson, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Elizabeth Wilson King, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is 862 President Street Apt 1, Brooklyn, New York 11215; Charles G. King Jr., whose last known address is 862 President Street Apt 1, Brooklyn, New York 11215; John Wilson, whose last known address is 44589 York Crest Terrace 203, Ashburn, Virginia 20147; Marion Orr Wilson, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Alexander D. Wilson, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Joan Wilson Shields, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is 417 Briarcliff Road, Gadsden, Alabama 35901; Nicholas Shields Jr., whose last known address is 2704 Churchill Drive SE, Huntsville, Alabama 35801; Elizabeth Hines, whose last known address is unknown; Thomas Young Shields, whose last known address is 7933 Ballantyne Way, Columbus, Georgia 31909; Shirley Wilson Keller, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is P.O. Box 752, Bedford, New York 10506; Peter Keller, whose last known address is P.O. Box 752, Bedford, New York 10506; David Wilson, whose last known address is unknown; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the Respondent named herein are made parties Respectfully 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

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ascertained appear on or before April 26, 2021 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Montgomery, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.

Entered on the 22nd day of March, 2021.

Hon. Kenneth M. Fleenor Jr. Judge

I Ask For This:
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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Christiansburg Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

1. A request by JBC Properties, LLC, to rezone approximately 4.82 acres of a 5.311 acre parcel from A Agricultural to R-1 Single Family Residential. The subject property is located at 345 John Lemley Lane, S.E. and is identified as Tax Map 502-((17))-23 (Parcel ID 120239). The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

2. A request by New River United Soccer Association for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a club soccer facility within A Agricultural. The subject property is approximately 4.901 acres in size, located at 1200 Buffalo Drive, N.W. and is identified as Tax Map Number 556-((A))-84 (Parcel ID 111028). The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

3. A request by TPBC (Valley Landscaping) for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a contractor storage yard within B-3 General Business. The subject property is approximately 5.057 acres in size, is located at 1175 Cambria Street, N.E. and is identified as Tax Map Number 497-((A))-95 (Parcel ID 070665). The property is designated as Downtown/Mixed Use on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comment in-person at the time of this Public Hearing. Additionally, the meeting will be streamed live on the Town of Christiansburg's YouTube channel at www.christiansburg.org/youtube and will remain on the Town's YouTube page once the meeting concludes. For information on contactless methods for submitting public comment, please visit www.christiansburg.org/publichearings.

Copies of the applications are available for review at the following link: www.christiansburg.org/publichearings. A copy of the applications, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Margaret Barden, Planning Director, at (540) 382-6120 ext. 1117 or by email at mbarden@christiansburg.org with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

ADVERTISE!

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning lease of 415 Cambria Street, N.W. Tax Map Number 466-((A))-1 (Parcel ID 012952), to Montgomery County Schools and the YMCA Thrift Store. The property is zoned MU-1 Mixed Use Residential Limited Business.

Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comment in-person at the time of this Public Hearing. Additionally, the meeting will be streamed live on the Town of Christiansburg's YouTube channel at www.christiansburg.org/

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youtube and will remain on the Town's YouTube page once the meeting concludes. For information on contactless methods for submitting public comment, please visit www.christiansburg.org/publichearings.

A copy of the lease may be viewed in the office of the Town Manager, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Town Manager Randy Wingfield by at (540) 382-6128 ext. 1119 or by email at rwingfield@christiansburg.org with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.



To place a classified ad, call 540-389-9355

LEGAL NOTICE

County of Montgomery, Virginia Synopsis of Advertised Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022

This budget synopsis is prepared and published pursuant to Section 15.2-2506 of Code of Virginia, for information and fiscal planning purposes only.

A hearing will be held by the Board of Supervisors on April 8, 2021 at 6:15 P.M. at the County Government Center Board Room, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia at which time any citizen of the County shall have the opportunity to attend and state his or her views on the advertised budget.

A copy of the Advertised Budget is available for inspection at the County Government Center, in the County Administrator's Office, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg; the Blacksburg Library, 200 Miller St., Blacksburg; the Christiansburg Library, 125 Sheltnan St., Christiansburg; the Meadowbrook Library, 267 Alleghany Springs Road, Shawsville; the Blacksburg Community Center, 725 Patrick Henry Dr., Blacksburg; the Christiansburg Recreation Center, 1600 N. Franklin St., Christiansburg; the Blacksburg Municipal Building, in the Town Manager's Office, 300 S. Main St., Blacksburg; and the Christiansburg Town Hall, in the Town Manager's Office, 100 E. Main St., Christiansburg.

| EXPENDITURES: | FY 2021 | | FY 2022 | | Increase (Decrease) |
|---------------------------------------|---------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| | Budget | | Advertised Budget | | |
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT: | | | | | |
| Board of Supervisors | \$ | 270,632 | \$ | 282,425 | \$ 11,793 |
| County Administration | \$ | 1,956,788 | \$ | 2,104,749 | \$ 147,961 |
| County Attorney | \$ | 382,368 | \$ | 383,225 | \$ 857 |
| Financial & Management Services | \$ | 1,225,460 | \$ | 1,018,450 | \$ (207,010) |
| Insurance | \$ | 208,195 | \$ | 210,695 | \$ 2,500 |
| Information Technology | \$ | 2,015,760 | \$ | 2,135,796 | \$ 120,036 |
| Commissioner of the Revenue-State | \$ | 561,856 | \$ | 588,651 | \$ 26,795 |
| Assessment-100% County | \$ | 479,677 | \$ | 490,370 | \$ 10,693 |
| Treasurer-State | \$ | 482,702 | \$ | 492,165 | \$ 9,463 |
| Collections-100% County | \$ | 531,481 | \$ | 506,505 | \$ (24,976) |
| Electoral Board/Director of Elections | \$ | 485,484 | \$ | 473,570 | \$ (11,914) |
| Commonwealth Attorney | \$ | 1,249,358 | \$ | 1,282,063 | \$ 32,705 |
| Courts | \$ | 262,008 | \$ | 267,247 | \$ 5,239 |
| Clerk of the Circuit Court | \$ | 715,542 | \$ | 779,147 | \$ 63,605 |
| Sheriff-State | \$ | 8,066,081 | \$ | 8,213,115 | \$ 147,034 |
| Sheriff-100% County | \$ | 7,178,602 | \$ | 7,323,178 | \$ 144,576 |
| Fire Departments and Rescue Squads | \$ | 1,487,781 | \$ | 1,494,981 | \$ 7,200 |
| Animal Care and Adoption Center | \$ | 631,681 | \$ | 652,869 | \$ 21,188 |
| General Services | \$ | 6,348,344 | \$ | 6,685,685 | \$ 337,341 |
| Children's Services Act | \$ | 1,651,969 | \$ | 1,651,969 | \$ - |
| Human Services | \$ | 378,338 | \$ | 392,725 | \$ 14,387 |
| Public Health Department | \$ | 604,488 | \$ | 604,488 | \$ - |
| Social Services | \$ | 6,228,024 | \$ | 6,364,979 | \$ 136,955 |
| Parks & Recreation | \$ | 1,257,701 | \$ | 1,296,123 | \$ 38,422 |
| Regional Library | \$ | 2,246,303 | \$ | 2,347,680 | \$ 101,377 |
| Planning & GIS | \$ | 948,750 | \$ | 948,167 | \$ (583) |
| Economic Development | \$ | 434,156 | \$ | 460,975 | \$ 26,819 |
| Other Agencies | \$ | 2,708,739 | \$ | 2,762,426 | \$ 53,687 |
| Contingencies-General | \$ | 526,307 | \$ | 536,307 | \$ 10,000 |
| Contingencies-Special | \$ | 7,836,404 | \$ | 526,000 | \$ (7,310,404) |
| Revenue Refunds | \$ | 195,000 | \$ | 195,000 | \$ - |
| Subtotal: | \$ | 59,555,979 | \$ | 53,471,725 | \$ (6,084,254) |
| Law Library | \$ | 17,600 | \$ | 17,600 | \$ - |
| SCHOOLS: | | | | | |
| School Operating | \$ | 113,745,153 | \$ | 121,984,741 | \$ 8,239,588 |
| School Capital | \$ | 2,146,173 | \$ | 2,195,645 | \$ 49,472 |
| School Nutrition | \$ | 5,228,004 | \$ | 4,633,474 | \$ (594,530) |
| Subtotal: | \$ | 121,119,330 | \$ | 128,813,860 | \$ 7,694,530 |
| County Capital | \$ | 3,531,173 | \$ | 3,580,645 | \$ 49,472 |
| Debt Service | \$ | 24,722,725 | \$ | 24,722,725 | \$ - |
| Economic Development | \$ | 380,000 | \$ | 380,000 | \$ - |
| COUNTY TOTAL | \$ | 209,326,807 | \$ | 210,986,555 | \$ 1,659,748 |
| RESOURCES: | | | | | |
| | FY 2021 | | FY 2022 | | Increase |
| | Budget | | Advertised Budget | | (Decrease) |
| REVENUE: | | | | | |
| General Undesignated Revenue: | | | | | |
| Current Property Taxes (1) | \$ | 101,562,376 | \$ | 103,807,971 | \$ 2,245,595 |
| Delinquent/Other Property Tax Revenue | \$ | 2,996,000 | \$ | 2,996,000 | \$ - |
| Sales and Use Tax | \$ | 10,301,540 | \$ | 10,081,222 | \$ (220,318) |
| Undesignated Consumer Utility Tax | \$ | 1,659,000 | \$ | 1,628,000 | \$ (31,000) |
| Motor Vehicle Licenses | \$ | 800,000 | \$ | 800,000 | \$ - |
| All Other Local Taxes | \$ | 1,370,000 | \$ | 1,325,000 | \$ (45,000) |
| Interest on Investments | \$ | 895,999 | \$ | 113,268 | \$ (782,731) |
| All Other Undesignated Revenue | \$ | 546,384 | \$ | 620,384 | \$ 74,000 |
| Total Undesignated Revenue | \$ | 120,131,299 | \$ | 121,371,845 | \$ 1,240,546 |
| General Designated Revenue | \$ | 20,009,464 | \$ | 14,833,608 | \$ (5,175,856) |
| Law Library Designated Revenue | \$ | 15,000 | \$ | 15,000 | \$ - |
| School Operating Designated Revenue | \$ | 62,326,540 | \$ | 68,516,128 | \$ 6,189,588 |
| Other School Designated Resources | \$ | 5,228,004 | \$ | 4,633,474 | \$ (594,530) |
| Debt Service Designated | \$ | 1,613,900 | \$ | 1,613,900 | \$ - |
| Total Designated Revenue | \$ | 89,192,908 | \$ | 89,612,110 | \$ 419,202 |
| Law Library Fund Balance | \$ | 2,600 | \$ | 2,600 | \$ - |
| Total Fund Balance | \$ | 2,600 | \$ | 2,600 | \$ - |
| TOTAL RESOURCES | \$ | 209,326,807 | \$ | 210,986,555 | \$ 1,659,748 |

(1) Real Estate Tax Rate based on \$0.89 per \$100 of Assessed Valuation.
Personal Property Tax Rate Based on \$2.55 per \$100 Assessed Valuation.
By Order of the Board of Supervisors:
F. Craig Meadows, County Administrator
County of Montgomery, Virginia

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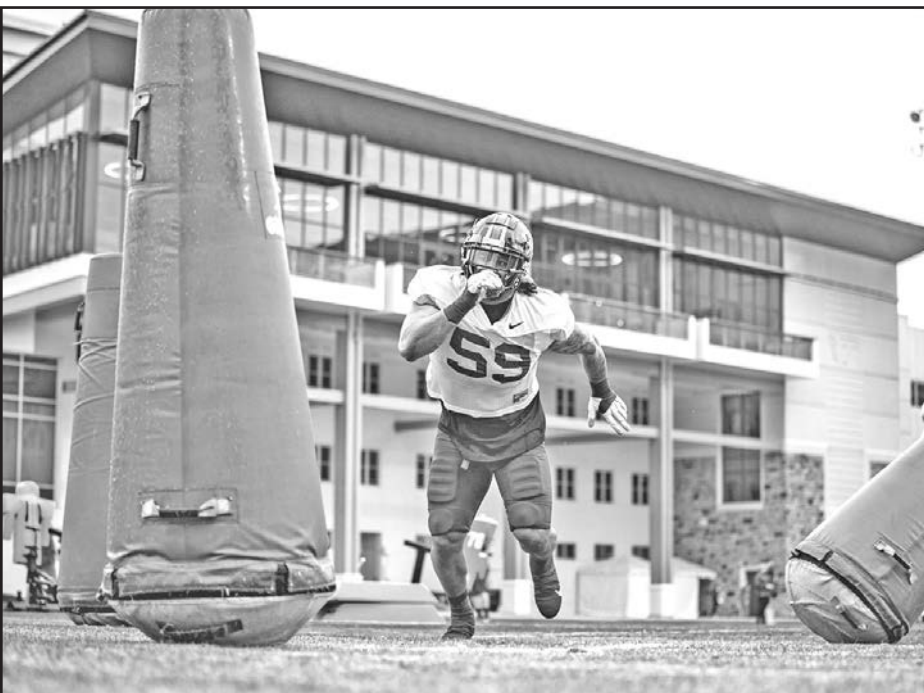
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F. Craig Meadows, County Administrator

County of Montgomery, Virginia

RADFORD SPORTS

Virginia Tech spring training passes midway mark



Jordan Williams, a redshirt junior defensive lineman from Virginia Beach, goes through the drills in the team's spring training workouts.



The Hokie football team was busy going through drills this week outside at Lane Stadium in preparation for the 2021 fall season.

PHOTO COURTESY OF VT ATHLETICS

Virginia Tech head football coach Justin Fuente and the Hokies have wrapped up another week of spring practice, passing the halfway point of their spring workouts during the week.

After COVID-19 and the quarantine stripped Tech of its entire spring schedule in 2020, Fuente is appreciative for every opportunity to get on the field

this year

"We're grateful for every single one of them," the head Hokie said of Tech's allotted 15 practices for the spring. "You look across the country at teams that have had to pause – I think there's three of them in our league – probably nine or 10 across the country that have had to pause. We've been fortunate so far, and we've got our

fingers crossed. We've gotten in good work on fundamentals and special teams."

Fuente indicated that Tech delved more into situational football this past week. Throughout spring practice, numerous players have pointed to Tech's 33-15 win against Virginia last December as a "complete game" and a sign of the potential of this squad in

2021.

Perhaps the most unusual bit of news that was broken this week came on NFL Network's Good Morning Football. Although it was no secret in the Tech locker room, Khalil Herbert revealed that he was born with 12 fingers (six on each hand) and six toes on his left foot. Among more predictable tidbits the Tech

running back dropped was the fact that his favorite NFL running back of all time is LaDainian Tomlinson, who owns a similar physique and running style. Combined with the fact that his birthday is April 21, the No. 21 that Herbert wore in college is also an homage to Tomlinson.

--VT Athletics

ACC names VT's Sam Latona the freshman wrestler of year

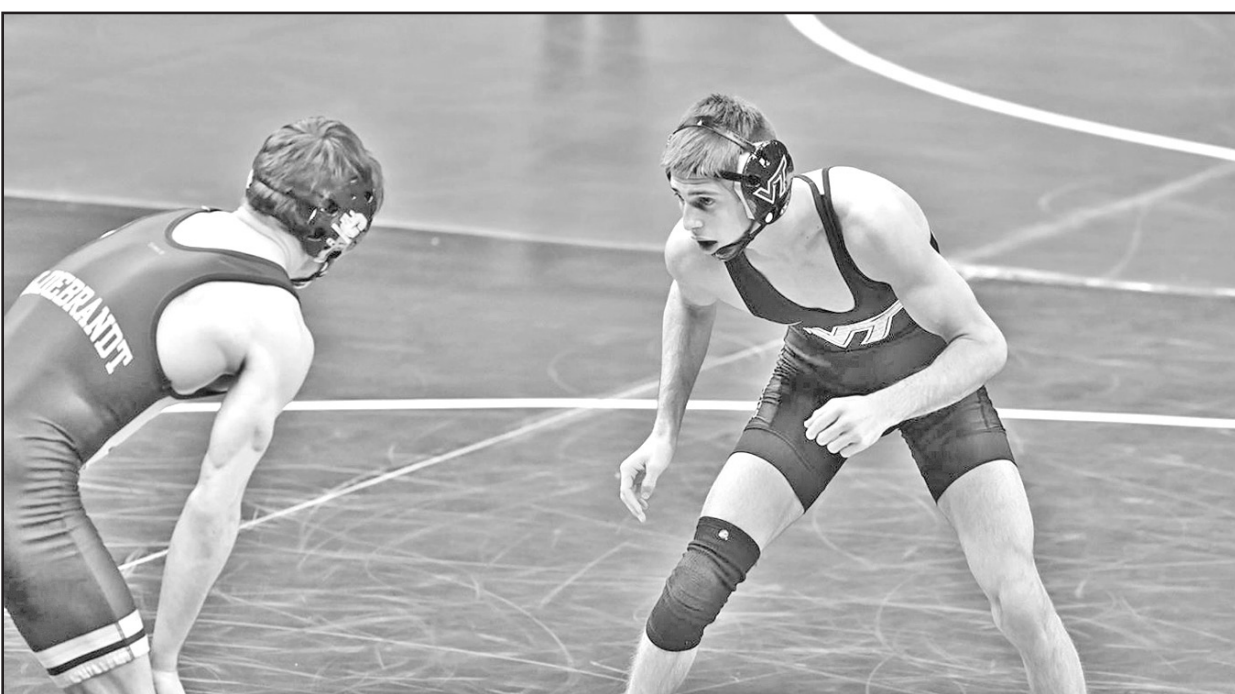


PHOTO COURTESY OF VT ATHLETICS

Wednesday Sam Latona became the ninth Hokie wrestler to be named the ACC Freshman of the Year.

Following one of the better rookie campaigns by a Hokie in recent memory, the ACC has named Virginia Tech wrestler Sam Latona its Freshman of the Year, as announced by the league office on Wednesday.

Latona becomes the ninth Hokie to receive the honor, the most in the league. NC State is second with four freshmen so honored. Tech has now fielded the Freshman of the Year in three of the last four seasons.

An Alabama native, Latona placed sixth in the 125-pound weight class at the NCAA Championships to earn All-America honors in his first season compet-

ing for the Hokies. He finished the season with a 14-3 mark and won the ACC championship at 125.

Latona, one of 43 Virginia Tech All-Americans all-time and one of three this season, posted an 8-0 mark in dual matches.

The nine Virginia Tech ACC Freshman of the Year award winners are Jarrod Garrett, 2009; Brain Stephans, 2010; Devin Carter, 2011; Nick Brascetta, 2012; Joey Dance, 2014; David McFadden, 2016; Hunter Bolen, 2018; Mitch Moore, 2019; and Sam Latona, 2021.

--VT Athletics

Tech ramps up fan experience

Virginia Tech plans to continue rolling out new and engaging content for Hokie Nation as spring football practices continue.

Though athletic department personnel are disappointed a traditional spring game weekend is not possible due to current local COVID guidelines, there will be no shortage of coverage of spring football practice in addition to what has already been a look inside the program this off-season. While practice highlights, hype videos, photo galleries, and interviews with coaches and players have long been staples of Tech's football coverage, fans can expect those elements and even more in the coming weeks.

"Hokies Football in Your House" is a new special planned for the conclusion of spring football.

Head Coach Justin Fuente and assistant coaches will break down top moments from the past season as well as spring practices to give fans an inside look at the state of the program, the returning members of the team, and the newcomers. Hokie Nation will also see exclusive elements from Tech football student-athletes discussing their improvement and aspirations for this fall.

Last spring, the "Hard Hat Series" drew praise from fans as Tech student-athletes and coaches engaged in candid conversations on football and campus life as well as

the special talents of the football team off the field. This year, that concept evolves to the next step. In addition to those multi-person roundtable conversations, mic'd up elements from practices are being added to bring fans closer to the action and their favorite student-athletes.

Look for the first episode coming soon featuring offensive line coach Vance Vice and two of his top pupils, Brock Hoffman and Lecitus Smith. Multiple episodes are currently in production with cornerbacks coach Ryan Smith up next along with Jermaine Waller and Dorian Strong. Other position groups will be featured in the weeks to come.

Fans should continue to follow @HokiesFB on Twitter and Instagram for quick-hitting exclusive content. Extended versions of videos and interviews are archived on both HokieSports.com and the Virginia Tech Athletics YouTube channel. Look for a complete spring wrap-up with Coach Fuente after the conclusion of spring practice has concluded.

Fans can register for the Tech Talking Points to have VT Athletics content delivered directly to their inbox on a regular basis.

Stay tuned as the creative team at 25 Beamer Way continues to find new and exciting ways to bring fans closer to their favorite team.

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Radford's Salma Loudili earned Big South Player of the Week honors after a perfect week of competition in which she went 3-0 in singles play and 2-0 in doubles play.

RU's Salma Loudili tabbed tennis Big South Player of the Week

The Big South Conference announced Wednesday afternoon that Radford University women's tennis player Salma Loudili had been named the Big South Player of the Week after her perfect record amongst competition last week.

Loudili was a perfect 3-0 in singles play and 2-0 in doubles play in three close

matches last week. Two of those three singles victories came on court two with the last coming on court one in a big clinch against UNC Asheville where the match ended in a 4-3 final score. Teaming up with Melissa Ifidzhen, the duo clinched the doubles point for the Highlanders against Presbyterian, was the lone doubles court

to beat Davidson, and went unfinished with a 4-3 lead against UNC Asheville.

Loudili now owns a four-match winning streak in singles, pushing her total singles record to 8-3. Her winning percentage of .727 is fifth best in the Big South, and the eight wins are second-best. Loudili is an unbeaten 3-0 in conference play.

Outdoor Report: 2021 walleye fishing forecast

Each year in March, fisheries biologists and hatchery production staff collect adult walleye from the New River, Staunton River, and the South Holston Reservoir for the production of fingerling walleye to stock in selected lakes and rivers in Virginia.

Walleye were spawned or hatched at Vic Thomas, Front Royal, King and Queen, and Buller fish cultural stations and were raised in ponds until they were about 1.5 inches long when they were stocked in locations across the state. Additionally, female walleye are crossed with male sauger to produce the hybrid saugeye. Saugeye perform well in some systems and are stocked with or in place of walleye. In 2020, the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources stocked approximately 1,025,283 Walleye fingerlings.

Overall, 2020 was a good production year slightly above the long-term annual production average for the past decade of 890,852 fingerlings statewide.

The following report offers walleye sampling results and fishing forecasts on waters stocked with walleye and saugeye fingerlings. Anglers who want the challenge of catching a walleye or saugeye should fish one of the locations in this forecast.

In 2021, walleye fishing on the Upper New River from Buck Dam downstream to Allisonia will be consistent with recent years due to annual stocking since 2014. In 2015 and 2017 to 2020, walleye were stocked at multiple sites from Allisonia to Fries. As a result, annual walleye catch rates in fisheries biologists' spring electrofishing sampling increased from the low-catch rates in 2014 and 2015.

Anglers fishing from Buck Dam to Claytor Dam will have to release 19- to 28-inch walleye year round under the new size limit effective January 1, 2021, but they should catch plenty of walleye under 19 inches. In spring 2020 electrofishing samples, 58% of the walleye collected were in the 14- to 19-inch size range.

When you fish for walleye on the Upper New River, follow these size and creel limits: 1. From Buck Dam downstream to Claytor Lake Dam: Year-round: All walleye 19 to 28 inches caught must be released unharmed. Anglers may keep two walleye per day less than 19 inches or over 28 inches. This regulation allows anglers to harvest a few smaller male walleyes (typically less than 19 inches) or a trophy female walleye (typically greater than 28 inches)

while protecting the best spawning-size walleyes in the population.

2. From Fries Dam downstream to Buck Dam: As of January 1, 2021, the statewide 18-inch minimum length limit, with a five-per-day creel limit for walleye is in effect year-round. Biologists tagged walleye in the Upper New River from 2008 to 2012 as part of a statewide walleye research project. A cash reward of 20 dollars will still be offered for the return of these tags with catch information.

Anglers can remove the tag by cutting through the monofilament attachment with scissors or a knife. The fish can then be released or harvested (the length limits listed above apply). Return the tag and catch information to the address printed on the tag. Catch information includes date, time and general location of catch, and "Was the fish harvested or released? Were you fishing for walleye?" and "Did you catch other walleye on this fishing trip?"

Anglers visiting South Holston Lake in 2021 should experience good Walleye fishing although not as productive as in re-

cent years. Sampling during 2020, including both electrofishing and gillnetting, exhibited a decline in catch, although a mostly desirable size structure remains with most walleye collected during the fall gillnetting larger than 18 inches.

Winter gillnet surveys provide a more complete picture of the walleye population at South Holston Lake in terms of population densities, growth rates, and survival of stocked fingerlings. A reduced stocking in 2016 of 42,640 Walleye fingerlings due to hatchery production issues has resulted in a missing year class, which is now evident in our sampling efforts.

As a result, anglers should still enjoy the current state of the fishery, and more recent stockings at the requested allocation will increase the population that recruits to the fishery over the next few years.

Anglers can expect average fishing during the spring spawning run on the South Fork Holston River due to a reduced lake population. Anglers congregate near the community of Alvarado from February through April to catch walleye on the



Walleye fishing awaits Virginia anglers along the New River and in places like Hungry Mother Park.

spring spawning run.

During May and June anglers find Walleye feeding along the shorelines of the lake. The post spawn top water bite in the lower lake will yield the best Walleye fishing Virginia has to offer. Walleye growth is outstanding, so anglers should find plenty of fish larger than the minimum size of 18 inches. Most Walleye exceed 10 inches in their first year and measure 15 to 18 inches in their second year. Walleye generally reach 20 inches by their third year.

This 108-acre lake provides anglers with a great opportunity to catch Walleye

in a small lake setting. Located in Hungry Mother State Park, the lake is also a great destination for families.

The Walleye population is stable or slightly increasing. There are good numbers of fish up to 20 inches and just enough larger ones to cause anglers to lose some sleep this summer. Walleye up to 28 inches in length have been landed in recent years. April, May, and June are the three best months with night fishing generally being more productive. Most anglers use artificial lures, but live shad, minnows, and night crawlers are also very effective.

Blue Ridge Junior golf tour to kick off new season in Radford

The Blue Ridge Junior Golf Tour is set to celebrate its 23rd season in 2021 with the announcement of the season's tour schedule.

The Tour offers golfers up to age 18 the opportunity to learn golf rules, etiquette, and skills while playing golf courses in southern West Virginia and Southwest Virginia.

Tour Executive Director Dwayne Belcher says, "Developing character and sportsmanship through the game of golf has been the motto since the beginning of the tour in 1999. With that foundation, we have seen young players exhibit sportsmanship in inspiring ways."

After navigating the COVID-19 restrictions during the 2020 season, tour officials are hopeful of returning to normal in regard to gatherings for the academies and rules clinics.

"We followed instructions from health authorities last year and altered the plan by putting instruction for the academies and rules clinic online for viewing," Belcher said. "Our tournaments were played with a few special rules provisions to maintain social distance and reduce common touch points. Members and their families did an admirable job and kept the safety of all in mind throughout the season. We are hoping to be free of restrictions by the time events begin in May but are prepared to use the online options and special rules provisions again if necessary."

Action will begin with the first of three golf academies on Saturday, May 22, at the Pete Dye River Course of Virginia Tech in Radford. Instructional academies follow at Draper Valley Golf Club in Draper and Fincastle Golf Course in Bluefield.

The "Golf by the Rules" clinic will also be held at Fincastle. Tournament play begins in early June with stops at the River Course, The Greenbrier, Tazewell County Country Club, Glade Springs Resort, Auburn Hills Golf Club, Blacksburg Country Club, and Fincastle.

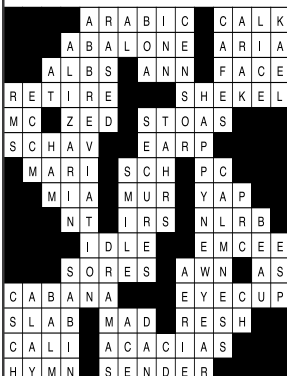
Interested junior golfers can find all dates, events, and sites at brjgt.com. Registration also can be completed on the website.

The cost to join the tour is \$30, and each tournament is \$20 except for the season-ending tour championship. This is a two-day event and costs \$40. Through the experience, the junior golfer will receive a number of BRJGT gifts including the official 2021 cap. Also, the player will become a better golfer, make many good friends, and create memories that will last a lifetime.

Age groups are divided into the following categories: 17-18, 15-16, 13-14, (all play 18 holes), 10-12 and 9-and-under (both play 9 holes). Also, there is an additional developmental group for ages 13-18 for those who are brand new to golf. The latter includes a coach to accompany the players for nine holes during selected tournaments.

"2021 promises to be another fun season filled with many rewarding experiences," Belcher said.

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