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# RCPS encourages mask use for students, requires for staff and visitors

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RADFORD – A letter to the school community last week falls short of requiring Radford City Public Schools students to continue to wear masks in school but “highly recommends” that they do so.

masks optional in schools. RCPS Superintendent Robert Graham said Monday the school district is encouraging students to continue to wear masks.

“We are continuing to highly encourage our students to wear masks due to the high number of COVID cases in our area,” he said. “Luckily, today I was provided information that for the first time in weeks our number of COVID

cases have dropped and are expected to drop at a fairly significant rate during the next two weeks. I am certainly keeping my fingers crossed for that. Visitors and all RCPS staff are still required to wear masks.”

The letter sent via email to the school community on Jan. 21 says masks will continue to be required on school buses “in accordance with the CDC’s order issued Jan.

29, 2021,” and will be required throughout the school day for students “who have tested positive for COVID or have been directly exposed to COVID and isolate or quarantine just five days will be required to wear a mask on days 6-10 of their return to school, or remain at home for the entire 10-day isolation period.

“As a division, our top priorities are to protect the health and safety

of everyone in our buildings and maintain in-person learning for our students,” the letter continues. “By continuing to wear masks, we can help reduce the spread of the virus and avoid high numbers of exposures, quarantines, and positive cases that can disrupt the learning process. We ask for your understanding as we work to do what we believe is in the best interest of our students, families and staff.”

## Local NAACP branch holds MLK celebration

The Montgomery County-Radford City-Floyd County Branch of the NAACP hosted the area’s Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Celebration on Jan. 16 online.

Nearly 100 computers were logged on to the celebration.

The celebration opened with greetings from branch President Deborah Travis and an invocation by the Rev. Kathy Carpenter, followed by the singing of “Lift Every Voice and Sing,” led by Alan Johnson and Denise Smith. Greetings were brought from the Virginia State Conference of the NAACP by President Robert N. Barnette, Jr., who emphasized the importance of protecting voting rights and voting options in the state.

The Youth Council honored Dr. King with a summary of his life by Youth Council Vice President Melvin Palmer. Youth Council President Tyler Graves delivered the poem “There is a street named after Martin Luther King, Jr. in every city,” by Hanif Willis-Abdurraqib.

The annual MRF NAACP Branch Community Service Awards in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., went to the Rev. Jessie Eaves of Blacksburg, and to the Rev. Michael Sanborn of Elliston.

Rev. Eaves is an associate pastor and worship leader of the Greater Mount Zion United Holy Church in Christiansburg and is a retired fiscal technician. She worked at Virginia Tech for 28 years and received the 2015 Staff Career Achievement Award. Having grown up in Wake Forest, she has helped to preserve the history of that African-American community as well as its nearby cemetery. This has led her to volunteer with the Saint Luke’s Odd Fellows Hall and the Blacksburg Museum and

Cultural Foundation. Rev. Eaves currently serves as vice president of the Christiansburg Institute Alumni Association, as a board member of the Blacksburg Police Department Citizens Advisory Board and as a member of the Dialogue on Race Law Enforcement Committee. Rev. Eaves has been a member of the local branch of the NAACP for over 20 years. Jessie and her husband Butch are parents of two daughters, one of whom is deceased. They have four grandchildren.

Rev. Sanborn is a retired United Methodist minister who served several congregations, including Park UMC in Christiansburg. Knowing the importance and power of the vote, Rev. Sanborn has volunteered as an election official for several years at the Elliston precinct. He has been a member of the Dialogue on Race Law Enforcement committee for several years and provides input and leadership to help resolve racial inequities in our area. Rev. Sanborn is a Silver Life member of the NAACP, serves as an executive committee

member, and chairs the Religious Affairs Committee.

In this latter role, he works to bring faith communities together for conversation and dialogue to help resolve social justice and civil rights issues. Before his calling as a pastor, Rev. Sanborn was a chief engineer in the Merchant Marines. Mike and his wife Lois have two sons and seven grandchildren.

The Samuel H. Clark Memorial Scholarship Fund offers up to five scholarships of \$1,000 each to youth who extend their education beyond high school at a college or technical school. Branch Treasurer Dr. Jill Stewart reported that this year a scholarship was awarded to Jera Miah Lewis, who graduated from Christiansburg High School and now attends Radford University, where she is studying to be a nurse. To be eligible, youth must be a member of the MRF Youth Council or be a child or grandchild of a branch member and live in this area.

Karen Eley Sanders introduced

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PHOTO BY DARIN BASILE

Cirque Mechanics performs “Birdhouse Factory.”

## Cirque Mechanics delights audiences with colorful characters and daring acrobats in ‘Birdhouse Factory’

The Moss Arts Center presents two performances of Cirque Mechanics’ popular production, “Birdhouse Factory,” on Thursday, Feb. 3, and Friday, Feb. 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the Anne and Ellen Fife Theatre.

A factory might be one of the most unlikely settings for a circus, especially one where the workers are acrobats and the machines are circus props. Cirque Mechanics boldly leads audience members into a world of colorful characters, daring acrobatics, and innovative mechanics with “Birdhouse Factory.”

Cirque Mechanics finds its heart in stories of American ingenu-

ity. In its return to the Moss, Cirque brings its family-favorite “Birdhouse Factory,” a simple story of daily life in a “widgets” factory circa 1935. Here, workers are brought together by the most unlikely of events: a bird accidentally injured by the main steam boiler.

The accident and caring for the bird bring the workers closer and inspire them to break away from the efficiency and monotony of the assembly-line mentality to display their true inner talents and abilities. In the process, they use their bodies and machines to build bird-

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## Glencoe Mansion offers online Radford history lessons



Nannie Wharton

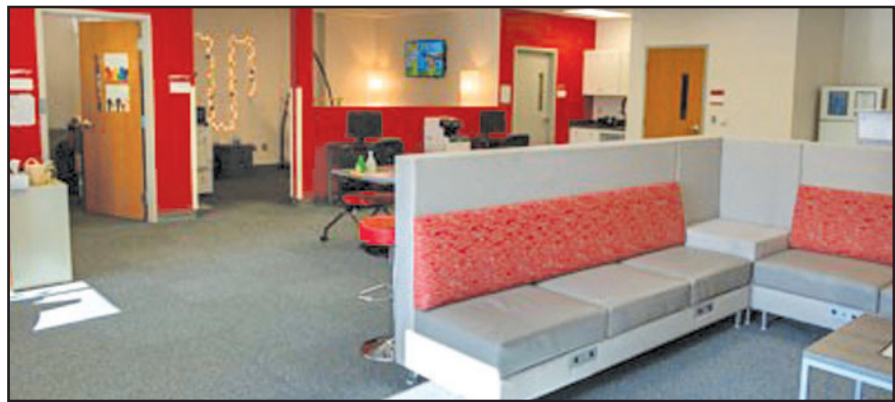
RADFORD – Glencoe Mansion, Museum, and Gallery offers regular Radford history lessons online, in addition to the in-person experience of visiting the museum.

Glencoe’s Facebook page is a wealth of stories from Radford’s past. Two recent posts focus on the Wharton family, one of the city’s founding families and the original inhabitants of Glencoe.

“The history of the Glencoe Mansion is the history of Radford, and to this day we are all still touched by the lives and connections that were forged by all the many people who called it home. Join us each week as we explore this history,” the museum’s page states.

The following are two of the recent postings:

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RADFORD UNIVERSITY PHOTO

An example of how Radford is helping many of its students grow and navigate the economic and social challenges of university life is the creation of the Center of Opportunity and Social Mobility (COSM).

## Radford ranks high for advancing students’ social mobility

Radford University ranks among the top higher education institutions in Virginia for advancing the social mobility of its students.

In its latest Social Mobility Index (SMI) rankings, CollegeNet, Inc., listed Radford at No. 3 in Virginia, making the university one of the top destinations in the commonwealth for students looking to graduate with less debt and pursue careers with higher salaries.

Radford ranked No. 173 in CollegeNet’s national SMI rankings of colleges and universities.

The SMI benchmarks four-year U.S. colleges and universities according to how effectively they enroll students from low-income backgrounds, many of whom are first-generation college

students, and graduate them into good-paying jobs, according to CollegeNET.

A perfect example of how Radford is helping many of its students grow and navigate the economic and social challenges of university life is the creation of the Center of Opportunity and Social Mobility (COSM).

“Radford University has a strong legacy of creating an environment where all students can thrive,” said Jessica Twiest, the center’s director. “We surround students with relationships and resources that make a difference in their success.”

Radford opened the COSM at the beginning of the fall 2021 semester, and with it, “Radford is continuing to

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General Wharton’s letterhead

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Saturday, Jan. 29:

**Click Smarter photography Q and A**

Talk to pro photographer Charlie Whitescarver at the Radford Public Library from 11 a.m. to noon about photography. He can look at your photographs and give you tips on how to improve them. Whitescarver has been taking pictures and teaching the art of photography since the mid-1970s.

for ages 8 and up. All supplies are provided, registration is recommended. Call the library at 540-552-8246.

## Sunday, Jan. 30:

### Chess Club

At the Blacksburg Library; 3 p.m. Ages 8 and up are welcome to sharpen their chess skills. Supplies will be provided. All skill levels are welcome.

## Monday, Jan. 31:

### Talking About Books

At the Blacksburg Library; 11 a.m. To be discussed is "The Long Petal of the Sea" by Isabel Allende. Call (540) 552-8246 to reserve a copy.

### Teen Game Day

At the Blacksburg Library; 1 p.m. Spend an afternoon playing games like Among Us and Jackbox in person with other teens. Bring a device and download Among Us prior to the program. Pizza and beverages will be provided. Registration is required.

### Stuffed Animal Taxidermy

At the Christiansburg Library; 3 p.m. Create a new wall hanging for your room. Transform stuffed animals into unique works of art. The library will supply all the materials. Recommended for ages 10 and up. Contact spahl@mfrl.org for more information. Registration is required.

## Tuesday, Feb. 1:

### Valentine's Day Crafting

At the Meadowbrook Library; 4:30-5:15 p.m. or 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. Make Valentine's Day crafts such as candy wreath Valentines and a Cupid's arrow wall hanging. Recommended for ages 8 and up. This is a free event with all supplies provided. Registration is required. Masks and social distancing are highly recommended for everyone's safety. Register online or call (540) 268-1964.

## Wednesday, Feb. 2:

### Radford Chamber Business over Breakfast

The Radford Chamber of Commerce is hosting Business

over Breakfast at BT'S on Tyler Avenue at 8 a.m. The speaker is to be determined. Registration is required by clicking the "register here" link on the Chamber's website (www.radfordchamber.com).

## Thursday, Feb. 3:

### 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. If Radford City Public Schools are closed on Thursday or Friday of this week due to weather, the meeting is cancelled. For further information, call 250-2283 or 239-9864.

## Saturday, Feb. 5:

### Crafternoon

At the Meadowbrook Library; 2 to 3 p.m. A variety of snow- and Valentine-themed crafts for all ages. Registration is required. Contact Spahl@mfrl.org for more information. Register online or call (540) 268-1964.

## Tuesday, Feb. 8:

### Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet at 7 p.m. at Aly's Family Italian Restaurant at 3204 Riner Road. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are invited to this meeting. Member William Reed will continue his series on "Small Arms of the Confederacy." If Montgomery County Public Schools are closed on Tuesday or Wednesday of this week due to weather, the meeting is cancelled. For further information, call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

## Thursday, Feb. 10:

### River City Quilt Guild

The River City Quilt Guild meets the second Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at Grove United Methodist Church, 1020 Tyler Avenue, Radford. All skill levels of quilters are welcome. For more information, call Anna Handy, 540-320-7791.

# PETS OF THE WEEK



When Rudy first came to the Animal Care and Adoption Center, he was a little shy, but he has grown into a champion of affection. He loves a good head rub or chin scratch as well as warm cuddles. Rudy enjoys a little conversation from time to time, too. Stop by to see if Rudy is your purrfect match.



Bonded pair Woodrow (left) and Rory (right) are the "Floor is Lava!" champions and would prefer hanging out on the couch rather than putting their noses to the ground. These two will need to go to the same home as they tend to stick to each other like glue, tails wagging and mouths grinning. They are fun, goofy pups who love attention and can't wait to find their forever home.

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## Virginia Tech employees donate more than \$437,000 to charity

Virginia Tech employees joined together to raise a record-breaking \$437,086 for charities through the Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign, surpassing the university goal of \$390,000.

The 2021 Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign (CVC) ended Dec. 10, 2021.

In a mostly virtual environment, senior management areas used creative strategies to raise money. Approaches included online contests, classes, and other virtual fundraisers.

Many senior management areas not only met, but exceeded their goal in 2021.

"I am grateful to Virginia Tech employees for their generous contributions to the Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign," said Lee Learman, dean of the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine and this year's honorary campaign chair. "It is heartening to see the university community come together to help others during this challenging time."

The annual campaign gives state employees the opportunity to raise and donate money to more than 900 participat-

ing charities in their communities and across the commonwealth, ranging from health and human services to animal welfare, from environmental conservation to medical research, and everything in between.

Edward Lener, CVC steering team chair, was encouraged by the support shown by Virginia Tech employees. "This year's record high giving will help ensure that these charities have the resources they need to continue the great work they do in our communities," he said.

Since 2010, Virginia Tech employees have donated more than \$3.9 million to local charities in Blacksburg, the New River Valley, and across the commonwealth.

The CVC is administered by the Division of Human Resources and led by a steering team made up of university department representatives.

"This is a wonderful accomplishment for Virginia Tech and a testament to the generosity of the Hokie Nation," said Vice President for Human Resources Bryan Garey.

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# New Virginia Tech program is striving to make laboratory spaces more environmentally friendly

Launching this spring, the Green Lab Certification Program is the product of a partnership between Virginia Tech Environmental Health and Safety and the Office of Sustainability.

The Green Lab Certification Program is a self-assessment tool that empowers, encourages, and recognizes labs that are engaging in sustainable practices. The program provides faculty, staff, and students with the tools needed to go green in their labs.

"We estimate that lab ventilation systems account for more than 15 percent of the overall energy consumption at Virginia Tech. Additionally, lab spaces produce large amounts of waste that can be difficult to recycle, like Styrofoam and soft plastics," said Rob Lowe, senior environmental engineer.

"With roughly 600,000 square feet of laboratory space and over 1,200 labs across the Blacksburg campus, we have outstanding opportunities to improve energy efficiency and conservation and waste and recycling efforts in labs," Lowe said.

The Green Lab Certification Program was originally developed by Ellen Garcia, who received her master's in biology from Virginia Tech in 2020. Her work on this program has led to the final iteration of the Green Labs Tool, which assesses laboratory's sustainability efforts spanning 11 different topic areas.

Bolstering the sustainability of labs is a charge with deep ties to the Virginia Tech Climate Action Commitment, which serves as the university's guiding framework around sustainability and energy efficiency in cam-

pus operations, facilities, curriculum, and research.

The Green Labs initiative supports the following Climate Action Commitment goals:

Goal 4 - Reduce building energy consumption to enable carbon neutrality by 2030. Labs tend to demand more energy than other spaces on campus, but there are opportunities to implement behavior changes and purchasing standards to reduce energy consumption in many of our buildings with laboratories. This reduction can have a significant impact on Virginia Tech's ability to reach carbon neutrality.

Goal 7 - Virginia Tech to become a zero-waste campus by 2030. Labs can produce a lot of waste that may be unique from other spaces on campus. By completing their Green Lab Certification, labs can create a plan to better manage their waste and

help Virginia Tech reach its goal of being zero-waste.

Goal 12 - Diminish barriers to sustainable behaviors through institutional change, education,

and social marketing. By making sustainable practices the norm in laboratories, VT is helping reduce the barriers to acting sustainably within those spaces. Additionally, this

program will help educate all members of a lab on the impact their work may have on the environment while providing them with tools and tips to reduce that impact.



PHOTO BY SARAH MYERS FOR VIRGINIA TECH  
Ph.D. candidate Aleksei Gendron turns off lights not in use in the Allen Lab within the Department of Biochemistry.

# Virginia Tech receives \$2.8 million grant from the Department of Defense

Virginia Tech has received a \$2.8 million grant from the Department of Defense to continue developing the Department of Defense (DoD) Senior Military College Cyber Institute (SMC2I), in its second

year at Virginia Tech.

"The National Security Agency is excited to partner with Norwich, the Citadel, University of North Georgia, Virginia Tech, Texas A&M, and Virginia Military Institute in the DoD Cyber

Institute pilot program," said Diane Janosek, the commandant of NSA's National Cryptologic School, which houses the National Centers for Academic Excellence in Cybersecurity Program.

This grant builds

upon the \$1.5 million grant awarded in January 2021 that aims to prepare civilians to work in the DoD cybersecurity workforce and related professional roles.

The grant will be allocated toward two efforts: supporting scholarships for undergraduate students interested in careers focused on cybersecurity and critical foreign languages and supporting experiential learning opportunities within the National Security Institute, the Ted and Karyn Hume Center for National Security and Technology, and other Virginia Tech academic departments, including computer science, electrical and computer engineering, math, statistics, and the Pamplin College of Business.

Laura Freeman, principal investigator of the grant and the director of the National Security Institute's Intelligent Systems Division, collaborates with co-prin-

cipal investigators for the grant Ehren Hill, Hume Center's associate director for Education and Outreach, Joseph Simpson in the Pamplin College of Business, and Stephanie Travis, research faculty in the Intelligent Systems Division.

Travis was appointed as the director of the Senior Military College Cyber Institute in June 2021 with her first charge: create a three-year cohort model to develop the cyber skills of students.

"Our country needs amazing new federal civilians in the cyber workforce and Virginia Tech has amazing students to fill those roles," said Travis. "It is an honor to have the opportunity to leverage the expertise of the five other Senior Military Colleges and provide a more robust cyber education

to our students."

Travis, who spent 10 years in the United States Air Force, created more internship opportunities for students by leveraging existing and forging new relationships across defense organizations.

"I am most looking forward to having the opportunity to mentor such motivated students and to expose them to the amazing opportunities they have in their futures," Travis said. "I am inspired that they're truly excited to serve our country in their own ways."

The Senior Military College Cyber Institute started with 10 students in the fellowship this past fall. Travis said the goal is to add 10 new fellowship students each year moving forward.

-By Aubrey Medina



PHOTO BY RAY MEESE FOR VIRGINIA TECH  
The funding will contribute to the Department of Defense (DoD) Senior Military College Cyber Institute goal of preparing civilians to work in the DoD cybersecurity workforce and related professional roles.

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provide opportunities to students, particularly first-generation students, to achieve a college degree," Twist said.

Almost 30% of Radford undergraduates are first-generation college students, meaning they are the first in their immediate family to enroll in a college or university.

For many students, Twist said, earning a college degree "opens doors to opportunities that would not have been an option without a degree."

"It can change the course of a student's life and the lives of their entire family. The work of the COSM is to equip students who may lack

the experience and understanding of higher education with the resources and support to navigate the nuances of the university systems, as well as celebrate every success and milestone along the way."

Located in the Bonnie Hurlburt Student Center, COSM aligns with Radford's goal to provide supportive, student-centered spaces. Inside the center are places to study, to use computers, and to hang out with friends and meet new friends.

To learn more about COSM, follow the center on Facebook (COSM @ Radford), Twitter (cosmradford) and Instagram (cosmradford).

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# OPINION

## Virginia gas prices remain the same

Average gasoline prices in Virginia were unchanged in the last week, averaging \$3.15/g Monday, Jan. 24, according to GasBuddy's survey of 4,081 stations in Virginia.

Prices in Virginia are 1.1 cents per gallon lower than a month ago but still stand 83.7 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in

Virginia was priced at \$2.84/g Monday while the most expensive was \$3.89/g, a difference of \$1.05/g.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 1.8 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.32/g Monday, according to GasBuddy. The national average is up 3.3 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 92.0 cents per gallon higher than a

year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

"With oil prices remaining elevated, average gas prices inched up in most states over the last week even as gasoline demand weakened, a testament to how concerned oil markets are with unrest in oil producing nations,"

said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "With all eyes on the Russia/Ukraine situation, oil will likely remain north of \$80 per barrel, with additional volatility," said De Haan. "Prices could rise even more significantly if there is any further deterioration in the situation. For now, I don't expect any immediate fireworks at the pump, but the trend of rising gas

prices will likely persist as worries continue to overpower weak global consumption."

*GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data spanning nearly two decades. GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country. GasBuddy data are accessible at <http://prices.GasBuddy.com>.*

## WalletHub names Virginia second-best state to retire in

To determine the best states for retirees, the personal finance website WalletHub compared the 50 states across 47 key indicators of retirement friendliness. The company analysis determined that Virginia was the second-best state in the country for retirees, behind only Florida.

The rankings for Virginia for some of the report's key indicators were as follows with 1

being the best and 25 being average: Adjusted Cost of Living, 26; Annual Cost of In-Home Services, 12; Taxpayer Ranking, 24; Elderly Friendly Labor Market, 30; Property Crime Rate, 11, Life Expectancy 19; and Percentage of Residents 12+ Who Are Fully Vaccinated, 11.

As the website points out, retirement might be the end of a career, but it doesn't have to be the

end of financial security or life satisfaction. Retirement generally coincides with the age at which older citizens may receive Social Security or pension benefits. However, not everyone can retire when they want to. In fact, 27% of non-retired adults haven't saved any money for retirement, though not necessarily through any fault of their own.

But in addition to

when to retire, WalletHub says, a good question to ask is where. Finding the best states to retire can be difficult without doing lots of research. Even in the most affordable areas of the U.S., most retirees cannot rely on Social Security or pension checks alone to cover all of their living expenses. Social Security benefits increase with local inflation, but they replace

only about 40% of the average worker's earnings.

If retirement is still a big question mark because of finances, WalletHub suggests considering relocating to a state that lets retirees keep more money in their pocket without requiring a drastic lifestyle change.

According to WalletHub's report, the ten best states to retire in

are 1. Florida 2. Virginia 3. Colorado 4. Delaware 5. Minnesota 6. North Dakota 7. Montana 8. Utah 9. Arizona 10. New Hampshire.

The same report said the ten worst states for retirees are 41. Louisiana 42. West Virginia 43. Arkansas 44. Rhode Island 45. Illinois 46. Oklahoma 47. Kentucky 48. New York. 49. Mississippi 50. New Jersey.

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## History

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"Did everything go well for the Whartons? Certainly not! Life in the post-Civil War South was hard for everyone, including the landed gentry like the Radfords and Whartons. Gen. Wharton was a major advocate for industrial development in the region, but things did not always go to plan. Gen. Wharton was an honest and trusting individual, which did not always suit an industrializing world often filled with intrigue. Wharton also was a caring man who could not idly sit

by while others suffered, and he was quick to help.

"Bottom line, the Whartons' finances went south. Were they completely ruined? No. Don't miss our next post to learn more.

"The history of the Glencoe Mansion is the history of Radford, and to this day we are all still touched by the lives and connections that were forged by all the many people who called it home. Join us each Tuesday as we explore this history.

"There is no doubt

that the Whartons' financial situation was dire. Gen. Wharton even had to return to engineering to make ends meet and pay off debts. In what most would have considered his golden years, his 60s, he was constantly on the move on the west coast surveying lands and opening up another region of the country for expansion.

"Who took care of business at home? Nannie Radford Wharton. Nannie was a born business person whose acumen and fierceness were not to be trifled with.

Family letters indicate that individuals knowing that Gen. Wharton was away thought they could take advantage of the lady left by herself; however, they soon learned that was not the case. She got her family out of their financial disaster. Nannie Radford Wharton even went to court after standing her ground with a pistol.

To find out more about the Whartons and their story, come take a tour of the mansion, Tuesday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 4 p.m.

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houses in a human, joyful, and soulful way.

In "Birdhouse Factory," a contortionist performs on a turntable powered by unicyclists, a trapeze artist flies high thanks to the spins of an acrobat inside a giant gear-like wheel, and trampolene wall artists defy the laws of physics by virtually walking on air.

The production was inspired, in part, by the masterful industry murals of Mexican-born artist Diego Rivera, the

outrageous illustrations of cartoonist Rube Goldberg, and the slapstick humor of Charlie Chaplin's film "Modern Times." While these inspirations make "Birdhouse Factory" artful, nostalgic, and funny, the true essence of the show comes from the circus.

"Birdhouse Factory" delivers a timeless message of hope, camaraderie, and the power of the collaborative human spirit when presented with adversity. Although conceptualized prior to the pandemic and inspired by the Great Depression, it addresses the challenges faced by the

industry and workers during unprecedented times.

The story is one of imaginative recovery where humans create magic when working together towards common goals. Audience members will be enchanted by the story of laughter, love, flight, and birdhouses.

Students, teachers, and families from Radford City and Floyd, Giles, Montgomery, and Pulaski counties will attend a free school-day performance of "Birdhouse Factory" offered for area public, private, and homeschooled.

Tickets for the perfor-

mances are \$25-55 for the general public and \$10 for Virginia Tech students. Tickets can be purchased online; at the Moss Arts Center's box office, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday; or by calling 540-231-5300 during box office hours.

Proof of COVID-19 vaccination or negative COVID-19 test is required for those ages 12 and over to attend this performance. Masks are required at all times for patrons, visitors, and staff regardless of vaccination status in all indoor spaces at the Moss Arts Center.

## VDOT Roadwatch

The following is a list of forecasted highway projects that may impact traffic traveling in the 12-county Salem Transportation District this week. Work schedules and construction project timelines are always 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

I-81 NORTHBOUND AT EXIT 105 NEW RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY - Lane and shoulder closures may be in place near exit 105. Lane closure may be in effect during the week from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Shoulder closures may be in effect at any time during the week. Slow rolls may be performed on I-81 in the north and

southbound lanes from mile marker 104 to 106 from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Speed limit is reduced to 60 miles per hour in the work zone. Shoulder closures will remain in place though the duration of the project. Project completion is estimated by late 2022.

I-81 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AT EXIT 114 IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY - The bridge replacement of the two Interstate 81 bridges over Route 8, northbound and southbound, is nearing completion. Remaining work involves light-instruction installations at the intersections and under the bridges. Lane closures may be possible. Work zone and reduced speed limit signs along I-81 are being removed. Estimated completion is early 2022.

ROUTE 615 CULVERT REPLACEMENT - Beginning April 11, 2022, Route 615 (Pilot Road) will

undergo a culvert replacement located at the intersection of Pilot Road and Old Pike Road, across from the Pilot Post Office. Single lane closures will be in place and will be maintained by utilizing temporary traffic signals. Lane closures on RTE 615 are expected to begin on 5/2/2022 and will be in place through August 2022. Expected completion is October 2022. ROUTE 643 PAVING PROJECT - Beginning soon, exact date to be determined, a project is being scheduled to resurface an unpaved portion of Route 643 (Yellow Sulfur Road). The work area begins .7 mile south of the intersection with Route 642 (Jennelle Road) and ends 1.7 miles north of the bridge over Route 460. Traffic impacts will include intermittent flagging operations between these intersections. This project has an estimated completion date of May 2022.

Intermittent single See VDOT, page 5

### CROSSWORD PUZZLE

**CLUES ACROSS**

- Brew
- NY ballplayer
- Rigid external covering in some animals
- Promotional materials
- More high-pitched
- Widely cultivated cereal
- Dormitory employee
- Bad act
- One's mother
- Scored perfectly
- Space station
- Exchange for money
- Edible seaweed
- Iranian city
- Lakers' crosstown rivals
- Nothing
- Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- \_\_\_ student, learns healing
- Military official (abbr.)
- Matchstick games
- Gasteyer and De Armas are two
- Distant planet
- A type of residue
- Punk art icon Jimmy De\_
- Millihenny
- Canadian media firm
- Type of withdrawal
- Spicy
- Dish of minced meat or fish
- Noted previously
- Happily
- "Partridge" actress Susan
- Not present

**CLUES DOWN**

- In a way, brought to an end
- Scandalized actress Loughlin
- This (Spanish)
- Essay
- Continuing indefinitely
- Tool for lifting food
- Partner to Adam
- Dry white wine drink
- Spanish be
- Smaller quantity
- Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series
- (Scottish) island
- Church officer
- Large wrestler
- Polite address for women
- Famed Susan Lucci character "\_\_\_ Kane"
- Mason \_\_\_ Line
- Disfigure
- Asian nation
- Rage (Span.)
- Khokho peoples
- Opera solo
- Database management system
- Similar
- Move up and down playfully
- Alfalfa
- Satisfied
- Baseball official
- Large, flightless bird of S. America
- Money given in support
- Flower cluster
- Beginning military rank
- Russian weight measurement
- Explosive
- An individual unit
- Midskirt
- Weapon featuring balls
- Used of a number or amount not specified
- Unit of measurement

# OBITUARIES

## Bishop, Jennings Ray

Jennings Ray Bishop, 76, of Christiansburg, died Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022, at the New River Valley Medical Center.

He was born in West Virginia on Aug. 23, 1945, to the late Ollie Curtis and Sarah Lester Bishop.

He is survived by his wife, Cosbie McDaniel Bishop; daughters Lisa Fardy and Erin Bishop; a son, Daniel Bishop; eight grandchildren; eight great-grand-

children; a sister, Crea Waldran; and a brother-in-law, Ira Bishop.

Funeral services will be conducted on Friday, Jan. 28, 2022, at 2 p.m. in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Dr. Brendia (Joyce) M. Pack officiating. Interment will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens, Christiansburg. The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m. prior to the service at McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

## Coalson, Jane Withers

Jane Withers Coalson, 82, passed away at her home in Radford on Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022.

She was a member of Fairlawn Presbyterian Church and a retired medical transcriptionist with St. Alban's Hospital.

Jane was preceded in death by her parents, Wallace Ray and Helen Porter Withers; two infant daughters and one infant son; brothers David and James Withers, and sisters Betty Gray and Marie Van Lear.

Survivors include her husband, Robert D. Coalson; sons and daughter-in-law Michael and Elizabeth Coalson of Fairlawn, and James Coalson of Fairlawn; grandsons, Jesse and Jeremy Coalson; a granddaughter, Emilie Gaudin; a great-grandson, Murphy;



special sisters-in-law, Mary Louis Coalson and Barbara Coalson; and many other relatives and friends.

The family received friends from 12:30 to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2022, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services began at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Allison Unroe officiating. Interment followed in Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Fairlawn Presbyterian Church or the charity of your choice.

Per the family's request, masks are preferred.

The Coalson family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford. www.mullinsfuneralhome.com.

## Dritselis, Mary T.

Mary T. Dritselis died peacefully at her home in Christiansburg on Jan. 19, 2022.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Nicholas and Anastasia Tsakires, and her beloved brother Paul Tsakires and is survived by her children Victor Dritselis of Blacksburg, Stefani McNair of Chevy Chase, Md.; her grandchildren, Alexa McNair of San Diego, Calif. and Ian McNair (of Falls Church, Va.; her sister Dena Bowers and her husband, Kirk of Charlottesville, Va.; niece Nicole Coryell of Fredericksburg, Va; nephew Andy Bowers of Richmond, Va.; grandnieces Sophia and Brooke Coryell of Fredericksburg; and family in Thessalonica, Greece.

Mary was born in Bluefield, W.Va., to proud parents who emigrated from Greece in search of a more prosperous life. In 1962 she married and moved to Christiansburg, where she and her then-husband, John began a successful 30-year career as restaurateurs and developed a reputation for quality food and service among the locals and the Virginia Tech community.

In 1982 she became a realtor with Century 21 and was awarded ABWA Business Woman of the Year. She furthered her career in real estate and helped to establish Southview Management Company.

She served on the board of the New River Valley Friends of the Roanoke Symphony for many years and was a member of the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Blacksburg, Inc., as well as the University Club of Virginia Tech. A person of faith, she was a mem-



ber of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Roanoke.

Mary had impeccable taste and was enamored with the fashion world. She was widely known in her community and made many cherished friendships and acquaintances. She personified "hostess with the mostest," throwing fabulous parties throughout the years.

Guests knew her passion for entertaining, music, and dancing, and would come far and wide with their guitars, bouzoukis, and dancing shoes.

She kept a beautiful and loving home for her family where her children and grandchildren shared many treasured memories growing up. Her bright blue-green eyes and radiant smile will forever remain in their minds.

The family gives a very special thanks to all those who cared for her, especially to Marisha Kirby and Mary Ann Harris and her staff with Comfort Care Senior Homes, LLC. We are deeply grateful for their compassion, wisdom, and care.

Memorial services will be held at McCoy Funeral Home in Blacksburg on Thursday, Jan. 27, at 12:30 p.m. with Fr. Nick Galanopoulos officiating. The visitation will be at 11:30 a.m. A Mercy Meal reception will be held at the Inn at Virginia Tech immediately following the interment burial site at Roselawn Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Mary's name to Good Samaritan Hospice, NRV, 1160 Moose Drive, Christiansburg, VA 24073. Goodsamhospice.org.

## Hatfield, Janet Roark

Janet Roark Hatfield passed away peacefully at her home in Radford on Friday, Jan. 21, 2022, at the age of 79.

Janet was born on Nov. 1, 1942, in Ashland, Boyd County, Ky. to her beloved parents, Sterling and Eva Lena Roark (Arnett). She attended Blacksburg High School and Radford College. Janet married James ("Skip") Franklin Hatfield on Dec. 28, 1969, and they made Radford their home in 1972 where they raised their daughters.

Janet was preceded by death by her parents, her loving husband, Skip, and her siblings Jo Leach, William "Jimmy" Roark, Jene Roark, and Judy Dowdy.

She is survived by her daughters, Lane Arnett Hatfield and Sara Elizabeth Hatfield; her sisters-in-law, Patricia Trent and Margaret Roark; her nieces and nephews, Bena Holbrook (John Abadie), Kim Roark, Harry Baldwin, Chris Roark (Len Turner), Sabrina Roark, Lance Dowdy (Allison), Christi Trent, and Nicole Trent and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Janet was a strong and independent woman and a mentor and guide to all. The



most important thing to Janet was her family. She was also a dedicated Virginia Tech fan and greatly enjoyed being with good friends at her local bridge club.

Education was incredibly important to Janet. Skip and she were responsible for the Hatfield Family Athletic Scholarship at Virginia Tech and were very proud to support Virginia Tech and its students. Janet was a longtime member of the local banking industry, retiring from both the former First National Bank of Christiansburg and First Bank & Trust.

The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 31, 2022, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services will begin at 12 p.m. with Pastor Greg Harrell officiating. Interment will follow in the Westview Cemetery in Blacksburg. The family requests everyone wear a mask.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to either the Women's Resource Center or the Radford/Fairlawn Daily Bread.

The Hatfield family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford.

## Viers, Mary Nuckols

Mary Nuckols Viers, 90, of Radford, passed away Sunday, Jan. 16, 2022.

She was predeceased by her husband, Dennis Corvin Viers, and a daughter, Marie Viers Harris.

She is survived by daughters Bonnie Viers Singleton of Radford and Pamela Sue Viers of Blacksburg; a son, Robert C. Viers of Christiansburg; and a son-in-law, Roy D. Harris of Maryville, Tenn.; four grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and beloved nieces and nephews.

In accordance with her wishes, her body has been donated to the Virginia

Anatomical Program as a gift to the living to be used for study and research in medical education.

A memorial service to honor her life will be held at a later date.

The family wishes to thank Good Samaritan Hospice for their loving care.

For those who wish to make a donation in her memory, please consider Grove United Methodist Church Memorial Fund, 1020 Tyler Avenue, Radford, VA 24141.

The Viers family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford. www.mullinsfuneralhome.com.

## Martin, Lucy Kessinger

Lucy Kessinger Martin, 85, of Blacksburg, died Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022, at LewisGale Hospital Montgomery.

She was born in Montgomery County on Sept. 21, 1936, to the late Roy Kemper and Lucy Smith Kessinger. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lee Edward Martin; her sisters, Fleta Smith, Doris Walters, Lois Green; brothers Roy D. Kessinger, Harvey Kessinger, Bobby Kessinger, and Dan Kessinger.

She is survived by her son, Clayton Rice; a daughter, Wanda Brickey; grand-

children Lorie Rice and Teri Brickey; sisters and brothers-in-law Almeta and David Young, Martha Campbell, Patricia McCoy, Sandra Sims, Brenda and Roy Hughes, and Carrie and Derek Lee; brothers and sisters-in-law Larry and Karen Kessinger and Estiol and Brenda Kessinger; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held on Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2022, at 11 a.m. at Roselawn Memorial Gardens, Christiansburg. Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

## NAACP

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the keynote speaker, Rev. Dr. Tommy McDearis, who has pastored Blacksburg Baptist Church since 1997. Rev. McDearis recounted memories of growing up in a small town in the South where schools were integrated only when he entered the fourth grade. His experience was that the difficulties of integration came from the adults and not from the children.

When he questioned the awkward and unfair arrangements of segregation, he found the adults unwilling to answer his questions. He remembered Dr. King being called evil and

a troublemaker, and when King was assassinated, he remembers that some white adults openly celebrated. He said he was unable to reconcile the attitudes and behavior of church members with the Jesus that he and they worshipped.

Rev. McDearis observed that while the prejudices of today are more subtle and less vehement, they are just as real. Just as voting rights were an important issue in the 1960s, they are an important issue now, he said. While we look back to celebrate the work of Dr. King more than 50 years ago, we also need to look forward to the changes

we know still need to happen to embody his dream, Rev. McDearis said. He closed by quoting a number of lines from Dr. King, including "Change does not roll in on the wheels of inevitability, but comes through continuous struggle. And so we must straighten our backs and work for our freedom." He then encouraged listeners to join in carrying on the legacy of Dr. King.

Judy Barylske, co-chair of the branch's education committee, announced a new initiative during Black History Month in February. The committee will conduct a book

drive to spread awareness of local African-American history. This will follow on the very successful book drive last year to promote family reading and early childhood literacy through local schools. Details will be forthcoming.

Branch President Deborah H. Travis thanked the guest speaker, all of the program participants, and Karen Jones for the technological arrangements that made the online celebration possible. President Travis urged those gathered to follow King's example and continue the work of advocating justice for all.

The general body meetings

of the local NAACP are on the fourth Sunday of each month.

Email info@mrfnaacp.org for a link to the virtual meetings. Everyone is welcome. Information about the Montgomery County-Radford City-Floyd County NAACP Branch #7092 is available at mrfnaacp.org or https://www.facebook.com/mrfnaacp.org. To make a donation to the Samuel H. Clark Scholarship fund, write a check to "M-R-F NAACP" and mark it for "Scholarship Fund" in the memo line. Then mail the donation to: M-R-F NAACP, PO Box 6044, Christiansburg, VA 24068.

## VDOT

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lane closures utilizing flagging operations will be in place between the intersection of Teaberry Road and Jennelle Road.

**ROUTE 636 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AT SENECA HOLLOW** - Work has begun replacing the bridge on Route 636 over the Roanoke River at Seneca Hollow. The contractor is planning to pour the last pier footing and stem within the second week of January and then cure for 14-20 days. A road closure with a detour is in place from Echo Hills Road to .36 mile south of Route 460. 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 February 2022.

**UTILITY WORK ON ROUTE 460** - MMI will be installing fiber optic along Route 460 and Route 8 from the Giles County line to the Floyd County line. This work will be ongoing. Motorists should expect shoulders and/or lane closures for travel in both directions.

**INTERSTATE 81 BRIDGE HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS** - Due to bridge painting, several

height restrictions are in place along I-81 north and southbound. Maximum height allowed is 14'6" at the following bridges over I-81 at the mile marker locations of 135, 109 and 108 until mid-January. Overheight vehicles will need to be rerouted. Message boards are in place.

**INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDENING CONSTRUCTION EXIT 141 TO EXIT 143** - A project to widen the lanes on I-81 in Roanoke in both northbound and southbound directions between Exit 141 to Exit 143 has been underway. One new lane in each direction of I-81 and two lanes northbound on to

I-581 at exit 143 opened just before Thanksgiving between mile markers 141 and 143. All lanes will remain open through winter with periodic lane closures at night as needed. The final surface paving and markings for northbound will resume with the next paving season in spring 2022. Estimated completion date of the project is summer 2022.

**ROUTE 615 CULVERT REPLACEMENT** - Beginning April 11, 2022, Route 615 (Pilot Road) will undergo a culvert replacement located at the intersection of Pilot Road and Old Pike Road, across from the

Pilot Post Office. Single lane closures will be in place and will be maintained by utilizing

temporary traffic signals. Lane closures on RTE 615 are expected to begin on 5/2/2022



## IN MEMORY WILLIS K. WEBB

I want to honor Willis Webb as a great neighbor, great friend and role model for the past 18 years. I spent many times bowling with him in state senior tournaments and will miss those days in the future. Mr. Webb (Pa) taught me lessons on enjoying life with a compassion and attitude that went far beyond the bowling lanes. He was an important part of our lives and will always be in our thoughts in the future. Thank you Pa for great memories!

Randy Thompson

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**Lost & Found**



**LOST MALE HUSKY, Brown Eyes**  
**\*\* \$500.00 REWARD for safe return \*\***  
 CALL/TEXT-Facebook/IM: Sherri Combs Turnbull 540-580-2929

Max went missing November 8, 2021 in the Solitude Rd area of Arcadia, Va. Please help us find Max, if you see something, say something, ask questions, he's out there somewhere. He is loved and missed terribly by his family and twin sister Bella. We need Max home, PLEASE!!

Share this far and wide. Let's get Max home.

**For Sale - Firewood**

**FIREWOOD**  
 Mixed Hardwood. Call 540-529-2745 Delivery in Botetourt only

**For Sale - Misc**

**FOR SALE**  
 Unprinted end rolls of newsprint. Great for packing & shipping, moving & storage and for art projects. Various sizes available. Stop by the Salem Times-Register 1633 West Main St. or call (540)389-9355 for details.

**Help Wanted - Clerical**

**VINTON PART-TIME RECEPTIONIST AND HOUSEMAN**  
 Oakey's Funeral Service – Vinton Chapel is seeking individuals to work with the public and the ability to perform varied clerical tasks and service to clientele. A working knowledge of computers is helpful but not required. These positions offer flexible day, evening, and weekend hours. We offer competitive compensation. Interested candidates should contact Josh Dama at (540) 982-2221.

**Help Wanted - General**

**Quality Inn Radford**  
 Hiring Full-Part Time Front Desk Clerk/Night Auditor and Housekeeping. Apply in Person. Ph-540-639-3000

**Part Time Newspaper Production Help**  
 The Salem TimesRegister has openings for afternoon/evening shift work inserting, labeling and bundling newspapers for delivery. No experience necessary. Hours may vary. Will train. \$7.50 per hour. Contact Lynn Hurst, General Manager, Salem-Times Register (540)389-9355 or email lhurst@ourvalley.org

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**Legals - Botetourt County**

**ABC NOTICE**

B&B Thapa Corporation, trading as Hill Top Market, 472 1st St, Buchanan, Botetourt County, Virginia 24066-5187.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Wine and Beer Off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Kalpana Budhathoki  
 NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

**Legals - City of Salem**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

On Monday, the 14th day of February, 2022, the Council of the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing on the proposed issuance of general obligation public improvement bonds of the City in an estimated maximum principal amount of \$2,350,000 for the purposes of financing the City's share of the costs to renovate the existing anaerobic digestion facilities at the Western Virginia Water Authority Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant, together with related expenses, and paying the associated financing and issuance costs. Such bonds will be secured by a pledge of the full faith and credit and taxing power of the City. The public hearing, which may be continued or adjourned, will be conducted during the regular meeting of the City Council which is scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m. at Community Room, Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke Boulevard, Salem, Virginia 24153. Interested persons may appear at such time and place and present their views.

Rosemarie Jordan  
 Director of Finance  
 City of Salem, Virginia

**Notice of Public Sale**

Notice is hereby given that Storage King USA 201 Berkley Rd.NE. Roanoke VA 24012 will sell the contents of the storage units listed below at a public auction to satisfy a lien placed on the contents (Virginia Statute 55). The sell will take place at the website Storage Treasures.com on 02/15/2022 at 9:00 am. The sale will be conducted on Storage Treasures.com, under the guidance of Christopher Rosa (2907004316) on the behalf of the facility's management. Units will be available for viewing prior to the sale on Storage Treasures.com. Contents will be sold for cash only to the highest bidder. A 15% buyer's premium will be charged as well as a \$100 cleaning deposit per unit. All sales are final. Seller reserves the right to withdraw the property at any time before the sale or to refuse any bids. The property to be sold is described as "general household items" unless otherwise noted.  
 159-Katelyn Bowman-Household goods:  
 023-Jeffery Terry - Household goods:  
 225-Marcus Harrison - Household good:  
 295-Travis Davidson-Household goods:  
 259-Jonathan Walker-Household good

**Legals - Montgomery County**

**TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 3426 MOUNT ZION ROAD, BLACKSBURG, VA 24060.**

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated March 11, 2005, in the original principal amount of \$177,800.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 2005002842. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Montgomery County, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia on February 24, 2022, at 1:00 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING AT A POINT, A ROD SET ON THE NORTH SIDE OF MT. ZION ROAD (VA. RTE. 655), CORNER TO PROPERTY OF RALPH L. AND THERESA P. RUPERT; THENCE LEAVING MT. ZION ROAD AND WITH THE RUPERT LINE, N. 00° 24' 13" E. 284.49 FEET TO A POINT, AN EXISTING ROD FOUND AND CORNER TO THE PROPERTY OF GLEN E. AND DENISE G. PRICE; THENCE LEAVING RUPERT AND WITH THE PRICE LINE, S. 88° 21' 17" E. 76.84 FEET TO A ROD FOUND AT AN ANGLE POINT; THENCE CONTINUING WITH PRICE, S. 01° 31' 00" E. 191.00 FEET TO A ROD SET AT AN ANGLE POINT; THENCE STILL CONTINUING WITH PRICE, S. 64° 26' 19" E. 33.48 FEET TO A POINT, A ROD SET CORNER TO THE PROPERTY OF ROY B. MILLER, JR. AND DONNA C. MILLER; THENCE LEAVING PRICE AND WITH THE MILLER LINE, S. 15° 23' 00" W. 108.00 FEET TO A POINT, A ROD SET ON THE NORTH SIDE OF MT. ZION ROAD (VA. RTE. 655); THENCE LEAVING MILLER AND WITH MT. ZION ROAD, N. 72° 15' 48" W. 79.15 FEET TO A ROD FOUND ON SAME; THENCE CONTINUING WITH SAID ROAD, N. 72° 45' 29" W. 10.50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. BIDDERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO WEAR A COVER OVER BOTH NOSE AND MOUTH AND PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING AT THE AUCTION. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-353027-1.

**Legals - Montgomery County**

**Proposed Tower Replacement**

New River Valley Emergency Communications Regional Authority is proposing to replace the telecommunications tower and equipment at 2080 Oilwell Road, Blacksburg, Virginia. Please submit comments regarding potential effects on historic properties to: Mr. Lucas Powell, F&R, 3015 Dumbarton Road, Richmond, VA 23228. Telephone: 804-264-2701

**Public Notice Environmental Permit**

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the release of treated wastewater into a water body in Montgomery County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: January 19, 2022 to February 18, 2022

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination Permit – wastewater issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: NRV Regional Water Authority, 3515 Peppers Ferry Road, Radford, VA 24141; VA0052850

FACILITY NAME AND LOCATION: NRV Regional Water Authority WTP; 3515 Peppers Ferry Road, Radford, VA 24141

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: NRV Regional Water Authority has applied for reissuance of a permit for the public NRV Regional Water Authority WTP. The applicant proposes to release treated industrial wastewater at a rate of 0.125 million gallons per day (MGD) into a water body. The facility proposes to release the treated industrial wastewater into an unnamed tributary of Stroubles Creek in Montgomery County in the New River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The permit will limit the following pollutants to amounts that protect water quality: physical and chemical parameters, solids, chlorine, and toxicity.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by hand-delivery, by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) the reason why a public hearing is requested 2) a brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requester, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit 3) specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Kevin A. Harlow, DEQ Blue Ridge Regional Office, 901 Russell Dr, Salem, VA 24153; Phone: (540) 562-6700; E-mail: Kevin.Harlow@deq.virginia.gov; Fax: (804) 698-7148. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above.

**Legals - Montgomery County**

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**

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 VA CODE §§ 1-211 1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104  
**Case No. CL21001989**  
 Montgomery County Circuit Court  
 55 East Main Street, Suite 1, Christiansburg, VA 24073  
 Estate Of Ernestine B. Frith v.  
 Commonwealth of Virginia Mark B. Frith v.  
 Commonwealth of Virginia  
 The object of this suit is to: Sale of Ernestine Burton Frith's Real Property  
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January 13, 2022  
 Judge K. Mike Fleenor, Jr.

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# RADFORD SPORTS

## Christiansburg finishes third in Big Blue Tournament

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Christiansburg High School's six-year domination of its Big Blue Wrestling Invitational ended this past weekend as Staunton River emerged from the tournament as the 2022 top dog by compiling 197 points.

Christiansburg finished a distant third with Washington High School in second. Powhatan was fourth, Glen-

var fifth, Blacksburg seventh, Salem ninth, William Byrd 10th, Hidden Valley 13th, Cave Spring 16th and Floyd 17th.

Christiansburg did have several individual winners. Jacob Baier led the Blue Demons contingent with a first at 160 pounds when an injury to his William Byrd opponent gave him the win. Luke Robie then took a 7-0 decision over Trey Lawrence of Glenvar for the

title at 145. Robie would be named the event's Most Outstanding Wrestler.

Aiden LaComa claimed one of Christiansburg's first pins of the championship round at 2:43 against Tyler Nix of Brentsville, and Parker Ferrell dominated at 220 in a 16-0 decision over Hunter Brown of Staunton River.

Blacksburg's Tharun Svetanant claimed first place at 138. Blacksburg's Braden

Henderson was second at 126 after following 7-2 in a decision to Jackson Stroud of Bentsville, and teammate Garrett Henderson would also finish second in 132 on a 3-2 decision to Jake Cline of Glenvar who took first place.

Other Christiansburg place winners were Bowman Altizer third at 182, J.J. Pociask fourth at 170, Zachary Cummings third at 152, and Jacob Manieri fifth at 138. Glenvar place winners were Ethan Flowers second at 152, Mason Hylton sixth at 120, and River Smith third at 113.

J.B. Dragovich of Hidden Valley claimed the top spot in 120.

Salem's Samuel Miles took second in 182, Matthew McNeil sixth at 152, Kyman Kinnery fourth at 138, Haeden Smith seventh at 132, Ty Porter eighth in 120, Braden Armes seventh at 106, Jackson Bryie fourth at 220 and Linkin Callihan fifth at 195.

Blacksburg's Ryan Ankrum was eighth in the 160 class while teammate Robert Baker also finished eighth at 145. Jackson Hardy finished eighth at 132, Jared Swift eighth at 113 and Jacob Honaker eighth at 106.

Big Blue officials took a moment to remember former Cave Spring and Christiansburg wrestler Kip Niningger who died last year in a tragic car accident. A Cave Spring mat and a Christiansburg wrestling mat were recognized in his honor.

Kip's father, Chris, presented a check to the Virginia Elite Wrestling program, which is based in Christiansburg and provides the foundation for many wrestlers like his son in Southwest Virginia.

Two Niningger scholarships totaling \$1,413 were presented to two participants, Garrett Henderson of Blacksburg and Luke Robie of Christiansburg. The scholarship amount, according to Chris, is a reference to his son's favorite Bible verse 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Kip was a two-time state champion and a three-time place winner.

More than 100 golfers gathered at the Botetourt County Club in October to raise money for the scholarship fund.



Blacksburg High School's Tharun Svetanant took first place at 138 pounds in Saturday's Big Blue Invitational at Christiansburg High School.



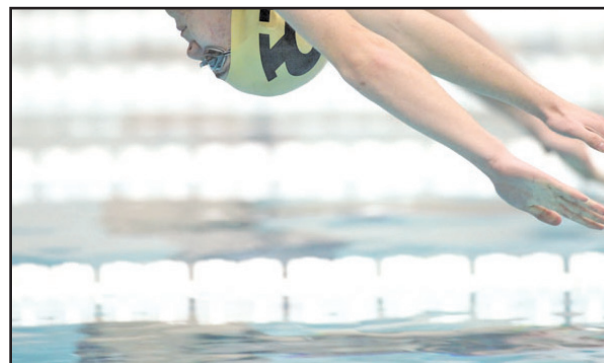
Christiansburg's Luke Robie dominated competition at Saturday's Big Blue wrestling tournament, claiming first place in the 145-pound class. For his performance, he was named the event's most valuable wrestler.



Parker Ferrell gave Christiansburg another first at 220 pounds with a win over Hunter Brown of Staunton River.

PHOTOS BY KYMN DAVIDSON-HAMLEY

## Radford swimmers compete at Christiansburg Aquatic Center



Radford High School's Graham Minarik dives to start the 200-yard freestyle at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center Thursday night. Minarik placed second with a time of 2:11.06.



Radford's Imran Akhundov swims the butterfly in the 200-yard individual medley, placing third and lowering his time to 2:37.78.



Radford's Havva Gasimova placed second in the 200-yard individual mddley (2:53.75).



Radford's Madison Graham swims in the 100-yard butterfly, placing fifth (1:15.42).



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Radford's Hampton Wohlford placed second in the 500-yard freestyle (5:30.77).

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