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# Flock of robins falls from the sky in Radford

RADFORD - A flock of American robins fell from the sky and died Thursday on the campus of Radford University, and wildlife experts say it will likely be weeks before the cause is known.

More than 50 birds died, and two survived and are being held in quarantine at the Southwest Virginia Wildlife Center (SVWC) in Roanoke.

Students of wildlife biologist Dr. Karen Powers, a professor at Radford University "discovered a huge flock of birds, some already dead and some floundering on the ground, and quickly alerted Dr. Powers about the situation, according to the SVWC.

There were only two survivors, which will be kept "in strict quarantine at the center, just in case of a pathogen." The Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources is investigating the incident and will be testing the birds to determine the cause of death.

"After an hour, the two survivors are now lively and doing well with no noticeable injuries, symptoms, or odd behavior," the SVWC posted. "The quick recovery of survivors and the pre-death symptoms of the birds who died are not consistent with avian flu, and there is

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This American robin is one of two that survived the recent die-off of robins in Radford and is currently in quarantine at the Southwest Virginia Wildlife Center.

# Radford design students find inspiration in the New River Gorge

Sean Kotz Radford University

Anyone who makes a trip to the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve this spring will have a chance to see some uniquely inspired art from Radford University's design students.

Last fall, the gorge was the

catalyst for a project in Laura Kimball's Fundamentals class, a first-year modular course that starts design majors on their educational journey.

Normally, these projects would

find a home on campus, but as Radford builds its new multi-million-dollar Center for Adaptive Innovation and Creativity, display space is limited.

This year, with the gorge taking center stage in a major course assignment, the Canyon Rim Visitor's Center makes for a perfect gallery.

Since 2018, Kimball has used America's National Parks to spark creativity for an assignment that marries abstract art to inspiration. This year, West Virginia's New River Gorge, which winds for 53

miles through some of the country's most beautiful scenery, served as the focal point.

"Students start with information-gathering research with simple prompts to guide them," said Kimball. "What is the history of this place? What is its significance? Why do people visit? Describe the ecosystem.

For the assignment, students must create both 2D and 3D abstract paper art projects to capture the spirit of the New River Gorge

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Radford University design students currently have their work displayed at the Canyon Rim Visitor's Center.



PHOTOS BY LAURA KIMBALL

The design projects center on the New River Gorge Bridge, seen out the window with student projects in the foreground.



Radford Chief of Police Jeff Dodson (right) is welcomed as an executive board member of the Virginia Association of Chiefs of

### Radford police chief elected to board of Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police

Radford City Chief of Police Jeff Dodson was recently elected to the executive board of the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police

Due to an unplanned vacancy on the board created by former Hopewell Chief Kamran Afzal accepting the chief of police position in Dayton, Ohio, the executive board held a special midterm election for an at-large board member.

"Chief Dodson was one of several candidates interviewed by our nominating committee for the vacant seat," according to the association of chiefs of police. "This committee of past presidents of the VACP conferred about each of the candidates and then presented Chief Dodson as their nominee for election by the membership present at the VACP winter conference."

Dodson previously served the VACP's professional image and ethics committee, the alarm management committee, and the awards committee. He is also active in the Blue Ridge Chiefs' Association.

Prior to becoming the Chief of Police in Radford, Chief Dodson was a lieutenant with the Culpeper Police Department. He holds a master's degree in criminal justice management from Saint Leo University and a bachelor's degree in management and leadership from Bluefield College. He is also a graduate of the VACP's Professional Executive Leadership School.

Dodson was elected to a fourvear-term.



# **VT** economic expert: **Growing inflation tied** directly to supply shortages

Virginia Tech economist David Bieri says temporary increases of some prices are normal as demand is outstripping supply in specific sectors of the economy such as fuel, labor, and some consumer goods. As we come out of the pandemic, Bieri says, growing inflation entirely depends on how quickly supply can catch up.
Reports out this week in-

dicate that U.S. inflation has grown 7.5 percent in the last year, reaching a 40-year high. Businesses continue to struggle with labor shortages and the cost of consumer goods con-

tinue to rise. "Economists and policy

makers worry about whether or not this spike in inflation will spill into other sectors and thus lead to more permanent increases in the price level," says Bieri. "Officials at the Federal Reserve are worried enough about this prospect that they have signaled that with increases in interest rates for the first time since 2018. 'While these short-term

labor shortages might affect consumers negatively with fewer options, as firms adjust and continue to compete of the pent-up spending power of post-pandemic households,

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# **USDA** confirms highly contagious avian flu in Virginia

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has confirmed the presence of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in birds in two states: a backyard flock of mixed species birds in Fauquier County, Virginia, and a flock of commercial broiler chickens in Fulton County, Kentucky.

This was the first time the disease has been found in Virginia, and poultry owners and industry members alike need to take precautions to protect their flocks from the incurable disease, says Michael Persia, an associate professor and Virginia Cooperative Extension specialist of poultry nutrition and management in the Department of Animal and Poultry Sciences.

Anyone involved with poultry production from the small backyard to the large commercial producer should review their biosecurity activities to assure the health of their birds. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has materials about biosecurity, including videos, checklists, and an available toolkit.

"The disease could be economically devastating to industry and could also cause backyard owners to lose their entire flock," Persia says. "To help protect flocks, it's important to take practical biosecurity measures to reduce and eliminate potential sources of infection.'

These safety measures in-

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# Upcoming events

# Now through Feb. 28:

MFRL adult winter reading program

The Montgomery Floyd Regional Library's adult winter reading program challenges patrons to read during January and February and keep track of their reading on the library's Beanstack site. Participants earn badges with each book read and activity completed. https://mfrl. beanstack.org/.

#### Grab & Go meals

All the month of February at the Meadowbrook Public Library. Children and youth 18 and younger can come and get a weeks' worth of free meals and snacks. Each box will contain a five-day supply. This is free to all children/teens during library hours. Sponsored by Feeding Southwest Virginia.

# Wednesday, Feb. 23:

Lunch and Learn listening session

Blacksburg Library; noon. Do you feel anxious about the state of our environment? Coming together to volunteer on sustainability-related projects helps us magnify our efforts beyond what we can accomplish in our own homes and gives us the opportunity to channel our anxiety into action. Join us for this month's Lunch and Learn program to hear from both organizers and volunteers about some of the most impactful projects that affect the environment in our

area and how to get involved.

Complete a Pokédex event Blacksburg Library; 5 p.m. Bring a device and Pokémon games and trade with other Pokémon Trainers to complete a Pokédex! Find missing version exclusives, evolve a trade-evolution Pokémon, and enjoy meeting others in the area who love Pokémon. Email Trainer Sally at sstauffer@mfrl.org with any questions.

#### Radford Reads with Matthew Raidbard

Author and former basketball coach Matthew Raidbard will join the Radford Public Library on Zoom at 6 p.m. to talk about his book, "Lead Like A Pro: Effective Leadership Styles for Athletic Coaches." This event is free and is open to the public. To join on Zoom, the event ID is 897 6700 7543.

### Thursday, Feb. 24:

Bad Art Night (for Adults)
Blacksburg Library; 6:30
p.m. The staff is setting out
random craft supplies for an
evening of really awful art.
Have a laugh and turn off the
self-judgment and perfectionism that keeps participants
from truly enjoying their creativity. Registration is recommended. Adults only.

# Friday, Feb. 25 and Saturday, Feb. 26:

Radford Public Library Book Sale

The Radford Public Library will hold book sales on

Friday, Feb. 25 and Saturday, Feb. 26 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Book topics during the sale include fantasy, science fiction, fishing, and cooking plus DVDs, CDs, and gun books. The sale will feature a free table. All hardbacks are \$1 and paperbacks are \$50. Children's books are half that. Funds raised assist the Lamplighters.

### Sunday, Feb. 27:

Chess Club

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

### Monday, Feb. 28:

Talking about Books: "The Book of Longing"

Blacksburg Library; 11 a.m. To be discussed is "The Book of Longing" by Sue Monk Kidd. Call (540) 552-8246 to reserve a copy.

### Crafternoon Delight for adults only

Learn how to knit or crochet with library staff at the Radford Public Library; 1 p.m. Needles, crochet hooks and yarn will be available for tutorials and practice during this session of Crafternoon Delight.

# Wednesday, March 2:

Business over Breakfast
The Radford Chamber of

Commerce's Business over Breakfast meeting is at 8 a.m. at Sweet and Savory. Two guest speakers on businessrelated topics will present. Register in advance at www. radfordchamber.com.

### Thursday, March 3:

American Legion meeting American Legion Harvey-Howe-Carper Post 30 will meet at 7pm 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 canceled. For further information, call 540-250-2283 or 540-239-9864.

### Friday, March 4:

Christiansburg Aquatic Center Free Fitness Fling

Christiansburg Aquatic Center; 9:30 to 11 a.m. and 5:30 to 7 p.m. Try a 10-to-12-minute sampling of various fitness classes offered at the CAC. Instructors will be on hand to answer questions about the classes.

### Tuesday, March 8:

Sons of Confederate Veta-

Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784, will meet at 7 p.m. at Aly's Family Italian Restaurant, 3204 Riner Road. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are invited to attend. Mr. Will Reed will continue with Part Three of his series on "Confederate Small Arms." If Montgomery County Public Schools are closed on Tuesday or Wednesday of this week

due to weather, the meeting is canceled. For further information, call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

### **Thursday, March 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.

### Wednesday, March 23:

Radford Army Ammunitions Plant community meeting

Christiansburg Public Library; 6 p.m. The meeting will discuss modernization and environmental project, and compliance and corrective actions at the Radford Army Ammunition Plant. Staff members from the U.S. Army and BAE Systems will be on hand to engage with the public. Questions: usarmy. radford.peo-eis.list.rfaap-public-affairs@mail.mil

### Ongoing:

Blacksburg Aquatic Center closed for repairs

Repairs on the hot tub, gutters and deck surface at the Blacksburg Aquatic Center are ongoing. The aquatic center will remain closed for several more weeks. A re-opening date will be announced once it is confirmed.

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this is likely to lead to both effi-

ciency gains - better service with less, more automation - and more options as entrepreneurs explore new opportunities," says Bieri.

"With labor force participation

"With labor force participation reaching a 50-year low due to the pandemic, workers need to be enticed back to the labor force as these new opportunities begin to establish themselves," says Bieri. "Postpandemic entrepreneurialism in the U.S. is thriving, but it will take some time before consumers feel the full impact of this new dynamism."

Another driving force for rising inflation is the soaring cost of housing rentals and fuel.

"Spending on housing is the largest share of consumer expenditures which is reflected in the fact that this spending category makes up almost a third of the basket of goods and services that is used to calculate the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)," says Bieri. "Since increases in the CPI are the most common ways of quantifying inflation, the steep increases

in house prices and rents will be reflected in the CPI and register as inflation.

"Fuel prices have also increased by nearly 54% since the start of the pandemic and are not showing any sign of abating," says Bieri. "Although average household expenditures on fuel account for less than 5% of all expenditures, such historically large jumps in the price of fuel will continue to push headline inflation up."

David Bieri is an associate professor in the Virginia Tech School of Public and International Affairs and an associate professor of economics. He also holds an appointment in the Global Forum on Urban and Regional Resilience. His teaching interests are at the intersection of public finance, monetary theory, and history of economic thought. He has held various senior positions at the Bank for International Settlements in Basel, Switzerland. Prior to his work in central banking, he worked as in investment banker in London and Zurich.

## Robins Fall

no reason to suspect that at this time - although the birds will be checked just in case. While we don't know for sure the cause of these sudden deaths, we do know American robins are susceptible to poisoning due to their natural history and are sometimes used as a measure of environmental health because of this trait. Another theory is that these birds died due to intoxication. Rob-

ins primarily eat fruit in the winter, and cycles of freezing and thawing like we've had this winter can cause berries to ferment. When birds eat fermented berries, they can accidentally become drunk—or worse, suffer alcohol poisoning and die."

The Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources has informed the Southwest Virginia Wildlife Center that it

may take a while to run all the tests they need to run to get a conclusive answer on the cause of death.

"It's always sad to see that many dead animals, but we're glad at least two of them will get a second chance at life," the wild-life center said. "Thank you to Dr. Powers and her students for such a quick and organized response to the dire situation."

# Virginia Department of Transportation road watch

The following is a list of forecasted highway projects that may impact traffic traveling in the 12-county Salem Transportation District 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 counties.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY I-81 NORTHBOUND AT EXIT 105 NEW RIVER BRIDGE REPLACE-MENT IN MONTGOMERY COUN-TY – 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 Right lane closures may be in place on

I-81 northbound between mile markers 104-105 during nighttime hours, 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. the following morning.

SLOW ROLLS: Slow rolls may be utilized periodically on both the northbound and southbound lanes from mile marker 98-109 for structural steel deliveries and setting beams.

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 lighting installations at the intersections and under the bridges. Lane closures may be possible. Work zone and reduced speed limit signs have been removed on I-81. Estimated as a policient is each 2022.

timated completion is early 2022. ROUTE 615 CULVERT REPLACE-MENT – 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 Oc-

ROUTE 643 PAVING PROJECT - A project has been 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.

LANE CLOSURES: Intermittent single lane closures utilizing flagging operations will be in place between the intersection of Teaberry Road and Jennelle Road.

Teaberry Road and Jennelle Road.

ROUTE 636 BRIDGE REPLACE-MENT AT SENECA HOLLOW – There will be intermittent single-lane closures with a flagging operation in place between the hours of 7 a.m. and 6 p.m., throughout the remainder of the project. The project is expected to be completed by the end of February 2022.

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INTERSTATE 81

INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDEN-ING CONSTRUCTION EXIT 137 TO EXIT 141 – A \$179 million design-build project to widen both directions of I-81 between mile markers 136.6 and 141.8 from two to three lanes is underway. Starting in February and continuing into the early summer, work will be performed on the inside and outside shoulders along a five mile section of both northbound and southbound Interstate 81 in Roanoke County and the city of Salem. The shoulders will be built up before a barrier wall can be installed for road crews to work behind.

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# Little Hokie Hangout provides critical support to graduate students and their families

On a recent wintry morning, while their parents were at work across Virginia Tech's Blacksburg campus, a group of 2- to 5-year-old children were at "work" themselves in a brightly lit center on Prices Fork

Some were constructing towers of wooden blocks with shaving cream mortar. Others were busy at a media table, playing with measuring cups. Some were painting. Others were creating clay creatures. And a few sat in the reading corner, listening to stories.

This hub of activity is the Little Hokie Hangout, a flexible, early education center subsidized by the Graduate School to meet the child care needs of graduate students with families, but it also serves staff, faculty, and undergraduates with children ages 20 months to 5 1/2 years.

Care is provided for three sessions each day morning, afternoon, and evening – and the center operates from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, following the university's calendar for closures and holidays.

state-licensed center launched in January 2015 and operates on the Luther Memorial Lutheran Church campus. Since its opening, the Little Hokie Hangout has served more than 80 families. More than 100 children have attended sessions, said center director Marin Riegger.

Virginia Tech graduate students have long expressed a need for stable, flexible child care.

On annual surveys sent to students asking what additional services they need, nearly 19 percent of students reported that they have children, and almost half of those respondents said they need child care services for their dependents.

A majority of those respondents said they need services five days a week. Results from a caregiver survey conducted by the Virginia Tech Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost in fall 2020 noted that "graduate students are the least likely group to have dedicated and consistent child care arrange-

Riegger said that many international students with families rely on the center for child care. "We have a huge international contingent," she said. "We're teaching children English for the first time every day."

Dean Aimée Surprenant noted the importance for graduate students and other Virginia Tech community members with families to have access to quality child care. "Many graduate students juggle child care needs with studies and work as graduate assistants, graduate teaching assistants, or graduate research assistants," Surprenant said. "This program helps ease that burden and provides a welcoming, safe, and creative environment for children to grow and thrive. The Graduate School is proud to continue to innovate in support of our students."

The center has 12 fully trained and certified staff members who work on a flexible schedule. Riegger said the Little Hokie Hangout has a staff member-to-child ratio of

'We use donor funds to keep the ratios small," she said. "That allows for a great deal of one-onone interaction. We feel that is really important to have. We try to hire people in who are in the child care and childdevelopment fields. We really want children and their families to have a quality experience."

Rieg-Additionally, ger said that the staff is a team. "We have people who really want to work here every day."

Parents pay only for the sessions they use. That flexibility is an important feature, Riegger said, adding that many programs require students to attend full time. Parents also appreciate it.

"The time blocks and payment schedule were so incredibly helpful, and it took away a lot of stress on our family while providing our child with a wonderful social atmosphere that is so needed for his age," said Laurel Glenn, whose husband was a graduate student when they enrolled their child. "The program really, really helped us when I thought all was a bit lost in keeping our family rolling.'

The center also provides scholarships for families who cannot afford the reduced rates, thanks to donor support and contributions to the Little Hokie Hangout Fund. Center tuition waivers are granted on a case-by-case basis, and students who have received this assistance have said it made continuing their education possible.



Children assemble castles with wooden blocks and shaving cream at Little Hokie Hangout. Marin Riegger photo

# Blacksburg's Brown Insurance Agency awarded Keystone's state agency of year

Keystone Insurers Group of Pennsylvania awarded Brown Insurance of Blacksburg as its Virginia State Agency of the Year during the group's recent annual national conference.

The award recognizes the agency within each of its states that best ex-

leadership mentoring, engaging in technology advancements, employing best practices to improve operations, and developing new income streams to strengthen their business

Brown Insurance Agency was one

Virginia Farm Bureau spokesman lauds USDA's

Keystone started in 1983 when four independent insurance agencies teamed up to pool their experience and expertise. Since that humble beginning, Keystone has grown to almost 300 independent agency partners in 17 states. In 2021, Keystone was ranked number four on Insurance Journal's 2021 list of Top 20 Property/Casualty Agency Part-

#### of 12 state winners nominated for emplifies Keystone's mission: "Independence works better together." the honor. Criteria include demonstrating Brown has served area residents as a commitment to growth through a community partner since 1927. nerships.

new labeling for genetically modified foods Consumers will soon see new symbols and QR codes identifying genetically modified and bioengineered foods as the U.S. Department of Agriculture implements new

labeling rules. Food manufacturers, importers, and certain retailers must now comply with the National Bioengineered Food Disclosure Standard, which requires labeling foods that have been genetically modified. It also replaces the term genetically modified organism, or GMO, with bioengineered foods. These are defined as foods that contain detectable genetic material that has been modified in a lab and cannot be found in nature or created through conventional breeding.

"The rule is a victory for both farmers and consumers who want transparency in food

marketing," said Ben Rowe, national affairs coordinator for Virginia Farm Bureau Federation. "It provides clarity to the marketplace so consumers can make informed decisions on the issues that matter to them and protects the innovation that is critical to the sustainability and future of agriculture."

Consumers will see text, symbols, QR codes, phone numbers, and website addresses on foods that are bioengineered or contain bioengineered ingredients. They can visit the website, scan the QR code, or make a phone call to learn more about the food and its ingredi-

Additionally, the standard establishes a national disclosure model that avoids a complicated assortment of state laws for bioengineered foods

that impede movement products, confuse consumers and increase production costs, Rowe

explained. Bioengineered crops and foods are a vital part

of today's food system. "Because of population growth, we need to use every tool in the toolbox to get higher yields," said Lynwood Broaddus, president of Caroline County Farm Bureau and a member of the VFBF Soybean & Feed Grains Advisory Committee. "Genetically modified crops are very

important in that." Broaddus said producers consumers benefit significantly from bioen-gineered foods as they allow farmers to grow crops more efficiently and reduce the amount of inputs like insecticides and herbicides.

In addition, "When

it comes to nutrition, there's no difference" between bioengineered and non-bioengineered foods,

Broaddus said. Only 13 crops and foods are available in bioengineered form, and more than 70% of harbioengineered crops are fed to food-pro-

ducing animals. "Billions of animals and millions of people have consumed genetically modified food without a single, recorded food safety incident," Rowe said. "These crops are repeatedly and extensively tested for consumer and environmental safety by both industry experts and independent organizations. Those tests are reviewed by the USDA, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Food and Drug Administration, and similar organizations internationally."



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# Buddy King: Memories of school days, a really great teacher, and "the gang"

In my continuing effort to downsize, usually thwarted by better things to do or by sentiment, I came across a picture that I am pretty sure was taken in the summer of 1974. It was of "my gang" (most of them at least) from my high school years.

We were Christiansburg High Class of 1971, and this picture was taken before our senior year of college, wearing sports coats and ties and standing beside motorcycles owned by three of the guys. To say that we were "thick as thieves" would do us a disservice. We were thicker.

Obviously, the photo brought back a flood of memories, some of which I could write about, now that the statutes of limitations have run and some of us live out of state, but I'm not going to write about our exploits and triumphs and tragedies. It would fill a book and then some.

Rather, I thought it was a good time to reflect on one of the more remarkable experiences we shared at CHS (timely, given the plug I'd like to give to the "REALLY BIG **REUNION**" - CHS Classes 1970 - 1974 - scheduled for hurt that several of us were this upcoming June 10 and the offspring of teachers. 11 - through the hard efforts

about one of the many great the terror we would face teachers my pals and I shared from competition with the with a few other classmates NOVA kids we would face and friends at dear old CHS: at Tech or UVA. Mabel R. McKee. Mrs.

qualities. We all had college UVA though.) ambitions and career aspirations, even if we weren't en- several teachers who were tirely sure what it all looked critical of this "advanced like then.

a good foundation to get for a total of three differwherever it was we wanted ent courses our junior and to go. So my pals and I sort senior years: Statistics and of pushed each other and Probability (ugh), College competed subconsciously to Math (double ugh), and do well in school. It didn't Physics (unmentionable). As

This is where Mrs. McKand perseverance of a multi- ee comes into the picture. member committee that has She taught upper-level math suffered through a pandemic and science courses. This postponements and was pre-AP days, but the contractual renegotiations intent of the curriculum we and Lord knows what else.) were put in was to prepare So, I have chosen to write us for college, particularly

It was going to be bad enough to be "social goo-I always felt fortunate, as bers" with kids from McLean my Dad liked to remind me, High and Bishop O'Connell that the group of guys I ran and prep schools we had with were all good and con- never heard of, but it would scientious students and good be even worse to be academkids, although testosterone ically inferior. I do not think and adolescence prevented we were (I definitely fell into us from admitting to these the social goober category at Mrs. McKee was one of

program" at CHS. She was We also had the notion certainly the most visible that it took good grades and because most of us had her you can tell, my "poet soul" was already showing, and I had much more interest in English and social studies classes, but Mrs. McKee got me through this morass of stuff that I have not had occasion to use again in my life. Suffice it to say, there were many girls and boys in her classes who cared more for the hard sciences than I did and who put it to good

It makes a nice story to write about a prominent teacher who challenged us and prepared us for the rigors of higher education, along with other great teachers like Helen Payne (8th grade English, our first year of high school then), Priscilla Fleshman (Latin, a great teacher and one all of my gang had a crush on), Ruth Ashworth (9th grade English, a new vocabulary word every day, which I

still appreciate), and Ruth Fisher (12th grade English, a teacher who inspired my love of writing, although she probably cringes now at my punctuation, syntax and grammar at times. It's called literary license Ruth). But Mabel holds a special place in our memories. Her class became a sort of

"Rowan and Martin Laughin" (Look it up if you are too young to remember. Laugh-In was an NBC ensemble comedy that was 60 minutes of non-stop laughter and started the careers of many famous comedians and comediennes). My friends and I were the ensemble in Mrs. McKee's classes, although usually unnoticed by her.

You see, Mrs. McKee was well-known as being a tad unfocused at times. Like most of the time. Discipline was not her strong suit. Awareness of things around her was not a priority. Like my law partner Gordon, she was brilliant, but not of this world. As I recall she had advanced degrees, and she loved her subjects and her students. But she could not command a room. Certainly not our classroom.

The jokes we played are too numerous to tell in detail, so just the highlights of a few of the better ones I can recall. Like the fairly regular stunt where all 20 or so of us would hide in the supply room of the old chemistry lab (where we had physics). When Mabel would come in the room and be spinning in circles, trying to figure out if she was in the right place, we would all come running out, yelling hello and good morning. Occasionally, we would yell happy birthday and sing to her. She would get emotional, even teary at times, and thank us profusely. Then her reality check would kick in and she would say "but it's not my birthday." We would all get very glum and start pretending to blame each other for the mistake. It took several birthdays each year before

Mabel caught on.

And there was the time she gave our classmate Wayne a "C" on a test. We told her Wayne was distraught, inconsolable. He then sneaked out the back door of the lab and went down to the shrubbery below our second floor window. He stretched out on his back in the bushes and covered his face in ketchup and acted passed out. Or worse. Of course one of us yelled "Don't jump, Wayne,"and we all ran to the window and looked down, including Mrs. McKee. Panic-stricken, she went running out of the room and down the stairs. We yelled at Wayne and he jumped up and came in the other front door of the school and back up to the room. When Mrs. McKee returned, she had her typical "resigned disgust" look on her face, but just went on with class. Feel bad now about that one.

Another part of our repertoire was to put a Christmas tree blinker on the overhead projector. We would tell her "Bobby could fix it." Bobby would then fool with it for several minutes and eventually remove the blinker and declare the projector "fixed." Mabel would then turn her back and walk up to the screen and of course Bobby would put the blinker back This usually ended with

Mrs. McKee going to get one of the assistant principals (Wayne Booth, our IT guy I guess) to come up to look at the "malfunction." Mr. Booth would immediately recognize that the "malfunction" was the group of kids in the room. Wayne was another great influence on our lives, but was not blessed with the ability to hold his temper like Mabel. I always suspected that he drew the short straw vis-avis our other great assistant principal Dick Ballengee when it came to handling Mabel's classes.

One of my favorite sto-

ries involved the age-old stunt (then) of making animal figures (rabbits, ducks) on the overhead projector screen by holding our hands in front of the stream of light. Eventually, Mabel would catch on and want to know who was interfering with the class. Despite the stream of light on the back of one of our hands (sort of a giveaway right?), we would all point at one of our better behaved classmates, Frank, and yell, "It's Frank, Mrs. McKee, Frank's doing it." Despite the fact that Frank sat at one of the last tables in the lab, well behind and not within 20 feet of the projector, more than once Mrs. McKee would grab him and drag him to Mr. Booth's office, Frank protesting all the way.

There was also the time Mrs. McKee told us that her beloved daughter, Penny Ward McKee, got her name when Mabel and her husband Pete put a bunch of names in a hat and drew out two. Having already told us Penny's name, Mabel played a perfect straight man and asked us to guess what names were drawn out. We yelled out "7 and 1/4" and "6 and 7/8" and other hat sizes. Flustered, Mabel yells, "No, no, Penny Ward!" We then started asking her if she got the hat at Montgomery Ward? She

You might wonder how all this helped prepare us for college. Good question, but we always settled down and would have a normal class. Well, maybe not always.

If you are part of one of the CHS Classes of 1970-1974 (the last five classes to graduate from the beautiful old school on the hill), try to make the REALLY BIG REUNION - June 10 and 11. Even though most of our teachers and coaches and administrators are now gone, as well as too many classmates, it will be fun to remember the good old

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# **Home Country**

Slim Randles

Contributing writer

"Folks and friends and neighborly people," came the loudspeaker blaring of the official car of the Gates of Heaven restaurant. "This year's your ol' pal Alphonse Wilson ... but you know they call me Windy ... bringin' the latest in news of fine Chinese cuisine and other newsy stuff."

Folks came out of the stores and offices to listen and wave as Windy once again drove around town in the loudspeaker car he borrowed from Delbert Chin's restaurant.

"Jes' think on it a minute . . . you ever get a dirty plate or dirty chopstick in Delbert's Chinese joint? No you didn't. Now you take in there them fortunate cookies he has? Got the best fortunes in got one, it said a dream of mine would come true.

"And you know what I'm dreamin' about? A honorary college degree for bein' the best cowboy camp cook in the whole dang countryside! Thass right.

Virginia gas prices rose

three cents per gallon in

while the most expensive

was \$3.94/g, a difference

price of gasoline also rose

three cents per gallon last

week, averaging \$3.51/g

Monday. The national av-

erage is up 20.5 cents per

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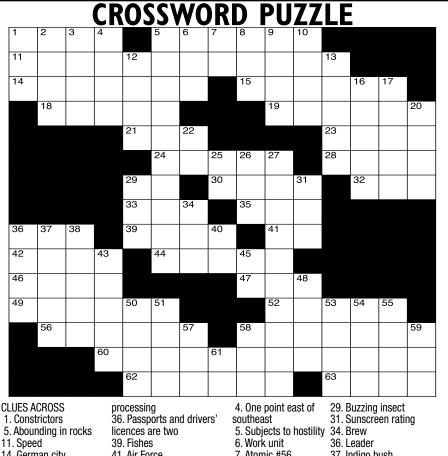
of 95.0 cents per gallon.

tions in Virginia.

So's if you folks could see fit to campaignin' a bit for me, shore would like that. Hey, all it costs is a dang stamp.

"And speakin' of stamps," rang out Windy's voice, "jes' stamp yore feet on into the Gates of Heaven Chinese joint here on Main Street. Mebbe we should call it Chow Mein Street, whaddya think? And if you are a real cannonsewer of Chinese grub, jes' ask ol' Delbert to bring you a poo-poo platter. Heard tell it tastes a bunch better than

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- 14. German city
- 15. Lacking sympathy 18. Visionaries 19. Wastes away 21. One precursor to

the EU

- 23. Nursemaid
- 24. Unconsciousnesses 28. Baby's word for father 58. 29. Equal to 64 US pints (abbr.) 30. Sénses of selfimportance 32. Midway between

south and southwest

35. Electronic data

33. When you hope to get

- 41. Air Force 42. Personal computers
- 44. Ecological community 46. Wings 47. Halfway
- 52. Jewelled headdress Musical composition Falls
- 60. Repeating remarks 62. Periods in one's life 63. Hyphen

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- 7. Atomic #56
- 8. British thermal unit 38. Burn with a hot liquid 9. "Elusive Butterfly" 40. Junior's dad 9. "Elusive Butterfly" 10. Fastened over
- 49. Cool, calm and collected animal's neck 12. Device 13. Rechargeable power source
  - 16. Ancient sage
  - 17. Consist of two elements "The Centennial State" (abbr.)

26. Get older

- 37. Indigo bush
- 43. Horse mackerels genus 45. Morning
- 48. Unit of linear measurement (abbr.) 50. Double curve
- 51. Small, twisted bunch 53. Developed 54. Mars crater
- 55. Humanistic discipline 20. "Pygmalion" writer 57. Word element meaning 58. Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series

59. Wood residue

### town. Them cookies are worth the price of the food all by theirselves. Last time I

Virginia gas prices keep going up gallon higher than a year

"With tensions still the past week, averaging \$3.39/g Monday, Feb. 21, very high that Russia may invade Ukraine, gasoline according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 4,081 staprices kept moving higher, tugged by the rising price Gas prices in Virginia of oil as the market concentrates on possible outare 23.8 cents per gallon higher than a month ago comes from the situation and stand 86.1 cents per that could affect global gallon higher than a year oil production amidst recovering demand," said According to GasBuddy Patrick De Haan, head price reports, the cheapof petroleum analysis for est station in Virginia was GasBuddy. priced at \$2.99/g Monday

"However, with nuclear talks between Iran and global powers ongoing in Vienna, the possibility exists that a new deal could bring Iran's crude oil supply back to legitimate markets, helping to ease a slight portion of supply concerns," said De Haan. "While the proposition remains in the air for the

time being, we're also just a few weeks away from the traditional start of the spring surge in gasoline prices, brought on by the change to summer gasoline, seasonal maintenance at refineries, and rising demand. The weeks ahead could be rather ugly with rising prices, especially if Russia pursues a strongarm invasion of Ukraine.'

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# **BITUARIES**

# Brewster, Margaret Alice Vest

Margaret Alice Vest Brewster was born Feb. 4, 1941, the daughter of the late Charlie William Vest and Gladys Van Dyke Vest. She passed peacefully in her home in Dublin on Thursday, Feb. 17, 2022.

Alice graduated from Big Creek High School in 1960 in War, W.Va. After graduating from high school., she married the love of her life and moved to Arlington, Va. She relocated to Dub-

lin, Va. with her family in 1974.

She graduated cosmetology school and worked for the Pulaski County School System. She was a woman of many talents and skills, especially a talented artist who loved to craft and bake. She was an active member of Highland Park Community Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Odell Brewster; sisters Bethany Laura Vest Rowe, Glenna Martin, and Dawana



Vest Martin; and a brother, Charles Harold Vest.

She is survived by her daughters, Kimberly Renee Brewster and Kelley Brewster McDaniel (Phillip); four grandchildren: Courtney Michelle Mabry, Miles Addison Mabry (Brittany), Landon Crockett McDaniel, and Peyton Ray McDaniel; a sister, Dolly Virginia Vest of White Gate; brothers Wil-

liam R. Vest (Joyce) of Christiansburg, Larry Dean Vest of Dublin, and Timothy I. Vest of Pearisburg.

Graveside memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 25, 2022, at Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin with Minister James Agnes officiating.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the National Hospice Foun-

The Brewster family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in

# Alberts, Theodore "Ted" R.

Theodore "Ted" R. Alberts, NRCC Retired Professor of Welding Technology, passed away peacefully on Saturday, Feb. 19, 2022.

He was born to the late Ted and Rose Alberts on May 10, 1943, in Chicago. His parents and his sister, Judith Mills, preceded him in death, along with his nephew, Tim Mills.

He is survived by his brother, Lawrence Alberts,

and niece Meggen Mills, both of Dallas. He is also survived by his loving sons, Joshua Alberts and Matthew Alberts of Radford, along with his loving wife, Bonnie. Ted and Bonnie were married for 55

Ted served in the U. S. Army from 1966-68 and was stationed in Ludwigs-

He graduated from Northern Illinois University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in education, and a Masters of Science.

He taught welding technology for 36 years in Illinois, Texas, and Virginia, where he retired from teaching at New River Community College, Dublin, in 2009. He would always say, "Ted's my name and welding is my game."

He also worked for Chicago Bridge and Iron (CBI) as a Quality Assurance



Engineer from 1980-82.

Early in his career, he joined the American Welding Society and was a member for 48 years. He became a Certified Welding Inspector (CWI) and a Certified Welding Educator (CWE) through the society. He served two years as a Director of District 4 which included portions of Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina,

serving on the AWS Board of Directors, representing the voice of the members. He also served in many volunteer leadership roles in the Southwestern Virginia

Ted had a love for astronomy, and for many years he assisted with visitors and gave tours at the D. C. Wysor Observatory in Dublin. He was also a lifelong fan of the Chicago Bears, the Chicago Bulls, and the Chicago Cubs.

Ted has been a member of the Dublin United Methodist Church since 1988. Services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Dublin United Methodist Church, PO Box 577, Dublin, VA 24084, or St. Jude's 800-608-3023.

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

# Jurisson, Rosalie Gwinn

Rosalie embarked on her last adventure on Feb. 17, 2022 two months shy of her 100th birthday. She was an incredibly strong woman who grew up on a farm near Alderson, W.Va., attended nursing school in D.C., followed her husband, DB, to different ports during WWII, worked an array of jobs to help him through dental school, and attended classes herself at Baylor University.

When they moved to Christiansburg, she could often be found with a sledge hammer in her hand knocking out walls, laying tile, or building a fireplace. She won awards for her flower arrangements, her artwork, and as best friend and "adopted mom" to all who entered her door. She was the owner of Paint Brush Gallery, the first frame shop in the area.



Rosalie loved to host huge meals for her family and will be remembered for the life-size nativity she built that stopped traffic on Main Street for many

She was always ready for a new experience and traveled to China, Europe, the Caribbean, and anywhere her children or grandchildren lived. She will be missed by her daughters

Jennie Reilly (Mike) and Linda Dalton; her grandchildren John Kelley (Margie), Alan Trout (Rachel), Elizabeth Dalton (Keith), and Zack Trout (Stephanie); and her five great-grandaughters.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022, at 11 a.m. in the Christiansburg Presbyterian Church with a reception to follow. Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

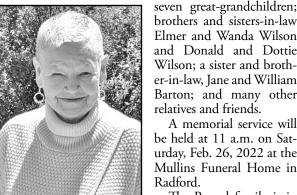
# Berard, Duffie Jean Wilson

Duffie Jean Wilson Berard, 79, of Radford, passed away Friday, Feb. 18, 2022.

She was a former daycare teacher. She was preceded in death by her parents, Wildie and Vina Wilson, and her husband, Robert Berard.

Survivors include her daughters and son-in-law, Tammie Atwell and Dale Summers, and Angie Atwell and significant other D. R. Childers; a son and daughter-in-law, Sam-

uel and Anetta Atwell; six grandchildren;



brothers and sisters-in-law Elmer and Wanda Wilson and Donald and Dottie Wilson; a sister and brother-in-law, Jane and William Barton; and many other relatives and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022 at the Mullins Funeral Home in

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

# LaBrie, II, Lewis Richard

Lewis Richard LaBrie, II, 69, of Claytor Lake, formerly of Roanoke, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2022 at his home.

He was a veteran of the U. S. Marines, a Radford University graduate in mathematics, and retired as nitro manager from the Radford Army Ammunitions Plant with more than 20 years of service.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lewis, Sr. and Maude LaBrie.

Survivors include his wife of 37 years, Susan LaBrie; sons and daughter-in-law, Lewis James LaBrie and Elena Abalde



brother-in-law, Carolyn and Jack Quesenberry of Vinton; stepmother Phyllis LaBrie of Lynchburg; a special canine friend, Lilly; his "Shop Cat" Kitty; a grandpup, Monkey LaBrie; and many other relatives and friends. The family will receive

of Radford; sister and

friends from 2 until 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb.

26, 2022, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford.

Services will be private.

The LaBrie family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home in Radford.

# Neal, Joseph Daniel

Joseph Daniel Neal, 79, of Fairlawn, passed away Saturday, Feb. 19, 2022, after a long bout with bad

He retired from Lynchburg Foundry with over 40 years of service. He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Vergie Neal; and a brother, Wesley Leon Neal.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Lynda Al-

derman Neal; a son and daughter-in-law, Ron and Julie Neal of Roanoke; a daughter and son-in-law, Laura and Rodney



Quesenberry of Snowville; grandchildren Neal, Daniel Neal, Trevor (Abby) Quesenberry, and Stephanie Quesenberry; a great-granddaughter, Tinsely Marie Quesenberry; and many other relatives and friends.

The family would like to thank everyone who helped him through his life.

Per his wishes there will

be no services.

The Neal family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Rad-

# Robeson, Jean Gordon

Jean Gordon Robeson (née White) of Blacksburg gently departed this life on Feb. 10, 2022.

A devoted wife, loving mother, beloved grandmother and great-grandmother, Jean was born on Feb. 3, 1925, to Floyd Henshaw White and Florence Willis White of Culpeper, Va., who predeceased her.

Jean earned a BS in biology from Westhampton

College (now University of Richmond). She married Andrew Robeson on June 19, 1948 and settled in Blacksburg in 1957. Along with raising four children, she was a founder and active member of Northside Presbyterian Church. She spent many hours volunteering in the community with emphasis on enriching the lives of those with special needs.

She was especially proud of her heritage through the Gordon Clan.

From tending an extensive garden

to traveling the world, from enthusiastic games of bridge with dear friends to countless parties, family gatherings and impromptu celebrations, Jean truly lived life to its fullest. We will remember her for her love of swans, her singing and dancing, her beautiful and infectious



laugh, and her eagerness for adventure, whether indulging a grandchild or navigating on antique car tours with her husband.

Left behind to celebrate Jean's life are husband Andrew Robeson; children Martha Rodgers (John) of Clemson, S.C., Catherine Cunningham (Michael) of Waynesboro, Andrew Gordon Robeson (Elaine) of Dallas, Texas, and

James Robeson of Pearisburg; as well as six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The family wishes to thank our amazing clan of caregivers who worked tirelessly to give Jean a comfortable, happy life over the last few years. Also, we thank Carilion Hospice for their gentle support at the end.

The family gathered for a graveside service on Sunday, February 13, led by the Rev. Dr. Linda Dickerson. A celebration of life will be held at a future date.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Northside Presbyterian Church, 1017 Progress Street, Blacksburg, VA 24060, or The ARC of New River Valley, PO Box 11204, Blacksburg,

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Robert Ryan, Jr., 10.647 ac., lot

2, Shawsville Magisterial Dis-

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Ridge Village 3, Blacksburg,

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Wava H. Bowles to Wava H.

Bowles, 2 parcels, metes and bounds, Christiansburg Michael L. Baker to Michael L. Baker, 7.6554 ac., lot 18

Brush Creek Plantation, Riner Magisterial District Sean C. Simonpietri to Amy

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dar Orchard Subdv., Ph III, Mt.

Tabor Magisterial District

Shenandoah View to Daniel A. Owens, lot 33, Shenandoah, Ph I, Blacksburg, Judy Lynn Basham Bush executor to Martin & Martin Investments LLC, metes and bounds, see legal, Christians-

burg, \$195,000

Evergreen on Main LLC JTRC Enterprises LLC to Joan Jones, lot 4, Toms Creek Village, Blacksburg

Rocco G. Capozzi Trust to

Connie H. Flora to Jacob Cole Scales, lot 99, Springview Subdv., Ph II, \$123,000 Craig Kirsch to Double V LLC, 2.0753 ac., Mt. Tabor

Magisterial District, \$422,000 Kevin John Boyle to Martin Building Group LLC, Condo Unit 301, Chowning Place Condos, Ph I, Blacksburg, \$150,400 Linda R. Deemer to Madelyn

Rosenberg Lazorchak, 2 parcels,

parcel 1, lot 97, Sec X, Northside Park, Blacksburg, Parcel 2, Condo Unit 841, Ph II, University Place, Blacksburg Kevin L. Underwood to Daniel Lee Brown, 2 parcels, parcel

gomery County, \$320,000 National Window and Door LLC to Cambria LLC, 2 parcels, parcel 1, 1.258 ac., parcel 2,

1, 1.003 ac., parcel 2, Mont-

Christiansburg, \$660,000 Jacob Marshall Phillips to Richard L. Andrews, Jr., tract 7, Yellow Sulphur Village, Montgomery County, \$275,000

Garry McCoy to BAC Home Properties LLC, 2 parcels, 0.501 ac., 822 sq. ft. and 0.53 ac., 23,217 sq. ft. Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$199,900 Eric Lewis Moore to Shah

Development LLC, 0.061 ac., lot 54, Cambria Crossing, Ph I, Christiansburg, \$292,000 McDonald Street LLC to GFI 300 McDonald Street

LLC, 2.027 ac., Blacksburg, \$5,500,000 James E. Underwood to Kevin L. Underwood, 2 parcels, 1.4951 ac., and 0.230 ac., Mt. Tabor Magisterial District,

\$140,000 Regina C. Meredith to Deborah K. Aliff, lot 33, Walnut Grove, Sec 3, Christiansburg, \$245,000

Stephen L. Davidson to Stephen L. Davidson Trust, 712 Burruss, Blacksburg, 0.31 ac designated as half of lot 50 and

all of lot 51, McBryde Village Donald Brooks Saville, Jr., to Donald Brooks Saville, Jr., 15.977 ac., Prices Fork Magisterial District

Darrell O. Sheppard Executor to Donald Brooks Saville, Jr., 2 parcels, 0.898 ac. And 0.494 ac., Prices Fork Magisterial Dis-

Wayne D. Stone to Paul Edward Smith, Jr., 1154 Arden Ln, Blacksburg, Route 657 Village of Merrimac, Prices Fork Magisterial District Richard Barnett Administra-

trict, \$240,000

tor to Donald Brooks Saville, Jr.,0.4735 ac and 0.2293 ac., Prices Fork Magisterial District, Michael R. Light to Dean

Andrew Bower, 3.666 ac., lot 1, \$70,000 Brian K. Graves Trust to

RWW36 LLC, four tracts, see legal, \$2,000,000 Holdings LLC to

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Xin Luo to Piyus Patel, 0.297

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B. Cornwall, 0.383 ac., lot 2, Blacksburg, \$215,000 Willis K. Webb to Carpen-

dale Investments LLC, lot 11, Highland Park, No. 5, Chris-

Chang Woo Min to Theodore Chao Lin, lot 131, Toms Creek

Ph III, Blacksburg, \$420,000 Roger E. Lapel to Gillian Eastwood, 5.371 ac., lot 8, Yellow Sulphur Village, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$230,500

Edward A. McCullough to Edward A. McCullough, lot 1, Blk B, New River Addition, Blacksburg, \$1 Michael Alan Hart Trust to Michael Alan Hart, 8014 Red-

bud Rd., Blacksburg, 2 parcels, 1.672 ac., lot 2 and 1.275 ac., lot 3, Dogwood Ridge Subdv Diane Wilson Catley Executor to Diane Wilson Carley, Blacksburg John Chamberlayne to John

and Charlene Chamberlayne,

2 parcels, 3.1 ac., Prices Fork Magisterial District and 2 ac., Blacksburg Magisterial District, Stephen E. Wagner Executor to Victoria Huber Cochran, 0.2486 ac., lot 56, Highland

Park, Blacksburg

\$86,649

cels, 2.93 ac, parcel 1; 0.25 ac., parcel 2, Mt. Tabor Magisterial Emma J. Cox to Justin Hodge, lot 1, Sunflower Acres, Shawsville Magisterial District,

George Lee Arrington to Mi-

chelle Gardner Leonard, 2 par-

\$129,000 Atlantic Trustee Services LLC to Selene Finance LP, 3225 Springview Dr., Christiansburg, lot 32, Springview Subdv., Ph I, Riner Magisterial District,

Shane Muller to Jacob B.

Bacharach, tract 48, Sec II, Lau-

rel Ridge Subdv., Prices Fork

Magisterial District, \$485,000

Katherine McCall to Michael S. Lee, lot 63, Oak Tree Townhomes, Ph I, Christiansburg, \$276,000 Cathy Ann Duerbeck to Cathy A. Duerbeck Trust, lot

91, Sec X, Blacksburg Diane E. Hoover to Diane E. Hoover Trust, Unit 23, Montgomery County

Carl Anthony Needham II to

Frederic LaChance, 1. 5/16 ac.,

lot 1, Christiansburg, \$215,000 Sherri L. Cook to Daniel W. Rich, 0.7113 ac., Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$340,000 LLama Llama Duck Properties LLC to Jennier Kearney,

lot 9, Ph I, Haymarket Square Townhouses, Sec II, Blacksburg, Gary Marvin MacMackin to CMH Homes Inc., 1.547 ac.,

lot 2, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$35,000 Shah Development LLC to Lakeisha L. Haynes, 1.331 ac. Parcel B, Riner Magisterial Dis-

trict, \$304,750 Robert K. Austin to Robert K. Austin, lot 3, Childress Estates, Riner Magisterial District D and E Crowder Rentals LLC to Gowtham Raj Udaya-

kumar, lot 86, Oak Tree Town-

homes, Ph I, Christiansburg,

Patricia Schneck Rowland Trust to Hogan Andrew Pope, lot 12, Town and Country Estates Dubdv., Riner Magisterial District, \$299,950 Stephen G. McMurray to

Suzanne H. McMurray, lot 80, Senneca Springs Subdv., Riner Magisterial District James Franklin Marchman III to Crystal Lynne Marchman Sigmon, 1825 Azalea Dr.,

Blacksburg, 1.3347 ac., lot 55, Sec II, Laurel Ridge Subdv., Prices Fork Magisterial District Powers Court Properties LLC to Michelle M. Souza Baron, lot 3, Old School Townhomes, Christiansburg, \$160,000 Mary K. Dameron to Katlyn

C. Dove, lot 18, Ph III, Spring-

Kevin C. Seavey to Brandy R.

view Subdv., \$132,000

Seavey, lot 27, Ph V, Oak Manor Townhouses, Prices Fork Magisterial District Brandy R. Seavey to Kevin C. Seavey, lot 22, Ph 1, Preston Forest Subedv., Blacksburg

B. Wiley, lot 1, Shelton Court, metes and bounds, Christiansburg, \$160,000 William Lee Edwards to Mercymack Inc., 25 Almetta Ave.,

Amy M. Meredith to Mark

Christopher Scott Wimmer to Edwin L. Wimmer, lot 13, River Ridge, Sec I, Shawsville Magisterial District KS1 Partnership LLC to

Christiansburg, \$96,481

Montgomery Street Properties, multiple parcels, Blacksburg, \$2,150,000 Robert R. Bowman to Paul Dimaio, 17.000 ac., Tract 3, Nolley Farms, Riner Magisterial

District, \$119,000 Chad J. Johnston to Christopher R. Marve-Samuel, 0.703 ac., lot 707, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$805,000 Craig A. Croxton to Craig

Allen Croxton Trust, lot 9, Blk.

5A3, Pheasant Run Townhomes,

Blacksburg

\$672,216

\$310,000

N. Harpole, 2 parcels, 3.457 ac. And 0.308 ac., Shawsville Magisterial District, \$220,000 Edward Franklin McMinn to Stacie H. Haines, lot 7, Sec

drew James Haring, Lot 6, Ph dom Via LLC, Lot 16, Vistavia 1, Shadowlake Village Subdv., Subdv., Ph I, Christiansburg Sherry M. Vaughn to Acreage LLC, 20.0002 ac., Riner Magis-

Anita Ann Campbell to Jose

Concepcion Hernandez, 1 ac.,

Lawrence T. Chappa, Jr., to Angel Rodriguez Carrillo, 2 parcels, Shawsville Magisterial Dis-

See plat

Michael Gary Ellison to David Patrick Wade, lot 4, Huff Acres, Sec 2, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$219,900 Ronald L. Barrett to Doug-

Sarah Anne Haring to An-

Blacksburg

terial District

metes and bounds

trict, \$195,000

Golden Triangle Development LLC to Senneca Springs Homeowners Association, 2 parcels, Christiansburg WF Pack III LLC to Don-

ald W. Gatton, Sr., 0.236 of an

acre, Riner Magisterial District,

G. Thomas,

2022000403, \$4,700

\$170,000

Shah Development LLC to Indigo Road Investments LLC, 65.6 ac., Christiansburg, \$600,000 Lawrence Oliver Browning to Lawrence Oliver Browning, See

metes and bounds, Riner Magisterial District Justin Tebbenkamp to Justin Neil Tebbenkamp, 0.399 ac., lot 3, Blacksburg

Dalton Reid to Joanna Ep-

perly, 1.711 ac., lot 18, Riner

Magisterial District, \$271,900

Anthony Kyle Roess to Tyler Jonathan Faruque, lot 166, Belmont Farms Unit 7, Christiansburg, \$342,700

Michael Urban III to Laurence Hamilton Brinckerhoff, 10 ac., metes and bounds, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District,

James C. Vrouletis to Tonya

Lynn Urban, 1.1193 ac., Riner

Magisterial District, \$541,000

Elwyn G. Raiden, Jr., to Elwyn G. Raider, Jr. Trust, 2021012097 Charles Wimmer to Pallius Inc., 2 lots, 8.0643 ac. Lot 2, and 9.3967 ac., lot 3, Riner

Caryn N. Bushong, 0.2486 ac., lot 55, Highland Park, Blacksburg, \$415,000 Chang You Lin to Chang You Lin, lot 150, Sec 3, Pheasant Run Townhomes, Ph IV, Blacks-

Magisterial District, \$331,000

Victoria Huber Cochran to

burg, \$50,000 Jenise L. Jacques to Ignacio Guerrero Pintado, 3680 Hamilton Ct., Blacksburg, lot 10, Sec II, Phillips Acres Subdv., Prices Fork Magisterial District,

Southeast Equity Trustees LLC to Barry C. Compton, Inc., 812 Village Way North, Blacksburg, lot 84, Ph IIB, Village at Toms Creek, Blacksburg, \$215,000 Dewey D. Spangler, Jr, to Christopher Rae Thomas, 2 ac. And 114 perches, metes and

bounds, \$289,000 J. William Webster to J. William Webster Trust, lot 70, Sec II, Laurel Ridge Subdv, Prices Fork Magisterial District,

James H. Holscher to Yanni

B. Cooper, lot 7, Sec 2, Skycrest Subdv., Shawsville Magisterial District, \$245,000 Jacqulin M. Bain to Jacqulin A. McDuffie, 0.69 ac., Mont-

gomery County Timothy Chad Robertson to Kevin R. Dipietro, 3 parcels: 0.3893 ac., parcel 1; 1.5457 ac.,

parcel 2; 1.0169 ac., parcel 3, Christiansburg Self Storage to Valle Storage Christiansburg, 3.204 ac., metes and bounds, Christiansburg, \$4,206,500

Matthew C. Martin to Timothy N. Hall, 0.425 ac., lot 48, Shawsville Magisterial District, David G. Dunkenberger II to The Evilbee Company LLC, two

Susan Y. Harrison to Susan Y.

Harrison Trust, 5.000 ac., parcel

3-A, Yearwood Minor Subdv.,

Mt. Tabor Magisterial District

parcels, metes and bounds, See Schedule A, \$1,200,000 Jaculin A. McDuffie to Benny Hagy, 0.69 ac., Montgomery County, \$99,000

Legacy Builders NRV Inc. to Barbara Anne Sqartz, 0.802 ac., lot 48, Ph III, Sterling Manor, Prices Fork Magisterial District,

Daniel L. Brown to Nathan

Roger L. Jessie to Generations LLC, lots 22, 23, 24, Christiansburg, \$550,000

Russell N. Jackson to Michael A. Cavell, lot 30, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$110,000

Myrle S. Perry, Jr. to Myrle S. Perry Jr., lot 53, unit II, Belmont Farms, Christiansburg Andrew F. Follin to Andrew

F. Follin, 2022000133 Kimberly W. McKittrick to Luis Fernando Nunez Magana, 0.344 ac., lots 90, 91 and un-Christiansburg, named lot,

Gerald D. Gordon to Chris-

topher B. Smith, lot 47, Sec II, Harman Forest Subdv., Christiansburg, \$80,000 Mary M. Monroe to Christopher N. Via, metes and bounds,

see legal, Blacksburg Thomas C. Via, Jr., to Thomas C. Via, Jr., lot 2, Blacksburg Chelsea Bond to Juan Diego Celi Galarza, lot 11, Hunters

\$175,000

Ridge Ph II, Christiansburg,

Walter, 1307 Maplewood Lane,

Vicki T. Scarratt to Eric W.

Blacksburg, lot 37, Gladewood Subdv., Ph III-B, Blacksburg, Timothy N. Hall to Trent S. Stohrer, 0.386 ac., lot 5A, Christiansburg, \$375,000 John S. Nowlin to John S.

Nowlin, Stuart St., Christiansburg, lot 5, Montague Ext, Christiansburg, \$14,700 Teresa Simmons Elliott to Benny R. Cunningham, Chil-

dress Road, Christiansburg,

1, Shawsville Magisterial District

G. Maxwell, lot 50, Sec 1, Bel-

T. McPherson, three parcels, see

Gap Mountain Investments

Maclary C. Milton to Julia

0.0344 ac., Riner Magisterial District Stateson Homes LLC to Jinoh Sandberg, lot 18, Clifton, Ph I, Christiansburg, \$656,970 Better Land Company LLC

to Brian Partridge, 2 tracts: 6.610 ac, tract 1; 0.070 ac., tract 2, Montgomery County, Steven Alenn Sisson to Philip Andrew Sisson, 1.0095 ac., lot

Stewart Milton, 4 tracts: 15.00 ac., 20 ac., 5.00 ac., 1.093 ac., Mt. Tabor Magisterial District Barry K. Sheppard to Barry K. Sheppard, 6.538 ac., Shawsville Magisterial District Harold L. Batton to Dylan

mont Estates, Christiansburg, James T. McPherson to James T. McPherson, 1.62 ac., Mt. Tabor Magisterial District

James T. McPherson to James T. McPherson, 53.5655 ac., Mt. Tabor Magisterial District

James T. McPherson to James T. McPherson, four parcels, see James T. McPherson to James

legal K3BML Properties LLC to Bruce Oehler, lot 7, Blk 1, Stonegate of Blacksburg Subdv., Blacksburg

LLC to Kelly Elizabeth Dunagan, 1.577 ac., lot 8, Riner Magisterial District, \$45,000 Charles E. Nelson to Charles E. Nelson Trust, Lotts 63, 64, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122,

Christiansburg

Springs Subdv., Ph I, Mt. Tabor

cob A. Levitt, lot 38, Maple

T. Michael Jones to Gary M. Stike, Jr., 2 parcels, lots 29 and 30, Kelseywood, Christiansburg, \$330,000

Allyn G. Turner Trust to Morgan Hough, three parcels, see legal, Blacksburg, \$1,100,000 Kenneth P. Klammer to Ashley Liesette Adkins, Lot 10, Charleston Place, \$182,000 John N. Taylor to Vaibhav Garg, condo unit 43, Bldg

VI, Craig Mtn. Christiansburg,

123, 124, part of lots 65 and 66, Helen A. Jimenez to Tessie Albert, lot 10, Blk 2, Stonegate of Blacksburg Subdv., Blacks-Julia Grace Feerrar to Kira Ann Dietz, lot 56, Ph &, Oak Tree Manor Townhouses, Sec ii, Blacksburg, \$285,000 Andrew J. Miller to Andrew J. Miller Trust, lot 2, Mossy

Magisterial District Andrew J. Miller to Christine C. Damico Trust, lot 2, Mossy Springs Subdv., Ph I, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District Adam L. Lechtenberg to Ja-

D. Cascades Pointe Condos,

Ridge Village 4 Brittany Meadows, Blacksburg, \$649,000

Blacksburg, \$180,000 Konshuanta Shields to David M. Lane, lot 47, Chrisman Property, Christiansburg,

# AND TRANSFERS

Surety Trustees LLC Trust to Rosalind Properties LLC, lot 7, Blacksburg, \$317,734

Colleen B. Hall to Olen W. Gardner, 0.2389 ac., lot 4 D-1, Christiansburg, \$240,000

Mary Jane Pethtel to Tommy N. Turner, lot 2, Christiansburg,

Andrew Lynn Hesp to Equity Trust Company, condo unit 810, Ph I, University Place, Blacksburg, \$226,500

Jeb E. B. Stewart to Rebecca O. Vance, 2 parcels: parcel 1, lot 6, Shilo Way Subdy; parcel II, lot 7, Shilo Way Subdy, Mt Tabor Magisterial District,

Harley E. Ashe, Jr., to Harley Edwar Åshe, Jr., Trust, lot 15, Skycrest Subdv., Christiansburg

Harold E. Burkhart to Qato Burkhart, 2 parcels: 2.992 ac. And 7.9 ac. Mt. Tabor Magisterial District

William S. Swecker Jr., to

William Sterrett Swecker Jr. Trust, lot 3, Blackwood Addition, Blacksburg

ASTARVA002 LLC to Oak Street Investment Grade, metes and bounds, Christiansburg, \$2,460,000 Timothy L. Smith to David

John Thompson, lot 10, Diamond Hill South, Sec IV, Christiansburg, \$400,000 Brandon C. Hughes to Tim-

othy L. Smith, lot 68, Senneca Springs, Ph III, Subdv., Christiansburg, \$350,000 Billy D. Bailey, Jr., to Caleb P.

East, 2.829 ac., lots 33A, 37, 38, 39, 49 Lafayette, \$44,000 Jaci Berg to Carol G. Lidgard,

0.15 ac., Riner Magisterial Dis-

trict, \$125,000 Taylor Property Management LLC to Jason B. Taylor, lot 5, Hunters Ridge, Ph III, Christiansburg

Sharon G. Cole to Jon-Luk Z. Cole, 10.549 ac., Riner Magisterial District, \$257,000

Mark A. Schmidt to Carissa Leigh Schmidt, 0.41 ac., metes and bounds, Christiansburg

Dwayne Lee Pinkney to Joseph C. Price, Lot 82, Ph VI, The Wyatt Farm, Blacksburg, \$875,000

Mountain 2 Ocean Properties LLC to Robert P. Chappell Jr., 306 S. Franklin St., Christiansburg, metes and bounds, see legal

OTB7 Rentals 2 LLC to Hill Valley Holdings LLC, 2 parcels: lot 41 Oak Tree Townhomes, Ph 7; lot 1, Oak Tree Townhomes, Ph 7, Christiansburg, \$475,250 Billy D. Massie to David

Massie, 2432 Peppers Ferry Rd., Christiansburg, 1.968 ac., lot 1, Riner Magisterial District Carolyn P. Collins to Don-

ald D. Bailey, 0.79 ac., metes and bounds, Christiansburg, Larry N. Osborn to Osborn

Family Joint Revocable Trust, condo unit 4, Lane Park Condos, Blacksburg, \$1

Gengrui Wei to Xiaorui Liu, lot 9, Oak Tree Ph X, Christiansburg, \$232,000

### **Deeds Transfer Upon /Death**

Linda R. Deemer to Madelyn Rosenberg Lazorchak, 2 parcels: lot 97, Sec X, Northside Park, Blacksburg; condo unit 841, Ph II, University Place, Blacksburg Theodore Eliot Distler to Tod

Distler Trust, 2 parcels, see legal Joan B. Hirt to Kristopher D. Hirt, lot 22, Pinewood Estates, Prices Fork Magisterial District Cathy Ann Duerbeck to

Cathy A. Duerbeck Trust, lot 91, Sec X, Blacksburg Diane E. Hoover to Diane E.

gomery County James Franklin Marchman III to Crystal Lynne March-

Hoover Trust, Unit 23, Mont-

Blacksburg; 1.3347 ac., lot 55, Sec II, Laurel Ridge Subdv., Prices Fork Magisterial District

man Sigmon, 1825 Azalea Dr.,

Susan Y. Harrison to Susan Y. Harrison Trust, 5.000 ac., Parcel 3-A, Yearwood Minor Subdv.,

Mt. Tabor Magisterial District

Charles E. Nelston to Charles E. Nelson Trust, lots 63, 64, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 145, parts of lots 65, 66, Christiansburg

Helen A. Jimenez to Tessie Albert, lot 10, Blk 2, Stonegate of Blacksburg Subdv., Blacks-

Harley E. Ashe, Jr., to Harley Edward Ashe, Jr., Trust, lot 15, Skycrest Subdv., Christiansburg

Harold E. Burkhart to Qato Burkhart, 2 parcels: 2.992 ac and 7.9 ac., Mt. Tabor Magisterial District

William S. Swecker Jr. to William Sterrett Swecker Jr. Trust, lot 3, Blackwood Addition, Blacksburg

### Avian Flu

Reducing and eliminating any interaction with wild birds, especially migratory water fowl, who carry the disease.

Keeping birds indoors. If not possible, keep the birds under cover out-

Using a dedicated pair of footwear for taking care of the birds to reduce the chance of bringing something into their habitat.

Not feeding or providing water outside. Feeding and hydration should be done indoors, which discourages wild birds from interacting with the

Wearing clean clothes or having a dedicated coverall when interacting with the birds.

Washing hands before

and after any bird interac-

While poultry owners may not know if their birds have the disease, common symptoms of avian influenza are often present:

Unexplained mortality. If this is seen, the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services should be contacted immediately.

The birds are quieter than normal.

Decrease in feed or water intake.

Diarrhea with a green Sneezing or coughing,

as avian influenza is a respiratory disease. Discolored and swollen

face/head and hocks. According to the U.S.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, these avian influenza detections do not present an immediate public health concern. No human cases of these avian influenza viruses have been detected in the United States.

As a reminder, the proper handling cooking of poultry and eggs to an internal tem-

perature of 165 degrees Fahrenheit kills bacteria and viruses.

To help reduce the spread of the avian influenza, report sick birds or unusual bird deaths to the State Veterinarian's Office at 804-786-2483 or vastatevet@vdacs.virginia.gov or through the USDA's toll-free number, 866-536-7593.

# New River Gorge from page 1

as inspiration. They are encouraged to be creative and follow their own interests in

As a result, some students focused on the river itself while others gravitated toward the wildlife, the region's history, the bridge, or environmental issues.

Monica Rivera centered her project on the gorge's most famous landmark, its impressive steel arch bridge that stretches over 3,000 feet high above the world's second oldest river.

"When I started my research, I was actually trying to stay away from the bridge because I felt like everybody would pick that," she said.

But the more research she did, the more she became interested in the community interactions with the struc-

For her 3D project, she captured the parachuters who celebrate Bridge Day by launching themselves from the structure. Her 2D projects express the point of view of kayakers passing beneath the bridge and people rapeling off it.

Rivera said she struggled at first with the abstract nature of the assignment but overcame it when she stopped thinking about it as a graded assignment.

"I felt proud that I got over that hurdle," she said. "Being able to improve on my abstract thinking was really rewarding."

Stephanie Carr found herself drawn to the Native American heritage of the

'Just to put it in perspective," she said, "the natives that lived in this area were there 5,000 years before the pyramids of Egypt were

Her project took a traditional symbol of European education and authority, a book, and weathered it with water and fire. She then placed images and symbols associated with Native American cultures on the pages.

Carr said the objective is for people to become curious and consider the way history is told. She hopes visitors to the center will be inspired to research the people who lived there first.

Kimball said that having the students' work on display, especially in such a public place, plays an important role in their education.

"Showcasing underclass-

man projects supports retention and a sense of belonging to the program and the university," said Kimball. She also notes that it instills pride and validation in the accom-

Hayley Walker agrees.

"I'm so thrilled to have my work displayed at a National Park site," said Walker. "I love finding places to hike and learning about the trails that I'm walking on, so I'm glad my work has found its way to one of my happy places."

Dave Beiri, the District Supervisor at Canyon Rim Visitor Center, said he admires the creativity and engagement the artwork shows and sees the impact of the art at the center.

"Visitors have enjoyed looking at the display," Beiri said. "All of the resources in this park are not always apparent to people, especially if they are just passing through the visitor center. I think this display maybe got people to think about the park in a different way.'

The exhibit runs from through April 27. The Preserve Canyon Rim Visitor Center is located at 162 Visitor Center Road in Lansing, West Virginia.

The barrier wall will be installed along the shoulders in the spring and summer. Two lanes of I-81 traffic in each direction will remain open during the project with periodic lane closures scheduled during nighttime hours or outside of peak travel times as needed. Drivers can expect the following lane closures and upcoming impacts on northbound and southbound I-81:

From mid-February to mid-April, daytime right shoulder closures between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Thurs-From mid-March until mid-June,

nighttime right lane and shoulder closures between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday From mid-May to mid-June, alternat-

ing left and right lane and shoulder closures during nighttime hours between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thurs-

The project also includes replacing six bridges, widening two bridges, installing approximately 2.6 miles of sound barrier walls along northbound I-81, improving the southbound exit 137 off-ramp intersection at Wildwood Road and adding interchange lighting at exits 137, 140 and 141 are also included in the project. Expected completion date is early 2026.

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 through early February. Overheight vehicles will need to be rerouted. Message boards are in place.

INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDEN-ING 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 is underway. All lanes will remain open through the 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.

**INTERSTATE 581** 

ROUTE 581 BRIDGE WORK OVER WILLIAMSON ROAD - Work is currently suspended. Rehab on the bridge on I-581 that crosses over Route 11 (Williamson Road) in downtown Roanoke will resume in the spring. On Route 11 (Williamson Road) drivers can expect intermittent and alternating lane closures between the intersections with Rutherford Avenue and Wells Avenue. Intermittent daytime and nighttime lane closures between the intersections above might be required, and will be in place utilizing flagging operations. Any impacts to I-581 will be minimal. The project is expected to be

complete in the summer of 2022. LANE CLOSURES:

A left lane closure will be in place on northbound and southbound I-581 from mile marker 0-1, Monday at 7 a.m. through Wednesday at 7 p.m.

A right lane closure will be in place on northbound and southbound I-581 from mile marker 0-1, Thursday at 7 a.m.

through Saturday at 7 p.m.

A left and center lane closure will be in place on northbound and southbound I-581 from mile marker 0-1, Saturday at 5 p.m. through Sunday at 2 p.m. A right lane closure may be in place on

Route 11 northbound between the intersections of Rutherford Avenue and Wells Avenue periodically.

Nighttime left lane closures for both the northbound and southbound directions of Route 11 are possible between the intersections referenced above.

I-581/220 EXPRESSWAY PAVING OPERATIONS - Weather permitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various routes. Lane closures may be in place during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

# Thomas, II, David Turnbull

On Saturday, Feb. 19, 2022, David Turnbull Thomas, II (Dave), husband and father, passed away at age 80. Dave was born May

9, 1941, in Washington, D.C., to David and Thelma (Via) Thomas. He was the first Commander of H Company with the Virginia Polytechnic Institute Class of '63 Corps of Cadets; a member of the

Gregory Guard (Pershing Rifles), Unit H.; Omicron Delta Kappa Honorary, Delta Sigma Pi, and a proud alumni. He was a Veteran of the U. S. Army.

While stationed at Aberdeen Proving Ground, he was a member of the Back Mountain Enduro Riders Motorcycle Club. He retired as technical director at USARDAISA after 29 years of service. Dave was an accomplished musician

and guitar player beginning in the 1950's, playing on "The Milt Grant Show" in Washington, D.C. with Terry and the Pirates. Locally he played with Exit 42, Southern Spirit, New River Express, Larry Seay and Stagecoach, The Rake & Ramblin' 4, and Wilson & Friends.

When he wasn't playing with the band, he could be found cheering for the Hokies. He also served on the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets Alumni Board and the Gold Corps Committee.

Dave was preceded in death by his par-

ents, David and Thelma (Via) Thomas. He is survived by his wife JoAnn, his son David (April Whitehurst and sons, Thrasher, Koehler, and Xander) of Christiansburg, daughter Laura Thomas of Centralis, Wash., stepdaughters Hollie Spangler of Roanoke and Jennifer (Rob) Meador of Salem, and his kitty, Roomie.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, Feb. 27, 2022, at 2 p.m. in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Don Makin officiating. The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m. prior to the service at McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

In lieu of flowers, gifts in Dave's memory can be made through the Virginia Tech Foundation to benefit his named scholarship in the Corps of Cadets. Please make checks payable to the Virginia Tech Foundation, in the memo line list the VTCCA Dave T. Thomas II '63 and JoAnn S. Thomas Scholarship and mail to Attn: Sandi Bliss, 902 Prices Fork Road, Blacksburg, VA 24061.

Or online: www.givingto.vt.edu/corps please select "other" and in the comments section list the VTCCA Dave T. Thomas II '63 and JoAnn S. Thomas Scholarship.

The family is grateful for the love and support from family, friends, and medical professionals.

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### **Legal Notice**

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD (RPS) FILING BY APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY CASE NO. PUR-2021-00206

•Appalachian Power Company ("APCo" or the "Company") has submitted its 2021 Renewable Portfolio Standard ("RPS") Filing.

•APCo requests approval of a revenue requirement of \$32,069,614 over the rate year August 2022 through July 2023. According to APCo, this amount would increase a typical residential customer's bill using 1,000 kilowatt hours per month by \$2.37.

The State Corporation Commission will hold a telephonic hearing in this case on April 20, 2022 at 10 a.m., for the receipt of public witness testimony.

•An evidentiary hearing will be held on April 21, 2022, at 10 a.m., either in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or by electronic means. Further details on this hearing will be provided by subsequent Commission Order.

•Further information about this case is available on the SCC website at: <a href="mailto:scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.">scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information</a>.

During its 2020 Session, the Virginia General Assembly enacted Chapters 1193 (HB 1526) and 1194 (SB 851) of the 2020 Virginia Acts of Assembly. These duplicate Acts of Assembly, known as the Virginia Clean Economy Act ("VCEA"), became effective on July 1, 2020. The VCEA, *inter alia*, establishes a mandatory renewable energy portfolio standard ("RPS") for Appalachian Power Company ("APCo" or "Company") in new § 56-585.5 of the Code of Virginia ("Code"). Subdivision D 4 of Code § 56-585.5 requires APCo to submit annually to the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") plans and petitions for approval of new solar and onshore wind generation capacity ("RPS Filing"). The Commission must determine whether the RPS Filing is reasonable and prudent, giving due consideration to the following factors: (i) the RPS and carbon dioxide reduction requirements in Code § 56-585.5, (ii) the promotion of new renewable generation and energy storage resources within the Commonwealth, and associated economic development, and (iii) fuel such filing

On December 30, 2021, APCo submitted its second annual RPS Filing to the Commission ("2021 RPS Filing" or "Petition"). The 2021 RPS Filing requests the Commission:

(i) Approve the Company's annual plan for the development of new solar, wind, and energy storage resources pursuant to Code§ 56-585.5 D 4 in order to comply with the mandatory RPS Program established by the VCEA (the "2021 RPS Plan");

(ii) Approve a revenue requirement of \$32,069,614 for the rate year of August 2022 through July 2023 ("Rate Year");

(iii) Approve the cost recovery mechanisms to recover this and future revenue requirements related to compliance with the RPS Program;

(iv) Determine that the purchase of one solar facility and the power purchase agreements ("PPAs") with three other solar facilities, all located in Virginia, are prudent;

(v) Approve future cost recovery related to the acquisition of two other renewable facilities, which are not located in Virginia and will not be online during the Rate Year; and

(vi) Approve treatment of renewable energy certificates ("RECs") generated by the run of river generation component of the Smith Mountain Lake Facility.

APCo states that its 2021 RPS Plan includes a geographically varied portfolio of storage, solar and wind resources, both Company- and third-party owned, as well as market REC purchases. Further, the Company states that its 2021 RPS Plan details six portfolios that illustrate the potential costs of compliance with the VCEA under various future resource assumptions. APCo states that the basis of its 2021 RPS Plan is Portfolio 2, which assumes that the Company's Amos and Mountaineer coal-fired units in West Virginia will operate through 2040 and that fossil-fueled resources will not be used to replace them at that time. APCo states that to meet the first RPS requirement, for the year 2021, it will procure and retire RECs from RPS eligible resources for six percent of the total electric energy sold in the year 2020.

As part of the Petition, the Company is seeking a prudency determination of the acquisition of one 150 megawatt ("MW") solar facility and the agreements to purchase the output of three solar facilities via PPAs totaling approximately 89 MW, as well as the approval to recover the costs of 50 MW of Company-owned West Virginia solar and 204 MW of Illinois wind resources. In addition, APCo is seeking cost recovery for RECs associated with 40 MW of Virginia solar contracted through its Cogen/SPP rate schedule; 15 MW of contracted solar located in Virginia; 5 MW of Company-owned solar in Virginia; as well as market REC purchases necessary for annual compliance.

The Company also provided rate impacts of the VCEA relative to current rates through a consolidated bill analysis calculating the projected monthly bill through 2035 for residential, small general service, and large power service customers. For example, the Company projects the monthly bill of a Virginia residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours ("kWh") per month to be \$171.79 by 2035, an increase of \$54.66 over the 2021 level of \$117.13, and the Company states that the consolidated bill analysis is consistent with the Commission's Final Order in Case No. PUR-2020-00135.

Virginia-Domiciled Solar Facilities to be Owned by APCo

The Company proposes to own two solar facilities in Virginia: the Amherst Facility and the Firefly Facility. The Amherst Facility is a 4.875 MW solar facility (fixed-tilt) that is being developed by SolAmerica. In a separate proceeding, APCo seeks a prudency determination related to the acquisition of the Amherst Facility. In this proceeding, the Company seeks to recover the costs associated with the acquisition and operation of the Amherst Facility through rate adjustment clauses ("RACs") proposed in this Petition. The Firefly Facility is a 150 MW solar facility (single axis tracking) to be located in Pittsylvania County that is being developed by Recurrent. The Company seeks a prudency determination for this acquisition and states that if the Commission determines that it is prudent, the Company will return to the Commission for approval of the acquisition pursuant to the Utility Facilities Act before the transaction is completed. Since the Firefly Facility will not be online until July 2024, the Company states that it is not seeking approval to recover any associated costs at this time.

Non-Virginia Domiciled Solar Facilities to be Owned by APCo

APCo proposes to own two solar facilities outside of Virginia: the Bedington Facility and the Top Hat Facility. The Bedington Facility is a 50 MW solar facility (single axis tracking) to be located in Berkeley County, West Virginia. APCo plans to acquire the Bedington Facility from the developer. APCo seeks only future cost recovery through the proposed RACs because the Bedington Facility is not expected to be online until October 2023. APCo entered into an agreement to purchase the Top Hat Facility, a 204 MW wind project located in Logan County, Illinois. The Company seeks only the approval of future cost recovery through the proposed RACs for the Top Hat Facility. APCo states that both the Top Hat Facility and that Bedington Facility qualify as "RPS eligible sources" because they are both "physically located within the PJM region."

Power Purchase Agreements with Virginia Domiciled Solar Facilities

The Company sets forth six solar PPAs with Virginia located facilities as part of its 2021 RPS Plan: (I) Depot Solar, a 15 MW solar facility (fixed tilt) located in Campbell County, (2) Dogwood, an 18.9 MW solar facility (single axis tracking) located in Bedford County, (3) Leatherwood, a 20 MW solar facility (single axis tracking) located in Henry County, (4) Horsepen, a 20 MW solar facility (single axis tracking) located in Louisa County, (5) Sun Ridge Solar, a 50 MW solar facility (single axis tracking) located in Rockingham County, and (6) Wytheville, a 20 MW solar facility (single axis tracking) located in Wythe County. APCo seeks a prudency determination for the Dogwood PPA, the Horsepen PPA, and the Sun Ridge Solar PPA. The Company states that it requests approval to recover the costs associated with the Depot Solar PPA, the Leatherwood PPA, and the Wytheville PPA through the RACs proposed in the Petition.

Legacy Voluntary Compliance Resources

APCo describes three wind PPAs that it includes as compliance resources as part of its 2021 RPS Plan. First, the Bluff Point Wind Farm PPA was executed in 2016 with an Indiana wind farm. The Camp Grove Wind Farm PPA was executed by APCo in 2007 with an Illinois wind farm. Third, the Fowler Ridge Wind Farm PPA was executed in 2007 with an Indiana wind farm. The Company asserts that the Commission approved all three of these PPAs ("Legacy Wind PPAs") as part of APCo's Voluntary RPS Compliance Portfolio. The Company seeks permission to recover the RECs and capacity associated with these three wind PPAs through the RACs proposed and the energy through the fuel factor. Additionally, APCo seeks permission to continue to use the RECs associated with the run of river generation of the Smith Mountain Lake Facility.

Revenue Requirement and Rate Impact

APCo seeks approval to recover the Rate Year revenue requirement of \$32,069,614, of which APCo states approximately 21 percent represents costs for new resources that are online or will go online during the Rate Year and REC purchases. The Company states that the remainder of the revenue requirement comprises the capacity and REC components of the Legacy Wind PPAs, while the energy component of the Legacy Wind PPAs will continue to be recovered through the fuel factor.

 $APCo\ estimates\ that\ the\ revenue\ requirement\ bill\ impact\ on\ a\ residential\ customer\ using\ 1,000\ kWh\ per\ month\ would\ increase\ by\ \$2.37,\ or\ 1.9\%,\ compared\ to\ rates\ in\ effect\ on\ December\ 1,\ 2021.$ 

Proposed Cost Recovery Mechanisms

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APCo states that it designed the proposed cost recovery mechanisms to allow it to assign costs to customers consistent with the complex statutory requirements. It plans to quantify the value streams of each facility as applicable, including energy, capacity, shifting or avoiding certain regional transmission organization costs, reactive power revenues, and RECs.

APCo proposes three RACs:

(1) A.5 RPS RAC to recover the non-energy, non-ancillary services, non-capacity costs for all owned facilities, PPAs, and REC purchases;

(2) A.5 RPS-PCAP RAC to recover the costs for the capacity purchased through PPAs; and

(3) A.6 RPS RAC to recover the costs of capacity and energy from facilities owned by the Company.

The Company proposes that the identification and quantification of the cost company proposes for each project.

The Company proposes that the identification and quantification of the cost component categories for each project occur only once, when the Commission approves the initial revenue requirement for each project, and the proportion of each category to the total costs of the project remain consistent thereafter for the life of the asset or the duration of the PPA.

The Company states that it screened each of the proposed projects for any environmental justice concerns and determined that each met the objectives of the Virginia Environmental Justice Act. Further, the Company states that none of the projects disproportionately impacted environmental justice communities as defined in Code § 2.2-234.

The foregoing is not an exhaustive list of all the proposals contained in the Company's Petition. Interested persons are encouraged to review the Company's Petition and supporting documents for the details of these and other proposals.

TAKE NOTICE that the Commission may apportion revenues among customer classes and/or design rates in a manner differing from that shown in the Petition and supporting documents and thus may adopt rates that differ from those appearing in the Company's Petition and supporting documents.

The Commission has taken judicial notice of the ongoing public health issues related to the spread of the coronavirus, or COVID-19. In accordance therewith, all pleadings, briefs, or other documents required to be served in this matter shall be submitted electronically to the extent authorized by 5 VAC 5 20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules of Practice"). Confidential and Extraordinarily Sensitive Information shall not be submitted electronically and should comply with 5 VAC 5-20-170, *Confidential information*, of the Rules of Practice. Any person seeking to hand deliver and physically file or submit any pleading or other document shall contact the Clerk's Office Document Control Center at (804) 371-9838 to arrange the delivery.

Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, of the Rules of Practice, the Commission has directed that service on parties and the Commission's Staff in this matter shall be accomplished by electronic means.

Please refer to the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing or subsequent Hearing Examiner's Ruling for further instructions concerning Confidential or Extraordinarily Sensitive Information

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding that, among other things, scheduled public hearings on APCo's 2021 RPS Filing. On April 20, 2022, at 10 a.m., the Commission will hold a telephonic hearing, with no witness present in the Commission's courtroom, for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses. On or before April 13, 2022, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission (a) your name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Commission to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission in three ways: (i) by filling out a form on the Commission's website at <a href="mailto:scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting">scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting</a>: (ii) by completing and emailing the PDF version of this form to <a href="mailto:scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting">SCCinfo@scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting</a>: (iii) by calling (804) 371-9141. This public witness hearing will be webcast at <a href="mailto:scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting">scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting</a>.

On April 21, 2022, at 10 a.m., either in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or by electronic means, the Commission will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence related to the Company's 2021 RPS Filing from the Company, any respondents, and the Commission's Staff. Further details on this hearing will be provided by subsequent Commission Order or Hearing Examiner's Ruling.

An electronic copy of the Company's 2021 RPS Filing may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company, Noelle J. Coates, Esquire, American Electric Power Service Corporation, 1051 East Cary Street, Suite 1100, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or <a href="mailto:njcoates@aep.com">njcoates@aep.com</a>. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission's website: <a href="mailto:scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information">scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information</a>.

On or before March 14, 2022, any interested person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation at <a href="scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling.">scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling.</a>. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation electronically may file such notice by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel, if available. The respondent simultaneously shall serve a copy of the notice of participation on counsel to the Company. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, Participation as a respondent, of the Rules of Practice, any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the interest of the respondent must be represented by counsel as required by 5 VAC 5-20-30, Counsel, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2021-00206. For additional information about participation as a respondent, any person or entity should obtain a copy of the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing.

On or before April 13, 2022, any interested person or entity may submit comments on the 2021 RPS Filing by following the instructions found on the Commission's website: <a href="scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments">scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments</a>. Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such comments with the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. All such comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2021-00206.

Any documents filed in paper form with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, except as modified by the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Rules of Practice.

The Company's 2021 RPS Filing, the Commission's Rules of Practice, the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, and other documents filed in the case may be viewed at: <a href="mailto:scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information">scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information</a>.

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#### **ORDER OF PUBLICATION** COMMONWEALTH OF

VIRGINIA VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,-317, 20-104 Case No. CL21006521-00 Radford Circuit Court 619 SECOND STREET. KESSINGER, JOSEPH L.

KESSINGER, PATRICIA G. The object of this suit is to: TO OBTAIN A DICORCE FROM THE BOND OF MATRIMONY It is ORDERED that PATRICIA G. KESSINGER appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before APRIL 5, 2022.

February 8, 2022 Angel Turpin Deputy Clerk

> City of Salem

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Legals -

The City of Salem School Board will hold a public hearing for comment on the FY 2022-2023 budget on Tuesday, March 8, 2022. The hearing will begin at 7:00 PM at the School Administrative Office, 510 South College Avenue,

Salem. Any citizen of Salem who wishes to address the Board should contact Kathy A. Jordan, Clerk of the Board, at 389-0130 by Monday, March 7, in order to be placed on the agenda Individuals who plan to address the Board are requested to bring a copy of their remarks for the record. In accordance with Board Policy KD, Public Participation in Board Meetings, individuals who plan to address the Board are requested to: provide their name and

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THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, **VIRGINIA** 

H. Robert Light

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Legals -Montgomery County

### ORDER OF **PUBLICATION**

Commonwealth of Virginia VA CODE § 8.01-316 Case No. JJ018698-15 Montgomery County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court **MCDSS** 

Charles E. Barkley, Jr. The object of this suit is to: Terminate the residual parental rights of Charles E. Barkley, Jr. legal parent of James Barkley a minor, in that said parent has, without good cause, failed to correct the conditions which resulted in the child entering foster care and it is not reasonably likely that they will be able to do so in a reasonable amount of time, failed to maintain continuing contact with the child and substantially plan for the child's future. Residual parental rights include, but are not limited to the right to visitation, consent to adoption, the right to determine religious affiliation, and the responsibility for support. The termination of your residual parental rights will permanently end all of your rights and responsibilities to the child named in the petition.

It is ORDERED that Charles E. Barkley, Jr. appear at the above-named Court and protect her interests on or before March 14, 2022.

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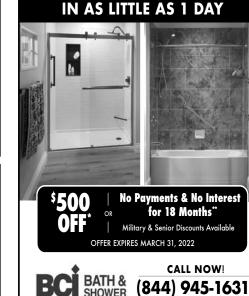
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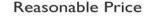
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# Radford Sports

# Big South losing NC A&T to Colonial Athletic Conference

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North Carolina A&T, which officially joined the Big South Conference this past year, has announced plans to jump to the Colonial Athletic Conference (CAA).

The Greensboro school issued the following statement:

"All North Carolina A&T sports teams and student athletes will begin competing in the CAA as of July 1, 2022, except for football and bowling. Football will move July 1, 2023, to avoid impact on the Big South Conference's automatic qualifier status for participation in the FCS postseason playoffs."

The North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University Board of Trustees on Friday unanimously approved a recommendation that the university join the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA), perhaps the most prominent athletic conference in the nation among Football Championship Series (FCS) institutions.

Despite the geographic diversity of CAA conference members, the new affiliation promises to enhance student-athlete welfare and keep financial costs low through the conference's North and South divisions. A&T's competition will largely be limited to South Division campuses, all of which are

located in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia (In football, Maryland-based Towson University will also compete in the South Division).

CAA opened a dialogue with A&T in November 2021 and subsequently extended an invitation to join. A&T informed the CAA and the Big South that it would evaluate the invitation "in a deliberate and data-driven manner."

Over the past two months, that evaluation has taken place through a compilation of data, interviews with students, athletics staff, alumni, boosters and Hall of Fame members and additional fact-finding. Support among A&T

athletics constituents for the move was strong.

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In making the presentation that prompted the vote, Athletics Director Earl Hilton offered the case that the CAA represents where North Carolina A&T stands, academically and athletically, as a highly competitive doctoral research university. "We are pleased to be joining a conference of similarly focused institutions," said Board of Trustees Chairwoman Hilda Pinnix-Ragland.

Big South Conference Commissioner Kyle Kallander said while losing members anytime is disappointing, the conference understands these are institutional business decisions that aren't necessarily driven by athletics.

"The Big South Conference is a strong and stable league that will continue to provide opportunities for national athletics success for its student-athletes and teams. Whenever membership changes, someone always rises to the occasion, and this time will be no different," he said.

Longtime Big South member Radford University had no comment on the decision. NC A&T joined the Big South in 2021 and had been lauded as the perfect new member for the league because of its geographic distance relative to most of the conference schools.

# Radford boys win third state swimming title; girls finish second

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The Radford High School boys' swim team won their third straight Class 2 state swim championship over the weekend in Richmond by gathering 311 points to second-place Braxton's 204 and Virginia High's 182

On the girls' side of the pool, Radford finished second with 199 points, slightly behind Bruton with 232 points. George Wythe was third with 197.

Auburn finished 24th in the first boys' competition and 20th in the girls' competition.

Radford's Ben Shull and Aiden Minnick took 1-2 in the boys' 1-meter diving

Senior Hampton Wohlford brought home a second in the 100-yard backstroke. Freshman Trent Hollandsworth was first in the 200-yard individual medley and second in the

100-yard breaststroke. Graham Minarik was fourth. Stone Fisher is the 50-yard freestyle state champion; he finished third in the 100-yard Freestyle.

The boys' 200-yard freestyle relay team of Wohlford, Fisher, Hollandsworth and Minarik took first place while the same group took the top spot in the 200-yard medley relay.

Radford's Tommie Bloomer is the state champ in the girls' 1-meter diving event. Auburn's Kendra Scaggs, Jocelyn DeHart, and Cassidy Mann finished

4-5-6 in the same event. Grim finished second in the girls' 100-yard freestyle and was a part of the thirdplace girls' 200-yard medley relay team that included Maggie Dent, Havva Gasimova, and Madison Graham.

In Class 4 competition, Blacksburg High School finished second in the boys' competition and third in the girls'.



The Radford High School boys' swimming team won the state Class 2 2022 championship over the weekend. The girls' team finished as the state runners-up.

# **CHS** finishes fourth in state wrestling

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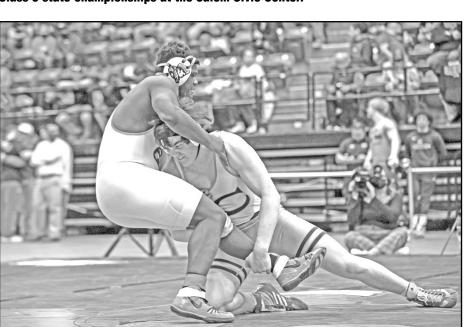
Just four years ago, Christiansburg High School was on the top of the mountain of the wrestling world. Now that has all changed. After winning 17 straight titles, the Blue Demons are trying to reload and climb back into the upward echelon of the top wrestling programs.

This weekend at the Class 3 state wrestling meet at the Salem Civic Center, Christiansburg had three state champions in Aiden La-Coma, Parker Ferrell, and Luke Robie, but it wasn't enough as they could manage only a fourth-place finish.

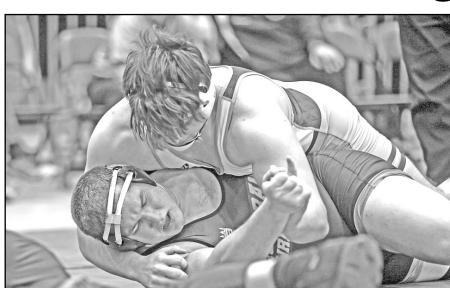
New Kent claimed the state title with 273 points. Skyline was second with 173 points, Staunton River was third with 158 points followed by Christiansburg with 148½ points.



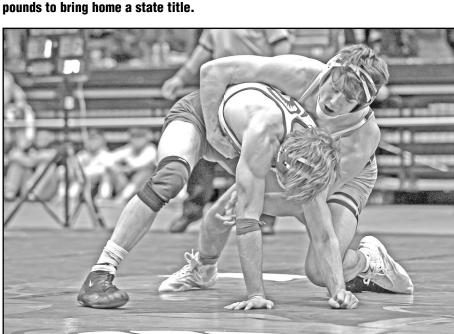
The Christiansburg High School wrestling team finished fourth in this past weekend's Class 3 state championships at the Salem Civic Center.



Parker Ferrell is the state champion at 220 pounds after pinning Markaz Wood of Heritage at the 2:33 mark of the final match in the Class 3 state meet in Salem.



Christiansburg's Luke Robie beat New Kent's Travis Ragland in the finals at 152



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Christiansburg's Aiden LaComa pinned Hunter Richards of William Byrd to claim state gold.

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### Hokie swimmers return to Blacksburg with 14 medals, 12 records

The Virginia Tech swimming team had one of the strongest performances in school history at the ACC Swimming Championships over the weekend in Atlanta. The Hokies brought 14 medals and 12 school records with them back to Blacksburg.

Tech finished with a combined 65 finalists over the five-day competi-

On the last day of competition, the Hokie men won three out of four individual events. Youssef Ramadan, Carles Coll Marti, and Sam Tornqvist each won a gold medal and set new schools record in the last night of finals.

Chase Travis earned silver in the 1650 free, and Emma Atkinson won bronze in the 200 back to add two more medals to the women's total.

Tech's Youssef Ramadan was named the meet's most valuable swimmer.

FINAL SCORES WOMEN

Virginia – 1418.5; 2. NC State – 1347; 3. Louisville – 1136.5; 4. North Carolina – 760; 5. Duke; 709 | 6. Notre Dame – 651; 7. Virginia Tech – 636; . Florida State – 549; 9. Miami - 411; 10. Georgia Tech - 407; 11. Pitt – 328; 12. Boston College – 178.

FINAL SCORES MEN NC State – 1501.5; 2. Louisville 1192.5; 3. Virginia Tech - 1054; 4. Virginia – 1041; 5. Georgia Tech – 742.5; 6. Florida State – 676; 7 – North Carolina - 529; 8. Notre Dame – 474; 9. Pitt – 431; 0. Duke – 341; 11. Boston College - 195.5; 12. Miami – 116.

HEAD COACH SERGIO LO-PEZ MIRO

"We had some awesome performances. We had many finalists and podium finishes on the men's and women's side. We broke multiple school records and a few swimmers have already qualified for the NCAA's.

"It was a very exciting meet for us. We talk a lot about sustainable success, and we are creating that. We are right there. I am very happy with everyone. Youssef won MVP, which is awesome. We have our last chance meet next week and hopefully we can take a great group to the NCAA's."

TECH WOMEN

The No. 22 ranked women's team finished seventh overall with 636 points. Emma Atkinson was a twotime podium finisher in the 200-free and 200-back. She was also a member of each of the school-record-breaking relays for the women. Chase Travis dropped nine seconds from her previous best time to win silver for the Hokies in the 1650 free.

NEW SCHOOL RECORDS

800 Free Relay - Atkinson, Shackelford, Pouch, and Gyorgy – 7:01.32

200 Free Relay - Landon, Shackelford, Bentz, and Atkinson – 1:27.96

Anna Landon – 50 Free – 22.21 Podium Finishes

Emma Atkinson – 200 Free; Chase Travis - 1650 Free; Emma Atkinson -

**TECH MEN** 

The No.-8 ranked men's team ended the week with 1054 points, finishing third overall, tying for the program's highest finish in seven years. Youssef Ramadan, Carles Coll Marti, Antani Ivanov, Sam Tornqvist, and Filippo Dal Maso each medaled in at least one individual event that contributed greatly to the Hokies' final score.

The Hokie men returned to Blacksburg with 11 medals, nine school records, and 43 finalists after five days of competition.

Meet MVP Ramadan won bronze in the 50-free, gold in the 100-fly, and gold in the 100-free.

NEW SCHOOL RECORDS 200 IM - Carles Coll Marti -

50 Free – Youssef Ramadan – 18.80 200 Free Relay - Ramadan, Coll Marti, Hallock, and Dominguez -

200 Medley Relay - Manoff, Coll Marti, Ivanov, and Ramadan -

100 Fly – Youssef Ramadan – 44.08 100 Back - Sam Tornqvist - 45.54 200 Back - Sam Tornqvist 1:39.20

100 Free - Youssef Ramadan -

200 Breast - Carles Coll Marti -1:51.69

Podium Finishes

Carles Coll Marti – 200 IM Youssef Ramadan - 50 Free Manoff, Coll Marti, Ivanov, and

Ramadan – 200 Medley Relay Filippo Dal Maso – 400 IM Youssef Ramadan - 100 Fly

Antani Ivanov - 100 Fly Antani Ivanov - 200 Fly Tornqvist, Pouch, Ivanvov, and Ra-

madan – 400 Medley Relay Sam Tornqvist – 200 Back Youssef Ramadan – 100 Free Carles Coll Marti - 200 Breast

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A graduate of Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Thomas has extensive experience as a practitioner, teacher, speaker, and mentor. She completed an Internal Medicine and Pediatrics residency at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, PA. Dr. Thomas then returned to Montgomery County, serving as Core Faculty by supervising residents in the Internal Medicine Continuity Clinic at LewisGale Hospital Montgomery in

Blacksburg, and serving as the Chair of Internal Medicine at VCOM. Throughout her career, she has mentored hundreds of students and interns and earned multiple teaching awards.

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# **Radford boys beat Appomattox,** advance in Region C



Landen Clark nails a 3-pointer against Appomattox in the Bobcats' 65-35 Friday night win in the first round of the Region C tournament. Clark connected on seven



Isiah Austin scores on a layup in Friday's defeat of Appomattox and finished with



Brandon Thompson scoops around a defender to score a late basket. Radford advanced to the region semis with the win.