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Josh Green holds the new Mr. Green's Way street sign that will soon be in place at McHarg Elementary School. He is pictured with (from left) Council Member Charley Cosmato, Vice Mayor Naomi Huntington, Green, Mayor David Horton, Council Member Jessie Foster and Council Member Dr. Richard Harshberger.

Radford City Council makes Mr. Green's Way official

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RADFORD - The Radford City Council made it official at its most recent meeting, authorizing the name of a street at McHarg Elementary School "Mr. Green's Way" in honor of retired McHarg staff member Josh Green.

At the City Council's Aug. 8 meeting, the

council unanimously passed a resolution authorizing the name of the street, pursuant to the city's policy of naming facilities and streets. To have a city-owned facility or street named after a person, the city council had to adhere to the policy that honors individuals who have benefited the city

by extraordinary efforts with investments of their time, talents, and/or financial resources."

The resolution says Green fits the bill, noting the "recognition of Mr. Josh Green as a McHarg Elementary School employee for 37 years, coming to work with a smile on his face every day, investing in the lives

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RCPS delivering free meals to students during schools' delayed start

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RADFORD - With the start of the school year delayed by two weeks, Radford City Public Schools is delivering meals to students throughout the city to help curb hunger.

On Monday, Aug. 15, RCPS started delivering breakfast and lunch bags via school buses to certain areas of the City "to help with food challenges families may have as a result of delaying the opening of school," according

to an announcement from the schools. The deliveries are Monday through Friday for the week of Aug. 15 and Monday through Thursday for the week of Aug.

"Buses will load these food items at 10 a.m. at Belle Heth Elementary School and Radford High School and then deliver to the areas beginning at 10:30 a.m.," the school's announcement reads. "Please be at one of these stops no later than 10:30 a.m. if you would like to participate in this food delivery program. Belle Heth Elementary and Radford High School will also be open for breakfast and lunch pickup if you miss the buses."

Deliveries will be made to the following areas of Radford:

Intersection of Allen Ave. and Wadsworth Street: Bus 2; Auburn Ave. Mobile Home Park: Bus 14; Intersection of Sixth Ave. and Monroe Street: Bus 22; Rustic Village Mobile Home Park: Bus 8; Fairfax Village Apts.: Pre-K bus (Smith); Happy Stop: Bus 1; Rock Club: Bus 6; College Park: Bus 5; Jeffries Drive Transit

Stop: Bus 3; Cornerstone: Bus 15 (Wade); and Riverbend Apartments: Bus 4.

The start of the 2022-23 school year was delayed by two weeks for all Radford City Public School students because of construction delays at the school facilities. Open House is now scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 24, from 4 to 7 p.m. for all students at each school.

The Start/End Times for RCPS schools are as follows:

McHarg Elementary (PreK-2nd): Tardy Bell 7:50 a.m. Dismissal 2:20 p.m. (Doors open at 7:20 a.m.)

Belle Heth Elementary (Third through Sixth grades): Tardy Bell 7:50 a.m. Dismissal 2:20 p.m. (Doors open at 7:20 a.m.)

Dalton Intermediate (Seventh and Eighth grades): Tardy Bell 8 a.m. M,T,F/9 a.m. W,Th Dismissal 3 p.m. (Doors open at 7:30 a.m. M,T,F/8 a.m. W,Th)

Radford High School (Ninth through Twelfth grades): Tardy Bell 8 a.m. M,T,F/9 a.m. W,Th Dismissal 3 p.m. (Doors open at 7:30 a.m. M,T,F/8 a.m. W,Th).

Young women focus on science at Radford University Summer Bridge camp



Participants stand in front of a TORC Robotics truck during their camp experience.

RADFORD - With a gentle touch to a screen, four propellers on the small black drone began to

The aircraft lifted from its orange launch pad and slowly climbed higher and higher.

"Throttle up," George Stephenson said. "Take it to 100."

Savannah Griffin did just that. Her thumb nudged the toggle, and the drone zipped high into the sun-drenched sky on a Wednesday afternoon.

"Bye-bye," Griffin said with nervous laughter, looking upward and shading her eyes as the drone became smaller and smaller.

Stephenson, standing to Griffin's right, gave more instructions as the drone hovered.

"Yaw left, then yaw right," said Stephenson, a drone pilot and lab coordinator for Radford University's Department of Geology. He soon followed with directions to pitch forward, which sent the aircraft zooming toward Young

Griffin giggled still with nervous energy. It was her first time flying a drone. It was also the first time for most of the Radford High School students out on the RU campus lawn. About six drones were in the air at once with each pilot and instructor paying close attention to avoid the flight path of the others.

Suddenly, an invader sneaked over the air space.

"Helicopter in the air," Stephenson warned. The chopper was higher than the drones, but

it was an unplanned, unexpected

teachable moment about drone

flight safety and awareness.

After several minutes in the air, Stephenson told Griffin how to land the drone, which required the touch of only one key on the controls. "It's programmed to land itself," Stephenson said. And with another soft touch

then hovering at about 50 feet, slowly descended back to Earth, its propellers fluttering the blades of grass as it touched down. "That was so cool," Griffin, of Powhatan, Va., said, laughing

to the screen, the small aircraft,

with excitement. "I'm texting my dad and telling him I learned how to fly a drone."

For more than an hour, these young women, who were students for a week in Radford University's Summer Bridge: Women in

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Montgomery Museum to host Heritage Day Festival Saturday

The Montgomery Museum of Art and History will host a Heritage Day Festival in downtown Christiansburg Saturday on East Main Street from 10 a.m.to 5 p.m.

New additions to the festival include live music and a beer garden featuring a brand-new history beer. The museum will also bring back many favorites including a hay wagon to transport families from downtown to the museum's old location and back. The museum will offer more than 25 children's activities including a petting zoo and arts and crafters.

The Jared Stout Band will play from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Other musicians scheduled to perform throughout the day are John and Kathie Hollandsworth, Douglas Connor, American Roots, and Leslie Brooks. Pizza, snacks, and drinks will be served throughout the day.

In partnership with Iron Tree Brewing Co., the museum will debut a brand-new beer, L&M Rifle Ale, the name inspired by the Lewis-McHenry

Duel fought in Christiansburg in 1808. Street vendors will be selling or

hand-made jewelry, home and bath goods, weaving, woodworking, folk art, bee keeping, letter press, and more. A complete list of vendors is available at https://montgomerymuseum.org/ events/heritage-day/.

The museum will be open all day and will hold a silent auction with over 80 items in the recently opened facility at 4 East Main St. Visitors are encouraged to stop by the museum's new location on the town square to participate in the silent auction and view the art and



Photos of trees illustrate moments in humans' lives



Adi Ben Senior of Radford will present his photo exhibit, "The Human Side of Trees," at the Radford Photo Club's meeting Aug. 25 at 6 p.m. at the Radford Public Library. Trees are one of Ben Senior's most well-known subjects in a lifetime of photo projects. In 2016, he was asked to participate in a fundraising exhibit for Syrian refugees who were coming to Europe. His photos of trees represent humans and their moments in life. The Radford Photo Club is made up of professional and amateur photographers from throughout the New River Valley. Meetings, events, and outings are open to the public. Learn more about the club by searching for "Radford Photo Club" on Facebook.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, Aug. 17:

American Business Women's Association August luncheon meeting

The American Business Women's Association will hold its August luncheon meeting today, Aug. 17, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Christiansburg-Blacksburg. Holiday Inn, 99 Bradley Drive. Cost is \$14.25. The luncheon will feature the installation of the association's new officers for the 2022-23 year. RSVP by Aug. 15 by contacting Terri Welch at christiansburg@wineanddesign.com.

Montgomery Floyd Regional Library Board of Trustees meeting

At the Blacksburg Library; 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 17 and Thursday, Aug. 18:

Noise Alert: Skipper can-

The Corps of Cadets will conduct the New Cadet Parade on the drillfield on the afternoon of Thursday, Aug. 18. In preparation for the parade, the corps will hold practices on the drillfield Wednesday (8/17) and Thursday (8/18) mornings. The Highty-Tighties will play and Skipper, the corps cannon, will be fired once during practice on Wednesday, Aug. 17, between 9:30 and 11 a.m.

During the final parade on Thursday, Aug. 18, Skipper will fire three times: When the cadets reach the drillfield, at the first note of the national anthem, and at the first note of Tech Triumph. The first shot will be at about 3:50 p.m., and the final shot will be at about 4:45 p.m. The parade will mark the end of New Ca-

det Week for the Class of 2026 and is open to the public.

Wednesday, Aug. 17 - Sunday, Aug. 21:

Marching Virginians band

The Virginia Tech Marching Virginians will hold their annual band camp from Aug. 13-21 at the Marching Virginians Field on the Virginia Tech Campus. Adjoining neighborhoods may be able to hear the band rehearsals from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on those days. The Blacksburg community is welcome to come out and watch the rehearsals as well.

Thursday, Aug. 18:

Lunch and Learn with Better Business Bureau: Cybersecurity

At the Radford Public Library from noon to 1 p.m. Participants will learn how to keep themselves safe from online scams while enjoying lunch from Jimmy Johns. To reserve a lunch and a seat at the talk, email Elizabeth. Sensabaugh@radfordva.gov.

Talking about books Non-fiction

At the Christiansburg Library at 11 a.m. To be discussed this month is "Where the water goes: Life and death along the Colorado River" by David Owen, in-person and virtually.

Bad poetry

At the Blacksburg Library at 4:30 p.m. This is Bad Poetry Day. Participants will follow some silly prompts and in the process write some terrible poetry.

Saturday, Aug. 20:

EastMont tomato festival

At the Meadowbrook Public Library at 10 a.m. The festival will have music, food, contests, and children's activities in the library's courtyard. Presented by the EastMont Community Foundation. For more information, check out www.eastmontcf.com/tomato-festival.

Magic show with Mark Fuller at the Tomato Festival

At the Meadowbrook Public Library at 11:15 a.m. Magician Mark Fuller will amaze and dazzle in the Meadowbrook Courtyard at the Tomato Festival. Sponsored by the Meadowbrook Public Library.

Tomato sidewalk obstacle course

At the Meadowbrook Public Library at 10 a.m. Participants will attempt to make it through the tomato-themed sidewalk obstacle course. They can stop by the library's curbside pickup area on the side of the building and make their way through a sidewalk tomato-themed obstacle course, and enter for a chance to win a prize.

Monday, Aug. 22:

Crafternoon for adults only At the Radford Public Library from 1 to 2 p.m. Participants can bring their supplies to knit, crochet, and/or needlepoint at the library! Some crafting supplies will be provided including material for participants to make a Linus Project blanket for donation to the Linus Project. All crafters are welcome from painting to writing, knitting, and more.

Tuesday, Aug. 23:

American Red Cross blood drive

At the Christiansburg Library at 12:30 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome or donors may sign up at https://www.red-crossblood.org/give.html/do-

nation-time.

Magical cooking with Dave - Facebook Live

At the Radford Public Library; 2 to 2:15 p.m. A magical Facebook Live episode of Cooking with Dave in preparation for the Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley's TriWizard Tri-Mile Race. More information is available at lynry.org.

Wednesday, Aug. 24:

Sustainable Blacksburg lunch and learn: Electric cars

At the Blacksburg Library; noon. Dave Ropper will talk about electric cars; driving distance, maintenance, and charging. Participants may stay for the show-and-share of actual Teslas in the wild. Presentation will be both in-person and virtual.

Thursday, Aug. 25:

Film screening: "On the Basis of Sex"

At the Blacksburg Library at 6 p.m. Join for a free screening of Ruth Bader Ginsburg's biopic "On the Basis of Sex" to commemorate Women's Equality Day.

Tuesday, Aug. 30:

Teen book club

At the Blacksburg Library at 4 p.m. Every month the club gets together to discuss a new book. To be discussed this month is "Last Night at the Telegraph Club" by Melinda Lo.

Science fiction and fantasy book club

At the Blacksburg Library at 6:30 p.m. To be discussed is "The Paper Menagerie" by Ken Lui. Call 540-552-8246 to reserve a copy.

Fri., Sept. 23, and Sat., Sept. 24:

Radford High School Class of 1972 Reunion

Radford High School's 1972 Class of Champions will hold its 50th Year Reunion on Sept. 23 and Sept. 24. Festivities include a tailgate at the King Center Friday, Sept. 23, and attendance at the football game. A social is planned for Saturday, Sept. 24, at Preston's at the River Course. The committee is looking for "Lost" classmates. Class members who haven't received an invitation should contact reunion committee members: jennydoud@ gmail.com and Martihale@ yahoo.com.

Ongoing:

Montgomery-Christiansburg Citizens Academy registration now open The registration for the

2022 Montgomery-Christiansburg Citizens Academy is now open.

This is a free eight-week

This is a free, eight-week course providing hands-on experience for participants and covering a wide variety of local government functions ranging from fire and rescue to libraries, animal care, and public works. Classes are Wednesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m., beginning Sept. 7 and ending on Oct. 26.

Alexander Black House Farming Exhibit

"Virginia is for Farmers: Agriculture in Southwest Virginia, Then and Now" is on display through Thursday, Aug. 18, in the Alexander Black House, 204 Draper Road SW, Blacksburg. Admission is free. The hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit blacksburgmuseum.org.

NRCC offering Women in Literature course this fall

New River Community College is offering a new Women in Literature English course this fall.

Women in Literature (ENG 275) examines literary texts by women writers from diverse time periods, genres, and authors. Students will develop skills of close reading and literary nanalysis through the study of texts within their historical, cultural, social, and/or literary contexts.

Throughout the course, students will explore how women's experiences have shaped their literary contributions, the cultural forces

affecting their lives, and how they have used writing to shape their cultures. ENG 275 is a transferable course.

The class will meet online beginning on August 22. Megan Doney, professor of English at NRCC, will be teaching the 14-week course. Doney has taught at NRCC since 2008. Her writing has been published in "Earth & Altar" and "Creative Nonfiction" and has been nominated for a Pushcart Prize. She is currently working on an essay collection.

Course materials include the

novels "Truth and Beauty" by Ann Patchett, "All You Can Ever Know" by Nicole Chung, and "Memorial Drive: A Daughter's Memoire" by Natasha Trethewey.

Current NRCC students may register for classes online by visiting their student accounts.

New students or those who may need additional support to register can reach out to an advisor by emailing advising@nr.edu or calling (540) 674-3609.

Prospective NRCC students may visit www.nr.edu/registernow for enrollment information.



NRCC English professor Megan Doney will teach English 275, Women in Literature this fall.

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of Radford's children, and dedicating himself to the City of Radford," and resolving that "the drive entrance to McHarg Elementary, is named 'Mr. Green's Way' in honor of [Green] for his service and commitment to Radford City Public Schools, his support and love of the students in Radford, and his dedication to the people of Radford young and old, pursuant to the authority of the city council."

Radford Mayor David Horton thanked Green for his years of service.

"You're every kid's best friend at McHarg Elementary School," Horton said.

The Radford City School Board requested the street name approval from the city council, and several school board members and Radford City Schools Superintendent Robert

Graham were in attendance at the council meeting, along with Green and

his wife, Diane.

When the school board unveiled the plan at its July meeting, Graham spoke about how many roles Green unofficially took on during his decades of services.

"Your title was custodian and head maintenance supervisor, but really you wore more hats than that, serving as a teacher and a mentor, a school nutrition worker, a counselor, a physical educator, and all sorts of things," said Graham during the July meeting. "You mean so much to this community. We're hopeful that when folks travel this street there will be some sort of osmosis, and our students will absorb the positivity, humility, energy, and all of those wonderful characteristics that you brought to us every day."

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OBITUARIES

Reed, Timothy Scott

Timothy Scott Reed, 43, of Christiansburg, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2022.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Cleatis Sartin and Mary Reed.

Tim is survived by his wife, Kathryn Reed; children Ezekiel, Chloe, Isabel and Timothy (T.J.) Reed, Jr.; sister and brother-in-law Kevin and Kayla Lucas: nephew and nieces

Lucas; nephew and nieces Levi and Allie



Josie Whitlock; and a best friend, Adam Walker. The family received

Lucas, Reagan, Sadie and

The family received friends on Friday, Aug. 12, 2022, at McCoy Funeral Home.

A funeral service followed at McCoy Funeral Home with the Rev. Will Fillingham and the Rev. Craig Reed officiating. Interment followed at White Rock Cemetery,

Carthage Rd., Floyd.

Stigger, Loretta Beaver

Loretta Beaver Stigger, 80, passed away on Friday, Aug. 12, 2022, at her home in New River.

She was born in Floyd, the daughter of the late Ophus and Rosa Beaver.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 50 years, Governor Shead Stigger, Sr.; a son, Governor S. Stigger, Jr.; and a grandson, Jason L. Stigger.

She is survived by her two daughters, Betty Ann Stigger of New River and Janet Maxine Stigger of Roanoke; a son, David Stigger of Dublin; a special daughter, Aliyeanna Wiggins of New River; grandchildren Janet Necole (Elvin) Robertson, Courtney (Jacke) Smith, Chantal Lorton, Malcolm Stigger, Jade Stigger, Jacob

Stigger, and Kane Stigger; numerous great-grandchildren; a sister, Kitty Huff of Floyd; a sister-in-law, Bertha Parsons of Roanoke; a special friend, Billy Largen of Christiansburg; many nieces and nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends today, Wednesday, Aug. 17, from noon until 1 p.m. at Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Graveside services will follow at 1:30 p.m. in the New River Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, Loretta would be honored by donations in her memory to St. Jude Childrens Hospital or to the American Diabetes Association.

The Stigger family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory in Radford.

Risen, Marvin Patrick

Marvin Patrick Risen – loving husband, doting father, adoring son, globe-trotting businessman and keen fan of the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets – died on Aug. 11 in Blacksburg. He was 78.

Known to friends and colleagues as Pat, Marvin was born on April 3, 1944, in Nashville, Tenn., the son of Marvin Jordan Risen and Mary Emily (Rice) Risen His father

(Rice) Risen. His father, a field agent for the FBI., died before he was born, and a few years later his mother married another agent, Francis Norwood, who raised Pat as his son.

Pat graduated from Montgomery Bell Academy in 1962 and studied mechanical engineering at Georgia Tech where he lettered in gymnastics. After graduating in 1966, he served for two years in the U.S. Army, primarily at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland and the Joliet Army Ammunition Plant in Illinois.

After receiving an honorable discharge, he moved to Washington, D.C., where he studied at American University, receiving his masters degree in business administration in May 1972.

Three months later he married Elizabeth (Chickering) Risen, and the two moved to Corning, N.Y., where Pat began his long career in international business and where both of his sons were born.

His background in engineering and business made him a valuable part of Corning, Inc.'s global sales team, and his work took him around the world from Marseilles to Singapore. He and his family even spent 18 months living in Tokyo, an experience that left Pat with a love for all things Japanese.

nese.

In 1985 the Risens moved back to Pat's hometown where he worked for Alcoa Fujikura Ltd. After the fall of the Iron Curtain, he was

among the first American

businessmen to enter Eastern Europe, making deals in Poland, Slovenia, Russia, and Kazakhstan to upgrade communications systems with AFL's fiber-optic cable. Pat tried to retire in 2002, and he and Elizabeth moved to Blacksburg, but the allure of international business pulled him back, and he closed his career with several years at Synchrony, a local technology company.

Like any good engineer, Pat loved to tinker in his spare time, and he made easy friends with mechanics and plumbers – really anyone who would lend an ear. He is survived by his wife and sons, Clay (Joanna) and Michael (Meg); his nephew, Tim Newton; his grandchildren Catherine, Talia, Chickie and Elliot; his brother-in-law Bill Chickering, and his sister-in-law Sharon Chickering; and numerous cousins and friends.

He was predeceased by his parents, his stepfather, and his brother, Daniel. He was honored with a visitation on Sunday, Aug. 14, at McCoy Funeral Home, 150 Country Club Dr., SW, in Blacksburg. In lieu of flowers, his family asked that donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association, alz.org.

Christiansburg Rec Center to host Health and Wellness Fair

A free local Health and Wellness Fair will be held at the Christiansburg Recreation Center, 1600 N. Franklin St., on Wednesday, Sept. 21.

The fair will provide information on ways to stay healthy, feel healthy, and age well.

Sponsored by AARP Blacksburg, the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM) and the recreation center, the fair will be open from noon to 4 p.m. Close to 100 exhibitors will offer a variety of health information and screenings.

A major attraction will be VCOM faculty and students offering free medical services and screenings. The public can meet and interact with them one on one. VCOM will provide information on fall prevention, cancer screenings, osteoporosis, body mass index, immunizations, osteopathic manipulative therapy, health nutrition, and

Flu shots and other immunizations will be available. Pharmacists will be on hand to discuss such topics as drug interactions. Physical and occupational therapists and chiropractors can advise on chronic

conditions

Exhibits will feature how to update your home to make it more accessible. Participatory presentations will include Qi Gong, Tai Chi, mindfulness exercises, laughter yoga, and chair yoga. Also featured will be massage therapy, home improvement ideas for aging in place, in-home health services, and free light and healthy snacks.

Participants will be able to explore opportunities for staying engaged in the community through volunteering and participating in arts events, hiking, travel, exercise, and activities at public libraries.

While many people are attracted to health fairs for explicit health services they can receive, the message at this one will be clear, says Leslie Pendleton, president of AARP Blacksburg. "Successful aging is not just about medical conditions and their management, but about living a full and engaged life and how our community helps make that possible," said Pendleton. "Wellness includes not only physical wellness but also intellectual, emotional, financial, social, environmental, occupational, and spiritual wellness."

VCOM provides medical education and research that prepares global-minded, community-focused physicians who improve the health of those most in need. The college has had a collaborative partnership with Virginia Tech since 2002 and supports health and wellness for those in Southwest Virginia and the rest of the Appalachian region by participating in outreach programs and health fairs such as this

Parking will be abundant at the Christiansburg Recreation Center, and the venue is accessible to the handicapped.

Gold sponsors of the health fair are NRV Services, Community OrthoVirginia, Warm Hearth Village, Carilion NRV Medical Center, Bath Fitter, River Ridge Dermatology, Mount Regis Center, Aetna, the Engagement Center for Creating Aging, AARP Blacksburg, the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM) and the recreation center.

Silver sponsors are Total Motion Physical Therapy, InnovAge, and New River Osteopathy.

Young, Almeta Kessinger

Almeta Kessinger Young, 81, of Blacksburg, passed away peacefully on Aug. 11, 2022.

She was born in Montgomery County. on Dec. 28, 1940, to the late Roy Kemper and Lucy Smith Kessinger.

She was preceded in death by sisters Fleta Smith, Doris Walters, Lois Green, and Lucy Martin; and brothers Roy D. Kessinger, Harvey Kessinger, Bobby Kessinger, and Dan Kessinger.

She is survived by her loving husband of 50 years, David Young; a son Kevin Young and daughter-in-law

Kelly Young; grandson Kaden Young; granddaughter Kolbie Young; sisters and brothers-in-law Martha Campbell, Patricia McCoy, Sandra Sims, Brenda and Roy Hughes, and Carrie and Derek Lee; brothers and sisters-in-law Larry and Karen Kessinger and Estiol and Brenda Kessinger; and many nieces and nephews.

The family received visitors at Mc-Coy Funeral Home in Blacksburg on Monday, Aug. 15. A private service for the family will be held later at Roselawn Memorial Gardens, Christiansburg.

ONLINE AUCTION

Ends Wednesday, August 24th @ 4 PM Patio Home for Sale in Christiansburg VA! 125 Windsong Ln, Christiansburg, VA 24073

Bid Now at VaAuctionPro.com



You have the opportunity to purchase this great home in Christiansburg VA! The home is in the Windsong Heights neighborhood. It features a nice patio home built in 2004 with 1,318 sq. ft. The home is one level, with 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, living room, dining room, sunroom, kitchen, garage, and patio. Interior floors are laminate hardwood, ceramic tile, and carpet. Home has a heat pump, public water, and sewer. The exterior is finished with brick and vinyl and is topped off with shingle roof. The home sits on 0.129 +/- acres. It is near all shopping centers, restaurants, and hospitals that Christiansburg, VA has to offer. There is easy access to Interstate I-81 as well.

Furniture and personal property will be offered at the tag sale during preview times on Friday August 12th and 19th at 4PM. Items included in tag sale are furniture, picture frames, lamps, dishes, and miscellaneous household items.)

Property is subject to by-laws and restrictive covenants for Windsong Heights (see bidder pack). Bidders are expected to review those documents prior to bidding. Monthly dues \$85.

Preview: Friday August 12th @ 4 PM and Friday August 19th at 4 PM

Terms - 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to final high bid to arrive at contract price. Earnest Money Deposit of \$5,000 required on day of sale (August 24th 2022). Close on or before October 10th, 2022. Subject to seller confirmation. Property sold as is, where is with any and all faults. Buyer is expected to complete their own due diligence. Download Bidder Pack for complete terms and conditions, purchase contract and maps at VAAuctionPro.com

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Buddy King: Seeing Christiansburg as it once was

I have had the opportunity to return to my old hometown a couple of times in the last few months.

Christiansburg was pretty much my whole world the first 18 years of my life, thereafter my "summer place" for my college years, and the first place I worked after college.

Sadly, since my parents' passing, I have had fewer occasions and opportunities to return. Since then there have been no Kings left in the area, for the first time in over 200 years.

I have lived a different life than I expected. When I left C'burg after my first job after college (at the old Cambria Bank) to attend law school, pursuing a goal I had set in seventh grade when I saw Cousin Joe graduate and join the profession, I expected to return to my hometown, hang out a shingle, pick up my mail at the quaint old post office on the square like my Dad had done, go to Thompson Hagan Drug Store for coffee around 10, probably own an old house in the park, and walk to and from

Michael Showell, Publisher

my office, which would have been in an old building near the courthouse of

I would have raised my family in the same town I was raised in. My daughters would have gone to CHS. They would have grown up with the children of the people I grew up with. I would have continued what would become lifelong friendships with my old pals from CHS. I would have attended St. Paul Methodist. been a member of the Lions or Kiwanis clubs and a Blue Demon booster, and had lunch at my parents' house once a week. I would have gone to the high school football games on Friday nights and taken my girls to town parades.

But, alas, the economics of the private practice of law led me elsewhere (I like to tell the absolutely true story that when I got my first paycheck at my firm, about 45 days after law school graduation, I had \$7 in the bank. I know my family would not have let me starve, although my Dad had told me when I got married before law school that "when you marry, you're on your own." And I was stubborn).

All of this leads to the fact that when you are raised and nurtured in a wonderful small town like Christiansburg but then are gone for over 40 years with only sporadic visits, your perspective is different than that of folks who have lived their whole lives there. I suspect that the changes for people who never moved away are gradual, subtle, insidious. For me, on my sporadic returns, they are stark, dramatic, sobering. For example, when I

am in the small downtown area, rather than monolithic government offices, I still see Hall Brothers Furniture, Angles Market and Lawrence Shelton Drug and Epperly's Dress Shop and Taylor's Office Supply and Richardson's Funeral Home in my mind's eye. I still see the quaint old fire department with the multitude of windows above the stalls and firetrucks, vintage 1958, and a tiny town office building next door. I still see the original St. Paul church next to the quaint 19th-century courthouse. Instead of the new site of the Montgomery Museum, I see the old Bank of Christiansburg, 1930's style, Bonnie and Clyde vintage. On the other side of the

courthouse, I still see the Music House and Leggett's Department Store and Shelton & Walters Men's Shop and Miller Drug and Dr. Clarke's home, which doubled as his office, rather than vape shops (what are those things?) and tattoo parlors and acronyms I can't translate. Instead of the cute little mid-block mall, I see the old Roses Dime Store (We called it the "5- and 10-cent store," maybe the precursor to Dollar General, but far cooler, at least to a kid) and Cromer's Furniture.

I still see Main Street Baptist Church rather than a "venue hall" (not a word we used back then, wedding receptions were for church basements). I look at the corner next to the Presbyterian Church across the street, and I see the old "Montgomery County Regional Library," an old wood frame structure, where I spent many hours smelling old books and trying to understand something called the Dewey Decimal System and being taught how to whisper.

Instead of a large expanse of empty grass at the corner of North Franklin and Depot Streets, I see the old mil where my grandfather Charlie had worked. Instead of a repair hangar for the county school buses, I see the "only gym in town," at the old Christiansburg High, a place I spent many,

many hours.

Instead of the artsy new quarters of the County School Board, I see the old Blue Ridge Overall Factory, where the mothers of many kids in town labored over sewing machines. Further down Roanoke Road, where there are now several miles of car dealerships and fast food restaurants and motels, I see pasture land and apple orchards, disturbed by only a couple of businesses along "old Route 11." I see a Stuckey's, sort of a national 1950's version of a convenience store, and Grants Tavern, a classy little

get a beer back then. I still see Duncan's Texaco and Jabe Thomas's Gulf and Ray's Hamburgers (the first fast food place in town) and High's Ice Cream and Pharis Cleaners and New Altamont Hospital, all "down from the high school." I still see the Palace

restaurant owned by fam-

ily friend Zenie, the closest

place for a Tech student to

Theater and the alley where Doug Lester had his great old photography shop. I see the Robinson Brothers' Barber shop where my Dad took me on Saturday mornings and the V and O (Virginia and Opal?) beauty parlor where my Mom went every Friday.

I still see the only stop light in town, at the square. The mind's eye is a won-

derful thing.

(Only some readers will remember these long gone places. Any recollection like this is a mere snapshot of a moment in time. But I hope that for readers who don't remember this era, a little flavor of what the town was like not that long ago is fun. It was heartwarming for me. And for younger readers, you will eventually learn that anything that happened in your lifetime is not that long ago.)

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Financial Focus: What investors can - and can't - control

As an investor, it's easy to feel frustrated to see short-term drops in your investment statements. But while you cannot control the market, you may find it helpful to review the factors you can control. Many forces affect the finan-

cial markets, including geopolitical events, corporate profits and interest rate movements – forces beyond the control of most individual investors.

In any case, it's important to focus on the things you can control,

• Your ability to define your goals. One area in which you have total control is your ability to define your goals. Like most people, you probably have short-term goals - such as saving for a new car or a dream vacation - and long-term ones, such as a comfortable retirement. Once you identify your goals and estimate how much they will cost, you can create an investment strategy to help achieve them. Over time, some of your personal circumstances will likely change, so you'll want to review your time horizon and risk tolerance on a regular basis, adjusting your strategy when appropriate. And the same is true for your goals. They may evolve over time, requiring new responses from you in how you invest.

• Your response to market downturns. When the market drops and the value of your investments declines, you might be tempted to take immediate action in an effort to stop the losses. This is understandable. After all, your investment results can have a big impact on your future. However, acting hastily could work against you. For example, you could sell investments that still have solid fundamentals and are still appropriate for your needs. If you can avoid decisions based on short-term events, you may help yourself in the

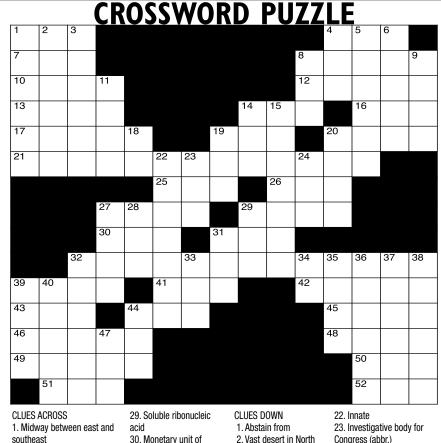
• Your commitment to investing. The financial markets are almost always in flux, and their movements are hard to predict. If you can continue investing in all markets – good, bad or sideways - you will likely make much better progress toward your goals than if you periodically were to take a "time out." Many people head to the investment sidelines when the market tumbles, only to miss out on the beginnings of the next rally. And by steadily investing, you will increase the number of shares you own in your investments, and the larger your ownership stake, the greater your opportunities for building wealth.

 Your portfolio's level of diversification. While diversification itself can't guarantee profits or protect against all losses, it can help greatly reduce the impact of market volatility on your portfolio. Just how you diversify your investments depends on several factors, but the general principle of maintaining a diversified portfolio should govern your approach to investing.

It's a good idea to periodically review your portfolio to ensure it's still properly diversified.

The world will always be filled with unpredictable, uncontrollable events, and many of them will affect the financial markets to one degree or another. But within your own investment world, you always have a great deal of control, and with it, you have the power to keep moving toward all your important financial

> Submitted by Marquise Francis, Edward Jones Financial Advisor



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- 7. Japanese honorific 8. Czech name for Prague
- 10. Ochocinco's first name 12. Steep cliffs (Hawaiian)
- 13. Scots word for "home'
- 14. Upper class young woman
- (abbr.) 16. Monetary unit of Albania
- 17. Raise
- 21. Hikers use them 25. Retrospective analysis
- 20. Uncultured, clumsy persons
- 19. Drain of resources
- (military)
- 26. Tibetan form of chanting

27. Influential European

statesman

- 30. Monetary unit of Romania
- 31. Round green vegetable 32. Well acquainted with 39. Ribosomal ribonucleic
- acid 41. Basics

- actress Keaton
- 43. Snakelike fish
- 45. Russian river
- 49. Senegal's capital
- 42. "The Godfather"
- 44. Tall deciduous tree
- 46. Long Balkans river 48. Ancient Greek coin

52. Low bank or reef of

- 50. Unwell 51. Snout

6. Crook

cards

Republic

seedpods

9. Questions

15. Pithy saying

18. Atomic #22

19. Soviet Socialist

20. Plant with ridged

2. Vast desert in North Africa 3. Cover the crown of a tooth

11. A pack of 52 playing

14. Recording of sound

- 28. Viet Cong offensive 4. A major division of 29. Large body of water geological time 31. Beginning military rank 5. Urban center
- 32. Dissimilar 33. Counteroffensive system 8. Parts per billion (abbr.) (abbr.)
 - 34. Shows who you are 35. Chinese dynasty 36. Type of verse 37. African nation

24. Soda receptacle

27. Spanish stew: podrida

38. Quite

47. Steal

- 39. Former Bucks star
- Michael 40. Showed again 44. Body part

U.S. average gas prices fall below \$4/gal. for first time since March

The U.S. national average price of gas Monday fell back under the \$4 mark to \$3.99 per gallon for the first time since early March, according to GasBuddy.

Gas prices have declined over \$1 per gallon since peaking at \$5.03 on June 14, fueled by falling oil prices over the last month. As of Monday, Aug. 8, Americans spent nearly \$400 million less on gasoline than they did in mid-June.

The year has been a record-breaking one at the pump with a majority of motorists seeing three different handled prices, including \$3, \$4 and \$5. Beginning in March, gas prices in the U.S. rose above \$4 per gallon for the first time since 2008, as Russia launched its invasion of Ukraine. Global supply began to tighten with demand also rising into the summer, causing inventories to tighten to uncomfortable levels. The previous record-high of \$4.10

per gallon was broken in April, and gas prices soared to a new all-time high average of \$5.03 per gallon in June. Areas of California saw average prices near \$7 per gallon this summer, and diesel prices saw their biggest premium to gasoline prices ever.

We've never seen anything like 2022 at the pump, highlighted by once-in-a-lifetime events including the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, which caused myriad imbalances, exacerbated by Russia's war on Ukraine,' said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GadBuddy. "As a result, we've seen gas prices behave in ways never witnessed before, jumping from \$3 to \$5 and now back to \$3.99. While the recent drop in gas prices has been most welcomed, the issues that led to skyrocketing prices aren't completely put to bed and still could lead prices to eventually climb back up should something unexpected develop."

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Simon is a good boy, looking for a good home. He's a younger, energetic pup who will need humans who can devote some time to training and socialization. He enjoys being around other canines. Stop by the Animal Care and Adoption Center to meet Simon.



Rocket has been waiting patiently to head home. He's a special needs cat who has been a resident at the Center for quite a few months but it's a mystery as to why. Rocket is a nice boy with high energy and he's ready to find his purrfect match.

Virginia Tech veterinary college gets funding for research into parasite found in cats

Found in cats, Toxoplasma gondii is a human pathogen with serious health ramifications, causing life-threatening illnesses for people with immunodeficienies, miscarriages in pregnant women, and blindness in newborn chil-

A National Institutes of Health grant awarded to the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine will fund a two-year study to understand treatment options better.

Researchers in the Department of Biomedical Sciences and Pathobiology will explore the function of a novel tyrosine kinase-like (TKL) protein in Toxoplasma reproduction. The goal is to reveal the role of this parasite protein in cell division and identify its signaling network, which could open doors for new treatments and care. The team is led by principal investigator and Assistant Professor Raj Gaji with assistance from Associate Professors Tom Cecere and Shannon

Toxoplasma gondii has an interesting life cycle in that it undergoes its sexual reproduction only in cats," Gaji said. "Humans can pick up the parasite through contaminated water and meat or placental transmission during pregnancy. If farm animals consume the pathogen — such as water contaminated with cat feces — they develop cysts in their muscles.

"If people consume uncooked meat, they can pick up the infection, and if a woman is pregnant, the pathogen can be transmitted to the fetus," Gaji said. "In the U.S. studies show that about 10 to 15 percent of the population (40 million people) are infected with the parasite, but their healthy immune system stops the parasite from causing illness."

man body, it replicates and able populations. travels through the bloodexperience mild symptoms destructive," Gaji said. "It such as fever during initial infection, but once the immune system kicks in, the parasite changes form and forms cysts mainly in the

"So far, although the initial infection can be treated using two drugs, once the parasite spreads through the blood and into organs, there's nothing we can do," Gaji said. "There's no drug to treat the form that stays in the brain because the parasite isn't responding to any treatment."

This means the person is infected for life. The parasite will stay dormant in the brain with no complications if the individual is healthy and the immune system is functioning well.

Toxoplasma Unfortunately, the same gondii gets into the hu- isn't true for more vulner-

"If an individual's imstream to reach different mune system is comproorgans including the brain. mised, the parasite can re-The infected person may activate and it's incredibly can cause sudden death in patients with infections like HIV or cancer patients undergoing organ transplants, and it can also lead to miscarriage in pregnant women and blindness in

The grant will allow Gaji and the team to use mass spectrometry analysis to understand the roles of this TKL protein in Toxoplasma gondii development with the goal of developing new treatments.



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Bridge Camp

STEM program, took the controls of drones, learning the ups and downs and ins and outs of remote aircraft flight. In between flights on the hot July afternoon, the university's Department of Chemistry treated the campers to cones of liquid nitrogen ice cream, a staple of Radford STEM and sci-

ence events. 'This was one of the things I looked forward to the most," Sriyutha Morishetty said about flying drones at Summer Bridge, a weeklong residential camp for female high school students that offers hands-on learning experiences and provides a window into the world of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education and careers.

"Actually, everything we've done this week has been really fun," Morishetty said. "The planetarium was really fun, too."

Over the course of the week, the STEM campers were in labs and classrooms all around the Center for the Sciences. They watched a show at the state-of-theart Radford University Planetarium, learned about the chemistry of space, piloted drones, built surface rovers, launched rockets

and engaged with women

and TORC Robotics.

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attended Summer Bridge launches. free of charge.

to Mars, "but it was really more of a space exploration broader theme," said one-by-one onto a launch Summer Bridge program director David Horton. in activities related to power generation and transmission; remote and autonomous vehicles and rocket propulsion; the geology of Earth and other planets; and the biology and chemistry of space travel. They also took part in a "lost on the moon" exercise, Horton

On Thursday night, the final night on campus, Assistant Professor of Physics Sandra Liss took the burgeoning scientists to Radford University's Selu Observatory for telescope night. "The weather didn't fully cooperate; it was hazy," Liss said, "but they got to see and control the telescope and dome."

The camp was "really an eye-opening opportunity," said participant Llera Terry. "I've learned a lot about building radios and biol-

ogy and black holes," she

who work in science careers said Friday morning, as one at Novozymes Biologicals of the week's most anticipated activities was blasting All of the young women off behind her: the rocket

During the week, the This year's Summer young women built their Bridge theme was Mission own rockets from kits, and on the last day of camp, they placed their creations pad. Radford Physics Professor Rhett Herman as-The students participated sisted with the pre-launch prep, but the young women took it up themselves to help one another.

When the rockers were ready, the campers counted down 5-4-3-2-1. Ignition and lift off!

The rockets zipped high above campus, and after about five seconds, the launchers below could hear a popping sound as parachutes and streamers emerged from the rockets.

"This camp is great and has exceeded my expecta-tions for sure," said Izzy DeJohn of Christiansburg, standing beside her friend, Terry, as a rocket zipped skyward behind them.

The 2022 Summer Bridge program "among our best, and it brought together a wonderful group of students from all across the commonwealth," Horton said. "The

engagement of this group of young women gives me great hope for the future that the goal of encouraging more women to pursue and advance science and technology is moving forward. These students will change the world as they move through their academic and professional careers."

> Chad Osborne Radford University



Students learn how to operate a drone



A rocket prepares to take off while students stand nearby watching the launch.

Cheers to Tony Wolf: The wine grape expert officially retires

Like a fine Virginia wine, Tony Wolf's career can be described as wellbalanced, vibrant, and ro-

Over the past three decades, the Virginia Tech professor has earned the respect of wine aficionados and researchers as well as the reputation as the "goto grape guy." Earlier this year, Wolf was named one of Wine Industry Advisor's "most inspiring people" for his leadership, innovation, and inspiration in the in-

What was once a crawling industry of just six wineries in 1980, Virginia's wine-growing industry is now estimated at \$1.73 billion. More than 300 wineries exist throughout the state today, thanks in part to Wolf's influence.

A dedicated educator and leader, Wolf has touched the lives — and palates — of wine lovers across the globe. Closer to home, he has made a lasting impression on his

students and colleagues in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Virginia Cooperative Extension, and the Alson H. Smith Jr. Agricultural Research and Extension Center.

Wolf retired from 36 years of full-time service to the university earlier this year. He has worked part-time for the Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station for the past five months, ending Aug. 24.

Reflecting on his fullbodied career, he rarely references personal accomplishments. Instead, he focuses on those who have inspired him, those who have guided him, and those who have so often called upon him to guide Virginia's wine-growing industry into the future.

"As I look back over my career, maybe some of the most gratifying aspects of my job have been the relationships I've established with stakeholders — with friends, I mean," Wolf said.

The feeling is mutual,

agree his friends, many of whom shared "Tony testimonials" in a wine publication when they learned of his retirement earlier this

"Undoubtedly, Tony chosen another region, had the cards fallen some other way and Virginia was left without Tony Wolf, we would be 15 or 20 years behind where we are now, maybe more," wrote Nate Walsh of Walsh Family Wine in Grape Press, the quarterly publication of the Virginia Vineyards Association.

"Thanks in good measure to Tony, we are now able to grow world-class grapes," wrote Bill Tonkins of Veritas Vineyards and "Tony taught us all to

be better at what we do," wrote Chris Hill, a vineyard consultant and longtime friend of Wolf's. "He has been our fearless leader, and dang, we will miss him."

By Mary Hardbarger



Viticulturist Tony Wolf has served at Virginia Tech for 36 years, most recently as the director of the Alson H. Smith Jr. Agricultural Research and Extension Center. Virginia Tech photo

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 NORTH-**BOUND AT EXIT 105** NEW RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT MONTGOMERY COUNTY - Traffic on northbound I-81 has been switched onto the newly constructed bridge over the New River at the Montgomery/Pulaski County line. The old bridge is being demolished. 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 98 to 109. 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 summer

2023. ROUTE 615 CUL-REPLACE-VERT MENT – Route 615 (Pilot Road) is undergoing a culvert replacement located at the intersection of Pilot Road and Old Pike Road, across from the Pilot Post Office. 615 maintained by utilizing temporary traffic signals are in place through August 2022. Flagging operations may be in place. Route 615 will be limited to one 10 foot lane. Expected completion is October

(NEW 7-22-22) PATTERSON DRIVE BRIDGE WORK IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY TO DE-**TOUR TRAFFIC** ROANOKE **NEAR** COUNTY LINE Through Sept. 2, Route 669 (Patterson Drive) will be closed to through traffic due to work on the bridge over Bottom Creek. The bridge is located about 0.1 mile west of the Roanoke County line near Route 669's intersection with Route 637 (Bottom Creek Lane). Traffic can detour around the closure using Route 607 (Bottom Creek Road) and Route 637 (Bottom Creek Lane). Electronic message boards will be in place to alert drivers to the upcoming bridge

ROUTE 114 TURN CONSTRUC-LANE TION - Road improvements on Route 114 (Peppers Ferry Road) for the construction of a new entrance to Belview Elementary School are underway. Motorists should expect daily lane closures controlled by flagging forces. Work is expected to last through August 2022.

INTERSTATE 81 INTERSTATE WIDENING LANE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT EXIT 137 TO EXIT 141 - A \$179 million designbuild project to widen both directions of I-81 between mile markers 136.6 and 141.8 from

to begin. Continuing through the 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. 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:

Nightly lane closures may be in place along the right lane with possible nightly ramp narrows as needed for strengthening.

Northbound I-81 lane closures from mile marker 138 to 142

Northbound I-81 exit and entrance ramp narrows possible at Route 311.

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 in early 2026.

I-81 TROUTVILLE REST AREA CLO-SURE - The Troutville Rest Area located on southbound Interstate in Botetourt County of the project is summer is currently closed until Sept. 2, 2022. Signage indicating the closure has been posted in the rest area. Dur- BRIDGE porary concrete barrier wall will be installed in rest area facility, ramps closed to the public. This project will extend the ramp into the rest area by 500 feet and the ramp out of the rest area by 2,100 feet. It will also include expanding the truck parking area at the facility by about 10-13 spaces. Work is expected to be completed in early fall 2022.

AREA OP-REST TIONS: While Troutville Rest Area is closed, southbound I-81 drivers can use sure will be in place on the Fairfield Rest Area northbound and southat mile marker 195 in bound I-581 from mile Rockbridge County or marker 0-1, Monday at the Radford Rest Area 7 a.m. through Wednesat mile marker 108 in day at 7 p.m. Montgomery County. o A right lane cloguardrail and shoulder In addition, the Trout- sure will be in place on ville Weigh Station, lo- northbound and southcated on southbound bound I-581 from mile I-81 at mile marker 149, marker 0-1, Thursday at will have portable toi- 7 a.m. through Saturday lets, and parking will be at 7 p.m. temporarily available for commercial vehicles.

INTERSTATE WIDENING LANE CONSTRUCTION EXIT 141 TO EXIT en the lanes on I-81 in p.m. Roanoke in both northopen through winter periodically. with periodic lane cloand markings for northsummer during nighttime hours, 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Drivers can expect

INTERSTATE 581 ROUTE WORK ing the closure, a tem- OVER WILLIAMSON ROAD -On Route 11 (Williamson Road) drivfront of the facility. The ers can expect intermittent and alternating lane and parking lot will be 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 at the fall 2022.

LANE CLOSURES:

A left lane clo-O

o 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. 143 - A project to wid-through Sunday at 2

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I-581 BRIDGE RErough pavement. Esti- PAIRS - Weather permated completion date mitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 581. Right, center and left lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays. Scheduled traffic impacts include: Left or right lane

closures may be in place on I-581 northbound from Orange Avenue to Valley View Boulevard from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Left or right lane closures may be in place on I-581 from Valley View Boulevard to Orange Avenue from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Liberty Road NW from

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Lukens Street NE to Hunt Avenue NW from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

INTERSTATE (CARROLL COUNTY) I-77 PAVING OP-ERATIONS - Weather permitting, crews will be performing paving operations along Interstate 77 between mile marker 24 and 0. Right and left lane closures may be in place along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours, 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Drivers should watch for moving vehicles and equipment. Expect possible delays.

ROANOKE CITY 13th STREET SE IMPROVEMENTS WITH DETOUR – A project to improve a portion of 13th Street SE in Roanoke is underway. Located in a residential neighborhood just east of downtown Roanoke, this project will improve traffic flow and connectivity along 13th Street SE from Tazewell Avenue to Norfolk Avenue. The project entails reconstructing about 0.2mile of 13th Street as an improved, two-lane roadway with 10.5-footwide travel lane and a raised median. A new roadway will extend 13th Street to Norfolk Avenue and the intersection at 13th Street and Wise Avenue will be reconfigured to include a roundabout. Bike lanes, sidewalks, crosswalks and curb and gutter will also be added. Southbound 13th Street traffic has a detour in place using Norfolk Avenue onto 12th Street to Tazewell Avenue. This detour will be in place throughout the duration of this project. Signs will be posted to designate the detour route. Northbound 13th Street will remain open to traffic. Flaggers may be possible and the speed limit through the work zone is 25 mph. The project is expected to be completed in summer 2023. SURFACE TREAT-

MENT OPERATIONS - Weather permitting, crews are performing surface treatment operations on various routes. Lane closures may be in place and flaggers may control traffic at times during daylight hours. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays. The road surface may be rough for several weeks after surface treatment is applied. Once it packs down, the road surface will be brushed and re-See **VDOT**, page 9



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the Clerk's Office, Circuit

Court for Botetourt County,

dated July 21, 2003, in the

original principal amount of

In execution of

is

Virginia as Instrument No. 0306397. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090 on September 12, 2022, at 10:00 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH **IMPROVEMENTS** THEREON AND **EASEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES** THEREUNTO APPERTAINING, LYING AND BEING IN BOTETOURT COUNTY. VIRGINIA, AND MORE **PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS** FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE NORTHERLY MARGIN OF STATE ROUTE 647 CORNER TO THE PROPERTY OF ROBERT L. GODSEY (DEED BOOK 324, PAGE 653); THENCE N. 45 DEGREES 18' 02& E 250.89 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N. 37 DEGREES. 57', 58& W. 191.22 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N. 37 DEGREES 38' 06 W. 45.31 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S. 46 DEGREES 41` 45& W. 210.24 FEET TO A POINT IN THE NORTHERLY MARGIN OF STATE ROUTE 647; THENCE WITH THE SAID MARGIN OF ROUTE 647 ALONG THE ARC OF A CIRCLE TO THE RIGHT WHOSE RADIUS IS 859.91 FEET AND WHOSE CHORD IS S. 29 DEGREES, 34° 29& E. 33.60 FEET, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 33.61 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE

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Public Notice **Environmental** Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the release of treated wastewater into a water body in Botetourt County, Virginia. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: August 17, 2022 to September 16, 2022 PERMIT NAME: Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit -Wastewater issued by DEQ pursuant to applicable water laws and regulations APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Shenandoah Baptist Church; PO Box 7010, Roanoke, VA 24019; VA0075451 FACILITY NAME AND LOCATION: Camp Eagle Sewage Treatment Plant (STP); 458

Camp Eagle Road,

Fincastle, VA 24090

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Shenandoah Baptist Church

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Camp Eagle STP. The applicant proposes to balance of the subject Deed release treated sewage lower, in the form of cash or the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the process is hauled by contractor to the sale, otherwise Purchaser's Southwestern Virginia Regional Wastewater further treatment. The be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser river and its incoming streams. The permit will to amounts that protect Substitute Trustee, but shall water quality: organic REQUEST A PUBLIC delivery, e-mail. fax or and requests must be in period. Submittals must addresses or email addresses of the is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement Road Suite 240. Richmond, requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, the permit. 3) Specific

ORDER OF

website: www.bwwsales. com. VA-314471-3.

PUBLICATION Case No. CL21-610 **BOTETOURT COUNTY** Commonwealth of Virginia, in re. Wilmington Savings Fund FSB, et al vs. Andrew L. Lawson, et al The subject of this suit is to: rescind the September 16, 2020 foreclosure sale of 47 Garfield Lane, Roanoke, Virginia. It is ORDERED that: Any/All Heirs of BILAL NAEEM BOMANI appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before September 6 2022. Signed: TOMMY L. MOORE, Clerk. 7/19/22

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Virginia Electric & Power Company (VMRC #2022-1365) has applied for a permit from Virginia Marine Resources Commission to install one fiber optics cable to existing overhead transmission poles and within an existing right-ofway, a minimum 41 feet above a 346-foot-wide section of the James River and a minimum 17 feet above 11 sections of North Creek and Jennings Creek as part of the Grid Transformation Telecommunication Program Project near Arcadia, in Botetourt County, Send Comments/ inquiries within 15 days to: Marine Resources Commission, Habitat Management Division, 380 Fenwick Road, Building 96. Fort Monroe, VA 23651 or jpa.permits@mrc.virginia.go

ORDER OF

PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF **VIRGINIA** VA CODE § 8.01-316 Virginia, in re PARRIS, Parris, a minor. It is ORDERED that PARRIS, ALYSSA 9:00 AM. July 29, 2022

Sally Davis, Clerk

Legals -Montgomery County

has applied for reissuance of a permit for the private wastewaters from seasonal and non-season residential domestic activities at a rate of 0.0025 million gallonsper-day into a water body. Septage from the treatment Pollution Control Plant for facility proposes to release the treated wastewaters into Borden Creek in Botetourt County in the James River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a limit the following pollutants matter, chemical properties, solids and bacteria. HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing on the draft permit reissuance by handpostal mail. All comments writing and be received by DEQ during the comment include the names, mailing commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the interest would be directly and adversely affected by references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed

24153; 540-795-9749; Email: Susan.Edwards@deq.virgin ia.gov. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person

issues relevant to the

permit. CONTACT FOR

DOCUMENT REQUESTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

INFORMATION: Susan

Russell Drive, Salem VA

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AND ADDITIONAL

Legals - City of Radford

listed above.

ORDER OF

PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF **VIRGINIA** VA CODE § 8.01-316 Case No. JJ003213-22-00 RADFORD Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court. Commonwealth of Virginia, in re PARRIS, ZYAN IMAHAN MILDRED The object of this suit is to: Approve permanency plan for Zyan Imahan Mildred Parris, a minor. It is ORDERED that DANTE LARRELL HAYES appear at the above-named court and protect his or her interests on or before 09/27/2022 at 9:00 AM.

Sally Davis, Clerk

July 29, 2022

Case No. JJ003213-22-00 RADFORD Juvenile and **Domestic Relations District** Court, Commonwealth of ZYAN IMAHAN MILDRED The object of this suit is to: Approve permanency plan for Zvan Imahan Mildred DANIELLE appear at the above-named court and protect his or her interests on or before 09/27/2022 at

Legals -Montgomery County

Order of **Publication** Commonwealth of Virginia VA code § 1-211.1; 8.01-

316, -317.20-104 Montgomery County Circuit Court 55 East Main Street, Suite 1, Christiansburg, VA 24073 Case No. CL22001234-00 Arlecia McBride Johnson and Olivia Adeline Isabel Johnson v. Jonathan Arnold Johnson. The object of this suit is to: Name Change of a Minor. It is ORDERED that Jonathan Arnold Johnson appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interest on or

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY Case No. CL22-1

before October 2, 2022

082 **COUNTY OF** MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA, A **Political** Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant, v. **ELIZABETH** MORGAN, ET AL. Respondent(s).

ORDER OF PUBLICATION The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Montgomery, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Montgomery, Virginia, described as follows: Tax Map No. 525-A 16 Account No. 01 3074 All of that certain lot of land, lying near the wester limits, of Christiansburg in Montgomery County Virginia and bounded as follows: Beginning at the line of the Lee Highway at the corner of land owned or formerly owned by William Garnard and running thence: with said Garnard line S. 9° E. 200 feet to a stake; thence two new lines S. 88 1/2° W. 49 feet to the line of a 12 foot alley with same N. 9 1/2° W. 200 feet to the line of said Highway; thence with the line thereof N. 88 1/2° E. 50 Feet to the beginning containing nearly one-fourth (1/4) of an acre more Or less. And being the same real property conveyed to Elizabeth Morgan and John McWeller Morgan from Maggie Morgan and Jack Morgan by Deed dated and recorded on July 3, 1928 in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Montgomery County, Virginia in Deed Book 88, Page 410. This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described. APPEARING that an Affidavit has been made and filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, that the last known addresses for the Respondents herein are as follows: Elizabeth Morgan, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is c/o S. Denise Harry-Martin 4794 Newbury Ct., Riverside, California 92507; John McWeller Morgan aka John Maxwell Morgan, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is c/o S. Denise Harry-Martin 4794 Newbury Ct., Riverside, California 92507; William Henry Hull, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown: Richard M. Hull, whose last known address is unknown; Elizabeth Moss Brown Hull,

who is believed to be

deceased and whose last

Betty J. Hull Harry, who is

believed to be deceased

address is unknown; and

and whose last known

that any officers, heirs,

title of the Respondent

named herein are made

parties Respondent to this

the general description of

hereby ORDERED that the

Parties Unknown and/or

whose location cannot be

ascertained appear on or

before September 16, 2022

in the Clerk's Office of the

Circuit Court of the County

of Montgomery, Virginia,

Parties Unknown, it is

parties herein and all

and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.

Entered on the 9th day of August ,2022. Signed Robert M.D. Turk, Judge. I asked for this: John A Rife, Esq (VSB No. 45805) **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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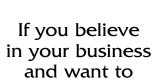
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Tech basketball player honors mother in 5K

At 7-1, Patrick Wessler towers over a lot of people. Saturday, he just wanted to be one of the 50 participants at the Seventh annual Finish the Fight 5K on the Huckleberry Trail.

Wessler was there to support his mother, Colleen, who had battled breast cancer.

Wessler is a freshman on the Virginia Tech basketball team and is originally from Matthews, North Carolina.

Colleen Wessler was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2014 and had a double mastectomy. She underwent five months of chemo treatments and is now in emis-

"I have always tried to give back, and it was special to run today with Patrick and his sister," Colleen said.

Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among American women. The American Cancer Society says about 1 in 8 U.S. women (about 13%) will develop invasive breast cancer over the course of their lifetimes.

Patrick was only 10 years old

when he saw his mother begin her battle with cancer. Now, he said, it was important to run with her in the local race while supporting others going through something similar. 'It was important for me to be

here today," he said.

Patrick served as the grand marshal



PHOTO BY MARTY GORDON

Virginia Tech basketball player Patrick Wessler (left) joined his mother, Colleen, (middle) and his sister, Gianna, (right) in participating in a 5K race on Saturday that honors individuals battling breast cancer and other similar

Finish the 5K results.

First, Colby Burcham, 18:20.46; 2) Derek Scheidt,; 3) Ryan Hanrick; 4) Cody Rush; 5) Isaac Nield; 6) Grace Boone; 7) Clint Gault; 8) David Whitfield; 9) Zoi-ee Williams; 10) Esra Nield; 11) David Kennedy; 12) Ethan Mills; 13) Jeremy Beckner; 14) Whitney Kirtner; 15) Robert McKeown; 16) Derek Specht; 17) Kyle Neild; 18) Kelsey Frey; 19) David Adkins; 20) Danielle Williams; 21) Patrick Wessler; 22) Annalise Howard; 23) Nathan Desper; 24) Shawn Christian; 25) Connie Adkins; 26) Chitra Ranaganathan; 27) Hope Velickovic; 28) Leah Hill; 29) Jennifer Rezac; 30) Gianna Wessler; 31) Brittany

Lester; 32) Coleen Wessler; 33) Josh Martin; 34) Kelsey Lester; 35) Jackson Rush; 36) Tiffany Rush; 37) Phil Mia; 38) Jennifer Spencer; 39) Morgan Wills; 40) Jennifer Finney Goad.

Finish the 5K Walk First, Cheryl Cox, 43:23.14; 2) Terri Pecora; 3) Kevin Hosey; 4) Tim Miles; 5) Gwen Million; 6) Linda Merriman; 7) Aundrea Willis; 8) Jordan Haislip; 9) Jennifer Cart; 10) William Bell; 11) Eva Reynolds; 12) Kim Link; 13) Jordan Link; 14) Vanessa Williams; 15) Larissa Reynolds; 16) Cindy Campbell; 17) Tabitha Campbell; 18) Debbie Burdette; 19) Robin Deulio; 20) Kate Turner; 21) Morgan Fenton.

Hokie Fan Day



Families from throughout the state were given a chance on Sunday to show their Hokie spirit during the football program's annual Fan Day.

players.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF VT ATHLETICS Youngsters got a chance on Sunday to meet Virginia Tech cheerleaders and football

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turn turn to a more smooth surface.

ROANOKE COUN-

ROUTE 311 AND ROUTE 419 ROUND-ABOUT AT HANG-ING ROCK - A road project to replace the signalized intersection of Route 311 and Route 419 in Roanoke County at Hanging Rock with a roundabout underway. During the remaining construction, lane closures may be in place. Drivers should expect the following:

Through November: The new roundabout is now open to traffic. Drivers should still expect nighttime lane closures with flaggers between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday around the roundabout for final paving, pavement marking and sign installation.

ROUTE 419 TURN LANE EXTENSION AT COLONIAL AV-ENUE - Nighttime road work to lengthen the left turn lane from Route 419 onto Colonial Avenue in Roanoke County is underway. Drivers should expect nighttime lane closures, Sunday night through Friday morning between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m., in both directions of Route 419 at Colonial Avenue. In addition, there may be daytime lane closures on Route 419 for paving outside of peak travel

ROUTE 628 CUL-VERT REPLACE-MENT - Route 628 (Greenridge Road) is undergoing a culvert replacement located .25 miles east of the road's entrance from Route 780 (Cove Road). Lane closures on Route 628 maintained by utilizing temporary traffic signals will be in place through August 2022. Expected completion is October 2022.

ROUTE 760 (DI-**UGUIDS** LANE) BRIDGE REPLACE-MENT & DETOUR A project to replace the Route 760 (Diuguids Lane) bridge over the Roanoke River is underway with liminary work. The bridge is located at the Salem city limits near Route 760's intersection with Route 639 (West Riverside Drive). Typical work hours are expected to be Monday through Saturday during daytime hours with occasional work on Sunday. Flagging operations may be in place periodically and occasional night work is possible. Drivers can expect short-term lane closures with flaggers controlling traffic on West Riverside Drive periodically. Access to Green Hill Park, private entrances and businesses will be maintained at

of 2022. Flagging operations will be in place through the end of September,

all times. Completion is

expected in the winter

Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., on southbound Diuguids Lane as well as the intersection of Harborwood Road/W Riverside Drive. A right lane closure northbound may also be in place, Monday through Fri-

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ROUTE 805 CUL-VERT REPLACE-MENT Effective August 23 at 8 a.m., a section of Route 805 (Stone Mountain Road) will be closed for repair of a substructure and install a concrete slab span. This closure will be located 0.65 mile south of Route 743 (Bold Branch Road) and 0.50 of a mile north of Route 737 (Ayers Road). The road is scheduled to be open on September 23 at 4 **ROUTE 221 INTER-**

SECTION IMPROVE-MENTS - A project to improve safety and operations at three signalized intersections is underway. Two intersections are on Route 221 in Bedford County in the Salem District and one is at Route 460 Business (Timberlake Road) and Route 622 (Waterlick Road) in Campbell County in the Lynchburg District. In Bedford County, this project will improve two adjacent signalized intersections in the Forest area on Route 221 at Route 1425 (Graves Mill Road) and at Route 1426 (Gristmill Drive). Most work will be performed during nighttime hours, Monday through Friday, 6 p.m. - 7 a.m. the next morning. Drivers may see shoulder and lane closures during daytime hours on the weekends. The project is expected to be completed in spring 2023.

ROUTE 655 IN-TERSECTION AND SAFETY IMPROVE-MENTS – Construction to improve the intersection and shoulders on Route 655 and various locations from 0.91 mile north of the Route 653 and 655 (Goodview Road and Route 616 (Horseshoe Bend Road) to 0.038 mile north of the Route 655 (Good View Road) and Route 616 (Horseshoe Bend Road) is underway. Flagging operations at the intersection of Goodview Road and Horseshoe Bend will be in place during the week and work hours of 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The expected completion date is the end of September ROUTE 623 CUL-

REPLACE-VERT MENT - A section of Route 623 (Turkey Foot Road) in Campbell County on the Bedford County line is closed to replace a culvert which carries Buffalo Creek. This structure is located .18 mile north of Route 460 and 0.68 mile south of the Bed-

ford/Campbell County

line. There will be signage for a detour. The road has now been rescheduled to open Sept. 9, 2022, due to recent flooding on the project, additional bedrock removal, and utility work. ROUTE 619 CUL-

REPLACE-VERT MENT - A project to replace a culvert on Route 619 is underway. Route 619 will be reduced to one lane with a temporary signal controlling traffic from Route 1460 to Route 839. Expected completion of the project is the end of September 2022.

ROUTE BRIDGE REPLACE-MENT – A bridge replacement project over Norfolk Southern Railroad has closed Route 715 (Lowry Road). The bridge is located 0.085 mile south of Norfolk Southern Railroad to 0.048 mile north of Norfolk Southern Railroad on Route 715. Message boards will alert drivers. This replacement will change the current single lane steel and wooden bridge to a two-lane concrete bridge. A detour will be in place. Travelers will use Route 671 (Timber Ridge Road) to Route 221 (Forrest Road). The detour will remain in place until project completion which is scheduled for Fall 2022. SURFACE TREAT-

MENT OPERATIONS - Weather permitting, crews will begin surface treatment operations on various routes. Lane

closures may be in place and flaggers may control traffic at times during daylight hours. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays. The road surface may be rough for several weeks after surface treatment is applied. Once it packs down, the road surface will be brushed and return to a more smooth surface.

ROUTE 122 UTIL-ITY WORK - MMI will be installing fiber optic along 122 from the Franklin County line to the Town of Bedford line and Route 460 eastbound from the Town of Bedford to Alum Springs Road. This work will be ongoing. Motorists should expect shoulder or lane closures for travel in both directions. Intermittent slow rolls will be required for periods lasting no longer than 15 minutes.

ROUTE 619 CUL-REPLACE-VERT MENT - Crews are replacing a culvert on Route 619 with a road closure in place. The closure is being operated by temporary signals through August 26, not to exceed 90 days. A flagging operation will be used as needed on Route 619 from Route 1460 to Route 839 during the hours of 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Expected completion is the end of September 2022.

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BOTETOURT COUNTY

ROUTE 11 BUCHANAN BRIDGE PROJECT - A construction project on the Route 11 Bridge in the Town of Buchanan is underway. Water Street will be closed, and drivers should expect lane closures with flagging operations. Message boards are present to alert and update drivers.

ROUTE 817 (OLD RAIL ROAD) BRIDGE WORK – Old Rail Road in Oriskany is closed for repairs to the bridge over Craig's Creek, the historic McCallister Truss Bridge. The bridge is located 0.60 miles from Route 704 (Branchwater Road) and 0.20 miles from Route 770 (Edlo Lane). The bridge will be closed during daytime hours, 8 a.m. through 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday, when the water level is low. Work on this bridge is restricted when water in the creek is high. All traffic between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. will use the Edlo Ford. Signs have been posted to alert drivers. Estimated time for completion is the fall of 2022.

CARROLL COUNTY

ROUTE 645 CULVERT REPLACEMENT Partial removal and demolition of the existing culvert on Route 645 (Stone Mountain Road) is underway. The road will be closed for removal of existing culvert and installation of a new box culvert. A detour will be in place at the intersections of Route 645 and Route 618 and Route 645 and Route 638. Estimated completion is April 2023.

ROUTE 58 WESTBOUND BRIDGE RE-PLACEMENT - Work has begun to replace the bridge on Route 58 westbound over Crooked Creek near the Woodlawn area. The bridge is located between the intersections with Route 822 (Fieldview Road) and Route 887 (Glendale Road). Initially, the project will focus on constructing crossovers between the above-mentioned intersections with intermittent and temporary single lane closures in place. These crossovers are temporary during the bridge replacement with single lanes in each direction until the end of the project. Once the crossovers are complete, Route 58 westbound will be temporarily detoured through the left lane of Route 58 eastbound, limiting travel in each direction to a single lane. A right lane closure will be in place traveling westbound and a left lane closure traveling eastbound. The project is scheduled to be completed in December 2022.

TRAFFIC SHIFT - A traffic shift is in place reducing both directions to one lane near Glendale Drive. It will be in place for approximately 12 months or until fall 2022. All eastbound traffic will use the existing right eastbound lane. All westbound traffic will be shifted to the existing left eastbound lane.

Right lane closures may be in place on Route 58 eastbound between Route 822 (Fieldview Road) and Route 887 (Glendale Road).

CRAIG COUNTY

ROUTE 311 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER MEADOW CREEK - Temporary signals

began controlling traffic across the bridge are in place throughout the project. Construction will begin on the northbound side of the bridge and once completed, work will switch to the southbound side. In addition, a section of Route 646 (Allen Street) between Route 650 and Route 311 will be closed during construction and a signed detour will be in place. All traffic will be detoured to Marshall Street and Kanawha Street to access either 311 or the homes located off Allen Street. Speed limit will be reduced to 35 mph in the work zone with a width restriction of 9 feet. Drivers should expect delays and allow extra travel time through the work zone. Weather permitting, the bridge is expected to be open to traffic by the end

FLOYD COUNTY

ROUTE 728 BRIDGE WORK CLOSURE – A section of Route 728 (Reedville Road) is closed for bridge work on the bridge over West Fork Little River. This closure is located 0.4 mile from Route 729 and 0.8 mile from Route 743. The road is scheduled to be completed on August 19.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

ROUTE 865 RURAL RUSTIC PROJECT -Route 865 (Timberline Road) construction is underway for a rural rustic project which begins at 0.24 mile west of Route 781 to 0.38 mile north of Route 781. Drivers can expect intermittent flagging as needed. The scheduled completion date is October 13, 2022.

ROUTE 834 AND 670 ROUNDABOUT PROJECT - The roundabout project at Route 834 (Brooks Mill Road) and Route 670 (Burnt Chimney Road) is underway. Flaggers will be controlling traffic around the intersection of Route 670 (Burnt Chimney Road) and Route 834 (Brooks Mill Road) on weekdays during the spring and summer months. The speed limit will be reduced to 35 mph in the work zone. Drivers should expect traffic shifts and new traffic patterns throughout the duration of the project as turn lanes and portions of the new roundabout are being constructed. The new roundabout with lighting is anticipated to open to traffic in fall 2022. Overall project is expected to be completed in early 2023.

GILES COUNTY

ROUTE 673 ROAD WIDENING AND RE-SURFACING - The widening, stabilizing, and resurfacing of Route 673 (Penvir Road) is underway. Work begins at the intersection with Route 61 (Wolf Creek Highway) through 1.2 miles south of the intersection. Drivers can expect intermittent single lane closures controlled by flagging operations. Expected completion is September 2022.

HENRY COUNTY

ROUTE 220 BUSINESS NORTHBOUND BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER REED CREEK - The Route 220 Business northbound

bridge over Reed Creek is scheduled for a replacement beginning the end of August or first part of September. It is located on Route 220 Business over Reed Creek approximately 0.4 miles east of the Route 220 and Route 220 Business intersection. The bridge work will require the northbound bridge being restricted to one lane of travel across the bridge throughout the duration of the project. The bridge will have a width restriction in place of 13' 6". Message boards will be in place to alert drivers. Expected completion date is September

ROUTE 220 SOUTH RIDGEWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS - Construction is underway for safety improvements on Route 220 South from VA/NC State line to Route 688 at mile marker 3.06. There will be a left lane closure in place until the work is complete. Completion is expected in October 2022.

PATRICK COUNTY

ROUTE 58 LOVER'S LEAP PROJECT - Construction is underway on the Lover's Leap area of Route 58. Current work includes clearing and grading activities on the west and east portions of the project. While traffic impacts are limited in the east section, flagging operations may be in place in the west section. While detour signs in a fluorescent pink color are in place, these do not designate a permanent or scheduled detour. The signed detour route is suitable for all traffic during incidents including tractor-trailers and other large vehicles. These signs are used for incident detours only. Message boards are in place to alert traffic and drivers should expect delays. Estimated completion date is May 2026.

BLASTING NOTICE: Blasting operations are underway on the project. Intermittent blasting will be scheduled between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on weekdays and continue at various locations on the project through summer of 2025. The first blasting will impact traffic in the vicinity of Dehart Botanical Gardens, approximately 1.7 miles east of the Lovers Leap Mountain overlook and Fred Clifton Park. For blasting that is close to Route 58, traffic in both directions may be blocked for approximately 15-20 minutes at a time. Drivers and residents along the Route 58 corridor should expect loud noise and allow extra travel time. Electronic message boards will be used to inform drivers of scheduled blasting that will impact traffic.

PULASKI COUNTY None at this time.

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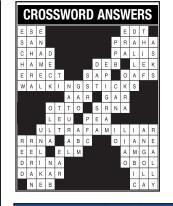
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