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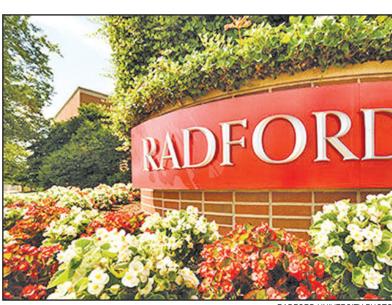
Intelligent.com rates Radford among state's best online colleges, cites accelerated degree programs

A national higher education resource guide has included Radford University in its newly re-leased review of Virginia's top online colleges for the upcoming year with praise specifically targeted at the school's accelerated degree programs.

Intelligent.com, which provides program ratings and higher education planning, ranked Radford University in the upper end of its recent list, "Best Online Colleges in Virginia 2023."

"This recognition is an endorsement of the good work Radford's faculty and staff have done to put many of our important courses and entire programs online, making them more available to students with work or family obligations, regardless of their geographic location," Interim Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Marten den-

The company's guide identifies top schools in the state based on



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tuition costs, the number of credits required to graduate, and the online coursework delivery for-

The list itself derives from a methodology that ranks each in-

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Radford Child Development celebrates 10th anniversary

RADFORD - Access to highquality, affordable childcare is an essential part of support to families for a community.

When the Community Foundation of the New River Valley, in their Livability in the NRV Report, identified a "greater demand for quality childcare than is currently available in the region," the nonprofit Radford Child Development

Dr. Agida Manizade, a math education professor at Radford University, saw this challenge firsthand when trying to find childcare for her two young children over a decade ago, resulting in panic at the lack of options, frustration, and then determination to change the status quo. In speaking with community stakeholders, she found many who felt the same.

Ten years ago, Dr. Manizade brought together these stakeholders to work to help solve this problem in Radford. They formed the non-profit Radford Child Development (RCD) Inc., a 100% volunteer-led organization, with the mission to bring the highest quality childcare and early education to the Radford area. The goal of this organization is to help families to improve their lives through access to an outstanding facility, while providing opportunities to increase affordability.

On Saturday, Dec. 3, RCD supporters gathered together to cel-

ebrate the achievements during a 10th Anniversary Gala Celebration. The Gala was held on Radford University's campus. Manizade gave opening remarks, followed by video congratulations from Radford University President Dr. Bret Danilowicz and Mr. Bill Flattery, CEO of Carilion New River Valley Medical Center. Speakers included President of New Mexico Highlands University, Dr. Sam Minner, who provided invaluable support to the fledgling organization while Provost at Radford U; Dr. Robert Graham, the superintendent of Radford City Public Schools and RCD board member; Jessica Wirgau, the CEO of the Community Foundation of the NRV; and several other stakeholders

The Radford Early Learning Center (RELC), is now in its sixth year of operation, with capacity for over 130 children birth – sixth grade. The center is the result of a multi-year cooperative effort by Radford Child Development, Radford University Foundation, Price-Williams Realty, and Rainbow Child Care Center (now Kinder-Care). Radford University Foundation supported this initiative with a non-interest start-up loan to RCD of \$300,000 and Price-Williams Realty built a state-of-the-art building for the center.

The operator of the center, KinderCare, is a leading national provider of early education: since RELC began and seeing how quickly the center enrolled, the operator opened two other centers in the New River Valley. RELC won accreditation through the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) in 2019. NAEYC is a non-profit organization that "works to promote high-quality early learning for all young children, birth through age 8, by connecting early childhood

practice, policy, and research."
Through RCD fundraising efforts and an award of a Mixed Delivery Preschool Grant funded through the United Way of Southwest Virginia, RCD now supports full tuition for twenty children between RELC and another Radford facility, the R.O.C.K. Club.

Radford Child Development board continues to grow its endowment fund, to ensure that the RELC remains affordable to all in the community through tuition discounts. If you would like to support RCD, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, tax deductible donations are accepted through their website, www.radfordchilddevelopment. org. You can also enroll in Kroger Community Rewards and Amazon Smile programs. These businesses will then donate a percentage of sales to RCD.

> Submitted by Radford Child Development, Inc.

Nathan Facemire, a manager at BAE Systems Ordnance Systems Inc., reads to students at Belle Heth Elementary School Monday in the cafeteria.

Belle Heth students treated to holiday story time and free books from BAE Systems

Heather Bell hbell@ourvalley.org

RADFORD - Students at Belle Heth Elementary School were treated to a holiday story time and the gift of a free book Monday, thanks to a partnership between BAE Systems Ordnance Systems Inc. and United Through Reading to host a day of stories for the students and military

families at the school.

"On Monday, Dec. 5, the United Through Reading Mobile Story Station was stationed at the school to give local military families anticipating an upcoming deployment a chance to stay connected to their loved ones through story time," according to BAE. 'Service members record themselves reading their favorite story to their

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The United Through Reading Mobile Story Station stands at the ready to record soon-to-be-deployed military personnel reading a favorite story for their loved ones to listen to while they are deployed.

Radford's Jingle All the Way' parade set for Thursday



Radford's holiday parade, "Jingle All the Way," will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, and will make its way along Main Street to the Central Square Shopping Center. up on East Main Street

Santa is sure to make his yearly appearance at Radford's "Jingle All the Way" holiday parade, set for Thursday, Dec. 8. The parade will begin at 7 p.m.

between Tyler Avenue and University Drive Bridge and proceed westward along Main Street to the Central Square Shopping Center.

Montgomery County welcomes FedEx Ground to Falling Branch Corporate Park

A 251,000-square-foot distribution center located on 41 acres in Montgomery County's Falling Branch Corporate Park will be home to FedEx Ground.

"Our community continues to grow and having FedEx Ground chose Montgomery County as the home to build one of its most recent distribution centers serves as testament to the work we do every day to make Montgomery a thriving and growing place for businesses and for our citizens to live and to work," said Montgomery County Board of

Blevins. The new distribution facility is expected to be



A 251,000-square-foot FedEx distribution center located on 41 acres in Montgomery The parade route will line County's Falling Branch Corporate Park is expected to be operational in 2023.

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PCOMING EVENTS

Now through Dec. 17:

Blacksburg leaf collection extended Leaf collection in the Town of Blacksburg has been extended approximately two weeks from the scheduled Dec. 3 conclusion date to ensure all neighborhoods have been served. Public Works has been operating with a significantly reduced staff dedicated to leaf collection, so patience is greatly appreciated.

Thursday, Dec. 8:

River City Quilt Guild The River City Quilt Guild will meet

at 9:30 a.m. at Grove United Methodist Church, 1020 Tyler Ave., Radford. The guild welcomes all skill levels of quilters. For more information, call Anna Handy, 540 320 7791. Radford holiday parade

Radford's Holiday Parade, themed 'Jingle All the Way", will take place at p.m. Line-up will begin at 6 p.m. The parade route will line up on East Main Street between Tyler Avenue and University Drive Bridge and proceed westward along Main Street to the Central Square Shopping Center.

Twig ornaments

At the Christiansburg Library; 4:30 p.m. Use natural materials to make yarnwrapped twig ornaments. Ideal for ages

Friday, Dec. 9:

At the Blacksburg Library; 4 p.m. Teens in grades 6 through 12 are invited to an after-school hangout for games, snacks, and crafts. The library will provide all materials, but participants are welcome to bring their own games to share. For more information, contact spahl@

Children's yoga

At the Radford Public Library; 10 to 11 a.m. Join Kelly McCoy of "The Whole You" and Alex Bowman from "Embark Pediatric and Family Chiropractic" for a children's yoga class. The children can relax and learn mindfulness techniques at the library. If possible, the children should bring their own yoga mats. Registration is required and space is limited. Call the library at 540-731-2621 or email Morgan at morgan.esterhuizen@radfordva.gov to register.

Saturday, Dec. 10:

Handcrafted holiday pop-up market At Glencoe Mansion, Museum, and Gallery, hosted by MountainTrotter Arts. The market will feature local artisans, crafters, and more from 11a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The food truck from Empanada Nirvana will be on site as well. Santa will be available to take pictures on the Glencoe Mansion porch. Visitors can enjoy Glencoe Mansion's Holiday Open House from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The rain date is Sunday, Dec. 11.

Volunteer tax preparer interest meet-

At the Christiansburg Library at 11 a.m. Learn to prepare taxes and make a difference in the community at the same time through simply volunteering to help prepare income taxes free of charge with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) or Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs.

Holiday Movie

At the Meadowbrook Public Library; 12:30 p.m. Kick off the holiday season with a Christmas movie and hot chocolate. The film follows the misadventures of Jack Skellington, Halloweentown's beloved pumpkin king, who has become bored with the same annual routine of frightening people in the "real world." When Jack accidentally stumbles onto Christmastown, all bright colors and warm spirits, he gets a new lease on life; he plots to bring Christmas under his control by kidnapping Santa Claus and taking over the role. But Jack soon discovers even the best-laid plans of mice and skeleton men can go seriously awry. Rated PG. Call (540) 268-1964 with any questions.

DIY Terrariums

At the Christiansburg Library; 2 p.m. Too cold to grow plants outside? Grow some in a terrarium. All supplies will be included. Registration is required. This session is intended for adults and is presented by Master Gardeners.

Saturday, Dec. 10, and Sunday, Dec. 11:

7th annual Radford holiday open

Three area artists will be showcasing their works at the 7th annual holiday open house from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days at 408 Eighth St., Radford. The event is free and is open to the public. A percentage of all sales will be donated to local charities. Martha Olsen, a collage artist, uses recycled and found papers as her preferred medium to create her free-flowing style while painter Ruth Lefko lets each of her works speak for themselves, choosing to create a feeling rather than a realistic depiction. Fine art photographer Susan Lockwood, known

primarily for European subject matter, frames her pieces with archival acid-free

Monday, Dec. 12:

Radford City Council meeting The Radford City Council will meet at 7 p.m. in the council chambers of the

Radford Municipal Building, 10 Robertson St., Radford.

Montgomery County Board of Supervisors meeting The Montgomery County Board of

Supervisors will meet at the Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St. in Christiansburg. Closed sessions begin at 6 p.m. if needed. Open sessions begin at 7:15 p.m. Citizens are invited to attend and will be allowed to speak at each meeting. All regular meetings of the Board of Supervisors are rebroadcast on Montgomery County Comcast and Shentel Channels 190 daily.

RCPS special education advisory committee meeting A Radford City Public Schools Special

Education Advisory Committee meeting will be held at 4 p.m. at Belle Heth Elementary School, 151 George St., Radford. The public is invited to attend. The meeting will also be available virtually using Google Meet. To be invited using Google Meet, contact Anne Goodman, Chair, at 540-267-7144, or Kate Leeper, Vice Chair/Secretary, at 540-267-7223, to obtain a virtual meeting link.

Tuesday, Dec. 13:

Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet at 7 p.m. at Aly's Italian Family Restaurant, 3204 Riner Road. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are invited to the meeting. 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.

Blacksburg Town Council meeting The Blacksburg Town Council will

meet in regular session at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 S. Main St. These meetings are open to the public and are televised live on WTOB Channel 2.

Christiansburg Town Council meet-

The Christiansburg Town Council will meet at 7 p.m. in the council chambers of Town Hall (100 E. Main St.). The public is welcome and is encouraged to attend with a citizen hearing time reserved at each meeting for residents to bring up any matter they desire before the entire council.

Radford City School Board meeting The Radford City School Board will meet at 6 p.m. at the School Board Office

Wednesday, Dec. 14:

at 1612 Wadsworth St., Radford.

Page to screen movies: Rebecca

At the Radford Public Library; 5:45 p.m. This is a movie screening of the 1940 Hitchcock classic "Rebecca" on the library's big screen. The movie is rated PG and has a run time of 130 minutes. Popcorn from Lil'Bit Corny LLC will be provided while supplies last.

Thursday, Dec. 15:

Radford Photo Club meeting

The Radford Photo Club will meet at 6 p.m. at the Radford Public Library. Attendees are invited to share their three best photos of the year and talk about each one. Goodies to share will be welcome. The photo challenge is Vacation Photography to go along with an Open Theme challenge. Meetings, events, and outings are open to the public. The Radford Photo Club is made up of professional and amateur photographers from throughout the New River Valley.

Gingerbread Houses

At the Blacksburg Library; 4:30 p.m. All ages are invited to build a personalized gingerbread house with the supplies provided. Registration is required.

Ongoing:

Help the veterans with donations The Meadowbrook Public Library is a

collection point for items needed at the VA Medical Center in Salem. Donors can take their donations of the following items to the library during December: deodorant, denture adhesive, 3-in-1 body wash/shampoo/conditioner, body lotion, toothpaste, nail clippers, sweatpants, sweatshirts, t-shirts (size M, L, XL), and new baseball caps. This project is co-Sponsored by VFW Post 5311 and Montgomery-Floyd Regional libraries.

Free GED Classes

At the Meadowbrook Public Library, 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. New River Community College is offering free GED classes every Tuesday and Thursday until Thursday, Dec. 15. For more information or to sign up, call the library at 540-268-1964.

Radford City Police Department Blotter for Nov. 21 - 27, 2022

Monday, Nov. 21:

10:45 a.m. Offense left blank,

12:39 p.m. Larceny, 1500 block of Tyler Ave.

5:09 p.m. Offense left blank, 2000 block of West Main St.

8:07 p.m. Petit Larceny: less than \$200, not from a person, 1100 block of Second St.

Tuesday, Nov. 22:

1:43 a.m. Profane swearing or intoxication in public 900 block of

8 a.m. Service call, Dalton Dr. 11:25 p.m. Monument: unlawful damage, no intent to steal, 1200 block of Grove Ave.

1:03 p.m. Mental subject, 1300 block of Grove Ave.

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COLLINS,

11/20/2022 19:40

WILLIAMS,

11/20/2022 23:42

OFFENSE

Narcotics

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11/21/2022 07:24

law enforcement officer

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Assault; simple assault

ASSAULT SIMPLE AS-

Larceny less than \$200,

REYNOLDS, CLAR-

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not from person; fraud:

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KIRTON,

11/21/2022 10:27

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11/21/2022 11:35

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Narcotics possession

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Schedule III; possession of

concealed weapon other

than a firearm by a con-

Fraud; impersonating a

Wednesday, Nov. 23:

block of New River Dr. 4:34 p.m. Larceny, 500 block of

8:45 p.m. Possession of con-

unauthorized distribution of, Sixth

11/21/2022 11:49

OFFENSE

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11/22/2022 13:26

OFFENSE

11/22/2022 16:23

OFFENSE

Arson,

possession of schedule I, II

drugs with firearm; non-

violent felony possession of

a gun; weapons violation:

carrying concealed weapon

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1:13 p.m. Mental subject, 1000 block of Carson St.

Saturday, Nov. 26:

8:18 a.m. Well-being check, West Main St.

2:08 a.m. License: drive w/o, Driving motor vehicle, engine, etc., while intoxicated, etc. (DUI/ DUID) 7500 block of Lee Hwy. 3:56 p.m. Well-being check, 300 block of Pershing Ave.

Weekly Alcohol Round-Up: DUI-2 Drunk in Public - 4

Underage Possession of Alcohol

Traffic: driving while

RUS-

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intoxicated; driving on sus-

pended license after DWI

SELL COMMIT DATE

Felony probation viola-

Traffic: Driving while

intoxicated (first offense);

MAGGARD, AMAN-DA COMMIT DATE

Narcotics possession

PO, FREDYS COMMIT

POLICAR-

driving without a license

conviction

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OFFENSE

RAMIREZ,

COMMIT

MONTGOMERY COUNTY JAIL ARREST LOG NOVEMBER 18, 2022,

THROUGH NOV. 25, 2022 11/18/2022

11/25/2022 COMBS, TAM-MY COMMIT DATE

11/18/2022 17:27 **OFFENSE** Narcotics possession (2 counts)

LINKOUS, ISAAC COMMIT DATE 11/18/2022 18:51

OFFENSE Felony probation viola-

WINEMILLER, RE-BECCA COMMIT DATE 11/19/2022 00:06 OFFENSE

Failure to appear to a felony/misdemeanor sum-

HOURIGAN, ED-WARD COMMIT DATE 11/19/2022 02:02 OFFENSE

DWI (first conviction); influence of drugs SHUFFIELD, PRES-

TON COMMIT DATE

11/19/2022 02:30

OFFENSE Assault; simple assault

SPRADLING,

TIN COMMIT DATE 11/19/2022 12:14 **OFFENSE** DUI (second offense in

5 to 10 years); refusal to take breath test (second offense); traffic: driving without an operator's license

FROST, SHANE **COMMIT** DATE 11/20/2022 01:08 OFFENSE

Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language SAMUELS, COURT-NEY COMMIT DATE

11/20/2022 01:20 OFFENSE Obscenity; drunk in

public; profane language THOMAS, BENJA-MIN COMMIT DATE 11/20/2022 02:24

OFFENSE Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language

WHITLOW, JES-SIE COMMIT DATE 11/20/2022 19:17 OFFENSE Felony probation viola-

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Heather Glen Dr.

trolled substance, paraphernalia:

Friday, Nov. 25:

Sunday, Nov. 27:

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REYES, DAD COMMIT DATE 11/23/2022 07:42 **OFFENSE** Contempt of court for

POWELL,

disobedient resistance to court officer BOYD, **ANGELA** COMMIT DATE 11/23/2022 10:21

TA COMMIT

OFFENSE Narcotics sale for profit CHAPMAN, LORET-

11/23/2022 17:22 **OFFENSE** Fraud by forgery (10 counts) fraud by uttering (10 counts)

HATCHER, PAME-LA COMMIT DATE 11/23/2022 23:40 **OFFENSE** Failure to appear to a

felony/misdemeanor summons CRAWFORD, KEV-

COMMIT

11/24/2022 03:41

OFFENSE

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DATE

DATE 11/25/2022 18:00 **OFFENSE** Traffic: Driving with (first offense)

NIETO

revoked operator's license DUDLEY, DATE

OFFENSE

violation

CA COMMIT 11/25/2022 18:00 Misdemeanor probation



Primrose's holiday wish is to be whisked away into a furever home! She recently returned to the Animal Care and Adoption Center after some time in a foster home. Her fosterers say that Primrose loves snuggles and affection and would be happy enjoying a Greenie treat.



SUBMITTED BY MONTGOMERY COUNTY ANIMAL CARE AND ADOPTION CENTER

Tebow is a friendly boy who needs a home where he would be the only pet. This fluff ball would do well with children over the age of four. He knows a few commands and will gladly sit for a delicious treat.

Christiansburg farmer re-elected to Virginia Farm Bureau board

Montgomery County cattle and hay producer Bruce N. Stanger of Christiansburg was elected Nov. 30 to a third three-year term on the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation board of directors.

Elections of officers and directors were held during the Virginia farm bureau's 2022 annual meeting of voting delegates.

As a board member, Stanger will represent Farm Bureau producer members in Bland, Carroll, Floyd, Giles, Montgomery, Pulaski, and Wythe counties.

He is a member of the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Livestock Advisory Committee and has served on the Montgomery County Farm Bureau board for 30 years.

Stanger is a past president of the Belmont II Ruritan Club and has served as co-chairman of the Christiansburg Alumni Return, a scholarship fundraising organiza-

He grew up on a small family dairy farm and currently operates a cow-calf operation and farms in both Giles and Montgomery counties. He sells hay through his custom hay production business.

Stanger worked as a machinist for 30 years at several local com-

panies and retired from Virginia Tech's Department of Aerospace and Ocean Engineering. He attends Christiansburg First Church

With 133,000 members in 88 county Farm Bureaus, VFBF is Virginia's largest farmers' advocacy group. Farm Bureau is a non-governmental, nonpartisan, voluntary organization committed to supporting Virginia's agriculture in-

Submitted by Pam Wiley, Virginia Farm Bureau Federation vice president of communications



NEWS MESSENGER STAFF Christiansburg farmer Bruce Stanger has been re-elected to the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation's board of directors.

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operational in 2023. The facility will employ a mix of full and part-time team members. The company also will contract for package pickup and delivery services with service

provider businesses that hire locally for driver, helper, manager and other positions.

The site was chosen because of its ease of access to major highways, proximity to cus- Park is a 300-acre business

tomers' distribution centers, and a strong local community workforce for recruiting employees.

Falling Branch Corporate

park located along the Interstate 81 corridor in Montgom-County-Christiansburg. The park is 10 minutes southeast of the Virginia Tech campus in Blacksburg and within

30 minutes southwest of Roanoke. Nearby I-81 interchanges with Interstates 77 and 64 make Falling Branch within a day's drive of two-thirds of the

VT senior wins scholarship from Community Foundation



SUBMITTED BY THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF THE NEW RIVER VALLEY Virginia Tech senior Sarah Rosario was one of 99 students who received a scholarship from the Community Foundation this year.

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Virginia Tech senior Sarah Rosario

river Valley. At Tech, Rosario is studying psychology with a minor in peace studies and

social justice. She attended Blacksburg High School, and both of her parents work at Virginia Tech. She chose VT because she wanted to stay close to home. The scholarship is the third one Rosario has a different fund set up by donors.

received from the Community Foundation with each scholarship coming from Rosario plans to graduate from college a year early, in part due to the support she has received from the Commu-

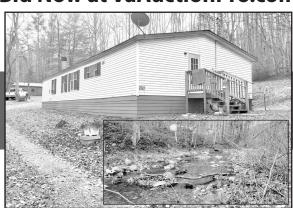
nity Foundation. After graduation, she

plans to go to law school.

ONLINE AUCTION

Ends Wednesday, December 14th @ 4 PM 2 Homes on Big Mack's Creek in Hiwassee VA 2743 & 2745 Max Creek Road, Hiwassee, VA 24347

Bid Now at VaAuctionPro.com



You can purchase this great recreational retreat on Big Mack's Creek in Pulaski County Virginia. This property showcases 17.55 acres of mostly wooded land with 705 feet of frontage on Big Mack's Creek. Property includes a 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 22-year-old double wide and an older single wide mobile home. The single wide has been built onto but is in need of repair. Both homes share a septic system and spring. Spring is located on adjoining property.

This would be a great potential homesite, recreational or hunting retreat, weekend getaway, etc. You could use the property for hunting, camping, ATV riding and more.

Property is located across the road from Grace Baptist Church and Camp Powhatan, which is a 1,400-acre scout camp. Property is close to the New River. Information on double wide mobile home provided in bidder pack. Double wide is currently leased on a month-to-month basis. Download Bidder Pack for information about homes, maps, terms and conditions, and property information.

Preview - Friday, December 2nd @ 4 PM

Directions: From Pulaski VA - onto VA 99 South (Count Pulaski Drive) – Left on old Route 100 – Right on Lowman's Ferry Road – Right on Julia Simpkins Road – Left on Max Creek Road – Property on Right. Access is by private drive in front of old farm house at 2717 Max Creek Road.

Terms - 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to final high bid to arrive at contract price. Earnest Money Deposit of \$10,000 required day of sale. Close in 45 days. 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 at VAAuctionPro.com

Contact Broker & Auctioneer Matt Gallimore at 540-239-2585 or email gallimore.matt@gmail.com

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Buddy King: Traumatic feline adventures

Sorry I haven't written anything lately, but my boarder seems to be struggling along in his typical inept fashion. Nothing exciting, no Pulitzer coming out of that mess that "leaps" off his keyboard. But he hasn't asked for my help lately, and it keeps him occupied. Better than him spending his time trying to get me to chase that silly red light (When I was a kitten, I did kitten things; when I became a cat I gave up those things.) or chase a feather on the end of a stick (What does he think I am, a dog? ridiculous).

But events of the last couple of days require me to write again. Some slights just can't be ignored. The pen is mightier than the claw. Actually, I'd prefer to use my claws, but he is the one who feeds me, and I don't need him mad.

Now for the rest of the story. Yesterday I was lounging in the hallway of the old house I let my boarder share with me. It was early in the morning, and he was doing something he calls chores. He goes in and out of rooms and carries things up and down the stairs and jumps under running water (Ugh, my kind would never do that.) and stands and stares at himself in the mirror. Thankfully we cats don't do "chores"; they seem like something the humans might trick dogs into, though. You never hear of a cat coming from a "working breed,"

Anyway, I had been awake a good 15 to 20 minutes, and it was time for a nap. So I laid down in the middle of the floor in the perfect spot to make the boarder have to step over me as he moved around the house. And then it happened. The boarder was standing under

the stream of water, singing like he usually does (double ugh). I was positioned so that when I opened my eyes I would know where he was. That's an important thing if you live with humans. You need to know where they are at all times. You don't want them to know you're watching. You must maintain your edge of indifference, but they are unpredictable and prone to erratic behavior. My boarder in

So I was in my typical morning spot. In the middle of the hall, napping, positioned to swat at the boarder's ankles when he walked by. But then I noticed he had left the door in the hallway slightly cracked. As I recalled later, he says it leads to something called the "attic." Or maybe it's an "attaché"? Regardless, this part of the house has been extremely "off limits" since I let the boarder move in. I know, I know, I own the place, so how can it be off limits? My kind spirit allows him a few perks that make him feel important, I guess.

He treats this place up the stairs behind the door like it's full of money and I'm a bank robber. The few times I have gained access, he has whisked me out of there and slammed the door shut like I couldn't be trusted. So the temptation was too great yesterday when I saw an opening. I got up, stretched (you gotta stretch), checked to make sure the boarder wasn't looking, pulled the door open just enough for me to squeeze through, and darted up the stairs.

I have to admit that I had a time! There was junk everywhere. I climbed over things, into things, and around things. I knocked over things that needed to be knocked over. I checked for mice. I got so carried away that I lost track of I realized I needed to go down

the stairs and remind the boarder that I needed a good supply of food and treats and clean water and the right temperature in the house before he left for "work" (not sure what that is either). And then I discovered the door at the bottom of the stairs was closed tight. The boarder had lacked the basic intelligence to realize that a cracked door means there's a cat on the other side. I mewed for a while and

scratched and clawed, but finally resigned myself to the fact that the nincompoop had locked me in the attic. And had left for "work." Suffice it to say it was a boring

day. I had to stay in a single room instead of the normal seven or eight that I usually sleep in throughout the day. And there was no food or water, of course. The worst part was the denial of access to facilities. I won't even go there. Inhuman. To make it worse, yesterday was

Wednesday, something he calls "Brickside Night" where he meets his "pals": Kelly, Tweets, Spike, Duke, Tony, Ernie (sounds like a great group to hang with, right?) after work. Enough rocks in the heads of that bunch to build a pa-

Apparently they just stand around and have a few beers and bet on sports and argue about sports and reminisce about when they used to play sports. I never said the boarder was a rocket scientist. A fascinating date he would not be, ladies.

Finally, the boarder gets home, I hear him, and I start rattling the door. He lets me out. The first thing I did after I gave him a good talking to was run and jump into my litter box. Part of me wishes I hadn't been so thoughtful.

And as if that event wasn't trau-

matic enough, today he comes home early from work, throws a beach towel over me, stuffs me in a crate, and then loads the crate in the back of his car. The next thing I know, I'm in a room on a cold metal table with a couple of ladies I don't even know who are whacking away on my nails. Then back in the crate and in the back of the car. Reversing the process. Or so I

But no! To add insult to injury, the boarder stops the car when he pulls into the garage and I hear him talking to somebody. It couldn't have been more than a two-minute conversation, if that. But the boarder has the attention span of a lemming, and he goes on in the house with me locked in the crate, in the car, in an unheated garage. I guess he finally remembered me because he comes out, says he's sorry, carries me into the house, let's me out of the crate, and gives

One stinking treat. I think I deserved at least two.

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Home Country by Slim Randles: Snow is an act of love

Somehow the snow is a little like Christmas. We can expect it. We can listen to the television weather and expect it. But still, when it comes it's like a gift - a wonderful unwrapped gift - because it is the wrapping. Doc found it when he turned on

the porch light before dawn and the sheer whiteness of it came to him, and he smiled and let the cup of coffee warm his hands and the coffee itself warm his insides. Snow - whether it's an inch or

three feet - tucks us in, he thought. It's an act of love, covering each of us equally, as a mother would do. There should be an ordinance, he thought, smiling, that no one should be required to get out and drive in it, shovel it, curse it, until at least the initial magic has passed. Soon enough, we realize, it will be plowed into muddy strips on our streets and slushed into the gutters and our shoes will complain and we'll have to be careful not to track it in the house. That comes later. Road closures ... they come later, too. When these heavy gray heavens pull back to reveal the moon and the sun, the

cold will come, along with the threat of ruptured pipes. But not now. Right now, in the

holiness of early morning, Doc had the best of the snow. The gentle, eternally silent blessing of winter. It should stay that way at least

through breakfast, he thought. At least through breakfast.

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BAE Systems from page 1 families to stay connected when The students also received a book

military duty takes them away from home, whether for deployment or drill weekend. The power of words can help to bridge the physical gap among family members, no matter the distance." In addition to the Mobile Story

Station, United Through Reading hosted a reading event for the students of Belle Heth. Lisa Hillary-Tee, vice president of Communications at BAE Systems, led a team of personnel from BAE in reading stories to students in the cafeteria.

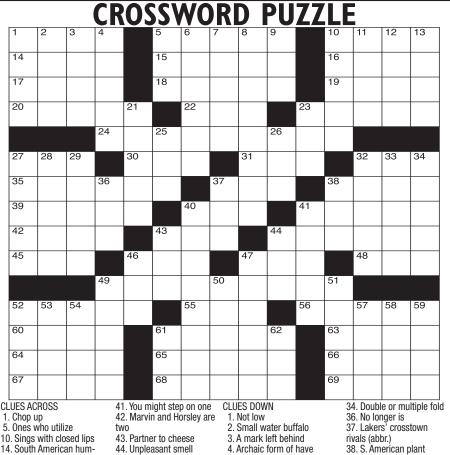
at the end of the event. "We're thrilled to bring together

the military families at Radford and the students at Belle Heth Elementary, through the power of reading," said Hillary-Tee. "The Mobile Story Station is the perfect way for families to connect before they are separated by physical distance while serving our nation. BAE Systems will also donate

\$40,000 to United Through Reading to further their mission of uniting military families facing physical separation by facilitating the bonding experience of reading 'We're grateful to longtime

partners BAE Systems for their generosity and for inviting the Mobile Story Station to Radford and Belle Heth Elementary School," said Tim Farrell, CEO of United Through Reading. "Reading aloud together is precious family time, and the holidays are a great time to reconnect and remember our military families who can't be together

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Virginia gas prices tumble by 10.9 cents per gallon

Average gasoline prices in Virginia fell 10.9 cents per gallon ast week, averaging \$3.23/g on Monday, Dec. 5, according to GasBuddy's survey of 4,081 stations in Virginia.

Prices in Virginia are 24.7 cents per gallon lower than they were a month ago but are still 1.7 cents per gallon higher than they were a year ago. The national average price of

diesel fell 13.6 cents in the last week and stands at \$5.06 per gal-

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Virginia was priced at \$0.32/g Monday while the most expensive was \$4.49/g, a difference of \$4.17/g.

The national average price of gasoline fell 15.8 cents per gallon last week, averaging \$3.36/g Monday, Dec. 5. The national average is down 43.0 cents per gallon from a month ago but is still 1.5 cents per gallon higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than

11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

For the first time in 670 days, the national average price of gasoline has fallen below its yearago level, dropping for the fourth straight week to its lowest level since January," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "Every state has again seen average gasoline prices drop in the last week, and it remains very possible the national average could fall under \$3 per gallon by Christmas," said De

There has also been a drop in diesel prices, which this week will fall back under \$5 per gallon, and could soon thereafter fall to their lowest level since March," De Haan said. "However, despite all the good news about fuel prices, there may be some concerns coming as the price cap on Russian oil kicks in. Retaliation is possible, and while OPEC+ upheld production cuts from last month, they could always cut

more production. For now, however, we'll likely see another week of declines at the pump in nearly

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

Financial Focus: Is a donor-advised fund right for you?

You can find many ways to support charitable organizations. One method that's gained popularity over the past few years is called a donor-advised fund. Should you consider it?

The answer depends on

your individual situation donor-advised funds are not appropriate for everyone. However, if you're in a position to make larger charitable gifts, you might at least want to see what this strategy has to offer.

Here's how it works: Contribute to the fund. You can contribute to your donor-advised fund with cash or marketable securities, which are assets that can be converted to cash quickly. If your contribution is tax deductible, you'll get the deduction in the year you make the contribution to the fund. Of course, these contributions are still subject to IRS limits on charitable tax deductions and whether you itemize your deductions.

If you typically don't give enough each year to itemize and plan on making consistent charitable contributions, you could consider combining multiple years' worth of planned giving into a single donor-advised fund contribution and claim a larger deduction in that year. This move may be especially impactful if you have years with a higher amount of income with an accompanying higher tax rate. If you contribute marketable securities, like stocks and bonds, into the fund, a subsequent sale of the securities avoids capital gains taxes, maximizing the impact of your contribution.

Choose an investment. Typically, donor-advised funds offer several professionally managed diversified portfolios where you can place your contributions. You'll want to consider the level of investment risk to which your fund may be exposed. And assuming all requirements are met, any investment growth is not taxable to you, the donor-advised fund or the charity that ultimately receives the grant, making your charitable gift go even further.

Choose the charities. You can choose grants for the IRS-approved charities that you want to support. You decide when you want the money donated and how it should be granted. You're generally free to choose as many IRS-approved charitable organizations as you like. And the tax reporting is relatively easy. You don't have to keep track of receipts from every charity you support. Instead, you can just keep the receipts from your contributions to the fund.

Although donor-advised funds clearly offer some benefits, some important trade-offs should be considered. For one thing, your contributions are irrevocable, which means once you put the money in the fund, you cannot access it for any reason other than charitable giving. And the investments you choose within your fund will carry some risk, as is true of all investments. Also, donor-advised funds do have investment management fees and other costs. So consider the impacts of these fees when you are deciding how you want

to give. In any case, you should consult with your tax and professionals before opening a donoradvised fund. And if the fund becomes part of your estate plans, you'll also want to work with your legal advisor. But give this philanthropic tool some thought. It can help you do some good while also potentially benefiting your own long-term financial

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Career change leads to fun times making wine for alumni couple

When Zak and Shawna Miller took a vacation to northern California to visit one of Zak's old college roommates, they drove through Napa Valley, the nation's epicenter

of winemaking.
After a few glasses and a little thought, they decided to pop the cork on a career change.
"We stopped through

wine country, and I was like, 'You've got to be kidding me. This is really a job? This is so me," Shawna said.

The couple knew little about the winemaking process. They barely knew chardonnay from cabernet. But 16 years later, these two Virginia Tech alumni, who both hold degrees in forestry from the College of Natural Resources and Environment, own their own small but successful brand of wines, and Shawna stands as one of the top winemakers in the country.

Today, Earthshine Wines, which produces about 500 cases of wine annually, can be purchased through the business' website or sampled at Mia Carta Wine Lounge, a collective of premium boutique Napa Valley producers located in downtown Napa.

People travel from all over the world to wine and dine in Napa, and a variety of Earthshine Wines from Shawna, a Christiansburg native who was recognized last year as one the most influential female winemakers in the world by Decanter Magazine, is available for their palates.

"It's great to receive those kinds of accolades," Shawna said. "But it's kind of a grain of salt for me because I just try to make the wines that I like and I think that our loyal fans will like. But it is always nice to get some-

magazine.'

and subsequent successes started with that trip to Napa in 2006. At the time, they were both putting their forestry degrees to use in positions in Gainesville, Fla. Not fans of humidity, alligators, and mosquitoes, they were seeking to leave Gainesville anyway, and the trip to Napa opened them to new possibilities.

"We thought, 'OK, we have forestry degrees. It's plant science. Viticulture is not exactly the same thing, but they're very similar," Shawna said. "I applied for a job and came out to work the harvest season, and he [Zak] was kind of like, 'Oh yeah, whatever. I'll see how it goes.' Then after working in a winery,

She loved it and wanted to come out, and think we intended to stay. years later."

competitive industry that tion, which she did for produced a \$276 billion approximately a decade. impact on the American economy this past year, them with a large opporaccording to WineAm- tunity. erica. Instead, they flour-

and going and going, and and the family needed to every harvest, you learn sell the winery quickly. something new," Shawna Shawna saw this as an said. "Every harvest is opportunity to turn her different because all the success at Luna into a other factors of weather venture of her own. With and this and the other are their encouragement, she always different every single year. It keeps things ment with the family to interesting, for sure."

thing that we can put in a

The Millers' journey

he got the bug, too."

I was like, 'Alright, let's winery that specializes in do it," Zak said. "I don't sparkling wines, and he I don't think we even Shawna earned her exconsidered that was an tension winemaking ceroption. We just thought tificate from the Univerit'd be fun for the harvest sity of California Davis or something for maybe a and worked for a couple year. Stars were aligned, of different wineries beand here we are still 16 fore landing a position Their aspirations could that allowed her to run have died on the vine in a the winemaking opera-

ed a job with Domaine own brand, Earthshine Carneros, a high-end Wines.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SHAWNA MILLER

Zak and Shawna Miller have built careers in the winemaking industry, but make sure their business endeavors don't become so overwhelming as to keep them away from their two children.

has been there ever since. with Luna Vineyards

That job also provided

The owner of Luna Vineyards passed away We just kept going suddenly early last year, worked out an arrangeacquire some of the wine Zak eventually land- in the cellar to start her

The Millers knew they would not be able to afford a vineyard. The land, the grapes, and infrastructure would cost into the millions, and they refused to take on such a large risk.

Instead, they agreed to rent a small winery space from a friend and assume Luna's grape contracts with local landowners. Zak would keep his job with Domaine Carneros, and Shawna would start the family's winemaking brand — named Earthshine, a term coined by Leonardo da Vinci, who described a crescent moon at sunset as "the new moon taking the old moon in her arms.'

In essence, the Millers are honoring the past of Luna Vineyards and moving forward. The move has left them feeling anything but sour grapes.
"I never said, 'No, we

shouldn't do it,' but it really was outside of my

comfort zone and any plans that I'd ever had," Shawna said. "I was very, very happy working at Luna Vineyards, and I probably would have stayed there for a long time because they were a

great family to work for. "The wine business can be competitive because there's a lot of people that want to get into it, so I was definitely nervous," Shawna said. "But I think sometimes the universe tells you to do something by way of making it happen for you whether you want to do it or not. So even if it doesn't work, I've definitely learned a lot and it's been interesting."

So far, everything has been working smoothly aside from the occasional hiccup. Shawna handles the winemaking and the business details while Zak plans the parties.

According to Shawna, Zak has the personality to handle such a role. In fact, he ordered Earthshine Wine business cards. His title on the

card: "Trophy Husband." "She was like, 'What do you need cards for?" Zak said. "I'm like, 'Well, vou know, the party planner's got to be out meeting people and drumming up business, so I need something. That's my title on the card, just a tongue-incheek joke, but we have

fun with it." Fun lies at the heart of their business model. The Millers host many dinner parties at Mia Carta and even held one a few months ago for a group of Virginia Tech alumni. They hope to work out the details for a spring dinner party in Blacksburg when they return to the New River Valley for the holidays to visit Shawna's family in Christiansburg and Zak's family in Harrisonburg.

By Jimmy Robertson

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stitution from 1 to 100 across six categories, comparing each school according to tuition, admission, faculty, reputation and retention, and graduation rates, as well as the resources provided

for online students. On that basis, Radford University was rated 94.69 out of

Additionally, the website gave

Radford its award for Best Accelerated Degrees. 'Some of its [Radford Univer-

sity's] remote programs are incredibly unique, like the Master of Fine Arts in Design Thinking, which can be completed in two years and prepares graduates for leadership roles in a variety of industries," editors for Intelligent. com wrote.

"The university also offers several degree-completion programs through its Davis College of Business and Economics that are intended for working professionals who already have an associate degree and are looking to earn a bachelor's degree quickly," Intel-

ligent.com added. Noting that Radford is one of Virginia's doctorate-granting public universities, Intelligent. com pointed out that three of its doctorates could be earned entirely online.

Neil Harvey Radford University



BITUARIES

Dickerson, Billy Lee

Lee son, 80, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 1, 2022.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Betty Brewer Dickerson; and his parents, Joel Glenn and Lettie Elizabeth Dickerson.

Survivors include his sons and daughters-inlaw, Dwayne and Anne Dickerson, and Mike and Debra Dickerson; a

daughter, Shelby Quesenberry; grandchildren Will, Peyton, and Joseph; a brother and sister-in-law, Buddy and Vivian Dickerson; a sister and



Peggy and Donnie Raines; and many other relatives, and friends. The family will receive

friends from 1 until 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 11, 2022, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Memorial services will begin at 2 p.m. with Sebert Rotter officiating. In lieu of flowers, the

family requests that contributions be made to the American

Cancer Society. The Dickerson family is in the care

of Mullins Funeral Home in Radford.

Farley, Angela Smith

Angela Smith Farley, 54, of Pembroke died, Wednesday, Nov. 2022, at her home.

She was born in Radford on July 9, 1968.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Janet Young Fletcher. She is survived by her husband, Michael "Fuzzy"



Farley; sons Jason Scott Smith, Tony Michael Farley, and Brian Clifford Farley (Katlin); grandchildren Braylin, Leighton, and Owen; a sister, Lorrie Stevers (Chris); and a brother, Tony Smith. Per her requests there will be

Heldreth, Mary Frances Smelser

Mary Frances Smelser Heldreth, 75, passed away Friday, Dec. 2, 2022, at her home on Claytor Lake.

Mary was retired from Inland Motors after 35 years of service and was a member of Central United Methodist Church.

Mary loved to be in her yard working on her flower beds or entertaining friends on her back porch.

She was preceded in death in September by her husband of 45 years, Richard "Dick" Heldreth. She was also predeceased by her parents, Wilburn and Hazel Smelser; brothers Ronnie, Floyd, Billy, and Daughtery Smelser; and her sisters, Betty, Peggy, Ruby, Nancy, and

Survivors include her sons and daughters-in-law, Tony Lee Patterson of Pulaski Ricky and Kellie Heldreth, and Todd and Amber Heldreth, all of Conway, S.C.; grandsons Caleb and Jake Heldreth; granddaughter Morgan Hamilton; a sister and brother-in-law, JoAnn and Danny Martin; and many other relatives and friends. The family received

friends on Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2022, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services followed with the Rev. Don

Shelor officiating. Interment followed in Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin. In lieu of flowers, the family requested

that contributions be made to Central United Methodist Church, PO Box 611, Radford, VA 24143.

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

Housel, John Jessee

passed away on Saturday, Nov. 26, 2022. Born on Sept. 25, 1974, he was preceded in death by his mother, Nancy Zell Housel, and his father, John Eldridge

John Jessee Housel, of Christiansburg,

Survivors include his sister and brother-in-law, Tracie Housel Laski and Steve; his daughter, Jessie Haley; his son, John Lee Housel; his uncle and aunt, Chuck

Housel and Mary Jane, and sons, Eli and Joe; his second family, George Volk, Sr., and Sandra; lifelong friend and brother, George Volk, Jr; companion Cheryl Lomascolo; and beloved Belle. II was a "Tree Man," founding H & H

Tree Service along with his father, John. His career choice provided the luxury of working outside and many opportunities for adventure throughout the New River JJ was strong and fast and was an ex-

ceptional high school athlete, culminating with his playing on the 1992 Pulaski County state championship football team. He was proud of that achievement and the comaraderie built during that He was also a lifelong, blue blood river

rat, spending countless time fishing, kayaking, canoeing, and exploring the New River. JJ was a true outdoorsman and was happiest when fishing or starting a campsite fire. He felt blessed to have grown up in close proximity to the river. A special thank you goes to Jim Gra-

ham, as well as everyone who visited and checked on JJ. It was always appreciated and never went unnoticed. A memorial service/celebration of life

Professional services are being provided by Mullins Funeral Home and Crema-

will be held at a later date.

McCarthy, Jennifer Kirby

Jennifer Kirby McCarthy, 76, of Pulaski passed away Nov. 30, 2022.

Jennifer was born on Dec. 15, 1945, and was raised in the Northwood area of Pulaski.

She was the widow of Thomas J. McCarthy, Jr., and the daughter of Russell Lee and Ruth Waller Kirby. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Russell "Buddy"

Kirby, and her beloved golden retriever,

She leaves behind her daughter, Susan Kirby Phillips, and her husband, Cecil C. Phillips; III, and her two granddaughters, Madison and Kennedy, all of Woodstock, Ga., and her faithful dog, Tucker. She is survived by many friends and colleagues.

Jennifer worked throughout her career in public education, as a librarian, including at Critzer Elementary School in Pulaski; an administrator; a principal at Riner Elementary School in Riner, at Macy McClaugherty Elementary School in Pearisburg; and for the Virginia Department of Education in Richmond where she was instrumental in the Adult Education and Literacy Program and the Career Switcher Program.

She also taught at Hollins College. She attended Christ Episcopal Church, and was a member of The Thursday Club, the Daughters of the American Revolu-

tion, and the Nu Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International. She served on the Board of Directors of the Fine Arts Center of the New River Valley and had served as Vice Chair of the Pulaski County Library Board.

Jennifer graduated from Pulaski High School, received her undergraduate and Master's Degree from Radford University, and

had all the study credits for her Doctorate from Virginia Tech. PerJennifer's request, no service will

be held. Burial will be with her beloved

Tom at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin with a private graveside service. The family extends special thanks to Mary Katherine Woodie, Gary C. Hancock, Brandon Thompson, Intrep-

id Hospice (Marsha Merritt), and the

Kroontje Health Care Center at Warm

Memorial gifts may be made to the Pulaski County Library, 60 W. Third St., Pulaski, Virginia, 24301, to New River Community College Foundation, 5251 College Drive, Dublin, Virginia, 24084, or to The Fine Arts Center of the New River Valley, P. O. Box 309, Pulaski, Virginia, 24301.

The McCarthy family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory

Jones, Candace Ruth

Candace Ruth Jones, 75, of Radford, passed away Friday, December 2,

She was preceded in death by her parents, Roy Clark, Sr., and Lessie Gravely Jones.

Survivors include her daughters, Lisa Lucas and Candy Lucas; several grandchildren, including Kimberly Bell and her

husband, Joshua; several great-grandchildren; a brother, David in Radford.



Jones; a sister, Dolly Owens; a special caregiver, Rita White; a childhood friend, Vickie Wilson; and many other relatives and friends.

Graveside services will be held Friday, Dec. 9, 2022, at 10 a.m. in Sunrise Burial Park in Rad-

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

Walker, the Rev. James E.

The Rev. James E. Walk-94, of Radford, passed away on Wednesday, Nov.

He went to meet his beloved Gaylord, who passed away in April 2018 and his daughter, Gloria Moore, who passed in Dec. 2018.

Jim was a member of the West Radford Church of God and served his country in the U. S. Army during WWII. He touched many lives with his ministry of more than 60

He is survived by his daughter, Joyce Smith; grandchildren Chris and Stephanie Smith, Shelia Floyd, Randy and Matt Moore; seven great-grandchildren, two of which are Caelan Smith and Bailey Smith-Gardner; five great-great-grandchildren;



special friends Denver Gardner, Gary Shepheard and Frankie Graham; and many other relatives and friends.

The family would like to give special thanks to everyone at the VA Hospital Hospice Unit in Salem for the loving care given to Jim during his stay.

Graveside services with full military honors were held on Monday, Dec. 5

2022, with Pastor Danny Newman and the Rev. Kenneth Poston officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Church of God World Missions, PO Box 8016, Cleveland, TN 37320.

The Walker family is in the care of Mullins's Funeral Home & Crematory in Rad-

Farm Bureau president: Historic funding for conservation practices is a boon for farmers

The president of the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation said that the General Assembly's passage of full funding for agricultural best management practices is a historic decision.

"Virginia Farm Bureau—on behalf of our state's farmers—has been advocating for full funding of agricultural best management practices since 2009," Virginia Farm Bureau President Wayne F. Pryor told farmers from across the state during the organization's 2022 Annual Meeting of Voting Del-

A total of \$295 million for the July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2024, biennium was allocated in the state budget to help farmers implement conservation practices.

This is an unprecedented amount of funding," Pryor said. He advised the farmers in attendance that if they were considering implementing conservation practices on their farms, now is the opportune time to do so.

"Farmers have always been stewards of their land, and they want to continue preserving our natural resources for the next generations, but conservation practices can be costly," Pryor said. "Now that this funding has been allocated, I know many of you will take advantage of this opportunity to improve the state's farmland and help keep our waterways healthy.'

Pryor also noted that Virginia Farm Bureau helped ensure that \$1.55 million was included in the state budget for retention of Virginia Cooperative Extension agents and for

hiring additional agents. "The boots on the ground that these agents

provide is invaluable to our

farmers," Pryor said. Pryor told Farm Bureau's

volunteer leaders that 2022 was overall a successful year for the organization.

Farm Bureau not only met its membership goal for a sixth consecutive year, but then went on to surpass it by nearly 900 additional members, counting 133,163 members for 2022. "This is truly remarkable, and we couldn't have done it without all of your help," Pryor told county Farm Bureau lead-

Another success in 2022 was a record-breaking amount of donations raised Virginia Agriculture in the Classroom, which provides free agriculturethemed resources to educators. A total of \$430,000 in donations was raised this past year, Pryor reported.

Farm Bureau continues to

focus on farmers' mental

He said that Virginia



A historic total of \$295 million has been allocated in the Virginia state budget through June 30, 2024, to help the commonwealth's farmers implement conservation practices.

health and stress manage-

"We partnered with the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, which launched a new AgriStress Helpline to provide farmers with mental health support," Pryor said. The helpline is available 24 hours a day, seven

days a week, and is staffed by crisis specialists who have access to Virginia databases of agricultural and health resources. Additionally,

Bureau is collaborating with the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and other organizations to offer workshops for people who routinely interact with farmers. Targeted toward co-op employees, farm supply businesses, Virginia Cooperative Extension agents, and loan officers, the workshops will help them recognize signs of stress and mental health difficulties.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 3465 WEBSTER ROAD, BLUE

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deposit of ten percent (10%) percent (10%) of the original Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute

Trustee:

Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100

Three Chopt Road, Suite

For more information

240, Richmond, VA 23229.

contact: BWW Law Group

Legals - Botetourt County

Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-359323-1.

LLC, attorneys for Equity

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 1171 COYNER SPRINGS RD, ROANOKE, VA 24012 In execution of a Deed of

Trust in the original principal

amount of \$100,100.00, with an annual interest rate of 6.500000% dated December 22, 2005, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the County of Botetourt as Deed Instrument Number 050008093, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction all that property located in the County of Botetourt, at the front of the Circuit Court building for the County of Botetourt located on Main Street, Fincastle, Virginia on January 4. 2023 at 2:00 PM, the property with improvements to wit: COYNER SPRINGS NEW LOT 6B Tax Map No. 29808 THIS **COMMUNICATION IS** FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR, TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price, will be required in cash, certified or cashier's check. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustees may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. Loan type: Conventional. Reference Number 22-291443. PROFESSIONAL **FORECLOSURE** CORPORATION OF VIRGINIA, Substitute Trustees, C/O LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP, 10021 Balls Ford Road, Suite 200, Manassas, Virginia 20109 (703) 449-5800. Publishing Dates:

TRUSTEE'S SALE **OF 12790 LEE** HIGHWAY, **BUCHANAN, VA** 24066

November 30, 2022 and

December 7, 2022

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated March 13, 2012, in the original principal amount of \$137,162.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office Circuit (for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 120001170. 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 January 30, 2023, at 12:00 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING AT (1) POINT ADJACENT U.S. ROUTE 11 AND THE OLD RIGHT-OF-WAY OF ROUTE 33; THENCE WITH A CURVE TO THE LEFT WITH AN ARC OF 73.83 FT. AND A CHORD BEARING N. 48 DEG. 06' 18" E. A CHORD DISTANCE OF 73.83 FT. TO (2); THENCE N. 37 DEG. 10' 22" E. 103.11 FT. TO (3); THENCE WITH A CURVE TO THE LEFT WITH AN ARC OF 292.64 FT. TO (4); THENCE S. 41 DEG. 01` 46" E. 282.83 FT. TO (5); THENCE WITH A **CURVE TO THE RIGHT** WITH AN ARC OF 82.01 FT. AND A CHORD BEARING S. 58 DEG. 53 19" W. A CHORD DISTANCE OF 81.89 FT. TO (6); THENCE WITH A CURVE TO THE RIGHT WITH AN ARC OF 164.03 FT. AND A CHORD BEARING S. 71 DEG. 45° 20" W. A CHORD DISTANCE OF 163.54 FT. TO (7); THENCE S. 79 DEG. 25` 12" W. 268.97 FT. TO THE PLACE OF **BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 1.6484** ACRES MORE OR LESS ALL AS SHOWN ON PLAT OF SURVEY BY CHARLES R. MCMURRY, C.L.S., DATED OCTOBER 9, 1987 RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 339, PAGE 448. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit

of ten percent (10%) of the

sale price or ten percent

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subject Deed of Trust,

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Order of **Publication**

359565-1.

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE **COUNTY OF BOTETOURT** IN RE: ESTATE OF GARY **GROVER HOWELL** DECEASED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE AGAINST DISTRIBUTION Will File #210000224 It appearing that a report of the accounts of James A. McClure Administrator c.t.a. of the Estate of Gary Grover Howell, deceased, and the debts and demands against the estate have been filed in the Clerk's Office and that six months have elapsed since the qualification, on motion of the personal representative, it is ORDERED that the creditors of and all others interested in the Estate of Gary Grover Howell show cause, if any they can, on the 12th day of December, 2022. at 2:00 p.m. before this Court at its Courthouse on Main Street, Fincastle, Virginia, against the payment and delivery of the estate to the beneficiaries, without requiring refunding bonds. ENTERED: November 1, 2022 by Joel R. Branscom. I request the entry of this Order: Lenden A. Eakin VBS #23885 Ferris & Eakin, P.C. 22 Luck Avenue, SW Roanoke, VA 24011 Phone: 540-345-1000 Fax: 540-344-6608 Email: Lenden@rvalaw.com

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Affordable Mini Storage, LLC 1250 Lee Highway Roanoke, VA 24019 Date: Saturday, December 10th, 2022 Time: 10:00 a.m. Units: CCW29, I23, B19, F08, G09, W49, H01, W45 Cash only. Buyer has 24 hours to remove items from unit. Cody Manspile, Auctioneer, VAL# 2907004430

Legals - City of Salem

PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Salem School Board will hold a public hearing for comment on the FY 2023-24 budget on Tuesday, December 13th 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 Susan E. Young, Clerk of the Board, at 389-0130 by Friday, December 9, 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

- address, · address their remarks to the Board,
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- remarks for the record, and be prepared to answer
- questions from the Board, • In unusual cases or cases of emergency, the Board, by consensus, may allow an individual or organization to speak if not on the agenda.

Legals - City of Salem

THE PLANNING

COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF **SALEM** Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on December 14, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA: The request of Friendship Salem Terrace, LLC, contract purchaser, and White Whale Two, LLC, property owner of 1871 Harrogate Drive (Tax Map # 128-1-5), and Friendship Salem Terrace, LLC, property owner of 1851 Harrogate Drive (Tax Map # 128-1-13) for rezoning the properties from RMF Residential Multifamily District, with conditions to HBD Highway Business District, with conditions. Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA

Community Development,

21 South Bruffey Street,

At said hearing, parties in

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be heard relative to the said

have an opportunity to

Salem, Virginia.

requests.

James E. Taliaferro, II **Executive Secretary**

Legals -Montgomery County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 405 WADES LN. CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073.

In execution of a certain

Deed of Trust dated July 29, 2003, in the original principal amount of \$90,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 03012907. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Montgomery County, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia on January 6, 2023, at 12:15 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, STATE OF VIRGINIA: BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE NORTH LINE OF WADE'S LANE, A CORNER TO TALMAGE PARSONS LINE; THENCE WITH A LINE OF SAID PARSONS' LAND, IN A NORTHERLY **DIRECTION 200 FEET TO** A POINT: THENCE TWO NEW LINES WITH THE LAND OF MAMIE J. BISHOP; A LINE IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION AND RUNNING PARALLEL WITH WADE'S LANE, 100 FEET TO A POINT; AND A LINE IN A SOUTHERLY **DIRECTION 200 FEET TO** A POINT IN THE NORTH LINE OF WADE'S LANE. THENCE WITH THE NORTH LINE OF WADE'S LANE, IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION, 100 FEET TO THE BEGINNING, TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or

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