

News Journal

Wednesday, August 9, 2023 • USPS 387-780 • radfordnewsjournal.com • \$1.00



PHOTO COURTESY OF GILES COUNTY

Cora Gnegy (Giles) Erika Tolbert (Pulaski), Kathleen Legg (Floyd), Peggy White (Pulaski) and David Rotenizer (Montgomery) with award at the Celebrate Tourism Summit. The VisitNRV website also includes the City of Radford.

Area tourism offices recognized for new VisitNRV website

On Tuesday, August 1, the Southwest region of Virginia's travel and tourism stakeholders gathered together at the Wytheville Meeting Center for the fourth annual Celebrate Tourism Summit.

Attendees included destination management organizations, hotels, attractions, Chambers of Commerce, elected officials, and tourism stakeholders from across the 19 county and four independent cities that make up the Southwest Virginia region.

During the luncheon portion of the summit the Friends of Southwest Virginia hosted the SWVA Tourism Awards. The 38 award categories were presented to worthy recipients in tourism marketing, visitor services, special events, and industry leadership.

"Our tourism partners have shared with us over the last year how much momentum they can feel in the tourism industry in Southwest Virginia," said Kim Davis, Executive Director of Friends of Southwest Virginia. "We are proud to celebrate the accomplishments of each of our tourism and hospitality partners who have made this possible through their promotion and development throughout the region."

The Tourism Offices of Virginia's New River Valley were the category winner in the Best New Website for a Locality, Marketing Budget \$50,000 or More. The newly designed and relaunched website was made public in May of 2023. The destination management organizations (DMOs) of Virginia's New River Valley began this project in late 2022. The project also resulted in new travel tourism

branding for the entire region.

The website, VisitNRV.com, highlights opportunities for visitors to explore the amenities of the region, build their own adventure around popular travel themes to the area, and learn more about the communities and people that make up the New River Valley.

"We are proud to highlight the amazing activities and places visitors to our region can discover through this new website," said Cora Gnegy, Tourism Director for Giles County. "This resource presents the opportunities within our region in a beautiful and thoughtful way, so that visitors and potential visitors have confidence in their travel inspiration and further planning."

The Destination Marketing Organizations (DMOs) for Virginia's New River Valley include the localities within the counties of Floyd, Giles, Montgomery, and Pulaski, and the City of Radford.

Tourism is big business in Virginia's New River Valley, based on recent annual data from the Virginia Tourism Corporation, travelers to the region had a total economic impact of \$383 million dollars, averaging nearly \$77 million dollars across the region – with the food & beverage sector leading the way, followed by lodging. Nearly 4,000 residents, with a labor income of \$26 million dollars, are attributed to the local travel industry.

Submitted by Cora Gnegy, Giles County Tourism Director & Economic Development Coordinator

Radford Sheriff's office warns public about phone scam



RADFORD - The Radford City Sheriff's Office is warning the public about a scam phone call that looks like it is coming from the RCSO.

The RCSO "has been made aware that citizens are receiving phone calls from a number that has been changed to appear as if it were coming from the Radford Sheriff's Office," the RCSO posted on Friday. "The person calling indicates that the citizen has outstanding warrants or

has failed to appear in court."

"Radford Sheriff's Office wants to remind citizens that the Radford City Sheriff's Office will never contact you by phone concerning a warrant, failure to appear in court, personal information or payment," the post continued. "This is a scam. Please share and help us spread the word!"

Staff report

National Farmers Market Week highlights connection between food and communities



PHOTOS BY ETHAN BELL

The Radford Farmers Market takes place each Saturday on the lower grounds of Glencoe Mansion, Museum and Gallery, just off West Main Street.

RICHMOND—National Farmers Market Week is Aug. 6-12, just in time for peak-season produce like berries, peaches, peppers, sweet corn and tomatoes.

And each Saturday through October, the Radford Farmers Market offers such products on the lower grounds of Glencoe Mansion, Museum and Gallery, just off West Main Street. In addition to produce, the market has homemade baked goods, meats, eggs and cheeses, craft and artisan items, fresh-squeezed lemonade and more.

While fresh summertime bounty is certainly reason to celebrate, it's also important to recognize farmers markets' significant contributions to their communities.

See Farmers Market, page 2

The 42nd Annual Steppin' Out brings another great festival to downtown Blacksburg



PHOTO BY LORI GRAHAM

The Kind, a local New River Valley band that has been rocking since 1986, performs at Steppin' Out 2023.

Lori Graham
Contributing writer

BLACKSBURG - Thousands of people decorated the streets of downtown Blacksburg for Steppin' Out 2023 on Aug. 4 and 5.

Vendors, artisans, food trucks, music groups, community organizations, and local talent filled the streets delighting newcomers and longtime visitors of the event.

The Blacksburg Police Department provided a police presence but also enjoyed greeting the festival goers. Police officers, recruits and staff handed out toy police hats, badges, and other items to children from their tent situated near the bouncy house.

Recruits Seth Walker and Brian Lesser were also present at the event and are currently in the police training academy. Police Lt. Kale Craver explained the process the recruits are going through to become a police officer.

"They go through a 22-week training program, then they'll eventually, once they graduate the academy, they will come out and they'll go through our field training

program, and they'll become police officers after that," Craver said.

A very young future recruit is Jason Elliott. Elliott may be 10-years old, but he is very confident of what he wants to be when he is grown. Dressed in a police officer uniform, complete with a protective vest, he was readily available to help with whatever the police team needed.

Local artisans and craft makers could be found in abundance with woodworking, pottery, jewelry, clothing, artwork, and lots of fun things for kids to do and see.

Dragon Ocarinas & Fanciful Fun, owned by Fred and Deborah Harris, was an eye-catching vendor to passersby with their whimsical trailer carved and decorated like a traveling gypsy. The Floyd-based business sells ocarinas, fairy stones, face and body products, and other creations. Deborah Harris gave demonstrations of the musical ocarina, a hand-crafted and painted traditional flute-sounding instrument, historically dating back thousands of years.

Harris also shared her gift for art with face painting for the many children at the festival who lined up outside of her ornate trailer.

Matt and Kelly Beeken, long-time members of Blacksburg United Methodist Church greeted eventgoers as well in their location at the Farmers Market square. Their tent offered a prayer loom, activities for the children along with information about their services and their preschool, which is currently open half-days throughout the week. The church also has an upcoming community event that they are welcoming people to attend.

"We have a big community cookout at the church on [August] 20th after our 11 o' clock service," Matt Beeken said.

Area citizens interested in checking out the church's services, preschool, or local community events can visit their website at blacksburgumc.org.

Music and entertainment could be found in three different locations during the festival: The Main Stage, the Community Stage, and the Acoustic Stage. The main

stage featured many wonderful music acts including a local New River Valley group that began in Blacksburg in 1986. The Kind delivered a great performance that had people on their feet with what they call their hillbilly psychedelic folk-rock music.

The Community Stage at the festival offered a variety of entertainment including dance, a drum ensemble, vocalists, a science show, and even a young group of budding stringed-instrument players.

The Virginia Tech String Project is a program that reaches out to youth in the area with music education as well providing an opportunity for Virginia Tech undergraduate music students to gain experience in instruction.

Corbin Surface, a bass player with the VT String Project, enjoyed taking the stage on Friday at the festival.

"I was really nervous because I was the only one playing the bass. It was really fun though," Surface said.

Surface also enjoyed walking along the tents in downtown Blacksburg with his family.

"I liked spinning all the wheels to try and get free stuff. I also bought a leather belt at one of the tents. They put my name on it," Surface said.

The Acoustic Stage provided instrumental and vocal entertainment adjacent to the Farmer's Market square. Performers did not disappoint, with a variety of musical stylings for those stopping by the stage or passing by.

Steppin' Out visitors lined up for the many food options available at the event as well. In addition to the local downtown storefronts, almost every type of food could be found along the street vendors at the event. Hethwood Market, Bollos, Centro Taco Bar, Next Door Bake Shop, and Ridiculous Chicken were just some of the food options visitors could find. After a bite to eat, there was also something for the sweet tooth with Big Lick Ice Cream, The Cotton Candy Lab, Carly's Kettle Korn, or Spoon's Shaved Ice Cream.

The beer and wine garden provided by Virginia Eagle Distributing and Iron Heart Winery as well cocktails at J.H. Bards Spirit Company were also a hit at the event.

Vehicle connected with missing Blacksburg teen spotted in Texas

There has been a confirmed sighting in Fort Worth, Texas of the vehicle Blacksburg missing teenager Celena Hosig is believed to be traveling in.

The Blacksburg Police Department is asking anyone any information on the whereabouts of Hosig to please contact

the Blacksburg Police Department at 540-443-1400 or email at bpdpline@blacksburg.gov.

On July 29, the Blacksburg Police Department received a report that Hosig was missing. She was last seen on Wednesday, July 26, 2023 wearing

unknown clothing. She is described as a white female with long red hair with a height of 5'06", weighing 115 pounds. She has ears, nose, lip, and septum piercings and tattoos on her back and ankle (unknown description). She is also known to change her hair color.

Hosig is possibly riding in a silver Chevrolet HHR with Virginia registration, TRW-8305. This vehicle should have a pushed up rear bumper, possibly from an accident. She is known to frequent the river areas in Pulaski and Radford.

Staff report

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, August 9:

Pre-K Yoga with 'The Whole You'

At the Radford Public Library; 11- 11:30 a.m. Join us for a session of Pre-K Yoga with Kelly McCoy of "The Whole You"! There is no registration necessary for this event.

Friday, August 11:

Jet Engine and Rig Testing

There will be solid fuel scramjet/ramjet rig testing at the Advanced Propulsion and Power Laboratory, located at 1670 Innovation Drive, between 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Rig will be run multiple times during the indicated time period producing a venting like noise for a duration of around 10 minutes for each run. For more information, contact Jason Doby at doby2017@vt.edu.

Saturday, August 12:

Fish Fry

Mount Tabor Ruritan Club will hold its August Fish Fry; 5 - 7 p.m. at Slusser's Chapel Picnic Shelter, 1543 Mount Tabor Rd, Blacksburg. Serving fish, fries and slaw; homemade desserts; and beverages. Adults-\$12, children under 12-\$6, (under 3)-free, carry-outs-\$12. This month we will be entertained by The Panjammers Steel Drum Orchestra. The fish fry is a fundraiser for the Ruritan Club's community service projects and scholarships. Held rain or shine. Call or text 540-449-6178 for further information. On Facebook at MtTaborRuritan.

Reptiles at the Library

At Meadowbrook Library; 11 a.m. – noon. Virginia Master Naturalist and State Park volunteer, Judith McCord will bring a ball python, a blue-tongued skink, a Russian tortoise and an Eastern box turtle for folks to learn about and interact with. Learn about reptiles commonly found in our state parks. All ages.

Page to Screen Movies: Maltese Falcon

At the Radford Public Library; noon- 2 p.m. Come see Humphrey Bogart in the 1941 adaptation of Dashiell Hammett's The Maltese Falcon! Gourmet popcorn from Lil'Bit Corny LLC will be available while supplies last. NR; 100 min.

Farmers Market

from page 1



PHOTOS BY ETHAN BELL

The market has a variety of products available, from plants to baked goods, produce, cheeses, meats, eggs and more.

Monday, August 14:

IDA golf tournament

Intellectual Disabilities Agency of the New River Valley 26th Annual Golf Tournament at the Blacksburg Country Club golf course. Registration at www.idanrv.org/home/golf-details and payment can be made via check to IDA at PO Box 42, Christiansburg VA 24068 or online using PayPal. Fees for the day are \$100 per golfer and include golf cart, lunch, and multiple prizes. If you are not a golfer, you can also support IDA with Tee sponsorships. Email Denise@idanrv.org for details.

Radford City Council meeting

The Radford City Council will hold its regularly scheduled meeting at 7 p.m. in council chambers at the Radford Municipal Building, 10 Robertson St., Radford. See the agenda at www.radfordva.gov.

Montgomery County Board of Supervisors meeting

Public meetings are the second and fourth Monday of each month 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 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.

Tuesday, August 15:

Blacksburg Town Council meeting

The council meets in regular session the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month 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 televised live on WTOB Channel 2.

Christiansburg Town Council meeting

Regular Town Council meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month beginning at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Town Hall (100 E. Main Street). The public is welcome and encouraged to attend, with a citizen hearing time reserved at each meeting for residents to bring any matter they desire before the entire council.

Have You Been Counted? Using Census Records in Genealogy Research

At the Radford Public Library; noon – 1 p.m.. This informative program will consist of information about each of the census years, what information is included, where to find the records, and strategies for using census records in your genealogy research.

Thursday, August 17:

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 Rd. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to this meeting. For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

On-going:

Market Square Jam

Held Wednesdays, June through September, in Blacksburg on the corner of Draper Road and Roanoke Street; 7 – 9 p.m. Catering to traditional Old-Time music, Blacksburg's Market Square Jam brings musicians together to pick a tune, enjoy fun times with friends and family, and take in all that downtown Blacksburg has to offer. Blacksburg's Market Square Jam is an official Crooked Road affiliated venue that provides fun and entertainment.

Blacksburg Farmers Market

Hours now through October: Wednesdays 2 – 6 p.m. and Saturdays 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Located at Market Square Park, on the corner of Roanoke Street and Draper Road in downtown Blacksburg. Features growers of locally grown produce and meats, alongside artisans of baked goods, prepared foods, cheese, handmade crafts, and more.

Christiansburg Farmers Market

Thursdays; 3 – 7 p.m. Located in the Recreation Center parking lot. Features local farmers and vendors. Seasonal produce, plants, fresh baked goods, crafts, fresh flowers, handmade jewelry and more. Items for purchase vary week-to-week. Check our Facebook page for details about weekly themes, prizes, vendors, and live music.

Radford Farmers Market

Held on the grounds of Glencoe Mansion, Museum and Galley, located just off West Main Street, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. each Saturday until October 14. Features produce, plants, baked goods, artisans, fresh squeezed lemonade, eggs, meats, cheeses and more.

Registration open for Potter in the Park race

Calling all wizards of Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw, and Slytherin! Have you signed up for the TriWizard TriMile Potter in the Park Race yet? The annual family-fun event is on Saturday, Aug. 26 at 8:30 a.m. Register at www.lvnrv.org.

"The week highlights the positive impact of farmers markets across the state and across the country," said Kim Hutchinson, Virginia Farmers Market Association's executive director. "We take this week each year to celebrate those hardworking farmers, vendors and the farmers market managers who truly make markets happen."

Farmers markets help spur local economies by giving producers opportunities to sell their products directly to the consumer. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the U.S. has over 8,700 farmers markets, accounting for \$514 million in farmers' direct-to-consumer sales in 2020.

"Farmers markets are a good place for beginning farmers to access the market with few entry barriers," said Tony Banks, senior assistant director of agriculture, development and innovation for Virginia Farm Bureau Federation. "They also allow farmers to test-market new varieties of fruits, vegetables or other products."

Many markets often host promotions and events that draw big crowds, acting as social hubs and "allowing farmers to reach a larger or different audience than they might see visiting their farm or shopping their online stores," Banks noted.

This all helps build connections, bridging the gap between urban and rural communities. According to the National Farmers Market Coalition, 72% of consumers know nothing or very little about farming—local markets can start conversations

between farmers and consumers and act as educational sites.

They also can help address food insecurity, acting as a resource for those who might not have much access to fresh produce, as many markets accept Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits, participate in Virginia's Fresh Match program and Virginia's Senior & WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program.

According to the VFMA, the commonwealth has over 300 farmers markets. Some have been agricultural commerce centers for centuries, like the Alexandria Old Town Farmers' Market. It was founded in 1753 and is America's oldest farmers market operating continuously at the same site. The Historic Roanoke City Market, founded in 1882, is one of Virginia's oldest, continuously operating open air markets.

To find a farmers market near you, visit vdacs.virginia.gov/vagrown or vafma.org/virginia-markets. For fun day-trip ideas to agritourism attractions connected to farmers markets, check out the Virginia is for Farmers Market Lovers Trail at lovevamarkeets.org.

To learn more about some of Virginia's historic farmers markets, visit bit.ly/45924uL

Submitted by Farm Bureau Virginia

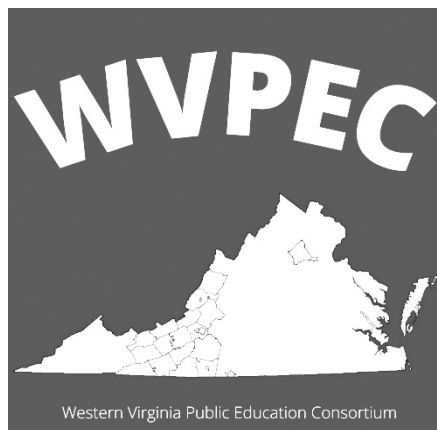
PETS OF THE WEEK

These pets and many others are available for adoption at the Montgomery County Animal Care and Adoption Center, 480 Cinnabar Rd., Christiansburg. Phone: (540) 382-5795.

Meet Dave the dog! He's a fun-loving younger pup who is friendly and energetic. Dave is looking for a home where he's the only pet. Any prospective human friends would need to be a little older and over the age of 12. Dave knows a few commands, including "sit" and "down." He would benefit from additional training to make him the most pawsome dog he can be!



Red is looking for his purrfect match. He has been at the Animal Care and Adoption Center for a short time and has shown that he's a sweet, gentle boy. He's a younger cat who is FIV+. Red enjoys delicious cat treats and attention from his favorite people.



HIRING

Part Time Executive Assistant,
Western Virginia Public Education Consortium (WVPEC), 20 hours or less per week. Word, Excel, event planning, and website experience are a must. Located on Tyler Ave. near RU.

Send resume to office@wvpec.org. resume and two references are required.

Go to WVPEC.org for more information.

OBITUARIES

McMullin, Barbara Nester

Barbara "Bobbie" Nester McMullin, 79, passed away Wednesday, August 2, 2023, at her home in Fairlawn.

She was a hairdresser and volunteered at the Women's Resource Center. She received her Associate Degree in Social Work from the New River Community College. She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert Clyde Nester and Ethel Craig Nester; brothers, Arnold and Roger (Drema) Nester; and sisters, Melissa "Margie" (Jack) Sinnes, and Jean Semones.

Survivors include her husband of 64 years, John William McMullin, Jr.; daughters, Carolyn M.



Southern, Barbara (Sue) (Tracey) Collom, and Virginia M. (George) Walker; 10 grandchildren, Scott Southern (Brook), Candace Lamb (Jon), Todd Southern, Ashley Jean, B. J. Munsey (D.D.), Leslie Youngs (Corey), Tracey Collom, Jr., (Cindy Waters), Sam Walker

(DeAnn), Toni Walker and Kyle Walker; 17 great grandchildren; brother, Kenneth (Debbie) Nester; sister, Edwina "Bunny" (Rev. Tom) Gulbranson; brother-in-law, Jessie Semones; and many other relatives and friends.

The family received friends Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Graveside services followed in Sunrise Burial Park with Rev. Gina Rhea officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Fairlawn Presbyterian Church.

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

Epling, Jewell Vaught

Jewell Vaught Epling, died peacefully on Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2023, surrounded by her loving husband, Bill, and family. She succumbed to complications due to a long battle with dementia. Jewell lived a life of devotion and caring, especially centered on her family.

Jewell was born in Newport, Va., to the late Elizabeth "Lizzie" Cook Vaught and Leonard Christian Vaught. She was the eighth of 11 children and grew up as a hardworking farm girl. Her future husband, Bill, was also born and raised on a farm two miles away on Spruce Run Road. They were married on September 13, 1953. Their love for each other has sustained them throughout their 70 years of married life, and it has been an inspiration to their family and many others.

After their marriage, Jewell and Bill continued to live on Spruce Run for 11 years. Their three children, Billy, Janet, and Carol were born during this time. Jewell's life was full: caring for Bill, her young children, her mother, Bill's father and brother, and farm work.

In 1964, Jewell and Bill moved their family to Salem, Va., and soon became members of Fort Lewis Christian Church. As always, family, and hard work remained the center of Jewell's life. While



raising her children, Jewell continued to care for her mother in their Salem home. In later years, Jewell took a job with General Electric, where she worked for three years. She also worked at ITT Corporation for 13 years, retiring in 1991.

After retirement, Jewell enjoyed many years traveling throughout the United States with Bill and their friends. She loved antiquing with her family. She enjoyed spoiling her grandchildren when they came to visit (without their parents). And no one could make better chipped beef gravy and biscuits, or pound cake.

Jewell is survived by her husband, William Brady Epling; her son, William Brady Epling, Jr, and wife, Debbie of Aiken, S.C.; her daughters, Janet Epling Shaw, and husband, Rusty of Herndon, Va., and Dr. Carol Ann Epling, and husband, Dr. Brad Gaynes of Chapel Hill, N.C. She has six grandchildren, Brad (Jennifer), Beth, Kathryn

(Nathan), Margaret, Helen, and Ben; as well as many nieces and nephews. Jewell is also survived by three siblings, Leon Vaught of Floyd, Sylvia Vaught Pace of Newport News, and Howard Vaught of Roanoke.

Jewell lived the last 11 years of her life receiving memory care at Richfield Living in Salem. Her family is grateful for the many compassionate people at the Joseph C. Thomas Center and the Health Center in Salem who knew and cared for her. Jewell's family is also especially grateful to Lynnette Smith who was Jewell's dear companion for many years.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, 2023, at the Richfield Living - Town Center Chapel, 3730 Richfield Ln., Salem, VA 24153, with Chaplain Gary Kingery officiating. Interment will follow at Sherwood Memorial Park in Salem.

Friends may begin gathering to visit with the family after 9 a.m. on Saturday in the chapel.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Fort Lewis Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 2931 West Main Street, Salem, VA 24153.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.johnmoakey.com.

McMillion, Mary Jane

Mary Jane McMillion, 86, of Christiansburg, joined loved ones in Heaven on Aug. 4, 2023.

Mary Jane was born in Renick, W.Va., to Elmer and Stella Brown. Mary Jane graduated from West Virginia University and remained a lifelong Mountaineer, cheering on her home team through every football and basketball season.

Mary Jane and her late husband, Martin, traveled extensively, making cherished and lifelong friends wherever they went.

Mary Jane was preceded in death by parents, Elmer and Stella Brown; husband, Martin



McMillion; and sister, Helen Dotson.

Mary Jane is survived by daughters Teanna Day (Tim) and Myra McMillion Conner (Kirby); grandchildren Kate Day, Bethany Day and Mason Conner; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Mary Jane was a long-time member of Christiansburg Presbyterian Church. Mary Jane's love and faith in Jesus comforts her family in the days ahead.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, Aug. 9, 5-7 p.m. at the McCoy Funeral Home, 150 Country Club Drive S.W., Blacksburg, Virginia. The funeral service will be held Thursday, Aug. 10 at 11 a.m. in the McCoy Chapel with Reverend Kris Moore officiating. A graveside service will follow Thursday at 2:30 p.m. at Greenbrier Memorial Gardens in Lewisburg, W.Va.

Touch-a-Truck NRV drives into town this weekend



PHOTO COURTESY OF NRVHBA

The 8th Annual Touch-A-Truck NRV event is set for this Saturday, Aug. 12, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Uptown Christiansburg.

CHRISTIANSBURG — Get the kids ready to honk the horns, blare the sirens and explore all the vehicles this weekend.

The New River Valley Home Builders Association (NRVHBA) is proud to present the 8th Annual Touch-A-Truck NRV event this Saturday, Aug. 12, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Uptown Christiansburg, 782 New River Rd., in the back parking lot. For those with sensitive ears, the event will be horn and siren-free from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Children will get to have a safe and hands-on learning experience by climbing into the driver's seat and exploring vehicles such as squad cars, dump trucks, bucket trucks, construction vehicles and more. Many business and non-profit organizations have plenty of activities to keep the kids busy, local food trucks will be there to satisfy your cravings, and there will be the chance for the kids to build their very own toolbox at the event. Get ready for a day filled with giant tires, horns, sirens and fun.

Touch-a-Truck NRV is a family event open to all. Tickets are \$2 each or \$5

per family ticket (valid for up to four attendees.) Children two and under are free. Proceeds from the event go towards the New River Valley Home Builders Association and the NRVHBA Builders Care Fund, which helps to fund scholarships for future construction and trade students, community charitable contributions, and future workforce development initiatives.

To pre-purchase tickets and learn more about the event, please visit <https://www.touchatrucknrv.com/>.

Event Sponsors include: Big Rig Sponsor- 84 Lumber; Media Sponsor- Shentel; Snowplow Sponsors- Foresight Design Services and Green Valley Builders; Bucket Truck Sponsors- Beverage Tractor & Equipment, Capps Home Building Center, Chandler Concrete, New River Heating and Air, Summit Community Bank, SAS Builders, Slate Creek Builders and Tyrus Homes; and Supporting Sponsors- Christiansburg Pharmacy, Lux John's LLC, NRV Macaroni Kid, Town of Christiansburg, and Uptown Christiansburg.

Surface, Charlotte Frances Jones

Charlotte Frances Jones Surface, 89, passed away to be with her family in heaven, July 30, 2023, at 7:25 p.m., warm and peaceful with family by her side.

She was born in Ellett, Va., on June 10, 1934, to Allen Showalter and Cora Brumfield Jones. She was preceded in death by her parents and loving husband, Shirley T. Surface.

She is survived by her children, Teresa Surface



Sheppard, Jerry Surface, and Keven Surface; seven grandchildren, 11 great

grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; a brother, Marvin Jones; a sister, Darlene Simmons; numerous nieces and nephews; and one special lifetime friend, Josephine "Jo" Jones.

A memorial service will be conducted Sunday, August 13, at Christiansburg Assembly of God, 1861 Mud Pike Road, Christiansburg, with a service at 2 p.m. and visitation 1-2 p.m. prior to the service.

Moricle, Geraldine Roop

Geraldine "Jerri" Roop Moricle, 93, of Christiansburg, passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2023.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William McKinley and Ollie Dobbins Roop; and her loving husband, Wilfred Lane Moricle.

Survivors include her great nephew, Dale "Buddy" Moricle; caretaker and special friend, Debbie Quesenberry; special



friend, Lee Simpkins; niece, Donna Sparks; and many other family

members and friends.

A graveside service was held Monday, Aug. 7, 2023, at Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin with Pastor Timothy Worles officiating.

In lieu of flowers, Jerri's family and friends request that donations be made to your local animal shelter.

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

AUGUSTA GREEN JACKETS VS SALEM RED SOX

AUGUST 8TH 7:05PM
GAME 1 - GATES OPEN AT 6:00PM

AUGUST 9TH 7:05PM
BARK IN THE PARK - GATES OPEN AT 6:00PM

AUGUST 10TH 7:05PM
AREA 51 NIGHT - GATES OPEN AT 6:00PM

AUGUST 11TH 7:05PM
DINOS AT THE DIAMOND - GATES OPEN AT 6:00PM

AUGUST 12TH 6:05PM
MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT - GATES OPEN AT 5:00PM

AUGUST 13TH 3:05PM
GAME 6 - GATES OPEN AT 2:00PM

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORY

Want to keep up with local news, sports and events?

SUBSCRIBE TODAY

Call (540) 389-9355

UNIONHOME MORTGAGE

Adam Jones
Loan Officer
adamjones@uhm.com
UHM.com/adamjones
LO NMLS 235597 | Licensed in VA, FL, SC

(540) 815-4007

To advertise in this space, call Randy Thompson at 540-230-1129

advertise@ourvalley.org

OPINION

Gas prices rise again in Virginia

Average gasoline prices in Virginia have risen 7.7 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.67/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 4,081 stations in Virginia. Prices in Virginia are 32.5 cents per gallon

higher than a month ago and stand 16.7 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has risen 14.9 cents in the last week and stands at \$4.143 per gallon.

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices: Roanoke- \$3.55/g, up 8.8 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.46/g. Richmond- \$3.65/g, up 4.8 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.61/g. West Virginia- \$3.57/g, up 6.4 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.51/g.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Virginia was priced at \$3.15/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$4.29/g, a difference of \$1.14/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$3.15/g while the highest was \$4.29/g, a difference of \$1.14/g.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 7.8 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.79/g today. The national average is up 28.1 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 22.0 cents per gallon lower 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.

Historical gasoline prices in Virginia and the national average going back ten years:

- August 7, 2022: \$3.84/g (U.S. Average: \$4.01/g)
- August 7, 2021: \$2.99/g (U.S. Average: \$3.19/g)
- August 7, 2020: \$1.99/g (U.S. Average: \$2.18/g)
- August 7, 2019: \$2.48/g (U.S. Average: \$2.68/g)
- August 7, 2018: \$2.64/g (U.S. Average: \$2.86/g)
- August 7, 2017: \$2.16/g (U.S. Average: \$2.35/g)
- August 7, 2016: \$1.90/g (U.S. Average: \$2.12/g)
- August 7, 2015: \$2.41/g (U.S. Average: \$2.62/g)
- August 7, 2014: \$3.27/g (U.S. Average: \$3.47/g)
- August 7, 2013: \$3.43/g (U.S. Average: \$3.59/g)

"Average gasoline prices continued to move up last week thanks to a continued rise in oil and continued pressure from hot weather that impacted refineries. However, the pace of increases has started to slow down over the last few days, and for now, appears to have hit a peak over the weekend and is beginning to gently fall," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "The price of diesel, however, continues to rise at a fairly strong pace, with average prices up nearly 15 cents per gallon from a week ago. Diesel will likely continue to see upward momentum while gasoline price increases should become more limited. But, with oil remaining under pressure from Saudi Arabia extending its 1 million barrel per day production cut into September, the respite from gasoline rising may not last long. Plus, there remain unknowns about hurricane season that will likely become more active in the weeks ahead."

Submitted by Gas Buddy

RADFORD NEWS JOURNAL

Serving Radford since 1884

(540) 389-9355

P.O. Box 1125 • Salem, VA 24153

USPS 387-780 • ourvalley.org

Michael Showell, *Publisher*

Heather Bell, *Editor*..... hbell@mainstreetnewspapers.com

Aila Boyd, *Executive Editor*..... aboyd@ourvalley.org

Randy Thompson, *Advertising Consultant*. advertise@ourvalley.org

Give us your view: communitynews@ourvalley.org

To subscribe: (540) 389-9355

Radford News Journal is a newspaper of, by and for the people of Radford. We encourage letters from our readers on topics of general interest to the community and responses to our articles and columns. Letters must be signed and have a telephone number where you can be reached for verification. All letters will be verified before publication. We reserve the right to deny publication of any letter and edit letters for length, content and style.

Radford News Journal (USPS 387-780) is published twice a week for \$44 a year in the City of Radford, \$53 elsewhere in Virginia, and \$54 out of state by Virginia Media Inc., P.O. Box 429, Lewisburg, WV 24901. Periodical postage paid at Christiansburg, VA. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to RADFORD NEWS JOURNAL 1633 W. Main St., Salem, VA 24153.

AARP Virginia Fraud Alert: Natural Disaster Scams

It seems like natural disaster season is never ending these days. As wildfire season moves closer to hurricane season, now is a good time to remind ourselves that after Mother Nature moves out the criminal scammers tend to move in.

Following extreme weather events, dubious contractors and outright scammers descend on affected communities, offering

quick, cheap fixes. They canvas neighborhoods in search of "work" that they may or may not even attempt to do. Many will specifically target older homeowners who they perceive as more likely to have savings.

It's safest to only trust contractors that you proactively reach out to. Also, regardless of who you are talking to, get written estimates and compare bids from multiple

contractors before starting any work. Finally, pay no more than a third of the total cost prior to the work beginning – and then only when materials arrive.

Be a fraud fighter! If you can spot a scam, you can stop a scam.

Report scams to local law enforcement. For help from AARP, call 1-877-908-3360 or visit the AARP Fraud Watch Network at www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

1	2	3	4		5	6	7		8	9	10		
11				12		13			14				
15						16			17				
	18				19				20				
					22	23			24				
25	26	27	28	29									
30							31						
32								33	34	35	36	37	
					38	39	40		41	42			
					43			44					
	45	46	47										
48					49				50	51	52	53	54
55					56				57				58
59					60				61				
62					63				64				

- CLUES ACROSS**
1. Breezed through
 5. Time units (abbr.)
 8. Pigeon's murmur
 11. Moves aside in fright
 13. Partner to "ahh"
 14. Taxis
 15. Monetary units of Turkey
 16. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
 17. Prolific Italian opera composer
 18. Restaurants
 20. One's grandmother
 21. Ancient Greek City
 22. Italian mountain ranges
 25. Data
 30. Acted in an obedient way
 31. Autonomic nervous system
 32. Not on the up-and-up
 33. Mock lightly
 38. Mimic
 41. Built
 43. A neighborhood
 45. Inflammation of the kidneys
 48. Semitic fertility god
 49. Temporary name of Seaborgium
 50. Wise people
 55. Tear down
 56. ___ -fi (slang)
 57. Diamond weight
 59. Frosted
 60. Predecessor to EU
 61. Makes changes to
 62. Some are secret
 63. Tooth caregiver
 64. Old English poet
- CLUES DOWN**
1. Sign language
 2. In style
 3. Norwegian river
 4. People with impaired hearing
 5. Large stinging paper wasp
 6. Bucharest is its capital
 7. River in Ireland
 8. Type of TV
 9. Double-reed instruments
 10. Spanish motorcycle manufacturer
 12. Midway between south and southeast
 14. French commune
 19. Alike
 23. A bachelor's apartment
 24. Foot part between the ball and ankle
 25. Belonging to a thing
 26. Japanese classical theater
 27. Supervises flying
 28. Not even
 29. Capital of Saudi Arabia
 34. Electronic counter-measure
 35. Consumed
 36. American politician (abbr.)
 37. Sun up in New York
 39. Casually looked through
 40. Revealed the presence of
 41. Peyton's little brother
 42. Diana __, singer
 44. Study of moral values and rules
 45. Civil Rights group
 46. Makes less severe
 47. Made an emotional appeal
 48. Vivacity of style
 51. One who is highly skilled
 52. Gets around in pursuit of pleasure
 53. Famed guitarist Clapton
 54. Most common Japanese surname
 58. Recipe abbreviation

YOUR LOCAL NEWS

JUST THE WAY YOU LIKE IT!

RADFORD News JOURNAL Serving Radford Since 1884

DIGITAL ONLY

One Year Digital Subscription (recurring) **\$29.00**

DIGITAL & PRINT

Yearly Print & Digital Subscription **\$72.00**

PRINT ONLY

Yearly Print Only Subscription **\$46.00 Radford \$55.00 Virginia \$59.00 Out of State**

Subscribe online at radfordnewsjournal.com or mail to address below

SUBSCRIPTION TO RADFORD NEWS JOURNAL

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Check Enclosed _____ or call (304) 647-5724 to pay by credit card

Mail to: Circulation Department, RADFORD NEWS JOURNAL, P.O. BOX 429, Lewisburg, WV 24901 or call us at (304) 647-5724.

STATEWIDE ADS

AUCTIONS

ATTN. AUCTIONEERS: Advertise your upcoming auctions statewide and in other states. Affordable Print and Digital Solutions reaching your target audiences. Call this paper or Landon Clark at Virginia Press Services 804-521-7576, landonc@vpa.net

STATEWIDE ADS

HOME IMPROVEMENT

Now Offering Financing! Ronnie Jenkins II Windows, Siding, Roofing and Gutters! FREE Estimates! Call 804-739-8207 for More Details! American Made Products!

Jacuzzi Bath Remodel can install a new, custom bath or shower in as little as one day. For a limited time, we're waiving all installation costs! (Additional terms apply. Subject to change and vary by dealer. Offer ends 9/30/23) Call 1-877-460-5348

STATEWIDE ADS

SERVICES

DIVORCE-Uncontested, \$475+\$86 court cost. **WILLS**-\$295.00. No court appearance. Estimated completion time twenty-one days. Hilton Oliver, Attorney (Facebook). 757-490-0126. Se Habla Espanol. BBB Member. <https://hiltonoliverattorneyva.com>.

Portable Oxygen Concentrator May Be Cov-

STATEWIDE ADS

GENERAC

Prepare for power outages today

WITH A HOME STANDBY GENERATOR

\$0 MONEY DOWN + LOW MONTHLY PAYMENT OPTIONS

Contact a Generac dealer for full terms and conditions

REQUEST A FREE QUOTE
CALL NOW BEFORE THE NEXT POWER OUTAGE
(844) 947-1479

FREE 7-Year Extended Warranty* - A \$695 Value!

*To qualify, consumers must request a quote, purchase, install and activate the generator with a participating dealer. Call for a full list of terms and conditions.

STATEWIDE ADS

GENERAC

of select programs incl. Medicaid, SNAP, Housing Assistance, WIC, Veterans Pension, Survivor Benefits, Lifeline, Tribal. 15 GB internet service. Bonus offer: Android tablet FREE with one-time \$20 copay. Free shipping & handling. Call Maxsip Telecom today! 1-855-970-1995

STATEWIDE ADS

LeafFilter

CLOG-FREE GUTTERS FOREVER

GUTTER PROTECTION

BEFORE LeafFilter AFTER LeafFilter

THE NATION'S #1 GUTTER GUARD

EXCLUSIVE LIMITED TIME OFFER!

15% OFF + **10% OFF** + **0%**

YOUR ENTIRE PURCHASE SENIORS & MILITARY! APR FOR 24 MONTHS**

USA Promo Code: 285

FREE GUTTER ALIGNMENT + FREE GUTTER CLEANING*

CALL US TODAY FOR A FREE ESTIMATE **1-877-614-6667**

Mon-Thurs: 8am-11pm, Fri-Sat: 8am-5pm, Sun: 2pm-8pm EST

**With Fargo Home Projects credit card is issued by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. an Equal Housing Lender. Special terms for 24 mos. apply to qualifying purchases of \$1,000 or more with approved credit. Minimum monthly payments will not pay off balance before end of promotional period. APR for new purchases is 26.99% (Effective: 8/1/2023) subject to change. Call 1-800-431-5101 for complete details. The leading consumer reporting agency conducted a 12-month outdoor test of gutter guards in 2013 and recognized LeafFilter as the "#1 rated professionally installed gutter guard system in America." For those who qualify. One coupon per household. No obligation estimate valid for 1 year. One visit at time of estimate only. See Representative for full warranty details. Manufacture in Thailand. Michigan and processed at LeafFilter Group in Ohio. #A202302022, CA #A2023075, CT #A20230925, HI #A20230516, IL #A20230728, IN #A2023044, IA #A2023044, MI #A2023044, MN #A2023044, MO #A2023044, NY #A2023044, OH #A2023044, PA #A2023044, RI #A2023044, SC #A2023044, TN #A2023044, TX #A2023044, VA #A2023044, WI #A2023044, WY #A2023044.

STATEWIDE ADS

GENERAC

Generac Standby Generators provide backup power during utility power outages, so your

STATEWIDE ADS

Eliminate gutter cleaning forever!

LeafFilter, the most advanced debris-blocking gutter protection. Schedule a FREE LeafFilter estimate today. 20% off Entire Purchase. Plus 10% Senior & Military Discounts. Call 1-877-614-6667

The bathroom of your dreams for as little as \$149/month! BCI Bath & Shower. Many options available. Quality ma-

STATEWIDE ADS

Safe Step. North America's #1 Walk-In Tub.

Comprehensive lifetime warranty. Top-of-the-line installation and service. Now featuring our FREE shower package and \$1600 Off for a limited time! Call today! Financing available. Call Safe Step 1-877-591-9950

STATEWIDE ADS

BCI BATH & SHOWER

The Bath or Shower You've Always Wanted IN AS LITTLE AS A DAY

\$1000 OFF AND **No Payments & No Interest For 18 Months***

OFFER EXPIRES 9.30.2023

*Includes product and labor; bath/shower or walk-in tub and wall surround. This promotion cannot be combined with any other offer. Other restrictions may apply. This offer expires 9/30/23. Each dealership is independently owned and operated. **Third party financing is available for those customers who qualify. See your dealer for details. ©2023 BCI Acrylic, Inc.

CALL NOW **(844) 945-1631**

STATEWIDE ADS

LeafFilter

CALL US TODAY FOR A FREE ESTIMATE **1-877-614-6667**

STATEWIDE ADS

LeafFilter

CALL US TODAY FOR A FREE ESTIMATE **1-877-614-6667**



Yard Sales - Salem

YARD SALE
Aug 12 8am-1pm
1638 Mill Pond Dr Salem
Hallmark ornaments, precious moments figurines, several Christmas decorations, women's clothing, household goods, and much more. In event of rain sale will be held in garage.

Estate Sales - Botetourt County



Estate Auction of Mr. Perry "Pete" Wickham
Saturday, August 19th 2023 @ 9a.m.
1933 W. Ruritan Road, Roanoke, Virginia
Live Auction with Internet Bidding on selected items
Classic John Deere, Oliver, Ford, Case, and Massey Ferguson Tractors, Shop Tools, Firearms, Carpets and Much More.
Visit
www.CircleCAuction.com for a Full Listing and Pictures

Circle C Auction Company
VA AF#2908001046

Cody L. Manspile, Lead Auctioneer VA AL# 2907004430 (540) 784-9254 or cody@circlecauction.com

Meetings

Cross Roads Homecoming Service and Fellowship Meal

August 13, 2023 at 10:30am

Guest speaker Ron Kremple

Everyone welcome and please bring loved ones and friends!

Employment

WANTED
Models needed for lifedrawing class, male and female, \$60 for 3 hoursession. Call David 540-473-3713

Help Wanted - General

Help Wanted: The Depot Lodge in Paint Bank Virginia
is now hiring housekeepers. Must be available weekends. If interested, call Tina at 540-897-6000. No experience necessary.

Help Wanted - General

Help Wanted Experienced Barber and Cosmetologist Needed
Upscale Barber-Salon Hair and Skin Care Center One of Southwest Virginia's Most Exclusive Shops Conveniently located at 810 University Boulevard Suite E, Blacksburg, VA 24060 Shop # 540-808-7745

Cemetery Plots & Monuments

FOR SALE
Two Cemetery Plots Westview Cemetery \$950 each Please call 276-692-5167

Legals - Botetourt County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 3772 LITHIA ROAD, BUCHANAN, VA 24066.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated April 30, 2012, in the original principal amount of \$136,694.30 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 120001762. 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 or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court on September 11, 2023, at 10:30 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: ALL OF THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND DESIGNATED AS NEW PARCEL 38A-1, CONTAINING 1.250 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS MORE FULLY SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN "FAMILY DIVISION FOR RALPH L. JR. AND REBECCA S. WATTS", DATED OCTOBER 31, 2006, PREPARED BY KYLE D. AUSTIN, LAND SURVEYOR, AND RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA IN PLAT BOOK 39, PAGE 20. SUBJECT TO THE WELL AGREEMENT RECORDED NOVEMBER 6, 2008 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 080005516. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the

Legals - Botetourt County

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.bwvsales.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 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsales.com. VA-339902-2.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 61 BOUNTY CT, ROANOKE, VA 24019.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated October 8, 2009, in the original principal amount of \$271,500.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 1000476. 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 or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court on September 11, 2023, at 10:30 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: THE LAND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SITUATED IN THE STATE OF VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT 15, BLOCK 3, ACCORDING TO PLAT SHOWING "THE ORCHARDS", SECTION NO. 3, "BOTETOURT SOUTH", DATED JUNE 21, 1993, PREPARED BY LUMEDEN ASSOCIATES, P.C., ENGINEERS-SURVEYORS-PLANNERS, OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGES 66 AND 67. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser

Legals - Botetourt County

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.bwvsales.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 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsales.com. VA-359160-2.

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,20-104 Case No. **CL23000124-00** BPTETOURT CIRCUIT COURT COURTHOUSE, 1 WEST MAIN STREET, #120, FINCASTLE VA 24090, Commonwealth of Virginia, in re JENIFER M. ARRINGTON and AARON M. MUSSELWHITE, plaintiffs v. AARON W. SELLS, KRISTIN COLLINS, RICK G. WILLIAMS, EVALYN M. WILLIAMS, BENJAMIN I. GIMBERT, ELIZABETH M. GIMBERT, JEFFREY S. WRIGHT, MORGAN R. WRIGHT, AND UNKNOWN PARTIES, defendants TO THE DEFENDENDANTS AND INTERESTED PARTIES, This matter before the Botetourt County Cirvcuit Court upon the filing of a Motion for Quiet Title on the 15th day of March, 2023, asking that the Court to confirm the ownership of real property located in Botetourt County known as Tax Map No. 108-1A comprising approximately 5.971 acres, currently titled I the name of Jennifer M. Arrington and Aaron M. Musselwhite, as more particularly described in the Deed dated July 7, 1997 recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt in Deed Book 533, Page 865. It appearing to the Court that because all parties with a potential claim to said property are unknown and based off the Affidavit filed by Plaintiff's counsel in this case, it is hereby Ordered that this Order of Publication shall be posted as an Order of Publication at The Botetourt Circuit Court Courthouse, 1 West Main Street, #120, Fincastle, VA 24090, and published once a week for four consecutive weeks in the Fincastle Herald, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Botetourt. Any person with an interest in the aforementioned property should appear, answer or otherwise respond to the allegations set out in the Motion in this matter no later than the 15th day of September, 2023. Entered this 25th day of June, 2023. Joel R. Branscom, Judge I ASK FOR THIS: John K. Prillamen, ESq. VSB #81306 OPN LAW, PLLC 3140 Chapparral Drive, Suite 200-C Roanoke, Va 24018 P: 540.725.8194

Legals - City of Salem

Trustee's Sale

1705 Commerce St, Salem, VA 24153 (Parcel ID: 201-7-7)

Default having been made in the terms of a certain Deed of Trust dated July 23, 2012, in the original principal amount of \$48,910.00 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Salem, Virginia on August 9, 2012, as Instrument Number 120002015, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction on September 8, 2023 at 10:00 AM, in front of the building housing the City of Salem Circuit Court, 2 East Calhoun Street, Salem, VA 24153, the property designated as Lots 19, 20, and 21 in Section 24 of the Map and Survey of the Salem Development Company's land, a plat of which lands is recorded at page 36 1/2 of Plat Book Number 1 of the record of the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the Roanoke County, Virginia. Sale is subject to all prior liens, easements, restrictions, covenants, and conditions, if any, of record, or other matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the premises. TERMS: CASH. A deposit of \$5,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required of the successful bidder at time of sale. Prior to the sale, interested bidders will be required to register with and must present a bid deposit which may be held during the sale by the trustee. The bid deposit must be certified funds and/or cash, but no more than \$9,900.00 of cash will be accepted. The successful bidder's deposit will be retained at the sale and applied to the sale price. If held by the trustee, all other bid deposits will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. Settlement is to be made within 15 days. The successful bidder will be responsible for obtaining possession of the property, and for all costs and fees related to recording the Trustee's Deed, including the grantors tax. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Trustee's Sale, available for review upon request before the sale, outlining additional terms of sale and settlement. A Trustee's Deed will be prepared by Trustee's attorney at high bidder's expense. This is a communication from a debt collector. Tromberg, Morris & Poulin, PLLC on behalf of Southeast Equity Trustees, LLC and/or Auction.com-VA, LLC, Substitute Trustee(s), 413 Stuart Circle, Suite 314, Richmond, VA 23220, File No. 23-000322, Tel: 804-525-1570.

Legals - City of Salem

2. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Helm Building Enterprises Ltd., property owner, for rezoning the property located at 105 St. John Road (Tax Map # 155-3-2) from HBD Highway Business District to HM Heavy Manufacturing.

3. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Doyle Properties, LLC, property owner, for rezoning the property located at 2005 East Main Street (Tax Map # 78-2-2.1) from RSF Residential Single Family to HBD Highway Business District.

4. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Neal Wall, property owner, for rezoning the properties located at 1139, 1133, and 1127 Highland Road (Tax Map # 230-2-7, 230-2-6, and 230-2-5) from RSF Residential Single Family to HBD Highway Business District.

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia.

At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: James E. Taliaferro, II Executive Secretary

Legals - City of Salem

Legals - Montgomery County

that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the Respondent named herein are made parties Respondent to this action individually and/or by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before September 4, 2023 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Montgomery, Virginia and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause. Entered on the 25th day of July, 2023 by K. Mike Fleenor, Jr. Judge

I ask for this:
John A. Rife, Esq. (VSB No. 45805)
Taxing Authority Consulting Services, PC
P.O. Box 31800
Henrico VA 23294-1800
Phone: (804) 545-2500

Order of Publication
Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316 Case No. **JJ00376703-03** RADOFRD CITY JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT Commonwealth of Virginia, in re Miranda Sue Simpkins. Toney Lee Martin, Christopher and Christa Simpkins, Tammy Sue Davidson /v. Karen Sue Webb The object of this suit is to: DETERMINE CUSTODY AND VISITATION OF THE MINOR CHILD. It is ORDERED that TONY LEE MARTIN appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before September 22, 2023. July 21, 2023 Sally Davis, CLERK

Legals - Montgomery County

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,20-104 Case No. **CL23-346** MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA, a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant, v. ANISE KEEN, ET AL, RESPONDENT(S) 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. 097-A 24 Account No. 011872 All certain tract or parcel of land, with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate, lying and being on the waters of the South Fork of the Roanoke River, in the Shawsville Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia, containing 1.46 acres, more or less, further designated as Parcel ID 011872, Tax Map Number 097-A 24. And being the same real property conveyed to Sonny S. Keen from Anise M. Keen and Donny S. Keen, by Deed dated August 8, 2005 and recorded August 18, 2005 in the Montgomery County Circuit Court Clerk's Office as Instrument Number 2005009947. According to a Real Estate Affidavit/List of Heirs filed recorded May 15, 2019 in the aforementioned Clerk's Office as 2019000449, Donny S. Keen passed this life on March 6, 2019 and his interest would have been transferred to his wife, Anise Keen, by intestate succession. This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described including but not limited to those recorded in Deed Book 647 t Page 35, Plat Book 211 at Page 389. IT APPEARING that Affidavit has been made and filed stating the 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: Anise Keen, whose last known address is 1959 Alleghany Spring Rd. Shawsville, Virginia, 24162; Donny S. Keen aka Donny Sherman Keen, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown and

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons

that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on August 16th, 2023, 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:

1. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Jesse Spence, property owner, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow a two family dwelling on the property located at 128 Bellevue Avenue (Tax Map # 78-1-1).

ABSOLUTE ESTATE AUCTION SAT., AUG. 12th, 2023 – 10:00 AM

LOVELY 1.5 STORY WOOD SIDED A-FRAME HOME ON WOODED LOT IN TIMBERLANE SUBDIVISION

2019 HARLEY ROAD GLIDE SPECIAL – 2013 HARLEY FAT BOY – 1982 BMW MOTORCYCLE - NUMEROUS HARLEY PARTS/ACCESSORIES/CLOTHES - 2000 JEEP CHEROKEE 4x4 – 2002 CHEVROLET 1500 TRUCK – SHOP EQUIP - TOOLS. – J.D. RIDING MOWER – MOTORCYCLE TRAILER - ENCLOSED TRAILER – COMPUTER/ELECTRONICS – COLLECTIBLES & Personal Property of the late Jeffrey Hasson - 7294 Woodland Way - Fairlawn, VA 24141

OPEN HOUSE: SUN., JULY 30th from 2pm until 4pm

1.5 sty. home features a great room (living/kitchen/dining) w/fireplace and spacious decks on both front & back, 2 bd rms and a full bath on the main level. Upstairs has an add'l 3rd bd rm and ¾ bath. Lower level is partially finished to include a den w/fireplace, 2 rooms and garage. Heat pump and public water & sewer. Home sits on a wooded lot in the Timberlane Subdivision. Note: Potential buyers will have from Aug. 2nd until Aug. 11th to conduct a lead-based paint contamination test if they so desire. **NOTE: HOUSE WILL BE SOLD FIRST AT 10:00 AM. ALL VEHICLES, MOTORCYCLES, RIDING MOWER, TRAILERS WILL BE SOLD AROUND 12:00 NOON.**

Also Vehicles – Mower – Trailers – Harley Davidson Motorcycles – LOTS of Parts/Seats/Helmets/Jackets, etc. - Shop Equip.-Tools-Furniture-Household-Glassware & Much More!! For a complete list visit: www.dawnauction.com or call our office: 276-728-9181.

Terms: Real Estate 10% deposit day of auction, balance within 30 days at closing. Personal Property cash, check or credit/debit card day of auction.

Inspection: Open house Sunday July 30, 2023 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. or call our office anytime. Pers. Prop. 1.5 hrs. prior to auction.

Directions: From Fairlawn, VA at int. of US Rt.# 11 & Rt.# 114 (at Sheetz/Hardees/Walmart), go E on Rt.# 114 for 4/10 mi. to Bellspring Rd., turn L & go 9/10 mi. to Timberlane Dr., turn L & go 3/10 mi. to Woodland Way, turn L & go 1/10 mi. to Home on Right. **Note: Limited Parking space – park where you can.**



CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA REAL ESTATE AUCTION
TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 9:00 AM
4 PROPERTIES
CITY OF SALEM DELINQUENT TAX SALE
Sale of 4 Properties located throughout Salem. Properties are zoned Residential Single Family District or Residential Business District. No minimum bids. Visit woltz.com for photographs and other information. Call for a sale brochure.
Sale Site: Community Room in Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke Blvd., Salem, VA 24153.
5% BUYER'S PREMIUM
RUSSELL SENEFF (VA #1185)
540.342.3560 • woltz.com



Legals - Town of Vinton

TOWN OF VINTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND INVITATION TO BID

PROPOSED GRANT OF INGRESS AND EGRESS EASEMENT OVER PARCEL 060.15-02-01.00-000 TO VIKING FENCE COMPANY, INC., AND INVITATION TO BID

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 15.2-2100 et seq., of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, the Town Council of the Town of Vinton, Virginia, hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. or immediately thereafter, in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, 311 South Pollard Street,

Legals - Town of Vinton

Vinton, Virginia. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider approving an Ordinance granting an ingress and egress easement over and across parcel 060.15-02-01.00-000 to Viking Fence Company, Inc. in conjunction with the Town's development of the Walnut Avenue bicycle and pedestrian path. The easement shall be valid for 40 years unless extended. The parcel over and across which the easement will run is owned by the Town. In addition, the Town will publicly receive bids for the proposed easement from other interested parties. Other interested parties must submit sealed bids for the proposed easement in writing by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 14, 2023, to Antonia Magallon, Town Clerk, 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia. Any

Legals - Town of Vinton

bids received will be opened in public session and marked for identification by the Town Clerk. The Mayor shall cause a brief summary of any such bids to be read aloud in the public session. The cost of this advertisement shall be paid by the Town which shall be reimbursed by the entity to which the easement is granted. The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Copies of the proposed Ordinance and proposed easement may be examined at the office of the Town Clerk, located in the Vinton Municipal Building, 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia, (540) 983-0607, or at the Town's website, www.vintonva.gov. Citizens are invited to attend the public hearing and comment on the proposed Ordinance and proposed easement. Individuals requiring special

Legals - Town of Vinton

assistance to attend and participate in the public hearing, or requiring additional information about the proposed Ordinance or proposed easement, should contact the Town Manager's Office, at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia, (540) 983-0607.

ADVERTISE With us

Place your ad here, call 540-389-9355

STATEWIDE ADS

Human Trafficking? NOT ON MY ROUTE

Let's keep Virginia safe. If you see signs of human trafficking abuse, just call #77, and you can be a human-traffic hero!

STATEWIDE ADS

Make the smart and ONLY CHOICE when tackling your roof!

ERIC Metal Roofs FREE ESTIMATE 1.844.902.4611 Expires 8/30/2023

Limited Time Offer! SAVE! 50% OFF ON YOUR INSTALLATION + TAKE AN ADDITIONAL 10% OFF

Additional savings for military, health workers and first responders.

New orders only. Does not include material costs. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Minimum purchase required. Other restrictions may apply. This is an advertisement placed on behalf of Eric Construction Mid-West, Inc. (Eric). Other terms and conditions may apply and the offer may not be available in your area. If you call the number provided, you consent to being contacted by telephone, SMS text message, email, pre-recorded messages by Eric or its affiliates and service providers using automated technologies notwithstanding if you are on a Do NOT CALL list or register. Please review our Privacy Policy and Terms of Use on homeservices.compliance.com. All rights reserved. License numbers available at ericmetalloofs.com/eric-licenses/. VA License Number 127052944.

BUSINESS SERVICES DIRECTORY

DR FAME ALLERGY ASTHMA

540 404-9598

1002 APPERSON DR • SALEM, VIRGINIA 24153

WWW.DRTOMFAME.COM

FOX RADIO 910 Roanoke and 104.3 FM

CBS SPORTS RADIO

ROANOKE'S #2 NEWS TALK AND SPORTS RADIO STATION

(Nielsen Fall 2022 book)

www.foxradioroanoke.com (540) 343-7109

Lisa Martin, REALTOR®

Serving the industry for 30+ years
Roanoke Valley & Blue Ridge Mountains

Premier, REALTORS

(540) 597-0480
Lisa@Lisa2buy.com • www.Lisa2buy.com
1638 Roanoke Road, Suite 101
Daleville, VA 24083

BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY HomeServices

A member of the franchise system of BHH Affiliates, LLC

MHC Monroe Health Center

Craig County Health Center
226 Market Street - New Castle, VA

Phone: (540) 864-6390 Fax: (540) 864-6356

*Physical Exams * X-ray Services
* Laboratory Services * Acute Care
*Mental Health Services * Well Baby Checks

ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS

CARPET RE-STRETCHING!

STEVEN W. DURRANCE FLOORS

Repairs • New Sales • Expert

540-776-9591
Cell: 540-353-7908

Licensed & Insured
carpetroanoke.com

Sunflooring Inc. STEVE SMITH

With over 40 years of experience

Specializing in Hardwood Floors, Hardwood Refinishing, Laminate Flooring, Engineered Floors, Ceramic Tile, Carpet and Luxury Vinyl Plank

540-556-3100

ALERT PLUMBING AFFORDABLE BATH REMODELING

OVER 35 YEARS EXPERIENCE

BEAUTIFUL WALK IN SHOWERS

COMPLETE PLUMBING SERVICE

SENIOR DISCOUNTS FREE ESTIMATE

CALL 540 537-2289 • 540 890-9272

WE BUY COIN COLLECTIONS

Top money paid

FREE estimates

Rory "Tater" Benson, REALTOR®

540.353.7173 cell
540.989.4555 office
tbenson@mkbrealtors.com

MKB REALTORS

SHERRY FLESHMAN REALTOR®

CENTURY 21 Wampler Realty
64 Wendover Road
Daleville, Va 24083
Cell: 540-312-7792
Office: 540-992-2500
sfleshmansells@hotmail.com

Each office is independently owned and operated

Contact us at **540-988-2420**

EADES & LOWER INSURANCE

5007 Carriage Dr., Suite 100
P.O. Box 21483
Roanoke, VA 24018

SHERRI STINETTE HOLT INSURANCE AGENT

Cell (540)819-9179 • Office (540)981-1124
Fax (540) 981-1266
sherri@eadesandlower.com AUTO | HOME BUSINESS | LIFE

Southern Trace Building

Residential and Commercial Construction

540-966-0688
PO Box 630
Daleville, VA 24083

www.southerntracellc.com

SENIOR FOR SENIORS PAINTING & RESIDENTIAL MAINTENANCE

Cell: **540-293-4271**

Windy Ridge Tree & Mulching Service

Contact us today for a free quote!
540-473-5176
fincastletreedr@gmail.com
windyridgetreedr.com

FIRST HERITAGE MORTGAGE

Faye Crute
Senior Loan Officer
NMLS ID #336851

Where there is a Faye, there is a way!

M 540.525.8053
E fcrute@fhmtg.com
W fhmtg.com/faye-crute

This is an advertisement and not a guarantee of lending. Terms and conditions apply. All approvals subject to underwriting guidelines. Prepared 06/22/2023. First Heritage Mortgage, LLC Company NMLS ID #86548 (www.nmlsconsumeraccess.org) | Blacksburg Branch NMLS ID #1645982

ADVERTISE With us

Place your ad here, call 540-389-9355

THE CLASSIFIEDS- Where the Deals Are!

Adam Jones Loan Officer 540.815.4007

Robin Jewell Sales Team Lead 540.309.5013

3800 Electric Rd. Suite 202
Roanoke, VA 24018

Kaila Elam Loan Officer 540.525.3899

Robert Furrow Branch Manager 540.529.5772

Want to keep up with local news, sports and events?

SUBSCRIBE TODAY • Call (540) 389-9355

UNIONHOME MORTGAGE

Reach out today to take the next step on your journey toward homeownership!

Union Home Mortgage Corp. NMLS 2222 | (https://www.unionhome.com) | 1848 Dow Circle West, Staunton, VA 24408 | Kaila Elam LO NMLS 5393382 | VA MLO 5662916 | Adam Jones LO NMLS 5235778 | VA MLO 5712024 | Robin Jewell LO NMLS 2205971 | VA MLO 2230741 | Sheri Stinette LO NMLS 1790261 | VA MLO 3963114 | Robert Furrow LO NMLS 3025822 | VA MLO 553214

RADFORD SPORTS

Motor Mile raceway's future up in air

Marty Gordon
NRVsports@ourvalley.org

Officials from the Rusty Wallace Racing experience are in the final year of a contract at Motor Mile Speedway near Radford, and now its future and extension are up in the air.

Track General Manager Mark Ebert posted the following statement on social media:

"I rarely address the rumor mill or Facebook posts, but there are some crazy posts and even crazier rumors that need to be corrected. I thought it was best to put some things to rest for the good of our racers and the racing community."

Ebert said the group ownership has not renewed the lease at the track and that it appears that 2023 will be their last season running at the southwest Virginia track.

He thanked the track ownership, David Hagan and the Shelor Group, for their support and incredible opportunity to operate this track.

There had been some confusion earlier this summer when Ebert and Pulaski County leaders announced a name change to the facility. In May, Motor Mile Speedway announced plans to change its name. During a press conference, local officials gathered to hear the new name "The Pulaski County Motorsports Park."

In 2020, the Rusty Wallace Racing Group took over the speedway, which is celebrating its 34th year anniversary this year. The track has been known over the years as the New River Valley Speedway and has changed its name four times since its opening over 20 years ago.

The multi-year lease agreement allowed RWRE to take over venue operations, with the speedway becoming the home track for the RWRE and its companion companies.

At the time, former NASCAR driver Rusty Wallace called Motor Mile Speedway and Dragway one of the finest grassroots motorsports facilities in the nation.

"We worked tirelessly to rebuild the fan base at the racetrack, and it is tremendously disappointing to me that we could not bring back the fans in the numbers

that would allow us the revenue to pay a reasonable lease or purchase the racetrack," Ebert said.

The general manager also pointed to the criticism the operating group had received through social media, pointing to the fact none of it is fair to the current situation.

"Maybe one of my mistakes was not addressing rumors earlier, I have to say that I really don't think that perception is reality. The negativity of social media is sometimes overwhelming and creates its own false reality, and some truly crazy rumors. We don't have the car count of the glory years, but we do have an awful lot of great racing. We run a good crisp Saturday night show, fans here will stop me and comment on the racing nightly. Most of the negativity online is from people who have not been here in years or aren't involved," Ebert said.

Ebert has not released any additional information, and it is not known if an operating extension could still be in the track's future. But for now, 2023 looks to be another shutdown for the track with more questions than answers.

Draper Mile Race brings runners to Steppin' Out

BLACKSBURG - Nearly 300 runners came out for the annual Draper Mile Race, held Friday, Aug. 4.

The 41st annual Draper Mile, a one-mile downhill race held in conjunction with the Steppin' Out Festival and part of the 2023 RunAbout Race Series, included awards for a variety of age groups. The course is mostly downhill, starting and ending on Draper Hill, with the finish in the middle of the street festival. Times are generally

about 10-12 seconds faster than for a track mile.

The first Draper Mile was in 1982, with 97 participants.

Top 50 results include:
First, Willy Fink, 3:57.13; 2) Alex Watty; 3) Matt Denlinger; 4) Jonathan Goerlich; 5) Jonas Roach; 6) Samuel Haynes; 7) Thomas Fulcher; 8) Noah Jones; 9) Ryan Bagchi; 10) Harrison Whitfield; 11) Henry Strahm; 12) Andrew Parkins; 13)

Nate Lehman; 14) Anderson Norton; 15) Tamir Zharmagambetov; 16) Kevin McGuire; 17) Fenton Tracy; 18) Connor Cormack; 19) Anthony Du; 20) Jonathan Lowry; 21) Alex Kolar; 22) Bennett Hunter; 23) Daniel Duarte; 24) Donovan Forbes; 25) Dillon Craig; 26) Mecom Lawson; 27) Kevin Byrd; 28) Evan Bruce; 29) Keldon Warner; 30) Louis Semtner; 31) Glen McGuire; 32) Tyler Warren; 33) Rivers Matthews; 34) Jeremiah

Jones; 35) Ignacio Moore; 36) Alisha Ebert; 37) Junwen Wang; 38) Aaron Paytner; 39) Benjamin Bailey; 40) John Delinger; 41) Caleb Warner; 42) John Peter Kitching; 43) Ethan Lillycrop; 44) John Matthews; 45) Robert Crnkovich; 46) Katie Wardinski; 47) Nathaniel Evans; 48) Scott Shepherd; 49) Logan Ramsey; 50) Isaiah Peters.

Staff report



Siblings Ward and Renee Kees of Christiansburg race against each other in the kids' fun run Friday evening at Blacksburg's Steppin' Out.



Blacksburg's Willy Fink set another sub-four-minute time in the Draper Mile Friday evening, winning in a time of 3:57.13. Fink is the course record holder with a time of 3:53.



Alisha Ebert was the women's Draper Mile winner with a time of 5:02.



Thomas Hash (left) and Reid Nicholson lead the Open Race during the 41st running of the Draper Mile.

PHOTOS BY JON FLEMING



Kyron Drones (left) and Grant Wells are battling for the starting QB position this preseason at Virginia Tech.

PHOTO COURTESY OF VT ATHLETICS

QB battle continues in Blacksburg

Marty Gordon
NRVsports@ourvalley.org

BLACKSBURG - Virginia Tech football coach Brent Pry says no decision has been made on a starting quarterback as fall practice continues this week. Instead, everything remains up in the air.

Pry spoke to reporters this past week and said no decision has been made as of yet, and probably will not until after plenty of practice time.

For the second straight year, the Hokies enter preseason camp with a quarterback competition, with

incumbent Grant Wells and newcomer Kyron Drones battling for the starting job. Both signal callers showed flashes of success during spring practice and the competition could extend deep into fall camp.

Wells started all 11 games for the Hokies in 2022 as a transfer from Marshall. He threw for more than 2,000 yards and nine touchdowns while rushing for another six scores. The Charleston, West Virginia native has 35 games worth of college experience under his belt and the

See Battle, page 8

Johnson named to national watch list

Virginia Tech linebacker Matt Johnson was named to the Wuerffel Trophy watch list, an award that honors a student-athlete's commitment to serving his community.

He is also a nominee for the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team, which recognizes FBS student-athletes for their academics and service efforts in the community.

The Wuerffel Trophy, the premier award in college football for community service, is awarded to the FBS player that best combines exemplary community service with athletic and academic achievement.

The award honors its namesake, Danny Wuerffel, who won the Heisman in 1996 as the quarterback for the Florida Gators.

Johnson (6-0, 226) missed the 2022 season with a knee injury. During his time at Tech, the Richmond, Virginia native has positively impacted the New River Valley. He has been an active participant with Micah's Backpack (St. Michael Lutheran Church in Blacksburg), a program providing food assistance

for students experiencing food insecurities in 10 local schools.

The redshirt senior also took part in a Planting Progress project at Auburn Elementary School in Riner earlier this year. Johnson and other Tech student-athletes planted a community garden to educate students on the benefits of growing your own food and making healthy lifestyle choices.

Among his many other community-outreach efforts, he has served alongside Kroger and the Feeding Southwest Virginia Food Bank, packing and delivering holiday boxes for those in need. Johnson also helped conduct a youth football clinic at Blacksburg High School with the Blacksburg Recreation Department and is often a fixture at Virginia Tech's Child Development Center, participating in various activities with children, including pumpkin painting at Halloween.

The Wuerffel Trophy recipient will be announced in December.

Virginia Tech Athletics

Battle from page 7

benefit of a full season in the Tech offense.

Drones is a Pearland, Texas native and a former four-star recruit. He spent the last two years at Baylor, appearing in five games as a redshirt freshman in 2022.

Drones completed 14 of his 23 passes for 219 yards while picking up another 49 yards and two touchdowns on the ground. He has three years of eligibility remaining and his combination of size, arm strength and athleticism makes him an intriguing option.

Pry said he plans to rotate Wells and Drones with the first team receivers and will be watching a lot of film and doing some major evaluation after each practice.

"You can kind of have your gut and your instincts when you leave the practice field, but you gotta be careful til you watch the film and really see what happened. Could've been a good defensive play, could've been some new coverage in there, could've been not getting open, wrong route, or miscommunication, or just bad ball. So, you evaluate it, you hear from the receivers coach, the quarterbacks coach, and you get a better idea of what really happened."

Wells, a transfer from Marshall, was named Tech's starting quarterback after a strong performance in fall camp last year. While at Marshall, he completed 460 of 715 passes (64.3%) for 5,623 yards with 34 TDs while also running the ball 115 times for 237 yards with nine scores. Wells became the first freshman QB to earn first-team All-Conference USA honors before receiving honorable mention all-conference accolades in 2021 after ranking 15th in the nation with 3,532 passing yards.

The 6-2, 225 Drones arrives in Blacksburg following two seasons at Baylor. As a redshirt freshman in 2022, he played in five games off the bench as a reserve QB. Drones was 14-of-23 for a TD and 219 yards, throwing one interception, and rushed eight times for 49 yards and two TDs. He rushed for a nine-yard TD and was 5-of-7 for 100 yards in his collegiate debut in the season opener vs. UAlbany.

Drones was pressed into service

early in the third quarter at West Virginia after an injury to QB Blake Shapen, going 7 of 14 for 95 yards and a score and rushing twice for 24 yards, including a career-long of 17. He appeared in two games as a freshman in 2021 before redshirting. Drones was a member of the 2022 Second-Team Academic All-Big 12 team and was named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll.

The Pearland, Texas native prepped at Shadow Creek High School where he passed for 1,239 yards and 16 touchdowns as a senior in six games while rushing for 228 yards and two scores helping his team to 2019 UIL state championship and a 16-0 record. He earned Offensive MVP honors in the championship game and was named as the 10-5A Overall MVP as well as a Third-Team All-State selection. Drones was rated four stars by 247 Sports, the No. 7 dual-threat quarterback, the No. 20 player in Texas and No. 125 nationally. He was the No. 10 dual-threat quarterback earning a four-star rating from ESPN and ranked No. 60 overall in Texas. He had a three-star rating by Rivals, the No. 45 player in Texas and No. 15 dual-threat QB.

NOTES:
Wells has made 34 career starts under center

Wells has 21 completions of more than 40 yards in his career

Wells was the team's third leading rusher in 2022

Drones was pressed into service early in the third quarter at West Virginia last season, going 7 of 14 for 95 yards and a score and rushing twice for 24 yards, including a career-long of 17

Drones completed a 50-yard pass in a win over Albany

Both Wells and Drones will have a new quarterback coach this season as offensive coordinator Tyler Bowen moves over from the tight ends room

Wells or Drones will be the starter on Sept. 2, but there is plenty of promise in the quarterback room in the form of talented freshmen Dylan Wittke and William "Pop" Watson III, who tossed a touchdown pass to Tucker Holloway in the spring game.

VDOT invites public to give input on Peppers Ferry Road (Route 114) study

SALEM – The (VDOT) is seeking feedback on a transportation study assessing potential roadway safety improvements along Peppers Ferry Road (Route 114) from Shamrock Circle to Rolling Hills Drive (Route 1286) in Montgomery County.

The study will evaluate traffic operations and safety conditions and consider a range of improvements that may be developed into applications for transportation funding.

VDOT invites residents and travelers to learn more and take an online survey through August 16. Community input received through this survey will help the study team identify existing issues along the study corridor and develop recommendations for potential improvements that will be evaluated and presented during the next phase of the study, which will include another opportunity for public comment.

The survey, which has a translation tool for other languages, is available at <https://publicinput.com/sa-23-08>. Comments can also be sent to William.Crawford@VDOT.Virginia.gov or to William Crawford, Virginia Department of Transportation, 731 Harrison Avenue, Salem, VA 24153.

This study is being conducted as part of the Project Pipeline

program, which was created by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB). Project Pipeline is a performance-based planning program to identify cost-effective solutions to multimodal transportation needs in Virginia. Project Pipeline is led by Virginia's Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPI), in collaboration with VDOT and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT).

The Commonwealth is partnering with Montgomery County and the New River Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization to develop targeted improvements for the Peppers Ferry Road (Route 114) Project Pipeline Study that minimize community impacts and address priority needs in a cost-effective way. This study is expected to be complete in summer 2024; it does not set construction dates for any improvements. The final plan will provide a multimodal investment strategy that can be used to seek and secure funding through programs including SMART SCALE, revenue sharing, interstate funding, and others.

Submitted by the Virginia Department of Transportation

Still time to sign up for IDA golf tournament, set for Aug. 14

Intellectual Disabilities Agency of the New River Valley (IDA) is one of the few agencies in the New River Valley that provides services to members of the community with intellectual disabilities.

IDA provides activities for clients of all ages including bingo, stretchercize, cooking, craft and art classes. The agency

also sponsors social opportunities such as fishing excursions, picnics, and the popular seasonal themed dances.

In order to support these activities, IDA is holding its 26th Annual Golf Tournament on August 14 at the Blacksburg Country Club golf course in the Ellett Valley. This is one of only two fundraising events that occur annually to support IDA. Everyone who enjoys golfing is invited to participate in this event.

Registration is available online at www.idanrv.org/home/golf-details and payment can be made via check to IDA at PO Box 42, Christiansburg VA 24068 or online using PayPal. Fees for the day are \$100 per golfer and include golf cart, lunch,

and multiple prizes. If you are not a golfer, you can also support IDA with Tee sponsorships. Email Denise@idanrv.org for details.

Earl Brown, President of the IDA Board of Directors said the agency's services are a big help to its clients.

"The children and adults who participate with this agency will always need these services and activities," said Brown. These provide opportunities for clients to achieve a more balanced life, increase their self-esteem and social skills. The IDA Board of Directors thank you in advance for your generous support."

Submitted by Intellectual Disabilities Agency of the New River Valley

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

A	C	E	D	W	R	S	C	O						
S	H	I	E	S	O	O	H	C	A	B	S			
L	I	R	A	S	R	M	A	A	B	O	S			
C	A	F	E	S	N	A	N	E	L	E	A			
				A	P	E	N	N	I	N	E			
I	N	F	O	R	M	A	T	I	O	N				
T	O	A	D	I	E	D	A	N	S					
S	H	A	D	I		T	E	A	S					
		A	P	E		E	R	E	C	T	E			
				D	E	V	E	L	O	P	M	E	N	T
		N	E	P	H	R	I	T	I	S				
B	A	A	L	U	N	H	S	A	G	E	S			
R	A	S	E	S	C	I		C	A	R	A	T		
I	C	E	D	E	E	C		E	D	I	T	S		
O	P	S		D	D	S		S	C	O	P			

ONLINE AUCTION
Ends Wednesday, August 23rd at 4 PM
Multi-Use Barn for Sale at Auction in Pulaski County!
4241 Lee Highway, Dublin, VA 24301
Bid Now at VAAuctionPro.com



We present a remarkable opportunity for investors, entrepreneurs, and nature enthusiasts alike! This multi-use barn style structure sits on 10 acres of pristine land in Pulaski County.

This extraordinary property, built in 1960 and in good condition, offers endless possibilities and holds immense potential for various purposes. The barn would be perfect for conversion into an auditorium, event center, barndominium residence, or even a mini farm. The main structure has 7,824 square feet with gathering areas and an office. The exterior is brick and metal roof. Property has public water and private septic. Mini-split units for heating and cooling. The interior is wood and concrete. There is also a machine shed and a brick building with a kitchen and restroom.

The barn, with its rustic charm and sturdy construction, invites creative minds to explore the vast potential within. With ample space and a versatile layout, you can customize this structure to suit your specific needs. Transform it into an auditorium or event center, hosting memorable gatherings and celebrations. Alternatively, convert it into a cozy barndominium residence, embracing the unique blend of rural aesthetics and modern comfort. For those seeking a slice of country living, this property is ideal for establishing a mini-farm or a family retreat, surrounded by nature's beauty.

Sprawling across 10 acres of picturesque landscape, while being situated in a highly desirable area. This property offers great potential for commercial use, benefiting from a strategic and accessible location. Whether you're envisioning a commercial establishment or a tranquil family retreat, this property is suitable for a range of ventures. The property is currently under agriculture zoning. Bidders are expected to research and verify what uses are permitted by Pulaski County.

Investors will appreciate the commercial prospects that this property holds, thanks to its prime location. With high visibility and easy access, you can tap into the growing demand for commercial spaces in Pulaski County, making it an excellent opportunity for various business ventures.

Terms - 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to final high bid to arrive at contract price. Earnest Money Deposit of \$10,000 required on day of sale. Close on or before October 9th, 2023. Subject to seller confirmation. Property sold as is, where is with any and all faults. Buyer is expected to complete their own due diligence. Please note that during the last two minutes of bidding, if a new bid is placed, the clock is automatically extended an additional two minutes. Be sure to register to bid early to ensure you receive notifications regarding any changes to the Auction, Bidder Packet and/or Pre-Auction offers received. Download Bidder Information Pack for complete terms and conditions, purchase contract and maps.

CONTACT – Broker & Auctioneer Matt Gallimore at 540-239-2585 or email gallimore.matt@gmail.com. You can also contact Realtor Jason Underwood at 540-230-9516 or underwoodlandman@gmail.com

102 S. Locust Street, Floyd, VA 24091 (540) 745-2005 VAAuctionPro.com Lic# 2907004059

United Country Real Estate **Blue Ridge Land & Auction Co., Inc.**

NEW RIVER Community College

Fall Classes Begin August 23

Registration Now Open

www.nr.edu/registernow

ANDERSON AUDIOLOGY
Hearing Aid Sales & Service, Inc.
Locally Owned and Operated Since 1963





Hear Better **Live Better**

♥ Complete Hearing Evaluation ♥ Video Otoscopic Exam ♥ Risk-Free Trial

We have Four Offices to serve you!
DUBLIN, VA - 85 CLEBURNE BLVD - (540) 674-4889
WYTHEVILLE, VA (276) 228-0866 BLACKSBURG, VA (540) 381-6967 GALAX, VA (276) 236-0778

WIDEX
HIGH DEFINITION HEARING

Open Mon thru Fri, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm - anderson-audiology.com