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Borgarelli sweeps monthly photo contest

Borgarelli the Radford Photo Club's year by winning both the theme and the open categories in the December contests.

The theme category was Best of 2023.Borgarelli's photo, "Hands," was taken during a trip to India. He explains, "Sometimes details may tell a story. This woman owns a little vegetable street shop in the old city of Jodphur, India. When we noticed her, we stopped by and asked her if we could take a picture. She smiled and said: 'You know I am famous'. This raised our curiosity, so we asked for more details. She showed us a local

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"Hands" by Michele Borgarelli



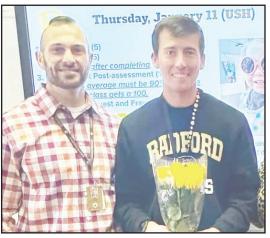
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"Waiting" by Michele Borgarelli

Radford City Schools Teachers of the Year announced



Belle Heth fifth grade teacher Robin Hoosier, seen with her children on the big screen, pictured with school board chair Jenny Riffe (left), principal Cole Wilder and assistant principal Jenny Zienius.



Radford High School Social Studies teacher John Ferguson, pictured with RHS Principal Ken



Dalton Intermediate School Math teacher Tammy Dye, pictured with DIS principal Darden Freeman and School **Board chair Jenny Riffe.**



McHarg Elementary School first grade teacher Lindsay Lesko, pictured with principal Michelle Greene and school board chair Jenny Riffe.

named Teacher of the Year for

"Each school-based teacher winner was given a dozen roses and acknowledged in front of their students within the school where they work. The winners were selected by each faculty," according to the

RADFORD - Radford City announcement on the school grade teacher Lindsay Lesko. Public Schools has announced division website (www.rcps.org). "These four teachers will now the four school level teachers "Congratulations to the four compete for the Radford Division outstanding teachers.'

The winning teachers are Radford High School social studies teacher John Ferguson, Dalton Intermediate School math teacher Tammy Dye, Belle Heth Elementary School fifth grade teacher Robin Hoosier and McHarg Elementary School first

Teacher of the Year," the RCPS announcement continued. "Once this individual is named, after a committee interview in the near future, they will move forward to be considered in the statewide Teacher of the Year competition."

Staff report

The Sauerkraut Band is back, playing at Mountain Lake Lodge



PHOTO COURTESY OF SAUERKRAUT BAND FACEBOOK PAGE

The Sauerkraut Band has performed in the New River Valley since 1989, providing lively and authentic German band music.

Lori Graham

Contributing writer

The Sauerkraut Band originated in the New River Valley in 1989 and became popular playing at Octoberfest at the Mountain Lake Lodge and other events in the area. They are back for four special performances.

The Sauerkraut Band is what is known in the United States as an Oom-pah or traditional German Band. This band typically is comprised of 12-14 people and play brass instruments with trumpets and trombones, drums, and wind instruments, to name a few. The full sound of the various musical instruments is complemented with song and of course,

lively dance encouraging participation from the audience. "Most towns would have a community band and they would play outdoors under a gazebo," Tom Williams, long-

time band member said. Ed Schwartz is the founder of the group and was previously in a military band. He collected music when he was overseas and has a German background.

were evenings we played there, and some of the cast would

come," Williams said. "We performed there until 2012, when

We always enjoyed playing Mountain Lake," Williams said. "Most nights we were sold out or nearly sold out. We were playing there during the filming of Dirty Dancing. There

the hotel went in a different direction... of course, the lake had dried up at that point," Williams said.

Since that time, the band has traveled around Virginia and surrounding states, including many local breweries. They are available for reservations to perform at events.

Heidi Stone, President and CEO of the Mountain Lake Lodge, is excited to see the band come back for their Winterfest event this January.

When we rebranded in 2013, we became known for other things like weddings and such. So, we decided to bring them back. It is something people can do in the wintertime," Stone

Mountain Lake Lodge is offering a special package that includes performances by the Sauerkraut Band, a buffet of German cuisine, and a stay in the hotel. The band performance will be lively with lots of community engagement and authentic German dances in their traditional Bavarian-style

of clothing. The dates of the events will be January 19, 20, 26, More information about the band's music stylings with audio samples of a couple of their songs can be found on their

website at www.sauerkrautband.com or on their Facebook Reservations can be made at www.mtnlakelodge.com or

by calling their reservation desk at 540-626-7121.

Researchers receive USDA grant to study changing food spending patterns

After a long day, there's the age-old question of do we eat out or stay in?

Over the last decade, that answer has increasingly shifted to eating out.

In that timeframe, households have increasingly spent more money on food outside of the home than what's spent on eating at home. In that same time, the farmer's share of the food dollar eaten outside of the home has declined while the share of food eaten at home has increased.

With a more than \$550,000 grant from the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, researchers George Davis and Anubhab Gupta, in the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics in Virginia Tech's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, are studying the effects of the changing food spending patterns on the profitability and welfare of farmers, food processors, and consumers, or welfare through the United States' food supply chain.

"Our project aims to look at the changing profitability and welfare effects in the food supply chain while recognizing that the effects will depend on the underlying market structure and consumer socioeconomic, demographic, and environmental factors," said George Davis, professor in the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics

and project lead. The research team has four objectives:

Look at how the difference between retail food prices and farm prices have changed over time as spending on food at home and food away from home has changed.

Determine to what extent consumers have benefitted from the change in eating food at home versus food away from home.

Consider what role the degree of competition within the food supply chain has affected profitability and welfare for the farmer, processors, and consumers as food spending patterns have changed.

Consider how alternative policies affecting food at home and food away from home spending will affect profitability and welfare throughout the food supply chain.

The project will combine well-established research areas that have not been joined before to understand important policy-relevant questions regarding price and quantity relationships, market structure, and welfare distribution throughout the associated market.

To achieve the objectives, the team will utilize public-use consumer expenditure survey microdata from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, NBER-CES Manufacturing Industry Database, and estimates from the literature.

"Our integrated framework will answer important policy and scenario questions related to socioeconomic and demographic profile of consumers, COVID-19, Ukraine war, etc. on welfare distribution throughout the food supply chain, while extending our knowledge on the four strands of literature and a unique way of integrating them," Davis said.

Max Esterhuizen for Virginia Tech



Researchers at Virginia Tech are studying the effects and implications of the changing food spending patterns on the profitability and welfare of farmers, food processors, and consumers.

PCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, Jan. 17:

Frances Frederick art exhibit opening and

At the Blacksburg Museum and Cultural Foundation, 204 Draper Rd SW, 5:30 -7:30 p.m. Frances Frederick is the Blacksburg Regional Art Association's (BRAA) longest-tenured member, joining in 1952. Her style has changed over these years but has always been rich in color and texture and influenced by a variety of subject matter. In this exhibit, we take a look back on some of her most vibrant work, on exhibit Jan. 17 - March 13.

Thursday, Jan. 18:

City scenes, urban landscapes photo club topic

Adi Ben-Senior will present the program on photographing city scenes and urban landscapes at the Radford Photo Club meeting at 6 p.m. at the Radford Public Library. The presentation is a follow-up of an earlier meeting on the same topic led by Michele Borgarelli. The two professional photographers have somewhat different styles and equipment preferences.

Attendees should feel free to bring a cityscape or urban landscape photo if they wish feedback and bring two photos to the February meeting to receive further critique. The photo challenge for January is black and white outdoor photography. There is also an open challenge. The Radford Photo Club is made up of professional and amateur photographers from throughout the New River Valley. Meetings, events, and outings are open to the public. If you have questions about the club, email Lucy Gilmore at lucyg.gilmore@ gmail.com or Michele Borgarelli at mborgarelli@gmail.

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 on 3204 Riner Rd. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to attend. For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

Community Quilting Bee

At the Blacksburg Library; 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Join us for our weekly quilting and sewing group. Bring your supplies and join us for conversation.

Friday, Jan. 19:

Blood Drives

At the Radford Public Library and the Blacksburg Library; 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Give Blood. Give Life. Register online at www.redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins welcome.

Monday, Jan. 22:

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

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, Jan. 23:

Virtual Author Talk with Rajiv Nagaich

On-line event hosted by the Radford Public Library; - 3 p.m. Over his 20-plus years of experience in United States elder law, Rajiv has developed a step-bystep guide to retirement planning by connecting the various dots of the retirement planning process. The LifePlanning approach is a system that brings together legal, financial, and housing issues into a coordinated effort that can work to make sure you don't end up

being forced into institutionalized care, going broke, and being a burden on your family. In this enlightening informative webinar, Rajiv explains why "retirement plan failure" happens and how you can keep it from happening to you. To avoid the hidden traps in retirement planning, register now! Register: https:// libraryc.org/radfordlibrary.

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 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Town Hall (100 E. Main St.). 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.

Friday, Feb. 2 and **Saturday, Feb. 3:**

Book Sale

There will be a book sale at the Radford Public Library 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Lots of selections and low prices. Come and support the Radford Library.

On-going:

Now through Feb. 2:

Radford Tree Collection

Christmas Tree collection has begun and will run until Feb. 2. Simply place your tree curbside and Radford Public Works will collect it.

${ m P}$ ets 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.

Juniper is known for his gentle spirit. He's a quiet guy, and he doesn't mind being carried and held. He is also litter trained. Hop by the Animal Care and Adoption Center to meet Juniper.





Meet happy, energetic boy, Iony! He loves to run and play with toys. He will gladly sit for a yummy treat and may need refresher on doggie manners. Tony would do best in a home where he is the only dog.

<u>Borgarelli</u>

newspaper showing a picture of her that was published in the National Geographic magazine. I believe her hands tells the story of her life."

He titled his winning photo in the "Waiting." Borgarelli open category explains, "A woman is sitting outdoors at the MoMA (Museum of Modern Art) in New York. The chair placed in a different direction may suggest she is waiting for somebody to come. At the end that is what we all do."

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The Radford Photo Club

Virginia Credit Union, Member One Federal Credit Union announce intent to merge

RICHMOND - Virginia Credit Union, Inc. (VACU) and Member One Federal Credit Union (Member One) are excited to announce their plans to merge pending regulatory approval and a positive Member One membership vote. the combined approved,

credit union would serve close to 500,000 members with 37 branch locations and employ approximately 1,100 employees throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Both organizations believe "Better Together" is a great way to describe partnership, because merger is between two financially healthy, future focused credit unions committed to providing unparalleled branch and digital access, along with amazing service for the members and the communities they serve. In a highly competitive financial services industry where consumers want things easier and more seamless than ever, this merger positions VACU and Member One to be a leading credit union doing just that.

"This partnership represents the heart of the credit union industry's mind-set," Shockley, President/CEO, VACU said. "Fundamentally, credit unions came into existence when people saw an opportunity to band together and pool their financial resources in order to provide access to financial products and services to people who needed

Combined, the organization would not only be the third largest credit union in Virginia, but it would become one of the top 50 largest credit unions in the United States, with assets of approximately \$6.8B. While the asset size is notable, both organizations are more excited about what the spirit of this partnership and their combined strength would mean for the credit union's future.

Carter, President/CEO, Member One agrees.

When I first sat down with Chris and we started to share our visions for our respective credit unions, everything about partnering together felt right," Carter said. "From the onset, both of our boards of directors have focused on ensuring that together we'd continue to provide the best member, employee, and community

"Becoming a larger organization with more locations, more talent, and more resources will ultimately result in greater economies of scale which is a good thing," Shockly added. "What becoming larger does not mean, however, is that we sacrifice our mission and our purpose. We would continue to invest in our members, our people, and our communities."

Chris Shockley would remain the President/CEO of the combined organization. Frank Carter would remain with the organization in an executive role until he retires. It's also important to note that no employees would lose their job and no branch locations would be closed as a result of the merger.

As member-owned cooperatives, under the guidelines of and Credit National Administration, a successful merger is contingent upon Member One Credit Union member approval. Upon that approval, the

entities legally join sometime in 2024. As the merger process moves forward, both credit unions will provide information to their respective memberships via their websites (vacu. org and memberonefcu.com), along with other relevant communication

Submitted by Virginia Credit Union and Member One Federal Credit Union

Citizens Support Group celebrates Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

Lori Graham Contributing writer

The Citizens Support Group celebrated Law Enforcement Appreciation Day on Jan. 9, one of the many ways the organization highlights the hard work and dedication of law enforcement professionals.

The Citizens Support Group was formed in April of 2016 as a 501-3C non-profit organization and works to support Montgomery County's police officers, but organizes support for other law enforcement officers as

Ken Hester is currently serving as the President of the Citizens Support Group. Fran Hester serves as Secretary. They enjoy the variety of ways the organization is able to be there to assist in events for the local officers throughout the year.

Ken Hester said they do things like, "being there for them through a life event, during training sessions by providing lunch, if there is a weather-related incident or a search and retrieval and they need help with water and support."

Additional ways that the group may support officers are in having retirement celebrations. The retiring officer can decide if they prefer a formal reception or something more casual.

Also, if an officer is hospitalized then the citizens' group provides them with a fruit basket. If married or have a child, they can also receive a gift. They are also there to offer support in very difficult times for an officer or their families such as the passing of a loved one, providing flowers and a sympathy card. For Law Enforcement Appreciation Day this year

on Jan. 9 Chick-Fil-A provided breakfast and citizen volunteers were there to deliver and give out the food.

If community members eat at Mission BBQ restaurant in Christiansburg and purchase a Hometown Hero cup, some of the proceeds will also go to local law enforcement funds.

"Sheriff Partin reached out to them. They offered to let us be one of the organizations when they do their cup effort," Hester said.

There are many other events throughout the year to

bring local police officers and law enforcement families

together including a spaghetti dinner around Halloween and a sit-down dinner for Christmas where they have door prizes that are donated by local businesses or purchased through fundraising by the citizens group.

"Part of that evening is also the Employee of the Year is announced for each section of the sheriff's office,'

Another big event that the citizens group does each year is producing the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office calendars. Calendars are produced locally by Southern Printing but designed and organized in-house by the volunteers. Very little cost is involved so that all money can go to the officers. They have around 140-160 businesses, depending on the size of advertisements they purchase. The calendars are free for the public and approximately 400 were distributed to local businesses and the public this year.

Not only are the citizens supportive of their local law enforcement but the first responders are supportive

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www.ourvalley.org

Akers, Virginia Gail Roope

Virginia Akers, Dublin, passed away unexpectedly Jan. 11, 2024. Gail was born in Mercer County, W.Va. March 4, 1947.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert (Bud) Lee Roope; her mother, Hilda Virginia Bolen Roope; infant brother, Patrick; and her love, Roy Gerberich.

She was employed by Pulaski County Public Schools for 20 years. Gail was an extremely

talented craftsperson. She created and gifted many of her projects over the years to friends and family. She made everything from Barbie clothes to decorations to paintings to crochet items to jewelry.

She was known for her love of clothes, shoes, jewelry, makeup, plants, and birds.

Gail was advocate, counselor, supportive friend, caring mother, and loving grandmother.



Gail spent her last years at Highland Ridge Rehab and was the "go-to social butterfly." People People sought her out for everything from safety pins, crafts, colored pencils or to have her alter and mend clothes.

She is survived by her only daughter, Stacy Akers Trout; her sonin-law, Jeff Trout; and only grandchild, Jessica Jayden "Wally" Trout, all of Dublin. She is further survived by two special stepdaughters, Sandy Light and Janet Gerberich; special cousins, Brenda and Tim Cochran; other cousins; her beautician,

Vicki Morris, that took the time to come to her at Highland Ridge; friends important and neighbors; her dear friends, Roselma Whitaker, Shelby Akers, Majorie Atkins; and her Highland Ridge family.

The family would like to thank all her caregivers and doctors for her care and their love over the years, with special thanks to Dr. Asher and Jeffrey Thompson. The family would also like to thank everyone for their continued support, love, and prayers. will

The family friends from 1:30 - 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2024, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services will begin at 3 p.m. with Reverend Don Sizemore officiating.

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

Broyles, Donald Wayne

Donald Broyles, Christiansburg, passed away peacefully Jan. 5, 2023, surrounded by his family. Born Jan. 25, 1959,

Donnie spent 40-plus years in the parts department at auto dealerships in the NRV and Roanoke. Outside of work, he loved spending time with his family and cherished being a grandfather. Donnie also enjoyed golfing, fishing, and could be found on Sundays in the fall, in his recliner watching the

Donnie is survived by his loving wife,



Belinda Broyles; son, Cory (Evan) Broyles Bernardsville, daughter, Brittany (Andrew) Harris of Floyd; granddaughters, Harper and Hallie Harris; grandchild, Baby Broyles coming February 2024; and sister, Joan Vinson,

Christiansburg. Donnie was preceded in death by his father and mother, Garnett "Doc" and Evelyn "Sis" Broyles; brother, Eugene Broyles; sister, Phyllis Broyles Rhodes.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the St. Jude's Children Research Hospital in memory of Donnie. Visitation and memorial service will be held at McCoy Funeral home in Blacksburg Jan. 17, 2024. Visitation will be held from 2-4 p.m. and the memorial service will be held immediately after.

Brumfield, Richard George

George 70, of Brumfield, Christiansburg, died Thursday, Jan. 11, 2024 at the New River Valley Medical Center. He was born Montgomery County July 25, 1953 the late Perry

George and Carter Brumfield. He was preceded in death by his wife, Debra J. Brumfield.

He is survived by his daughter, Samantha Brumfield; stepdaughter, Donetta Sifford and many

Funeral services conducted were Monday, Jan. 15, 2024 in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Keith Graves officiating. The family will received friends prior to the service.

Burnett, Rachael Nicole

After a courageous hard-fought and battle, Rachael Nicole Burnett's spirit took flight from this flight world Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2024. She preceded in death by her father, Michael V. Burnett; and paternal grandparents, Jimmy and Mary Frances (Buggy) Burnett.

Rachael was smart, witty and had a keen sense of humor. She possessed a beautiful and magnetic smile. She seldom met a stranger and always had just one more question. Often her conversations ended with "I love you."

greatest accomplish ments were her dearly loved



children who provided her with so much pride.

She is survived by her precious four children, Rylie Blake Ratliff and Holden and Jameson Farley. A treasured part of Rachael shines in each of them.

She is also survived by her mother, Cheryl Lomascolo; sister, Lamascolo;

grandmother, Hart and grandfather, Joel (Emily) Hart, who will hold her close in their hearts forever. She is also loved and remembered by host of aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family members and The family received

Monday, Jan. 15, 2024, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Services followed Robert with Rev. Morris officiating. Interment followed in the Appalachian Conference Cemetery in Dublin.

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

Goodyear, David Clement

David Goodyear, a resident of Blacksburg and Christiansburg for the past 40 years, passed away Jan. 10, 2024, at the age of

He is preceded in death by his father, George E. Goodyear of Wilmington, Del. David was also preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Janice Claire Goodyear. They were married in 1959 in St. Paul's Catholic Church, Clifton, N.J. David served two years in the Army with Honorable discharge. He attended Fairleigh Dickinson University, Madison, N.J., and earned his bachelor's degree in finance. and friends, as well as He was employed the many caregivers at a prestigious accounting firm in Manhattan, N.Y.,



and traveled all over the world.

He and his wife moved to Blacksburg in 1984. He worked for 15 years at Virginia Tech as Director of Internal Audit and retired in 2000. He was a member of the Rotary Club of Blacksburg. He loved this job and the Hokies football team. He also continued his education at Virginia Tech and earned his master's degree in

had a love for his dogs, sports, Lionel Trains, and fine wine. He is survived by his son and daughterin-law Jon and Veronica Goodyear, of Pembroke, Va.; a daughter, Megan Goodyear Blatz, grandchildren Jack Blatz and Sarah Shockley, all of Laurel, Del.; and a son, Eric Goodyear of Christiansburg.

Final arrangements are being handled by McCoy Funeral Home in Blacksburg. There will be a casual memorial and celebration of life gathering at "Bull and Bones" on Main St. in Blacksburg on Saturday, Jan. 20, 2024, at 1 p.m. In lieu of any flowers please make donations to the Rotary Club in

Ridpath, Rebecca Mayhew

Rebecca Mayhew Ridpath, Radford, passed away Thursday, Jan. 11,

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Benny Ridnath: Cameron father, Allen Snow Mayhew; and her mother Mattie Lee Hancock Mayhew. Becky was a loving

wife, mother, sister, and grandmother.
She graduated from
Martinsville High School in 1956 and Radford College in 1960 with her bachelor's degree and 1973 with her master's degree. She had a teaching teaching career at New River Community College and was a beloved instructor and mentor for hundreds of students throughout her career. She served students as the Phi Beta Lambda advisor and a member of the Academic Standards, Scholarship and Financial Aid Committee.

She was a member of First Baptist Church Radford for 50 years and served on various committees. She had a very generous spirit and showed empathy and genuine regard for



other's thoughts and feelings. She loved to cook and host many family gatherings. She enjoyed reading, shopping, traveling and her special treats of vanilla ice cream, nabs and Diet Cokes.

She is survived by her three sons and daughters-in-law, David and Lisa of Radford, Greg and Liza of Mount Pleasant, S.C., and Mark and Mimi of Powell, Ohio; sister, Nancy Mayhew Moss (Ric); and brother, Larry Edward Mayhew.
She was blessed
with six wonderful
grandchildren, Maddie Decker (Justin), Marlee Barboza (Patrick), Nick Ridpath, Miller Ridpath, Abby Ridpath and Merritt Ridpath.

The family would like to especially thank all of Becky's family

Lusk, Lois Jasperson

who provided care, love, and support Manhattan, during her illness.

The family will ceive friends receive Saturday, Jan. 20, 2024, 10 a.m. to noon at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services will begin at 1:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church on Third Avenue and Downey Street in Radford with Dr. Paul Lane, Reverand Todd Millsaps and Rev. Diana White officiating. The interment will follow at Sunrise Burial Park in Radford.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Rebecca "Becky" Ridpath scholarship fund at New River Community College. Contributions may be made online (www. nr.edu/giveonline) or by mail (New River Community College, Educational Foundation, College Drive, Dublin VA 24084). Please reference "Becky Foundation, reference "Becky Ridpath" on your gift.

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

Wheeler, Shirley Hatcher

Shirley Hatcher Wheeler, 82, passed away at her home in Dublin Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2024.

She retired from Kollmorgen and a member of Belleview Church. She was preceded in death by her parents, James L. and Dolly Mae Hatcher; and brothers, Basel Lee and J. David Hatcher.

Survivors include her husband of 61 years, Donald Wheeler, Sr.; daughter and son-inlaw, Donna W. and James, Jr., Caldwell; son and daughter-in-law, Donald, Jr. and Rebecca Wheeler;



grandchildren, Ethan Travis A. Caldwell, Wheeler, Wheeler H. Caldwell, Hannah Wheeler, and Haley Wheeler Osborne (Tony); great granddaughter, Nella Belle Osborne; and many other relatives and friends.

The family received tends Tuesday, friends 2024, at Jan. 16, the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2024, at the funeral home with Rev. Larry Mann and Rev. Sebert Rorrer officiating. Interment will follow in Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to either Belview Church or Dublin Lions Club.

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

McPherson, Shirley Wass

Shirley McPherson, 87, of Blacksburg, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2024 at English Meadows. She was born in a small village in England on Oct. 8, 1936. At 16 years old, she met her future husband, Malcolm J. Mcpherson, and they had 50 glorious years together. In 1981, they moved with their children to California and then later to Virginia in 1991.

Shirley believed that being of service to others is a lifelong commitment. She volunteered for various organizations as well as being a dedicated member of her church, OSLC of Christiansburg. She, along with others, started the Crafty

crafts to benefit

various charities in



the NRV. She also volunteered at MCEAP and the Christmas Store for many years. Shirley cherished her family and nothing made her more happy than providing Sunday dinners where family came together to eat and spend time together. Shirley is preceded

in death by her parents, Jack and Mary Hannah Wass, her husband, Malcolm J. McPherson, her siblings Ashley, Geoff, Graham, Joan, Audrey and Kathleen and her son in law J.

She is survived by her children, Malcolm S. McPherson and Alison D. Garst; grandchildren, Malcolm J McPherson, Vickie (Matt) Foy, Connor York, Emily (John) Tedesco and Katie (Autumn) Garst; numerous nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews; special niece, Heather McPherson and great great nephew Jacob Pegg, along with all of the Garst family that she claimed as her own. Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, Jan. 17 at

11a.m. in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with Neal Turner officiating. Interment will follow at Memorial Gardens in Blacksburg. The family received friends Tuesday, Jan. 16 at the McCoy Funeral Home, 150 Country Club Drive, Blacksburg.

Jasperson Lois 83, passed

Lusk, away Friday, Jan. 12, 2024, at her home in Radford. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Lois was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Alice Jasperson; husband, Paul Duane Lusk; and son, Paul David Lusk. Survivors include

her sons, Richard D. Lusk, Howard M. Lusk (Dana), and Craig P. Lusk (Mary); grandchildren one great grandchild; siblings,



Boyd Jasperson, Jane Carlson, and Milo Jasperson; and many other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Radford. Services will begin at 1 p.m. with Bishop Gary Samples officiating. Interment will follow in West View Cemetery in Radford. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the American Cancer

Society.
The Lusk family is in the care of the Mullins Funeral fellowship of others as Home & Crematory they made and provided in Radford.

Looking back over the four stages of a law career

As I near the end of a legal career that now spans over four decades (all at the same firm, pretty much unheard of these days), I have concluded that there are four stages or phases of the

First, there is the "whippersnapper" stage. This is when you first get out of law school, when you start your career, hopefully a path to partnership if you are in private practice, when you still like to talk about the law at cocktail parties and lunch, when some like to throw their weight around with store clerks and auto mechanics by telling

to take them to court for \$39.99 for a bad muffler job). I hope I didn't do that; not a trait I admire.

It's not a term you hear much these days, but I remember my dad using it. I heard him occasionally refer to someone as a "whippersnapper." Not an insult, more of a way of referring to an incomplete canvas. If you look it up, it means "young, presumptuous, inexperienced, overconfident." Pretty apt term for many of us coming out of law school, but when you join an established, institutional firm like I did, with many much older and truly iconic lawyers, you soon get the "overconfident" kicked out of you. It didn't take me long to realize that not only was I not the smartest person in the room, I couldn't even find the hallway that led to the room!

Another part of the "whippersnapper" stage is that you tend to hold on to some insecurities from law school days. You still harbor deep resentment for those on the other side of you in an argument - if you don't shake this characteristic at some point, it can be detrimental to your career, not to mention your personal relationships. Virginia, we lawyers in private practice like to say, "you never know who will be judge someday." In larger markets, you might never again run into someone you called an "\$&%#+^&" in practice

in West Virginia they might be on the bench in your county for the next 30 years. The main takeaway from the "Whippersnapper Period" is "don't burn bridges.

The second phase of the legal career is the "Young Gun" stage. This occurs five to seven years after you are in practice and lasts until there are newer and more lethal weapons around than you. I capitalize "Young Gun" because in my mind the term originated from magazines put out under that title (usually by regional or statewide newspapers) to sell ads and to have

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Ballard looking forward to legislative session While Democrats are busy appeasing the more

The Virginia General Assembly is now in session, and soon the House and Senate will begin considering legislation in earnest. With a new General Assembly comes the potential for new committee assignments; committees of course being the legislative bodies that deal with most of the deliberation on bills before they reach the House floor. Last Wednesday, I was named by the Speaker of the House to the following committees: Courts of Justice, Counties, Cities and Towns, and Labor and Commerce. Labor and Commerce is a new assignment for me, and it considers consequential matters from energy policy to the minimum wage. I'm excited about my assignments, and I'm ready to start the real work of analyzing and debating hundreds of

Legislation that we'll see in the 2024 legislative session has begun to be made publicly viewable, and I'm disappointed to report that the new Democratic majority seems intent on making overreaches like they did in 2020 and 2021. Instead of focusing on solving the real problems that Virginians face, they instead continue down the path of introducing policies and themes that are more at home in Washington, DC than we are accustomed to in Richmond.

extreme elements of their base by making energy more expensive, Republicans remain focused on making life more affordable for every Virginian. You and I know that the cost of energy continues to rise, and along with inflation, renewable energy mandates from the state do nothing to relieve the pressure typical Virginia families are feeling. Rather than relax these mandates and accept a realistic approach toward renewables, House Democrats feel emboldened to move toward mandatory "Green New Deal" style policies that will only make life more expensive. That includes their continued insistence on an electric-vehicle mandate which our infrastructure is not currently equipped to

I'm equally perplexed to see the introduction of legislation that would reduce penalties for gangs involved in organized "smash and grab" style shoplifting, like we have seen in San Fransisco, California. Soft-on-crime policies against brazen criminal acts only emboldens criminals and will undoubtedly hurt our business climate. This used to be considered common-sense, which is something that seems to be getting in shorter supply.

Part of being in the minority party is holding the majority accountable. There will be many instances this session in which Democrats and Republicans work together toward common goals, but that does not mean that Republicans should comprise on our core values. We can be fair while standing firm on policies that make our communities safer, and we should not let special interests ram "green energy" policies through the legislature without fully vetting their practicality and impact on Virginia families. As my committee work begins, I look forward to reviewing all legislation before me with a discerning eye.

As the Delegate representing the 42nd House District in the Virginia General Assembly, your concerns are my greatest priority. If ever I may be of assistance to you and your family, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at DelJBallard@House. Virginia.Gov. You can also follow me on Twitter @ JasonBallardVA or like my Facebook page, Jason Ballard for Delegate, to keep up to date with what I am doing in Richmond and in our community on your behalf.

Del. Jason Ballard

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Average Virginia gas prices 24-cents a gallon lower than last year yesterday was \$0.32/g while the The national average price of diesel

Virginia have fallen 1.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.91/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 4,081 stations in Virginia. Prices in Virginia are 5.5 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 24.0 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

has fallen 2.0 cents in the last week and stands at \$3.89 per gallon. According to GasBuddy price

reports, the cheapest station in Virginia was priced at \$0.32/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$3.99/g, a difference of \$3.67/g. The lowest price in the state

highest was \$3.99/g, a difference of

The national average price of gasoline has risen 0.6 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.04/g today. The national

See Gas, page 8

AARP Virginia fraud alert: Know your seller when shopping online One key to shopping online is reading the fine print, Shipping times and return policies are another sign of

including who you're actually buying from. While we often think of giant online retailers like Amazon, Walmart and Target as a store they can be more like a mall or flea market where you are buying products from a variety of sellers. However, some of those sellers are more reputable than others. Criminals use these websites to resell stolen products or items that either don't work or contain dangerous

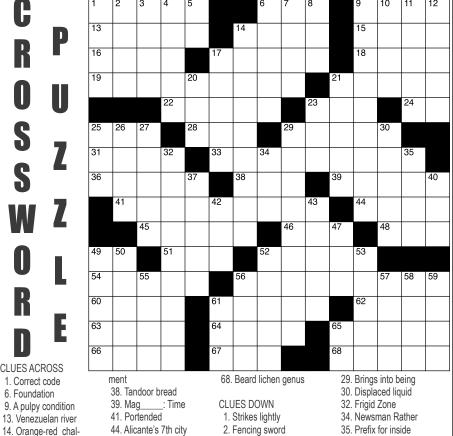
chemicals. One easy way to protect yourself is to make sure you are buying directly from the retailer that runs the website. You can usually find the seller's name on the product page near the button for buying the item.

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who you are buying from as products from the branded retailer will often ship faster and have a clear return As of the third quarter of 2023, online shopping scams

were the second highest category of fraud reported to the Federal Trade Commission, and 51% of those reporting lost a combined \$308 million. The actual losses are likely far higher since fraud is significantly under-reported. Be a fraud fighter! If you can spot a scam, you can stop a

AARP Virginia



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January 19, 2024 at 4:00pm by Bank of Botetourt At 5462 Lee Hwy. Troutville In Branch parking lot 2017 GMC Acadia Mileage: 94,034 For information contact: Bank of Botetourt Danielle at 540-591-5035 Marla at 540-591-5056 Vehicle Sold As Is Other vehicles also may be sold if repossessions

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Legals - Botetourt County

Order of **Publication** Commonwealth of Virginia

VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. CWF220000276 **BOTETOURT COUNTY** Circuit Court, 5 W. MAIN STREET, FINCASTLE, VA 24090 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re ESTATE OF WILMA C. TODD, DECEASAED

The object of this suit is to: SHOW CAUSE AGAINST PAYMENT AND DELIVERY OF ESTATE TO PARTIES ENTITLED. It is ORDERED that Upon the motion of Atlantic Union Bank. Executor of the Estate of

Wilma C. Todd, deceased, (the "Estate") pursuant to Va. Code Section 64.2-556 for an order to show cause against distribution of the Estate. It appearing to the court that the necessary reports of the accounts of the Estate and of the debts and demands against the Estate have been filed with the Court, and at least six months have elapsed since the qualification of the Executor, it is accordingly ORDERED that the

creditors of, and all others interested in, the Estate of Wilma C. Todd, deceased, do appear at 11:00 A.M. on the 31st day of January, 2024 in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Botetourt County, 1 West Main Street #120. Fincastle. Virginia 24090 and show cause, if any the can, against payment and delivery of the Estate to the parties entitled thereto, without requirement of refunding bonds.

1-5-2024 Joel R. Branscom. Circuit Court Judge

JANUARY 8, 2024 Leslianne Smith, Deputy Clerk **NOTICE OF**

SPECIAL COMMISSIONER SALE OF 101 DRY BRANCH ROAD, **BUCHANAN**, VIRGINIA, 24066

Pursuant to a Decree of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, made and entered into November 29, 2023 in Case No. 23CL23-00036100, styled Janis P.

Barrett (Plaintiff) v. Cherokee Rose Eubank (Defendant), I will, on Friday, January 26, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the front door of the Courthouse of Botetourt County Virginia, highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate: 101 Dry Branch Road, Buchanan, Virginia,

located in its new temporary quarters, offer for sale to the 24066, being 2.56 acres in the Buchanan Magisterial District, Tax Map #53-4. property ID#99013634 A more accurate description can be procured as shown on a plat attached to Deed

Clerk's Office of the Circuit

Court of Botetourt County,

Virginia.

with the above item(s) on first reading, with a second reading of those ordinance(s) at a Book 128 at page 123 in the subsequent meeting.

Legals - Botetourt

County

Terms of Sale Cash (10%

on the day of sale with the

remainder at closing within

60 days).

For further information,

apply to Tommy Joe

Williams, Special

Commissioner, 2721

Brambleton Avenue, S.W.

Roanoke, Virginia, 24015,

office telephone number:

(540)772-7848, cell phone

number: (540) 797-4065.

I, Tommy Joe Williams,

hereby certify that I have

given bond, with surety, as

required by the Decree.

Tommy Joe Williams,

Special Commissioner

I, Tommy Moore, Clerk of

the Circuit Court of

Botetourt County, Virginia, hereby certify that Tommy

Joe Williams, Special

Commissioner, has given

bond, as required by the

Decree with Surety

approved by the Court.

Tommy Moore, Clerk

Botetourt County Circuit

Court

Legals - City of

Radford

NOTICE OF

PUBLIC HEARING

The Council of the City of

Radford will hold a public

hearing at a regularly

scheduled meeting of

Council on Monday,

January 22, 2024 at 7:00

pm, in the City Council

Chambers located in the

City Administration Building

at 10 Robertson Street.

Radford, Virginia to receive

citizen comment and input

regarding the Radford

Transit application for FTA

F.Y.25 Operating Funds, in

the amount not to exceed

\$2.550.000 and Capital not

to exceed \$175,000.

Interested persons may

appear at the

aforementioned time and

place to present their views

and comments. Comments

may also be sent to Melissa

Skelton, Transit Coordinator

at 10 Robertson Street,

Radford VA 24141 or

Melissa.Skelton@radfordva.

Authorized by Radford City

Council

Legals - City of

Salem

Notice is hereby

given to all

interested persons

that the Council of

the City of Salem,

at its regular meeting on

Monday, January 22, 2024,

at 6:30 p.m., in the

Community Room, Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke

Boulevard, 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. Consider the request of T

J Real Properties, LLC, property owner, for rezoning

the property located at 1236

West Main Street (Tax Map

141 - 1 - 4) from HBD

Highway Business District

to CBD Community

Business District.

2. Consider the request of

Helm Building Enterprises,

LTD, property owner, for the

issuance of a Special

Exception Permit to allow a

two family dwelling on the

property located at 301

Carey Avenue, (Tax Map #

74-2-6.1).

3. Consider the request of

Helm Building Enterprises,

LTD, property owner, for

rezoning the property

located at 416 Electric Road

(Tax Map # 150-3-1) from

HBD Highway Business

District to HM Heavy

Manufacturing District.

4. Consider the request of

Virginia Baptist Children's

Home (dba HopeTree

Family Services), property

owner, for rezoning the

properties located at 1000

block Red Lane and a

portion of 860 Mount

Vernon Lane (Tax Map #'s

41-1-1, 41-1-2, 41-1-3, 41-

1-4, 41-1-5, 41-1-6, and a

portion of 44-3-10) from

RSF Residential Single

Family to PUD Planned Unit

District.

If approved, Salem City

Council intends to adopt the

ordinance(s) associated

Copies of the proposed

THE NEW CASTLE RECORD

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

Legals - City of

Salem

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

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: H. Robert Light Clerk of Council

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Board of Appeals (Building) of the City of Salem, Virginia will hold a public hearing, in accordance with

the provisions of Section

18-38 Code of City of Salem, Virginia, on January 24, 2024, at 4:00pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem. Virginia. The purpose of the meeting and hearing shall be to determine if certain structures are dangerous to the inhabitants of the City and whether such structures

should be ordered to be

repaired of demolished. The

structures are located as

follows:

(1)Dilapidated structure located at 602 Goodwin Avenue, Salem, Virginia (Tax Map#201-10-2); and

(2)Dilapidated structure located at 336 Schrader Street, Salem, Virginia (Tax Map #115-1-4).

All parties in interest at the public hearing will be given an opportunity to be heard, present evidence, and show cause why action by the City and Board to remedy a potentially dangerous situation should or should not be granted.

For additional information contact the Building Official's Office, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia (Phone 375-3036) THE BOARD OF BUILDING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF SALEM

BY Troy D. Loving, Building Official

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Commission,

at its regular meeting on January 10, 2024. at 7:00 p.m., in the Community Room, Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke Boulevard, in the City of Salem, Virginia, voted to continue the public hearing of the following item.

Consider the request of Virginia Baptist Children's Home (dba HopeTree Family Services), property owner, for rezoning the properties located at 1000 block Red Lane and a portion of 860 Mount Vernon Lane (Tax Map#'s 41-1-1, 41-1-2, 41-1-3, 41-1-4, 41-1-5, 41-1-6, and a portion of 44-3-10) from RSF Residential Single Family to PUD Planned Unit District.

This item will be heard at the February 14, 2024, 7:00 P.M. meeting of the Planning Commission. This meeting will also be held at the Salem Civic Center.

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

COMMISSIONOFTHECITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: H. Robert Light Deputy Executive Secretary Legals - Craig

County Public Notice -

Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To

seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of **Environmental Quality that** allows the continued release of treated wastewater into a water body in Craig County, Virginia.

Legals - Craig County

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: January 17 to February 19, 2024

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Wastewater issued by DEQ pursuant to applicable water laws and regulations.

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Craig-New Castle Public Service Authority (PSA); PO Box 128, New Castle, VA 24127; VA0064599 **FACILITY NAME AND** ADDRESS: Craig - New Castle Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP); 370 Commerce Ave., New Castle

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The PSA has applied for reissuance of a permit for the WWTP in Craig County, Virginia. The applicant proposes to continue to release treated sewage wastewater at a rate of 175,000 gallons-per-day into a water body. Sludge from the treatment process will be stabilized, dewatered, and transported to Roanoke Valley Resource Authority for

ultimate disposal in a sanitary landfill. The facility proposes to release the treated wastewaters into Craig Creek in Craig County in the James River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a

river and its incoming streams. The permit will limit the following pollutants to amounts that protect water quality: organic matter, solids, physical & chemical properties, nutrients, inorganics, and bacteria.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing on the draft permit by handdelivery, e-mail, or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. DEQ must receive handdelivery and postal mail by close of business and email and fax comments by 11:59 p.m. on the last day of the comment period.

Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses or email addresses of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement

regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including

another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the

permit.
CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND **ADDITIONAL** INFORMATION: Susan Edwards; Blue Ridge Regional Office, 901 Russell Drive, Salem, VA 24153; E-mail: Susan.Edwards@deq.virgin ia.gov; Phone: 540-562-

Legals -Montgomery County

6700.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 105 ASTER LANE, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073. In execution of a

BWW# VA-360283-2

certain Deed of Trust dated August 27, 2007, in the original principal amount of \$190,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office. Circuit **Court for Montgomery** County, Virginia as Instrument No. 2007011289

The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Montgomery County, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on February 23, 2024, at 3:15 PM, the property described in said

Deed of Trust, located at

the above address, and

Legals -Montgomery County more particularly described

as follows: ALL THAT

CERTAIN TRACT OR

PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG, RINER MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, BEING **DESCRIBED AS LOT 99.** PHASE V, NEW RIVER VILLAGE, AS SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SURVEY ENTITLED "PLAT FOR MICHAELW. AND SHANNON M. HARDWICK OF LOT NO. 99. PHASE V. NEW RIVER VILLAGE, IN THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA" TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be

entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be the contract of sale

given the option to execute electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-360283-2.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 130 HELM DRIVE, ELLISTON, VA 24087.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated November 26, 2005, in the original principal amount of \$77,284.21 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County. Virginia as Instrument No. 2005014678. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Montgomery County, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on February 23, 2024, at 3:15 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND IN, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF VA, AS MORE FULLY **DESCIRBED IN BOOK 973 PAGE 241** ID# 59-A-6-5, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 5, MINOR SUBDIVISION FOR E AND V ENTERPRISE, FILED IN PLAT BOOK 973 AT PAGE 243, RECORDED 08/29/1997 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.

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VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,20-104 Case No.CL230020118-00 MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1. CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re MELISSA JANE MCPHERSON v JACOB ANDRE **MCPHERSON** A/K/A KOBI MAZUR

> **STATEWIDE ADS**

Montgomery County

Legals -

The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that JACOB ANDRE **MCPHERSON** A/K/A KOBI MAZUR appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before MARCH 8, 2024. JANUARY 5, 2024

K. MIKE FLEENOR, JR. **JUDGE** TIFFANY M. COUCH, **CLERK**

County **ABC NOTICE**

Legals - Roanoke

DHRUVIN DESAI, JAPAN DESAI, ARCHANA PATEL trading as GLENVAR MINUTE MARKET 4145 WEST MAIN STREET, SALEM ROANOKE COUNTY, VA, 24153,

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

DHRUVIN DESAI, OWNER

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

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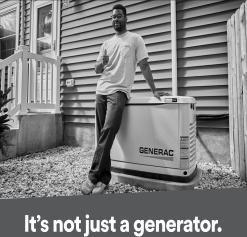
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Local gymnasts compete at this weekend's Rockstar event



Christiansburg's Brooklyn Proccacio finished second in Saturday's Rockstar **Invitational Level 10.**

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Walking across a beam that is roughly four inches wide, 16.5 feet long that is four feet off the ground would be tough for anyone, but gymnasts at the top level make it look easy as they literally dance across it during a three-to-four-minute

Christiansburg High School student Brooklyn Proccacio made it look easy, bringing the crowd to their feet. Saturday, the 15-year-old scored a 9.450 on the beam during the Level 10 competition (one of the highest in the sport) at the 16th Annual Rockstar Invitational at the Christiansburg Recreation Center. She would receive silver in the event.

This past year, she participated in the Eastern Nationals and Regionals where she finished seventh. She also finished fourth in the Beam at state competition. On Saturday, onlooking judges called her a "rising star."

Proccacio is one of the local athletes, who discovered there was no gymnastics at her high school, thus she turned to Virginia Techniques, a Christiansburg gym that has turned out its share of successful gymnasts.

Over 1,100 athletes competed in this week's competition, and according to Virginia Technique's Cheryl Johnson which hosts the event, the numbers have continued to grow almost every year.



Brooklyn Proccacio is congratulated by Coach Cheryl Johnson after taking one of the top spots in the beam competition during Saturday's Rockstar competition at the Christiansburg Recreation Center.

"Participation in gymnastics continues to rise," she said.

The Christiansburg gym listed 110 of its own participants with 21 gyms being represented this weekend from five different states. A similar event is slated to be held later this year. Proccacio was one of those Virginia

Techniques representatives and follows in the footsteps of six previous gymnasts that are all participating at the next level in college including University of Kentucky All-American Rae Worley. "I was never at the gym when she

coached or participated, but I know some of the others," Proccacio said. The teenager recently attended camp

at the University of North Carolina where her interest was peaked even more. "I want to be a gymnast at the next level," she said after the Rockstar

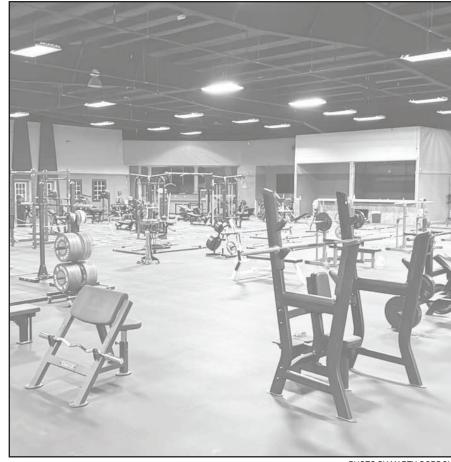
Invitational on Sunday. She is leaning toward UNC. Her mother says Brooklyn was doing cartwheels at the age of four so relatives told her you have to get her into gymnastics. The rest seems to be history

practices five times a week. She also participates in the floor exercise, bars and vault, but the beam is her favorite.

as she has fell in love with the sports and

Proccacio admits she has fallen off the beam several times in practice and competition, but she just gets right back up and climbs back on the beam.

She is scheduled to participate in state and regional competition later this year.



A former trampoline park has been transformed into a 12,000 sq. ft. powerlifting gym in Christiansburg.

New weight club opens in Christiansburg

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Weightlifters in the New River Valley have a new place to call home. Very Good Gym has opened at a former trampoline park/skating rink at 200 Midway Plaza in Christiansburg. Virginia Tech Spencer Wilhelm

felt there was a need, and he jumped at the opportunity, opening this past September. They took over a 12,000 square ft. facility, which had previously been home to a trampoline park. We had to do some work to the floor,

but for the most part, it works perfectly for a powerlifting gym," Wilhelm said. The powerlifting aspect seems to have

caught on as membership is starting to

soar. There are no current plans to avert from the power lifting aspect. There are some cardio pieces of equipment, but we are built just for lifting," said Wilheim graduated from

powerlifting for a number of years. The biggest attraction is the fact users have access to the new gym 24/7.

Virginia Tech in 2019 with a Masters

in Nutrition and has been involved in

Currently, there are no personal trainers available, but Wilheim is considering for the future.

Already, people are scratching their

head over the unique name of the gym. Wilhelm said a friend came ump with the idea and it sort of just sticked when he kept saying it over and over. Already, the facility has attracted a

national super weightlifting event for later this spring. The World Raw Power Federation WRPF has announced the 2024 BlueRidge Beat Down (Tested) at the at Very Good Gym in Christiansburg on March 23. Registration is now open, and you

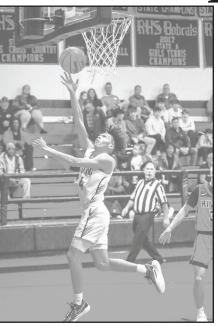
can secure your spot by visiting the event section at the link on the gym's webpage: verygoodgym.org. We feel honored to host an event of

this statue and hope to have more in the future," Wilhelm said.

The gym hopes to have as many as four more events by the end of the year.

Very Good Gym has monthly rates with a 20 percent discount for 'heroes", which include military and those in the EMS, fire and/or police sector.

Radford pulls out win over James River



Mekih Martin glides in for a layup on a fast break for Radford. Martin finished with 13 points.

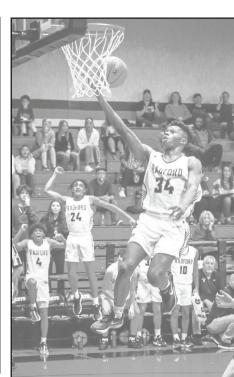
Radford is now 2-0 in Three Rivers District play. The Bobcats also took the junior varsity contest by a 73-6 score.



Reece Honaker scores inside against James River.



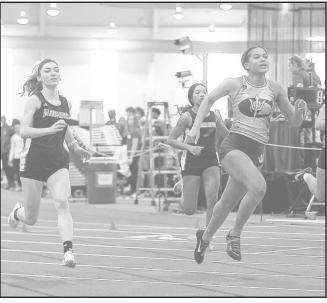
Sincere Taylor gets free in the paint to score a Bobcats' bucket and two of six points in the win.



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Jaden Hendricks scores on a breakaway lay-up in Friday's 55-29 win.

Christiansburg girls first, boys seventh in indoor meet



Christiansburg High School's Leila Haley placed first in the girls 55 Meter at this past week's East Coast Elite indoor meet at Roanoke College.



for the Blue Demons and achieved a personal best with a jump of 6.5 meters.



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meters.



Sophomore Jenna Saia took the girls pole vault competition with a 2.13-meter mark.

Christiansburg downs Blacksburg boys



Mason King (center) weaves his way through the Bruin defense to get to the Demon goal.



Blacksburg's Wade Bland (left) lays up two points in the first quarter against Christiansburg in this past week's Battle of the Burgs. Christiansburg would pull out the



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Bruin Jonathan Joyce gets through the Demon defense to score two points.

NRCC to offer new short-term welding programs

Registration is now open for two new short-term welding training programs at New River Community College, Flux-Cored Arc Welding (FCAW) and Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW).

Both programs are non-credit, and each is a three-

week, six-session program. Students may enroll in the welding classes together or individually. All classes will be taught by NRCC Associate Professor of Welding Josh Graham, CWI, CWE, on NRCC's campus in Dublin in the welding lab.

Students in the GMAW, commonly known as MIG (Metal Inert Gas), program will learn methods and introductory print reading for welding. GMAW processes are used by industry, maintenance repair, and hobbyists. Spray transfer mode, short circuit, and metal art are competencies within the course. GMAW is fast and economical and is used for welding thin-gauge metal as well as heavy plate. Credential

information includes American Welding Society Qualification for GMAW Welding. Test plates are inspected by a Certified Welding Inspector (CWI).

Students in the FCAW program will learn methods and introductory print reading for welding. FCAW processes allow for high quality welds, versatility, and out-of-position welding capability. Gage ability and horizontal/vertical welds are reviewed during this course. The FCAW process is used by manufacturers, industry, and in construction. Credential information includes American Welding Society Qualification for FCAW Welding. Test plates are inspected by a Certified Welding Inspector (CWI).

Course schedules for the upcoming sessions are: GMAW (MIG)- 6 sessions- spray transfer mode, short circuit, metal art

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These courses are two of NRCC's FastForward programs, programs that provide affordable, shortterm training through the Office of Workforce Development. Virginia residents may qualify for special pricing.

To register for either course, visit www. nr.edu/fastforward, call (540) 674-3613, or email WFDtraining@nr.edu.

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something to publish once dailies stopped being our main source of current events.

I probably was a "young gun", but never a "Young Gun," because my powder had dried by the time the Charleston Gazette and the Wheeling Intelligencer started using the term and putting out glossies with 25 or so "under 40 up and comers" in various professions or vocations.

As a "Young Gun" your arrogance has overcome your sense of false modesty and you truly believe you are important. Self-doubt has been replaced by extreme overconfidence. To paraphrase Jimmy Buffett, "you are God's own drunk (drunk with your own self-importance), and a fearless man.'

In hindsight, "Young Gun" status is probably more the result of the skill and connections of your firm's marketing department, and how much of its budget it is willing to throw your way, than any personal accomplishments or characteristics. But it's a good term to apply to the stage after the post law school whippersnapper period.

The third period of a lawyer's career is the "senior lawyer" stage, "senior partner" if you are in a firm and lucky. At this point you have survived being a whippersnapper, if you haven't alienated too many in your firm with your presumptuousness and have found a "niche". As a "Young Gun," you have proven that you know the hallway to the room where the smart people gather, and perhaps you have even gotten a chair at the table in the room at times. And you have worked hard and exuded enough leadership potential and skill that when you reach 40 you are not obsolete. No one wants to be a 45-year-old "young gun" though. They tend to be put in dry dock or sold to a foreign government.

Senior lawyer status, either as partner or with another title, is the space you want to live in for the bulk of your career. This is where you are your own boss (more or less), where you have your own clients, where you have the respect of your colleagues and peers and judges, where you maximize your earning potential. Depending on circumstances and luck, this period kicks in at anywhere from 35-45 years of age and lasts about 25 years.

While "senior lawyer" is generally what you aspire to, it does have its challenges. It's where professional ambition intersects with midlife crisis, where you learn about things like minivans and alimony and tuition, things you were oblivious to as a Young Gun. If you are reasonably levelheaded and responsible, rather than moving to Belize with someone you met in a bar at a legal conference, you end this period by taking pride in putting your kids through college and paying for their weddings and watching them have their own children and achieving Young Gun status themselves. You no longer talk about the law at dinners and prefer people not knowing that's what you do for a living.

The final status of a lawyer's career, at least one in an institutional firm like ours, is "venerable lawyer." As they say, it is at least preferable to reach this stage than to have been denied the opportunity. It is fun in that you can see and maybe even help whippersnappers and young gunners progress in their careers. And finally, it is the point where your experiences can

make a difference, if anyone listens. There are a couple of "substages' here, ones I can relate to. First, "still relevant and not totally out of touch" is much preferable to the "venerable lawyer" phase. You don't stand out so much and you don't feel guilty about having a corner office. But venerability is far better than the "he died at his desk Tuesday, but we didn't find him till Thursday," or "he retired two years ago but didn't tell us" - to be avoided.

"Venerable status" even has something in common presumptuousness whippersnapper and the arrogance of the young gun - as a venerable lawyer, you know it all, you just can't remember it all at once. It's not as much fun as being a beginner or a rising star or in your prime, but it's inevitable if you stay around long enough.

All in all, venerable status is a safe space, even if lonely at times. As Jimmy Buffett sang:

There's nothing that I want to do No place I'm trying to reach Only time is now more precious to The oldest surfer on the beach The oldest surfer on the beach.

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Approximately 500 Montgomery **County Sheriff's Office Calendars** were distributed for 2024, thanks to the hard work of the Citizens Support Group and generosity of

local businesses.

jurisdiction. Montgomery County Sherriff's office recently shared an event that happened on Jan. 13 to raise funds for a local firefighter and EMT with the Radford

Fire Department who is fighting cancer. A benefit breakfast happened on Jan. 13, with proceeds going to Jeremy Compton, firefighter and EMT with Radford Fire Department. Compton has served the public for over 15 years but has been fighting cancer since 2021. Any donations and funds raised during Saturday's event, as well as ongoing fundraising will go to Compton's cancer treatment and recovery.

The Citizens Support Group also receives some direct donations from citizens. Businesses may offer a gift card or do a calendar advertisement. Some



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Chic-fil-A donated food that was presented to local law enforcement by the Citizens Support Group on Jan. 9 for Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.

of each other, no matter where their businesses may offer a gift "in kind" for an advertisement in the calendar.

"All of the sheriff's office and police departments have good relationships, so it is good to work in an area where that is true," Fran Hester said.

To find out more information about the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office - Citizens Support Group, interested parties may visit their Facebook page. This group does not only serve the sheriff and their deputies but also other law enforcement groups in the area.

Christiansburg Police Citizen Support Group has been active for many years as well and provides a lot of support to local law enforcement. Interested residents that wish to become involved in the Christiansburg group can access the membership application at www. christiansburg.org.

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average is down 1.4 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 23.9 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.

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

\$3.15/g (U.S. Average: \$3.28/g)

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\$2.53/g) gasoline U.S. Historical 15, 2017: January the \$2.22/g (U.S. Average: Houthi \$2.34/g) January 15, 2016: \$1.74/g (U.S. Average: January 15, 2023: \$1.92/g) January 15, 2015: \$2.01/g (U.S. Average: January 15, 2022: \$2.07/g) January 15, 2014: \$3.20/g (U.S. Average: 15, 2021: \$3.30/g) inventories Neighboring areas and their current gas prices: Roanoke-\$2.84/g,down 3.7 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.88/g. Richmond-\$2.89/g, down 1.2 cents per gallon

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a mixed bag for gasoline prices, with prices increasing early on but falling again in recent days as the situation in the Red Sea continues to drive market volatility," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "While last week saw attacking militants engaged in attacks on vessels in the Red Sea, oil prices jumped, but then promptly fell as economic concerns with weak demand sapped the upward move after the U.S. and allies attacked Houthi rebels. Gasoline also another large rise, putting some downward pressure on gas prices, and leaving an opportunity for the national average to potentially briefly fall below \$3 per gallon. We'll have to see if the stars finally align for such

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