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Keynote speaker announced for 2024 New River Symposium

Chief Jamie Poteat Harris, the Chief of the New River Catawba Nation, will be the Keynote Speaker for 2024 New River Symposium, April 11-12, at Radford University.

Chief Harris will open the Friday, April 12, 2024 session at 9 a.m. New River Symposium is a biannual event celebrating the social, economic, and scientific value of the New River, bringing together the river's diverse constituents and providing a forum for partnership, research, and policy development.

Members of the New River Catawba Nation are the modern-day descendants of the original Catawba people who migrated here around 1200 AD. In their language, Tla Wilano, they are known as the Waghattamnegleechee Odah. The

Catawba originated as an Eastern Siouan Nation who, since "time immemorial" have occupied lands in the mountains, foothills and Piedmont regions of North Carolina and Virginia.

"We are incredibly honored to have Chief Harris as our Keynote Speaker for the 2024 New River Symposium," said Elizabeth Underwood, Executive Director for the New River Conservancy. "The theme this year is 'Rivers Cubed: Reconnect, Restore, Recreate.' As a descendant of the original Catawba people, Chief Harris not only brings a wealth of knowledge, a sense of continuity and place to our event, she is a link in which we can reconnect to the past of our beloved New River."

As Chief, Harris serves as the contact person between the Tribe and both Federal

and State agencies. She oversees all Tribe activities and is the "face" of the New River Catawba Nation at all public functions.

Chief Harris attended Lenoir- Rhyne University where she obtained degrees in both Biology and Secondary Science Education. She taught in North Carolina public schools for 31 years. Her favorite topic, because of her Native American upbringing, was Earth/ Environmental Science. When teaching Earth/ Environmental Science, Chief Harris was able to pass on the Native American view of our planet, its resources and our obligation to be good stewards of Mother Earth. She is also the author of "History of



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PHOTO COURTESY OF YOUTUBE

This screenshot of the Radford Raptor Cam shows the activity in the osprey nest Monday, April 1, 2024 at 3:30 p.m.

Osprey cam has Radford community enraptured by raptors

RADFORD – A live stream available on YouTube is keeping people up-to-date on the lives of a nesting pair of osprey on the Radford University campus.

The birds, who form a mating pair for life, have one egg in their nest as of Monday afternoon.

Bob Sheehy, Ph.D., Radford University Emeritus Professor of Biology, writes the following about the cam, and the inhabitants of the nest being filmed:

In early March, ospreys returned to Radford University, continuing a tradition of nesting on our main

campus this time of year. Clyde Kessler, a local ornithologist, first observed the nest in May 2019. It has been active every year since.

In anticipation of the birds' return migration, a camera was

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PHOTO BY RYAN ANDERSON FOR VIRGINIA TECH

Sen. Mark Warner (at left) started a conversation with biotechnology industry leaders for a roundtable conversation on research, innovation, and economic development this week at the Fralin Biomedical Research Institute at VTC in Roanoke.

Sen. Mark Warner convenes biotech leaders in Roanoke and New River valleys

A rare glimpse of the biotechnology ecosystem in the region occurred this week when U.S. Sen. Mark Warner convened many of its tech sector leaders at the Fralin Biomedical Research Institute at VTC.

The Research, Innovation, and Economic Development in Biotech event highlighted progress and potential as well as Virginia's proposed research triangle, which primarily includes Virginia Tech and the research institute, the University of Virginia, and Virginia Commonwealth University.

"To have Sen. Warner here, and this group of stakeholders together, is a special day for us to be able to share our common goals and interests," said Michael Friedlander, executive director of the research institute and Virginia Tech's vice president for health sciences and technology. "With such a well-informed, influential, and supportive person as a Sen. Warner sharing a dialogue with us, I think great things are going to come out of this meeting."

"It was a wonderful opportunity to get all of our partners together

across these sectors that all support the biotechnology enterprise in the region. And to have Sen. Warner convene us was a very nice twist in the sense that he has a lot of insights at the federal level and certainly in Virginia," Sands said. "Having all these people who represent different parts of the ecosystem on hand to hear the same messages really knits everyone together. It was fantastic."

As the chairman of the U.S. Senate's intelligence committee, Warner sees the kind of research

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Atlanta Rhythm Section coming to NRCC

Rock band Atlanta Rhythm Section will perform Friday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m. at New River Community College in Dublin. The event is part of the NRCC 2023-2024 Concert Series.

Tickets for the show are on sale now. Reserved seating tickets are \$40 in advance and available for purchase online only at www.nr.edu/concerts. General seating tickets are \$30 in advance and available online or in-person at the NRCC Business Office, 23 Godbey Hall, Dublin (cash and checks only for in-person sales). General seating tickets will be \$35, and reserved seating tickets will be \$45 when purchased at the door.

The Atlanta Rhythm Section (ARS) came together in 1970 after working on a Roy Orbison recording session.

Keyboardist Dean Daughtry and drummer Robert Nix had been members of Orbison's backing group, the Candymen, and Daughtry and guitarist J.R. Cobb had been members of the Top 40 hitmakers Classics IV. Rounding out the original ARS lineup were vocalist Rodney Justo (replaced after the first album by Ronnie Hammond), guitarist Barry Bailey, and bassist Paul Goddard.

In 1977, "So In To You" became the band's breakthrough single, reaching the U.S. Top 10, and the album from which it came, A Rock And Roll Alternative, went gold. Their platinum follow-up album, Champagne Jam, broke into the Top 10 in 1978, together with the blockbuster single "Imaginary Lover" ("I'm Not Gonna Let It Bother Me Tonight" was another major hit from the same album). Nix left after that, replaced on drums by

Roy Yeager. During this time, ARS also performed at the White House for President Jimmy Carter.

After an extended break, the band got back together in the mid-'90s and re-recorded some of their best and best-known songs. The live-in-the-studio sound of ARS '96 presents a different, less polished take on some classic tunes and captures the sound of their live performances from that period. Three original band members returned including singer Ronnie Hammond, guitarist Barry Bailey and keyboardist Dean Daughtry. They were joined by Steve Stone on guitar, Justin Senker on bass and Sean Burke on drums. The group also cut a second version of these songs with the same lineup except for new drummer R. J. Vealey. It was around this time that ARS was elected to the Georgia Music Hall of Fame. The band was honored at a September 1996 induction ceremony at the Georgia World Congress Center. In 2001, lead singer Ronnie Hammond made a commitment to perform with the ensemble touring group Voices of Classic Rock, and this led to a parting of ways with ARS.

Original singer Rodney Justo and original bassist Paul Goddard returned to ARS in 2011 after lengthy absences from the group. Goddard passed away April 29, 2014 of cancer in Atlanta.

NRCC is a Crooked Road, Virginia's Heritage Music Trail, affiliated venue. Doors will open for the show at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.nr.edu/concerts. Questions may be directed to Tim Jones at 540-674-3625.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, April 4:

American Legion meeting

The American Legion, Harvey Howe Carper Post 30 will meet at 6 p.m. at the VFW Post Home on 102 Watts St. in Radford. For further information, please call 540-250-2283 or 540-239-9864.

Southwest Virginia College and University Pop-up Event

New event brings together Bluefield University, Emory & Henry College, Ferrum College, New River Community College, Radford University and Roanoke College, giving future students a chance to meet college representatives in the New River Valley. Free event will occur at New River Valley Community Colleges' Christiansburg mall location in Christiansburg, 6 to 8:30 p.m., with representatives from different colleges sharing insights about educational opportunities.

Saturday, April 6:

Skipper Cannon Firing

Skipper, the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets cannon, will be fired once on Saturday, April 6 at 10:30 a.m. on the Drillfield as part of the opening celebration for The Big Event at Virginia Tech. The Big Event is a student-run day of service. Thousands of students and university employees come together to complete nearly 1,200 community service projects throughout Blacksburg, Christiansburg, and the New River Valley.

NRCC offering free computer tune up

On Cyber Day anyone can bring their laptops, desktops, tablets and phones for a free tune up and virus scan. The NRCC Computer Club is hosting the event 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in 133 & 134 Godbey Hall at NRCC in Dublin. Several students and Dr. David Filer, NRCC information systems technology professor, will be working on the systems at the event. Any Windows or Android device is welcome. The NRCC Computer Club focuses on the skills of repairing and creating computers for campus and community use. For more

information about Cyber Day, contact Filer at dfiler@nr.edu or (540) 674-3600, ext. 4272.

NRCC Family Fun Festival and Campus Cruise In

New River Community College's Campus Cruise In will be held 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. in parking lot E at NRCC in Dublin. The Campus Cruise In will feature classic cars from regional car club members. The event is sponsored by the automotive technology department, is family-friendly, open to the public and free of charge. The Family Fun Festival and NRCC's Cyber Day event will also be going on during the Cruise In. The Family Fun Festival will include a variety of activities for adults and children.

Monday, April 8:

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, April 9:

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 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.

Radford City School Board meeting

The Radford City School Board will convene for its regular meeting at 6 p.m. at the School Administration Building. The agenda for the meeting can be viewed at www.rcps.org.

Saturday, April 13:

Mount Tabor Ruritan Biscuit Breakfast

Mount Tabor Ruritan Club will be serving up hot biscuits topped with delicious sausage gravy, or with the latest batch of our "world-famous" apple butter, with scrambled eggs, orange juice and coffee; 8 to 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Slusser's Chapel, 1543 Mount Tabor Rd, Blacksburg.

It is fundraiser for our club to help us as we serve our community, and donations will be accepted for the breakfast. There will be sign-up information available for our newest community initiative -- Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. This is the last breakfast until October.

On-going:

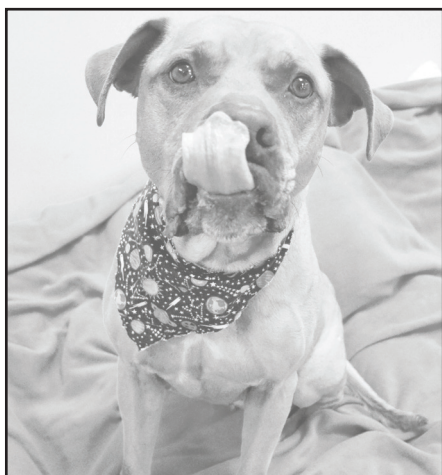
Radford Noon Rotary Club's Field of Honor

The Field of Honor will be installed on the grounds of Glencoe Mansion, Museum and Gallery prior to Memorial Day and will be displayed until the Fourth of July. The Radford Noon Rotary Club is looking for people to sponsor flags. Individual flags are \$50. Corporate Sponsorship is: Bronze - \$250; Silver - \$500; Gold - \$1000; and Platinum - \$2500. For further questions, and to register, contact rotary.club.of.radford.noon@gmail.com.

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.

Rango is a sweet boy with a laid-back personality. He gladly follows a "sit" or "down" command for a yummy treat. Rango also appears to get along with other dogs. Stop by the Animal Care and Adoption Center to meet this pawsome dog!



Happy boy Frank has a zest for life! He's a younger dog who is energetic and friendly towards his fellow pups as well as humans. He enjoys playing with toys, including things that squeak and things that bounce. As for treats? Yes, Frank loves those, too.

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going on at Virginia Tech with partners at Carilion Clinic and the Children's National Research & Innovation Campus in Washington, D.C., as potentially fitting into the national security envelope.

"National security is no longer simply who has the most tanks and guns and ships and plans, it's who's going to dominate in a variety of technology domains [such as] synthetic biology, bio-manufacturing, and the next generation of biotech," Warner said. "In so many ways, what is happening at Fralin Biomedical Research Institute and at the medical school is really cutting edge. The next generation of bio is something I'd love to be an advocate for."

"What we're building together is attracting the brightest minds in health care, technology, and research who are putting their ideas to work here," said Carilion Clinic CEO Nancy Agee. "It's exciting to think about the cures, therapies, and medications of tomorrow that will be developed here and benefit patients everywhere."

The roundtable included more than two dozen biotech, health care, economic, and academic leaders from the region and the state, including Joe Benevento, Virginia's deputy secretary of commerce and trade and interim CEO of the Virginia Innovation Partnership Corp., and Heywood Fralin, Roanoke businessman, economic development proponent and the namesake benefactor of the Fralin Biomedical Research Institute. Fralin noted that the broad region of the Roanoke and New River valleys and the area around Martinsville and Danville to the south was the fastest growing economically in the last year, according to Virginia data.

Friedlander cited the research institute's growth from its opening 14

years ago to more than 40 faculty-led research teams this year. The research institute, with over 500 employees and students, holds more than \$220 million in current active outside funding. Its funding per faculty member rivals some of the country's larger and more established research centers. He also noted the globally rich talent pool that the research institute draws upon is a major contributor to its success and that is at least partly attributable to the welcoming environment provided by the Roanoke community, consistent with Warner's assessment of the impact on our nation's global competitiveness.

A panel discussion featured Erin Burcham, president of Verge Alliance and executive director of the Roanoke-Blacksburg Technology Council; Tony Seupaul, executive vice president and chief physician executive at Carilion Clinic; Sarah Snider, CEO and co-founder of BEAM Diagnostics, a company founded from research at Fralin Biomedical Research Institute that develops technology to support behavioral health care; and Rob Gourdie, a research institute professor and founder of the Tiny Cargo Co., which is developing a therapeutic drug delivery system.

Moderated by Virginia Tech Associate Vice President for Innovation and Partnerships Brandy Salmon, panelists extolled the support from Virginia Tech, the research institute, state and local governments, and RAMP, Roanoke's start-up business accelerator program. Multiple attendees also noted that Roanoke's natural beauty, outdoor amenities, and vibrant arts scene are valuable assets for drawing the people needed to grow the biotech sector.

Leigh Anne Kelley and John Pastor for Virginia Tech

'Women in Appalachia' exhibit spotlights how food and crafting created community

Kaitlynn Harless, a graduate student in history, created the Newman Library exhibit "Women in Appalachia: Food, Drink, and Community," which is located on the fourth floor of Newman Library through March, to honor the resilience, creativity, and generosity of Appalachia's community-centered women.

Her masters' degree thesis is based on her research about Appalachian women during the West Virginia mine wars in the 1910s, when coal miners attempted to unionize. Life was hard, but many of the women describe these times as the best in their lives.

Why?

"It has to do with the community they built with each other. Many lived in tents with dirt floors, but they could gather with other women and share the load of cooking, childcare, and other household tasks. They connected," said Harless. "I created the exhibit from the research I'm already doing to give library visitors a broader idea of the life and role of women in Appalachia through the decades."

The exhibit highlights a slice of women's history in the Appalachian region focusing on food, crafting, and activism.

"The best part about creating this exhibit is thinking about the story I want to tell," said Harless. "Each section tells a story about their lives with the thread of community connecting them."

Food and community

"Through the tough times, they worked together to make it by community gardening and cooking," said Harless. "They relied on each other as much as themselves and were generous with their knowledge and time."

Recipe sharing created a sense of community

through the sharing of knowledge. The exhibit features handwritten recipe cards with information about the cook and her kin. Black-and-white photographs of the apple butter-making process from picking apples to carrying full baskets to the large iron pot placed over an open fire. Even moonshine recipes and histories illuminate the experiences and traditions of generations.

Artifacts such as a two-foot-tall blue and white metal coffee pot, a Norfolk and Western Railway bowl and saucer, and a well-used cast iron skillet tell the story of gatherings, special events, and the role food played in fostering friendship.

Crafts and caring

Appalachian women were hard-working and caring. They shared their knowledge of recipes, yarn dying, sewing, and quilting.

The women would come together for potluck quilting parties sharing their creativity and knowledge and showing off their favorite meal recipes. During these events, women would find the friendship, community, and support that made life fun. There were competitions for the prettiest and best workmanship. Many would donate their winnings to their church for a new carpet or other improvements.

Making a difference

The exhibit also describes women's activism as community members and caregivers in Appalachia. They were just as aggressive as men as they stood up for coal miners' rights and protested on picket lines alongside husbands, fathers, and sons.

Montgomery County librarians created a bookmobile to reach children along the mountainous roads of Southwest Virginia. Many of the books were donated by community members, and the children kept them



PHOTO BY CHASE PARKER FOR VIRGINIA TECH

In exhibit cases, the stories of Appalachia's women are told through photographs, handwritten recipes and accounts, newspaper clippings, and daily life tools.

until the bookmobile returned to their area.

"The bookmobile demonstrates the community activism of women librarians' dedication to sharing books and knowledge with rural families," said Harless.

From the past to the future

Harless will graduate in May with the stories of the past melding with her future ambitions.

"As a graduate assistant in the University Libraries, I've been able to dig into the archives and tell these important stories of strong and determined women," said Harless. "In the future, I want to work with a historical society or museum to continue to highlight stories through exhibits and programs."

Ann Brown for Virginia Tech

NRCC students win poetry and visual arts contests; poet earns spot to compete for statewide title

New River Community College (NRCC) is pleased to announce the winners of its inaugural Virginia Community College System Poetry & Visual Arts Competition.

Participating students submitted original poetry and visual artworks during February and March interpreting the theme “I belong.” The program aimed to foster a sense of community and belonging at NRCC and across the Virginia Community College System. Twenty of the 23 colleges in the VCCS participated in this first year of the Poetry & Arts Competition, which was supported by the VCCS Advisory Council on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Culture.

Poet Laureate Winners: 1st Place: Ruth Johnson with *The Darkness Feels Warm*; 2nd Place: Sydney Proctor with *Your “World”*; 3rd Place: Jacob Hall with *Through Him I Find Life*; Honorary Mention: Cameron Flinchum with *Gaia’s Open Arms*.

Visual Luminary Winners: 1st Place: Jordan Perfater with *Nature’s Calling*; 2nd Place: Amara Freeman with *A Work in Progress*; 3rd Place: Kyle Scarrette with *The Hobbyist-I Belong in the Communities of My Craft*; Honorable Mention: Afton Thompson with *Eye of Belonging*.

“NRCC is extremely proud of our poet and artist winners and the creativity they displayed during these competitions,” said Dr. Pat Huber, NRCC president.

Winners at NRCC received ribbons, and the art contestants are exhibited in the Fletcher Gallery until the end of the semester. Johnson also won a spot to compete for statewide honors. College poetry winners from across Virginia will participate at a live performance of their original theme-related poems at the Dickinson Fine and Performing Arts Center at Piedmont Virginia Community College in Charlottesville on April 6 and a chance to be named “Poet Laureate” of Virginia’s Community Colleges. A panel of distinguished judges will determine the winner of the competition based on the individual’s original poetry, a private interview, and the Saturday performance.

“The work of our students is wonderful,” said VCCS Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer Carla Kimbrough. “I’m so grateful to college



PHOTO COURTESY OF NRCC

Jordan Perfater’s “Nature’s Calling”

coordinators who organized the competitions at their colleges, and the judges at the college level who helped us find true gems of creativity in this inaugural event. We are so excited to showcase the message of belonging from our talented poets and visual artists from so many of our colleges at our April 6 event.”

With the support of Virginia’s Humanities, the

winners from all 20 participating colleges will have their poetry and visual arts featured in a book to be published this summer. The Virginia Humanities grant also supported professional development for the college poet laureates and top visual artists.

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installed on the nest through a collaborative effort involving the Departments of Biology and Geology, University Advancement, Facilities Management, Information Technology Services and Marketing and Communication, and with the support of CMG Leasing.

Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*) are birds of prey that are almost exclusively fish eaters. In higher latitudes, fish become unavailable in winter, so the birds in these areas migrate. Our birds are likely migrating to the Caribbean or South America each winter and returning for nesting in mid-March to early April.

Ospreys form permanent pairings

and will return to use the same nest year after year. The nesting season starts with the pair adding to the nest, which increases in size each year, often becoming quite large. Copulations take place in the nest, and the female will lay two to four eggs several days apart. While incubation is done primarily by the female, the male will help with this task as well. Incubation lasts approximately 40 days. Young ospreys grow quickly and are ready to fledge about two-and-a-half months after hatching. Highlanders who tune into the video feed will be able to distinguish the male from the female osprey based on size. The females are noticeably larger than

the males.

One of only six species of land birds with worldwide distribution, the osprey population decreased by an estimated 90% in the 1950s and '60s due to the widespread use of pesticides such as DDT. Since the U.S. ban on DDT in 1972, the population of ospreys has been slowly increasing. Radford University has seen the benefit of this increase and strives to support this conservation effort as part of the River Campus initiative. The installation of artificial nest platforms has been shown to aid in this recovery effort, and members of the university community, in partnership with the city, are exploring the construction

of additional nesting sites along Radford’s riverway.

NOTE: The safety and well-being of the ospreys are of paramount importance, so please respect their rights to nest without human interference. We encourage members of the Radford community to observe these birds via the video feed. Harassing nesting ospreys violates the Federal Migratory Bird Act, and shooting drone video footage of the birds in their nesting habitat or disturbing them in any other way is strictly prohibited.

Staff report

Food production using controlled environment agriculture and agrivoltaics systems could become the new normal

New research from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Virginia Tech suggests that technologies such as controlled environment agriculture and agrivoltaics may become part of the future of farming.

Controlled environment agriculture systems are typically enclosed or indoors. They include greenhouses, vertical farms, and hydroponics that use horticultural and engineering techniques beyond traditional, soil-based outdoor production. Agrivoltaics involve the use of land for both farming and solar photovoltaic energy generation.

A recent publication by USDA and Virginia Tech researchers highlights that these innovative techniques could increase yields, enhance nutrition, improve access to local foods, and provide better year-round access to fresh food than traditional large-scale outdoor production.

The research team found that even though these systems face technological and economic challenges,



PHOTO BY RAY MEESE FOR VIRGINIA TECH

The Institute for Advanced Learning and Research (IALR) is partnering with the Virginia Tech School of Plant and Environmental Sciences and the Virginia Seafood Agricultural Research and Extension Center to launch a Controlled Environment Agriculture Innovation Center on IALR’s campus in Danville.

they are part of a long history of advancing technology for the U.S. agricultural sector.

The team was led by Erik Dohlman with Karen Maguire, Wilma Davis, Megan Husby, and Catharine Weber, all economists with

the USDA’s Economic Research Service. Virginia Tech researchers included John Bovay, assistant professor and Kohl Junior Faculty Fellow in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences’ Department of Agricultural and

Applied Economics, and Yoonjung Lee, a graduate student in the department.

While these new technologies may not replace conventional

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Food City launches innovative new Ship to Home service

Food City is announcing the launch of an innovative new platform designed to assist customers in purchasing items typically not found in traditional supermarkets.

Food City’s Ship to Home (www.FoodCityShips.com) service enables customers to shop for hard-to-find items online and have them conveniently delivered to their door by FedEx. With nearly 30,000 available items, customers can choose from a wide variety of categories, including pet care, pantry staples, refrigerated and frozen foods, beverages, and more.

“Food City was one of the first retailers in our market to offer online ordering and curbside pick-up. We’re excited to launch our new Ship to Home service which will provide our valued customers access to thousands of additional items, combined with the convenience of direct-to-home delivery,” says Steven C. Smith, Food City president and chief executive officer.

FoodCityShips.com boasts an extensive

inventory sourced from over 1,000 different food manufacturers. Customers can explore a diverse range of offerings, including over 700 gluten free items, 2,000 natural and specialty items, 700 sauces, herbs, spices, and seasonings, 500 decadent desserts, 2,000 candy and snack items, and an impressive selection of over 15,000 restaurant-grade items.

Having commenced operations on a limited basis in January, www.FoodCityShips.com is now accessible to all shoppers.

Food City

FISH DAY

It’s Time to Stock Your Pond!
DELIVERY WILL BE: Thursday, April 18th
Christiansburg 10:45-11:30
@Southern States
Wytheville 12:30-1:15
@Farmers Milling & Supply
“LIKE” us on Facebook!
FISH WAGON
To Place an Order Call: 1-800-643-8439
www.fishwagon.com

OPINION

Delegate agrees with Youngkin vetoes

Although the Virginia General Assembly's 2024 regular session is now complete, work continues in regard to Governor Youngkin's action on the hundreds of bills sent to him for consideration by the House and Senate. The Governor has signed over 100 bills into law at the time of this writing, and he has also vetoed 34 pieces of legislation (with more vetoes expected this week). Many of the governor's recent vetoes revolve primarily around public safety related legislation, and fortunately, his veto pen is protecting Virginians from dozens of bad ideas passed forth from the Democrat-controlled General Assembly.

Among those "bad ideas" is House Bill 455, which would have allowed prosecutors to charge possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance as a misdemeanor. Before the bill was amended, this also included fentanyl, which means that a person could have been charged with a misdemeanor for possessing up to 500 fatal doses of this deadly drug. This bill undermines the seriousness of drug offenses, and it will unfortunately lead to a public perception that possession of a scheduled drug such as cocaine or heroin is not a serious offense; akin to underage alcohol possession. Such perception would hinder our efforts to combat drug crises, such as the opioid epidemic. As a society, we can be fair to those who seek recovery while also providing strong legal disincentives to the abuse of substances that destroy families and lives.



Delegate Jason Ballard

Virginia General Assembly

Another public safety bill that met Governor Youngkin's veto pen is House Bill 972, which prohibited courts from inquiring into a defendant's immigration status. Deportation is a serious outcome for non-citizens convicted of crimes. However, courts must absolutely have the right to inquire as to the immigration status of a defendant, as it is relevant information to the way the justice system should handle a potential flight risk. Such limitations on the information available to courts risk impeding their ability to adjudicate cases fairly and accurately, potentially resulting in severe consequences for the public.

Also vetoed by Governor Youngkin was House Bill 77, which sought to minimize sentencing – even retroactively – for those who commit robberies in Virginia. This proposal obviously poses significant public safety consequences for the Commonwealth, further reducing the tiered penalties for the different types of robberies. The Department

of Corrections has reported that as of March 1, 2024, approximately 3,340 inmates with robbery as their most serious offense are incarcerated. Of the cohort of inmates released last July and August with enhanced earned sentence credits, 804 were re-arrested within three months of their release date. 50 of those who were re-arrested committed a robbery offense. Releasing violent offenders early harms our communities, and this bill further erodes the public's confidence in safe streets.

It's truly disappointing to see the Democratic majority's focus on pandering to those who break our laws instead of embracing policies that make our communities safer. Fortunately, Governor Youngkin is a reliable backstop against many of these policies becoming law – this year. Victims of violent crime – and anyone who values safe communities – should remember General Assembly Democrats' priorities come next election season.

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.

AARP Virginia Fraud Alert: Celebrity scams in the age of AI

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is the new shiny object that has captured the world's attention. It's also captured the attention of criminal scammers who are using it to make their fraudulent schemes more realistic than ever. One area where AI scams are particularly dangerous is celebrity impostor scams.

For many years criminals have been impersonating celebrities

online to steal from fans. Fake celebrity profiles offer fans personal connection, VIP access, investment opportunities or the chance to support favorite charities. These criminals attempt to create a bond through messaging or even a phone call from their "rep." With the power of AI, these scams can move from messaging to deepfake videos. Recent fake celebrity product

endorsements impersonating Dolly Parton, Elon Musk and Tom Hanks demonstrate just how convincing these schemes can be.

Posting on a celebrity's social media account might be exciting, but it could put you at risk of this impostor scam. In whatever way you choose to enjoy your favorite celebs, do so recognizing that an opportunity to personally connect

with them is likely a scam. 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.

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Gas prices take slight dip in Virginia

Average gasoline prices in Virginia have fallen 2.1 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.43/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 4,081 stations in Va. Prices in Virginia are 23.7 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 3.8 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has declined 2.9 cents in the last week and stands at \$3.99 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Virginia was priced at \$2.99/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$4.10/g, a difference of \$1.11/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$2.99/g while the highest was \$4.10/g, a difference of

\$1.11/g.

The national average price of gasoline is unchanged in the last week, averaging \$3.51/g today. The national average is up 16.1 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 0.9 cents per gallon higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 U.S. gas stations.

"No April Fools' joke: the national average price of gasoline has finally slowed a bit after four weeks of notable increases, stalling in the mid-\$3.50s for the last week or two, while the average for diesel fell back below \$4 per gallon—not a bad week for motorists as rising demand

would normally put solid upward pressure on prices," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "For now, motorists have a bit of a reprieve from the constant big weekly price jumps. While we seem to be nearing a short-term peak, one word of caution for those in the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast: you haven't yet finished the transition to summer gasoline, so you may experience some sticker shock in a few weeks. Be prepared for somewhat of a punch. For the rest of the nation, so long as we don't see extenuating circumstances, we're likely close to a top in prices. Let's hope it pans out and sticks!"

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 1. Colas
 7. Single-celled animals
 13. The rear car of a train
 14. Endangered
 16. It cools your home
 17. Helper
 19. "The First State"
 20. More aged
 22. Partner to cheese
 23. Type of wrap
 25. From a distance
 26. Satisfies
 28. "Dallas Buyers' Club" actor Jared
 29. God of battle (Scandinavian)
 30. Cooking utensil
 31. Soviet Socialist Republic
 33. Able to perform
 34. Big man on campus
 36. Second epoch of the Tertiary period

CLUES DOWN
 1. Calm down
 2. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
 3. One who pretends
 4. Hang glide
 5. Distinctive practice
 6. Mariner
 7. Peaks
 8. Queens ballplayer
 9. Geological times
 10. Twofold
 11. Atomic #13
 12. Tranquillizing
 13. Metric weight unit
 15. Indicated
 18. Unwanted rodent
 21. Partly cooked with hot water
 24. One who can be recommended
 26. Resembles a bag or pouch
 27. Midway between south and southeast
 30. Sets up for a photo

CLUES DOWN
 32. California white oak
 35. More (Spanish)
 37. After B
 38. Decorated tea urn
 39. Island
 42. Car mechanics group
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 46. Cut a rug
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 49. Speech in praise of a deceased person
 50. European buzzard
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OBITUARIES

Duffy, Jr., Finch Weston

Finch Weston "Frank" Duffy, Jr., 82, of Radford, passed away Monday, April 1, 2024.

He was a proud U. S. Marine and retired from the Virginia State Police with 30 years' service. Frank was preceded in death by his parents, Finch Sr. and Lelia Duffy; and sister, Norma Jean Hatcher.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Barbara F. Duffy; son, Alan Duffy (DeEtta Ray);



many beloved nieces and nephews; and other relatives and friends.

The family will receive

friends 10 - 11:30 a.m. Thursday, April 4, 2024, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services will begin at 11:30 a.m. with Rev. Mike Honaker officiating. Interment with full military honors with follow in the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin.

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

Gilbert, Bobby Earl

Bobby Earl Gilbert, 80, of Elliston, died Friday, Mar. 29, 2024, at his home.

He was born in Welch, W.Va. Oct. 6, 1943, to the late Taulbee and Eva Pryor Gilbert. He was also preceded in death by his first wife, Alma Lee Gilbert; his second wife, Barbara Lee Gilbert; a son, Bobby Lee Gilbert; brothers Jimmy, Ernie, Billy, and Roger Gilbert; and sisters Peggy Songer and Mary Miller.

He is survived by his



daughters, Alice Theis (Butch), Lori Duncan and Kathy Campbell (J.D); grandchildren Jessica,

Travis, Brandon, Amy, Timmy, Andy, Chris and Robin; 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; a sister, Pat Main; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were conducted Tuesday, April 2, 2024 in the Roselawn Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Wes Connor and Rev. Mike Sanborn officiating. The family received friends Monday, April 1, 2024 at McCoy Funeral Home.

Everhart, Sr., James Ernest

James Ernest Everhart, Sr., 80, passed away Wednesday, Mar. 27, 2024. Jimmy was born May 18, 1943, in Loudoun County, the son of the late Calvin Everhart and Margie Fleming.

He was a proud Vietnam veteran having served as a Sgt. in the U. S. Army as a helicopter crew chief to the Lt. Col. from 1967 - 69. He was a member of the Radford VFW Post #776 and the American Legion - Dublin Post # 58 where he was a member of the honor guard for many years. In his early years he was an auto mechanic and moved on to spend his career as a master carpenter and had built many buildings and homes in the Northern Virginia and NRV areas.

He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He was a great storyteller and shared his life experiences with others. He liked classic cars



and had quite a collection of different models.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Jeanne (Ray) Phillipson.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, June H. Everhart; children, Anne Elizabeth Helms (Robert) and James E. Everhart, Jr. (April); grandchildren, James Everhart III (Misha You), Devon Everhart (Samantha), and Carissa "Ashley" Helms (Svenja Williams); great grandchildren, Magnolia Dean Everhart and Greyson

Piercy; brothers and sisters-in-laws, Barrett and Peggy Everhart, and Randolph and Linda Everhart; sister and brother-in-law, Patricia and Bill Rutter; honorary brothers, Gary Harris and Ray Powell; and many other relatives and friends.

The family received friends Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at the funeral home with Rev. Don Shelor officiating. Interment with full military honors will follow in the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin.

In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions to the VFW Post #776, 913 Second St., Radford, VA 24141.

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

Holmes, William Lynn

William Lynn Holmes, 54, of Riner, went to be with his Heavenly Father, Friday, March 29, 2024, at Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

He was born May 15, 1969. He was preceded in death by his father, Jessie Holmes. Willie was a member of Walton Pentecostal Holiness Church.

He is survived by his wife, Rexella Holmes; daughters, Felicity Holmes and Phoebe Holmes; mother, Darlene



Holmes; sisters, Kimberly Albert, Theresa Holmes, Elizabeth Holmes, and Jessica Roop (Jason); brother, Allen Holmes

(Marie); several nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted, Thursday, April 4, 2024, at 11 a.m. in the Walton Pentecostal Holiness Church with the Pastor Lee Sarver officiating. Interment will follow in the Roselawn Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends Wednesday April 3, 2024, 4-6 p.m. at McCoy Funeral Home, 150 Country Club Dr. S.W., Blacksburg.

Koland, Judy

A memorial service for Judy Koland of Morris, Minn., will be held Saturday, April 6, 2024, at 1 p.m. at the Pedersen Funeral Home in Morris, with Reverend Emmy Swedlund officiating. Visitation will begin at noon until the time of service at the funeral home. Entombment will be at the St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Christiansburg at a later date.

Mary Judith 'Judy' Templeman was born July 8, 1935 to Milo William and Marion Julia (Galpin) Templeman in Muscatine, Iowa. She was baptized and confirmed in the Episcopal faith. Judy attended Muscatine Grade School and graduated in 1953 from the Muscatine High School. She went on to the University of Iowa where she earned a Bachelor's of Arts Degree in Music. She married Clyde Johnson and they had four children.

In earlier years, Judy was busy raising four boys, much of it on her own. Once the four boys were safely in school, Judy started her professional career. She spent several years as an elementary music teacher, worked as an optometric assistant and served as news director at the local radio station for several years. She also served a term as a city council member in Morris. After leaving Morris, she continued her education in Special Education and worked



many years as a special ed paraprofessional.

On July 31, 1981, Judy and Lennerd 'Laddie' Koland were united in marriage at the Isanti County Court House in Cambridge, Minn. She welcomed Laddie's children, and eventually their children into her life. Judy was an active member of the Episcopal Church. Her faith was very important to her and passed that down through the generations. She was a current member of the St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Christiansburg.

Judy loved to golf; while in Morris, she was a member of the Pomme de Terre Golf Course and enjoyed playing on summer days with her group of friends on Ladies' Day. Wherever she and Laddie moved to, they found a course to play on, and were especially fond of The Hill course in Christiansburg.

She was a huge opera fan, listening to the Metropolitan Opera every available Saturday afternoon. She left this world with opera playing

in her room and her family by her side.

Judy died Thursday, Feb. 29, 2024, at The Legacy in Morris, Minn. She was 88 years old.

Judy is survived by her husband, Laddie Koland; her sons Jeff (Anne) Johnson, Joe (Sandie) Johnson, Jon (Renee) Johnson, and Matt (Amanda) Johnson; 12 grandchildren: Nick (Shae) Johnson, Steve (Nellie) Johnson, Kyle Anderson, Tricia (Steven) Murphy, Joshua (Megan Peterson) Johnson, Rachel Johnson, Jessica Steffen, Mark (Becky) Steffen, Madelaine Johnson, MacKenzie (Sean) Hammer, Jacob Johnson, and Jaret (Gwen Hanson) Johnson; nine great-grandchildren: Clyde Johnson, Tiger Ann Johnson, Lucie Jonson, Clara Peterson, Oberon Steffen, Raven Steffen, Ellie Hammer, Max Hammer, and Luke Hammer; two children by marriage: Lisa (Dave) Ault, and Paul (Shelly) Koland; and four grandchildren by marriage: George Perpich, Anna Ault, Erik Ault, and Andy Ault.

She is preceded in death by her parents: Milo and Marion Templeman, stepmother Ozelle Templeman; and one sister, Nancy Vetter.

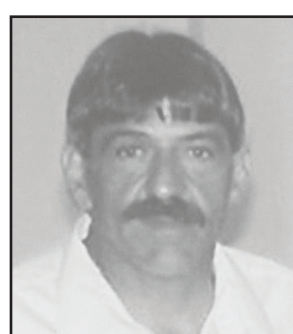
Pedersen Funeral Home is in care of the arrangements for Judy. To send condolences to the family, please visit www.pedersenfh.com.

Jones, Bentley Calvin

Bentley Calvin Jones, 66, of Christiansburg, died Thursday, Mar. 28, 2024.

He was born in Christiansburg Aug. 14, 1957, to the late Daniel Russell and Lillian Cooper Jones. He was also preceded by his brother, Rev. David Jones and his first wife, Wanda Jones.

He is survived by his daughters and sons-in-law, Chrystal Long, Tabitha Hollins (Brent), Wendy



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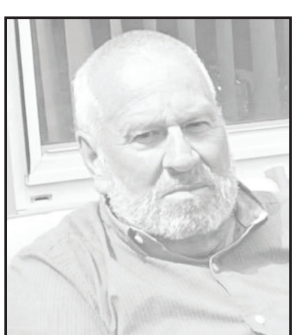
Goerlich (Jason), Jada Earles; son, Dorian Jones; 12 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sister, Nancy Smith; and brothers, Curtis Jones and Tom Jones.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, April 3, 2024 in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Kevin Poston officiating. Interment followed at Westview Cemetery.

Meadows, Gary R.

Gary R. Meadows, 71, of Dublin, was born July 24, 1952 and completed his earthly journey Wednesday, Mar. 27, 2024.

He was a dedicated member of Heritage Church and was very active in the food pantry. Gary felt called to start a prayer ministry, alongside being active in the food pantry, to minister to people in need of prayer. He also started a men's bible study group. Gary was always trying to show people how to love the Lord. He was a giving and loving person who lived a life full of service, even serving in the U.S. National Guard from 1971 until 1977. He worked for Pulaski County as a school bus driver for 14 years. Gary never met a stranger and enjoyed talking to and helping everyone. His career in the retail profession was a great opportunity for him to meet people. Gary began his career at Heck's Inc. in Beckley, W. Va., before becoming manager of the Radford store. From there, he moved up to



become district manager, servicing stores in several states. He also worked for Service Merchandise and Big Lots before retiring from retail and becoming a car salesman. Gary loved traveling and buying and selling cars but eventually ended up doing what he loved best (accompanied by his faithful canine companion, Luke) and that was farming. His love of going to auctions and buying and selling farm equipment did not compare to the love he had for talking to people. Gary genuinely loved everyone.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lacy Lonnie, Sr., and Irene Mills Meadows; brother, Lonnie Meadows; and his sister, Margie Thomas.

Survivors include his loving wife of 47 years, Sharon "Kitty" Meadows; children and their spouses, Matthew and Rebecca Meadows, Wes and Melissa Jarrell, and Traci and Ben Wright; grandchildren, Candice and Colton Meadows, Mikayla, Bailey, and Hudson Jarrell, and Meadow Wright; brothers, Randy Meadows, Sr. and Thomas Edward Meadows (Becky); sister, Donna Smith (Alan); brother-in-law, David Meadows (Kim); sister-in-law, Jennifer Bailey; and many other relatives and special friends.

Gary's wish was to be cremated. The family will receive friends 12-1 p.m. Saturday, April 6, 2024, at the Heritage Church in Dublin. A memorial service will begin at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Heritage Cares Food Pantry, 6195 Cleburne Blvd, Dublin, VA 24084.

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

Parish, Nancy Ann Linkous

Nancy Ann Linkous Parish, age 86 of Mount Airy NC passed from this life on

February 28, 2024. Nancy was born and raised in Montgomery Co. Virginia. She was the daughter of the late Arnold R. Linkous and Oveda Linkous. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Arnold "Sonny" R. Linkous. She preceded her husband Robert K. Parish in death by one day. Robert K. Parish originally from Galax, VA passed away on February 29, 2024.

Nancy and her family left to cherish

her memories are sons, Randy Parish and his wife Amanda, and Andy Parish, granddaughter, Katie Parish Pimson and her husband Jim, sister Rita L. Callahan and her husband Eddie, sister-in-law Susan Linkous, nieces DeAnne C. Webb and husband John, and Farrah Linkous, nephews Todd Callahan and his wife Pam, Darrell Linkous, and his wife Stephanie. Two step grandsons Daniel and Eli Harbaugh and step great granddaughter Avery Pierson.

Nancy and her husband were graduates

of Kentucky Christian University and spent their 64 years together spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ. They served congregations in Indiana, Wisconsin, Ohio, and North Carolina.

They have gone home together to meet the Lord. Dual services to celebrate their lives and ministry will be held on Saturday March 9, 2024 at 2:00 pm with visitation preceding the service from 12-2 pm at Moody Funeral Home, Dobson NC. Burial will follow at the Double Creek Church of Christ, Dobson NC.

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Tourism program offering free Google training to area businesses and attractions

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The Blacksburg-Christiansburg-Montgomery County Regional Tourism office is excited to announce a free virtual workshop series to help ensure your online presence is in great shape. The webinar will be led by Miles Partnership, a strategic marketing company focused

exclusively on travel and tourism.

There are two webinars being offered Tuesday, April 9 and Tuesday, April 16 at 10 a.m. on both dates. The first presentation is more of an overview and general introduction, while the second highlights more advanced topics. Advance registration is required by visiting: sites.google.com/view/montva

David Rotenizer, executive director of the regional tourism program, said the programs will be a valuable experience.

"We are pleased to make this opportunity available to Montgomery County businesses,

attractions, and interested residents," he said. "As more people turn to Google for area destination information, it is critical we meet with them with content expectations and delivery. Google also helps to populate our new virtual visitor center: <https://vc-gotomontva.com/>."

This program is made available with funding through the American Rescue Plan Act Tourism Recovery Program (ARPA) administered by the Virginia Tourism Corporation.

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Legals - Botetourt County

BWW# VA-368482-1 TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 1811 TIMBER RIDGE, BUCHANAN, VA 24066.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated December 7, 2017, in the original principal amount of \$140,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 170004806. 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 May 6, 2024, at 10:30 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS TRACT NO. 7, CONTAINING 6.191 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF SUBDIVISION OF CEDAR ACRES, DATED FEBRUARY 7, 1973, OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN THE PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 62. 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 Mortgagee, 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: BWWLaw Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsales.com, VA-368482-1.

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Heather Burnette owner

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC

Legals - Botetourt County

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.

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. **CL24-69** VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT

COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA, a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant, V. WILLIAM H. SMITH, ET AL., Respondent(s)

The object of this suit is to: Enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Botetourt, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Botetourt, Virginia, described as follows: Tax Map No. 102(2)4 Account No. 11709

All that certain tract or parcel of land, lying and being the Blue Ridge Magisterial District, Botetourt County, Virginia, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit: All that certain tract or parcel of land containing 6.9 acres, more or less, designated as Lot No. 4, as shown on plat entitled "Plat of the John A. Orange Tract", dated August 1941, made by S.S. Lynn, S.C.S., of record in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Plat Book 2, at Page 82. Together with a perpetual right of way and easement for the purpose of ingress and egress from the land herein described to the public road.

And being the same property conveyed to William H. Smith from Hubert J. Orange and Mary Frances Orange, his wife, by deed dated January 10, 1978, and recorded February 2, 1978, in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Deed Book 241 at Page 257. 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 186, at Page 355 and Deed Book 242, at Page 30.

IT APPEARING that an affidavit has been made and filed stating that 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:

William H. Smith, who is believed to be deceased and whose last address is unknown; Emily M. Smith, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; and 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 herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before May 6, 2024 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Botetourt, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.

Entered on the 21st day of March, 2024 T. Moore Clerk

I ask for this:
Seth Konopasek, Esq. (VSB No. 97065)
John A. Rife, Esq. (VSB No. 45805)
Jeffery A. Scharf, Esq. (VSB No. 30591)
Mark K. Ames, Esq. (VSB No. 27409)
Andrew M. Neville, Esq. (VSB No. 86372)
Paul L. LaBarr, Esq. (VSB No. 91609)
Gregory L. Haynes, Esq. (VSB No. 37158)
Garrett w. Patton, Esq. (VSB No. 98345)
Taxing Authority Consulting Services, PC P.O. 31800 Henrico, Virginia 23294-1800
Phone: (804)864-0080 TACS No.: 924110

Legals - City of Radford

TRUSTEE'S SALE PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN: West Ward of the City of Radford, Virginia Containing 0.2479 acres, more or less Commonly Known as: 1002 West Main Street, Radford, Virginia

IN EXECUTION OF A CERTAIN DEED OF TRUST OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF RADFORD CITY, VIRGINIA, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 201100838, DATED AUGUST 29, 2011, WHEREAS, BY DEED OF BARGAIN AND SALE AND ASSUMPTION DATED SEPTEMBER 1, 2016, RECORDED IN THE AFORESAID CLERK'S OFFICE AS INSTRUMENT NO: 201600804 THE DEED OF TRUST WAS ASSUMED BY MARK BROOKNER. DEFAULT HAVING BEEN MADE IN THE PAYMENT OF THE DEBT THEREIN SECURED AND BEING REQUIRED TO DO SO BY THE NOTEHOLDER, THE UNDERSIGNED SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, AFTER GIVING FOURTEEN (14) DAYS DUE NOTICE TO THE OWNERS OF THE REAL ESTATE OF THE DATE, TIME, PLACE AND TERMS OF SALE, WILL OFFER FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION, IN FRONT OF THE RADFORD CITY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 619 SECOND STREET, RADFORD, VIRGINIA, ON THE 5th DAY OF APRIL, 2024, AT 10:00 A.M., THE REAL ESTATE WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON KNOWN AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

All that certain tracts or parcels of land, with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances 'thereunto belonging, situate, lying and being in the City of Radford, Virginia, and described as follows: BEING all of Lots 28 and 29, part of Lots 27, 30, 34, 35, Section 1, Plan C, Radford Land and Improvement Company Lots, containing 0.2479 acres (10,800 sq. ft.), as designated and described on a plat of survey entitled, Physical Survey Lots 28, 29 and Part of Lots 27, 30, 34, 35 Section 1, Plan C Radford Land and Improvement Co. West Ward City of Radford, Virginia for Ronald R. Sowers", dated August 23, 2011, Job No. 565811, by James Conrad Groseclose, II, Land Surveyor, Mathews and Henegar Inc., professional engineers and land surveyors, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof and reference is hereby made to said plat of survey for a more accurate description of the property herein conveyed: Tax Map Number: 13(5)-SEC 1-27A-28-29-30A-34A+ Account Number: 020000684. Commonly Known As: 1002 West Main Street, Radford, Virginia

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF RADFORD, VIRGINIA

NOTICE OF PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE Pursuant to Section 58.1-3321 of the Code of Virginia, notice is hereby given that a public hearing is scheduled for 5:30 P.M. April 16, 2024 on the proposed Tax Rates for Calendar Year 2024. Interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing and present their views. The hearing will be held in the Council Chambers located at 10 Robertson Street. The City of Radford proposes to increase property tax levies.

1. Assessment Increase: Total assessed value of real property, excluding additional assessments due to new construction or improvements to property, exceeds last year's total assessed value of real property by 31 percent.

2. Lowered Rate Necessary to Offset Increased Assessment: The tax rate which would levy the same amount of real estate tax as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of real estate with the exclusions mentioned above, would be \$.64 per \$100 of assessed value. This rate will be known as the "lowered tax rate."

Legals - City of Radford

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Civil Case No. **CL24-7298** VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF RADFORD, THE CITY OF RADFORD, VIRGINIA, Plaintiff vs. the heirs and devisees of ORA FAYE CUNNINGHAM, deceased The heirs and devisees of ANNA MAYE D. BANNERMAN, deceased HARRY M. BANNERMAN, JR. DAVID HUGGINS Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION The object of this suit is to: ENFORCE THE LIEN OF THE Plaintiff for delinquent taxes against certain real estate described as follows: All that certain tract of land in the City of Radford, Virginia, being Lot No. 10, Block G, Baldwin Land Company, and designated as Tax Map Number 3-(7)-BLKG-10 Standing in the name of Ora Faye Cunningham, pursuant to Section 58.1-3965 et seq. of the Code of Virginia.

And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to ascertain the names and location of all of the heirs, devisees and successors in title of Ora Faye Cunningham, Phyllis Davis, and Anna Maye D. Bannerman; that there are or may be other persons having an interest in the real estate forming the subject matter of this suit whose names and last post office addresses are unknown, namely, the unknown heirs, devisees and successors in title of Ora Faye Cunningham, Phyllis Davis, and Anna Maye D. Bannerman; that Harry M. Bannerman, Jr. is a nonresident of the state of Virginia, whose last known post office address is 2010 NW 106th Avenue, Pembroke Pines, FL, 33026; that David Huggins is a nonresident of the state of Virginia, whose last known post office address is 3 Center Street, Glen Cove, NY, 11542.

It is ORDERED that this order be published once a week for two successive weeks in the Radford News Journal and that the parties named herein appear on or before May 27, 2024, at 9:30 am in the clerk's office of the Circuit Court for the City of Radford, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interest in this suit.

Enter: this 25th day of March, 2024 Angel Turpin DC Clerk I ask for this: James W. Elliot p.q. Attorney at Law P.O. Box 1410 Yorktown, VA 23692 (757) 898-7000

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF RADFORD, VIRGINIA

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Legals - City of Radford

3. Effective Rate Increase: The City of Radford proposes to adopt a tax rate of \$.69 per \$100 of assessed value. The difference between the lowered tax rate and the proposed rate would be \$.05 per \$100, or 7.8% percent. This difference will be known as the "effective tax rate increase." Individual property taxes may, however, increase at a percentage greater than or less than the above percentage.

4. Proposed Total Budget Increase: Based on the proposed real property tax rate and changes in other revenues, the total budget of the City of Radford will exceed last years by 10 percent.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for review in the City Manager's office, and on the City's website at www.radfordva.gov. BY THE ORDER OF RADFORD CITY COUNCIL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF RADFORD, VIRGINIA

TAX LEVIES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024 AND F.Y. 2024-2025 BUDGET

Pursuant to Section 58.1-3007 of the Code of Virginia, notice is hereby given that a public hearing is scheduled for 5:30 P.M. April 16, 2024 on the proposed Tax Rates for Calendar Year 2024. Interest parties are invited to attend the public hearing and present their views. The hearing will be held in the Council Chambers located at 10 Robertson Street.

FURTHER, notice is given that the Council's intention to increase in the following tax levies for Calendar year 2024:

1. Real Property tax levy at \$0.69 per one \$100.00 of assessed value, as advertised in a separate notice on April 3, 2024.

FURTHER, notice is given that the Council's intention to propose no increases in the following tax levies for Calendar year 2024:

2. Machinery and tools tax levy remains at \$1.76 per \$100.00 of assessed value

3. Tangible personal property as listed and specified in Subsections 3 through 13 of Section 58.1-3503A, Code of Virginia, 1950 as amended, remains at \$2.44 per \$100.00 of assessed value.

4. Tangible personal property as listed and specified in Subsections 15 through 19 of Section 58.1-3503A, Code of Virginia 1950 As Amended, remains at \$1.76 per \$100.00 of assessed value.

Notice is also given that the City Council of Radford City scheduled a public hearing for 5:30 P.M. or as soon thereafter, April 16, 2024 on the Advertised Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget in the amount of \$79,043,310 The hearing will be held in the Council Chambers located at 10 Robertson Street.

The following is a synopsis of the 2024-2025 Budgets: CITY OF RADFORD Total for City

GENERAL FUND \$35,411,361
STREETS MAINTENANCE FUND \$2,829,359
TRANSIT \$2,860,488
WATER/WASTEWATER FUND \$6,320,498
ELECTRIC FUND \$28,854,443
SOLID WASTE FUND \$1,688,841
*INTERNAL SERVICES \$1,078,320

*Not included in total above as this fund is allocated through all other funds.

Notice is also given that the City Council of Radford City will hear comments on the Radford City School Board Budget in the amount of \$46,803,799.

The Summary is as Follows: RADFORD CITY SCHOOLS BOARD Total for Schools

Legals - City of Radford

OPERATING FUND \$38,098,270
SCHOOL NUTRITION FUND \$1,033,057
GRANTS FUND \$2,694,745
TEXTBOOKS FUND \$852,102
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND \$220,000
HEALTH INSURANCE FUND \$2,858,251
REGION 7 VIRTUAL ACADEMY FUND \$862,896

A copy of the document is available for review in the City Manager's office, the Radford Public Library, and on the City's website at www.radfordva.gov. BY THE ORDER OF RADFORD CITY COUNCIL

Legals - City of Salem

Notice

is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on April 10, 2024, at 7:00 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 Philip M. and Rachel C. Knouff, property owners, for the amendment of a Home Occupation Permit to allow retail sales at the cut flower farm (garden) on the property located at 275 Ft Lewis Blvd (Tax Map # 130-2-22).

2. Consider the request of PHC of Virginia, LLC/Acadia Healthcare, Mt Regis Center, property owner, for the amendment of the Use Not Provided For permit to allow additions to the outpatient mental health and substance abuse treatment center on the property located at 125 Knotbreak Road, (Tax Map # 148-1-5).

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: Christopher J. Dorsey Executive Secretary

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. **CL24000383** ROANOKE COUNTY Circuit Court, 305 EAST MAIN STREET, SALEM, VA 24153 in re LILLIAN MAY RICHARDSON The object of this suit is to: NAME CHANGE FOR MINOR. It is ORDERED that AMBER MARIE RICHARDSON AND WILLIAM JOSEPH RICHARDSON appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on MAY 9, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

MARCH 22, 2024 Jennifer J. West Deputy Clerk

Legals - Craig County

(TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 78 The Lane, New Castle, VA 24127

Tax Map No: 58-1-14 In execution of a Credit Lien Deed of Trust dated January 26, 2012, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for Craig County, Virginia, as Instrument No. 120000054, the Substitute Trustee will offer the above-described property for sale to the highest bidder at public auction on the date and time referenced below.

Lot No. 14 of Aps Knob Subdivision as laid down in a plat prepared by Draper-Aden Associations, Inc. of

Blacksburg, Virginia, said plat being of record in the Clerk's Office of Craig County, New Castle, Virginia, in Deed Book 43, page 45, reference is hereby made to the above mentioned plat for a more particular description.

The hereinabove described property is subject to restrictions and reservation recorded in Deed Book 96, page 642 in the aforesaid Clerk's Office. Date of Sale: April 17, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the Craig County Circuit Court, 182 Main Street, Suite 4, New Castle, VA 24127.

Terms: CASH: a deposit in the form of certified funds in the amount of \$10,000 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower. Settlement within thirty (30) days of date of sale. Time is of the essence.

OPTIONS: 1. All costs of conveyance, examination of title, recording charges, etc. will be at cost of purchaser with the exception of the grantor's tax. Neither the Substitute Trustee nor any other party guarantees or covenants to deliver or in any way to obtain possession of the premises for any third party purchaser.

2. The Substitute Trustee reserves the right to reject all bids, extend the time to receive bids or withdraw the property from sale at any time. In addition, should the Substitute Trustee be unable, for any reason, in its sole discretion, to convey title, the successful bidder's sole remedy in law or equity shall be the return of his deposit. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect.

Additional terms may be announced at the time of the sale. The Substitute Trustee will convey the above-described property to the purchaser(s) by Special Warranty deed at settlement and makes no additional representations or warranties of any kind regarding the title to said property.

John K. Prillaman, Esq. Substitute Trustee For Information Contact: John K. Prillaman, Esq. OPN LAW 3140 Chaparral Drive Roanoke, Virginia 24018 (540) 725-8194

Legals - Town of Vinton

PUBLIC NOTICE The Planning Commission of Vinton, Virginia, hereby gives notice of a work session to be held on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., or shortly thereafter.

The purpose of the work session is to discuss Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Improvement Projects (CIP). The work session will be held in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia. Further information concerning this notice may be obtained by calling (540) 983-0605.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO COMPLY WITH DISABILITIES ACT. Reasonable efforts will be made to provide assistance or special arrangements to qualified individuals with disabilities in order to participate in or attend the meetings. Please call (540) 983-0605 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting so that proper arrangements may be made.

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Legals - Montgomery County

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT: 4916 Pilot Road, Pilot, VA 24134 COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

Parcel ID: 012435/Tax Map# 131-A-90
IN EXECUTION OF A DEED OF TRUST IN THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$93,000.00, DATED THE 22nd DAY OF APRIL, 2021, RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 2021-4295, DATED APRIL 22, 2021, DEFAULT HAVING OCCURRED IN THE PAYMENT OF THE NOTE SECURED THEREBY, AND AT THE REQUEST OF THE HOLDER OF THE NOTE, THE UNDERSIGNED SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, WILL OFFER FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, ON 22ND DAY OF APRIL, 2024 AT 10:30 A.M., THE REAL ESTATE WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, LYING AND BEING SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, STATE OF VIRGINIA AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

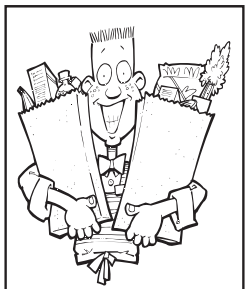
BEING Tract No. 1, containing 1.0957 acre, as shown on plat entitled, "Carl N. McNeil and Jeanne H. Stosser 2.1373 acre (total) located on Rte. 615 Shawsville Mag. Dist. Montgomery County, Virginia" dated August 16, 1978, prepared by L.J. Quesenberry, land surveyor, designated Job No. 190, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, in Deed Book 404, Page 625. Tax Map# 131-A-90 / Parcel ID: 012435
Address: 4916 Pilot Road, Pilot, VA

SALE WILL BE MADE SUBJECT TO ALL EXISTING EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS AS THE SAME MAY LAWFULLY AFFECT THE REAL ESTATE.

TERMS OF SALE: CERTIFIED FUNDS OR CASHIER'S CHECK. A BIDDER'S DEPOSIT OF TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE SALES PRICE, WITH FULL SETTLEMENT TO BE MADE WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS FROM DATE OF SALE. ADDITIONAL TERMS MAY BE ANNOUNCED AT THE TIME OF SALE. THIS NOTICE IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

PLACE OF SALE: FRONT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 55 EAST MAIN STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA 24073 DATE OF SALE: APRIL 22, 2024 TIME OF SALE: 10:30 AM
Daniel D. Hamrick, PC, Trustee

By: Daniel D. Hamrick, Agent FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel D. Hamrick, Agent for Daniel D. Hamrick, P.C., Trustee
104 South Franklin Street Christiansburg, VA 24073 (540) 382-0131



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Legals - Montgomery County

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT: 167 Penny Royal Road, Pilot, VA 24134 COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

Parcel ID: 012692/Tax Map# 131-A-26

IN EXECUTION OF A DEED OF TRUST IN THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$39,920.00, DATED THE 25th DAY OF JUNE, 2021, RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 2021-6796, DATED JUNE 25, 2021, DEFAULT HAVING OCCURRED IN THE PAYMENT OF THE NOTE SECURED THEREBY, AND AT THE REQUEST OF THE HOLDER OF THE NOTE, THE UNDERSIGNED SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, WILL OFFER FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, ON 22ND DAY OF APRIL, 2024 AT 10:00 A.M., THE REAL ESTATE WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, LYING AND BEING SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, STATE OF VIRGINIA AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING at an iron stake on the south side of private roadway and a corner to the Sutphin place (now Cole); thence with said roadway in the line with the party of the first part 481 feet in a westerly direction to an iron stake; corner to the yard fence of the party of the first part; thence along a line with the yard fence 205 feet to a southerly direction to an iron stake, corner to G.W. Miller; thence with the line of G.W. Miller in an easterly direction 526 feet to a point of BEGINNING, the said trace of land containing 2-1/4 acres of land, more or less.

Tax Map# 131-A-26 / Parcel ID: 012692
Address: 167 Penny Royal Road, Pilot, VA 24138

SALE WILL BE MADE SUBJECT TO ALL EXISTING EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS AS THE SAME MAY LAWFULLY AFFECT THE REAL ESTATE.

TERMS OF SALE: CERTIFIED FUNDS OR CASHIER'S CHECK. A BIDDER'S DEPOSIT OF TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE SALES PRICE, WITH FULL SETTLEMENT TO BE MADE WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS FROM DATE OF SALE. ADDITIONAL TERMS MAY BE ANNOUNCED AT THE TIME OF SALE.

THIS NOTICE IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

PLACE OF SALE: FRONT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT 55 EAST MAIN STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA 24073 DATE OF SALE: APRIL 22, 2024 TIME OF SALE: 10:00 AM
Daniel D. Hamrick, PC Substitute Trustee

By: Daniel D. Hamrick, Agent FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel D. Hamrick, Agent for Daniel D. Hamrick, P.C., Substitute Trustee
104 South Franklin Street Christiansburg, VA 24073 (540) 382-0131

Order of Publication
Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No. **CL23001822-00** MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* BRENDA MARIE BRIDGES v. SCOTT THOMAS BRIDGES
The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that SCOTT THOMAS BRIDGES appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before MAY 8TH, 2024.
Signed
March 5, 2024
Robert M.D. Turk, Judge

Legals - Montgomery County

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No. **CL24000402-00** MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* JOHANNA RENEE PHILLIPS v. MICHAEL DWAYNE PHILLIPS.

The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that MICHAEL DWAYNE PHILLIPS appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before MAY 15, 2024.
MARCH 13, 2024
Robert M.D. Turk, Judge

TOWN OF BLACKSBURG - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

BLACKSBURG TOWN COUNCIL will hold public hearings on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, regarding the following items:

Ordinance 2048: An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the Town of Blacksburg, Virginia for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2024 and Ending June 30, 2025; Adopting the Real Estate Tax Rate; and Appropriating Funds for the Fiscal Year. The proposed ordinance would approve the Town's 2024/2025 operating budget and maintain the existing tax rate. This is described in more detail in the stand-alone advertisement published in the Roanoke Times on March 24, 2024.

Ordinance 2049: An Ordinance Amending Blacksburg Town Code Sections 18-201, 18-400, 24-301, 24-306, 24-314, And 24-602 to Increase Fees for Water and Sewer Services and Meter Fees. The ordinance increase the amounts of the referenced fees; the increases are described in more detail in stand-alone advertisements published in the Roanoke Times on March 24, 2024 and March 31, 2024.

Ordinance 2050: An Ordinance to Amend the FY 2023/2024 Operating Budget to Appropriate \$2,500,000 of Bond Proceeds to the General Capital Improvement Fund. Ordinance 2050 will appropriate funding for the potential purchase of several parcels of land. The funding for this purchase will be included in the 2024 bond offering.

All persons affected by or interested in the proposed items above may appear and present their views. After each public hearing, Town Council will consider action on the item. Copies of materials related to the above items are on file and can be obtained in the Office of the Town Clerk, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. For land use matters, copies of applications and all related items may also be found online at www.blacksburg.gov/publichearings or reviewed in person at the Blacksburg Planning and Building Department, 400 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia. Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance to attend and participate in this meeting should contact Lorraine Spaulding, Town Clerk at (540) 443-1025 or 443-1000 (voice or TDD).

ABC NOTICE

NEW RIVER BARBECUE LLC, trading NEW RIVER BARBECUE, 3205 ROANOKE ST. CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073.
The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for RESTAURANT, ON AND OFF PREMISES BEER AND WINE license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

JAMES B. SHERMAN-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.

Legals - City of Radford

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING-

Pursuant to Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia 1950, as amended, the Radford City Council hereby gives notice of a joint public hearing with Planning Commission to be held on April 8, 2024 at 7:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers, at 10 Robertson Street, Radford, VA, in order to hear citizen comments regarding City Council's intention to act on the following Special Use Permit request: A request by K&J Properties (applicant) on behalf of Islands on the New, LLC (owner) for a Special Use Permit to allow for a RV Resort. The use is defined as "Recreational Vehicle Park" in the Zoning Ordinance, which is allowed in the M-1 Zoning District and within the CD Zoning District only by an approved Special Use Permit. The property is located at 3080 Little River Dam Rd, further identified as Tax Parcel 24-1-8, with 36 acres, zoned CD Conservation and M-1 Light Industrial. The property is designated as Low-Density Residential in the Comprehensive Plan. Copies of the proposed plan, applications, ordinances may be examined at the Community Development Office, 10 Robertson Street, Radford, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

STATEWIDE ADS

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Marina Auction. 5.29 AC - Deepwater Access - Income Producing. Online Auction April 25th @ 2:00 PM. 107 Dockside Dr, Deltaville, VA 23043. DudleyResources.com for info.

Commercial Foreclosure Auction. 341 E. Market St. Leesburg, VA 20176. 2,719 sq ft Income Producing, Long Term Tenant. Live Auction April 11th 11:00 AM at Loudoun Co Courthouse. DudleyResources.com for info.

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Worley recognized for 30-under-30 award, all-American honors

Raena Worley has been selected as a recipient of the inaugural 2024 Sarah Bennett Holmes 30 Under 30 award with Kentucky alumna Jocelyn Grimsley and Rhyne Howard.

The Sarah Bennett Holmes Awards were designed to honor Sarah Bennett Holmes, a distinguished former Dean of Women at the University of Kentucky who tirelessly championed the rights of women throughout her career.

The annual Sarah Bennett Holmes Award has been bestowed upon UK faculty, staff and graduate students who have achieved professional and personal success while promoting the growth and well-being of all women at the University of Kentucky and beyond.

Worley, a native of Christiansburg, is one of the most decorated and accomplished gymnasts in Kentucky history next to the legendary Jenny Hansen. A two-time AAI Award finalist and Honda Award finalist, Worley has been nothing short of impressive in her five seasons as a Wildcat. She is an eight-time All-American, four-time All-SEC honoree, SEC Community Service Team recipient and has been named to the SEC Honor Roll four times.

This season, Worley has earned four career perfect 10.0's on the floor exercise and uneven bars. She was also named the floor Co-Champion at the 2024 SEC Gymnastics Championship last weekend.

Now a 12-time All-American, Raena Worley adds four new honors to her repertoire. In this season's regular

season awards, she has been named first team in the all-around, floor and bars and second team on the balance beam. Worley, a fifth-year senior, holds an NQS of 39.710 in the all-around, ranking seventh in the nation. She has tallied 29 all-around titles in her five seasons at UK seeing her career best of 39.775 at Illinois in 2023. Worley has been nationally ranked in the top 10 of the all-around for 12 consecutive weeks and top five for 11 consecutive weeks. She saw the highest ranking of No. 2 on Weeks 1 and 7 of the 2024 regular season.

Earning a perfect 10.0 and 13 career individual wins on the uneven bars, Worley has been named to the first team for her success on the apparatus. She possesses an NQS of 9.960 tying for fourth nationally. This season, she has been ranked in the top five on bars for 12 consecutive weeks ranking No. 1 on Weeks 1, 3, 5, and 7. She earned one perfect 10.0 on bars in 2024 (2/17). For eight consecutive weeks, Worley has held the No. 1 ranking on the floor exercise earning first team honors for the event. She holds an NQS of 9.990 earning four perfect 10.0's on the apparatus and 26 individual wins including the Co-Champion title at this year's Southeastern Conference Championship. Worley's fourth All-America honor is a second team nod on beam. She has tallied 15 individual wins on the event in her career with a current NQS of 9.935. She ties for No. 16 in the nation on the event.

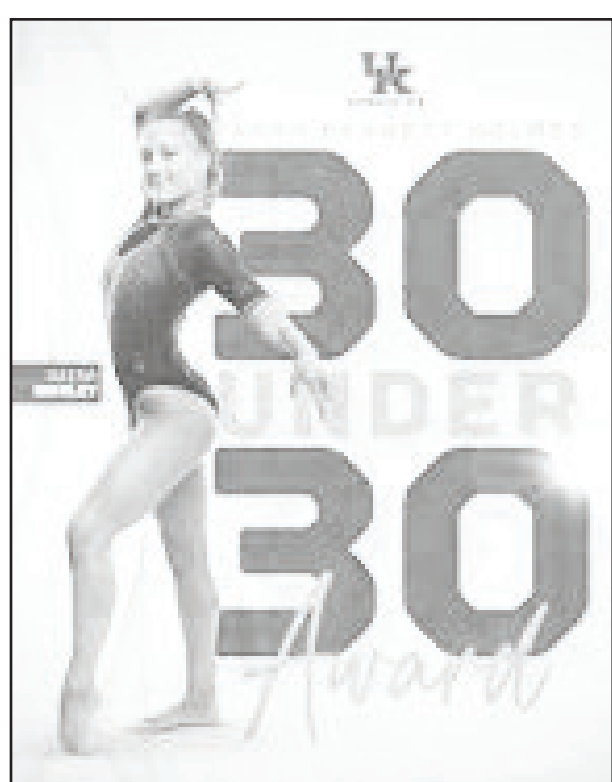


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University of Kentucky Athletics

What's next at Tech thanks to portal?

Hmmm, the transfer portal? A lot of Hokies fans are scratching their heads on what is happening in Blacksburg.

Last week, Virginia Tech lost all five of its men's basketball starters and two others to either graduation or the portal. National media have called Tech's situation as a "mass exodus".

There has been no indication to the reason, but Coach Mike Yount is going to be diving deep into the portal to find a whole new group for the court.

Robbie Beran and Hunter Cattoor are simply out of eligibility, but Sean Pedula, MJ Collins, Lynn Kidd, Mylyiel Poteat and Tyler Nickel, all started looking for a new home. Poteat did return to the fold, but the others are already packing their bags. Kidd is bound for ACC-foe Miami.

A lot of the eyes are on the women's program where the Hokies are looking for a new coach after Kenny Brooks moved to the University of Kentucky. So far, only one player has placed their name into the portal.

But quietly, the Radford University women are the ones needing players to fill out the roster. A total of five RU players entered their names into the portal. The list



From the Sidelines

Marty Gordon

included Ashlyn Traylor-walker, sister of former VT player Kayana Traylor. The 5-8 sophomore averaged 16 points and six rebounds per game this past season as she was named first-team All-Big South. There has been speculation she will transfer to Blacksburg.

Meanwhile, the other RU players included 5-11 guard Bria Beverly, 6-4 center Emma Fox, 5-11 wing Maci Rhodes and 5-7 guard Olivia Walker.

The current landscape of college sports has become like free agency of professional sports. Every fan will need a scorecard every year to figure out who is on the court. Loyalty and a sense of team is no longer in the athletes' dictionary.

While we are centering this week on basketball, the

portal is affecting every sport. Players are going to come and go with a revolving door at the front of the line.

The portal has become a bad thing for college athletics, and for now, we can't do nothing about it.

On a side note from this past weekend's women's March Madness, the NCAA screwed up on the three-point line.

The NCAA 3-point line is at 22 feet, 1 3/4 inches for both women and men. But not this weekend in Portland, Oregon.

Coaches discovered the difference before the game, and the NCAA confirmed the problem.

The error or the difference was discovered before Sunday's games. It had been used for four semi games on Friday and Sunday.

Coaches agreed to play on instead of facing a delay to realign the court. One side was much shorter.

How could this happen? The NCAA needs to step up and eliminate the difference between women's and men's basketball. This was just another example of people not caring.

The NCAA must do better job of making the women's and men's game more equal.

Tech announces NIL initiatives ahead of Spring game

Virginia Tech Athletics, in collaboration with Triumph NIL and The Hokie Way, has announced NIL initiatives heading into the spring game, presented by PMSI, set for Saturday, April 13, at 3 p.m. ET.

In lieu of ticketing for this year's game, fans are encouraged to participate in the NIL event of their choosing.

"We could not be more excited to announce these special opportunities with Triumph NIL and The Hokie Way," said Whit Babcock, Virginia Tech Director of Athletics. "It is a perfect opportunity for our fans to support our student-athletes in the realm of name, image and likeness and also put their name in the hat for tremendous experiences and exclusive items."

Triumph NIL will conduct a sweepstakes encompassing many exclusive experiences and items fans can

enter to win by making a contribution for each entry, with the option of entering more than once to increase chances of winning. The deadline to enter is Monday, April 15 at noon ET.

The grand prize features a VIP trip to the season opener in Nashville against Vanderbilt, inclusive of two seats on a chartered flight, lodging, tickets and meals. Other prizes to win include a sideline Sandman experience, signed merchandise and a behind the scenes Hokie Walk experience. Additional prizes may be added over the next two weeks.

Founded in 2022, Triumph NIL stands to create meaningful Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) partnerships for student-athletes. The organization specializes in curating opportunities that meet all NCAA compliance and State legal criteria. Triumph NIL seeks to maximize

individual and group earning potential and provide clarity to key stakeholders through creative activations. For more information, visit TriumphNIL.com.

The first-ever Hokie Way Auction will take place from April 1-15, allowing Hokie fans from around the world to bid on exclusive items and experiences, all going to support the NIL interests of Virginia Tech student-athletes.

The auction will run from noon on Monday, April 1 until noon on Monday, April 15. See the auction site before it goes live.

Exclusive items up for bid include, but are not limited to, autographed football helmets, exclusive golf experiences, access to vacation homes in Florida and Wyoming, an autographed WBB Final Four courtside chair, a film breakdown with former defensive coordinator Bud Foster and more.

"Hokie fans are going to want to put down competitive bids on these items," said Executive Director of The Hokie Way, Matthew Sams. "These are things Tech fans would love to have in their home or to experience with their families, and all of it benefits a great cause to help our dedicated efforts to uphold the best NIL ecosystem in the country for our student-athletes."

The Hokie Way is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that was created in order to allow Virginia Tech student-athletes to leverage their name, image and likeness to amplify the missions of charitable organizations. Want to learn more about The Hokie Way? Check out the organization's website at thehokieway.org.

Virginia Tech Athletics

Reseating of Lane Stadium, Cassell Coliseum

With the reseating and reparking of Lane Stadium and Cassell Coliseum set to begin in April, Virginia Tech Athletics has prepared the details to help ticket holders navigate the process seamlessly.

A reminder that the reseating process is only available for football, men's basketball and women's basketball season ticket holders and the order of selection is based entirely on fans' Hokie Scholarship Fund ranking as of March 1, 2024.

Any new ticket buyers after this date, or ticket buyers who did not qualify for a Hokie Scholarship Fund ranking (minimum \$25 Hokie Scholarship Fund gift), will be contacted after the selection process is complete their seating and parking for 2024. Learn more about becoming a season ticket holder.

Be on the lookout for your assigned seat selection date and time sent via email on April 3, 2024. This email will come from updates@go.hokiesports.com. If you do not receive your selection date/time by April 3 please reach out immediately via phone (during business hours) at 1-800-VATECH4 or via email at hokietix@vt.edu.

Familiarize yourself with the venues. As previously announced, both Lane Stadium and Cassell Coliseum will be renumbered in 2024 to improve fan navigation on gameday. Sections and seat numbers will change to sequential order while the rows will stay the same. These updated maps include pricing adjustments for 2024-25. VIEW MAPS.

Log in to your account to familiarize yourself

with the seat selection platform. The selection platform is provided by a leader in the ticket industry and is as user-friendly as possible. However, it is always recommended to login prior to your selection so you can familiarize yourself with the process and ensure smooth checkout flow. LOG IN.

Fans needing additional assistance can always make an appointment with our service team by calling 1-800-VATECH4 or via email hokietix@vt.edu. Appointments must be made no later than one day in advance.

Details regarding the actual process of selecting your seats and parking for football and/or basketball will be shared via your selection date and time email sent on April 3. To review the process in advance fans can visit seating.hokiesports.com for a complete step by step guide. This guide also answers frequent questions such as group seating, missed appointment times, ticket priority limits, etc.

Because 2024 is a full reseating year, location in any part of the venue is not guaranteed. Thus, all tickets were renewed/purchased at the lowest price point. Additional ticket costs, and possibly Hokie Scholarship Fund giving, may be required at the time of checkout based on your desired location. Ticket prices across football, men's basketball and women's basketball have been adjusted for 2024.

Both Lane Stadium and Cassell Coliseum will be renumbered for the 2024-25 athletics seasons.

Virginia Tech Athletics

Bobcat girls defeat Spartans



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The Radford Bobcats girls softball team at Giles Spartans game, held Wednesday, Mar. 27, ended with a final score of Radford 10 - Giles 4. Kaydence Rollins collected four hits as the Radford Bobcats defeated the Giles Spartans. Radford jumped out to the lead after Ella Cox singled and Olivia Radford doubled, scoring two runs. Addie Saunders, Price, and Ariel Sutphin each collected multiple hits for the Bobcats. Kathryn Price earned the win for Radford going four and one third innings and Quinn Burton collected the save. Addisyn Vanderpool and Addison Hylton each collected two hits for the Giles Spartans. Vanderpool, Lowry, and Hylton each drove in one run.

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production methods anytime soon, they have great potential to generate benefits including renewable energy from agrivoltaic systems and reducing the

risk of crop failure in extreme weather conditions.

“Part of the motivation for this project was to provide an overview of

emerging technologies, particularly hydroponics and vertical farming,” said Bovay, who is also affiliated faculty in the Center for Advanced Innovation in Agriculture. “These industries have experienced tremendous growth over the last couple of decades, but official data collected and published by the USDA may not fully reflect the current technological and market situation. If controlled environment agriculture and indoor farming were to take off in the next decade, this could transform the consumer experience and possibly change the economic reality for traditional, soil-based farmers who grow crops that can also be grown in controlled environments and without soil.”

Other research findings include the following:

The number of individually controlled environment agriculture operations in the

U.S. more than doubled to nearly 3,000 between 2009-19.

The quantity of controlled environment crop production increased by 56 percent over that same period, from 502 million pounds to 786 million pounds.

New technologies were used to produce a large share of total controlled environment agriculture production with more than 60 percent of tomatoes, cucumbers, and lettuce grown using hydroponics in 2019.

As of 2021, most of the approximately 300 agrivoltaics sites were solar farms planted with pollinator-friendly vegetative cover. Roughly 35 sites combined solar panels with vegetation that were grazed by sheep and a few were co-located with specialty crop production, including blueberries.

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the New River Catawba.”

Chief Harris is married, with two children and four grandchildren. She loves spending time with her family and tribe learning about the “old ways” and enjoying the great outdoors.

New River Symposium 2024 runs April 11-April 12. For more

information, schedule and to register for tickets for the 2024 New River Symposium, visit <https://newriverconservancy.org/symposium/> or contact Lisa Stansell - Galitz at 304-661-0947.

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