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Cyclist journeys through Radford on cross country quest "Pedaling to End Poverty" arrived in Radford July 16

Heather Bell
Editor

RADFORD - Utah State University Professor Mike Glauser biked into Radford July 16 and spent the night, resting a bit after biking more than 3,600 miles in 43 days. It's part of a cross-country journey he "hopes will be nothing short of the first step towards ending world poverty." Glauser left Florence, Oregon, June 3, "dipping

his tires in the Pacific Ocean." Biking across the country following the TransAmerica Trail, Glauser reached Yorktown, Virginia on July 20. Accompanying the 70-year-old Glauser are his wife, four of his colleagues and a documentary film crew. Glauser is a man on a mission, bicycling coast-to-coast with stops at dozens of small towns and hamlets in between. His effort, "Pedaling to

End Poverty" has drawn attention all along his route. "America is an incredible country," said Glauser while in Radford. "Seeing it by bicycle feels like seeing it up close for the first time. The landscape is beautiful, and the people are amazing. Everyone we meet is interested in our story and they want to help." "Radford, the
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PHOTO COURTESY OF MIKE GLAUSER

Utah State University Professor Mike Glauser bikes into the Radford area July 16.

Radford Fiddle and Banjo Jam hits the roof



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE RADFORD FIDDLE AND BANJO JAM

Musicians participate in the Radford Fiddle and Banjo Jam on July 15. The jam has a new home at the Highlander Hotel.

RADFORD - The Radford Fiddle and Banjo Jam has a new home and is now taking place at the Highlander Hotel. The jam started playing at the Highlander Hotel, located on Tyler Avenue, on Monday, July 15. The jam is open to the public for all pickers and fans of bluegrass music. The plan

is to hold the jam on the rooftop seating area. "Nice turnout of musicians and guests in a lovely setting on Monday night," the Radford Fiddle and Banjo Jam posted on social media. "Hopefully, we can get the jam back on the public radar at the Highlander Hotel."

The jam happens every Monday at 6 p.m. and is a participating event on the Crooked Road Heritage Music Trail. It was founded more than 20 years ago and has taken place at several Radford locations over the years.

Staff report

Genome study informs restoration of American chestnut tree



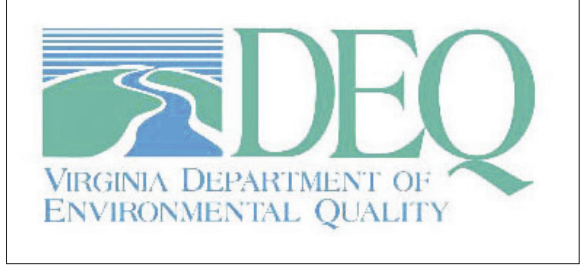
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An American chestnut tree (in foreground).

Native trees adapt to the climate and environmental conditions of their area to survive. Researchers in the Virginia Tech College of Natural Resources and Environment in collaboration with the American Chestnut Foundation confirmed this by examining the genome of American chestnut

trees sampled throughout the Appalachian Mountain range and grouping the samples according to their specific environmental region. The research, recently published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences journal, has the potential to help the foundation restore the American chestnut

population and adjust breeding to the changing climate. "To understand historical local adaptation to climate, we sequenced the genomes of many wild chestnut stump sprouts and identified relationships between the genome
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COURTESY IMAGE

Drought watch advisory lifted for 15 counties and cities in Virginia Drought warning advisory expanded to 60 counties and cities

RICHMOND — The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), in coordination with the Virginia Drought Monitoring Task Force, has expanded the drought warning advisory to now include 60 counties and cities, and has maintained a drought watch advisory for 32 counties and cities. Due to improving conditions related to recent precipitation, the drought watch advisory previously issued for the Chowan and Southeast Virginia drought evaluation regions has been lifted. All other regions within the Commonwealth remain affected by drought. Continued precipitation deficits in combination with sustained increased temperatures have resulted in rapid intensification of drought throughout the majority of the Commonwealth. The following regions have been lifted from a drought watch advisory: Chowan: Lunenburg, Nottoway, Brunswick, Dinwiddie, Greensville, Sussex, Prince George, Southampton, and Surry counties. Southeast Virginia: Suffolk, Isle of Wight, Chesapeake, Virginia Beach, Portsmouth, and Norfolk

Greene, Madison, Rappahannock, Orange, Culpeper, Louisa, Spotsylvania, and Stafford counties. Northern Virginia: Fauquier, Loudoun, Prince William, Arlington, and Fairfax counties. Roanoke River: Patrick, Franklin, Highland, Botetourt, and Rockbridge counties. Shenandoah: Augusta, Rockingham, Shenandoah, Frederick, Page, Warren, and Clarke counties. Upper James: Craig, Alleghany, Bath, Highland, Botetourt, and Rockbridge counties. A drought watch advisory is intended to help Virginians prepare for a potential drought and remains in effect for the following areas: Eastern Shore: Accomack and Northampton counties. Middle James: Fluvanna, Prince Edward, Cumberland, Goochland, Amelia, Powhatan, Chesterfield, Henrico, and Hanover counties and the cities of Petersburg, Hopewell, and Colonial Heights. Northern Coastal Plain: Caroline, King George, King William, King and Queen, Essex, Richmond, Westmoreland, Gloucester, Mathews, Middlesex, Lancaster, and Northumberland counties. York - James: Hampton, Newport News, James City, York, Charles City, and New Kent counties. Several factors have contributed to the lifting of advisories, maintenance of drought watch advisories and the expansion of warning advisories in the affected

Northern Piedmont: See **Drought**, page 3

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, July 24:

Blacksburg Farmers Market

At Market Square Park, 100 Draper Rd SW, Blacksburg; 2 – 6 p.m. The Blacksburg Farmers Market is a local, family-friendly gathering place in downtown Blacksburg featuring farmers of locally grown produce and meats, alongside artisans of baked goods and handmade crafts. For more information, visit <http://blacksburgfarmersmarket.com>.

Market Square Jam

Blacksburg's Market Square Jam is an official Crooked Road affiliated venue that provides fun and entertainment on Wednesday evenings, June through September. The Jam takes place at Market Square Park from 7-9 p.m. For more information and a list of hosts, please visit blacksburg.gov/marketsquarejam.

Thursday, July 25:

Thursday night indoor concert

Concert will be held at the Blacksburg Presbyterian Church, 701 Church St. SE. "A Treasury of English Music," music by Handel, Purcell, and others. This event is a community sing. Rehearsals began on July 1. Contact the Blacksburg Presbyterian Church to get involved.

Friday, July 26:

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Please join the Pilot Community Center for a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser; 5-7 p.m. Pilot Community Center, 4449 Brush Creek Road, Pilot. The meal is \$10 per plate and includes spaghetti, bread, salad, and a drink. Dine-in or take-out available. We'll also have a 50/50 raffle! For more information call 540-382-6537.

Friday, July 26 - Sunday July 28:

Mary Draper Ingles Festival

Multi-day festival in multiple locations featuring tours of historic landmarks, exhibits, historical interpreters, vendors, live music, performances and more. For the full schedule, go to www.glencoe mansion.org/mdifestival or phone (540) 731-5031.

Historic Smithfield's 250th anniversary

Commemoration event will include tours of the grounds and gardens, panels discussing the histories of everyone who lived on the property, a dedication of the Merry Oak Bench, activities for the little ones and book signings from authors who have written on local history. There will also be a Reunion Mixer at the Smithfield Pavilion with a welcome video and speech. For a complete schedule go to www.historic smithfield.org.

Saturday, July 27:

Chestnut

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genome in these different places and the environment of those places," said Jason Holliday, professor in the Department of Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation.

What the team found, not surprisingly, according to Holliday, was a great deal of genetic adaptation to different environments in chestnut trees. Next, team members divided the Appalachian region into three areas based on similar adaptations of the native trees — a group in the North, one in the center, and a third in the South.

Fungal blight decimated the American chestnut tree in the early 20th century, killing billions of trees and altering the life cycle of the species native to the Appalachian Mountain region. Because of chronic fungal blight infections, the species is unable to reproduce, migrate, or evolve in response to climate change. The American Chestnut Foundation has spent the last 40-years creating a genetically modified, blight-resistant species, but adaptive diversity has not been a focus until now.

"The breeding program at the American Chestnut Foundation used pollen from a variety of places in the range, so one question is, have they captured the adaptive diversity that's present in the wild American chestnut range in a way that would allow them to develop families that are well suited for specific planting locations," said Holliday.

Using deep learning software, researchers were able to predict the geographic origins of a particular genome sequence by training this model using trees with known origins. Results showed the foundation was

doing a good job producing trees with adaptive diversity, although attention must be paid to not losing this diversity through further breeding for blight resistance.

Moving forward, this information, in addition to providing guidance for collecting and conserving more of this diversity from the three regions established by the study, can help the foundation restore specific blight resistant American chestnut families according to regions in which their genome is best matched.

Alex Sandercock, lead author for this paper, was a doctoral student in the genetics, bioinformatics, and computational biology program during the study and an Institute for Critical Technology and Applied Sciences graduate fellow.

Jared Westbrook, co-author of the paper and director of science for the American Chestnut Foundation, said Sandercock's work developed feasible targets for how many American chestnut trees should be conserved from each of the three regional populations.

"We learned that the American Chestnut Foundation has more work to do to conserve trees from the southernmost American population, which is especially important to conserve because it is most genetically diverse and it is likely to be the best adapted to the warmer climates of the future," said Westbrook.

Funding for this research was provided in part by the Institute for Critical Technology and Applied Sciences at Virginia Tech and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

Zeke Barlow for Virginia Tech

Mill Mountain Zoo & their Animal Friends

At the Radford Library; 11 a.m. Mill Mountain Zoo and all of their animal ambassador friends are stopping by! Come see what animals might make their way into the library and be ready to learn about these amazing creatures.

Blacksburg Farmers Market

At Market Square Park, 100 Draper Rd SW, Blacksburg; 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. The Blacksburg Farmers Market is a local, family-friendly gathering place in downtown Blacksburg featuring farmers of locally grown produce and meats, alongside artisans of baked goods and handmade crafts. For more information, visit <http://blacksburgfarmersmarket.com>.

Radford Farmer's Market

Every Saturday through October; 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. on the grounds of Glencoe Mansion, 600 Unruh Dr. Visit weekly for an ever-changing supply of homemade goodies, crafts, plants, meats, produce, and more.

Sunday, July 28:

Vintage Market

At Market Square Park, 100 Draper Rd SW, Blacksburg; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. The market is made up of a carefully chosen group of vendors selling a wide selection of quality vintage items, upcycled crafts, and occasional antiques. For more information, visit blacksburgfarmersmarket.com/vintage-market/.

Thursday, Aug. 1:

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.

Friday, Aug. 2 and Saturday, Aug. 3:

Lamplighters BIG Book Sale

At the Radford Public Library; 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Get great deals on books while supporting the Radford Public Library at the Lamplighters BIG Book Sale! Hardcover and DVDs are only \$1, and Paperbacks are only 50 cents. Many, many children's books and a lot of home school teaching books are available and some DVD's and CD's that are spoken in a language in India. Come and support the Lamplighters, who support the Radford Public Library.

Saturday, Aug. 3:

Radford Summer Concert- rescheduled

Chairmen of the Board will be performing. Bring a chair or blanket and come out to the fields of Glencoe Mansion, Museum & Gallery at 600 Unruh Dr., Radford. Gates open at 6 p.m. Concert begins at 7 p.m.

Alcoholic beverages can be purchased through Radford Chamber of Commerce. Food trucks and non-alcoholic beverages are also available. Admission is \$5 per person. Children 12 and under and free.

Monday, Aug. 5:

August Kids eligibility screening

The Radford Clothing Bank annual August Kids program provides a \$75 voucher for each income qualifying student in grades K - 12 attending Radford City Schools. Vouchers redeemed at the Fairlawn Walmart to purchase new school clothing and tennis shoes. Screening for eligibility is August 5, 10 a.m.-noon and 4- 6 p.m. at Central Church, 803 Wadsworth St., Radford. You MUST provide all of the following verifications: Photo ID of applicant, proof of address (June or July bill), social security card or birth certificate for each child in the home, and SNAP, Medicaid, TANF or four weeks of current pay stub for each employed family member. Questions? Call the Radford Clothing Bank at (540)633-5050 (10 a.m. -noon) Monday-Saturday. Monetary donations can be sent to: Radford Clothing Bank, PO Box 994, Radford, VA 24143.

Monday, Aug. 12:

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. Citizens are invited to attend and allowed to speak at each meeting. See the agenda at www.radfordva.gov.

Montgomery County Board of Supervisors meeting

Public meetings are normally held 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, Aug. 13:

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.

Gas prices lower than last week

Average gasoline prices in Virginia have fallen 5.4 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.41/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 4,081 stations in Virginia. Prices in Virginia are 9.3 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 0.3 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has fallen 4.0 cents in the last week and stands at \$3.79 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Virginia was priced at \$2.93/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$3.99/g, a difference of \$1.06/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$2.93/g while the highest was \$3.99/g, a difference of \$1.06/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 1.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.47/g today. The national average is up 3.5 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 9.9 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

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

July 22, 2023: \$3.42/g (U.S. Average: \$3.57/g)
 July 22, 2022: \$4.16/g (U.S. Average: \$4.38/g)
 July 22, 2021: \$2.97/g (U.S. Average: \$3.15/g)
 July 22, 2020: \$2.01/g (U.S. Average: \$2.19/g)
 July 22, 2019: \$2.53/g (U.S. Average: \$2.75/g)
 July 22, 2018: \$2.62/g (U.S. Average: \$2.82/g)

July 22, 2017: \$2.09/g (U.S. Average: \$2.28/g)
 July 22, 2016: \$1.97/g (U.S. Average: \$2.17/g)
 July 22, 2015: \$2.53/g (U.S. Average: \$2.75/g)
 July 22, 2014: \$3.38/g (U.S. Average: \$3.56/g)

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:

Roanoke- \$3.31/g, down 3.4 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.34/g.

Richmond- \$3.42/g, down 8.2 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.51/g.

West Virginia- \$3.41/g, down 3.6 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.45/g.

"Most of the country has seen a reprieve from rising gasoline prices, thanks to weaker-than-expected gasoline demand, building supplies and a quiet period in the tropics," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "While a good portion of the nation saw average gas prices decline, severe weather completely knocked out power to a major refinery outside Chicago early last week, immediately impacting gasoline supplies to Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana and Michigan, and pushing prices up considerably. We've often said how critical refineries are, and with a long power outage, we're seeing the impact very quickly, but relief will eventually arrive. For now, as we approach the end of summer vacations, I'm hopeful gas prices will continue to edge slightly lower in the week ahead."

GasBuddy

AARP Virginia Fraud Alert: Homebuyers and owners beware

With today's tight real estate market there is often pressure to act quickly when you find that perfect place. Scammers know this and are waiting to pounce. Here are three things to be aware of when shopping for a home.

Wire fraud can happen when a criminal impersonates a real estate or title company and asks you to send the closing costs to them. Before wiring any funds contact your real estate company and confirm the account information, routing instructions and total amount needed.

Criminals are also in the market to take

advantage of those at risk of foreclosure. Beware of anyone promising to make your mortgage payment issues go away -- especially if they ask for an upfront fee.

Lastly, if you are looking to rent a home, make sure and visit in person before paying a deposit. Rental scams happen often with criminals creating legitimate looking websites offering great deals on homes that aren't really up for rent.

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

AARP Virginia

OBITUARIES

Margheim, Dale Edwin

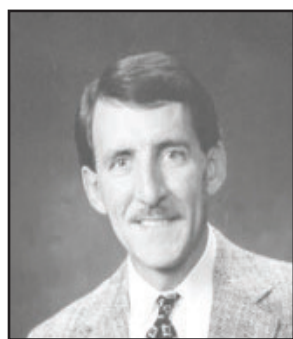
The lights in the NRV educational community dimmed on July 17, with the death of Dale Edwin Margheim.

Starting as an elementary school teacher in Giles County and continuing into administration as principal for several Giles and Montgomery County public schools, Dale touched the lives of thousands of students in his 44-year career. No matter where Dale went, he was always greeted by students, parents, and teachers who had a story to tell of how he touched their lives.

Dale was born in Laredo, Texas, grew up in Houston, and earned his undergraduate degree in English from the University of Houston. He married his high school sweetheart, Linda Hale, whose family was originally from Giles County. Dale and Linda moved to Giles County in 1969, and both began teaching at Pembroke Elementary School with Sam Robinson as their principal, mentor, and friend.

Dale was a natural teacher. He was creative, innovative, and daring in his approach to teaching and helped pioneer inclusion education for special education students. He was passionate about reading and literacy. He received his master's in education from Virginia Tech and held state certifications in English, learning disabilities, reading, and elementary education. In 2001, he completed a Doctorate degree in Education 2001.

Dale and Linda were married for 27 years and had one son, Chance



Alan. After moving from Texas, they lived for many years in Narrows close to Linda's parents, Ralph and Frances Hale, and her sister, Connie Saladiner, and her family. Linda was sadly diagnosed with breast cancer in 1990, and the treatment needed was not covered by insurance. With the help of the Giles County community, Dale was able to raise the money needed. While the treatment extended her life several months, Linda died in 1992, leaving Dale and their 10-year-old son.

Five years later, Dale found Lynn Foster, and they bonded over their shared love of Jeeps and the outdoors. He won her heart by gifting her gaiters just before taking her to the Cascades on a snow-covered trail. When they married, Dale, Chance, Lynn, and her daughter Hannah established a home in Blacksburg.

Dale was an avid outdoorsman. He shared his love of the outdoors with his new family, spending time paddling the New River, camping, hiking, fishing, and hunting. He was an amazing stepfather to Hannah and supported both his children in pursuing their passions.

After Dale retired from public schools, he continued his mission of helping kids and families as an in-home therapist and counselor. His last role was at the NRV Juvenile Detention Home where he was lovingly known as "Doc." He fully retired in 2015 as Parkinson's Disease began to limit his abilities.

Dale was a voracious reader, loving history and mysteries. He enjoyed music, picking his guitar, and singing along with his warm tenor. While at times he was a quiet, reserved man, Dale also had a wicked sense of humor, a ready laugh, and a tendency to see the good in people. He will be greatly missed.

Dale is preceded in death by his parents, Dorothy and George Margheim, his first wife, Linda Margheim, and his niece Amber Saladiner. Left to mourn are his sisters Sylvia Bordovsky and Sherry Brooks (Jeb); brother Paul Margheim (Phyllis); sister-in-law Connie Saladiner (Al); nephew Shawn Saladiner (Tina); their daughter Somer; son Chance Margheim and wife Lisa Hyatt; stepdaughter Hannah Lazarte; wife Lynn Margheim, and his beloved dog Jack.

The family will be receiving friends at McCoy Funeral Home in Blacksburg Thursday, July 25, 4-7 p.m. They ask that in lieu of flowers, please donate to the Montgomery County Educational Foundation (MCEF) at 750 Imperial St., Christiansburg, VA, 24073. Please write on the memo "In memory of Dale Margheim."

Brizendine, Melanie Dawn

Melanie Dawn Brizendine, 54, of New Castle, Virginia joined her lord and savior Friday, July 19, 2024.

She was born Nov. 22, 1969, to Victoria Jones LaPrad and Ephram David LaPrad. Melanie was a faithful member of Grace Assembly of God, serving faithfully for over 20 years. Melanie was highly respected for her teaching and involvement within the youth ministry. Melanie was employed with Anthem for 25 years, before that she worked 10 years with the New Castle Sewing Plant.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Victoria Jones Francisco; brother, Travis LaPrad; and grandparents Fred and Noline Jones and Ephram and Mary Ellen LaPrad.

She will be sadly missed by her husband, Mick Brizendine; children Olivia LaPrad, Jesse Brizendine and



daughter-in-law Danielle Brizendine, and Matthew Brizendine and daughter-in-law Jessica; and "Mel Mel's" special granddaughter Harley. Also left to treasure her memories are sister Angel Hedge and husband Chuck; brother Wiley Francisco; stepsister Teanna Hutton and husband Joey; sister-in-law Rachelle LaPrad; nieces and nephews Cole Hedge, Grace Hedge, Noah LaPrad, Trevyn Francisco, Tyra Hutton, Jayla Hutton; father David LaPrad; and father-in-law

and mother-in-law Lloyd and Carole Brizendine. She was a cherished member of her church community and leaves behind countless friends who were impacted by her faith and unending love.

A funeral service to honor her memory was held Monday, July 22, 2024, at the Grace Assembly of God, Catawba, Va. with Pastor Loraine Taylor officiating. The family received friends prior to the service. The burial was held privately with her family at the Francisco Family Cemetery in Catawba. Pallbearers were Noah LaPrad, Cole Hedge, Trevyn Francisco, Garret Patsel, Hunter Brizendine, and Malichi Patsel. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to Grace Assembly Youth Ministry. McCoy Funeral Home of Blacksburg is serving the Brizendine family.

Tailgate Health Fair brings health resources directly to community

Virginia Poverty Law Center's Enroll Virginia program is hosting a health fair at the Linden Green Apartments, 1600 Simpson Rd., Christiansburg, to connect residents directly with community resources in the New River Valley tomorrow, Thursday, July 25, 3-5 p.m.

The "tailgate" health fair will include representatives from organizations including New River Community Action, the Area Agency on Aging, Virginia Poverty Law Center, Enroll Virginia, Molina Health Managed Care Organization, Community Health Center of the NRV and Women's Resource Center.

"Enroll Virginia is partnering with the Community Housing Program (CHP) and several health and human services

organizations to provide critical information and resources to residents living in NRV CHP properties," said Rhonda Seltz, Certified Navigator with Enroll Virginia. "Issues like food insecurity, loss of Medicaid coverage, and lack of transportation are challenges facing many low- and moderate-income families. Traditional health fairs and events have not been effective in reaching these struggling individuals, so Enroll Virginia and CHP will offer on-site tailgate health fairs for six CHP properties in July."

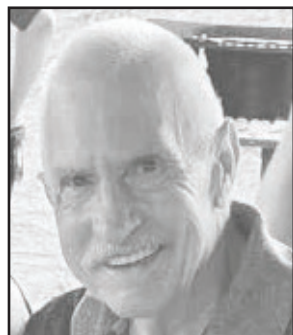
The Linden Green event is expected to be one of the largest tailgate fairs of the summer, serving approximately 200 residents.

Virginia Poverty Law Center

Hamlin, Thomas M.

Thomas "Pops" M. Hamlin, 70, of Christiansburg, died Friday, July 19, 2024. He was born in Radford on July 26, 1953, to the late Albert Lee and Betty Jo Hall Hamlin.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Linda Hamlin; son and daughter-in-law, Bobby and Jennifer Hamlin; daughter and son-in-law, Terri and Chris Martin; grandchildren,



Ashlee Slusher, Mason Slusher, Ethan Hamlin

and Jesse Hamlin; brothers and sisters-in-law, Roger and Brenda Hamlin and Jerry and Julie Hamlin; sister and brother-in-law, Edna and Hobart Rakes; and sister-in-law, Lou Quesenberry.

Memorial services were conducted Sunday, July 21, 2024 in the Walton Pentecostal Holiness Church with Pastor Lee Sarver officiating.

Drought

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regions. Precipitation over the past 7-14-day period showed localized heavy rainfall (1.5 - 4.0 inches) along the southeastern portion of the state resulted in improvements in soil moisture, stream flow, and groundwater levels. Conversely, precipitation over the central and western part of the Commonwealth has been sparse leading to exceptional dryness within large portions of the Shenandoah, Upper James, New River, Roanoke, and Big Sandy drought evaluation regions. Stream flows are currently below the 25th percentile of normal values for seven of the 13 drought evaluation regions with three of these regions currently below the 5th percentile (Big Sandy, Roanoke River, and Shenandoah). Groundwater levels for monitoring wells in the Climate Response Network have shown continued declines within the central and western portion of the Commonwealth with nine regions currently below the 25th percentile.

Of these, groundwater levels within six drought monitoring regions are currently below the 5th percentile including the Big Sandy, New River, Upper James, Shenandoah, Northern Virginia, and York-James.

DEQ is working with local governments, public water works, and water users in the affected areas to ensure that conservation and drought response plans and ordinances are followed. Localities and Virginians that are supplied water from the Potomac River should consult the Metropolitan Washington Water Supply and Drought Awareness Response Plan for specific triggers and actions to be taken. All Virginians are encouraged to protect water supplies by minimizing water use, monitor drought conditions, and detect and repair leaks.

See the current drought status on the DEQ website (deq.virginia.gov).

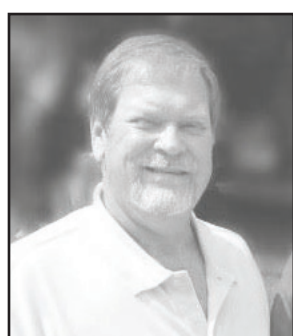
Virginia Department of Environmental Quality

Elliott, James Patrick

James Patrick Elliott, 67, of Blacksburg, died Friday, July 19, 2024, at VCU Medical Center. He was born in Radford on Aug. 9, 1956.

He was preceded in death by his father, James Guy Elliott, and stepfather, Shirley Echols. Pat retired from Virginia Tech after 45 years in the Reprographics Center. He loved golfing, bowling, and animals.

He is survived by his wife, Jeri G. Elliott; mother, Ruth Echols; sons, Matthew Blankenship (Meredith)



and Luke Elliott (Solei); sisters, Kaye Endahl (John) and Rosanna Gearheart (Robert); stepbrothers, Dale Echols (Teresa) and Dennis Echols

(Patricia); special uncle and aunt, Brownie and Jeannie Miller; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A memorial service will be held Friday, July 26, 2024 at 11 a.m. at New Mt. Zion Lutheran Church with Pastor Brian Katz and Pastor Todd Hallinan officiating. Interment will follow in the New Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends immediately following the service in the fellowship hall.

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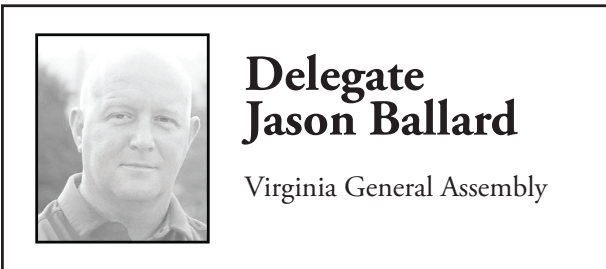
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OPINION

Delegate reacts to former President Trump shooting

July 13th, 2024 was a watershed moment in American history. For the first time in a generation, someone attempted to kill a Presidential candidate. His actions led to an injured former President, as well as the tragic death of one attendee and critical injuries to at least two more. My family and I join Americans across the country to pray for President Trump and the families forever changed by this craven act.

The attempted assassination of former President Trump sent a shock through American politics at every level, and the cowardly attack infused a massive amount of fear and anger into an already fraught situation. The gunman nearly succeeded. Had President Trump not moved his head at the exact instant, he would have been dead, and our country would be in a much darker place today. As of this writing, we don't know if the would-be assassin was a dedicated leftist, a radicalized internet troll, or someone who was deeply mentally ill. Confirmed reports state the shooter was a registered Republican who had donated to "Act Blue," a fund that supports elected Democrats. He had no known criminal record, but I know that we will learn more as time goes on.



Delegate Jason Ballard

Virginia General Assembly

What is clear is that this was a destabilizing event in an environment that was already highly charged. This was the first serious assassination attempt on a President or candidate since 1981, in one of the most contentious election cycles in American history. We also know that Democratic rhetoric has been hyperbolic for far too long. Calling President Trump a threat to the U.S., a danger to democracy, or a tyrant in waiting is dangerous. Furthermore, Democratic efforts in Congress to remove Secret Service protection from President Trump are reckless and irresponsible. Nonetheless, both President Trump and former First Lady Melania have called for Americans to unite around this event and not give in to

fear and anger.

That doesn't mean Democrats get a free pass for their incendiary rhetoric. Far from it – when the left crosses the line, we have an obligation to call it out. When the national press says Republicans need to cool down our rhetoric, we have an obligation to point out that it was the left fanning the flames for eight years.

More importantly, we have an obligation to keep fighting for our ideals and principles. The left wants Republicans to be cowed in fear. We cannot and will not let this – or any other act – keep us from working day and night to undo the damage done by the left. We will keep fighting. We will keep working. Our children and grandchildren deserve no less.

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.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

The Virginia Department of Corrections celebrated its Probation and Parole Officers during Virginia Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Week (July 14-20) and will also observe the national PPPS Week (July 21-27). I encourage all Virginians to do the same. You might not personally know a Probation and Parole Officer, but you feel their contributions to

long-term public safety every day.

Our officers are at the forefront of public safety. Their actions directly keep those who live, work in, and visit the Commonwealth safe from criminal activity by providing effective supervision of probationers and parolees across Virginia. This completely aligns with the agency's mission of long-term public safety. Additionally, VADOC Probation and Parole Officers provide guidance, tools,

and resources to supervisees. This directly leads to Virginia's consistently high success rate for reentry.

Probation and Parole Districts across the Commonwealth also do much more than provide effective supervision for the more than 61,000 supervisees in Virginia. Districts and our corrections team members are true servants of their community, providing money, volunteer hours, and collaboration

to schools, community resource centers, and partner law enforcement agencies.

Thank a Probation and Parole Officer for their service. It's a simple gesture, especially for the services they provide this great Commonwealth.

Sincerely,
Judge (Ret.) Chadwick S. Dotson
Director, Virginia Department of Corrections

Cyclist

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surrounding area, and all of Virginia are beautiful," he continued. "We love riding through the canopies of trees and seeing the amazing farms, fields and scenery."

Glauser's message is "simple yet profound," says information released by his team. "We have it in our

grasp to dramatically improve the lives of poor people around the globe. Taking a grassroots approach, one small business at a time, with the model repeated thousands of times over. It's the same philosophy guiding Professor Glauser's ride across America. We truly are all in this together, one person reaching out to another."

"It's not a pipe dream. Not a fantasy sometime off in the future," it continues. "As Executive Director of the Center for Entrepreneurship, Huntsman School of Business at Utah State University, Glauser's students have now taught more than 10,000 people in Ghana, Cambodia, the Dominican Republic, Peru and more how to start and grow successful businesses, transforming their lives, the lives of their families, employees, and those in their communities."

Glauser's cross-country ride raised money for his nationally acclaimed program called SEED, for Small Enterprise Education and Development. Students from any university can apply for the one semester international program, learning invaluable experience

in being an entrepreneur and teaching and mentoring others. For students who have done the program one of two things has happened. They either graduated and started their own businesses, or they were highly sought after by companies wanting employees with this kind of worldly experience.

"Entrepreneurship is the key to bringing families out of extreme poverty," said Glauser while in Radford. "As we teach families to start small enterprises they can double and even triple their household income. This allows them to send their children to school, buy or build a new home, and break the cycle of poverty for generations."

Glauser's hope with his ride is to spread the word and raise money for scholarships, with 100% of all money raised going to students. Along the way, Glauser met with alumni from the program, filming interviews on how their lives have been affected and the people they have touched.

To learn learn about the cause and donate, go to www.pedalingtoendpoverty.org.

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Glauser with his van, which accompanied him on his cross-country journey.

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 - Point midway between S and SE
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 - Eared owl genus
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 - Hyphen
 - Competently
 - Equal, prefix
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Yard Sales - Vinton

Indoor estate/yard sale.
Campbell Memorial Presbyterian ..
1130 Hardy Rd Vinton.
Preview Friday August 2 from 8-12;
Saturday from 8-1.
Cash please.
Sausage gravy and hot dogs for sale.
Contents from 3 estates.

Help Wanted

Veterinary Assistant at Read Mountain Animal Hospital

Candidates need to be comfortable working with dogs, cats and some exotics.
Hours are Monday through Friday, up to 35 hours a week.

Good computer and communication skills are a must along with good grammar and spelling.

Candidates must be able to lift 40 pounds.
Wage range is \$15.00 to \$18.00/hour depending on experience.
Please send resume to receptionist@readmountain.com



Director of Fund Development

Nonprofit seeks an individual with experience developing, leading, and managing a fundraising strategy and program to increase individual and corporate donations. Must have a minimum of 6 years' experience with demonstrated success in development and managing a portfolio of donors and closing gifts of \$1,000 or more.
Salaried position for enthusiastic self-motivated professional with excellent verbal and written communication skills.

Actively identify, cultivate, and close gifts in support of TAP. This includes both financial and in-kind donations.

Build and manage a portfolio of 75-100 individual and corporate donors and prospects with an annual giving capacity of \$1,000+. Within this list, identify, actively cultivate, and close gifts. This portfolio movement will be reviewed monthly with the President/CEO to ensure it reflects significant prospect movement from identification to cultivation to solicitation to stewardship.

Work in coordination with the President/CEO to seek out and secure quarterly speaking engagements at civic or community events to promote TAP and its programs and cultivate prospective donors.

Must have a bachelor's degree in communications, marketing, public relations, or related field

Experience in strategic planning for development, major gifts, capital campaigns, corporate and marketing initiatives.

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Legals - Botetourt County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 362 LOWE STREET, BUCHANAN, VA 24066.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated March 12, 2018, in the original principal amount of \$88,065.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 180000875. 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 August 30, 2024, at 2:00 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA: TWO-THIRDS OF LOT NO. EIGHTEEN (18), FRONTING 88.92 FEET ON WATER STREET, AND RUNNING BACK BETWEEN PARALLEL LINES 167.77 FEET TO THE REAR LINE OF SAID LOT NO. 18; THE WEST ONE-THIRD OF SAID LOT ADJOINS AN ALLEY KNOWN AS SECOND ALLEY, AND BEING THE SAME LAND THAT WAS CONVEYED TO H.S. HODGES BY J.E. HODGES AND M.F. HODGES, HIS WIFE, BY DEED DATED JUNE 18, 1934, AND RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN DEED BOOK "X" AT PAGE 34. LESS AND EXCEPTING THAT PORTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED LOT SECURING 44 FEET ON WATER STREET AND RUNNING BACK BETWEEN PARALLEL LINES 167.77 FEET, THAT WAS CONVEYED TO H. J. SMITH AND EDRA SMITH, HIS WIFE, BY THE SAID HARRY S. HODGES AND LENA S. HODGES, HIS WIFE, BY DEED DATED NOVEMBER 6, 1948, AND RECORDED IN THE AFORESAID CLERK'S OFFICE IN DEED BOOK 100, PAGE 282, TO WHICH SAID DEED REFERENCE IS HERE AND NOW MADE. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229.

For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com, VA-370006-1.

Legals - City of Radford

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF PROPERTY 486 Waterworks Road, Radford, VA 24141 Tax Map No. 064-A 68, Parcel ID No. 020697

In execution of a Deed of Trust dated July 24, 2008, in the principal amount of \$73,280.45, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, of record as Instrument Number 08008179, Woods Rogers PLC, Trustee, will offer for sale at public auction outside the main entrance of the Montgomery County Circuit Court, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, on July 30, 2024 at 12:00 noon, the property described in said Deed of Trust lying in Montgomery County, Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

All that certain lot or parcel of land with all improvements thereon situate, lying and being in the Prices Fork Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia, on Water Works Road, containing 2.1417 acres more or less as shown on a plat of same dated October 15, 1992, prepared by W. A. Davis, CE/LS, referred to as "Plat prepared for Bobby Wayne Southern, et al."

LESS AND EXCEPT: All that certain lot or parcel of land with all improvements thereon lying and being in the Price's Fork Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia, and being all of Lot Two (2) containing 1.03 acres, conveyed to Alan K. Southern and Drema J. Southern by deed dated June 1, 1995 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, in Deed Book 876, Page 361 and as shown on plat of survey of record in Deed Book 876, Page 363.

TERMS: Cash - Bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sales price by cashier's or certified check may be required. Balance of purchase price shall be due and payable not later than ten (10) days after sale.

WOODS ROGERS PLC, Trustee
For Information Contact: Woods Rogers Vandeventer Black PLC, P.O. Box 14125, Roanoke, VA 24038-4125, Telephone: 540-983-7729

ABC NOTICE

PIZZA HOUSE PARTNERS, LLC., trading as BRICK HOUSE PIZZA, 311 W. MAIN STREET, RADFORD, RADFORD CITY, VA. 24141.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a INDUSTRY BREWERY APPLICATION - CONSUMED license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

DIANA DOBBINS, MANAGING PARTNER
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 Salem

Notice of Public Hearing Town of Blacksburg Planning Commission Tuesday, August 6, 2024

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Town of Blacksburg will conduct the following public hearings on Tuesday, August 6, 2024 during its meeting beginning at 6:30 PM in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Council Chamber, 300 South Main St, Blacksburg, VA on the following item:

Zoning Ordinance Amendment (ZOA) #60/ORD #2001-An amendment to amend the text of the Town's Zoning Ordinance to create a new Downtown Northwest zoning district for the area bounded by North Main Street, Turner Street, and Prices Fork Road.

In 2019, the Town adopted the Downtown Strategic Plan which identified six sub districts for Downtown including the Downtown Northwest district bounded by North Main St., Prices Fork Rd., and Turner St. The proposed amendment will create a new floating zoning district applicable to the Downtown Northwest area. Creation of the new district does not change existing zoning and property owners would need to rezone to the new district through a public hearing process. The district includes an applicability criteria, permitted use table, definitions specific to the new district, building dimensional standards, building design standards, site development standards and signage provisions. The district incorporates many new form-based zoning regulations, which have more specificity in building and site design requirements than typically found in traditional zoning districts.

Persons affected by or interested in the zoning ordinance amendment may appear and present their views. After hearing, the Planning Commission may take action. Copies of the ordinance, staff report and all related items may 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. You may also call the office at (540) 443-1300 for more information.

Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance to attend and participate in the public hearing on the above should contact the Planning & Building Department at (540) 443-1300, or (540)-443-1000-TDD.

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.

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Legals - Montgomery County

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on Monday, August 12, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

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Legals - City of Salem

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on Monday, August 12, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Seaside Heights, LLC, property owner, to rezone the property located at 1590 West Main Street (Tax Map # 140-1-3) from LM Light Manufacturing District to HBD Highway Business District.

2. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Sherwood Memorial Park, Inc., property owner, for a Special Exception Permit to allow for the expansion of the cemetery into the adjacent property located at 1221 Lynchburg Turnpike (Tax Map # 117-1-8) with condition. If approved, Salem City Council intends to adopt the ordinance(s) associated with the above item(s) on first reading, with a second reading of those ordinance(s) at a subsequent meeting.

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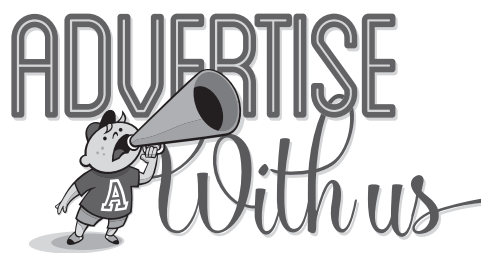
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Sinkland partners with student-athletes for NIL

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Sinkland Farms has announced a new Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) program with six high school student athletes.

The announcement on social media said their mission is to empower young student athletes through Sinkland Farms, Agriculture to Athletes, helping them grow both personally and professionally, and assist them in achieving their dreams both on and off the field.

This is the first of its kind in Virginia focusing on high school students.

Sinkland Farms NIL is an initiative designed to provide Virginia student athletes with resources and opportunities to capitalize on their personal brand. This partnership will allow student athletes to explore various NIL activities, such as media promotion, product endorsements, personal appearances, and social media influence, all while

maintaining their academic and athletic commitments.

Sinkland Farms say they believe in the potential of these young athletes and understand the importance of supporting them in their journey.

By offering NIL opportunities, Sinkland Farms aims to:

Promote academic and athletic excellence: by recognizing and rewarding their hard work both in the classroom and on the field.

Provide financial support: through donations and assisting athletes manage their expenses and prepare for future endeavors.

Empower personal growth: by encouraging them to build their brand and develop skills that will be life benefits.

The announcement said the key is in the personal and professional development of students. Participation in sports can help build character, encourage emotional growth, and teach

players the value of honesty, respect, teamwork, dedication, and commitment.

The first group includes Leila Haley and Carter Stallard (Christiansburg High School), Malachi Coleman (William Fleming), Drew Royal (Auburn), Jeff Overton Jr. (Hayfield, Woodbridge) and Messiah Delhomme (Warwick, Hampton).

Sinkland Farms is located in Riner and serves as the hub for this initiative.

The program, according to Sinkland, works by identifying and partnering with talented student-athletes who exhibit not only athletic excellence but also strong academic performance, and community involvement.

Sinkland Farms will assist in providing them with the necessary tools and opportunities to:

Build their brand: through personalized marketing strategies and professional guidance

Engage with the community: offering

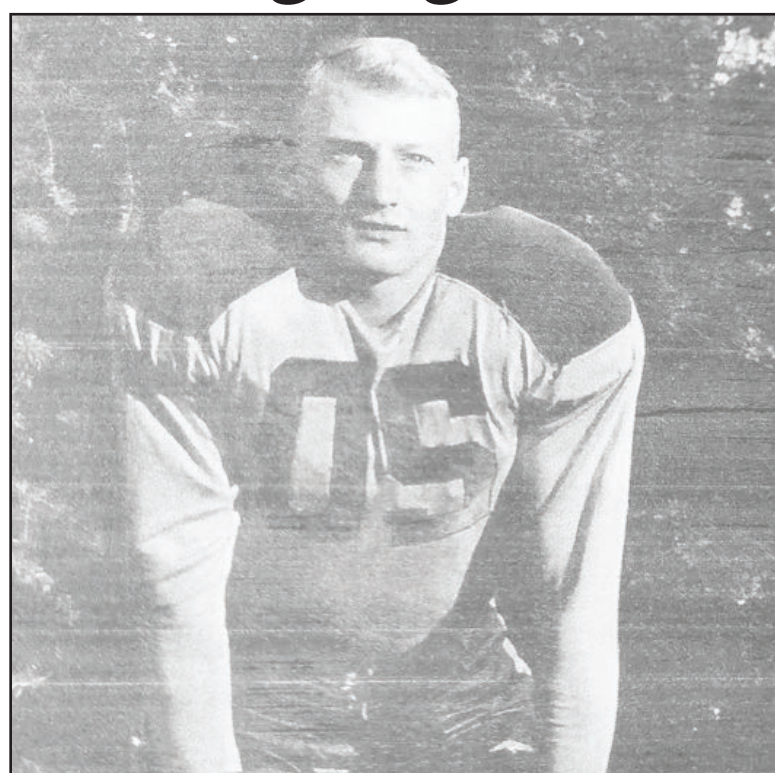
opportunities for public appearances and community service

Secure financial compensation: through endorsements, sponsorships, and other NIL activities

"We are honored to establish this partnership with exceptional student-athletes in the state. We applaud Virginia schools for their quality education and sports programs and are honored to recognize and assist in student development. Curtis Sink says, 'sports requires memorization, repetition, and learning, along with building determination and goal setting—skills that are directly relevant to classroom work as well as building lifelong self-esteem and character.'

For inquiries or to discuss potential collaborations and join Sinkland's efforts through Sinkland Farms in assisting these students, contact Curtis Sink, 540.230.9669 or sinklandfarms@gmail.com.

Five highlight second class of CHS Hall of Fame



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Christiansburg High School has announced its second class for a sports hall of fame.

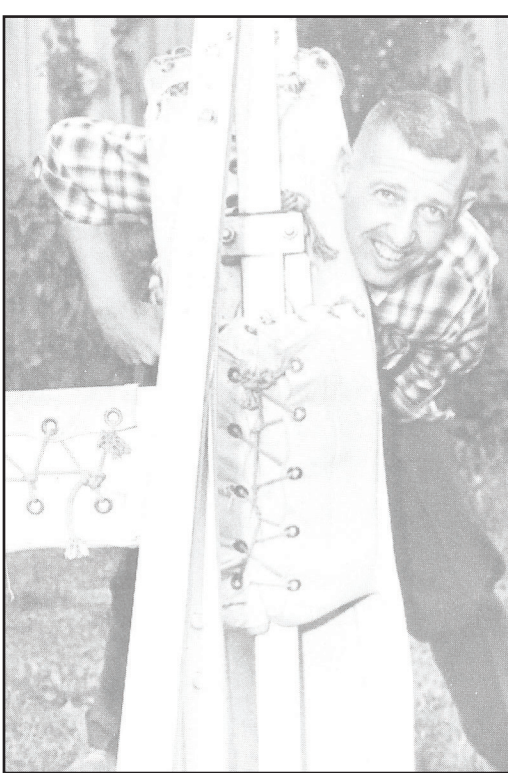
Five new members - Steve Shelton, Hollie Slusser-Porter, Winfred D. Huff Sr. ('51) and former coaches Daryl Weber (wrestling) and Omar Ross (football) - were announced this week. The committee announced its first class last April with 24 former athletes, coaches and supporters. The group spanned six decades ranging from the 1950s to the early 2000s.

The coaches included as inductees include Buddy Earp, Norma Cox, Tim Cromer, Kevin Dresser, Wally Flinchum, Dean Underwood, Mutt Byrd, Steve Wright, Randy Bailey, Jeff Custer, Debbie Sherman-Lee and Shane Guynn. Athletes included Tommy Barber, Joe Board, Clifford Dillard, Gloria Dillard, Brian Eigel, Mark Franklin, Darren Graham, Randy Lawrence, Rebecca McNeil, Billy Parker, Jeff Stanley and Betty-Jo Lester Willard.

The new group includes two coaches and three former athletes.

Shelton coached two teams, both the boys and girls cross country, each fall season for eight years between 1992 - 1999. This time included a national ranking for the boys of 18th in 1994, two state championships in '94-'95, two state runner ups in '92-'93, six regional titles and seven district ones.

He was a physical education teacher at Christiansburg Primary School and Christiansburg Elementary School (1993-2012), a Top 7 National Finalist for the NFL Network Physical Education Teacher of the Year Award (2011) and was an outstanding runner himself at nearby Auburn High School including school record holder in the both the 800 and 1,600 meters (1987). He would later attend Radford



Omar Ross

University and was a two-time individual runner up in 1989 and 1990.

Slusser-Porter was multi-athlete at CHS from 1988 to 1991 including as a state champion in the 800 meters and high jump. She had previously also played volleyball and basketball. She later became a nurse and currently lives in Bedford.

Ross passed away in 2019 and is known as a coach and longtime educator that includes principal of Christiansburg Elementary School and Christiansburg High School, and football coach and athletic director of the high school. He also served Floyd County as Superintendent of Schools until he retired in 1993.

Ross was assistant to legendary coach Buddy Earp of the CHS football team. In 1959 and 1960 before he became the head coach from 1961 to 1965. Ross also coached the boys' basketball team, the cross-country squad and the track and field teams while teaching history, health and physical education. His best years were ('62) 8-2 record and ('63) 8-1-2.

In addition, he was a retired colonel in the United States Army Reserves and was in the United States Army, serving in Korea.

Huff played fullback for the Blue Demon football team, while being one of the fastest in the 100-yard dash. He later received a football scholarship to Milligan College. Huff was named homecoming king in 1950 and took the title of "king of football."

He continues to live in Christiansburg at the age of 91-years-old.

Weber was a Division I NCAA champ at the University of Iowa and won two high school state wrestling individual titles. In 2007, he became the head coach at Christiansburg High School after serving as an assistant for the program for



Steve Shelton



Daryl Weber

FILE PHOTOS

seven years under then-Coach Kevin Dresser.

He led the Blue Demons to nine straight team championships, had 42 state individual champs during his time there, was named the River Ridge District coach of the year for six times, region coach of the year seven times, 2011 Coach of the Year for the Western Region and the 2008 Virginia State coach of the year.

In addition, he was inducted (2008) into the Iowa High School Wrestling Hall of Fame.

The new inductees will be officially recognized during a home football game this fall.

New volleyball coach named at Eastern Montgomery

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Eastern Montgomery High School has a new volleyball coach. She is Jodi Burke, who is currently a ninth grade counselor at the school.

After spending 12 years in Colorado, the former Gateway Christian Academy volleyball player and Christiansburg native returned to the New River Valley. She is in her third year as a counselor, and also serves as the school's 504 and STE Coordinator.

Eastern Montgomery was 13-14 this past volleyball season after a 17-8 mark two years ago.

"I played volleyball in high school, college, and recreational leagues most of my life," she shared. "When the opportunity arose to coach, I knew it was something I had to pursue."

As a former player that also played in college at Carolina University in Winston-Salem, she brings a unique perspective to the team.

"This is the beginning of my coaching career, and what I lack in coaching experience, I hope to make up for with my background in counseling and playing. My goal is to bring harmony, and of course a winning season, to the team," she said.

Hokies announce non-conference schedule

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The Virginia Tech men's basketball team has stepped up its game for the upcoming season with 11 non-conference contests including seven home contests inside Cassell Coliseum and four neutral-site matchups.

Tech will open its 117th men's basketball season at home Nov. 4 against Delaware State. The season opener is the first of three straight home games for the Hokies, who will also face USC Upstate (Nov. 8) and Winthrop (Nov. 11) during the first week of the season.

As previously announced, the Hokies will head to

Baltimore, Maryland to square off with a familiar foe in Penn State as part of the Hall of Fame Series Baltimore on Nov. 15 at CFG Bank Arena. This marks the second time in three seasons Tech and PSU will clash.

The Hokies wrap up the month of November with the Fort Myers Tip-Off, which includes an on-campus game Nov. 20 vs. Jacksonville in Blacksburg. Tech drew Michigan for the opening matchup of the Beach Division on Nov. 25 at Suncoast Credit Union Arena in Fort Myers, Florida. The championship and consolation games are scheduled for Nov. 27 against South Carolina or Xavier.

Tech begins another three-game homestand by hosting Vanderbilt for the SEC/ACC Challenge on Dec. 4, followed by North Carolina A&T (Dec. 12) and Navy (Dec. 15).

In the nonconference finale, Tech will head to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for the 2024 Holiday Hoopfest against Saint Joseph's in The Palestra on Dec. 21. It will mark the seventh all-time meeting between the two former Atlantic 10 Conference foes and the homecoming for Hokies' senior point guard Hysier Miller.

The 20-game Atlantic Coast Conference slate, along with television networks and game times will be announced at a later date.

Sports notes: Hokies drafted by MLB

Seeing their professional dreams take root during Tuesday's final day of the 2024 MLB Draft, Virginia Tech pitcher Jordan Little and second baseman Christian Martin were chosen during the 15th and 18th rounds, respectively, rounding out the Hokies' record-tying, five-player draft pool.

Little was taken at No. 449 overall by the Cincinnati Reds, who have now snagged four Virginia Tech players within the last eight years (Packy Naughton – 2017, Andrew McDonald – 2018, Cade Hunter – 2022). Martin was later picked up at No. 531 overall by the St. Louis Cardinals, who have also chosen four Hokies during the same timeline (Connor Coward – 2018, Chris Gerard – 2021, Christian Worley – 2023).

Combining with Monday's trio of draft picks, Virginia Tech's five total selections during the 2024 MLB Draft tied the program record for the most selections made during the event's

opening 20 rounds (2010, 2022, 2023) – a benchmark reflective of the draft shortening from 40 to 20 rounds in 2021. On Monday, junior third baseman Carson DeMartini was chosen at No. 130 overall (fourth round) by the Philadelphia Phillies, junior pitcher Wyatt Parlamenti was taken at No. 211 overall (seventh round) by the New York Yankees and senior outfielder Eddie Micheletti Jr. was picked up at No. 247 overall (eighth round) by the Toronto Blue Jays.

With Little and Martin's selections on Tuesday, head coach John Szefc has now championed 26 MLB Draft picks at Virginia Tech since taking the reins of the program in 2018. Historically, Szefc's four draft classes of four players or more – as achieved consecutively between 2021 and 2024 (featuring 19 selections) – are the most by a head baseball coach spanning school history.

Hokie qualifies for US Amateur

Virginia Tech graduate Becca DiNunzio carded a 1-under 71 at Oceanside Country Club to be co-medalist and qualify for the 2024 U.S. Women's Amateur.

On the strength of four birdies, DiNunzio tied Valentina Marie Guertin of Boynton Beach, Fla., at the top of the leaderboard.

DiNunzio made the turn at even-par 36, then racked up birdies at holes 10 and 12 to get to 2-under. After a bogey at the par-4 15th, the Virginia Beach, Va., native reeled off three straight birdies to sign for her 71.

The 2024 U.S. Women's Am will be contested August 5-11 at Southern Hills Country Club in Tulsa, Okla. DiNunzio will join former teammate Katherine Lemke, who qualified for the event last week.

New sports website

Virginia Tech Athletics has announced the launch of its newly redesigned website,

in collaboration with WMT Digital. This significant upgrade brings a fresh and modern look to the HokieSports.com online experience, ensuring fans and visitors enjoy a more engaging and user-friendly interface.

The new website features an enhanced visual design that captures the spirit of Virginia Tech, alongside improved navigation that makes it easier than ever to find the information you need. With optimized performance, the site delivers faster load times and a smoother browsing experience. Dynamic content such as videos, photo galleries and interactive elements provide an immersive experience for all users, while ticket management has been streamlined for convenience.

Fans can stay updated with the latest news, scores and highlights from all Virginia Tech sports.

Staff report

NAMI New River Valley announces upcoming Family-to Family class

The local affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness has scheduled upcoming classes in the New River Valley.

The Family-to-Family (F2F) education program is a free nine-week course taught by trained facilitators who have family members with a mental illness. The course focuses on knowledge and skills to help family members cope more effectively with potential challenges. Family members can include parents, children, siblings, partners, as well as close friends who support people who have mental illness.

In the fall, 2024, the F2F class will be offered in Radford on Wednesdays in September and October (9/4/24 – 10/30/24)

from 6 – 8:30 p.m. at Nineveh Lutheran Justice Ministry, 201 Harvey Street, Radford, VA.

This spring, an additional class will occur: Wednesday, March 5 to April 30 2025 from 6 – 8:30 p.m. at Christiansburg Presbyterian Church, 107 West Main Street, Christiansburg.

Please contact naminrvva@gmail.com or 540-585-1627 to register. Please indicate which class you are interested in, and if applicable, the spring information will be sent to you for your consideration.

NAMI New River Valley

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Body found in Elliston

According to the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department, the

body of a man was discovered in Elliston on Saturday, July 20.

Shortly after 4 p.m., the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue, and Elliston Fire Department "responded to reports of a body found in the North Fork River in the area of Cannery Rd. in Elliston," the sheriff's department announced.

"The deceased had been in the water for an undetermined amount of time based on the investigation. It was

determined that the deceased was an hispanic male, approximately 50 years old based on identification found at the scene. The Medical examiner responded to the scene and custody of the deceased was transferred to the ME's office. At this time there is no indication of foul play, however this is an on-going investigation."

There are no further updates from the Sheriff's Office to be provided.

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