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School year underway for Radford City Schools

RADFORD – The first day of the 2024-25 school year for Radford City Public Schools students is today, Wednesday, Aug. 14.

For McHarg and Belle Heth Elementary schools, doors open at 8:15 a.m. and the tardy bell rings at 8:35 a.m. The dismissal bell rings at 3 p.m. For Dalton Intermediate School and Radford High School, doors open at 7:30 a.m. The tardy bell rings at 7:50 a.m. and the dismissal bell rings at 2:20 p.m.

There will be a renewed focus on the cell phone policy for students and the secondary school principals have made announcements regarding cell phone usage.

“As you have probably heard, on July 9, Governor Glenn Youngkin issued Executive Order 33 to

establish cell phone-free education to promote the health and safety of Virginia’s K-12 students,” DIS Principal Darden Freeman said via email to DIS families. “Radford City Schools already has a cell phone policy that is closely aligned to the Governor’s Executive Order. The current policy states:

Students shall not have in their possession beepers, cellular telephones, smart phones, tablets, headphones, earbuds, AirPods, etc., or other communications devices. If a student possesses such a device, in addition to other disciplinary sanctions which may be imposed, the device may be confiscated from the student and returned only to the student’s parent.”

According to Freeman and RHS Principal Andrew Simpson,

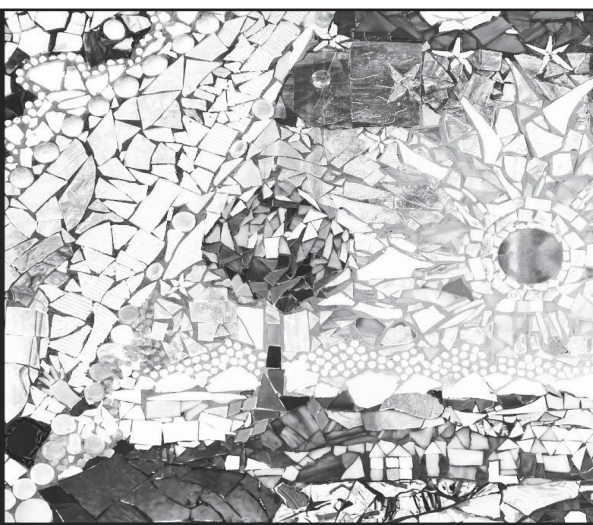
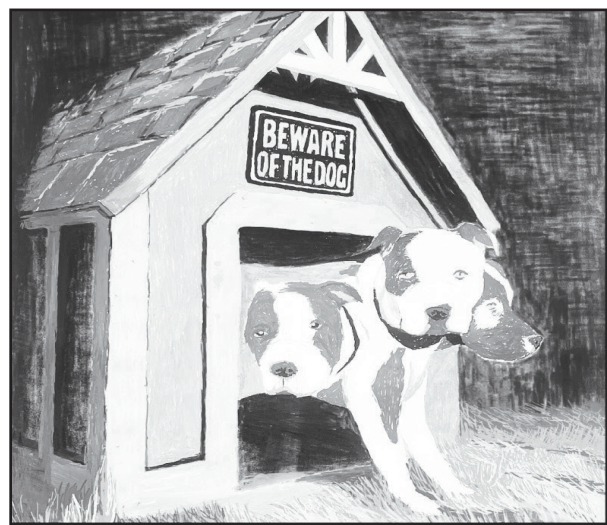
students will be permitted to keep their devices in their backpack turned off and will be allowed to use them during lunch time. Headphones will be permitted for use with school issued Chromebooks for educational purposes.

“In order to be in compliance with this RCPS policy and the Governor’s Executive Order, DIS students will not be permitted to use cell phones during the school day during the 2024-2025 school year. This includes smart watches, earbuds, headphones, and other electronic communication devices. Students will only be permitted to use their cell phones in the cafeteria during lunch,” Freeman wrote.

Staff report



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COURTESY IMAGE

Top left: Cerberus, paint pens and markers, 24 x 18 in., by Alaina Walton of Radford; Top right: Break on Through, glass on glass mosaic, 27 x 23 in., by Ann Shawhan of Blacksburg; Bottom left: Witnessing the Flower Moon, metal photo print, 18 x 12 in., by Jeremy Riffe of Dublin; and Bottom right: It's Too Cold to Play Outside, oil on canvas, 40 x 37 in., by Logan Singo of Radford.

Show celebrates diverse artistic visions from New River Valley

“The Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley is proud to present Menagerie, one of our most beloved annual exhibits, celebrating the diverse talents of artists residing in

Virginia’s New River Valley region,” says Savannah Penven, program manager and curator at the center. The show opens Aug. 16, with a reception Thursday, Aug. 22, 5 to 7

p.m. Menagerie stands out for its

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New River offers wealth of wildlife



PHOTO BY CHRIS BELL

A great egret takes flight over the New River on a recent sunny day. The New River is a great place to see a variety of wildlife and Bisset Park/ Dudley’s Landing is one of three sites the City of Radford has on the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources Bird and Wildlife Trail. Learn more at <https://dwr.virginia.gov/vbwt/>.

New Mount Olive Church hosts fish fry this Saturday



PHOTO COURTESY OF NEW MOUNT OLIVE CHURCH

Church member Gilbert Linkous fries the fish for customers at May’s fish fry. The next one is set for this Saturday.

RADFORD - New Mount Olive United Methodist Church is hosting its latest fish fry this Saturday, Aug. 17.

The New Mount Olive Methodist Church Men’s group hosts the fish fry and cooks all the food from scratch. The fry is set for 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the church, located at 309 Russell Ave. in Radford. The menu and prices are:

includes two pieces of deep-fried fish, baked beans, coleslaw rolls and dessert. Fish sandwiches: \$6, includes one piece of fish on a bun with coleslaw. Extra piece of fish: \$3.50.

For call -in orders call the church at (540)-639-6425. Delivery is also available, only in the Radford area.

Staff report



PHOTO COURTESY OF NRVHBA

The Annual Touch a Truck event is set for this Saturday, Aug. 17 at Uptown Christiansburg (formerly the NRV Mall).

Touch-a-Truck NRV drives into town this weekend

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

The New River Valley Home Builders Association (NRVHBA) is proud to present the 9th Annual Touch-A-Truck NRV event this Saturday, Aug. 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Uptown Christiansburg, 782 New River Rd., in the back parking lot. For those with sensitive ears, the event will be horn and siren-free from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Children will get to have a safe and hands-on learning experience

by climbing into the driver’s seat and exploring vehicles such as squad cars, dump trucks, bucket trucks, construction vehicles and more.

Many business and non-profit organizations have plenty of activities to keep the kids busy, local food trucks will be there to satisfy your cravings, and there will be the chance for the kids to build their own birdhouse at the event! Get ready for a day filled with giant tires, horns, sirens and fun.

Touch-a-Truck NRV is a family

event open to all. Tickets are \$3 each or \$8 per family ticket (valid for up to four attendees.) Children two and under are free. Proceeds from this event go towards the New River Valley Home Builders Association and the NRVHBA Microgrant fund which provides funding for special projects and/or materials within elementary and secondary classrooms that align with the workforce development interests of the home building and construction industry.

NRVHBA

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, Aug. 14:

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.

Wednesday, Aug. 14 – Sunday, Aug. 18:

Blacksburg Community Center closed

The Blacksburg Community Center is closed for annual maintenance. This closure will extend through Sunday, Aug. 18 and will reopen on Monday, Aug. 19. For more information, please call 540.443.1140.

Wednesday, Aug. 14 - Friday, Aug. 23:

CAC annual maintenance

The Christiansburg Aquatic Center will be closed for annual maintenance to complete work that cannot be completed while the center is open.

Thursday, Aug. 15:

Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet at 7 p.m. at Aly's Italian Family Restaurant on 3204 Riner Road. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to attend. Member Seth Gravely will present Part two of his talk on the "History of the 29th Virginia Infantry". For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

Radford Reads with Ron Peterson Jr.

Best-selling author of true crime books returns to Radford Public Library to talk about his newest book, "In the Wind: the Disappearance of Janice Starr." Ron Peterson, Jr. is the author of several best-selling true crime books including "Under the Trestle" and "Chasing the Squirrel." Arrive at 5 p.m. to meet the author. His presentation will begin at 5:30 p.m. The library will be closed but the community room and foyer are open for this exciting event. If there is overflow, the library will open for streaming opportunities in another section of

the library as needed.

Saturday, Aug. 17:

Rescheduled Radford Summer Concert

Crowd favorite Cassette Rewind, an 80s cover band, will perform on the grounds of Glencoe Mansion, 600 Unruh Dr. Gates open at 6 p.m. and music starts at 7 p.m. Food trucks, non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverages available for purchase. Tickets are \$5 per person, ages 12 and under are free. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on.

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, Aug. 18:

Faith and Democracy presentation

The local group Defending Democracies will host a special presentation and discussion featuring Chris Crawford, Policy Strategist for Protect Democracy. We'll hear why democracy is important to faith communities and consider actions we can take, both as individuals and as faith communities, to support the defense of our democracy. Join us, 2:30-4 p.m., at Blacksburg United Methodist Church, Whisner Building, 111 Church St. SE, Blacksburg (parking in lots off of Lee St.).

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/.

Tuesday, Aug. 20:

August TRIAD-Artificial Intelligence (AI)

TRIAD/S.A.L.T. is a cooperative effort of law enforcement agencies (police/sheriffs), senior citizens, and senior organization, focused on reducing crimes against our most vulnerable citizens: our seniors. Presentation on AI will cover the history and what is AI. What is AI being used for in general. What areas you may see it in and how you will be affected by AI. What is coming soon and what is in the future. Followed by Q&A. TRIAD meets the third Tuesday of each month at the Christiansburg Recreation Center at 1:30 p.m. You are invited to attend.

Saturday, Aug. 24:

Heritage Day

Sponsored by the Montgomery Museum of Art & History. Immerse yourself in the rich history of Christiansburg, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., in downtown Christiansburg, 4 E Main St. and 300 South Pepper St. Step into the past with over 40 vendors showcasing crafts, artifacts, and more. Indulge your taste buds with a variety of delectable treats from food trucks while enjoying the delightful tunes of live music and dance throughout the day. Keep the little ones entertained with a hayride and specially curated activities just for them.

Rotary Club of Blacksburg yard sale

The Annual August Yard Sale will be held 7 – 11 a.m. at the Blacksburg YMCA parking lot on North Main Street. Featured will be a wide range of items including household items, kitchen appliances, monitors, furniture, tools, bikes, and much more. Proceeds go to local projects as well as local scholarships for high school students offered each year by the Rotary Club.

Monday, Aug. 26:

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. 27:

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 Republicans endorse candidates for school board and city council



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE RADFORD CITY REPUBLICANS

The Radford City Republican committee stands with the slate of candidates they've endorsed for the Nov. 2024 election.

The Radford City Republicans are endorsing “a dynamic slate of candidates” for the upcoming school board and city council elections in Radford.

Benjamin Buzzard, Brian Dobbins, Guy Wohlford, and Kellie Artrip, all lifelong residents of Radford, embody the values and commitment to community that the Republican Party holds dear.

Benjamin Buzzard, a distinguished Radford native, brings a solid academic background to his candidacy, holding an A.A.S in General Studies from New River Community College and a Bachelor of Business

Administration in Marketing from Radford University. Currently serving as the Campus Services Supervisor at Radford University, Ben's dedication to education and community service is truly commendable.

Brian Dobbins, with 27 years of experience at Norfolk and Southern and a passion for coaching volleyball at the rec center, brings a wealth of knowledge and a strong community spirit to the table. Together, Brian and Ben have adopted the evocative slogan "Your children, our future," signaling their unwavering commitment to placing the education and safety of

Radford's children at the forefront of their agenda.

Guy Wohlford, a respected past city council member, Chairman of the City of Radford Electoral Board, and Radford business owner, stands as a beacon of experience and leadership in the community. Likewise, Kellie Artrip, currently serving the City of Radford as a council member and Audit Manager at National Bank of Blacksburg, brings a unique blend of financial expertise and civic dedication to the fore.

Guy and Kellie share a common vision of ushering in economic responsibility and increased transparency

in Radford's governance, underscoring their commitment to fostering a more accountable and prosperous future for all residents.

The endorsement of Benjamin Buzzard, Brian Dobbins, Guy Wohlford, and Kellie Artrip by the Radford City Republicans reflects a shared belief in the values of education, community service, and responsible governance. The party stands firmly behind these candidates as they embark on their campaign journey to uplift and enhance the Radford community.

Radford City Republicans

OBITUARIES

Harber, Billie Jean

Billie Jean Harber, of Fairlawn, went home to be with the Lord Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2024. Born June 17, 1924, Billie had just celebrated a century of life.

She was born in Ashland, Kentucky, and was preceded in death by her father, John Aaron Clarke; mother, Mary Ruth Wagner Clarke; and her loving husband, John Bays Harber. She is survived by her children, Julia Lynn Propst, Dana Jean Hanks, Samuel Clarke Harber and John David Harber, and many grandchildren and great grandchildren who loved her very much.

Billie's early years were spent traveling with her parents throughout the Midwest during the Great Depression, as her father worked a



number of jobs. The Clarkes finally found a permanent home in Pennington Gap, Va., where Billie's father was the town's chief of police. As a senior in high school, Billie entered and won the Miss Lee County competition, and went on to compete in the Miss Virginia Pageant. Shortly after attending Berea College, Billie and Pennington Gap local, John Harber, a student at the University of Tennessee,

began dating. Upon his graduation, they were married, and began a life-long love affair, which lasted over 60 years.

Early in their marriage Billie pursued her goal of opening her own beauty salon, and then continued on to create beautiful art - drawings, paintings, and handcrafts.

Above all, Billie loved the Lord Jesus and lived her life with the goal of pleasing Him. Billie will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and neighbors, whom she dearly loved.

A graveside service was held Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2024, at Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin.

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

Lineburg, Margaret Joann Young

Margaret Joann Young Lineburg, 85, of Radford, died Aug. 11, 2024.

Born Dec. 13, 1938, Joann Young grew up in Marion, Va. and graduated from Marion Senior High School in 1956 where she played basketball, was a cheerleader, and an outstanding student. She attended Radford College to pursue her passion for teaching and was a member of the Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority, graduated in 1960 and earned her master's degree in 1972. She began her teaching career at William Byrd High School in 1960, where she met her husband, Norman Lineburg. The two married on July 30, 1965, and enjoyed 59 years of marriage. Joann taught physical education for 38 years in Roanoke County, Henry County, at Radford University, and Radford City. Joann was a decorated teacher, gaining recognition at the local, state, and national level. She attended Central United Methodist Church in Radford where she was a member of the Chancel Choir for 50 years.

Joann was the



mother of four boys, Robert Grayden (Katharine Jackson), Mark Young, Lynchburg, Va., Paul Norman (Crystal), Vinton, and Wayne Everett (Tracey), Winston-Salem, N.C.; seven beloved grandchildren, Margaret Claire (Bennett), Robert Charles, Heidi Joann, Lucy Olivia, Morgan Leanna, Addyson Michelle, and Alexis May. Joann was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Neva Young, along with her brother, Robert Young, and his life partner Barbara Houston. Joann is also survived by her brother Robert's children, Micheal Young (Margaret) of Blacksburg, and David Young (Amy) of Roanoke.

Joann lived an extraordinary life, traveling the country and traveling abroad. Her hobbies included

gardening, dancing, and sharing notes and photographs with her many friends. She was an avid supporter of the Radford University Highlanders and the Radford Bobcats. Her life was filled with music, literature, travel, and an abundance of friends. Joann's enthusiasm for life was apparent to all who met her. She will be greatly missed. The family would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of the doctors, nurses, and caregivers who were so kind during her illness as well as her many friends who showed such an outpouring of support.

In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate contributions to Radford University Highlander Club to support Women's Athletics.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 17, 2024, at Central Church Radford, 803 Wadsworth Street, Radford. A celebration of Joann's life will begin at 1 p.m. with Pastor Doug Levy officiating.

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

Luckado, Jerry Daniel

Jerry Daniel Luckado, 72, of Shawsville, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2024, at his home. He was born in Christiansburg on July 24, 1952.

He is preceded in death by his father, Paul Marvin Cox; his mother, Martha Ann Graves Luckado; brothers George Harvey Luckado and Tommy Graves; and sister Nancy Owens. He is survived by his wife, Treca Elaine Luckado; daughters, Tracy Ann Mathis, Crystal Lynn



Jones, and Tina King; sons, Roland Keith Wilson, Jr. and John Mark Wilson; sisters, Patsy Bean, Debra Hammond, and Robin Raines; brothers, Harvey

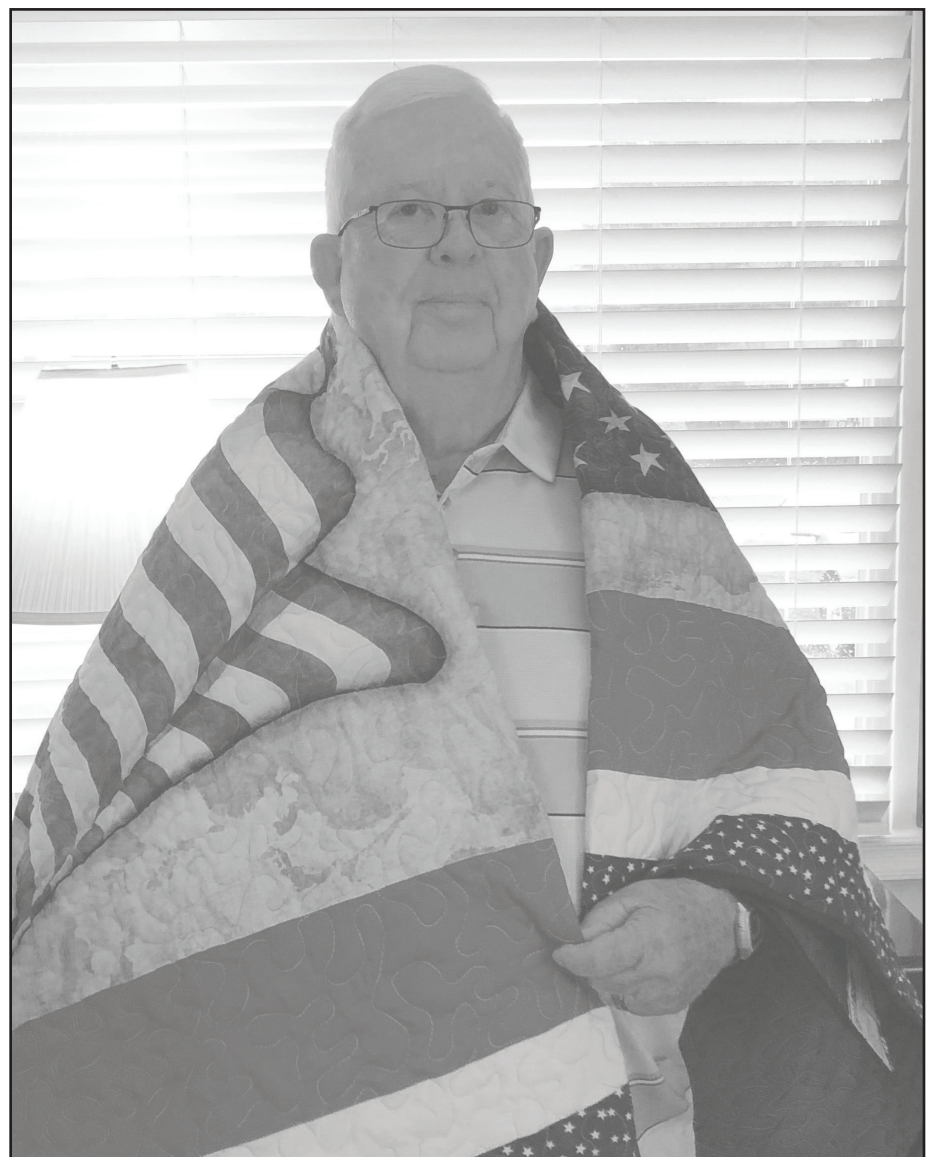
Graves and Gary Graves; eight grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and fur baby Cutie Pie; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, Aug. 15, 2024, at 2 p.m. in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Leon Alley officiating. Interment will follow in the North Fork Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 12-2 p.m. before the service.

Christiansburg fire fighters receive Quilts of Valor



Christiansburg fire fighters Matt Thompson, Floyd Childress and John Epperly, who served in the Army and the Marine Corps, are awarded Quilts of Valor (QOV) Tuesday Aug. 6 at the Christiansburg Fire Department as NRV QOV Coordinator Jenny Fields (right) and well-wishers looks on.



Terry Delaney, a Christiansburg fire fighter who served in the US Air Force, is awarded a Quilt of Valor on Thursday, Aug. 8.

Heather Bell Editor

CHRISTIANSBURG - Four Christiansburg firefighters, who are also military veterans, have received Quilts of Valor in honor of their service.

Matt Thompson, Floyd Childress and John Epperly served in the Army and the Marine Corps and were awarded Quilts of Valor Tuesday, Aug. 6 at the Christiansburg Fire Department. Terry Delaney, who served in the US Air Force, was awarded a Quilt of Valor on Thursday, Aug. 8. Delaney served during the Vietnam era and was awarded the Vietnam lapel pin.

The quilts were made by quilters of the NRV Quilts of Valor Quilters group.

"It has been a special way to recognize and thank veterans for their service to our nation since 2003," said Jenny Fields, who leads the NRV QOV group. "QOV has recently surpassed 389,000 quilts

awarded nationwide."

"A Quilt of Valor is more than just a handmade quilt; it embodies gratitude, respect, and appreciation for those who have served our nation," according to the QOV Foundation. "These meticulously crafted quilts, whether machine or hand quilted, hold within their stitches a

profound recognition of the struggles and triumphs of our service members. The Quilts of Valor Foundation aims to wrap these individuals in a tangible reminder of our nation's deep respect for their service and sacrifice."

Anyone may nominate a veteran online the QOV website, QOV.org.

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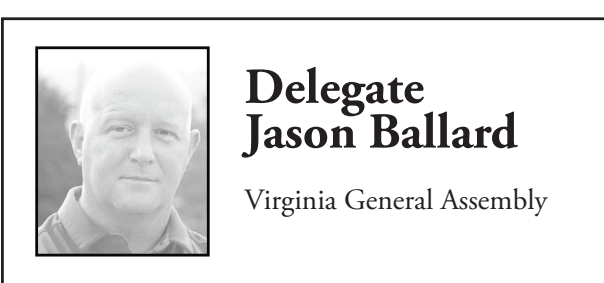
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OPINION

Virginians should celebrate the Commonwealth's business news

Governor Glenn Youngkin and General Assembly Republicans have had the advancement of Virginia's economy as one of our shared top goals, and these past couple of weeks have brought great news as it relates to the Commonwealth's standing in the United States economy. Through hard work and coordination, we have helped guide the Commonwealth to two lofty positions: America's number one state to do business, and over 10,000 new start-up businesses since the Governor's election. These wins should be celebrated by all.

Recently, CNBC named Virginia "America's Top State for Business," a ranking system which measures all 50 states on 128 different metrics in 10 key categories of competitiveness. For the first time, CNBC weighted infrastructure – including availability of shovel-ready sites – as the top component when businesses decide on where to invest. Virginia's Business Ready Sites program, administered by the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, was a key factor in this top ranking. So was our world class port, rail, roadway, and air transportation ecosystem. Additional categories include the Commonwealth's economy, quality of life, cost of doing business, technology and innovation, business friendliness, access to



Delegate Jason Ballard

Virginia General Assembly

capital, and cost of living. Even more notably, the Commonwealth placed in the top half of all 10 categories considered in the rankings, including a number one finish as the best state for education in America. This is terrific news and shows that our priorities are on the mark in the General Assembly as it relates to the economy.

The announcement that over 10,000 new high-growth, high wage start-ups have expanded in Virginia during the Governor's tenure no doubt plays a large role the Commonwealth's overall economic success. As part of the "Compete to Win" strategy, economic development has been propelled into high gear by embracing strategic collaboration to drive job growth and labor participation, reverse Virginia's trend of out-migration, enhance our competitiveness with neighboring states, and expanding Virginia's entrepreneur ecosystem. With the support of House and

Senate Republicans – Virginia nearly doubled the standard deduction to increase take-home pay for workers and small businesses. We also allowed start-ups to pay tax at the entity-level rather than passing tax liability on to their investors, increased the business interest deduction by 50%, and established the Office of Regulatory Management to reduce burdensome, arbitrary regulations that prevent businesses from growing and thriving.

Overall, Virginia is on a great trajectory on the national stage as it relates to economic development and job growth. This doesn't happen by accident – it takes strategic vision and a commitment to pro-growth priorities. I'm proud to support the Governor's initiatives and look forward to seeking continued opportunities for collaboration toward growth and improvement, now and into the future.

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

Hello friends and citizens of Radford,

Have you heard the great news regarding Governor Youngkin's announcement that Radford will receive a \$3.5 million grant for the development of the Pipe shop property, known as the Radford Foundry VCI property. Thanks to our state and local representatives for their

work on achieving this grant!

To help the EDA move this development forward will be a major focus for me if elected to council. Our current economic situation in the city demands that the council make decisive and meaningful decisions to bring the city finances back to an acceptable level.

Please pray for the council as they continue to tackle

this problem!

The site for this announcement is: www.governor.virginia.gov/newsroom/news-releases/2024/august/name-1031626-en.html

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Candidate for Radford City Council

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Gas prices rise slightly over last week

Average gasoline prices in Virginia have risen 2.8 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.34/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 4,081 stations in Virginia. Prices in Virginia are 13.8 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 32.2 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has declined 3.4 cents in the last week and stands at \$3.72 per gallon- the lowest level since January, 2022, over 900 days ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Virginia was priced at \$2.82/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$3.99/g, a difference of \$1.17/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$2.82/g while the highest was \$3.99/g, a difference of \$1.17/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 3.2 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.41/g today. The national average is down 11.6 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 42.5 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from

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

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

- August 12, 2023: \$3.66/g (U.S. Average: \$3.83/g)
- August 12, 2022: \$3.76/g (U.S. Average: \$3.94/g)
- August 12, 2021: \$2.99/g (U.S. Average: \$3.18/g)
- August 12, 2020: \$1.99/g (U.S. Average: \$2.18/g)
- August 12, 2019: \$2.44/g (U.S. Average: \$2.64/g)
- August 12, 2018: \$2.63/g (U.S. Average: \$2.85/g)
- August 12, 2017: \$2.17/g (U.S. Average: \$2.35/g)
- August 12, 2016: \$1.91/g (U.S. Average: \$2.12/g)
- August 12, 2015: \$2.37/g (U.S. Average: \$2.59/g)
- August 12, 2014: \$3.25/g (U.S. Average: \$3.47/g)

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:

Roanoke- \$3.29/g, up 3.8 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.25/g.

Richmond- \$3.37/g, up 6.9 cents per gallon from last week's

\$3.30/g.

West Virginia- \$3.39/g, up 5.7 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.33/g.

"As summer driving season comes to a gradual close, we continue to see gasoline prices declining in most of the country as demand remains muted. Incredibly, the drop has also caused diesel fuel prices to crumble to their lowest level since before Russia's invasion of Ukraine," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "As long as we can avoid a major hurricane threatening refineries in the Gulf region, I believe we could see declines continue into this week, with the national average potentially dipping to its lowest level of the summer. However, should economic data come in better than expected, there still could be a short-lived rally. While some states may also see gas prices rise to routine price cycling, primarily in the Great Lakes and Florida, prices across the board remain lower in every state compared to a year ago."

GasBuddy

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Midway between east and southeast
4. Sun up in New York
7. Japanese honorific
8. Czech name for Prague
10. Ochocinco's first name
12. Steep cliffs (Hawaiian)
13. Scots word for "home"
14. Upper class young woman (abbr.)
16. Monetary unit of Albania
17. Raise
19. Drain of resources
20. Uncultured, clumsy persons
21. Hikers use them
25. Retrospective analysis (military)
26. Tibetan form of chanting
27. Influential European statesman
29. Soluble ribonucleic acid
30. Monetary unit of Romania
31. Round green vegetable
32. Well acquainted with
39. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
41. Basics
42. "The Godfather" actress Keaton
43. Snake-like fish
44. Tall deciduous tree
45. Russian river
46. Long Balkans river
48. Ancient Greek coin
49. Senegal's capital
50. Unwell
51. Snout
52. Low bank or reef of coral

CLUES DOWN

1. Abstain from
2. Vast desert in North Africa
3. Cover the crown of a tooth
4. A major division of geological time
5. Urban center
6. Crook
8. Parts per billion (abbr.)
9. Questions
11. A pack of 52 playing cards
14. Recording of sound
15. Pithy saying
18. Atomic #22
19. Soviet Socialist Republic
20. Plant with ridged seedpods
22. Innate
23. Investigative body for Congress (abbr.)
24. Soda receptacle
27. Spanish stew: __ podrida
28. Viet Cong offensive
29. Large body of water
31. Beginning military rank
32. Dissimilar
33. Counteroffensive system (abbr.)
34. Shows who you are
35. Chinese dynasty
36. Type of verse
37. African nation
38. Quite
39. Former Bucks star Michael
40. Showed again
44. Body part
47. Steal

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SCHOLZ, JR., MARGARET SCHOLZ, JENNIFER SCHOLZ, JOHN SCHOLZ, BRENDA SCHOLZ, AND MARY SCHOLZ, ET AL.; JAMES MCPHERSON V. BESSIE DOSS; STEWART E. BOWE V. CRAIG CITY IMPROVEMENT COMPANY; WITHROW MARTIN LEE, ET AL. V. N.E. CALDWELL, ET AL.; STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER V. MAGGIE S. RENOLDS, ET AL.; HARRY W. KESSLER, JR. V. CLYDE M. ROACH, HENRY ROACH, JR., RONNIE NEWMAN, SHERRY PLASTERS, DEBBIE STUTLER, DANIEL NEWMAN, MERLE WOODS, NANCY CECIL, CHARLOTTE WOOD GORDON, ROBERT MURRAY, RUSSELL SMITH, IDA LEE SMITH, AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ROBERT J. REYNOLDS; GROVER T. HUFFMAN, ADMINISTRATOR FOR B.W. CARPER, DECEASED V. VIOLET CLAPSADDLE, ET AL.; MARY B. LITTLE, ET AL V. WILBUR STAKES, ET AL.; JAMES L. PAITSEL, SR. AND SARAH B. GRAHAM, CO-EXECUTORS OF ELOISE G. CRAFT ESTATE V. D.F. HOUSTON; IN RE: ESTATE OF W.E. MILLS; EDITH HALL V. JOHN DEMPSEY ROACH, ET AL.; LESLIE ALBERT; CLARA ALFORD; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF GEORGE BRITT M BROWN, ET AL.; J.E. BRYAN; FLORA BUGG; GEORGE BUGG; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LAW G. CARPER; CHAMBER OF COMMERCE; VIOLET CROWDER; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF J. DUDDING; EPPERLY V. LOONEY; EVELYN GOODWIN; ETHEL JENNINGS; ALBERTA JOHNSON; ERNEST JOHNSON; MARY MAE PEYTON; ESTATE OF MINERVA REYNOLDS; ROBERT SARVER; SUE STRINGFELLOW; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ADAM TAYLOR; D.B. TROUT; VIRGINIA HIGHWAY V. SIXEAS; PAMALA YOUNG, and PARTIES UNKNOWN, Defendants.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION The object of this suit is to disburse funds held by the General Receiver of the Circuit Court, which funds have been held by the General Receiver for more than one year and remain unclaimed. An Affidavit having been filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the location of the named Defendant(s), that the Defendant(s) may be nonresidents of Virginia and maintain no domicile within the borders of the Commonwealth, or are deceased, or that there may be parties who hold an interest in the funds but are unknown, including the unknown heirs, successors and assigns of the individuals named herein and their predecessors in title, who have been made parties and given notice by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby

ORDERED that the named Defendant(s) and all Parties Unknown appear on or before October 7, 2024, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause. Entered: 8/1/2024 Sharon P. Oliver, Circuit Court Clerk, County of Craig, Virginia

I Ask For This: Sands Anderson PC P.O. Box 2009 Christiansburg, Virginia 24068-2009 (540) 260-9011 (540) 260-0022 (facsimile)

Order of Publication Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. CL24001130-00 MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re CRAIG COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES v. CARMEN COLLINI The object of this suit is to: APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIANSHIP. It is ORDERED that BROOKE COLLINI,

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SHADE COLLINI, CAYENNE COLLINI, TONI COLLINI, CHIRSTOPHER CUMBEE appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before AUGUST 21, 2024 @ 10:00AM. JULY 22, 2024 TIFFANY COUCH, CLERK

Legals - Botetourt County

Order of Publication Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. CL24-270 VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT

COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA, A Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant, v. CORA LANGHORNE, 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. 106(3)5 Account No. 12734 All that certain lot, or parcel of real property, lying and being situate in Botetourt County, Virginia, being located on or near Reservoir Road and being 18.25 acres, more or less, known as Tax Map Number 106(3)5. And being the real property conveyed to Percy Langhorne and Cora Langhorne, heirs at law of Houston Langhorne, from Sallie Johnson, Et Al by Deed dated April 18, 1956 and recorded on March 21, 1958 among the records of the Botetourt County Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Deed Book 132 at Page 288. This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described.

IT APPEARING that an Affidavit has been made and filed stating the due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, That the last known address for the Respondents herein are as follows; Cora Langhorne, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Percy Langhorne, 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 September 20, 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 29th day of July, 2024. Tommy Moore, Clerk

I Ask For This: Seth R. Konopasek, Esq. (VSB No. 97065) John A. Rife, Esq. (VSB No. 45805) Jeffrey 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 Facsimile: (804) 545-2378 TACS No: 924089

Order of Publication Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. W220000278BOTETOURT COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT 5 W. MAIN STREET, FINCASTLE, VA 24090 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re ESTAE OF JOSEPH LARRY HENDERSON, DEC v. The object of this suit is to: show cause against payment and delivery of the

Legals - Montgomery County

estate to parties entitled. It is ORDERED that the creditors of, and all others interested in the Estate of Josph Larry Henderson appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before September 4, 2024 at 2:00 pm. August 6, 2024 Leslieanne Smith, Deputy Clerk

Order to Show Cause

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT IN RE: ESTATE OF JOSEPH LARRY HENDERSON ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE AGAINST DISTRIBUTION Will File#220000278

It appearing that a report of the accounts of James A. McClure, administrator. of the Estate of Joseph Larry Henderson, deceased, and the debts and demands against the estate have been filed in the Clerk's Office and that six months have elapsed since the qualification, on motion of the personal representative, it is ORDERED that the creditors of, and all others interested in, the Estate of Joseph Larry Henderson show case, if any they can, on the 4th day of September, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., before this Court at it's Courthouse at 205 North Roanoke Street, Fincastle, Virginia, against the payment and delivery of the estate to the parties entitled thereto under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia without requiring refunding bonds. It is further ORDERED that the foregoing portion of this Order be published once a week for two successive weeks in The Fincastle Herald, a newspaper having general circulation in the County of Botetourt, Virginia. Enter August 6, 2024 Hon. Joel R. Branscom, Judge

I ask for the entry of this Order: Lenden A. Eakin (VSSB#23885) Ferris and Eakin, P.C. 22 Luck Avenue, SW Roanoke, VA 24011 Phone: 540-345-1000 Fax: 540-344-6608 Email: lenden@rvalaw.com

Legals - City of Radford

ABC NOTICE CASA FAMILIA LLC., trading as LA CATRINA, 103 THIRD AVE, RADFORD, MONTGOMERY CO., VA 24141

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a BEER, WINE AND MIXED BEVERAGES license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. AMANDA BRINKLEY, 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.

Order of Publication Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. JJ004782-06-00 RADFORD CITY J&DR- JUVENILE DIVISION 619 2nd street, Radford, Virginia 24141. Commonwealth of Virginia, in re: MALDONADO, KERON J.

The object of this suit is to: Approve a Foster Care Plan submitted by the Radford City Department of Social Services regarding the above-named child. And it appearing that diligence has been used to attempt to locate the putative father of the child, Antonio Maddox, but despite that diligence, Antonio Maddox's whereabouts remain unknown to the Department; and it also appearing that the whereabouts and identity if any alternative birth father are otherwise unknown NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

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on or before SEPT. 10, 2024 at 8:30 am. August 5, 2024 RUBY STUMP, CLERK

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. CL24007300-00 RADFORD CIRCUIT COURT, 619 SECOND STREET, RADFORD, VA 24141 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re THE CITY OF RADFORD v. HEIRS AND DEIVSEES OF HOWARD WALKER, ET AL The object of this suit is to: NON PAYMENT OF REAL ESTAE TAXES. It is ORDERED that HEIRS AND DEIVSEES ET AL appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before OCTOBER 5, 2024.

AUGUST 5, 2024 Angel Turpin CDC Clerk

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. JJ004805-10-00 RADFORD CITY J&DR – JUVENILE DIVISION 619 2nd street, Radford, Virginia 24141. Commonwealth of Virginia, in re DENNIS, LAWSON. The object of this suit is to: approve a Foster Care Service Plan submitted by the Radford City Department of Social Services regarding the child, Lawson George Dennis. And it appearing that diligenace has been used to attempt to locate the putative father of the child, Austin Blake Hixon, but despite that diligence, Austin Blakes Hixon's whereabouts remain unknown to the Department; and it also appearing that the whereabouts and identity if any alternative birth father are otherwise unknown, It is ORDERED that the defendant AUSTIN BLAKE HIXON and/or the UNKNOWN FATHER of LAWSON GEORGE DENNIS, a child whose birth mother is Ashley Dennis, appear at the above-named court and protect his interests on or before Sept. 3, 2024 at 9:00 am.

AUGUST 5, 2024 RUBY STUMP, CLERK

Legals - Montgomery County

ABC NOTICE SUNSHINE EATS, LLC trading as ADDY KATZ, 3165 N. Franklin Street, Christiansburg, VA. 24073.

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

RONALD J FRANK JR. 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.

ABC NOTICE

DIVYA19 LLC., trading as SANDSTONE MARKET, 2930 RADFORD RD, CHRISTIANSBURG, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, 24073.

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

SHREYA RANA, 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 - Montgomery County

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 & 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Montgomery County Planning Commission hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on August 21, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to hear citizen comments regarding the Planning Commission's intention to act on the following Special Use Permit request:

A request by Foster Ridpath for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow a restaurant (gross floor area of 2,000 sq ft or less). The property is owned by Kimberly D. Ridpath and is located at 3035 Riner Road. The property is further identified as Tax Map 106-11-3 (Parcel ID: 031860), 1.904 acres, zoned Agricultural (A-1) in the Riner Magisterial District. The property currently lies in an area designated as Rural in the 2025 Comprehensive Plan.

Copies of the proposed plans, applications, ordinances or amendments may be examined at the Department of Planning and GIS Services, County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Suite 2A, Christiansburg, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or at http://www.montgomerycountyva.gov/pendingapplications.

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. CL24001203-00 MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re AMBER LEE, KANE GALLIMORE V. COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA The object of this suit is to: NAME CHANGE OF A MINOR. It is ORDERED that KALEB WARREN GALLIMORE appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before OCTOBER 11, 2024. JULY 30, 2024, K. MIKE FLEENOR, JR. JUDGE

Legals - Town of Vinton

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, the Town of Vinton, Virginia, hereby gives notice of the following: Joint Planning Commission and Town Council public hearings to be held on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia. The Planning Commission and Town Council will also hold a joint work session on September 3rd, at 5:15 p.m., prior to the public hearing. The purpose of the public hearings is to receive comments concerning:

An ordinance amending Appendix B, Zoning, Article IV, District Regulations, Division 2, Multiple Purpose Districts, Section 4-5; Division 4, Planned Unit Development Districts, Section 4-11, and Division 5, Mixed-Use Development (MUD) District, Sec. 4-18 of the Vinton Town Code. The proposed amendment would require medical and dental clinic uses to obtain a special use permit in the R-B Residential-Business District, GB General Business District, CB Central Business District, M-1 Limited Industrial District, M-2 General Industrial District, PD Planned Unit Development District, and MUD Mixed-Use Development District, and it would require hospitals to obtain a special use permit in the GB General Business, M-1

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Limited Industrial District, and M-2 General Industrial District.

Copies of the proposed ordinance amendment may be examined in the Planning and Zoning Department located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia 24179. Further information concerning this issue may be obtained from the Planning and Zoning Department located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia 24179, (540) 983-0605. Interested persons may be present their views on this proposed amendment at the above public hearing.

Given under my hand this 6th day of August, 2024. Anita J. McMillan Planning and Zoning Director

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

Legals - City of Salem

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

MELANIE RIPLEY, Petitioner, CIVIL ACTION FILE NO.: SUCV2024000388 v. ENRIQUE RIPLEY, JR., Respondent.

NOTICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: Enrique Ripley, Jr. You are hereby notified that the Petitioner has filed the above and foregoing Petition for Divorce in the Superior Court of Carroll County, Georgia seeking to have a hearing on her Petition. The consequences of the relief requested by the Petitioner are set forth in detail by the Petition and a copy of that Petition may be obtained at the Clerk of Court's office at 311 Newnan St. Second Floor, Carrollton, GA 30117 or from Petitioner's attorney, Desiree D. Duke, 539 Newnan St., Carrollton, Georgia 30117, telephone number (770) 838-5577. You are further notified that this Petition for Divorce was filed on the 29th day of April, 2024. The Court signed an Order for Service by Publication authorizing service by publication on the 31st day of July, 2024. In the event you wish to contest or oppose the relief sought in this Petition, you are directed and required to file an Answer with the Clerk of Superior Court of Carroll County, Georgia, within sixty (60) days of the date of the Order for Service by Publication as set forth above.

You are further notified that if you wish to contest or oppose the relief set forth in the Petition, you are required to be and appear in said Superior Court of Carroll County, Georgia at 311 Newnan St., Carrollton, Georgia on the 7th day of November, 2024 at 9 o'clock A.M. to show cause why the relief of said Petition should not be granted.


SO ORDERED, this 31st day of July, 2024.

Honorable Judge Erica Tisinger Carroll Superior Court Coweta Judicial Circuit

Prepared and respectfully submitted by: /s/ Desiree D. Duke Desiree D. Duke Georgia Bar No.: 256508 Attorney for Petitioner 539 Newnan Street Carrollton, GA 30117 (770) 838-5577 Desiree @dukehealthlaw.com



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COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, STATE OF GEORGIA

Melanie Ripley, Petitioner, v. Enrique Ripley, Jr., Respondent.

The petitioner having filed a Petition before this court for a hearing and it appearing to this Court that the whereabouts of said Respondent, ENRIQUE RIPLEY, JR., are presently unknown to the Petitioner and Petitioner having therefore requested an Order directing service to be made upon said party by publication of summons as by law provided and it further appearing that Respondent cannot be found with due diligence within the State of Georgia; IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, that service of process be made upon ENRIQUE RIPLEY, JR. by publication as provided by law.

This 31st day of July, 2024. HONORABLE Judge Erica Tisinger Superior Court of Carroll County Coweta Judicial Circuit

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Auburn pitcher headed to Lynchburg

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Another Auburn High School softball player has announced plans to play at the next level.

Machenzie Booth said this weekend that she has committed to play at Lynchburg University.

The rising high school senior joins a long list of players from the Riner school who have continued their career in college, coming from a high school program that has lots of success. This past season, Auburn fell in the state playoffs, but it comes on the heels of a 2023 championship, which was the schools fourth straight setting a new Virginia High School record for that mark.

Booth, who returned for her junior year after injury, was named all-Mt. Empire District first team this past season.

Booth had several options to continue her playing career, but says Lynchburg felt like home.

"I've been on campus a lot and every time I have been it was a great experience. Getting to know the coaches and players on the team has been so much fun. I also have family in the area, so that is a plus as well," she said.

Booth was 9-3 with 120 k's, not giving up a single run in the district tournament and three rounds of regional tournament.

Booth credits a lot of support from family, friends and doctors in order to get back on the diamond.

"I spent a lot of time in physical therapy for almost a year, which was a lot of hard work. The year prior to my surgery, I tried to get myself into shape in preparation for my surgery as well. Hip surgery was a lot not just physically but also mentally, but I was determined to get back on the mound again," she said.

With another season yet to come at Auburn, Booth is continuing to take hard courses in preparation for college.

"Keeping my grades up is important to me. On the softball field, I am excited to get to play with the girls from last season. We have a lot of the same girls returning. Though, we unfortunately did not win the state title this past year, I hope to work hard and achieve that goal this upcoming season."

The University of Lynchburg, formerly known as Lynchburg College, has approximately 2,800 students.

The school participates in NCAA Division III and

the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC). The Hornets program offers 24 intercollegiate athletics programs including softball.

This past spring, the Lynchburg softball team ended the season 29-13, with an impressive home record of 20-2.

Dawn Simmons, who is the winningest softball coach in Old Dominion Athletic Conference history, became the head softball coach at her alma mater in 1999 and has developed the program into a national power including a 2019 NCAA Super Regional berth.

The 2024 season marked the 11th-straight year (omitting the COVID-shortened 2020 season) the Hornets surpassed the 20-win mark.

Booth hopes to improve all of her pitching skills such as hitting my spots, velocity, and just overall mechanics.

"I'm super excited to play for Coach Simmons and I can already tell that I'm going to grow so much as a player and person. I hope to get stronger physically and mentally on the mound, and make friends with my teammates along the way," she said.

Booth is undecided on a major at this point.

Local schools compete at Metro Invitational Golf Tournament



PHOTO COURTESY OF AUBURN HIGH SCHOOL

Auburn High School finished in second place this past week at the Metro Invitational golf tournament. Drew Royal led Auburn with a 71, while Cody Fleet shot a 77 as Auburn finished with a 315 score.



PHOTO COURTESY OF BLACKSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

Blacksburg High School jumped the 2024 golf season with a first place at the Metro Invitational at the Botetourt Country Club. Jack Albert led the Bruins this past week with a 67 to take individual medalist honors. Blacksburg tallied a 288 to set a tournament record.



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHRISTIANSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

The Christiansburg High School golf team shot a 318 total at the Metro Invitational golf tournament this past week as they finished third behind Blacksburg and Auburn. Josh Cummings led the team with a 72, and Calvin Rezac shot a 79.

Highlanders picked first in preseason poll

2024 BIG SOUTH PRESEASON WOMEN'S SOCCER POLL											
Rk	Team (first-place votes)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Points
1.	Radford (6)	6	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	74
2.	USC Upstate (2)	2	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	72
3.	High Point (1)	1	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	69
4.	Charleston Southern	-	-	-	4	4	-	1	-	-	47
5.	Longwood	-	-	-	4	2	1	1	1	-	43
6.	UNC Asheville	-	-	-	-	2	6	1	-	-	37
7.	Presbyterian	-	-	1	-	-	2	4	2	-	31
8.	Winthrop	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	4	3	19
9.	Gardner-Webb	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	6	13

COURTESY IMAGE

The Big South conference announced Thursday afternoon the preseason poll and preseason awards for the upcoming 2024 season. Radford was predicted to finish first with six first-place votes while Helena Willson, Lilly Short and Eileen Albers all earned preseason recognitions.

The Highlanders have now been selected as preseason favorites for the second straight season and eighth time overall in program history since the Big South began listing a preseason poll in 1993. The Highlanders have been selected to finish within the top three of the Big South for six straight seasons.

Willson returns to the Highlanders for 2024 as the reigning 2023 Big South Defensive Player of the Year and earns the nod for the preseason honor for a second straight season. The fifth-year senior looks to continue creating history after leading the backline in all 20 matches last season. The Highlanders' defense posted seven shutouts and held the top offense in the country scoreless for 55 minutes in last year's NCAA First Round.

Short makes her second straight appearance on the preseason all-conference list, earning the Big South's preseason Midfielder of the Year award for the first time. Short played a vital role in the Highlanders' success in 2023 scoring goals in the Big South Tournament semifinals and championship to help clinch an NCAA Tournament berth. Short has scored six goals and seven assists in her career while playing in 40 games through just two seasons.

The reigning 2023 Freshman of the Year Albers makes her debut on the conference's all-conference list after an incredible showing last season. The Melsungen, Germany native scored a team-best six goals last season with three game-winners. The freshman put the conference on notice last season with six goals in Big South play including a hat trick against Presbyterian.

The Highlanders are currently competing in preseason play before their regular season kicks off on Thursday, August 15th at home against William & Mary.

2024 Big South Preseason Women's Soccer All-Conference Team

F: Dara Russo, USC Upstate (Preseason Offensive Player of the Year)

F: Eileen Albers, Radford

F: Peyton Carney, Longwood

F: Tessa Carlin, High Point

MF: Lilly Short, Radford (Preseason Midfielder of the Year)

MF: Lindsey DeHaven, High Point

MF: Paige Armstrong, USC Upstate (tie)

MF: Alex Dinger, Longwood (tie)

MF: Meg Roden, High Point (tie)

D: Helena Willson, Radford (Preseason Defensive Player of the Year)

D: Brooke Bonner, Longwood

D: Alex DePerno, High Point

D: Catarina Dantas, USC Upstate

GK: Jenna Moran, Charleston Southern (Preseason Goalkeeper of the Year)

2024 BIG SOUTH PRESEASON WOMEN'S SOCCER POLL

Radford University Athletics



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Hokies position preview: Running backs

As the Hokies' 2024 football campaign has now begun with Phase Four, the team is only a few short weeks away from their first action against Vanderbilt on Aug. 31.

Every week of Fall Camp, the position preview series, presented by Farm Bureau Insurance, will break down the Virginia Tech football roster. In this position preview, let's look at the Hokies' running back room, which looks to grow off of an explosive ground game that propelled them to a bowl game victory last season.

It comes as no surprise to Tech fans that Paulsboro, New Jersey native Bhayshul Tuten will be the first option in running backs coach Elijah Brooks' offensive scheme. Tuten started all 13 games in 2023, posting 863 rushing yards on 173 attempts along with 10 rushing touchdowns on the year. His dual-threat ability was also demonstrated with a pair of touchdowns in the air, hauling in 27 passes for 239 yards last fall. Tuten's accomplishments on the ground earned him All-ACC Third Team running back and All-ACC Second Team All-Purpose recognition. Combining this with Tuten's inclusion in the Paul Hornung Award watch list, given to the country's most versatile player, it makes sense why he holds RB1 status.

Additionally, Tuten's versatility as a kick returner was on display, as he tallied 19 returns for 550 yards along with touchdowns against Florida State and in-state rival Virginia. An impressive two-touchdown and 136-yard affair in the Military Bowl last December only increases

expectations for his production this season.

Supporting Tuten will be redshirt junior Malachi Thomas. Thomas posted respectable numbers as an RB2 last year and looks to blossom into a solid option out of the backfield this fall. The 6-foot speedster played in all 13 games last year and rushed for 381 yards on 81 attempts for an average of 4.6 yards per carry. The Hartwell, Georgia native also caught nine passes for 49 yards during the season and returned five kicks for 81 yards. Thomas' best game came against Syracuse, where a season-high 87 rushing yards accompanied a passing touchdown to WR Da'Quan Felton en route to a 38-10 victory. The gifted tailback showcased most of his skillset last year through the inside running game, so look for him to reprise the same role this season.

While Tuten and Thomas have RB1 and RB2 locked up respectively, question marks still exist around who will be a part of the primary rotation. As Tech progresses through camp, it seems that the battle will be between backs P.J. Prioleau, Jeremiah Coney and Tyler Mason. Out of the three backs, only Coney has seen game experience within the role. However, running back implications for Prioleau only grew after an impressive spring game showing, where he tallied 62 rushing yards including a 31-yard rushing touchdown. Keep your eyes peeled to see who offensive coordinator Tyler Bowen and company decide to slot as RB3.

Virginia Tech Athletics

Hokies host Fan Appreciation Day



Salem Spartans alumni Jordan (left) and Jayden McDonald take a photo with their aunt, Yolana Simpson, Sunday during Virginia Tech's Fan Appreciation Day.



Former Lord Botetourt Cavalier Gunner Givens takes a photo with a young fan during Virginia Tech's Fan Appreciation Day this past Sunday.



PHOTOS BY JON FLEMING

Virginia Tech running back P.J. Prioleau, a former Radford Bobcat, signs an autograph for a young fan during the Hokies' Fan Appreciation Day this past Sunday.

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.

Savannah is a friendly kitty who likes to cuddle. She also walks well outdoors with a harness and leash. One of her favorite hobbies is bird watching but when no feathered friends are around, find her using a scratcher or playing with toys. She would do best in a home as the lone cat.



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Sports notes: Copeland, Felton, Tuten on 2024 'Freaks List'

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Virginia Tech junior defensive lineman Kemari Copeland, graduate wide receiver Da'Quan Felton and senior running back Bhayshul Tuten have been named to Bruce Feldman's 2024 college football "Freaks List," as released by The Athletic on Tuesday.

Copeland ranked No. 8 overall on Feldman's top 101 listing with Felton ranking No. 22 and Tuten ranking No. 40.

Copeland was heralded for setting a Virginia Tech all-time strength record this spring upon squatting 605 pounds for 10 repetitions. The 6-foot-3, 280-pound lineman joined the Hokies after making previous stops at Army West Point and Iowa Western Community College.

Tuten was listed as the fourth-highest running back, having led the Hokies in all-purpose yards (1,652) during the 2023 campaign. On Tuesday, Tuten was named to the Doak Walker Award watch list, tracking his potential to be named the best running back in college football.

Gallo on watch list

Virginia Tech tight end Nick Gallo has been named to the Mackey Award watch list for the second straight season. The award is presented annually to college football's most outstanding tight end.

Gallo (6-4, 245) suffered a preseason injury in 2023, missing the entire season. The Richboro, Pennsylvania product played in 11 games in 2022, making 11 starts. He ranked second on the team in receptions (30) and receiving yards (256). Gallo, in his 6th season in Blacksburg, has appeared in 46 career games with 27 starts. He has tallied 55 career receptions for 469 yards and a touchdown.

The award is named after NFL Hall of Fame tight end John Mackey, who played 10 years in the NFL and was selected for the Pro Bowl five times. Mackey was a three-time All-NFL honoree and was named to the NFL's All-Decade Team and the league's 50th Anniversary team.

Gray to Odense Boldklub Q

Virginia Tech alum Emily Gray has been loaned to Odense Boldklub Q of the Danish Kvindeliga from

Utah Royals FC for the remainder of the 2024 NWSL season.

Gray, who won the NWSL Challenge Cup in back-to-back seasons with the North Carolina Courage, was traded to the Utah Royals in November of 2023. She made two appearances with the Royals this season.

One of the most prolific players to ever wear a Hokie uniform, Gray became the program's highest-ever draft pick as she went No. 3 to the Courage in the 2022 NWSL Draft. She scored 27 goals for the Hokies over four years and started in 69 matches.

Gray also logged 24 assists in her Hokie career – the second most in program history. The two-time All-ACC and three-time United Soccer Coaches All-Atlantic Region honoree was also named a 2021 United Soccer Coaches Scholar Third Team All-American her senior year.

Drones named to Davey O'Brien Award watch list

Virginia Tech quarterback Kyrion Drones has been named to the watch list for the Davey O'Brien Award which is presented annually to the nation's best college quarterback and is the oldest and most prestigious national quarterback award.

Drones (6-2, 234), who was named to the Maxwell Award watch list last week, threw for 2,085 yards and 17 touchdowns last season against only three interceptions. The redshirt junior from Pearland, Texas also rushed for 818 yards and five scores. Drones took over as the starter in Week 3 last fall at Rutgers and led Tech to a big turnaround over the final eight games, going 5-3 in the ACC to become bowl-eligible.

RU basketball tickets on sale

Season tickets for the 2024-25 Radford Men's and Women's Basketball season are now on sale at radfordtickets.com. To order tickets today, call 540-831-7889 or visit radfordtickets.com. The renewal deadline is Friday, Sept. 20.

Season ticket holds from the 2023-24 season can renew online at any time, reserve by phone, or visit the ticket office in the Dedmon Center during normal business hours. Following the renewal deadline, preferred seating locations will be released to the general public on a first-come, first-serve basis and cannot be guaranteed.

AARP Virginia fraud alert: celebrity imposter AI scams

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has captured the world's attention, but it has also captured the attention of criminal scammers. One area where AI scams are particularly dangerous is celebrity imposter scams.

For many years, criminals have impersonated celebrities online to steal from fans. Fake celebrity profiles offer fans personal connection, investment opportunities, or the chance to support favorite charities.

AI has allowed criminals to make these scams more realistic than ever with "deepfake" videos. With this technology, criminals can create videos where it looks and sounds

like the celebrity is speaking, but it is in fact completely computer generated. Criminal scammers have used this technology for anything from fake product endorsements to promotions for bogus VIP ticket sales.

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

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

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inclusivity, welcoming art of any subject or theme. "This open approach ensures a vibrant and eclectic collection, reflecting our community's rich, creative spirit," she says. "This year's show is particularly notable, with a record-breaking 35 artists submitting work."

Menagerie is on view at the Fine Arts Center in Pulaski at 21 West Main St., Pulaski, from Aug. 16 to Oct. 5, 2024.

"Join us at the Fine Arts Center to experience the unique 'menagerie' of perspectives from talented artists of the New River Valley," says Penven.

Menagerie's reception, open to the public, features light refreshments and a cash bar serving wine and beer. Some artwork contains mature content and may not be suitable for children.

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