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Radford artist Z.L. Feng to be featured at Blue Ridge PBS's Artistic Encounters

ROANOKE— Radford artist Z.L. Feng will be Blue Ridge PBS's featured artist for Artistic Encounters – Meet the Artist.

The series highlights artists and invites the community to meet the individuals while seeing their works with an opportunity to acquire pieces during a reception and following exhibit held at Blue Ridge PBS. The art will remain on display for several weeks.

Growing up in Shanghai, Feng painted and experimented with different mediums, including pastel, oil, and egg tempera, before choosing his favorite, watercolor. He finds inspiration for his lovely landscapes in the countryside of the New River

Valley. Those familiar with Feng's art are also captivated by his portraits of the people of Tibet, Native Americans of New Mexico, Southern farmers, and others. His artwork can be found in numerous private and corporate collections, including Walt Disney, the U.S. Gulfstream Aerospace Center, and Orlando International Airport as well as the permanent collections of the Springfield Art Museum in Springfield, Missouri, and the Radford University Art Museum. Additionally, his work resides in private and corporate collections in Singapore and China.

Music for the reception is provided by violinists from The Petrock Duo. Both reception and exhibit are

completely free of charge. However, as a non-profit, donations are highly appreciated. Donation proceeds go to funding the local station operations and make it possible for Blue Ridge PBS to continue to provide the community with entertaining, educational, and inspirational content.

Blue Ridge PBS is located behind Virginia Western Community College at the end of McNeil Drive. The reception will take place tomorrow, Thursday, Aug. 29 4 - 7 p.m. and the pieces will remain on display weekdays, Sept. 3 - 13, 1- 4 p.m. Visit BlueRidgePBS.org for details.

Blue Ridge PBS



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Radford Community Festival brings a big crowd downtown



PHOTO BY DAVID HORTON VIA FACEBOOK

A street performer brings bright color to the inaugural Radford Community Festival, a cooperative effort of the City of Radford and Radford University held Saturday on East Main Street. Thousands of people came out for the festival, which closed down a portion of East Main Street for live music, vendors, food trucks, street performers, a children's fun zone and more.

1080 Auto celebrates re-launch with ribbon-cutting



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE RADFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Radford Chamber of Commerce gathers with the owner and employees of 1080 Auto, along with city officials and well-wishers, to celebrate the new name and changes at the business with a recent ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The Radford Chamber of Commerce recently celebrated some changes to a Main Street business in Radford.

The Chamber conducted a ribbon cutting ceremony at the 1080 Auto (Pure Station) location on East Main Street. 1080 Auto recently changed to brand of gasoline they provide their customers to the Pure

gas products. Jake Witt, owner, spoke to the group who attended the ceremony, said that he was very happy to be a part of the Main Street and Radford community. Radford Mayor David Horton was present and thanked Witt and his business for being a part of the Radford community. Witt and his crew of seven technicians are ready

to tackle your automobile repair needs, including state inspections, oil changes, tires and towing.

1080 Auto (Pure Station) is located at 1080 East Main St., Radford. They can be reached by phone at 540.731.1212. Stop in for a hometown service experience.

Radford Chamber of Commerce

Fine Arts Center opens Blacksburg location

BLACKSBURG - For the past 46 years, the Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley has been a champion for art and the artists in the region.

Thanks to the help of Blacksburg entrepreneur, Jane Bonomo, and a committee of dedicated artists and art supporters, the Center will open a second location in Blacksburg Sept. 4.

"This has been a true community collaboration," said Dr. John Ross, President of the Board of Directors. "After being approached by Jane Bonomo with this opportunity, our board member Nikki Pynn has pulled together a dynamic group of local artists and others to help prepare the space and expand our reach to new

audiences."

The Blacksburg location will feature two- and three-dimensional art for sale as well as classes for aspiring artists, both children and adults. With a mission to "foster an enjoyment, appreciation, and understanding of all forms of art, promote art education, and to encourage and support artists" in the New River Valley, the new location will continue to tap into the rich artistic heritage of the region and involve artists from nearby communities.

Leading the expansion is local artist and board member, Nikki Pynn.

"We aspire to be a gallery that is welcoming

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Radford native to retire as Executive Director of the Regional Tourism Office



COURTESY PHOTO

David Rotenizer, Executive Director of the Blacksburg Regional Tourism Office, is retiring effective Aug. 31, 2024.

"David has provided important vision for our regional tourism initiative during his time as the Executive Director," said Angela Hill, Montgomery County Administrator. "We wish him all the best in his retirement."

Rotenizer has served in the tourism industry for 25 years, and in his most recent role since the fall of 2021.

"This is home. I was born in Radford, grew up in Blacksburg, and Montgomery County has always held a special place in my heart and

soul," said Rotenizer.

"I began my public service career with Montgomery County and the two towns, and now 40 years later I end my public service with the same county and two towns – this has been a coming full circle career honor."

Chris Lawrence, Montgomery County Deputy County Administrator, will serve as Interim Executive Director and provide the guidance needed as next steps for the Blacksburg Regional Tourism Office are determined.

As Executive Director, Rotenizer launched a virtual visitor center

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, Aug. 28:

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. 28 – Sunday, Sept. 8:

Blacksburg Aquatic Center closed

The Blacksburg Aquatic Center will be closed for annual maintenance. This closure will extend through Sunday, Sept. 8, and will reopen on Monday, Sept. 9.

Saturday, Aug. 31:

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, Sept. 1:

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, Sept. 5:

Disinformation in the Digital Age

"Disinformation in the Digital Age," a free non-partisan public information program, will be held 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the Lyric Theatre, 135 College Ave. in Blacksburg. The program's focus will include social media, generative AI, fact-checking, finding reliable sources and how all of this may impact elections. The program will conclude with a Q&A, and with tips for responding to disinformation.

Maintaining brain health throughout aging

Everyday lifestyle choices that make a difference
At Warm Hearth Village Center, Tall Oaks Hall, 2387 Warm Hearth Dr., Blacksburg, 2 p.m. Speaker: Ben Katz, an Associate Professor of Human Development and Family Science at Virginia Tech and a Faculty Affiliate of the Center for Gerontology. His research focuses on the neural underpinnings of executive function development throughout the lifespan, and how it might be modulated through experience and intervention, including lifestyle behaviors. Prior to his career in academia, he worked as a game designer in Austin and San Francisco.

American Legion meeting

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

Friday, Sept. 6:

The Glencoe Sessions

A FRIENDS of the Blue Ridge and Glencoe Mansion partnership with rising bluegrass star Addie Levy, held the first Friday of each month Sept. to Dec. in Glencoe Mansion, 6 - 7:30 p.m. Sept. 6: Jim Lloyd—Musical eclectic, singer, old-time banjo great, public radio host, music teacher, bluegrass rhythm guitarist, storyteller, banjo museum curator, barber of Rural Retreat and a towering figure in Appalachian music. Tickets \$15 per person per session, or \$50 for all four sessions. To purchase tickets please visit blueridgejamboree.com or blueridgefriends.org. There will be beverages available for purchase.

Monday, Sept. 9:

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, Sept. 10:

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.

Saturday, Sept. 14:

Shred-A-Thon

The Town of Blacksburg will host a Shred-A-Thon 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Blacksburg Community Center. This free event is a great opportunity to recycle unneeded household documents, records, etc. Please plan to bring documents in a box, tote, or paper bag and observe the limit of five containers per vehicle. Items that cannot be shredded include metal, three-ring binders, composition notebooks, hardback books, and non-paper materials. This is a drive-thru event only. Please remain in your vehicle during drop-off. For more information, contact the Town of Blacksburg Recycling office at 540.443.1212.

Thursday, Sept. 19:

Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet at 7 p.m. at Aly's Family Italian Restaurant, 3204 Riner Rd. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to attend. For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

Ongoing:

Menagerie, exhibit at Fine Arts Center for the NRV

Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley presents Menagerie, celebrating the diverse talents of artists residing in the NRV. At the Fine Arts Center in Pulaski at 21 West Main St., Pulaski, through Oct. 5, 2024. Some artwork contains mature content and may not be suitable for children.

NRCC to offer new short-term project management programs

Registration is now open for two new short-term project management programs at New River Community College, Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM) and Project Management Professional (PMP).

The CAPM credential provides the foundational knowledge and skills that project based roles demand. It shows that the individual is ready to take on ways of working that include predictive project management, agile principles and business analysis. In this course, students will learn to understand and apply project management frameworks; be able to describe what, why, and how of the project management process; and be provided with real project examples and templates.

The PMP certification is the profession's most globally recognized credential. The designation gives the individual a solid foundation of project management knowledge that can be readily applied in the workplace. In this course, students will learn to understand the project management framework, project plans, knowledge areas, process groups, activities and outputs, and responsibilities of a project manager according to the PMBOK®; identify the most accepted best practices and

approaches to project management; and reinforce real work applications of project management concepts through individual exercise, group activities, and practice tests. To apply for the PMP certification test, a student needs to have a bachelor's degree and 36 months of experience leading projects within the past eight years or associate degree or high school diploma and 60 months of experience leading projects within the past eight years.

Course schedules for the upcoming sessions are:

CAPM- 11 sessions
September 10 – November 19
Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Online, synchronous instruction
PMP- 10 sessions
Spring 2025 – more information to come

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

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

New River Community College

AARP victim support group

Have you been affected by a scam? Know that you are not alone.

AARP Fraud Watch Network offers free emotional support sessions for people affected by fraud. Trained peer facilitators conduct hour-long small group online sessions. You can join by computer, tablet, or smartphone. Discussions are confidential. You are welcome to attend one session or several

– it's your choice.

Experiencing a scam can be devastating, but it doesn't have to define you. Sign up for a session at aarp.org/fraudsupport and take an important step toward emotional recovery.

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

AARP Virginia

Virginia, national gas prices continue to fall

Average gasoline prices in Virginia have fallen 6.6 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.21/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 4,081 stations in Virginia.

Prices in Virginia are 18.9 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and 40.9 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has declined 3.2 cents in the last week and stands at \$3.67 per gallon, a multi-year low.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Virginia was priced at \$2.81/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$3.99/g, a difference of \$1.18/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$2.81/g while the highest was \$3.99/g, a difference of \$1.18/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 6.2 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.30/g today. The national average is down 20.7 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 49.2 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 26, 2023: \$3.62/g (U.S. Average: \$3.80/g)
August 26, 2022: \$3.64/g (U.S. Average: \$3.84/g)
August 26, 2021: \$2.97/g (U.S. Average: \$3.14/g)
August 26, 2020: \$2.10/g (U.S. Average: \$2.23/g)
August 26, 2019: \$2.36/g (U.S.

Average: \$2.58/g)
August 26, 2018: \$2.61/g (U.S. Average: \$2.83/g)
August 26, 2017: \$2.17/g (U.S. Average: \$2.36/g)
August 26, 2016: \$2.01/g (U.S. Average: \$2.21/g)
August 26, 2015: \$2.27/g (U.S. Average: \$2.56/g)
August 26, 2014: \$3.19/g (U.S. Average: \$3.43/g)

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:

Roanoke- \$3.17/g, down 4.9 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.22/g.
Richmond- \$3.21/g, down 8.1 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.29/g.

West Virginia- \$3.24/g, down 7.4 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.32/g.

"It seems fitting that, in the run-up to Labor Day, the national average has fallen for four straight weeks to its lowest point since February, giving Americans one last chance to hit the road with gas prices being less of a factor," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "GasBuddy is now tracking eight states where average gas prices are already below the \$3 per gallon mark, along with nearly 20% of gas stations in the country selling gasoline at \$2.99 or lower. These numbers will continue to look better every week as we move into fall. GasBuddy's Labor Day travel forecast, to be released tomorrow, will provide more good news about the millions of dollars Americans who are road-tripping will save compared to last year."

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OBITUARIES

Everhart, June Henegar

June Henegar Everhart, 78, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2024.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, James Ernest Everhart, Sr.; parents, Thurman Kenneth and Myrtle Novella Henegar; and her siblings, William Henegar, Peggy Houck, Nelda Tate, Larry Henegar and Rita Henegar.

Survivors include her children and their spouses, Anne Elizabeth Helms (Robbie), and James Ernest Everhart, Jr. (April); grandchildren and their spouses, Carissa Ashley Helms (Svenja Williams), James Ernest Everhart, III (Misha You), and Devon Robert Everhart (Samantha); great-grandchildren, Greyson Everhart and Magnolia Everhart; siblings and their spouses, Robert Henegar (Faye), Brenda Duty (Carl), Randall Henegar (Jeanne), David Henegar (Debbe), Richard Henegar, Katherine



Lawson (Glenn), Tammy Rowe (Dewey), Charles Henegar (Shearin), and Anthony Henegar (Nancy); honorary brothers, Gary Harris and Ray Powell; and many other relatives and close friends.

June was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a devoted daughter to her parents and a loving sister to all 14 of her siblings and their families. June was even-tempered, trustworthy and soft spoken. She was a great cook and was known for her fried chicken and potato salad which were loved by all of her

immediate and extended family members. June leaves behind a true love for her family and God has received another angel in Heaven. Jim and June are now reunited in Heaven where their true love will continue forevermore.

The family received friends Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2024, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services followed with Pastor Don Shelor officiating. A graveside service will be held on Wednesday morning, Aug. 28, at 10 a.m. at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to either the VFW Post 776, 913 Second Street, Radford, VA, 24141, or the Carilion Clinic Foundation Hospice, P.O. Box 12187, Roanoke, VA, 24023.

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

Price, Louise Eakin

Louise Eakin Price, 86, of Blacksburg, passed away peacefully Aug. 23, 2024.

Louise Price was born in Salem in 1938. Louise was preceded in death by her husband, Allen Price; her parents, Trigg and Irene Eakin; her brother, David Eakin; her sister, Alice Eakin; and grandchild, Christopher Thomas. She is survived by her son, Dale Price and (Donna); daughter, Diane Thomas (Gary); brother, Tony Eakin; granddaughters Heather, Gretchen, Kelsey and Jacqueline; and four great grandchildren.

Louise graduated from Fort Lewis High School in 1956. Allen and Louise



were married 63 years before Allen's passing in 2020. She earned an RN degree from Roanoke Memorial Hospital. She worked 35-plus years at Virginia Tech in the Agronomy Department doing laboratory work in tobacco and soils. She loved taking her

granddaughter, Heather, to school and tending to her flowers and plants in and outside of the house. Her favorite TV shows were "Price is Right" and the "Young and the Restless." After retirement, she participated in many senior trips and traveling across the U.S.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 29, 2024 at McCoy Funeral Home in Blacksburg. Family will receive friends and family prior to the service. Burial will follow at Westview Cemetery in Blacksburg. In lieu of flowers, Mountain View Humane Society, Christiansburg, VA.

Rotenizer

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with a digital experience platform, which can be viewed at <https://vc-gotomontva.com/>. In addition, from 2022-23, he facilitated community participation in the Arts & Economic Prosperity 6 (AEP6), a national economic and social impact study of non-profit arts and culture organizations held every five years by Americans for the Arts. This was the first time it had ever been conducted in the New River Valley region. Most recently under Rotenizer's leadership, a commercial highlighting Montgomery County was created and aired during the Paris 2024 Olympics.

Rotenizer applied for and received five American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grants through the Virginia Tourism Corporation. Those funds were used to complete a destination optimization study; two international travel writer familiarization tours; the leading spread in the 2024 Virginia Travel Guide's Blue Ridge Highlands section; an outdoor recreation and sports tourism inventory; and a strategic rebranding and positioning study. Prior to joining Montgomery County, Rotenizer worked for Franklin County serving as Director of Tourism with the Office of Economic Development. Prior to Franklin County, Rotenizer worked for West Virginia State University as an extension agent in community development with a specialization in historic preservation and tourism development. He worked in partnership with the New River Gorge Regional Development Authority and represented Raleigh County and the City of Beckley. He served as the first Director of Tourism for both the Carroll County Office of Tourism and the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation.

Rotenizer was appointed by Governor Terry McAuliffe to the Southwest Virginia Cultural Heritage Foundation. He assisted with the introduction of Virginia Tourism Corporation's Virginia is for Moonshine Lovers sub-brand; co-chaired the regional collaboration of eight counties and three cities in the establishment the Southern Virginia Tourism Region; and was involved in the launching of the Virginia Mountains Tourism Region. He helped in the development of two state-certified visitor centers and associated VDOT TODS signage and developed a certificate for certified visitor centers. He supported the creation of the Blue Ridge Plateau Marketing Area Steering Committee. Finally, he assisted in the development of The Crooked Road: Virginia's Heritage Music Trail, 'Round the Mountain; Southwest Virginia Artisan Network and participated in special outreach

projects such as the International Bluegrass Music Association's annual "World of Bluegrass" conference and festival, and the Jamestown 2007 Commemoration.

In addition to tourism, Rotenizer's background is comprised of community development and historic preservation, including ethnography and archaeology. From 2009-2013, he served as site manager for the Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex, a historic site, museum and collections management facility under the auspices of the West Virginia Division of Culture & History. Rotenizer served as an AmeriCorps VISTA in the economic capacity building with the Carroll County Office of Economic & Educational Development, as well as a PreserveWV AmeriCorps supervisor through the National Coal Heritage Area and the Preservation Alliance of West Virginia.

Earlier in his career, he served as the Director of Environmental Conservation in Montgomery County from 1984-1988 assisting with the development and launch of the annual Broomin' & Bloomin' and Renew the New environmental campaigns, as well as development of a Montgomery County recycling program which included glass, aluminum and used motor oil. He also promoted Operation Waste Watch, a K-12 environmental curriculum and was sponsor of the Riner Archaeology & Ecology Club.

Rotenizer is a current board member of the West Piedmont Planning District Commission; Blue Ridge Parkway Association; The Blue Ridge - New River Valley Chapter of the Virginia Restaurant, Lodging & Travel Association; The Crooked Road: Virginia's Heritage Music Trail; and advisory board of the Greater SWVA Digital Collaborative.

Rotenizer is a graduate of Radford University with a bachelor's degree in general studies and a concentration in Appalachian heritage resources. He also has completed coursework in anthropology and Appalachian studies at the University of Kentucky and general studies from New River Community College. Rotenizer is a certified Tourism Marketing Professional through completion of Southeast Tourism Society's Marketing College. Lastly, he is a proud Blacksburg High School alum.

To learn more about the Blacksburg Christiansburg Montgomery County Regional Tourism Office, visit <https://gotomontva.com/>.

Montgomery County

Restoration Ecology Working Group provides guidance for Town of Blacksburg



PHOTO BY FELICIA SPENCER FOR VIRGINIA TECH

Carol Davis (at far left) has been leading service projects once a month since May for volunteers, many of whom are from the NRV Master Naturalists, to aid in restoring the ecology of the Town of Blacksburg's Heritage Park.

Sometimes, affecting change is challenging. Other times it can be a walk in the park – literally.

The Virginia Tech Restoration Ecology Working Group in the Global Change Center has been instrumental in helping the Town of Blacksburg restore Heritage Park to its native ecology.

Led by J. Leighton Reid, assistant professor in the School of Plant and Environmental Sciences, this group of 11 faculty members spans five colleges and seven departments. Its members are focused on building relationships across specialties to provide equitable benefits and services to ecologically restore communities across the globe — and especially in their own backyards.

The Restoration Ecology Working Group, along with the Invasive Species Collaborative and the Virginia Tech STREAM Lab, provided key guidance when the town applied for a grant from the Virginia Environmental Endowment, said Carol Davis, sustainability manager for the Town of Blacksburg. Awarded in May, the \$230,000 grant will fund restoration of 17 acres of Heritage Park.

"Specifically, Leighton Reid has been a key informal advisor to the town as we have conceptualized approaches to conservation, restoration, and stewardship of our public lands — and not just at Heritage Park," Davis said.

On Aug. 13, the town passed an ordinance to accept the terms of the grant and appropriate the money, and on one Monday morning each month since and for the next year they hold a service project in leading volunteers in assisting with the restoration project.

To cultivate such relationships, the working group held an Ecological and Biocultural Restoration Summit this spring, which was supported by the Global Change Center and the Institute for Society, Culture, and Environment. During the summit, Reid led not only faculty, administrators, and graduate and undergraduate students but also regional partners in discussing how to make large-scale restoration projects more socially equitable and how to build up student training programs.

"I feel that the Ecological and Biocultural Restoration Summit was extremely beneficial because it gave a wide variety of perspectives on restoration concepts, ideas, and projects," said Dean Crane, director of Blacksburg Parks and Recreation. "The collaborative relationship that the town has with the Restoration Ecology Working Group is a wonderful resource

to the town: before, during, and after a project. They have a tremendous amount of expertise and resources that can assist in making town projects even better."

For ecological restoration to be successful, every aspect of an ecosystem must be addressed: the plant, soil, water, animal, insect, and human factors. This interconnectedness also must be present among the practitioners and researchers working across disciplines to make it happen. And their interconnections and relationships don't end at the edge of Virginia Tech's campus — they branch out as though from a firmly rooted tree.

"We've got a faculty core that extends across campus, and then each of us has our own network that extends to restoration that's happening all over the world," said Reid, who is also an affiliated faculty with the Fralin Life Sciences Institute. "I'm working with a group in Ecuador, one in Madagascar, a few in Virginia, and I know that everyone in the group could name that many different organizations that they're affiliated with too."

To branch out beyond Blacksburg and build relationships globally, the group is focusing on education. One important accomplishment has been the creation of a College of Agriculture and Life Sciences major in ecological restoration, which is the first one in the country to be formally aligned and certified by the Society for Ecological Restoration, a conservation network that boasts of more than 5,000 members in more than 100 countries.

"It's a pretty big international organization," Reid said. "Our students graduate with all the knowledge requirements and training of a certified ecological restoration practitioner-in-training."

The group is also hoping to extend its reach into graduate education.

"We have people who are working in all these relevant disciplines for this social ecological problem, so we have started setting our sights on some bigger training grants," Reid said.

Looking ahead, Reid emphasizes the importance of bringing more expertise in biocultural restoration and in particular, in the experiences of local and Indigenous communities doing restoration. To achieve this, the group has recently been awarded a Destination Area 2.0 grant.

For more information about the Heritage Park restoration project, see the Town of Blacksburg website.

Lindsey Haugh for Virginia Tech

Fine Arts

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to many types and tastes and want this location to be a local hub for discovering what's happening with the arts in the New River Valley," said Pynn. "That means the center will hold classes that will reach different interests, including beginning, more advanced skill building, and experiential opportunities for people who want to dig in and explore how to use different media."

"I approach the opening of this gallery from the perspective of a local artist," she continued. "The backbone of the FACNRV is support for local artists, discovering what is needed and what will help them move forward. The new location's success will take the community of artists and art supporters coming in and giving their impressions."

The Blacksburg location will be open Wednesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is ample free

parking in the Bonomo Plaza and the facility is fully accessible. Classes are being formed and will be announced on the Center's website and social media.

For more information about the Fine Arts Center, exhibits, classes, or local, handmade gifts, visit the Center's website

at FACNRV.org, email at info@FACNRV.org, or call 540-980-7363. The Center is located at 21 West Main Street in Pulaski and in Bonomo's Shopping Plaza at 860 University City Boulevard in Blacksburg.

Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley

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Noon to Five O'clock

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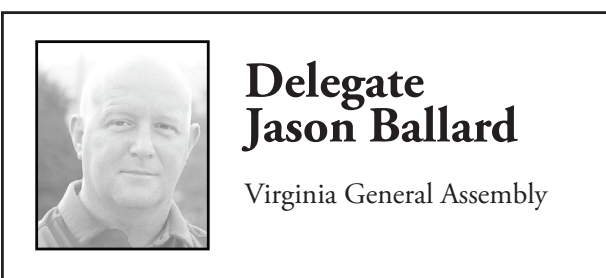
OPINION

Virginia initiative to reduce recidivism underway

Last week, Governor Youngkin issued Executive Order 36, which formalizes Virginia Republican efforts to reduce criminal recidivism in the Commonwealth. The “Stand Tall—Stand Strong—Succeed Together” initiative is a first in the nation proactive, dynamic, data-driven and comprehensive across-government approach to support reentry success and prevent offenders from re-offending.

More than half of persons currently in our prisons and jails have recidivated, meaning they have previously been incarcerated. Every reentry into the prison system means another person has been a victim of crime, and it also means another wasted opportunity for a Virginian to reach their full potential. An effective reentry approach is a critical component of the Commonwealth’s public safety strategy.

“Stand Tall” was formalized this week but has been getting results since April 2023. We have worked hard to help over 3,000 returning citizens gain employment, and 5,500 more have appropriate supervision levels. Overall, the number of those in our criminal justice system who recidivate is down by 600 people, which is the first decline in 12 years. Under the main recidivism metric adopted by most states – re-incarceration rates



Delegate Jason Ballard

Virginia General Assembly

of returning citizens within three years of reentry – Virginia’s appears to be the second lowest in the nation. But this metric does not capture people who reoffend after three years or people who are re-incarcerated in jails or for lower level felony and misdemeanor convictions.

The program is centered on the creation of a first in the nation, dynamic, proactive approach to supporting reentry success by measuring and acting on six key reentry success metrics: gainful employment, stable housing, healthcare insurance coverage, appropriate supervision levels, and necessary mental health/substance abuse treatment. In just under a year and a half, under Republican leadership, “Stand Tall” has achieved significant improvements in probation

outcomes through strategic utilization of statewide resources without any increases in funding.

Make no mistake, violent offenders deserve to pay for their crimes to ensure justice for those they have victimized. House Republicans will continue to make victims’ rights a priority and will champion legislation that makes our communities safer. For those who have “done their time” and have been truly rehabilitated, it is important that the Commonwealth provide a pathway for reentry so that they may contribute to society with dignity. This will be key to preventing offenders from reoffending, which should be a main goal of our criminal justice system. I look forward to continuing my work within the House of Delegates to ensure that the Commonwealth continues to strike that balance.

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.

Why aren't we talking about vaping?

One of the most troubling problems I have encountered as a new school board member is vaping. It does not get much press or shape many political policies, but it consumes countless hours of teacher and administrator time in our schools and is a serious public health concern.

Vaping is marketed as a viable alternative to smoking. This may be true for existing adult smokers (heavy emphasis on the word may). It is certainly not true for the middle schoolers our teachers find huddled together in a bathroom stall sharing a vape pen and who have never smoked traditional cigarettes.

Vape devices can contain much higher concentrations of nicotine than a pack of cigarettes, as there are no regulations on nicotine levels in the United States. Early exposure to nicotine hastens nicotine addiction, which intensifies depression, anxiety, stress, and disrupts the brain circuits that control attention and the ability to learn. Children who



Laura Purcell

Montgomery County School Board, District F

vape also develop pneumonitis, which is a chronic, incurable inflammation that reduces lung function.

With high concentrations of nicotine in vape cartridges, a curious young person may become addicted before they even realize it. It is unclear what combination of other chemicals are present in vaping devices, as they are poorly regulated, and ingredients vary from brand to brand.

Public schools have few resources to manage this problem besides discipline. School administrators have desk drawers overflowing with confiscated plastic vape devices. Parents are called, and students then suspended and potentially expelled.

Most of the discipline cases around vaping I have encountered as a school board member (which usually means the student is at risk for expulsion) do not just involve nicotine, but THC, an FDA-approved medical compound of cannabis not meant for recreational use.

In Virginia, no one under 21 (unless they are enlisted military) can purchase vapes, but this law is not well enforced. Vape shops are completely unregulated, which is why in some communities, like mine, stores are literally across the street from one another. Gaudy flags and tacky LED lights do not violate state signage regulations. And everything is easy to buy on the internet.

The closest business to Kipps Elementary School is a vape shop, which is located less than 500 feet from school grounds. The closest place to an elementary school where children can spend their money is a vape shop.

Vapes present a difficult and multi-layered problem. What can YOU do to help? Ask elected officials, especially those in Richmond and Washington, to take stronger steps to regulate this industry, create stricter penalties for underage sales, require licenses to sell these products, and limit advertising—to name just a few. Support educational efforts to prevent vaping as well as ways to quit. At home, talk to your children about the potential dangers and health effects.

Within the next few weeks, the Montgomery County School Board will hear a presentation from public health and education experts about how vaping affects children in our community. I hope everyone will take the time to watch, ask questions, and work together toward better solutions.

This piece reflects my personal opinion. I do not speak for Montgomery County Public Schools or the Montgomery County School Board.

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AARP Virginia teams up with Mercy Chefs for virtual cooking workshops in September

Dinner in a SNAP! begins Sept. 4

RICHMOND - To highlight the problem of food insecurity, AARP Virginia has teamed up with Portsmouth-based non-profit Mercy Chefs to offer a series of online healthy cooking demonstrations throughout September.

All of the ingredients used in the recipes can be purchased with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.

September is Hunger Action Month and the Dinner in a SNAP! online series will be presented from 5- 5:45 p.m. each Wednesday in September on Zoom. Participants must register to receive the Zoom link. The sessions will demonstrate how to cook healthy meals on a budget, with all ingredients eligible

to be purchased using SNAP benefits (previously known as food stamps).

Participants will explore delicious and easy weeknight recipes, budget-friendly meals for a family of four totaling with grocery checklists to make shopping a breeze and step-by-step tutorials. All recipes are created to feed a family of four for less than \$10.

Mercy Chefs is a disaster relief kitchen based in Portsmouth, Va. Chef Gary and Ann LeBlanc founded Mercy Chefs in 2006 after witnessing the devastation Hurricane Katrina left on Gary LeBlanc’s hometown of New Orleans. Since 2007 Mercy Chefs have worked in disaster zones across the country and around the world serving people right in their own backyard, serving over 25 million meals.

Registrants will receive an email prior to each session with a link to the ingredient list. The schedule of workshops and registration links includes:

Sept. 4 – Shepherd’s Pie with Peas and Carrots <https://events.aarp.org/DIS0904>

Sept. 11 – Braised Beef Goulash with Macaroni and Corn <https://events.aarp.org/DIS0911>

Sept. 18 – Potato Chip Encrusted Chicken Legs with Ranch Potatoes and Green Beans <https://events.aarp.org/DIS0918>

Sept. 25 – Sautéed Snapper with Lemon Rice and Cole Slaw <https://events.aarp.org/DIS0925>

Check out all of AARP Virginia’s healthy living activities at <https://aarp.cvent.com/VAHealthyLiving>.

AARP Virginia

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Currency of Guinea
5. Avert something bad
10. Sounds
12. Immediate dangers
14. Legendary Tar Heels coach
16. Californium
18. Work standards government dept. (abbr.)
19. Coastal Scottish town
20. Triangular lower back bones
22. Trouble
23. A way to smile
25. Something that is not what it seems
26. Of she
27. Temporary living quarters
28. Bag-like structure in a plant or animal

30. Indicates near
31. Spiritual leader
33. Soup dish
35. Philippine island
37. No longer fashionable
38. Peaks
40. Alabama football team
41. ___ King Cole
42. Digital audiotape
44. Open trough
45. The woman
48. Cools down
50. Turkic language
52. Body part
53. Pulse steadily
55. Embedded computer hardware company
56. Indicates shape
57. Thou (plural)
58. Odd and remarkable
63. An evening party

65. National capital of Zambia
66. Tantalizes
67. Dark brown or black

CLUES DOWN

1. Not naturally outgoing
2. Exclamation of pain
3. Polynesian garland of flowers
4. Surrounded by water
5. Church towers
6. Hot beverage
7. Body parts
8. Travel documents
9. Railway
10. Gradually wear away
11. Measuring instrument
13. Minor dust-ups
15. Strongly alkaline solution
17. Extreme scarcity of food
18. Dash
21. Philly culinary specialty
23. Popular lager ___ Adams

24. Snitch
27. Trimmed
29. Greek god of desire
32. Take to the limit
34. Cool!
35. Sound mental health
36. Native American group
39. Test for high schoolers
40. Rocky peak
43. Preferences
44. Bother
46. Call attention to (slang)
47. Snake-like fish
49. Bulgarian capital
51. Don’t know when yet
54. Italian Seaport
59. Brooklyn hoopster
60. Where to bathe
61. Equal, prefix
62. Beverage container
64. Denotes openness

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Two burial plots for sale at Roseland Memorial Gardens \$1700 each 540.392.5059

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Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No. CL24-183
VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CRAIG COUNTY CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CRAIG, VIRGINIA, Petitioner, case No. CL24-183 OSCAR R. MARTIN V. MRS. R.R. WEST VIRGINIA OLIVIER V. UNKNOWN HEIRS OF FERDINAND RORER, DOE. HOUSTON, LOUIS A. SCHOLZ, HENRY SCHOLZ, M.M. ROGERS, HENRY SCHOLZ, JR., WILLIAM SCHOLZ, SUSIE S. WEAVER, LOUS A. SCHOLZ 11, WALTER A. 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. TROUTT; 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

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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

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

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Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No. CL24-231
VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC Plaintiff(s), V. ESTATE OF WANDA P. MCKINNEY and UNKNOWN HEIRS OF WANDA P. MCKINNEY Defendant(s).
Case No.: CL24-231
ORDER OF PUBLICATION
Petitioner, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC ("Commonwealth"), by counsel, and upon its Affidavit of Order of Publication requesting an Order of Publication, and IT APPEARING that the object of this suit is quiet title to the property located at 222 Cove Mountain Road, Buchanan, Virginia 24066 ("Subject Property"); and IT APPEARING that Wanda P. McKinney, the record owner of the Property, is deceased and no estate has been opened or List of Heirs or Real Estate Affidavit filed in the land records of this Court; and IT APPEARING that due diligence has been used to locate Defendants Estate of Wanda P. McKinney or the Unknown Heirs of Wanda P. McKinney ("McKinney Parties Unknown"); and IT APPEARING that the last known address for Wanda P. McKinney is 222 Cove Mountain Road, Buchanan, Virginia 24066; and IT APPEARING that it is timely and appropriate that this Court enter an Order allowing for service upon the Defendants be completed pursuant to Virginia Code §8.01-316 by Order of Publication in a newspaper with general circulation in and published in and approved by the Circuit Court for Botetourt, Virginia, and it is therefore, ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED that an ORDER OF PUBLICATION, be and hereby is to be published in The Fincastle Herald once a week for four successive weeks in order to perfect service upon Defendants Estate of Wanda P. McKinney and the Unknown Heirs of Wanda P. McKinney; and it is further ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED, that McKinney Parties Unknown must on or before the 18th day of October, 2024, make known to this Court any objection they may have to the Complaint, and claim any defenses to the pending action otherwise an order will be entered in favor of Plaintiff, and it is further ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED that the Clerk of this Court send notice of this service to Defendants Estate of

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Wanda P. McKinney and Unknown Heirs of Wanda P. McKinney at the last known of address of Wanda P. McKinney, 222 Cove Mountain Road, Buchanan, Virginia 24066; and it is further ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED that The Fincastle Herald shall file an affidavit of publication with the Clerk of this Court attesting to the dates of publication, attesting that the notice was published at least once a week for four successive weeks.
Dated this 8th day of August, 2024.
Joel R Branscom, Judge of the Botetourt County Circuit Court
We ask for this: SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC Thomas Hodge, VSB #42862
Sara Tusse , VSB #79826 Jeff Fox, VSB#50986 ROSENBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC 4340 East West Highway, Suite 600 Bethesda, MD 20814 Telephone: 301.907.8000 Facsimile: 301.907.8101 Sara.Tussey@rosenberg-assoc.com Thomas.Hodge@rosenberg-assoc.com Counsel for Plaintiff

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF PROPERTY

8415 Flag Lane, Roanoke, VA 24019

Tax Map No. 106-191, Parcel ID 30488

In execution of a Deed of Trust dated November 13, 2020, in the principal amount of \$115,548.92, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, of record as Instrument Number 200005614, Woods Rogers Vandeventer Black PLC, Substitute Trustee, will offer for sale at public auction outside the main entrance of the Botetourt County Circuit Court, 1 W. Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090, on September 12, 2024 at 12:00 noon, the property described in said Deed of Trust lying in Botetourt County, Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:~

Beginning at the intersection of the extreme southern corner of Tax Parcel No. 106-193, the western corner of Tax Parcel No. 106-194, and the extreme northern corner of the property herein conveyed thence proceeding S. 47 degs. 15' 00" E. 234.50 feet to a point; thence S. 36 degs. 54' 23" W. 105.89 feet to a point; thence N. 47 degs. 15' 00" W. 245.21 feet to a point; thence N. 42 degs. 42' 42" E. 105.34 feet to the place of BEGINNING and containing 0.5801 acres, as more fully shown on "Resurvey for Anthony W. Smith Showing Tax No. 106-191 located along Flag Lane", dated November 3, 2019, a copy of which is recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, with the Deed at Instrument No. 200003069, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference hereto. TOGETHER WITH a fifteen (15) foot non-exclusive, appurtenant, right of way over Flag Lane as more fully shown on the aforesaid plat of survey.

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 VANDEVENTER BLACK PLC, Substitute Trustee

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

Legals - City of Salem

ABC NOTICE

THE DAMON COMPANY OF SALEM, INC., trading as SHREWD OUTDOORS, 201 E. MAIN ST, Salem VA. 24153.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Retail Restaurant or Caterer Application -Restaurant, Wine, Beer, and

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and Off Premises Wine and Beer, license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

LAVEN NEWSOM, VICE PRESIDENT

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.



ADVERTISEMENT FOR SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT SERVICES WITH OPERATOR SIGNUP

The Virginia Department of Transportation invites heavy equipment owners to sign up for the rental of their equipment with operators for SNOW & ICE REMOVAL purposes in Salem Residency which includes the counties of Roanoke, Botetourt and Craig during the winter of 2024-2025. Price per hour shall include operators, fuel, tire chains, supplies and required insurance. VDOT will need dump trucks, pickups with plows, motorgraders, backhoes, dozers, track loaders, tractors, rubber-tire loaders and farm tractors. All equipment shall be equipped for night work and be in good mechanical condition to ensure a safe and dependable 24/7 operation. VDOT reserves the right to determine acceptability of equipment size and condition for the task. Contractors submitting prices meeting the requirements of the Agreement may be contracted with and may be eligible to receive a bonus payment and a minimum guaranteed payment for the season.

Contractors must submit their application on the electronic M7B bidding site at https://plow4va.vdot.virginia.gov. All new and returning Contractors must be active in the Virginia eProcurement Portal (eVA) in order to do business with the Commonwealth of Virginia (https://eva.virginia.gov). Applications received by 7:00 PM on Wednesday October 2, 2024 may be eligible for a bonus payment. See the EVA posting for additional information, including contract requirements.

Questions can be directed to the Salem Residency from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday – Friday. Phone: 540-387-5497. Email: SalemDistrictSnow@vdot.virginia.gov EEO/AA Employer

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

at its regular meeting on Monday, September 9, 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:

Hold public hearing to consider the request of Salem Montessori School, Inc., property owner, to amend the existing special exception permit to allow for a second elementary educational facility on the property located at 101 Corporate Boulevard (Tax Map # 117-2-1). Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia.

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

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

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

at its regular meeting on September 11, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1.Consider amending Chapter 106 - Zoning, Article IV – Development Standards, Section 106-406.25 of the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA pertaining to storage containers.

2.Consider amending Chapter 106 – Zoning, Article II - District Regulations, Section 106-214 – Highway Business District, Section 106-214.2(B)(5) – permitted uses; Article III - Use and Design Standards, Section 106-310 – Commercial Uses, Section 106-310.25; Article VI - Definitions and Use Types, Section 106-600 – Definitions, Section 106-602.9 - Commercial Use Types, of the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA, pertaining to retail sales, smoke shops.

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

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

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: Christopher J. Dorsey Executive Secretary

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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 FLEENER, JR. JUDGE



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Questions can be directed to the Christiansburg Residency from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday – Friday. Phone: 540-381-7201 Email: SalemDistrictSnow@vdot.virginia.gov EEO/AA Employer

Legals - City of Radford

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 identify 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. 10, 2024 at 8:30 am.

AUGUST 5, 2024 RUBY STUMP, CLERK

Order of Publication

Case No. 24-JA-79 and 24-JA-80 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NICHOLAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

In the Matter of: Case Number: 24-JA-79 and 24-JA-80

S. L., and E. L., Nathan Lovern, father of S. L., and E. L. and Ashleigh Powell, mother of said infants, (The object of this action is to notify the adult respondent parents of an Adjudicatory /Disposition / Termination of Parental Rights Hearing scheduled herein so that said adult respondents may appear to protect their interests.) ORDER OF PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF HEARING(S) TO: Nathan Lovern, Father of S. L., and E. L., You are hereby notified that abuse and/or neglect and/or abandonment petitions have been filed with the Circuit Court of Nicholas County, West Virginia, and assigned case numbers 24-JA-79 and 24-JA-80, where in the mother of the infants S. L. and E. L., is Ashleigh Powell and the father of the infants S. L. and E. L., is Nathan Lovern. A Preliminary Hearing/Adjudicatory Hearing/Termination Hearing will be held in this matter on the 26th day of September 2024 at 1:45 p.m., in the courtroom of the Nicholas County Courthouse at 700 Main Street, Summersville, West Virginia, 26651. You and each of you are hereby notified that you have the right to have counsel present at all stages of these proceedings and ALL SUCH PROCEEDINGS

When: Starting Thursday, August 8th, from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Continuing: Every Tuesday and Thursday through August 29th from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Where: Valcom Facility in Roanoke (address below) Production Work Schedule: Monday - Thursday, 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mandatory overtime on Fridays is common during the summer and fall. Benefits: Full-time employees eligible after 90 days for our full benefits program, which also includes retirement contribution and employee ownership! Requirements: Must have excellent attendance, ability to work mandatory overtime, great communication skills, problem solving skills, work collaboratively with team members and be adaptable. Some positions require previous experience in a similar role. Those hired will be required to pass a pre-employment background check and drug test. Can't make the open interviews? Fax or email your resume and cover letter. VALCOM 5614 Hollins Rd. Roanoke, VA 24019 Fax 540-767-1543 hr@valcom.com

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CAN RESULT IN THE PERMANENT TERMINATION OF CUSTODIAL AND PARENTAL RIGHTS TO SAID INFANT CHILDREN. Accordingly, you and each of you who may have an interest in these proceedings must attend and may make such defense as you shall deem advisable on or before the date and time aforesaid, or termination of your custodial and parental rights may be ordered by the Court.

A copy of said petition can be obtained from the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Nicholas County, West Virginia, at the Nicholas County Courthouse, Summersville, West Virginia. STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA AND WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES, CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES DIVISION BY: /s/ JASMINE R. H. MORTON ASSISTANT PROSECUTING ATTORNEY FOR NICHOLAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA STATE BAR ID NO.: 11348

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 diligence 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 identify 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.

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RADFORD SPORTS

Area high school teams ready to open season

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High school football officially jumpstarts this Friday night with several individual headlines.

The Christiansburg-Floyd contest will have extra attention as former Christiansburg athletic director and football coach Tim Cromer now roams the Floyd sidelines.

Under Cromer's leadership at Christiansburg High School, the team secured several notable achievements, including the State Runner-Up title in Division 4 in 2011 and multiple Region

Championships in 2009, 2010, and 2011. Despite facing tough competition, they also attained Region Runner-Up titles in 2004, 2006, and 2012. The team's consistent presence in the VHSL Playoffs from 2003 to 2014, along with an overall record of 98-75.

The contest will also be the first for new Christiansburg head coach Matt Heron, who had spent the past five years as an assistant at the school.

Blacksburg will face a Giles team, which has lost its past glimmer with several state and regional titles. Also, Blacksburg will try to jumpstart their season with a win after only picking up

two total in the past two years.

Radford faces a familiar foe in Geroge Wythe. The Bobcats hold a 52-30 record against the former New River District opponents and have won five straight include last year's 42-7 win.

Eastern Montgomery will host Holston from deep southwest Virginia. Holston has won seven straight meetings from the Mustangs including a 48-8 from last year.

Storylines:

Can Radford put together a winning season after winning the state championship just a year ago?

Will Blacksburg find a way to win

more than two games?

Is Eastern Montgomery finally one of the top three teams in Pioneer District?

Christiansburg has a new head coach and can he lead the team to more than eight wins this season?

Predictions for the season:

Christiansburg 6-4
Blacksburg 6-4
Eastern Montgomery 5-5
Radford 8-2

Predictions for Friday night:

Christiansburg 27, Floyd 24
Blacksburg 29, Giles 20
Radford 38, George Wythe 14
Eastern Montgomery 30, Holston 14.

Christiansburg downs Giles in benefit game



Matt Annis (left) runs in a second TD for Christiansburg after receiving a pass from QB Izaiah Cotto.



Tristan Sutphin (left) and Josiah Ratley (right) team up to tackle a Giles ball carrier in Friday's benefit game against Giles County. Christiansburg would come away with a 34-28 win in front of the home crowd.



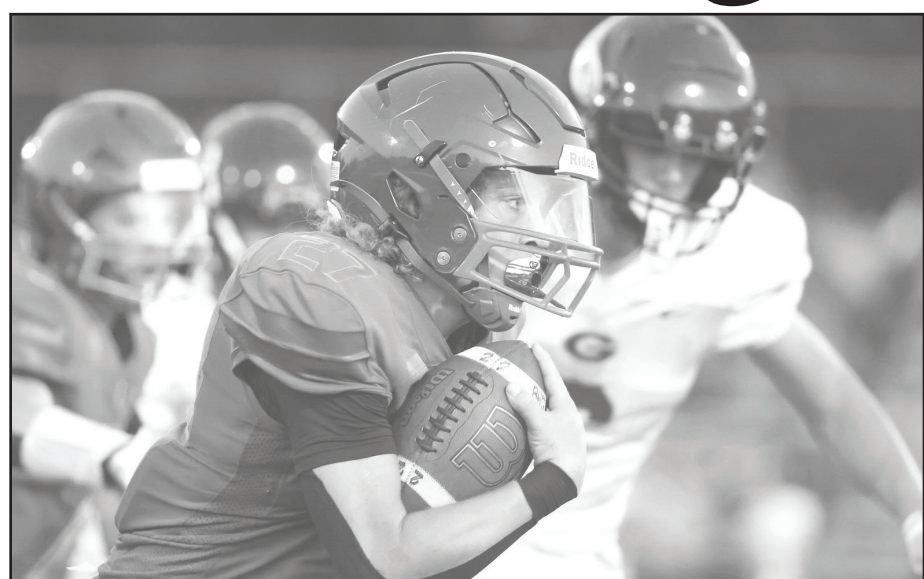
Sean McMurray heads for the endzone. McMurray was halted at the pylon but scored on the next play.



Donovan Richardson (right) knocks the ball loose from Giles' running back resulting in a turnover of possession.

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Blacksburg falls to Glenvar



After breaking a Glenvar tackle, Blacksburg running back Jaxon Keys carries the ball deep into Highlander territory to set up a Bruin touchdown Friday night. Glenvar visited Blacksburg for a preseason benefit game on Friday night and won 28-14 in a game split between starters (first half) and JV and backups (second half).



Blacksburg's Nathaniel Means scores on a short touchdown reception from QB Sam Szefc against Glenvar during a preseason benefit game.



Blacksburg's Lamont Hurdle collected two interceptions against Glenvar Friday night.



Blacksburg sophomore QB Sam Szefc throws a sideline pass during a preseason game against Glenvar.

PHOTOS BY JON FLEMING

Hokies add another basketball transfer

Virginia Tech head men's basketball coach Mike Young announced Friday the addition of Eastern Michigan transfer Connor Serven to the Hokies' 2024-25 roster.

Serven has two years of eligibility remaining. With the arrival of Serven, Tech will have 15 players set to don the maroon and orange for the upcoming season.

A 6-foot-8 forward, Serven arrives in Blacksburg after one season at Eastern Michigan, where he averaged 3.3 points and 3.1 rebounds in 31 games played. Serven dialed up a career-high 15 points on five of 10 shooting vs. Kent State on Jan. 6, 2024. He notched three double-figure scoring games for the Eagles in 2023-24, while shooting 43.5% from the floor.

Serven is a two-time transfer who began his college career at Illinois. He played three seasons for the

Fighting Illini, appearing in 18 games while logging three points and seven rebounds. Serven was a member of three NCAA tournament teams, including two squads that advanced to the NCAA second round in both 2022 and 2023.

Illinois tied for the 2021-22 Big Ten regular season championship and captured the 2021 Big Ten tournament title as the No. 3 seed during Serven's time in Champaign. The Priarie City, Ill., native was an Academic All-Big Ten selection in 2022.

"We are excited about adding Connor to our program as he brings experience, wisdom and a versatile game," said Young. "He is a hard-playing dude who has a high level of skill and smarts – our type of guy. We are eager to get Connor here and continue to develop him."

Virginia Tech Athletics

TriWizard TriMile raises funds for Literacy Volunteers



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Racers at Saturday's TriWizard TriMile race, a fundraiser for Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley.

The TriWizard TriMile race, a fundraiser for Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley, was held Saturday, Aug. 24, 2024 in Bisset Park, Radford.

The Top 40 finishers include:

First place: Anderson Norton, 16:48.53; 2) Josoah Gifaldi; 3) Daniel Kolasa; 4) Jacob Cox; 5) Rob Colley; 6) Lily Hyatt; 7) Frank Finch; 8) Taylor Johnson; 9) Mason Hayes; 10) William Laxton; 11) Juan Carlos Medina; 12) Anika Whittier; 13) Joseph Sheets; 14) Ray Hartley; 15) Eli Whittier; 16) Jody Pall; 17) Jason Pall; 18) Peggy Clark; 19)

Geovanny Guillen; 20) Jeff Meadows; 21) Jason Simmons; 22) Maxwell Montagna; 23) Hollace Oakes; 24) Kim Kitts; 25) Justin Buehler; 26) Emmi Williamson; 27) Sally Walker; 28) Charlie Pall; 29) Russell Williamson; 30) Brett Petty; 31) Noam Hersch; 32) Colin Riffe; 33) Ian Woolwine; 34) Randy Burrier; 35) Leonie Jacobs; 36) Virginia Worrell; 37) Amber Williamson; 38) Colton Tucker; 39) Edward Arb; 40) Jackson Caldwell.

Staff report

Duo wins Auburn Hills Golf Course club championship



Eddie Woolwine teamed up with Larry Gerald to win the Auburn Hills Golf Club Championship held recently.



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Larry Gerald teamed up with Eddie Woolwine for the club championship.

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