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Radford City Public Schools achieves full accreditation

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Editor

RADFORD - All four Radford City Public Schools have achieved full accreditation by the Virginia Department

Full accreditation means the average of Standards of Learning scores in grades 3-12 for all math, science, civics, history and English SOLs have met the benchmark scores set forth by the VDOE.

"At RCPS, for the 2023-2024 school year, our students' performance was at or above the accreditation standards in all areas," said RCPS Superintendent Dr. Adam Joyce. "The accreditation process also includes a component for our Career and Technical Education (CTE) classes. This includes industry credentialing testing, dual-enrollment classes as well as Advanced Placement courses."

Joyce said attendance is also considered for accreditation.

"A final category by which we are accredited is school attendance," he said. "It is very important that students miss as few days as possible during the school In-person classroom learning cannot be replaced or replicated after a student is absent and returns. Research supports the fact that fewer days missed in school equates to exponentially more learning. RCPS has renewed its focus on attendance, and we appreciate all families making an effort to have their children in school on time each day."

Joyce credits the school division's faculty and staff for achieving full

"Our greatest asset is our human resources—the faculty and staff at each school," he said. "For a child to learn effectively, they must first feel welcomed and valued by their teacher. Positive teacher-student relationships are essential for high engagement and achievement. RCPS takes pride in the meaningful and lasting connections our teachers build

with their students each year."

"Similarly, RCPS holds its staff to high standards, much like the expectations teachers set for their students," he added. "Our talented leaders, teachers, and staff consistently set, achieve, and surpass high goals to ensure that students are well-prepared for the next grade or the next stage in their lives."

Joyce said he feels helping students have a well-rounded childhood and school experience also contributes to the success of the school division.

'While teaching and learning are at the core of what we do as public educators, it is certainly not all we do," he said. "Besides learning, each family knows that there is more involved in a well-rounded childhood. It includes making friends, participating in after school activities and clubs and learning a skill or trade or gaining valuable knowledge that will help build a career

"That said, being accredited is often

how our community measures how successful we are," he continued. "We continuously strive to do our best in all facets of education so we appreciate being recognized for being fully accredited for student achievement in learning the content standards."

"There is always room to grow," Joyce said. "By building and nurturing positive student/teacher relationships, RCPS aims to increase student achievement each year."

Joyce said the families of RCPS students and the community as a whole, also deserve credit for the success.

We are extremely thankful for the support from our families and community. Without the underpinning provided by the members of this city, education is not nearly as effective or meaningful," he said. "Our stakeholders realize how vitally important a good education is for the future of our children as well as the future of our city."



Campus leaders and lawmakers along with Pat and Nancy Artis officially cut the ribbon to the new Artis Center.

Radford cuts ribbon on Artis Center for Adaptive Innovation and Creativity

RADFORD - Radford University celebrated the opening of its new Artis Center for Adaptive Innovation and Creativity with a ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremony on Sept. 5, 2024.

The new center, which opened to students at the beginning of the 2024 fall semester, is a state-ofthe-art complex that fuses the arts, health sciences and technology in modern teaching environments tailored to stimulate creativity and innovation.

"Students will experience classroom settings that are tailored to their needs, designed for maximum learning and exchange and where they can still find that out-of-the-way nook for a late-night

RADFORD - New Mount Olive United Methodist Church is hosting its next fish fry this Saturday, Sept. 14 and proceeds will benefit Christiansburg

Methodist Church Men's will be cooking all the food from scratch. The fish fry is being

sponsored by the Christiansburg

Institute Alumni Association.

The fry is set for 11 a.m. – 4

p.m. at the church, located at

The menu and prices are:

Dinners: \$13, 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

For call -in orders call the

309 Russell Ave. in Radford.

New Mount Olive

study or a group practice session," Radford University President Bret Danilowicz, Ph.D., said at the Thursday afternoon ceremony. "We are only just beginning to understand the Artis Center's full potential, but the possibilities are

The 178,000 square-feet Artis Center is the largest academic building on Radford's campus, as well as the largest capital construction project in the history the university. The Artis Center is home to the university's College of Visual and Performing Arts and benefits students in the Waldron College of Health and Human Services and the College of Nursing. Additionally, the Artis Center is a

New Mount Olive Church hosts fish

fry to support Christiansburg Institute

destination for regional K-12 school groups and community members.

The Artis Center houses a 500seat proscenium theatre, 200-seat studio theatre, a performance hub with learning stairs and a courtyard with an amphitheater.

Educational spaces include a group clinic space with six clinic spaces and observation rooms, a large activelearning classroom for nursing, recording studio, photography and ceramics labs, Maker Space, fashion and interior design studios, active-learning classrooms, dance studios, theatre studios and shops, drawing and painting studios, and music education and music therapy

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New enrollment at Radford University grows by 31 percent

Freshmen enrollment up 28%, transfer students up 39%

RADFORD More than 6,000 undergraduate students are enrolled at Radford University's main campus and Radford University Carilion in Roanoke this fall, highlighted by significant growth among new, in-person students.

Year-over-year growth from fall 2023 includes a 28% increase in new freshmen and a 39% increase in new transfer students. Overall new student growth is boosted by 47% growth among students from Southwest Virginia.

"We had ambitious goals to stabilize enrollment and initially expected to meet those goals by the fall of 2025," President Bret Danilowicz said during Friday's Board of Visitors quarterly meeting. "That we are ahead of schedule and exceeded our new enrollment target by 20 percent is a remarkable testament to the work that was done across all divisions, and by all our faculty and

staff, to continuously raise the profile of Radford University."

The Radford Tuition Promise helped many new students find their way to Radford. The program, launched in October of 2023, covers tuition costs for in-person Virginia students whose family adjusted gross incomes are \$100,000 or less. It resulted in a jump in enrollment by adults over the age of 25 either starting or completing their college journey at Radford University, increasing this group by 40 percent from previous

years. offer congratulations to Radford University on the successful launch of the Radford Tuition Promise," Del. Jason Ballard. "This groundbreaking initiative not only makes higher education more accessible but also strengthens our region's economy by

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Silhouette theme of next photo club meeting



Toni Pitts

The Radford Photo Club's next meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 19, at the Radford Public Library.

Toni Pitts, professional photographer from

Blacksburg, will speak on the exposure triangle and the use of the histogram. The photo challenge theme will be silhouette. There is also an open challenge contest.

The Radford Photo Club is made up of photographers from throughout the New River Valley. Meetings, events, and outings are open to the public. If you have questions about the club, email Joyce Crowder joycecrowder2@icloud. com, Michele Borgarelli mborgarelli@gmail. com, or Tracy Burlingame at Tracylb3870@gmail.

Radford Photo Club

professional and amateur

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



PHOTO COURTESY OF NEW MOUNT OLIVE CHURCH

Church member William Wolford makes fried fish for customers at a previous

Staff report

of fish: \$3.50.

Institute.

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PCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, Sept. 11:

Closing ceremony for Field of Honor

Radford Noon Rotary and Glencoe Mansion will host a closing ceremony of the "Field of Honor" at Glencoe Mansion at 5 p.m. with an opening of bagpipe music provided by musician Andrew Meeks. Official ceremony at 5:30 p.m. including remarks from Radford Mayor David Horton, City Council Member Jessie Foster, Rev. Dr. Gina Rhea of Unity Christian Church, and from the leadership of the Radford Noon Rotary and Glencoe Mansion. The ceremony will be followed by a reception on the museum grounds until 7 p.m.

Blacksburg Farmers Market

At Market Square Park, 100 Draper Rd SW, Blacksburg; 2-6 p.m. The market is a local, familyfriendly 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.

Friday, Sept. 13:

Glencoe Mansion art exhibit by Sidra Kaluszka

Glencoe Mansion, Museum & Gallery will host "Do You Dream In Color," an art exhibition by artist Sidra Kaluszka for September and October. The public is invited to the opening reception Friday, Sept. 13, 5:30 - 7 p.m. at Glencoe Mansion, located at 600 Unruh Dr. in Radford, to view the works on display and meet the artist. The reception is free to attend and open to all; the exhibition will be on display from now until Oct. 27.

Saturday, Sept. 14:

Better Together: Rockin' Food Truck Rodeo

The Town of Christiansburg and Downtown Christiansburg, Inc. are teaming up for a new and exciting event. Better Together: Rockin' Food Truck Rodeo combines two major Town events: Rockin' Main Street Concert and the Food Truck Rodeo. Because of this partnership, there will be more delicious food truck options and more live music to enjoy! An area will also be designated for craft beer and wine purchases. From 3-9 p.m. in Downtown Christiansburg.

Mount Tabor Ruritan Club will hold its September Fish Fry 5 to 7 p.m. at Slusser's Chapel Picnic Shelter, 1543 Mount Tabor Rd, Blacksburg. Serving fish, fries and slaw; homemade desserts; and beverages. Adults-\$12, children under 12-\$6, (under three free), carry-outs-\$12. This month, we welcome the Blue Ridge Vocal Connection to our music tent. Held rain or shine. This is the last fry in 2024. Call or text 540-449-6178 for further information. On Facebook at MtTaborRuritan.

Shred-A-Thon

The Town of Blacksburg will host a Shred-A-Thon a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Blacksburg Community Center. This fr 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.

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. 15:

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. 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.

Monday, Sept. 23:

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

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. 24:

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. 28:

Pilot Community Center Celebration

The Pilot Community Center (former Pilot School) was recently added to the State and National Registers of Historic Places. Celebrate these designations and also honor former teachers and students of the Pilot School, 1 p.m. Pilot Community Center, 4449 Brush Creek Road, Pilot. Unveiling of historical designation plaques, live music. refreshments, prizes, and lots of good memories. This event is free to the public.

Annual Blues, Brews & BBQ

Blacksburg Museum and Cultural Foundation's 9th Annual Blues, Brews & BBQ, noon – 5 p.m., at St. Luke and Odd Fellows Hall. Admission is free, though a \$10 donation is suggested. Seating is limited. Attendees are encouraged to bring chairs. Performance schedule: 12:30-1:30 p.m. The JoJo Stockton Project, 2-3 p.m. McFadden and Friends. 3:30-4:30 p.m. Lady D and Mi\$\$ion. Beer and wine, barbeque, and sweet treats for purchase from Blue Ridge Beverage, Kirk's Famous BBQ, and Next Door Bake Shop. NAACP and The League of Women Voters will provide voter registration information. Free parking at the Gilbert Street Parking Garage. Proceeds go toward the continued preservation of St. Luke and Odd Fellows Hall, which will be open to guests during the event. For more information, visit: https://blacksburgmuseum.org/.

Ongoing:

Menagerie, exhibit at Fine Arts Center for the

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.

Blacksburg smoke testing sewer lines

The Town of Blacksburg and CHA Consulting, Inc., will perform smoke testing in the upper Harding Sewershed during the week of Sept. 9 and Sept. 16. The process blows smoke into the sewer system, which then escapes through leaks found in the lines. Leaks allow rainwater, creek water, and other stormwater runoff to enter the system. The area within the Harding Sewershed that will be impacted by this work includes the Apperson Park development and Windsor Hills. During this work, citizens may see smoke coming out of the ground, and occasionally, when household plumbing is not in conformance with code, smoke may enter residences. For this reason, CHA will place informational door hangers at residences that may be affected several days in advance of the testing. For questions and more information: Contact Shawn Veltman, Town Engineer at 540.443.1352, sveltman@ blacksburg.gov.

Virginia gas prices continue to drop

Average gasoline prices in Virginia have fallen 7.0 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.12/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 4,081 stations in Virginia. Prices in Virginia are 23.4 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 43.7 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has declined 4.5 cents in the last week and stands at \$3.62 per gallon- the lowest since early 2022. According to GasBuddy price reports,

the cheapest station in Virginia was priced at \$2.66/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$3.99/g, a difference of \$1.33/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$2.66/g while the highest was \$3.99/g, a difference of \$1.33/g. The national average price of gasoline

has fallen 7.2 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.22/g today. The national average is down 22.5 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 58.8 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 September 9, 2023: \$3.55/g (U.S.

Average: \$3.80/g) September 9, 2022: \$3.48/g (U.S.

Average: \$3.71/g) September 9, 2021: \$2.99/g (U.S.

Average: \$3.17/g) September 9, 2020: \$2.11/g (U.S.

Average: \$2.19/g) September 9, 2019: \$2.31/g (U.S. Average: \$2.56/g) September 9, 2018: \$2.62/g (U.S. Average: \$2.84/g)

September 9, 2017: \$2.56/g (U.S. Average: \$2.66/g) September 9, 2016: \$1.99/g (U.S.

Average: \$2.18/g) September 9, 2015: \$2.12/g (U.S.

Average: \$2.38/g) September 9, 2014: \$3.18/g (U.S. Average: \$3.43/g)

Neighboring areas and their current

Roanoke- \$3.00/g, down 13.0 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.13/g. Richmond- \$3.15/g, down 7.2 cents

per gallon from last week's \$3.22/g. West Virginia- \$3.15/g, down 7.4 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.22/g.

"Impressively, for the sixth straight week, gas prices have dropped to their lowest since winter. GasBuddy now counts 11 states and over 45,000 stations with gas prices below \$3 per gallon," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "We fully expect gas prices will continue to drop as Americans drive less with the onset of fall. With oil prices falling below \$70 per barrel, their lowest since 2021, there's solid room for gas prices and diesel to continue falling for some time. We expect the national average could fall below \$3 per gallon as early as October for the first time since 2021, which would be music to the ears of motorists and certainly to politicians who are angling to be elected this fall."

GasBuddy

Virginia Tech sixth among all U.S. public schools in new ranking

BLACKSBURG - Virginia Tech ranked sixth among all U.S. public schools and first among all Virginia schools in the 2025 Wall Street Journal/College Pulse ranking of the U.S. Colleges released Thursday.

Overall, Virginia Tech landed at No. 19 among all 500 universities included in the ranking that focuses on two key metrics: how much a school improves students' chances of graduating and their future earnings and the overall student experience, according to the Wall Street Journal.

'Virginia Tech's focus on engaged and diverse learning experiences that provide our graduates with a competitive advantage in their fields is reflected in this ranking among the nation's top public universities," said Executive Vice President and Provost Cyril Clarke. "The opportunity for our graduates to be highly recruited and compensated by top companies around the world is clearly enhanced by the value of their Virginia Tech

as internships, study abroad, and undergraduate research opportunities

Real-world experiences - such

– are a hallmark of a Virginia Tech

education across all its colleges,

readying students for their careers

and building the critical thinking and

creative problem-solving skills they'll need. Opportunities to connect and learn from a vast network of Hokie alumni around the globe support both students and graduates along the way.

Key support now comes from Virginia Tech Advantage, the university's commitment to remove barriers for students' success and ensure that they have access to those real-world experiences.

"This recognition is a testament to the lifelong value of a Virginia Tech education," said Senior Vice President for Advancement Charlie Phlegar. "By equipping students with the tools to succeed both academically and professionally, we are not only enhancing their career potential but also fostering a vibrant alumni community that remains deeply connected to and supportive of the university."

Virginia Tech is among 25 new schools listed among the top 50 this year after the Wall Street Journal and its research partners College and Statista fine-tuned its calculations related to future financial success, according to the Wall Street Journal.

Mark Owczarski for Virginia Tech

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BITUARIES

Carden, Helen Quesenberry

Carden, 80, of Dublin, passed away Friday, Sept. 6, 2024.

She was a member of Jubilee Christian Church and a former para-aide with Pulaski County Schools. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph W. and Mary E. Quesenberry; her husband, Carroll Kenneth Carden; brothers, Jack and Timmy Quesenberry; and sisters, JoAnn Saunders and Penny Hagee.

include Survivors her son, Patrick Carden (Amy); grandchildren, Kameron



Carden; brother, Tommy Quesenberry (alice); brother-in-law, Mike Saunders; sister-in-law, Shirl Quesenberry; special friends, Betty Creasy and nieces and nephews; and many other relatives and The family will receive

friends from 12 - 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2024, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services will begin at 2 p.m. with Rev. Gary Hash officiating. Interment will follow in Highland Memory Gardens Dublin.

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

Hawks, Sandra Long

Sandra Long Hawks, 72, of Dublin, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 3,

She was preceded in death by her son, Martin Jay Hawks; parents Albert Thomas and Mary Blake Long; her loving husband, Phillip Jay Hawks; and her brother-in-law, Dillard

Wayne Akers.

Left to cherish her memory include her sons, Richard Andrew Hawks of Lilly Dell, Va., and David Wayne Hawks of Oak Ridge, N.C.; daughter and son-in-law, Tammy Hawks Windle and Tim of Salisbury, N.C.; grandchildren, Christopher Chase Sarver of Ohio, Zoey Elizabeth



Winston-Hawks of Salem, N.C., DeAnna Leigh Hawks of Lilly Dell, Va., Alexander James Hawks, and Nicholas George Hawks (Kathryn "Kassie"), both of Calif.; great-granddaughter, Ruth Lanore Windle; sisters, Sharon Akers and

Janice Lodge special friend, Shawn "Sparkie" Fisher; and many other nieces, nephews, relatives and an abundance of friends.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2024, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford with Ronald Smith officiating. Entombment followed at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Christiansburg.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Joy Ranch, 813 Joy Ranch Rd, Woodlawn, VA 24381.

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

Leach, Nancy Phillips

Nancy Phillips Leach, 93, of Blacksburg, died Friday, Aug. 30 while in hospice care at Kroontje Center, Warm Hearth Village in Blacksburg. She was born Sept.

19, 1930 in Washington, DC, the only child of Albert Jefferson Phillips and Ruth Hamby Phillips. Nancy grew up in

the Maryland and Washington, areas and went to the Washington, DC Quaker school six years, graduating first in her class. She attended Converse College in Spartanburg, S.C., graduating with a Bachelor of Arts as a sociology major. She worked in her father's insurance business prior to her marriage. After her marriage to Hugh Underwood "Woody" Leach on March 28, 1953, the couple lived in Germany where he was stationed in the US Army until 1955. They arrived in Blacksburg in 1958 after Woody completed divinity school at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond. Nancy worked as a secretary for Woody for five years prior to childrearing. In

later years, she enjoyed



working in clothing sales and volunteering in the Blacksburg Presbyterian Church preschool, the American Red Cross blood bank and visiting and supporting friends with illnesses. She was a member of Blacksburg Presbyterian Church.

She was preceded in death by her adult son, Christopher "Chris" Underwood Leach of California, her granddaughter, Ashley Dowdy, and grandson, Joshua Michael Dowdy, both of Christiansburg, her husband, Woody, of 64 years. She was also preceded by her brother-in-law, Neil Calvin Leach of Greensboro, N.C., and sister-in-law, Martha O'Neal Leach.

She is survived by two daughters: Sherill Leach Dowdy Christiansburg Borenstein of North Chesterfield, grandchildren: Zachary, Elyse and Leah Borenstein; three great grandchildren: Mason, Max and Maddox Price; and one brother-in-law: Dan Blanchard Leach and wife, Genevieve, of Greensboro, N.C.

A graveside service with inurnment of cremains was held at Memorial Gardens of the New River Valley, 2551 N. Main St., Blacksburg Tuesday, Sept. 10 with the Rev. Steve Darr and the Rev. Dr. Sarah Wiles of Blacksburg Presbyterian Church officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: Blacksburg Presbyterian 701 Church Street SE, Blacksburg, VA 24060; Ministry at Virginia Tech (formerly called "Cooper House") 305 Washington Street SW, Blacksburg, VA 24060; and Doctors Without Borders, www. doctorswithoutborders.

Arrangements McCoy Funeral Home, 150 Country Club Drive SW, Blacksburg, VA 24060, 540-552-3211.

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economy by laying the groundwork for a skilled workforce. Radford's commitment to educational excellence and community impact is commendable, and its positive influence on our local economy is undeniable. I look forward to seeing continued success and growth for both the university and our vibrant

Several key strategies and targeted demographics helped the university

More visitors: Radford University emerged as a destination for students who were preparing to make their college decisions, as well as for younger learners. During the 2023-24 academic year, 4,856 student visitors - 60% more than last year - attended admissions events, competitions, performances and academic camps. Heightened awareness and participation from across the university community, including increased faculty involvement, helped Radford be a welcoming host for initiatives such as Junior Achievement of Southwest Virginia, Upward Bound, Virginia History Day, the Scripps Regional Spelling Bee and high school performing arts groups, driving additional visitors to campus.

"At a moment when colleges and universities across Virginia and the country are struggling to maintain enrollment, Radford is hitting its stride as a regional university eager to serve the community and the Commonwealth," said Jennifer Wishon Gilbert of the Radford University Board of Visitors. "It's not surprising a growing number of students from southwest, southside and beyond are finding their place here as they seek a world-class education in a uniquely beautiful part of the world."

Increased nursing focus: Radford University celebrated 50 years of nursing in 2023-24 by reclassifying its curriculum from a school to a standalone college. Radford's tradition of excellence in preparing nurses and commitment to enhanced resources, including the March dedication of the JoAnn Bingham Clinical Simulation at the Roanoke Higher Education Center, helped the university experience 30% growth in its new nursing students. According to the Virginia Board of Nursing, 229 Radford University graduates sat for the NCLEX-RN exam in 2023, the most among any public or private university in the Commonwealth of

"Congratulations to Radford University and to the new students who have discovered the incredible opportunities available to them, both in Radford and Radford University at Carilion in Roanoke," said Del. Sam Rasoul. "I am a

Virginia.

champion for increased investment in education at all levels throughout the commonwealth. It is rewarding to see how Radford University has used state support to create new opportunities for students across different economic backgrounds and from all stages of life while making sure that they have access to internships and hands-on educational experiences that will make upward mobility possible."

Transfer outreach: Eight area community colleges joined in collaboration to draft a Tartan Transfer agreement that simplifies enrollment by lowering barriers for students to move from a two-year college to Radford. Enrollment of new transfer students grew by 153, with most of that growth from applicants in the region.

Effective local targeting: A focus on local recruitment efforts has yielded impressive results, with substantial increases from school districts within a 100-mile radius of the campus. City and county districts closest to the main campus in Radford have seen the most growth: a 233% increase in students from Giles County High School, 166% growth from Radford High School and 128% growth from Floyd County High School. Roanoke Valley schools have also been a factor, including a 357% increase in students from Northside High School in Roanoke County and 212% growth from William Fleming High School in Roanoke city.

A growing Honors College: The Honors College at Radford University is an academic community defined by intellectual curiosity and active engagement in the educational process. Honors programming includes special diploma distinctions and access to a robust living-learning community. The Honors College has more than doubled its population during the last five years, growing from 67 students in 2020 to 149 students this fall - a 122% increase. Since 2023, the program has experienced a 26% increase. "I am extremely proud of Radford

University and congratulate them on their significant enrollment growth," said Sen. Travis Hackworth. "Thanks to the entire Highlander team for all of their efforts to make Radford University both one of the most affordable and one of the most cutting-edge higher education institutions in the commonwealth. We stand ready to welcome even more students and their families in

the years to come." Official university census numbers were reported on Monday, Sept. 9. Numbers and percentages cited are current as of the week of Sept. 3.

Radford University



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A variety of services will be available at the AARP Blacksburg Health and Wellness Fair, which will be held at the Christiansburg Recreation Center.

AARP Blacksburg Health and Wellness Fair coming to Christiansburg

A Health and Wellness Fair will be speaker, Dr. Michael Friedlander held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18 at the Christiansburg Recreational Center, 1600 N. Franklin St., in Christiansburg.

This local fair is free to the general

public and co-sponsored by AARP Blacksburg, the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM), and the Christiansburg Recreation Center. It has been referred to as the "state fair of health fairs."

More than 80 exhibitors from across the New River Valley and beyond will be offering free services (e.g., blood pressure, body mass, bone density, skin cancer, vision, and hearing screenings, immunizations) and information. Exhibitors also include professionals sharing nutrition, exercise, in-home health services, and home renovation - a full range of services that promote "Good Health – Good Life!" We will be having a blood drive at the fair, along with the Veterans' Center mobile unit. A major attraction will be our keynote

the Virginia Tech-Carilion Research Institute, who will be speaking between 11:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. on the up-todate research on aging and Q&A to help us all lead more informed and happier

Funds raised from the Health and Wellness Fair goes are donated to various community projects in the area the New River Valley Agency on Aging and the Community Foundation of the New River Valley. Proceeds from the Fair also provide scholarships for medical students who will go into the geriatric field of study at VCOM.

For more information on the AARP Blacksburg Health and Wellness Fair, visit https://www.blacksburgaarp.org/2024health-and-wellness-fair or contact Sue Magliaro at sumags@vt.edu. To donate blood and avoid waiting, go to https:// donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/ schedules/drive_schedule/267451.

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Pat and Nancy Artis "have been extraordinary supporters of Radford University in all ways volunteering together the TOGETHER Campaign Steering Committee, serving as role models to inspire others to both give back and pay it forward, and providing philanthropic funds in support of facilities, student

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Delegate laments speed of federal broadband funds to Virginia

In early August, I wrote about the exciting announcement regarding Virginia's expansion of broadband infrastructure in the form of a \$4.2 million grant to Giles County. While the Commonwealth continues to lead the way in how it handles broadband deployment in comparison to peer states, so far, the federal government has not held up to its end of the bargain. This is the troubling news that was recently reported in a Politico article titled "Biden and Harris promised billions for broadband. Here's why states are

The issue at hand is the Biden-Harris administration's handling of the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD), which is slated to provide nearly \$1.5 billion to Virginia in order to complete universal broadband infrastructure buildout. To this point, Virginia has not received any of this funding from the federal government, even though the Commonwealth was the first state in the nation to apply for it almost a year ago. As a refresher, the BEAD program was part of the Biden-Harris administration's infrastructure package that was passed into law several years ago. As part of its passage, states accepting the grant funding have to follow vague rules, such as providers having to "plan for climate change" and



Delegate Jason Ballard

Virginia General Assembly

'require reasonable prices," although the administration didn't clearly lay out what these rules actually entailed. Herein lies the heart of the issue; something that other states across the nation have experienced as well.

There are electoral ramifications to the ongoing struggle of the federal government to disburse these desperately needed funds. The Youngkin administration, which has made it a focal point to expand our broadband infrastructure through the Virginia Telecommunications Initiative, is doing its part to bridge the gap until the federal funds arrive. The Biden-Harris administration is making it very easy for Virginia Republicans to make the case that - even in the face of federal government ambivalence – we still find a way to get things done.

It's no secret that Virginia is a national leader in telecommunications, and the United States relies upon our connectivity. We host important defense agencies and the many contractors that support them, as well as corporations with worldwide reach. We are also home to many people, often in rural communities like ours, who are prevented from taking part in the broader economy due to lack of consistent internet access. The lack of access can affect other things closer to home, like property values and educational opportunities. The Biden-Harris administration's failure to deliver this critical funding to the Commonwealth in a timely fashion is beginning to appear like an "over-promise, under-deliver" situation, and in the meantime, over 100,000 Virginia residents and businesses continue to suffer slow connection speeds. They must do better.

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.

The following is a statement released by Senators Warner and Kaine on July 26, 2024 regarding federal broadband funding:

Warner and Kaine announce Virginia cleared a major hurdle to expand broadband Approval of Virginia's initial proposal means \$1.5 billion is headed to Virginia soon

WASHINGTON — U.S. Sens. Mark R. Warner and Tim Kaine (both D-VA) have announced a huge step towards the deployment of \$1,481,489,527.87 in federal funding to expand access to high-speed internet in Virginia.

National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) approved Volume 2 of Virginia's Initial Proposal under the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program, an important step that demonstrates Virginia has a strong plan to expand broadband and is on track to receive its funding allocation.

"Today's announcement brings us one step closer to accessing our historic \$1.5 billion award and expanding high-speed internet access to more families and businesses across Virginia," said Sen. Warner. "Virginia has a strong plan to get us closer to universal coverage, and this funding will help make that plan a reality. I'm proud to have authored and negotiated the law that made this possible, and I'm ready to work to make sure it's implemented as quickly and efficiently as possible so more Virginians have access to high-speed internet."

"Broadband is a necessity for Virginians to access telehealth, online education programs, job opportunities, and so much more. Boosting access to broadband is key to building on our economic progress, which is why I'm happy that the National Telecommunications and Information Administration has approved the next step in Virginia's BEAD program plan," said Sen. Kaine. "I'm glad to have helped pass the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law that made this investment Following the approval, Virginia has one year

to submit a final proposal that will detail how the Commonwealth will ensure service to all unserved locations. Once the final proposal is approved, funds will be deployed and implementation can begin. In June 2023, Sens. Warner and Kaine announced

the \$1.5 billion allocation, which was made possible by the BEAD Program in the bipartisan infrastructure law - landmark legislation authored and negotiated by Sen. Warner and Sen. Kaine. The BEAD Program seeks to expand high-speed internet access by funding planning, infrastructure deployment and adoption programs. Specifically, the funding will be utilized by the Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI) to get Virginians high-speed internet, defined as 100 Megabits/second (Mbps) for downloads and 20 Mbps for uploads. VATI will first prioritize 134,000 unserved locations (those lacking internet service speeds of 25 Mbps for downloads and 3 Mbps for uploads) and then 28,000 underserved locations (those lacking 100 Mbps/20 Mbps upload/

Also, through the bipartisan infrastructure law, Sens. Warner and Kaine secured \$65 billion in funding to help deploy broadband and decrease costs associated with connecting to the internet. As part of that funding, Virginia received \$5 million to help make a strategic plan to deploy coverage.

Sens. Warner and Kaine have long fought to expand access to broadband in Virginia, including by advocating for the accurate reporting of Virginia's connectivity status. In 2022, Sen. Warner called on Virginians to contact the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regarding internet coverage in their communities. Following the FCC's reporting deadline, Sen. Warner called attention to a significant number of locations in Virginia that were incorrectly reported on the FCC broadband coverage map.

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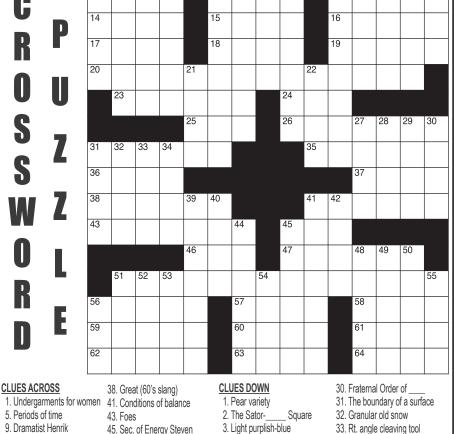
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Order of **Publication** Commonwealth of Virginia

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), 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, Buchannan, Virginia 24066 ("Subject Property");

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

and

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 Buchannan, 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 all notice that a Petition is of Botetourt, Virginia, namely Specialized Loan

Defendants be placed on pending in the Circuit Court Servicing UC v. Estate of Wanda P. McKinney, et al., to quiet title to the property

located at 222 Cove Mountain Road, Buchannan, Virginia 24066; and it is further ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED, that

Legals -**Botetourt County**

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 Wanda P. McKinney and Unknown Heirs of Wanda P. McKinney at the last known of address of Wanda P. McKinney, 222 Cove Mountain Road, Buchannan, 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

> weeks Dated this 8th day of August, 2024. Joel R Branscom. Judge of the Botetourt County Circuit Court

week for four successive

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-Thomas, Hodge@rosenberg

-assoc.com Counsel for Plaintiff

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 3314 Blue Ridge Blvd, Blue Ridge, VA 24064

In execution of a Deed of

Trust in the original principal amount of \$332,323.00 dated October 1, 2021 recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for Botetourt County on October 1, 2021 as Instrument Number: 210005222. the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction, at the Main entrance of the courthouse for the Circuit Court of Botetourt County. W Main St, Fincastle, VA 24090 on October 7, 2024 at 12:30 PM the property described in said deed of trust. located at the above

address and briefly

described as: Located in

Botetourt County, State of

Virginia:

All that certain tract or parcel of land designated as Lot C, containing 1.916 acres, more or less, as more fully shown on that certain "Plat of the Property of C & O, LLC", dated July 30, 2008, prepared by Christopher N. McMurry, L.S., a copy of which is recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia, in Plat Book 45, page 17. Tax ID: 109-95B/31076 TERMS OF SALE: A bidder's deposit of \$12,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required in the form of a certified or cashier's check. Cash will not be accepted as a deposit. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustee may

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New Castle Order of

Publication

Legals - Town of

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,20-104 Case No.CL17000170-01

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

CRAIG COUNTY

Legals - Town of **New Castle**

IN RE: MICHAEL L. **CRAWFORD** 4356 Craig Valley Drive New Castle, Virginia 24127 Respondent.

CASE NO.:CL17000170-01 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The object of this suit is

to appoint a guardian and

conservator to care for the person and estate of the Respondent. And, based on an affidavit filed herein, the Court finds that there exists sufficient grounds for causing service of

process by publication.

It is ORDERED that any and all unknown relatives who have any interest in this matter to appear at the above-named Court on or before the 12th day of November, 2024 at11:00 a.m. to do whatever is necessary to protect their interests.

It is further ORDERED that this Order of Publication be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in The New Castle Record, Salem, Virginia, and that a copy hereof be posted on the front door of the Courthouse. Certificate of Publication

should be sent to this Court and billed to Mark C. Popovich, Esq. **Counsel for Craig County Department of Social** Services, whose mailing address is Guynn Waddell, P.C., 415 S. College Avenue, Salem, Virginia 24153.

ENTERED THIS:30th day of August, 2024 Sharon P. Oliver, Clerk

I ASK FOR THIS: Mark C. Popovich (VSB#46414) Matthew J. Schmitt (VSB#96513) Guynn Waddell, P.C. 415 S. College Avenue Salem, Virginia 24153 Tel: (540) 387-2320 Fax: (540) 389-2350 Counsel for Craig DSS

Legals - City of Salem



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

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at https://plow4va.vdot.virginia.

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Applications received by 7:00 PM on Wednesday October 2, 2024 may be eligible for a bonus payment. See the EVA posting for additional

Questions can be directed to the Salem Residency from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday - Friday. Phone: 540-387-5497.

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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

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TOWN OF BLACKSBURG NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

BLACKSBURG TOWN COUNCIL will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, regarding the following items:

Zoning Exception Request for Agricultural Use 301 Royal Lane (EXP-24-1): The exception request is to permit an agricultural use in the RR-1 zoning district on a lot that is less than two acres. The subject parcel is approximately one acre, and is located in the Farmview subdivision at the corner of Farmview Drive and Royal Lane. The applicant is requesting to keep one pig and two goats on the property as pets

All persons affected by or interested in the proposed item above may appear and present their views. After each public hearing, Town Council will consider action on the item. Copies of materials related to the above items are on file and can be obtained in the Office of the Town Clerk. 300 South Main Street. Blacksburg, weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. For land use matters, copies of applications and all related

online at www.blacksburg.gov/public hearings or reviewed in person at the Blacksburg Planning and Building Department, 400 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia. Individuals with disabilities who require

items may also be found

Legals -Montgomery County

special assistance to attend and participate in this meeting should contact Lorraine Spaulding, Town Clerk at (540) 443-1025 or 443-1000 (voice or TDD).

PUBLIC NOTICE Pursuant to the Virginia Voluntary Remediation Regulations, Virginia Administrative Code section 9VAC20-160-120, the Town of Blacksburg (the

Owner at 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia 24060) hereby provides notice of

voluntary remediation at the following site: Former Cooks Clean Center 414 North Main Street Blacksburg, Virginia 24060

VRP Number VRP00697. Site investigation studies indicated elevated levels of dry cleaning solvents in soil and groundwater with confirmed vapor impacts to the subsurface and vapor intrusion potential within the building. Remediation efforts consisted of installation of an interim sub-slab vapor recovery system, monitoring adjoining properties, and sampling both groundwater and soil vapor for

several years. Quantitative risk assessments determined that there were risks to human health and the environment requiring engineering and administrative controls to be placed upon the property. These efforts are documented and

summarized in a report submitted to DEQ under the VRP entitled Voluntary Remediation Program Report VRP Site # 00697 (EEE Consulting, Inc. June 2019) and subsequent revisions submitted in December 2019 and August 2024. Therefore,

the Owner is requesting a

Certification of Satisfactory Completion of Remediation (Certificate) from DEQ through VRP. To protect human health and the environment, the Certificate will include deed restrictions 1) prohibiting groundwater use within the limits of the VRP site for any purpose other than environmental monitoring

2) requiring sub-slab depressurization and air exchange within any building on the property, and 3) residential use restrictions and/or maintenance of an engineered barrier of two feet of clean fill, concrete, asphalt, or porous pavement. These institutional controls will remain in effect and run with the land. Anyone requesting further information or proposing any comments may call or write to Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc., Attn: Jeffrey A. Fisher, QEP. Tel: 540-953-0170. Email:

this public notice. Order of **Publication**

Commonwealth of Virginia

ifisher@wetlands.com

Written comments will be

received for 30 days

following publication of

VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-Case No.**CL24001343-00** MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST

MAIN STREET, SUITE 1. CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re GAMALELDIN SHEPL ELKOTT v. TAMICA MAY WEST The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that TAMICA MAY WEST appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before

8/27/2024 K. MIKE FLEENOR, JR. **JUDGE**

OCTOBER 30, 2024.

Order of **Publication**

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,20-104 Case No.**CL24000866-00** MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1. CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re BREANNA VIVIAN ALLEN v. LAWRENCE THOR SEVY. The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that LAWRENCE THOR SEVY appear at the abovenamed court and protect his/her interests on or before OCTOBER 30,2024. AUGUST 23, 2024 HONORABLE K. MIKE FLEENOR,JR.

JUDGE

TIFFANY M. COUCH,

CLERK

Legals -Montgomery County

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE **MONTGOMERY** COUNTY **PLANNING COMMISSION**

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 SEPTEMBER 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St.

Pursuant to the provisions

Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to hear citizen comments regarding the Planning Commission intention to act on the following Special Use Permit request: A request by James

Crenshaw for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow a Short-Term Tourist Rental using the existing residential structure on property owned by James D Crenshaw and Éric C Smith. The property is located at 2836 Wrights Way, approximately 0.2 miles north of the intersection of Harding Avenue and Wrights Way The property is further

identified as tax parcel 041-A 38C (Parcel ID: 026792), 0.706 acres, zoned Residential (R-2) in the Mount Tabor Magisterial District. The property currently lies in an area designated as Residential Transition in the 2025 Comprehensive Plan. Copies of the proposed plans, applications, ordinances or amendments may be examined at the Department of Planning and

Christiansburg, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or at http://www.montgomerycou ntyva.gov

/pendingapplications

GIS Services. County

Government Center, 755

Roanoke St., Suite 2A,

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 September 18, 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 intention to act on the following Ordinances:

A request by Jason and Niki Cowan (owners) for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow a commercial kennel located at 4342 Quince Road. The property is further identified as Tax Map 131-A 76 (Parcel ID: 018267), 49.639 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.montgomerycou ntyva.gov/pendingapplicatio ns.

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Radford Sports

From the gridiron: Radford rebounds, Blacksburg and Christiansburg fall

Marty Gordon

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Radford High School avoided starting the season winless after taking last year's state title with a 35-35 double overtime win this past week over Giles.

Radford stopped a two-point conversion in the second extra to preserve

Christiansburg ran into a buzz saw in the form of Abingdon, falling 31-28 for their first loss of the season.

Montgomery Eastern winless on their side of the county in a 41-0 shutout against Rural Retreat, and Blacksburg was blown out in a 62-3

contest against Lord Botetourt. This week:

Christiansburg (1-1) at William Byrd

Byrd is coming off a 61-0 romp over Hidden Valley. James Toler rushed eight times for 131 yards with four scores. Cannin Lutz also threw two touchdowns.

Floyd (1-1) at Blacksburg (1-1) Floyd quarterback Sam Phillips rushed for two touchdowns and threw

for another. He finished with 128 yards on 10 carries and was seven of 13 threw the air for 173 yards. Radford (1-1) at Virginia High

A familiar program comes to Radford

in Week three. Radford Coach Michael

Crist had been at Virginia High before coming to the New River Valley. This past week, Virginia High beat

John Battle 35-7 to be 2-0 on the early part of the season.

Radford QB Luke Gaither threw for five touchdowns in the 2OT win over Giles. Gaither finished 22-of-35 for 246 yards. Kemoni Kimbrough was his favorite target with two scores and 115 total yards. J.D. Grubb rushed for 81 yards on 19 carries. Pace Prioleau had 19 tackles in the win.

(0-2)Northwood Eastern Montgomery (0-2)

Rye Cove is having the similar downs like Eastern Montgomery, falling 62-0 the season. This came on the heels of a 48-8 loss in the team's opener against Patrick Henry. First Area Top 5 poll:

this past week to Rye Cove to be 0-2 on

1) Glenvar (2-0)

2) William Byrd (2-0)

3) Salem (1-1)

4) Christiansburg (1-1) 5) Radford (1-1)

Who to watch: Floyd County.

Predictions for this week:

William Byrd 40, Christiansburg 17 Radford 32, Virginia High 31

Floyd 30, Blacksburg 28

Eastern Montgomery 20, Northwood

Christiansburg falls to Abingdon



catch a TD pass from QB Izaiah Cotto.



to stop Abingdon's Owen Barr's progress on the field.



Donovan Richardson (right) leaps high to successfully Donovan Richardson (left) and Izaiah Cotto double-team Matt Annis (front) tackles Abingdon's Lucas Honaker

Four inducted to Blacksburg HOF

Blacksburg High School has announced four new members to the school's sports hall of fame. They include:

Kris Kittle Barnes, Class of 1983:

Barnes was a four-year letterman in outdoor track and field, most valuable sprinter 1981,1982, 1983 and an outdoor track and field record holder for 30 years in the 100m, 200m, 400m, and 1600m relay (State Champions, 1982, held for 29 years).

She was a member of the State AA Champions outdoor track and field team 1982, 1983; State AA runners up outdoor track and field team 1980, 1981; Region AA runners up outdoor track and field team 1980-1983; and District AA champions outdoor track and field team 1980-1983. Barnes was also a two-year letterman indoor track

and field 1981, 1982; indoor track and field record holder in long jump, 55m, 300m, 1600m relay; twoyear letterman gymnastics 1979, 1980 (captain); and state AA runners up gymnastics team, 1979. She was a scholarship athlete at Auburn University

and an Auburn University cross country team member in 1985 and 1986; an Auburn University indoor and outdoor track and field team member in 1984 and 1985 (letterman). She earned a B.S. in Elementary Education in 1987from Auburn University. After living in several states and in Germany, Barnes

currently lives in Radford with husband, Bob (LTC U.S. Army, retired). They have two children, Brayden (25), and Abby (21).

Jennifer Kittle, Class of 1986:

Kittle was a four-year Varsity Letterman Track and Field; 1983, 1984, 1985 State AA Track and Field Champions (Outdoor); 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986 AA District and Region Outdoor Champions; 1984, 1985, 1986 State AA 100m Hurdles Champion; and 1985, 1986 State AA 300m Hurdles Champion. In 1985, she set the AA state record in the 100m and 300m hurdles; 1985, 1986- 100m and 300m Hurdles All-State Award; 1986 All American Relays 100m Hurdles Record Holder; 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986 AA District and Region Indoor Champions; and Indoor Track and Field record holder in 55M Hurdles. Other awards include:1985/1986– Lions Club H.B. Dillon Sportsmanship Award; 1984– BHS Outstanding Jumper/Sprinter/Hurdler (Indoor); 1984 BHS Outstanding Field Event Performer/ Hurdler (Outdoor); 1985- BHS Outstanding Field Performer (Indoor); 1985, 1986 Outstanding sprinter Indoor/Outdoor; 1986– BHS Most Valuable Sprinter (Outdoor); and 1986- BHS Athletic Dept's Captain's

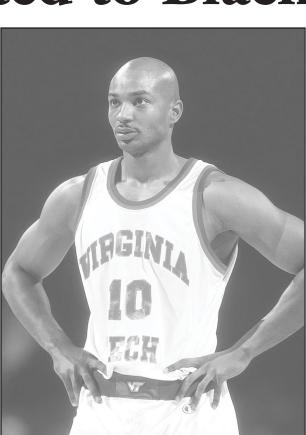
She was awarded a D1Scholarship to Auburn University and was a 1986, 1987, 1989 Auburn University Indoor/Outdoor T&F team member (Letterman). She earned a B.S. in Finance.

Kittle currently lives in Blacksburg and has two children: Conner Winn (24) and Campbell Winn (21).

Michael Mecham, Class of 2012:

Mecham had an 82-2-11 record while a member of BHS Soccer team and was a member of the 2009 and 2010 State, Region, District Champions; 2011 State Finalists, Region, and District Champions; and 2012 State Semifinalist, Region, and District Champions teams. He was named 2009 and 2010 second team all-district. In 2011 had seven goals, three assists, first team All-district, first team All-region, and honorable mention all-state. In 2012, he had 22 goals and four assists and was named Most Valuable Player, Team Captain, 1st team All-District, 1st team All-Region, 1st team All-State, State AA Player of the year, Roanoke Timesland Player of the year, National Soccer Coaches of America (NSCAA) High School All-American, NSCAA Virginia Player of the Year in all classifications (private and public).

Mecham received a scholarship to and played four



Jay Purcell



Michael Mecham

years at Division 1 University of North Carolina at Wilmington. He also received a bachelor's degree in chemistry. He started in 71 games over four years; was Team Captain and second team All-CAA in 2015; 2016 season with professional side USL Wilmington Hammerheads; and 2018-2020 seasons with professional side USL League One South Georgia He has served as an assistant coach at Greensboro

College Men's team, has spent eight years coaching top youth teams in North Carolina and has earned his C-License from the United States Soccer Federation. Mecham, his wife Alex and their two dogs, Riley and Bex, currently reside in Durham, N.C. where he works

as a chemist and a youth soccer coach. Jay Purcell, Class of 1990:

Purcell was a three-year letterman in Boys' Varsity

basketball while playing point guard and was team Captain junior and senior year. He received All-District Honors; sophomore, junior, and senior year; All Region Honors junior and senior year; was a member of the1988 and 1989 District

Tournament Championship team; member of the 1989 regional championship team and was a career 1000-point scorer for Blacksburg High School.

Purcell earned the VHSL Academic Excellence



Jennifer Kittle



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Kris Kittle Barnes Award in 1989 and 1990; earned a D-1 basketball

scholarship to Virginia Tech; was a four-year starter while playing point guard at Virginia Tech in the Metro Conference, which was a basketball heavy conference; was named to the all-freshmen team for Metro Conference; team Captain in 1992, 1993 and 1994; Team MVP in 1993 and 1994; All Conference Team in 1994; All-Tournament Team in 1994; and was a career 1,000-point scorer for Virginia Tech.

He earned a Bachelor of Science in Marketing Education and currently resides in Charlotte, N.C. with his wife Carmen and their two children, Taylor (14) and The new HOF class will be recognized at halftime

of this Friday's Blacksburg football game against Floyd.

Montgomery County Public Schools

NRV athletes participate in Knight's Cross Country race



Reagan Bryant (left) and Cora Mosby lead out the Bobcats' team at the start of the Knights Crossing Red race. The girls placed 95th and 94 respectively.



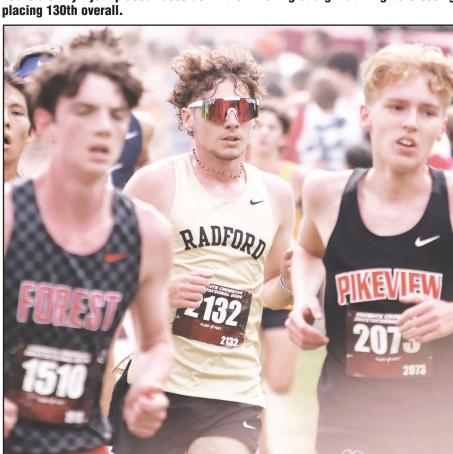
Blake Brown (left), Trevor Cole, and Easton Dobbins get started in the Knights Crossing Red race for Auburn. Brown placed 54th overall to pace the Eagles.



Blacksburg's Asher Roach (right) embraces teammate Ryan Bagchi at the finish of Knights Crossing after they placed 9th and 10th in the Red race. The Blacksburg boys' team took first in the field of 57 teams at Green Hill Park on Saturday.



Radford's Lily Hyatt placed races down the finishing straight at Knights Crossing,



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Radford's Kyle Martin races midway through the Knights Crossing Red race. Martin would place 140th in a very competitive field at Green Hill Park.

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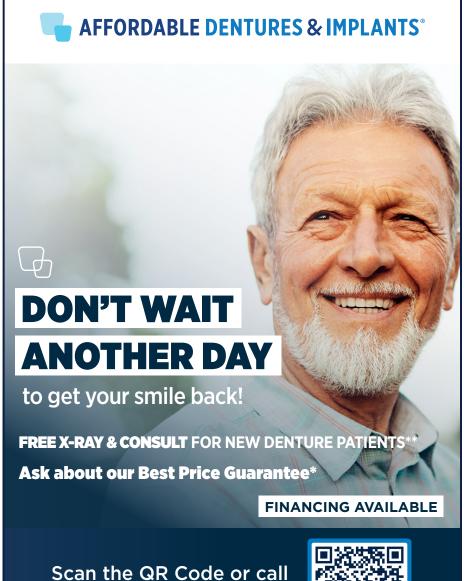
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