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Tickets on sale for The Glencoe Sessions with Pythagoras

RADFORD — FRIENDS of the Blue Ridge and Glencoe Mansion are hosting the second installment of “The Glencoe Sessions” with an evening of music inside the Glencoe Mansion with the band Pythagoras Friday, Oct. 4, 6- 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each and are available to purchase online and in person while supplies last.

Forged in Johnson City, Tennessee, Pythagoras pushes the boundaries of bluegrass and acoustic music, and will be an exciting next installment in the “Sessions” series showcasing the rich musical heritage of the region. Pythagoras’ members include Grant Dresnok (guitar & lead vocals), Gracie Grossman (fiddle), Joe Henson (Mandolin), and Lexi Wagnitz (upright bass). If you like the hard-driving bluegrass, groovy fiddle tunes, jam bands, and a lot of original material, you’ll love Pythagoras’ sound.

“The Glencoe Sessions” is curated by rising bluegrass star Addie Levy and provides for an intimate listening experience with a diverse array of musical talent from our Blue Ridge region. “The Glencoe Sessions” will continue into November with Earl White and December with the band Domino, featuring Addie Levy.

FRIENDS of the Blue Ridge, established in 1988, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering vibrant communities in the Blue Ridge that celebrate the area’s unique culture, natural beauty and quality of life. They do so by empowering volunteer groups, organizations and municipalities to coordinate special projects and events.



PHOTO COURTESY OF GLENCOE MANSION

Pythagoras will perform at Glencoe Mansion Friday, Oct. 4.

Glencoe Mansion is the historic 1875 residence of Gen. Gabriel C. and Nannie Radford Wharton and is now home to a dynamic community museum. “The Glencoe Sessions” will be held inside the beautifully restored period rooms where the audience can appreciate the history and beauty of the house while also enjoying music inspired by the history of the region.

Tickets are \$15 per person per session. Children 12

and under are free admission with the purchase of an adult ticket. For more information or to purchase tickets please visit blueridgejamboree.com or blueridgefriends.org. Tickets may also be purchased in person at the Glencoe Mansion and the FRIENDS of the Blue Ridge Office. There will be beverages available for purchase at the event.

Glencoe Mansion

Women’s Resource Center receives \$1000 donation from local church

Blacksburg United Methodist Church recently presented a check for \$1,000 to The Women’s Resource Center of the New River Valley, located in Radford.

The Women’s Resource Center of the NRV, the oldest in Virginia, is a non-profit, human service organization, providing programs and services to adult and child victims of sexual and domestic violence in the New River Valley.

“We strongly support the Women’s Resource Center’s mission to give the gift of hope and unity to victims and survivors from all walks of life,” said Dick Arnold, BUMC SERVE Coordinator.

“We join with them in working towards a common vision of a community free of sexual and domestic violence.”

SERVE is the missions outreach ministry of Blacksburg United Methodist Church. We provide guidance, promotion, and assistance to programs that—through words and deeds—continually show the love of Jesus at home, in our community and in the world. For more information, visit <https://www.blacksburgumc.org/> For more information about MCEAP, visit <https://mceap.com/>

Blacksburg United Methodist Church

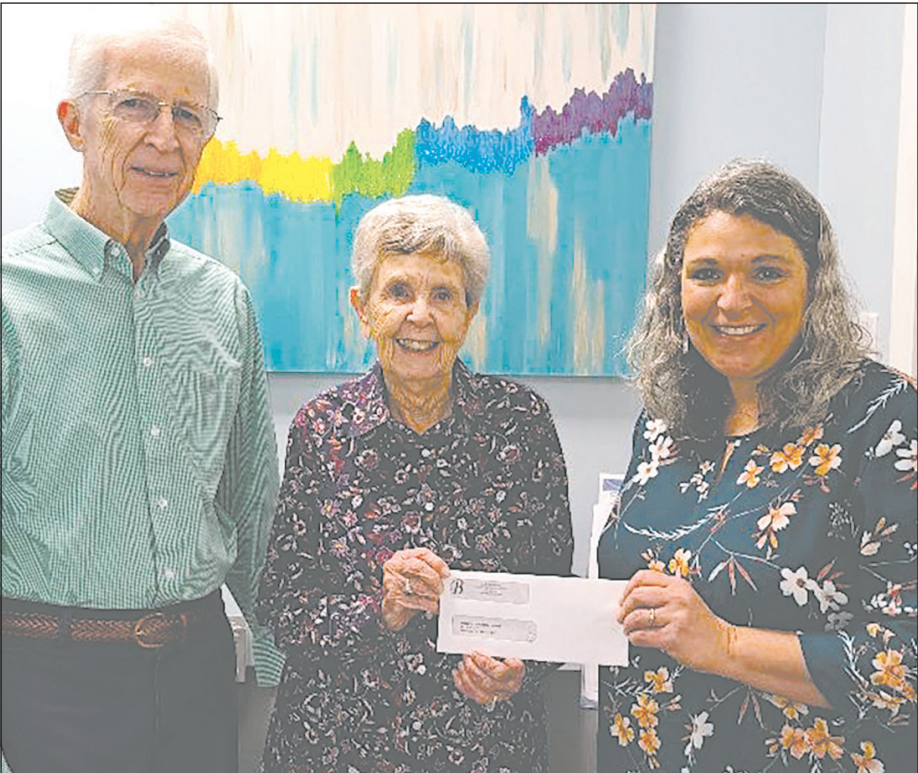


PHOTO COURTESY OF BLACKSBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Pictured (left to right): BUMC SERVE Team Members Francis and Rosemary Davis with Elaine Stroud, Executive Director of the Women’s Resource Center.

Man killed by officer identified

A man shot and killed by a Christiansburg police officer Sept. 20 has been identified.

According to the Virginia State Police, the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Western District, has identified the man as Ronald Allen Troskoski, 31.

Troskoski’s last known address was listed in Huntingdon, Pa.

“Troskoski fled from officers Sept. 20 and was shot after producing a weapon,” the VSP stated. “He was wanted in York County, Pa., and Montgomery County, Va. on multiple charges. At the conclusion of the investigation, the Virginia State Police will turnover the investigative file to the Montgomery County Commonwealth Attorney’s Office for adjudication.”

The incident began after a 911 call about a suspicious person led to a foot chase after Troskoski displayed a knife. According to the Town of Christiansburg, Christiansburg Police and the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Department responded to a call about a suspicious person observed near Viewland Circle in the Mud Pike area of Montgomery County near the

Christiansburg town limits on Friday, Sept. 20, 2024 at approximately 1:51p.m.

“Deputies with the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office responded and observed an individual who displayed a knife and then fled on foot, deputies followed,” according to the information released by the Town of Christiansburg. “Deputies temporarily lost sight of the suspect and a foot search followed. Due to the proximity of the call, Christiansburg Police responded to assist with search operations.”

“At approximately 2:15p.m. Christiansburg Police observed the suspect. The suspect then fled into a wooded area. Christiansburg Police and Montgomery County Sheriff’s deputies followed. As officers pursued, the suspect exited the tree line and pointed a weapon at a Christiansburg Police officer. Christiansburg Police then shot the suspect. Officers rendered aid to the suspect, until Christiansburg EMS arrived. The suspect was pronounced dead at the scene.”

No law enforcement officers were injured in the incident.

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Photo by Tracy Burlingame

September photo club contest winners announced

Tracy Burlingame of Riner won the Radford Photo Club silhouette theme photo contest for September with a picture of her nephew and his girlfriend on the Blue Ridge Parkway at The Saddle lookout.

“Great timing for the sunset!” said Burlingame.

Rebecca Harris of Radford won the open category.

“After taking a wrong turn in Riner, Va., I found a beautiful old abandon Church,” she said. “Lucky to have my Canon sx530 with me.”

The Radford Photo Club’s next meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 17, at the Radford Public Library. The guest speaker will be Dan Henderson, who will demonstrate the photographic process of cyanotype. The theme for October will be landscape. The Radford Photo Club is made up of professional and amateur photographers from throughout the New River Valley. Meetings, events,



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Photo by Rebecca Harris

and outings are open to the public. If you have questions about the club, email Joyce Crowder at joycecrowder2@icloud.com.

com, Michele Borgarelli at mborgarelli@gmail.com, or Tracy Burlingame at Tracylb3870@gmail.com.

Radford Photo Club

Man rescued from New River after jumping from bridge

RADFORD –The Radford City Police Department was dispatched to Bisset Park for a water rescue call Thursday, Sept. 25, 2024 just before 2 p.m.

Witnesses say a man jumped from Memorial Bridge.

“The subject was located in the New River near the gazebo and was rescued,”

according to the City of Radford. “The individual was transported to New River Valley Medical Center for treatment. This is an ongoing investigation and no further information will be released at this time.”

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, Sept. 28:

Pilot Community Center Celebration CANCELED

The Pilot Community Center (former Pilot School) celebration for the State and National Registers of Historic Places has been canceled due to weather.

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/>.

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.

Saturday, Sept. 28 and Sunday, Sept. 29:

Public comment period for Blacksburg HUD CAPER

The New River Valley HOME Consortium and the Town of Blacksburg seek public comment on the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the 2023 program year of the New River Valley HOME Consortium's Home Investments Partnerships Program (HOME) and the Town of Blacksburg's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The report includes an assessment of projects funded under CDBG and HOME, including expenditures in relation to community objectives, progress on HUD financed activities, and an analysis of persons benefiting from activities. A copy of the report can be found on the town's website at the following web address: <http://www.blacksburg.gov/HUDreport>. Comments may be given via e-mail to: housing@blacksburg.gov. All comments must be received Sunday, Sept. 29 at 5 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 29:

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/.

Monday, Sept. 30:

Free GED Prep Classes with NRCC

At the Radford Public Library, 9 a.m. – noon. Join NRCC in the community room for free GED prep classes! For more info call 540-674-3682.

Tuesday, Oct. 1:

FamilyREADS with Literacy NRV

At the Radford Public Library, 5:30 – 7:45 p.m. If you are a parent with low to intermediate English language skills, sign up for Family Reads in partnership with LiteracyNRV. Registration required. LiteracyNRV will host seven weeks of learning each Tuesday from Oct. 1 – Nov. 19. We'll have fun activities for kids aged 3-8 so you can focus on your language studies (siblings are welcome, and homework help is available). A storytime, educational activities, and games will be provided for all children. Families will receive free dinner! For more information, call (540) 382-7262, text (540) 585-1672, or email Anne Abbott at aabbott@lvnrv.org.

Wednesday, Oct. 2:

Blacksburg Farmers Market

AtMarketSquarePark,100DraperRdSW,Blacksburg; 2 – 6 p.m. The 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>.

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Monday, Oct. 14:

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, Oct. 15:

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.

Monday, Oct. 14 and Tuesday, Oct. 15:

Coats for Kids

The Radford Clothing Bank is once again sponsoring Coats for Kids, Mon., Oct 14 and Tues, Oct 15, from 3 – 7 p.m. Families can select free, gently-used coats, lightweight jackets, hoodies, and hats for school age children throughout the New River Valley communities. Questions? Call the Radford Clothing Bank at 540-633-5050 or send a private message through our Facebook page.

Saturday, Oct. 19:

Red Cross blood drive

St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 103 E. Main St., Christiansburg, will host a Red Cross Blood Drive, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Appointments: <https://www.redcrossblood.org>

Fall leaf mulch distribution

Leaf mulch is available for pick up at Glade Road Growing 8 a.m. - noon. Loose and bagged leaves collected by the town are composted into leaf mulch. This mulch can be used as a soil additive for composting. This is an important service as composted leaf mulch keeps leaves out of landfills. Leaves can take up valuable landfill space and produce harmful greenhouse gases. To arrange pickup, residents must register and follow these guidelines: Register for a 30-minute time slot. Time slots are in 30-minute intervals starting at 8 a.m. Limit two cubic yards per truck or trailer. The town will load your truck or trailer. The process of loading leaves may cause scratches or dents to your truck or trailer as well as possible suspension damage due to the weight. By participating in this program, you assume the risk inherent with loading leaves in your truck or trailer. No dogs are permitted outside of their owner's vehicle during the event for the safety of the farm's livestock.

Ongoing:

Sinkland Farms Pumpkin Festival

The festival runs from Sept. 27 to Nov. 3, 2024, across six weekends. Start your journey by selecting the perfect pumpkin from a vast array of sizes and colors, ideal for fall decorations or carving your Halloween masterpiece. Then, hop on a hayride to the picturesque pumpkin patch, navigate the challenging five-acre corn maze, and indulge in a variety of fun-filled activities designed to delight the whole family. Live music, vendors and more. Open Fridays 4- 8 p.m. with limited offerings and Saturdays and Sundays 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. For more information, log on to sinklandfarms.com.

Now through Oct. 1:

Blacksburg “Downtown, Parks and Recreation Priorities” input survey available

The Town of Blacksburg is working to develop priorities to enhance downtown, parks, open space, and recreational facilities and amenities. Identifying the most important and necessary projects is critical to addressing budget constraints and competing needs. As part of this project, the town has designed a survey to gather citizen input to help set the town's priorities for the next five – 10 years. This survey will be available until Tuesday, Oct. 1, and can be found here: <https://letstalkblacksburg.org/tob-facilitiesandamenities>.

Student Achievements

SNHU announces summer 2024 President's List

MANCHESTER, N.H. - It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates Thomas Floyd and Dakota Osborne of Radford on being named to the Summer 2024 President's List. The summer terms run from May to August. Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

SNHU announces summer 2024 Dean's List

MANCHESTER, N.H. - Bryce Wood of Blacksburg has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Summer 2024 Dean's List. The summer terms run from May to August. Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Tanner Long named to The Citadel's spring 2024 dean's list

CHARLESTON, S.C. - Tanner Long of Christiansburg is among the more than 1,200 cadets and students recognized for their academic achievements during the spring 2024 semester at the Citadel. The dean's list is a recognition given to cadets and students who are registered for 12 or more semester hours and whose grade point average is 3.20 or higher, with no grade of I (Incomplete) and no grade below C for work in a semester. Cadets who are named to the dean's list receive a medal, which is worn on their uniform during the semester following their academic achievement. Tanner Long is also one of the more than 620 cadets and students recognized for their academic achievements during the spring 2024 semester. Gold

stars are awarded to cadets and students at The Citadel who achieved a 3.7 grade point average or higher. Cadets and students who achieve gold star recognition are also placed on The Citadel's dean's list. Those cadets may wear gold stars on their uniforms throughout the semester following their academic achievement. A gold star recognition certificate is awarded to non-cadet students who meet the requirements; veteran and active-duty students are also awarded challenge coins.

David Smith receives Ralph White Prize in Mathematics

APPLETON, Wisc. - David Smith, of Radford, is the recipient of Lawrence University's Ralph White Prize in Mathematics, awarded to a sophomore student excelling in the study of mathematics. The award was donated by Mrs. Mary White in 1921 in memory of her son, Ralph, Class of 1899. Smith is majoring in mathematics and physics. The award citation reads: "David is an outstanding math student. He writes clear and concise solutions, and he frequently looks for unique examples and interesting approaches to problem-solving. He has already proven he can independently study advanced mathematics. He is particularly interested in mathematics that applies to physics, and we look forward to seeing him continue his studies and research." Smith was also named to Lawrence University's 2023-24 Dean's List. The Dean's List is an annual honor roll of students demonstrating exemplary academic performance.

Madison Bruce named to ODAC All-Academic Team

WINCHESTER - The Shenandoah University Department of Intercollegiate Athletics set a new school record with 329 student-athletes on the 2023-24 Old Dominion Athletic Conference All-Academic Team in selections released by the conference on July 11. Madison Bruce, of Elliston, was among the Hornets to earn the honor. This year's total is an increase of

33 student-athletes from SU's previous best of 296 set during the 2022-23 academic year. Overall, 3,175 ODAC student-athletes represented their schools on this year's all-academic team, which is a new high for the conference. SU ranks second among the 17 institutions featured, with Washington & Lee topping the list with 537 student-athletes. With the University of Lynchburg's 322 student-athletes who met academic team standards, the ODAC had three schools eclipse the 300 mark in one academic year for the first time in conference history. For student-athletes to qualify for the ODAC All-Academic Team, they must've had a 3.25 GPA or higher for the 2023-24 school year. Of the 329 SU student-athletes on the team, 256 posted a GPA of 3.50 or better, and 46 had a perfect 4.0 GPA.

Chandon Thomson named to Berea College Dean's List

BEREA, Ky. - Chandon Thomson, a resident of Christiansburg, has been named to the Spring 2024 Dean's List at Berea College. A student is named to the Dean's List who achieves a GPA of 3.4 or higher while passing at least four total credits, a course load equivalent to 16 semester hours. Berea College, the first interracial and coeducational college in the south, focuses on learning, labor and service. The college only admits academically promising students with limited financial resources, primarily from Kentucky and Appalachia, although students come from 46 states and 66 countries.

Shenandoah University announces graduates for 2023-24

WINCHESTER - Shenandoah University is pleased to announce the 1,247 graduates who received their degrees and/or certificates during the 2023-24 academic year. Those graduates included: Emily Phillips, of Christiansburg, who earned a Professional Studies Certificate for Licensure in Administration and Supervision and Sidney Rorrer, of Riner, who earned a Doctor of Pharmacy.

Onward NRV presents 2024 Regional Impact Awards

Onward New River Valley recognized three companies with the 2024 Regional Impact Awards during the organization's Annual Dinner on Sept. 12, 2024.

These awards, presented annually, honor businesses that have significantly impacted Virginia's New River Valley by creating jobs and driving investment in the region.

The recipients were celebrated for their recent projects and expansions within the NRV over the past

year, collectively bringing 95 new jobs and \$4.8 million in capital investment to the area. This year's award winners are:

Camrett Logistics: Expansion announced in October 2023, creating 58 new jobs and generating \$2.15 million in capital investment in Pulaski County.

ESS Technologies: Expansion announced in May 2024, adding 27 new jobs and \$1.6 million in capital investment in Montgomery County.

Great Wilderness Brewing Company: New project announced in December 2023, creating 10 new jobs and contributing \$1 million in capital investment in Pulaski County.

Onward New River Valley congratulates the 2024 Regional Impact Award winners and applauds their dedication to enhancing the quality of life and business environment in Virginia's New River Valley.

Onward NRV



PHOTO COURTESY OF ONWARD NRV

Dan Shmidt of ESS Technologies accepts the 2024 Regional Impact Award. He is pictured with Onward NRV Board Chair Mike Woolwine (right).



PHOTO COURTESY OF ONWARD NRV

Scot Rockafellow of Great Wilderness Brewing Company accepts the 2024 Regional Impact Award. He is pictured with Onward NRV Board Chair Mike Woolwine (right).



PHOTO COURTESY OF ONWARD NRV

Cameron Peel of Camrett Logistics accepts the 2024 Regional Impact Award. He is pictured with Onward NRV Board Chair Mike Woolwine (right).

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 & 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on October 15, 2024 at 7:15 p.m. in the County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to hear citizen comments regarding the Board of Supervisor's intention to act on the following Special Use Permit request:

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.montgomerycountyva.gov/pendingapplication> ns.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY ELECTION INFORMATION
November 5, 2024 General Election
Registration Deadline: Tuesday, October 15, 2024
In-Person Early Voting at the following:
MONTGOMERY COUNTY OFFICE OF ELECTIONS
1546 North Franklin Street, Christiansburg, VA.
September 20 – November 1, 2024 from 9am – 5pm
Blacksburg Community Center
725 Patrick Henry Dr., Blacksburg, VA.
October 21 – November 1, 2024 from 9am – 5pm
The office will be closed for the Holiday on October 14, 2024.

IN ADDITION, BOTH SITES WILL BE OPEN FROM 9AM TO 5PM
SATURDAY, October 26, 2024 and SATURDAY, November 2, 2024
Note: The last day qualified voters can apply for an absentee ballot by mail:

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Friday, October 25, 2024 by 5:00 PM

A Ballot Drop Box will be available at both locations during the dates and times specified above.

A Ballot Drop Box will also be available at each precinct on Election Day.

The Constitution of Virginia requires that in order to be qualified to vote in the General & Primary Election you must be a citizen of the United States, be eighteen years of age on or before the next General Election, have domicile and a place of abode in Montgomery County and that you be registered in the precinct in which you reside.

An acceptable ID will be required when you vote. A voter may show either voter registration confirmation documents, valid Virginia Driver's License, valid United States Passport, or any other identification issued by the Commonwealth, one of its political subdivisions, or the United States; any valid student identification card issued by any institution of higher education located in the Commonwealth or any private school located in the Commonwealth; any valid employer identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by an employer of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer's business or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the voter. Contact the Montgomery County Office of Elections if you have any questions at 540-382-5741 or the

Department of Elections at elections.virginia.gov.
Connie Viar
Director of Elections/General Registrar

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:
A street vacation request by Derrick R Lancaster for the vacation of 2 existing strips of land dedicated as a public street right-of-way and located on Radford Street, identified as Tax Parcels 525-((A))-31A, 525-((A))-46; Parcel IDs 033305, 031506. Information on the preceding ordinance, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning

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Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073-3029 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Retta Jackson, Planning Director/Subdivision Agent by phone at (540) 382-6120 ext. 1120 or by email at rjackson@christiansburg.org with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations. Written comments may be sent to the preceding address; please allow adequate mailing time.

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Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2272 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on TUESDAY, October 15, 2024 at 7:15 p.m. in the County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to hear citizen comments regarding the Board of Supervisors intention to act on the following Ordinance:
A request by SHAH Development LLC (Agent: Foresight Design Services) to vacate a 20' public utility easement between Tax Parcel 80-(A)-44 and Tax Parcel 80-(A)-46; vacate a 20' Drainage Easement, and a Detention Pond Area on Tax Parcel 80-(A)44 as recorded in plat book 24, page 5 in the Montgomery County Circuit Court Clerk's office, by Draper Aden Associates, dated October 15, 2001. The property is located on the East side of Houchins Road approximately 0.5 miles to the north of Roanoke Street and is identified as Tax Parcel Nos. 80-(A)-44 and 80-(A)-46 (PIDs 018441, 018437) in the Shawsville Magisterial District. The property currently lies in an area designated as Urban Expansion in the 2025 Comprehensive Plan. Copies of the proposed plans, applications, ordinances or amendments may be examined at the Department of Planning and GIS Services, County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Suite 2A, Christiansburg, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or at <http://www.montgomerycountyva.gov/planning>.

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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 Eric 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 GIS Services, County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Suite 2A, Christiansburg, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or at <http://www.montgomerycountyva.gov/pendingapplication> ns.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia

hereby schedules a public hearing on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 7:15 p.m. or as soon thereafter in the Board Room in the Montgomery County Government Center located at 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073, in order to hear citizens comments on a proposed ordinance entitled "Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Division 5, Section 2-107 of the Code of the County of Montgomery, Virginia

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Entitled Tax Exemption and Deferrals for Elderly and Disabled by Increasing the Net Combined Financial Worth and the Income Limits to be Eligible for Tax Relief".

A copy of the full text of the Ordinance is on file in the Office of the County Administrator and is available 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday for public inspection or copying.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Angela M. Hill
County Administrator

PRO Housing Grant Application Available for Public Comment Period and Hearing

Notice is given that the DRAFT New River Valley HOME Consortium Pathways to Removing Obstacles (PRO) Housing Grant Application is available for a 15-day public comment period.
PRO Housing Purpose: PRO Housing is a competitive grant administered by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development to identify and remove barriers to affordable housing production and preservation. If awarded, the funds will provide additional resources for NRV HOME Consortium's work to
1. Advance public policy to support affordable housing developments and
2. Develop a permanent supportive housing program to serve the region's most disadvantaged residents.

Public Hearing and Comment Period: An in person public hearing for questions and comments will be held Tuesday, October 8 at 4 pm, 303 Wilson Avenue, Blacksburg. A virtual public comment hearing is available October 8 from 3-4 pm. Public comment will be accepted for 15 days, starting September 28, ending October 12, 2024.

How to comment: View the draft of the application at [Blacksburg.gov/PROgrant](https://blacksburg.gov/PROgrant) and send your comments to Jill Maher, HOME Program Coordinator, Housing and Community Connections Office, via email jmmaher@blacksburg.gov or phone (540) 443-1615. Copies of the draft application, link for virtual hearing, accommodations for people with disabilities and non-English speaking residents are available upon request. Please call (540) 443-1615.



Legals - Montgomery County

State of Minnesota District Court County of: Pine Judicial District: 10th Judicial District Court File Number: 58-JV-24-85 Case Type: CHIPS

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child of: Christine Carole Holman, Mother; and Heath Allen Hamilton Skinner, Father
Summons and Notice Child in Need of Protection or Services Matter (CHP-114)
NOTICE TO: Heath Allen Hamilton Skinner, Above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s).

1. A Child in Need of Protection or Services
Petition has been filed in the Juvenile Court alleging that the child(ren) of the above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s) is/are in need of protection or services.
2. This is your notice that this Child in Need of Protection or Services case is scheduled for a remote hearing before the Juvenile Court located at 635 Northridge Drive NW, Suite 320 Pine City Minnesota 55063, on October 11, 2024 at 11:00AM or as soon after as the case can be heard. Please contact court administration to get the remote hearing information.

3. YOU ARE ORDERED to appear before the Juvenile Court at the scheduled time and date.
4. You have a right to be represented by counsel.
5. If you fail to appear at the hearing, the Court may still conduct the hearing and grant appropriate relief, including taking permanent custody of the child(ren) named in the Petition. Dated September 12, 2024
BY:
Pine County Court Administration
635 Northridge Drive NW, Suite 320
Pine City Minnesota, 55063
320-591-1500

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL

The Town of Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

A. Rezoning request by Robert P. Fralin, Registered

Legals - Montgomery County

Agent for F & B Land, L.P., Applicant and Property Owner, to rezone property located on the west side of Moose Dr. NW at the College St. NW, intersection, identified as Tax Parcel 556-((A))-9; (Parcel ID 008095), and consisting of approximately 16.330 acres, from Agricultural District (A) and General Business District (B-3) to Multi-Family Residential District (R-3). The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

B. Conditional Use Permit request by Robert P. Fralin, Registered Agent for F & B Land, L.P., Applicant and Property Owner, to allow a planned housing development for a multi-family project of a maximum of 162 apartments in the proposed Multi-Family Residential District (R-3) zoning district on property located on the west side of Moose Dr. NW at the College St. NW, intersection, identified as Tax Parcel 556-((A))-9; (Parcel ID 008095), and consisting of approximately 16.330 acres. The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

C. Rezoning request by Roger Woody, Registered Agent for RWW 34 LLC, Applicant and Property Owner, to rezone property located on the southeast corner of Sherwood Dr. NE and Maid Marian Ln., and adjacent to the US Rt. 460 Bypass, identified as approximately 2.31 acres of a 10.227 acre parcel; identified as Tax Parcel 499-((A))-12; (Parcel ID 018085), from Single-Family Residential District (R-1) to General Business District (B-3). The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

D. Conditional Use Permit request by Roger Woody, Registered Agent for RWW 34 LLC, Applicant and Property Owner, to allow a 90-unit Townhome Residential Development in the General Business District (B-3) zoning district on property located on the southeast corner of Sherwood Dr. NE and Maid Marian Ln., and adjacent to the US Rt. 460 Bypass, identified as Tax Parcel 499-((A))-12; (Parcel ID 018085), and consisting of approximately 10.227 acres. The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

ADVERTISE!

Bicyclist and Pedestrian Awareness Month reminds motorists to watch out, use caution

RICHMOND—As people venture out into the seasonal weather, road users are reminded to pay attention and use caution.

October, November and December have the most pedestrian crashes, with 6 p.m. to midnight being the most fatal time frame, according to Drive Smart Virginia.

And statistics show roadways continue to get more dangerous. Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles crash data reports there were 1,699 crashes involving pedestrians in 2023, a 15.1% increase over 2022. Of those, 133 were fatal.

Additionally, there were 590 bicycle-involved crashes with 15 fatalities, a 36.4% spike from 2022.

Those statistics are a good reason why drivers, cyclists and pedestrians should all take steps to protect themselves and others on roadways—especially during October as safety groups mark Bicyclist and Pedestrian Awareness Month.

Through its “See and Be Seen” campaign, Drive

Smart Virginia—of which Virginia Farm Bureau is a founding member—urges everyone to do their part in keeping roadways safe.

“All road users deserve to feel safe whether driving, walking or bicycling,” says Kristin Pettway, DSV executive director. “Let’s all share the road and be attentive, focused, courteous and respectful. Remember that lives are at stake.”

Drivers should slow down, eliminate all distractions, and drive sober. Virginia law requires that drivers allow at least 3 feet of space between their vehicle and others using the road, including cyclists, pedestrians and people on scooters or in wheelchairs. Drivers also are required to stop for pedestrians in crosswalks and should always stop to look for pedestrians and cyclists before turning.

Low light conditions during dawn, dusk and nighttime present significant dangers to cyclists and pedestrians. Drivers should always use headlights and be aware of blind spots, especially if driving a larger

vehicle.

When venturing out on the road, cyclists should ride in the same direction as traffic, while pedestrians should walk facing traffic. Remain visible by wearing bright or reflective clothing and using lights, especially at night or during inclement weather.

Pedestrians should cross the street at corners or intersections and use crosswalks when available. Remember to look left, right and left again before crossing. Also, avoid distractions like looking at cellphones, keep an eye out for vehicles turning right on red, and be aware of vehicles’ blind spots.

Cyclists should take measures to stay safe by obeying traffic laws and signs and wearing a helmet. Avoid distractions like phones and listening to music—it’s illegal in Virginia to wear earphones in both ears while riding a bike. Be vigilant for pedestrians, roadway hazards, and potentially dangerous situations like cars turning or backing up.

Virginia Farm Bureau

Woodpecker’s comeback is professor’s Golden Goose

Jeff Walters has dedicated much of the last 40 years to the study of red-cockaded woodpeckers, their cooperative breeding behaviors, and their habitats. Because of his research and its impact on conservation, a species once on the endangered list is now being down-listed and Walters’ work has been recognized with the prestigious Golden Goose Award.

“I’m a behavioral ecologist, so I study why animals do what they do,” said Walters, the Harold H. Bailey Professor of Biological Sciences in the College of Science. “It started out as basic research, and then some results had implications for conservation and eventually led to the recovery of the bird.”

This is precisely what the Golden Goose Award recognizes, researchers whose seemingly obscure, federally funded research led to major breakthroughs in their fields. Walters and others were honored at the 13th annual ceremony in Washington, D.C., where members of

Congress spoke of the importance of the award and of federal funding of scientific research.

Beginning in the 1980s, Walters studied cooperative breeding among red-cockaded woodpeckers. Some of the young birds stay at home to help raise other youngsters as opposed to leaving to look for their own territories to start a home. These “helpers” may eventually inherit the breeding position. These birds, Walters discovered, fared better than those who left the family territory.

Red-cockaded woodpeckers make their homes in cavities made in older pine trees. Walters said it takes woodpeckers years to make these cavities, so every family group has several complete cavities in various stages of construction.

That gave Walters an idea. Would the birds rather use a pre-made nesting cavity or start fresh in open forest? “Maybe if you make cavities for them in unoccupied territory, you can increase the population because birds will move



PHOTO COURTESY OF JEFF WALTERS

Jeff Walters’ research and its impact on conservation of the red-cockaded woodpecker recognized with the Golden Goose Award.

in,” Walters said.

Carole Copeyon, a graduate student on Walters’ team at the time, figured out how to use a drill to make a cavity in a living pine tree. They tested their theory on 20 experimental sites, and within two years, woodpeckers had moved into 19 out of 20 sites.

“That was the largest increase ever seen in a red-cockaded woodpecker population, so after that experiment was done, I wrote a paper suggesting that as a new management paradigm,” said Walters.

The National Science Foundation supported the idea with grant funding for additional research. While wildlife managers weren’t convinced this approach would work, the Department of Defense was willing to give it a try in hopes of reclaiming land that had been set aside as habitat for red-cockaded woodpeckers.

“The endangered species interfered with military training because there were restrictions,” Walters said. “Soldiers had to go around where the cavity trees were instead of through the area, so the military thought, ‘If we recover the bird,

the restrictions will go away.”

Walters created cavities in pine trees at Camp Lejeune, a Marine Corps base in North Carolina, and at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida in the early 1990s. Camp Lejeune started out with 26 woodpecker family groups, and now they have about 140. Eglin started out with 250 family groups, and now there are over 500.

Restrictions that hindered training are no longer necessary, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services officially has adopted Walters’ approach to managing the red-cockaded woodpecker species.

This woodpecker — the males have a few red feathers on their heads — gets its name from a cockade, which is an ornament usually worn on a hat as a badge. It’s fitting that, as he approaches retirement, the restoration of the red-cockade woodpecker and recognition for his work with the Golden Goose Award could be viewed as a “feather in the cap” for Walters.

“I feel really good about this award that’s coming at the end of my career,” said Walters. “It really means a lot to me and brings everything together.”

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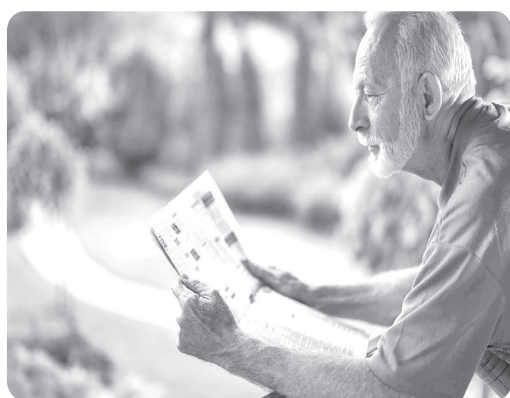
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17. Wile E. Coyote is familiar with it
18. Clean
19. Saints’ signal caller
21. A way to hunt
22. Poetries
23. Automobile
24. Secondary school (abbr.)
25. Indicates before
28. Male parent
29. Short-billed rails
31. It pays to keep yours
33. On occasion
36. David __, US playwright
38. Slang for cigarette
39. Vaccine developer
41. Returned to health
44. Toni Morrison novel
45. Period between eclipses
46. Veterans battleground
48. Gang
49. A radio band
51. Jaws of a voracious animal
52. Elaborate garments
54. Chinese province
56. Checks
60. Horizontal passage
61. Steep hillsides
62. Fertility god
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17. Long song for a solo
20. Barrels per day (abbr.)
21. City of Lights
23. A place to sleep
25. Advanced degree (abbr.)
26. The back
27. Furniture-makers Charles
- and “Ray”
29. Songs to a lover
30. Gland secretion
32. 10 meters
34. Disfigure
35. Stores grain
37. Sacred book of Judaism
40. Catch
42. Promise
43. Challenges
47. Russian space station
49. Banking giant
50. Served as an omen
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53. Type of sword
55. Minor planet
56. Messenger ribonucleic acid
57. Japanese ankle sock
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59. Waste matter
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OBITUARIES

Sheets, Mary Kathrine

Mary Kathrine Sheets, 78, of Christiansburg, died Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2024, at her home.


She was born Feb. 9, 1946. She is survived by her children, Albert Walton, Donna Reed, Patricia Walton, Sherry Sheets, Christin Sheets, and Michael Sheets; grandchildren, Trevor, Brian, Brandy, Natasha, Shelly, Jacob, Waymond, Patrick, Amber, Ashley, Constance, Jessica, Nichole, Izabella, Dylan, Logan, Jordon, Christopher, and Micah; and 30 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2024, at 6 p.m. in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel.

Rader, Alfred Randolph

Alfred Randolph “Randy” Rader, 80, passed away Sept. 21, 2024 after a short bout with cancer.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James Edward Rader and Stella Wood Rader and a brother, Wayne Rader. Left to cherish his memory is his loving wife of 34 years, Sylvia Rader; daughter, Michele Durfee; son, Kenneth Martin and



wife Eva; sister, Kay Tabor and husband Tim; and six grandchildren, Nick Jarrett, Clinton Martin, Gordon Martin, Lindsey Rader, Gabriella Martin, and Olivia Rader. Randy will have a military honors service at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin on Oct. 10, 2024 at 1 p.m. Friends and family may attend to pay their respects if they wish.

Adkins, Christine Surface

Christine (Chrissie) Surface Adkins, 59, of Blacksburg, passed away peacefully Thursday, Sept. 19, 2024 at Heritage Hall- Blacksburg.


She was preceded in death by her father, George Hubert Surface. She is survived by her mother, Peggy C. Surface; daughter, Crystal Irwin; three grandchildren, Brenna, Emma and Jake Irwin; two brothers, James Surface (Jo Ellen) and John Surface; two nephews, John and Gage Surface; and one very special niece, Amber Surface.

Many thanks to the staff of Heritage Hall for providing excellent care to Chrissie this past month. In lieu of flowers please donate to your favorite charity. Per her request there will be no services. Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

Jeuck, Johnsea Annette Goad

Johnsea Annette Goad Jeuck, 62, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2024, at her home in Fairlawn. She was a nurse at Radford Hospital for 30-plus years and a member of Morgans Chapel Church. She was an excellent seamstress, sewing amazing Civil War uniforms and gowns.

Survivors include her husband of 43 years, Earl Jeuck; parents, Isaac and Mary Alice Goad; sons, Evan Jeuck (Laura) and Stuart Jeuck (Crystal);



grandchildren, Olivia, Isaac, Gabriel, Coleson, John and Edie; sister, Mary Beth Goad; seven nephews and nieces; and many other relatives and friends.

Memorial services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation at www.komen.org.

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

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ANGLICAN CATHOLIC

St. Philip’s Anglican Church, 306 Progress Street, NE, Blacksburg, Virginia 24060, (540) 552-1771, www.stphilipsblacksburg.org. Reverend Fr. Wade Miller, Priest. Eucharist Sunday’s at 11am and Wednesday’s at 12pm.

St. Thomas Anglican Church- located at 4910 Hubert Rd, NW Roanoke, Va. Traditional Liturgical Lenten Services, Sunday at 10:30 am. Call (540) 589-1299 or visit www.sttofc.org for mid-week masses and events. (In Roanoke, go E on Hershberger, L on Hubert to 4910).

BAPTIST

First Baptist Church, 555 West Rock Road, Radford, 639-3873. Worship with us: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.; Praise and Worship: 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service; Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Corinthians 15:58.

First Baptist Church on 3rd Ave., 215 Third Ave at the corner with Downey St. We nurture meaningful connections to God and others through worship, spiritual growth, and community ministry. We celebrate the dignity and worth of all persons, created in the image of God. Sunday Bible Study Groups - 9:45, Sunday Worship - 11:00. Website: fbradford.org 540-639-4419. Worship is in-person and live-streamed on Facebook and on our YouTube channel: First Baptist Church Radford.

Trinity Community Church, 1505 N. Franklin Street, C’burg. John Altizer, Lead Pastor, Brian Cockram, Associate Pastor, 382-8121. Worship at 10:45 a.m., Outreach Ministries - 6:00p.m. Wednesday, Growth Groups - 5:00p.m. Sunday, Youth and Children’s Ministry - 5:00p.m. Sunday, www.trinitycburg.org.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Blacksburg Church of Christ, 315 Eakin St., 552-1331. Sun. Bible Classes 9:30 a.m., Sun. Worship 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m., Wed. Bible classes, 7 p.m., Outreach Minister Curt Seright, Dean Meadows, Campus Minister.

CHURCH OF GOD

Childress Church of God, 4187 Piney Woods Rd., C’Burg. 381-3693. Sun. School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m. & Wed. 7 p.m.

New Hope Church of God, 1404 Mud Pike Rd., C’Burg. Rev. T. Michael Bond, pastor, 731-3178. Sun. School 10 a.m., Worship 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m. Thurs., 7:00 p.m.

West Radford Church of God, 1824 West Main Street, Radford, VA 24141, Sunday School – 10:00A.M. Morning Worship – 11:00A.M., Children’s Church 11:00A.M. Sunday Evening – 6:00P.M., Wednesday Night – 7:00P.M., Pastor Danny Newman, Church Office – 540-639-6562 or 804-921-0828

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Radford Church of God in Christ, 206 Russell Ave., Radford. Supt. Ronald A. Watson, Sr.; Elder, 639- 5948. Sun. School 9 a.m.; Prayer 11:30 a.m.; Worship 6 p.m.

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Snowville Christian Church, 5436 Lead Mine Road, Hiwassee, VA. 24347, Website: <http://www.SnowvilleChristianChurch.com> & Facebook. Email: Office@Snowvillechristianchurch.com, Sunday School: 9:30, Worship Service: 11:00, Bible Study: Thursdays @ 6:00pm. We are: “Inspiring hope, helping people grow their faith and sharing God’s love with others.”

EPISCOPAL

Grace Episcopal Church, 210 Fourth Street Radford. Welcoming and accepting, we have been a part of the Radford community for more than 130 years. ALL ARE WELCOME. Grace offers an 8:00am Contemplative Eucharist and a 10:30am Eucharist with organ music and a choir, with refreshments served afterwards. The 10:30am service is also available on YouTube for those unable to leave their house. Find us on Facebook and www.graceradford.org.

LUTHERAN

Christ Lutheran Church, 201 Harvey St. Sunday worship with communion at 10am; fellowship & snacks at 11am. All are welcome. Upcoming events and fellowship opportunities (Senior Brunch, Faith & Film, Rough Draught, etc.) de-

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WORSHIP DIRECTORY

All Together

Read Numbers 30:1 through 31:54

The story is told of an anthropologist studying an African tribe. Placing a basket of sweets under a tree, he had the tribe’s children line up some distance away. He told them that the first to reach the candy would get the whole basket, and he shouted, “Go!” The children immediately linked arms and ran as one to the tree, where they all enjoyed the treats. Astonished, the anthropologist asked for an explanation. “We can’t be happy,” they answered, “if one of us is sad.”

God repeatedly encouraged Israel to see themselves as one united people. They were to

all share His blessings, not just a privileged few.

“Divide the spoils equally between the soldiers who took part in the battle and the rest of the community” (Numbers 31:27).

God wants that same sense of community to permeate His Church. We have talents, financial resources, and time the Lord has generously given us. How can we share them with others? How can we use them to lift up the name of Jesus in this world?

Thought for Today: Everything God has given you was intended to bless the world.

Quicklook: Numbers 31:25–31

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tailed in weekly email and on website: clcradford.org. 540-639-2671.

Our Saviour Lutheran Church ELCA, 1845 Cambria St NE, Christiansburg. Celebrate Word and Sacrament as we worship with varied liturgy, hymns and music. Join our inclusive community in person or online Sundays at 10:00 am (youtube.com/@OSLCcburg), followed by refreshments and fellowship. Ministries include Bible study, choir, food ministry, and crafters. Little Free Pantry and Library available 24-7 by the parking lot. Parent’s Morning Out offers faith-based activities and play for children 16 month - 5 years select weekdays. Wheelchair accessible. Learn how you may contribute to our ministries at www.oslc-cburg.org. 540-382-2223.

St. Michael Lutheran Church, 2308 Merrimac Road, Blacksburg, VA 24060. Worship service each Sunday at 10 AM, Sunday School 9 AM. We are a community of God’s people where we gather for worship, learning and service. Visitors and new members are always WELCOME! Google comments: “Wonderful, welcoming congregation.” A place where all are truly welcome.” You’ll love our minister, The Rev. Dr. Wes Jamison, who engages us in God’s word. St. Michael started and administers Micah’s Caring Initiative which includes Micah’s Backpack, Soup for Seniors, Garden, Closet, and Mini Pantry, with tremendous community impact. Partnering with Rainbow Riders and Total Action for Progress, we opened the first Early Childhood Head Start in our community (6 weeks to age 3). We sponsor an awesome Scouting program of Scouts Boy & Girl Troop, Venture Scouts for older youth, and a Cub Pack for girls & boys kindergarten - 5th grade, amongst many other programs. Directions: From Price’s Fork Road, turn onto Merrimac Road. St. Michael is ~quarter mile on the left. For more information: Phone 540.951.8951; Email hope@stmcl.us; Website www.st-michael-lutheran-church.org

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Central Church, 803 Wadsworth Street, Radford. 639-3529. Sunday Services 10:30am Sunday School 9:00am. Child care is provided. www.centralchurchradford.org.

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS

Merrimac Pentecostal Holiness Church, Rev. Larry Christopher (540) 552-7194. l.christopher695@comcast.net. Sunday school at 10 a.m. and morning worship is 11 a.m. Evening service at 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Compassion Church, 1820 Second Street, Radford, 639-6287, Our music is passionate, our worship is real, and Pastor Chandler Jones brings relevant messages for everyone at any place on their journey, Sunday Worship Experience at 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM, Wednesday Family Night at 7 PM, Children Ministry provided for all services. Our vision is to see all Saved. Freed. Restored. Fulfilled. Find us on facebook and Instagram

Walton Pentecostal Holiness Church, 4003 Morning Glory Rd., off Walton Rd. on Rt. 114. 731-1755. Lee Sarver, pastor. Sun. School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m. & 6: p.m., Wed., 7p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN

Join us at **The Presbyterian Church of Radford**, 201 4th Street, at the corner of 4th and Randolph. Sunday School for adults and chidren will be at 10 am and Worship will be at 11 am through Memorial Day. Pastor Morgan Whitfield, Jr. will lead worship. Phone 540-639-2585. Email pcfcradford@gmail.com. Website www.pcradford.org. We are called to share the love of Christ in this community and beyond.

UNITED METHODIST

Asbury United Methodist Church, 500 Stuart Street, Christiansburg. 540-382- 0743. Rev. Ryan Schaeffer. Sunday School, 10:15 a.m., Sunday Worship, 11:30 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7pm, alternating month’s with Schaeffer Memorial Baptist Church, Senior Bible Study Thursday, 10:30 a.m. All are welcome.

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 220 West Main Street, Christiansburg. Rev. Mike Derflinger (540) 382-2410. Sunday Worship at 10a.m. with Children’s Church at the same time, Sunday School at 9 a.m. Worship is in-person and Live-streamed on our YouTube Channel: [StPaulUMCChristiansburgVA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpaulumcc). All are welcome. Website: www.stpaulvaumc.org

OBITUARIES

Harvey, Loren Douglas

Loren Douglas Harvey, 88, of Christiansburg, died at his home Sunday, Sept. 22, 2024.

He was born in Montgomery County, Va., on Dec. 22, 1935, to the late Loren Ward and Mabel Francis Miller Harvey. He was preceded in death by his wife, Kathleen Stump Harvey, a son, Dean Harvey, and an infant son. Doug retired from the Town of Blacksburg.

He is survived by his loving friend, Gail O. Day; daughter, Linda Dowdy;



sisters, Ethel Harvey and Betty Crawford; brothers, Mack Harvey and Wayne Harvey; special nephew, Buster; grandchildren, Christy (Greg), John (J.R.) (John Reeder); three great-grandchildren, special friends/ neighbors, Patsy Day and Sam Jones.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, Sept. 26, 2024 in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Darrell Linkous officiating. Interment followed in the North Fork Baptist Church Cemetery.

Gorsline, Anne Bonner

Anne Bonner Gorsline, of Blacksburg, died at Heritage Hall-Blacksburg Aug. 29, 2024 at the age of 101.

Anne was born in Churchville, N.Y. on May 12, 1923 to Ethel Jane and John Franklin Bonner. After graduating from Churchville High School, she attended Penn State University. During WWII she worked at the Centre County, Pa. draft board, before graduating in 1948. In 1947 she married George William Gorsline in Blacksburg.

Anne lived in Blacksburg for 57 years often sharing her time with family, friends and many of her husband's Virginia Tech co-workers and students. She enjoyed activities including daytime trips with friends, senior events, and jigsaw puzzles.

Anne was preceded in death by her husband George. She is survived by

three children, George William Gorsline, Jr., Gary Bonner Gorsline and Suzanne Gorsline Hogan, six grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

There will be a gathering to share memories of Anne on Nov. 16, 2024. Please contact the immediate family for details.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her name to the following groups would be greatly appreciated:

1. Montgomery County Humane Society, PO Box 287, Blacksburg, VA 24063
2. The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, PO Box 22324 New York, NY 10087
3. Penn State Alumni Association, Hintz Family Alumni Center, University Park, PA 16802

Linkous, Sr., Lonzie L.

Lonzie L. "Link" Linkous, Sr., 84, of Dublin, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family at home Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024. Born the second of five sons on Sept. 20, 1940 to the late Paul V. and Mildred J. Quesenberry Linkous, he spent his youth exploring the mountains, woods and farms around his childhood home in Merrimac. And, with four brothers, he helped create a little mischief along the way.

He would, with no hesitation, say that his family is his greatest life achievement, but he remembered with pride his years playing baseball in the Mt. View League, and he reminisced often about the men who played for Prices Fork. Every now and then he'd dust off an old trophy and recall what each was for- most home runs in a season and MVP to name a couple.

In 1963 he married Wilda May Okes, and they began their life together creating the family that loves and cherishes him.

Having worked for Virginia Tech for many years, he moved his family to Dublin in 1975 to begin work at White Truck Co., later to become Volvo. It was from there he retired in 2002 and began enjoying golf with his brothers and friends and traveling with Wilda-Nashville had been a favorite destination as he loved country music.

As the passage of time made it harder to enjoy his love of golf, he and Wilda went "back to nature" with a new appreciation for the flora and fauna of our beautiful state, and they spent hours on the backroads of Virginia noting the presence of deer, turkey, and even a few bears.

Preceded in death by his beloved parents, brothers and sisters-in-law, "Woody" and Helen, Roger and Amelia, Allen and Jackie, and in-laws Jack and



Wilma Sheppard, Leslie and Frances Okes, Bill and Phyllis Okes, Luther Okes and Franklin "Scotty" Scott, he leaves behind to cherish his memory his wife of 61 years, Wilda Okes Linkous, sons Lonzie Jr. (Tim), Michael S. (Patti), daughter Kimberly Dawn and ex son-in-law and friend Jody Burton. Never wavering in his love for his wife and children, his precious grandchildren stole

his heart- Dakota Shae Burton (Tana), Evan Michael Paul Linkous (Jill), Skylar Grace Burton, Austin Blake Linkous, and Enzley Jane Ford; he beamed in their presence. His brother and sister-in-law Bernard and Ellen Linkous, sisters-in-law Nancy Scott and Helen Okes, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, and friends- he especially enjoyed the coffee and gab sessions with his pals at the "station" - also survive to remember him.

As our heart-broken family says goodbye to Lonzie/Honey/Dad/Papa and brother, we'd be remiss in not saying how this humble and kind man with a heart of gold enriched our lives. He would not want a room full of flowers to surround him, but in lieu he'd rather a donation to help sick or disadvantaged children be made in his honor- St. Jude's Hospital or The Children's Miracle Network come to mind. Likewise, the American Cancer Society would be an agreeable alternative as he lost so many family and friends to the dreaded disease, and his beloved wife and daughter have survived scares each on their own.

Lonzie and the family are in the care of McCoy Funeral Home in Blacksburg. A gathering of remembrance will be held Saturday Sept. 28, 2024 at 10 a.m., and a memorial service will follow at 11 a.m. in the Chapel.

Blacksburg Town Council grants Board of Supervisors member zoning ordinance exception

Angelica Ramos

Contributing Writer

BLACKSBURG- The Blacksburg Town Council approved a zoning ordinance exception during their Sept. 24, 2024 meeting to change a one acre lot of land from a rural residential zoning to an agricultural use zoning ordinance in order to not separate a family from their pets.

Board of Supervisors member Anthony Graftsky was issued a violation letter regarding the animals he and his family had on his property due to complaints to the Town of Blacksburg, according to Blacksburg Town Planner Matthew Sampa's presentation to the Blacksburg Town Council. The Graftsky family has on their property a pig and two pygmy goats who, according to Graftsky in his appeal to the town council, were rescues being attacked and abandoned and, in the case of the goats, being bred for meat. As the Graftsky family had rescued the animals when they were very young, they were raised and trained as pets. Graftsky showed the town council a video of their pig, Brutus, being walked on a leash like a dog by his son.

"At this point," Graftsky said, "Brutus is about the size of our corgis. We have corgis at home, as well. Just walking my pig, in fact, he's more well-behaved than the corgis are."

Sampa's presentation to the town council explained that the Graftsky lot is one acre and was, at the time of presentation, listed under zoning ordinance Rural Residential One, but as the animals are considered farm animals, a special exception request needed to be made to change that zoning ordinance to agricultural use. The animals' enclosure is located in the backyard of the Graftsky home. Graftsky explained the animals have ample space in their enclosure.

Neighbors of the Graftskys came out to speak on behalf of the family and the animals during the meeting. Both neighbors that spoke are immediate neighbors as they are side by side with the Graftsky lot.

"I can tell you, firsthand," Bruce Herman, neighbor,

said, "that there is zero problem evident to us in any aspect with those animals. There is virtually no noise, no smell. The pygmy goats and pot belly pig are secure, friendly and safe. They have ample space, ample shelter. Many people, I believe, would find them less intrusive than a lot of dogs and cats. I've interacted with those animals, myself, literally hundreds of times and they rush to greet me when they see me and my dog and never fail to brighten my day."

Stella Rose artist relays public upset regarding the piano's destruction

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BLACKSBURG - Rita Brame, the artist who painted the Stella Rose piano that was once on Draper Road, spoke to the Blacksburg Town Council with a presentation showing them how much the now broken Stella Rose meant to the surrounding community.

At Tuesday's council meeting Brame also showed photos of the process she took to paint the piano, stating that she attached a canvas to the back of the piano because it was missing a back. Brame, in her presentation, displayed social media posts and comments from community members conveying their sadness regarding the now damaged piano.

"The piano," Brame read from one of the social media posts originally by Christian White, "brought a lot of joy to people walking down Draper Street. I have heard and met some phenomenal musicians at the piano. Furthermore, Beats in the Streets has become an essential peaceful gathering of creative people from both local and college communities, which is something we need more of."

The Blacksburg Town Council approved the resolution for the special exception with the restriction being for just the current animals on the property. The homeowners cannot have any additional farm animals on the property with the approval of this exception. The exception lasts 10 years. As the animals are fully grown, and as Graftsky explained the goats' life expectancy is 15 years, the family will have to renew the exception after its 10 year expiration.

Brame showed the Blacksburg Town Council the Town of Christiansburg's Public Arts policy. In a previous discussion regarding the Stella Rose to the Blacksburg Town Council, Brame stated that Blacksburg does not have a Public Arts policy.

Hart Fowler, local musician and independent journalist for 16 Blocks Magazine, spoke to the town council as well regarding the Stella Rose.

"If you don't think," Fowler said, "this was a piece of art, I don't think you should be on any committee handling art in the future. If you just think this was a decorated piano, I don't think that qualifies you to be on a public arts committee or to have the ability to handle future pianos."

Council Member Susan Mattingly, during council announcements, announced that they have obtained a replacement piano that just needs to be tuned and delivered. This is the fourth piano, the council confirmed, to be placed in Downtown Blacksburg.

"It's fair to say," Mayor Leslie Hager-Smith said, "that when they live in the wild and they are outside that they don't last the same length of time that a piano in your front parlor would last."

Why don't people with diabetes respond as well to exercise?

We know exercise is important in preventing and treating chronic disease.

It improves lung function and helps protect against heart disease, the leading cause of death worldwide. It lowers the risk of cognitive decline in older adults and, for those with diabetes or prediabetes, helps make cells more sensitive to insulin.

"There are no chronic diseases or organs that aren't positively affected by exercise," said Sarah Lessard, who joined Virginia Tech's Fralin Biomedical Research Institute at VTC as an associate professor in July.

But while all exercise is beneficial, its benefits aren't uniformly so.

"We tend to think that if everyone does the same amount of exercise, we'll all get the same benefit. But some people are almost resistant to health benefits of exercise, similar to how some people don't respond to drugs in the same way," Lessard said. "If we expose 100 people to the same exercise training program, there would be about 20 who are resistant to improvements in exercise

capacity. Clinically, there are also 20 who would have huge improvements, and then the rest of us are right in the middle."

That imbalance is an important, unanswered question. As the newest member of the institute's Center for Exercise Medicine Research, Lessard is building a research program focused on uncovering the reasons people respond differently, improving exercise capacity for those with diabetes and prediabetes, and understanding muscle wasting that is common in aging and chronic disease.

Lessard's interest in nutrition and exercise began early. She grew up hiking, biking and camping in Elliot Lake, a city in Northern Ontario, where she enjoyed downhill skiing and ran cross country on her school's track team. "I rode my bike everywhere, because I didn't have a car until I was 30 years old," Lessard said.

As an undergraduate and master's degree student at the University of Guelph in Canada, she studied biomedical science, human biology, and nutrition. Her early research was on high performers. "One

of the first studies I did was looking at elite athletes, cyclists and triathletes, to see if we could help their performance using special diets," said Lessard, who also hold an appointment in the Department of Human Nutrition, Foods, and Exercise in Virginia Tech's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

She was teaching French in Elliot Lake when she learned of an international scholarship to study diabetes and exercise at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology in Australia. Lessard packed up and headed to the Southern hemisphere, where she earned her doctoral degree.

Lessard grew more interested in emerging exercise research showing considerable differences in health response.

People with high blood sugar had lower exercise capacity. "Lower exercise capacity means your body isn't using oxygen as efficiently," Lessard said. That doesn't mean exercise isn't beneficial, but it does mean that the exercise doesn't come as easily. "When we train regularly, we find our fitness levels improve and exercise gets a little easier. We find that process might be slower in people with diabetes."

In 2015, Lessard started her own lab as an assistant professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School's Joslin Diabetes Center. Several years after stating her own research program, she published a study in Nature Metabolism, in which she found that shifts in dietary and metabolic health associated with high blood sugar could blunt the benefits of training, including muscle adaptations and aerobic capacity.

"What we're trying to do is figure out strategies to optimize their response so they can get the most out of their exercise," she said. "And that might be by combining other diabetes treatments with the exercise."

Lessard will continue her research with studies involving tissue culture, laboratory animal models, and human participants, with a focus on practical application. She is excited by potential for collaboration with heart, cancer, and neuroscience researchers at the Fralin Biomedical Research Institute, Virginia Tech, and beyond.

"We are thrilled to have Dr. Lessard, a leader in the research of the mechanisms underlying poor exercise

response in diabetes," said Zhen Yan, professor and founding director of the Fralin Biomedical Research Institute's Center for Exercise Medicine Research. "Her work sheds light on humoral factor and muscle interactions converging on a fundamentally important signaling pathway. I hope that the Center for Exercise Medicine Research is home to her for many earth-shaking findings in the near future."

Institute Executive Director Michael Friedlander, who is also Virginia Tech's vice president for health sciences and technology, said, "Dr. Lessard's innovative research is strategically positioned to provide important new insights at the intersections of exercise science, metabolism molecular biology and cardiovascular health — areas of major focus at the Fralin Biomedical Research Institute and at the national health level. We are excited to have her join the research institute family."

Her research is funded by the National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive, and Kidney Diseases, part of the National Institutes of Health.

Leigh Anne Kelley for Virginia Tech

ACC releases Hokies men, women conference schedules

K92 radio and Freedom First Credit Union have partnered up to help high school's play for a purpose. Schools receive \$100 for every first down achieved during a highlighted week football game. Radford High School was recently given a check for \$2,000.

RADFORD SPORTS

Sports notes: RU sets Annual Education Day

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The Radford University women’s basketball program has announced it will host local elementary and middle schools in celebration of Education Day on Thursday, Nov. 7. Tipoff is set for 11 a.m. at the Carilion Clinic Court inside the Dedmon Center where the Highlanders will host Hampton.

Students, staff, and chaperones attending will receive free admission, as well as a souvenir poster they will have the opportunity to get autographed post-game.

Schools wishing to attend Education Day must register in advance by emailing Josie Pendleton at jpendleton1@radford.edu. Please register by Friday, Oct.18 to ensure seating as capacity is limited and on a first come, first served basis.

RU-Navy tickets on sale

Tickets for the first women’s college basketball game at The Greenbrier, when Radford takes on Navy at Noon ET on Nov. 17, will go on sale at Noon on Thursday. Tickets will be available for purchase at www.greenbriertipoff.com/tickets.

The Greenbrier is the premium vacation destination fit for any personality, from luxury shopping and dining experiences to championship-level golf and other outdoor adventures. In total, the resort features more than 55 indoor and outdoor activities, more than 35 retail shops, five golf courses, 20 dining and lounge venues, signature spa services and an on-property casino on more than 11,000 acres. Recently, the Resort was named America’s Best Luxury Hotel by Men’s Health Magazine and was voted a semifinalist for The Most Instagrammable Hotel in the World by Luxury Travel Advisor.

In total, Intersport will stage nine college basketball games at The Greenbrier in November, eight of which will be held as part of the Greenbrier Tip-Off men’s basketball events on Nov. 15-16 and Nov. 22-24.

Big South honors Highlander

Radford’s Channing Blevins (Wytheville) has been named the Big South Men’s Golfer of the Week.

Blevins finished sixth out of 66 golfers at the rained-shortened River Run Collegiate (par 72, 7,268 yards) with an even-par 144 (73-71). Five birdies highlighted his second-round 71 (-1) to place him ahead of all Big South competitors in a strong field that also featured Gardner-Webb and High Point.

Freshman runners honored

Tuesday afternoon, the ACC announced the recipients of the week four cross country awards. Virginia Tech collected both freshman performer of the week awards, with Nicholas Kipchirchir capturing the men’s and Sharon Chepchirchir securing the women’s.

Nicholas Kipchirchir claimed the individual title for the men’s 8K race at the Hokie Invitational, collecting his second career win as a Hokie, and setting a personal best of 22:41.9. The freshman averaged 4:34 per mile and finished 43.4 seconds ahead of the next fastest competitor. He defeated 46 competitors in the field and earned his third collegiate award.

Sharon Chepchirchir collected her first win in a Virginia Tech jersey, securing the women’s 6K race in 20:55.4 with an average mile of 5:36.6. She defeated 32 competitors in the field and collected her first collegiate honor with the award.

National park tourism in Virginia contributes \$2.3 billion to state economy

*New report shows visitor spending
supports 21,159 jobs in Virginia*

VIRGINIA – The National Park Service reports that 23.3 million visitors to national parks in Virginia spent \$1.5 billion in the state in 2023. That spending resulted in 21,159 jobs and had a cumulative benefit to the state economy of \$2.3 billion.

“I’m so proud that our parks and the stories we tell make a lasting impact on more than 300 million visitors a year,” National Park Service Director Chuck Sams said. “And I’m just as proud to see those visitors making positive impacts of their own, by supporting local economies and jobs in every state in the country.”

“In 2023, visitors to national parks in Virginia spent \$1.5 billion and supported 21,159 jobs in local communities, providing reliable investments into surrounding economies, benefiting park visitors and communities alike.” said Gay Vietzke, Regional Director for Northeast national parks. “The state’s slogan is Virginia is for lovers. I’d say it’s for lovers of America’s history and fantastic natural areas which welcome everyone. From our beaches to the mountains and everything in between, Virginia’s national parks offer much more than a beautiful landscape or an opportunity to showcase America’s past. Please visit Virginia’s parks as we get ready for America’s 250th birthday coming in 2026.”

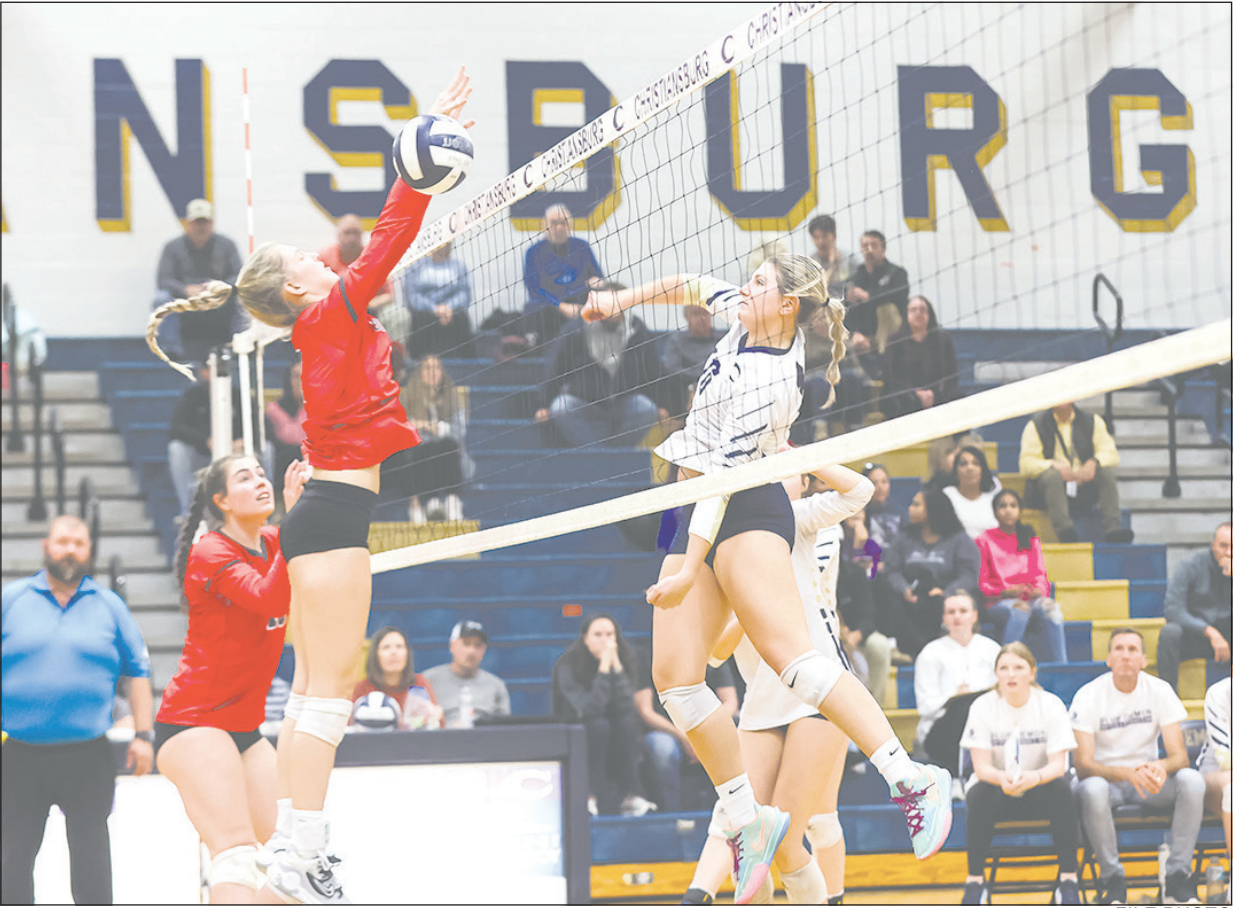
There are 22 national parks in Virginia. The National Park Service finds that visitors spent \$26.4 billion in communities near national parks. Nationwide, this spending supported 415,400 jobs, provided \$19.4 billion in labor income and \$55.6 billion in economic output to the U.S. economy. The lodging sector had the highest direct contributions with \$9.9 billion in economic output and 89,200 jobs. The restaurants received the next greatest direct contributions with \$5.2 billion in economic output and 68,600 jobs.

An interactive tool enables users to explore visitor spending, jobs, labor income, value added, and output effects by sector for national, state, and local economies. Users can also view year-by-year trend data. The interactive tool and report are available at nps.gov.

To learn more about national parks in Virginia and how the National Park Service works with Virginia communities to help preserve local history, conserve the environment, and provide outdoor recreation, visit nps.gov.

National Park Service

Reasor CHS volleyball career kill leader



FILE PHOTO

This week, Addison Reasor (right) became Christiansburg High School’s career kill leader on the volleyball court. She now has 672 kills.

Teams

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championship-level golf and other outdoor adventures. In total, the resort features more than 55 indoor and outdoor activities, more than 35 retail shops, five golf courses, 20 dining and lounge venues, signature spa services and an on-property casino on more than 11,000 acres. Recently, the Resort was named America’s Best Luxury Hotel by Men’s Health Magazine and was voted a semifinalist for The Most Instagrammable Hotel in the World by Luxury Travel Advisor.

For more information on the event and to receive email alerts regarding future event news, log on to www.greenbriertipoff.com and follow Intersport Basketball on Twitter (X) and Instagram at @IntersportHoops.

About the Teams of The Greenbrier Tip-Off River Division

Charleston Southern
Charleston Southern is entering its first full season under the direction of head coach Saah Nimley, who took after seven games last season in an interim role and earned the official title the week heading into the conference tournament

Nimley was a four-year star for the Bucs, earning Big South Player of the Year honors and Honorable Mention All-American honors as a senior in 2015 before joining the coaching staff in 2019

The Bucs are slated to return four starters from last season’s squad in RJ Johnson, Alahn Sumler, Taje’ Kelly and DJ Patrick who were CSU’s top four leading scorers on the team.

UTRGV

UTRGV welcomes Kahil Fennell as its new head coach, who comes to the program after spending the last two seasons at BYU, which won 23 games and was ranked in the AP Top 25 poll in 14 of 15 weeks

Following his playing career at the University of the Redlands, Fennell spent time on the coaching staffs at UT Permian Basin, Portland State, Louisville and BYU

UTRGV is slated to return two of its top five scorers from last year, and both have experience in the starting lineup – Hasan Abdul-Hakim and JJ Howard

Tennessee Tech
John Pelphrey, a 30-year coaching veteran with previous head coaching stops at South

Alabama and Arkansas, enters his sixth season with Tennessee Tech

An All-American at Kentucky, Pelphrey was head coach at South Alabama from 2002-07 and at Arkansas from 2007-11 the spent four years each as the associate head coach at Florida (2011-15) and Alabama (2016-19)

The Golden Eagles are set to return three players who started at least 14 of the team’s games last season, including Daniel Egbuniwe (29), Rodney Johnson Jr. (14) and Kyle Layton (14)

VMI

Andrew Wilson is entering his third season as the head coach of the VMI program, his first head coaching opportunity after a proven record as a longtime assistant

A Florida State alum who ended his career as a senior captain with the program, Wilson spent 16 seasons as an assistant coach between Charleston, SUNY Binghamton, Georgia Southern and James Madison

The Keydets return a pair of role players from last season’s squad, including AJ Clark – who

finished second on the team in steals last year – and Maurice Wright Jr, who each have starting experience

The LSU Tigers will join Wisconsin, Pitt and UCF at the inaugural Greenbrier Tip-Off. The event is set for Nov. 22-24 at The Greenbrier Resort, which is located in the picturesque foothills of the Allegheny Mountains.

The four teams will participate as part of the Tip-Off’s Mountain Division in a two-game bracketed tournament.

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