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Blacksburg Rotary Club names Gavin Faulkner 2020 Citizen of the Year



Presenting the club's Citizen of the Year award to Gavin Faulkner (center) are Blacksburg Rotary Club President Arthur Shaheen (left) and the club's vocational committee chairman Tommy Loflin (right).

The Rotary Club of Blacksburg awarded its 2020 Citizen of the Year Award to Gavin Faulkner of Blacksburg at its lunch meeting

Thursday at the Blacksburg Country Club.

After a mining engineering career at Virginia Tech, Faulkner focused

on his business, Rowan Mountain Inc., a printing and mailing service.

Living the Rotary motto of Service above Self, Faulkner's real passion, however, is his many community activities. He is involved with the Blacksburg Presbyterian Church and with the Boy Scouts. He is an active member of the Mt Tabor Ruritan Club, currently serving as their president for the fourth time. For the last 30 years, he has organized the Blacksburg Fourth of July parade by both dealing with traffic and creating a staging area where he lined up groups, floats, and musicians.

In addition to the award, the Blacksburg Rotary Club donated \$500 to the Mt. Tabor Ruritan Club in Faulkner's honor. He said the Ruritans will use the money for their scholarship fund.

The Blacksburg Rotary Club has presented a Citizen of the Year award for 31 years.

News Brief: Christiansburg's Free Clinic receives \$1.4+ million grant

Located at 215 Roanoke St., Christiansburg's Free Clinic of the New River Valley is among 26 community health centers in Virginia that will receive grants in April through the American Rescue Plan. The free clinic's grant is for \$1,492,000.

U.S. Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine made the announcement of the grants totaling \$79,907,625 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

"For the past year, our community health centers have been on the front lines of providing care to our most vulnerable communities during the COVID-19 crisis," said the senators. "Thanks to the congressional passage and eventual signing of the American Rescue Plan, we are now able to provide these critical federal dol-

lars so that our community health centers can continue to provide lifesaving care to the folks who need it the most."

The Free Clinic of the New River Valley is a non-profit 501(C)(3) organization committed to providing quality healthcare and dental services to people who lack insurance and cannot afford health care. The clinic is accredited through the Virginia Association of Free Clinics.

Among the medical services the clinic offers are primary care, specialty care, diagnostic testing, and hospital services. The clinic also offers access to prescription medication through The Pharmacy Connection, diabetic supplies, and medication pickup. The clinic's behavioral health program offers counseling services, behavioral health consultation, and psychiatric services.

VT Montgomery Executive Airport awarded money for three projects



The Virginia Tech Montgomery Executive Airport has been awarded \$142,736.33 for improvements: the installation of additional security cameras and land acquisition for and ongoing work on the extension of airport runway 12-30.

The Virginia Aviation Board has awarded the Montgomery County Montgomery Executive Airport \$142,736.33 for improvements at the airport.

The money is to be used to purchase additional security cameras, to acquire land in what is dubbed phase three of the extension of airport runway 12-30, and for further construction work in phase two of the runway extension.

The award is one of 27 such awards distributed to airports across

the commonwealth to fund 40 projects designed to improve both the airports and the services they provide. The awards totaled \$6.54 million.

"Public-use airports in Virginia are vital to the success of any region's economic development efforts," said Rod Hall, chairman of the Virginia Aviation Board. "Our investment in these 27 airports will only help the communities they serve."

Mark Flynn, director of the Virginia Department of Aviation, said

about the awards, "We had a terrific mix of small, medium and large improvement projects that went before the Board of Aviation. And the \$6.54 million the board approved is one of the largest awards ever to support general aviation regional, community and local service airports in Virginia."

Aviation is a \$23 billion economic engine that employs more than 146,000 people and pays more than \$7.7 billion in wages across the 66 public-use airports in Virginia.

Radford Gives Back receives continued support despite pandemic

A determined group of the Radford University family kept the spirit of Radford Gives Back alive this spring semester.

The fifth annual canned food drive that benefits Bobcat Backpacks was scheduled for October 2020, but the pandemic disrupted its plans. However, that didn't stop the Radford Gives Back steering committee from coming up with a Plan B. With COVID-19 precautions and the safety of the campus community in mind, the group of

11 campus representatives, including Radford University Carilion (RUC), came up with a revised Radford Gives Back strategy.

Historically, the food drive is held over a two-day period during which students, faculty and staff drop off donated goods at the Student Recreation and Wellness Center. The event culminates with a special celebration where hundreds of volunteers pack bags with the donated items.

This year, donations were accepted for Bobcat Backpacks during

drive-thru collection events held in campus Lot Z. At RUC, donations were collected for the Roanoke Area Ministries (RAM) House.

In total, 2,606 items were collected for Bobcat Backpacks and 1,048 items for RAM.

On behalf of the steering committee, Teresa Dickens, assistant director of the Center for Career and Talent Development, thanked the Radford family for continuing to support this important effort, one that has become a tradition of "putting others first."

"We are incredibly proud of the entire campus community for their commitment to serving our local communities," Dickens said. "We are especially grateful for President and First Lady Hemphill, who helped us establish the inaugural Radford Gives Back in 2016. We look forward to continuing this tradition, one that means so much to families in the New River and Roanoke valleys, for years to come."

In addition to Dickens, the members of the Radford Gives Back Steering Committee are Jessica Twiest, Lee Stewart, Kimberly Aspelmeier, Stephanie Bradley, Brigitte Contreras (student), Jane Fisher, Tricia Smith, Jenny Riffe, Alix Gwynn, Elizabeth Costa (RUC) and Elizabeth Craft.

-- Mary Hardbarger

Diane Akers to retire as president of Blacksburg Partnership



Retiring on June 30, Diane Akers helped launch the Blacksburg Partnership, a private economic development group, in 2002.

Diane Akers, president of the Blacksburg Partnership, will retire from her role after almost 19 years at the helm. As its first director, and later as president, Akers helped launch the public private economic development group in 2002.

Founded as a partnership between the Town of Blacksburg, Virginia Tech, and the local business community, the partnership and Akers have been a driving force in local economic development and quality of life initiatives for almost two decades.

Helping to put Blacksburg on the regional events map, Akers developed major signature gatherings such as wine tasting Fork and Cork, Brew Do for beer lovers, the Virginia Cheese Fest, Blacksburg Restaurant Week, and the Blacksburg Partnership Collaborative for the Arts.

Under Akers's leadership the partnership helped guide increased communications between local government, Virginia Tech, retailers and the larger business community and non-profits.

She launched merchants' groups for South Main, North Main, and University Center Boulevard. Acting as the economic development arm for the town, she developed the Step Into Blacksburg marketing initiative and associated ongoing business recruitment and retention programs.

Akers created and launched the whimsical Gobble de Art program in 2005, gaining publicity for Blacksburg. Along the way it also supported dozens of regional artists and added to Blacksburg's distinctive flavor and culture. More than 100 large Hokie birds were sold, and many grace homes and businesses throughout the region.

During her tenure, the Blacksburg Partnership has grown from 22 member organizations to more than 70.

Akers, who plans to continue her volunteer work with local non-profits, said, "The past 18 years serving as president of the Blacksburg Partnership have been the most rewarding of my 30+ year career. I am so proud of all we have accomplished as an organization and all that we have done together to further the economy and quality of life in Blacksburg and the region."

Prior to working with the Blacksburg Partnership, Akers ran her own consulting firm, ComBiz Solutions in Roanoke and worked for the City of Roanoke, including Acting Assistant City Manager, Director of Economic Development, and Budget Administrator.

The Blacksburg Partnership has an active search underway for Akers's replacement after she retires effective June 30.



Several members of the RU Highlander athletics teams helped collect donations during the 2021 Radford Gives Back canned food drive.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 31:

Keep Virginia Beautiful Annual "Shiver" Fundraising Event - Keep Virginia Beautiful (KVB) has opened registration for Shiver in Virginia, a reimagined version of its annual Shiver in the River festival that has been KVB's largest annual fundraiser since 2015. This year's initiative is designed to be COVID-safe and give people more choice in how they can contribute to the beautification of their communities. Shiver in Virginia runs through today, March 31. Participants engage in activities including litter cleanups, recycling, trail cleaning, graffiti removal and other good deeds. For a donation of \$20.21, participants will receive a free Virginia State Parks parking pass, with no expiration date. Participants will also have access to the KVB Mission Challenge website, where they can map the collective progress on the 2,021 mile path across the state.

Virginia Tech Parking Survey - Virginia Tech has released a 2021 parking survey. All those who utilize parking and transportation in and around the Virginia Tech Blacksburg campus are invited to participate, including visitors

and Blacksburg residents. The survey will close today, March 31, 2021, at 5 p.m. All responses will remain anonymous and will be analyzed at the aggregate level. The survey should take fewer than 15 minutes to complete. To take the survey, visit <https://vtnews.vt.edu/notices/adm-evergreens/Transpo-parkingsurvey.html>.

Teen Book Club: virtual - 4 p.m. at the Montgomery Floyd Regional Library/Blacksburg Library. Each month the Teen Book Club discusses the first book in a series. To be discussed this month is "The Fifth Wave" by Richard Yancey. For more information, to get the link for the virtual meeting, and to join the book raffle for the first three books, email bford@mfrl.org or call 540-552-8246.

Peep Science - 1 p.m. at the Montgomery Floyd Regional Library/Blacksburg Library online. Watch as the librarians experiment and learn from marshmallow peeps.

Thursday, April 1:

One Good Mama Bone Book Club - Bren McClain, author of "One Good Mama Bone," will be visit-

ing library patrons virtually in April. In preparation for her author talk, the Radford Public Library will be hosting a book discussion. Join the meeting on Thursday, April 1 at 6:30 p.m. To join in, use the meeting ID 810 1631 3691 and the passcode 570599.

American Legion Meeting - The American Legion, Harvey-Howe-Carper Post 30 will meet at 7 p.m. at the VFW Post Home on 102 Watts St. in Radford. For further information, call 250-2283 or 239-9864.

Sunday, April 4:

First Missionary Baptist to reopen for Easter - First Missionary Baptist Church, 7318 Manns Drive in Radford and its pastor, the Rev. Richard A. Goodman, Sr., announce the church will reopen its doors for 11 a.m. Easter Sunday services. Celebrate resurrection Sunday with the church, but please wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Thursday, April 8:

Virtual Author Talk with Ron Peterson, Jr. - The Radford Public Library will present bestselling author Ron Peterson, Jr., at 7 p.m. for a virtual discussion of his new novel, "Chasing

the Squirrel: The Pursuit of Notorious Drug Smuggler Wally Thrasher." Joining Ron will be Wally Thrasher's son, Montana Thrasher. "Chasing the Squirrel" is the true story of Pulaski native Wally Thrasher, whose investigation led to the biggest drug bust in Mid-Atlantic United States history in 1986.

Tuesday, April 13:

Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting - The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart-Horse-Artillery Camp 1784 will meet at 7 p.m. at Aly's Italian Family Restaurant at 3204 Riner Rd. Jonathan McPeak will give a talk on the "History of the Virginia 45th Infantry Regiment". Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy are also invited to attend. For further information, please call 320-4315 or 239-9864.

Wednesday, April 14; April 28, May 12, May 26

Hahn Horticulture Garden Virtual Road Trip - The second stop on this five-stop virtual road trip via Zoom to gardens and arboretums is Wednesday, April 14, at 2 p.m. at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center with Tanya Zastrow. After that, the tour heads to the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden with VT alumnus Brian

Trader on April 28 at 3:30 p.m., the Wisconsin Arboretum with VT alumnus David Stevens on May 12 at 2 p.m., and Lotusland with Paul Mills and Rebecca Anderson on May 26 at 2 p.m.. Register online for these talks and a zoom link will be provided: https://virginiatech.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cumxRA4Mec96guy.

Ongoing: Through Monday, April 5:

Hahn Horticulture Garden Spring Plant Sale - The 2021 spring plant sale, a joint fundraising event between the Hahn Horticulture Garden and the Virginia Tech Horticulture Club, is online this year due to COVID limitations on gatherings. The sale site link is <http://springplantsaleatvt.company.site>. Ordering will close on April 5 at 5 p.m. Plant pick-up days will be April 22, 23, and 24. A lot of great plants are on the list, but quantities are limited, so ordering early is advised.

Through Thursday, April 15:

"ART GAWK: Selections from the Radford University Permanent Collection" - The exhibition is a selection of 111 works that range widely in media, artistic styles, and historical periods. The hours of

the exhibition are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Saturday from noon through 4 p.m. at the Art Museum at the Covington Center.

Through Saturday, April 24:

'Unbearable Beauty' Exhibit at Moss Arts Center - The exhibit is open each Wednesday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. through Saturday April 24. The exhibit is a demonstration of the devastating human activity has wreaked on the environment. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Tuesday, April 27; Tuesday, May 4

Radford Library Zooms with Ron Peterson, Jr. - The Radford Public Library will again host Ron Peterson Jr. for a Radford Reads author talk. This time, he'll be discussing another person of local interest in his new book, "Chasing the Squirrel: The Pursuit of Notorious Drug Smuggler Wally Thrasher." Pulaski native Wally Thrasher was recently profiled on "America's Most Wanted" as US Marshals chased leads in his pursuit. The book discussion is at 6:30 p.m.

The Radford Public Library will also host a Meet the Author session on Zoom on May 4 at 6:30 p.m.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 TAX LEVIES AND BUDGET

Pursuant to Section 58.1-3007 of the Code of Virginia, notice is hereby given that a public hearing be scheduled for 6:00 P.M. April 8, 2021 on the proposed intention to address the below listed local tax levies for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 upon which matter citizens will have the opportunity to be heard. Said hearing will be held at the Montgomery County Government Center Board Room, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia.

FURTHER, notice is given of the Board's intention to propose no increases in the following tax levies for Fiscal Year 2021-2022:

- Real Property tax levy remains at \$.89 per \$100 of assessed value.
- Personal Property tax levy remains at \$2.55 per \$100 of assessed value.
- Machinery & Tools tax levy remains at \$1.82 per \$100 of assessed value.
- Merchant's Capital tax levy remains at \$3.05 per \$100 of assessed value.
- Mobile Homes tax levy remains at \$.89 per \$100 of assessed value.

Notice is also given that the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County scheduled a public hearing for 6:15 P.M. or as soon thereafter, April 8, 2021 on the **Advertised Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget** in the amount of \$210,986,555. Said hearing will be held at the Montgomery County Government Center Board Room, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia.

BY THE ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
F. CRAIG MEADOWS
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Warm Hearth Village and Retired Senior Volunteer Program send books to vets and troops



Left to right: Town of Blacksburg Police Lt. Josh Teubert, Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Coordinator Mandy Hayes, and Warm Hearth Village Marketing Consultant Ellen Rorrer.

BLACKSBURG -- Through Operation Paperback, a national, nonprofit organization of volunteers, Warm Hearth Village and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)

of Montgomery County and the City of Radford have shipped 223 books to American troops serving in countries all over the world and to veterans and military families in the U.S.

When Ellen Rorrer, Warm Hearth Village's marketing consultant, learned about Operation Paperback, she teamed with Mandy Hayes, the coordinator and director of the local chapter of RSVP, to collect books.

The village and RSVP have had a long-term partnership, and Hayes said as soon as she heard about the project she knew it was "win-win." This perfectly aligns with our goals because we focus on veterans and active military.

As is the case for all collection sites, Warm Hearth Village has a drop box and is responsible for shipping, the only cost for the project. Hayes said their building is closed due to the pandemic so WHV's drop box is outside.

"We have collected 153 books since January 1," Hayes said. "If we were open, doing our normal activities with volunteers coming in and out of the building, I think we'd collect triple what we have so far." Warm Hearth Village has collected 325 books to date, according to Hayes.

Rorrer said Warm Hearth Village also looks for ways to support state-side veterans.

"We thought this was a great program for WHV

staff and residents to collaborate with community organizations and volunteers. We value our relationship with RSVP, and this project was a natural fit. So far we have shipped 223 books gathered from Warm Hearth Village residents, staff and community supporters," Hayes said

Just this month, partnerships with the Blacksburg, Christiansburg, and Radford Police departments; the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office; Radford University; and Lambda Alpha Epsilon (LAE), the American Criminal Justice Association Fraternity were formed to gather donations. These partners have members who have served in the military or who are just beginning their careers and want to show support.

One book recipient wrote, "I just received my first box while recovering from another surgery and reading a book a day. This has been a real gift, especially for someone who doesn't like TV or technology. Thank you for your dedication and kindness."

Paperback book donations can be made at the village center at Warm Hearth Village, 2387 Warm Hearth Drive, Blacksburg and the RSVP office drop box at 10 Pepper St SE, Christiansburg.

If you are a veteran or would like to enroll a US Military base, go to www.Operationpaperback.org to sign up.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SOLID WASTE AND REFUSE DISPOSAL SERVICE RATES, FEES AND CHARGES TO BE IMPOSED BY THE MONTGOMERY REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY

Notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held on April 15, 2021 at 1:30 pm at the Montgomery Regional Solid Waste Authority, 555 Authority Drive, Christiansburg, VA 24073 concerning MRSWA's proposed rates, fees and charges for solid waste and refuse disposal services. Such proposed rates, fees and charges are as follows:

SOLID WASTE SERVICES

Clean brush, wood & pallets	\$52.00 per ton (\$2.60 minimum charge up to 100 lbs.)
Construction waste	\$43.00 per ton (\$2.15 minimum charge up to 100 lbs.)
Dead animals	\$61.00 per ton (\$3.05 minimum charge up to 100 lbs.)
Industrial waste	\$43.00 per ton (\$2.15 minimum charge up to 100 lbs.)
Leaves	\$61.00 per ton (\$3.05 minimum charge up to 100 lbs.)
Municipal solid waste – jurisdictional	\$61.00 per ton (\$3.05 minimum charge up to 100 lbs.)
Municipal solid waste - commercial	\$40.00 per ton (\$2.00 minimum charge up to 100 lbs.)
Sludge	\$61.00 per ton (\$3.05 minimum charge up to 100 lbs.)
White goods/appliances – contain freon	\$16.00 per unit freon surcharge
Alternate daily cover direct haul material	Contact NRRA
Direct Haul – non friable asbestos	Contact NRRA
Mulch sold to public	\$20.00 per ton
Untarped/unsecured loads	\$10.00 per load (in addition to the per ton material fee)
Member clean-up events	\$61.00 per ton

Special waste: Must be of a type allowed by law and acceptable to the Montgomery Regional Solid Waste Authority. Rate charged will be a rate set by the New River Resource Authority plus cost of transportation and handling.

RECYCLING SERVICES

Tires \$0.18 per pound (\$3.60 minimum charge up to 20 pounds)

Single Stream recycling processing fee: \$62.00 per ton charge for loads of single stream recyclables unless contaminated and rejected then the processing fee is \$67.00 per ton.

All interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing, but due to the state of emergency and COVID-19 pandemic, MRSWA's Board of Directors may impose certain requirements governing the format and conduct of the public hearing. Persons wishing to make comments are strongly encouraged to make written comments in advance of the hearing by email or mail. Those wishing to make written comments or seeking more information may contact Kim Stafford, Administrative Coordinator, 555 Authority Drive, PO Box 2130, Christiansburg, VA 24068 (telephone 540-381-2820 and email address of kstafford@mrswa.com).

Moss Arts Center's 'Homestage' series presents acclaimed Mexican-born author Valeria Luiselli Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

The Moss Arts Center presents Mexican-born author and 2019 MacArthur Fellow Valeria Luiselli in an exclusive "HomeStage" series event streamed live from

the author's home on Tuesday, April 6, at 7:30 p.m.

Presented by the Moss Arts Center in partnership with the Department of English Visiting Writer

Series, the virtual event features a reading from the author, along with an interview moderated by Carmen Giménez Smith, Virginia Tech professor of English and 2019 Guggenheim fellow, and a question-and-answer session with the audience.

In addition to the April 6 event, Luiselli will lead a virtual discussion with students, faculty, and staff from Virginia Tech's Department of English, sharing insights into her myriad approaches to writing.

Ticket holders have access to this "HomeStage" series event as it happens and for seven days afterwards. The event is part of the Moss Arts Center's 2020-21 season theme, "Flight and Refuge."

Luiselli's recent works

synthesize her experiences as a court interpreter for unaccompanied child migrants caught in the labyrinth of U.S. immigration policy. These experiences figure prominently in her latest novel, "Lost Children Archive."

Born in Mexico City and growing up in South Korea, South Africa, and India, Luiselli writes with dry humor and deftly controlled prose in both Spanish and English, often wrestling with the complexity of translation while drawing from an unusually broad range of Latin American, American, and European literary traditions.

In her nonfiction work, "Tell Me How It Ends: An Essay in Forty Questions" (2017), Luiselli demonstrates the impossibility of

giving coherent, narrative form to the harrowing and fragmented statements that immigration intake questionnaires elicit from children facing deportation.

Named a New York Times 2019 "Top 10 Book of the Year," "Lost Children Archive" provides a fictionalized account of her own family's road trip from New York to the U.S.-Mexico borderlands with stories of the unfolding Central American migration crisis nested into the narrative.

She is the winner of two Los Angeles Times Book Prizes, the Carnegie Medal, and an American Book Award, and has been nominated for the National Book Critics Circle Award, the Kirkus Prize, and the Booker Prize.

She has been a National

Book Foundation "5 under 35" honoree and the recipient of a Bearing Witness Fellowship from the Art for Justice Fund. Her work has appeared in the New York Times, Granta, and McSweeney's, among other publications, and has been translated into more than 20 languages. Luiselli is a writer in residence at Bard College and lives in New York City.

Tickets are \$10 for the general public and free for Virginia Tech students. Tickets can be purchased online; at the Moss Arts Center's box office from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday; or by calling 540-231-5300 during box office hours.

— Susan Bland



Author Valeria Luiselli's writings explore stories of children and immigration.

Virginia Tech researcher strives to lower suicide risk among homebound older adults

Homebound older adults often face a sense of loneliness few could imagine.

Caretakers have long sought ways to heal the pain of isolated aging adults and lower their risk of suicide. The COVID-19 pandemic has only intensified the challenge.

A Virginia Tech researcher will pursue life-saving solutions with a \$1.3 million federal grant.

Matthew Fullen, an assistant professor of counselor education in the VT School of Education, has co-launched a research project to develop and evaluate an innovative training program. Suicide prevention among older adults represents the top goal of the phone-based training.

Fullen leads the project alongside Georgia State University colleagues Laura

Shannonhouse and Mary Chase Mize. The training program under development is titled Belonging and Empathy, With Intentional Targeting Helping, or BE WITH.

Powered by funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through the Administration for Community Living, the researchers plan to study the effectiveness of the training for nutrition service volunteers working with older adults in six metro Atlanta counties.

Ultimately, the researchers hope the National Council on Aging will add the training to its registry of programs.

Fullen said the research team previously received federal funds to study the benefits of training home-delivered meals volunteers in suicide prevention skills

through the ASIST program, a suicide intervention training program. The new project and grant builds from this initial research.

"Once the pandemic hit, several of these volunteers described how they so wanted to help their home-delivered meals clients, but didn't know what to do," said Fullen. "We began outlining a phone-based program that would equip these volunteers with opportunities to connect with older adults who have difficulty leaving home."

Participants in programs such as Meals on Wheels have long viewed the services as more than a meal delivery, said Fullen. "This project will foster more intentional social connections between these volunteers and homebound older adults at a time when relationships

are sorely needed.

"We learned from the previous project that these volunteers are eager to develop a more dynamic set of responsibilities within the aging network," Fullen said. "Many of them view meal delivery as a means to connect with older people in their communities, and they feel dissatisfied when their role is relegated to quickly dropping off a meal and then driving away."

"Our hope with the current project is to show that equipping volunteers with a broad range of skills — from suicide intervention to addressing social isolation and loneliness — provides the volunteers with a greater sense of role satisfaction," Fullen said. "We also hope the project will contribute to addressing the spectrum of concerns that some older adults face

in their communities."

Fullen, who joined the School of Education in 2017, has worked with older adults since 2005. He said the pandemic has illuminated growing evidence of the harmful effects of social isolation and loneliness for many older adults in the United States. He offered tips for how members of the general public can help.

"Taking the time to connect with older friends and family members is especially important, and allowing people to express their disappointment, frustration, or sense of loneliness can go a long way," said Fullen. "Two major risk factors for suicide are perceiving oneself to be a burden and feeling like you don't belong. Reminding others that we love them and value their role in our lives has always

been important, but that is true all the more during the pandemic."

The project will continue through 2023.

"Dr. Fullen and his colleagues are helping all of us better understand the importance of experiential, community-engaged learning and applied research across the lifespan," said Kristin Gehsmann, director of the School of Education. "Their efforts will not only impact the lives of participants, but the lessons learned from this research will help the next generation of counselor educators prepare clinicians and educators to better meet the needs of older adults."

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International Week kicks off YMCA at VT's first annual Y Spring Expo through April 25

The first annual Y Spring Expo, sponsored by the YMCA at Virginia Tech, kicked off Thursday, March 25, with Y International Week, which began a month-long celebration of the international programs provided by the Y.

The main purpose of the spring expo is to showcase the many and varied programs provided to the community by the YMCA at Virginia Tech and to feature the excellent child-friendly programs from Virginia Tech, local businesses, and the community. The event will feature a virtual craft market offering a wide variety of unique handmade items.

The expo will feature a month of family fun-filled virtual activities. Shopping with juried artisans and local businesses will run throughout the event.

Donations can be made to support the YMCA at Virginia Tech's community programs such as its Meals on Main from the Y's website at <http://vtymca.org/> or by sending a check to YMCA at VT, 403 Washington St. SW, Blacksburg, VA 24060.

The kickoff week, International Week, featured International Restaurant Week and continues through tomorrow, April 1. International Restaurant Week featured flavors from a variety of cultures with participation from Cabo Fish Taco, Café de Bangkok, Café Mekong, Ceritano's, Chinese Kitchen, Gaucho Brazilian, India Garden, Luci Monroe's, MixMix Korea, Next Door Bake Shop, and Zeppolli's.

The celebration then continues through April with Healthy

Lifestyles Week from April 2 through April 9; Healthy Kids Week April 10 through April 17, a highlight of which is a virtual fun run; and Environmental Stewardship Week from April 18 through April 25.

International Week was packed full of virtual activities including interactive livestream cooking lessons, yoga classes, panel discussions, and movie chats, all led by members of the Y's International Women's Group and its VT student program leaders. This past Sunday at 4 p.m. a virtual webinar acknowledged and recognized the accomplishments of three international women who have leadership roles in Montgomery County. The leaders celebrated were Agida G. Manizade, a professor in the Department of

Mathematics and Statistics at Radford University; Gunin Kiran, a member of the Montgomery County School Board;

and Pie Charoensombutorn, an entrepreneur co-owner of Next Door Bake Shop and Cafe de Bangkok.

ONLINE ONLY AUCTION

Ends Thursday, April 8th at 4 PM

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104 Evans St. Christiansburg VA 24073



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4-Unit apartment building that has been recently remodeled and updated. The .191 acre property has been well maintained and is beautifully landscaped. There are parking spaces in front of apartments 1 & 2 as well as a large, paved lot behind the building. Each unit has laminate and carpet flooring and laundry hookups along with an electric range, refrigerator and dishwasher. Located in Downtown Christiansburg. Each unit is currently rented. Purchaser shall honor current annual lease until expiration. Contact auction company for rent roll.

Apartment 1 – 2 BR, 1 BA on the upper/street level and has a parking space in front.

Apartment 2 – 2 BR, 1 BA on the upper/street level and has a parking space in front.

Apartment 3 – 2 BR, 1 BA on the lower level.

Apartment 4 – 1 BR, 1 BA on the lower level.

Preview Date - Saturday March 27 @ 2 PM

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OPINION

Evans King: Recalling the NCAA Tournament's past

I am writing this column in the midst of the NCAA Basketball Tournament. As I write, the Sweet 16 begins today, so I thought this might be a good time to put down some memories and thoughts on this celebration of American life in my normal rambling manner.

My first memories of what has become the nation's premier sporting event in the opinion of many date back to the mid-1960's. The tournament was far from the multi-million dollar enterprise it has become. It was not a made-for-TV event. Coaches were paid about the same as the manager of the local grocery store, and the rosters of many teams were dotted with "two-sport stars" who had played football in the fall and were "getting exercise" in the mid-winter. For example, Terry Baker, the quarterback at Oregon State, won the Heisman Trophy as the country's best college football player in the fall of 1962 and then led his basketball team as point guard to the Final Four the following spring (while majoring in mechanical engineering). He was the first and only Heisman winner to make the "last weekend" as they

now call it, and I'm willing to wager it will never happen again.

As I stated above, television was not a big part of the tournament then. In fact it was not much of a part of it at all. The only national broadcast I recall of my early tournaments was of the championship game on Saturday night, the semis having been played the Friday night before but not televised.

Only 23 teams made the tournament and the regionals were truly "regional": the East, the "Mideast" (apparently borrowed from Tolkien's trilogy), the Midwest and the West. Since the game then was East-Coast centric, the East Regional had a bunch of teams where there were many more schools playing the sport while the West Regional had only four teams and started in the Sweet 16 (giving UCLA a tactical advantage as if they needed one). As a point of local trivia, the first Virginia Tech team to make the tourney was placed in the Mideast regional in 1967 where the Hokies made a decent run to what we now call the Elite 8, beating Toledo before losing to Dayton in the regional finals and breaking my heart.

My first remembrance

of watching the tournament was the 1964 championship game between UCLA and Duke. UCLA had two guards, Walt Hazzard and Gail Goodrich, who became my earliest college basketball heroes. UCLA won as part of what was the natural order of the universe in those days. It seemed UCLA won every NCAA tournament, the Boston Celtics won every NBA championship, and the New York Yankees won every World Series. These three were "America's Teams" before the Dallas Cowboys ever had a winning season and way before they began making some obnoxious claim to the title.

So in almost every NCAA tournament of my youth, pretty much through my college years (with the inestimable Bill Walton then at UCLA), everyone else was playing for second place. The main interruption of the incredible UCLA dynasty was the 1966 tournament. The championship game that year was played at Cole Field House in College Park on the University of Maryland campus. (They used to do that back in the day.) This was a season when UCLA was "rebuilding." Actually, they probably would have won it all that year if freshmen had been eligible.

You see, Lew Alcindor, later to become Kareem Abdul-Jabbar in the pros, was a freshman on the 1965-66 "Baby Bruins" team. He had been such a highly-recruited high school player out of New York City that ABC aired the UCLA pre-season game between the varsity

and the freshmen that season on its Wide World of Sports program. I remember watching the game at my grandmother's house (We couldn't get the ABC affiliate on our end of town.) and the Baby Bruins won by 15 as I recall, against the defending national champions. Lew then went on to win three straight national championships himself.

Back to the 1966 National Championship game, the year when UCLA did NOT win. The game was between a University of Kentucky team coached by the legendary Adolph Rupp (also a legendary racist as was later revealed) and a school no one had ever heard of: Texas Western College (now UTEP - the University of Texas at El Paso) coached by Don Haskins. This game was the "Jackie Robinson moment" of college basketball in a sense.

The game has significant social significance because UK's team was all white and Texas Western played all blacks. This had never happened before in college basketball, not at this level at least. In fact, conferences like the SEC (UK's conference) and the ACC had not yet integrated their teams, and (maybe) were just beginning to think about doing so. Texas Western won easily in a tremendous upset when most thought the "real" championship game had been played the night before between Duke and Kentucky. No one had heard of the Texas Western Miners until they had pulled off a couple of upsets in the Midwest Regional the weekend before to make

the Final Four. A wonderful movie, "Glory Road," was made some 20 years ago about this historic national championship game.

While dedicated college basketball fans of my generation remember the Texas Western game as a seminal event in the sport, another great story a few years earlier involved the courageous decision by the Mississippi State University administration and Coach Babe McCarthy to allow the MSU team to participate in the NCAA tournament. They did this in violation of a state law prohibiting white athletes and black athletes from competing against each other. The team actually left campus surreptitiously and under cover of darkness to go compete in the tournament out of state.

The MSU squad eventually lost to Loyola of Chicago's Ramblers, who started three black players. Yes, that Loyola of Chicago, which went on to win the championship that year, 1963. And yes, I'm sure Sister Jean was there. A few years ago I found an excellent book on this Mississippi State team: "Champions for Change: How the Mississippi State Bulldogs and their Bold Coach Defied Segregation" (Veazey). A great read.

A final thought on this year's tournament, maybe on sports in general. There have been personal attacks, even death threats, against players on losing teams. I remember three years ago when my No. 1 seeded Cavaliers lost to the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, the team had to have po-

lice escorts back to their hotel and to their individual rooms (In his typical fashion, Coach Tony Bennett joked that he noticed no one escorted him to his room and that as he walked down the hallway alone he thought of The Godfather.)

These types of attacks and threats are beyond reprehensible. Unlike some in our society, choose to believe that they represent the lowest element of our existence and are not indicative of a total collapse of values and civility, that these people are only a tiny segment of our population, not even a rounding error. Mentally ill.

Even in less extreme instances, I have never understood fans who turn on their own team when they lose. I guess I have always identified and sympathized with my team's players and coaches, my "guys," win or lose. Maybe it comes from playing on losing teams myself. Last time I checked for every winner in a game there is a loser, so things tend to balance out.

The NCAA tournament represents possibilities for the best and the worst in us. Only one team will walk away having won its last game. One thing about the tournament is certainly worth rejoicing over: COVID was not the winner this year.

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New study: Teenage marijuana users have double use disorder rate of nicotine and alcohol

(Alexandria, VA) An explosive study published Monday in the journal JAMA Pediatrics and conducted by prominent researchers at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), including the head of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, found that teenage marijuana users (aged 12-17) have double the prevalence of a use disorder (addiction) than do nicotine, alcohol, and, in

most categories of users, even prescription drug misusers.

The addiction rate was as high as 20% among those who had used more than three years and was double the rate of alcohol in all categories.

"Knowing how potent today's marijuana is, this study shouldn't be a complete shock, but given today's misinformed views, it is a bombshell," said Dr. Kevin Sabet, President of Smart Approaches to Marijuana and a former senior drug policy advisor to the Obama Administration. "It was always thought that drugs like cigarettes had a far greater prevalence for use disorder than marijuana, but this

study finds the prevalence of marijuana use disorder among teens is at the top. This speaks volumes about the need to educate young people on the harms of marijuana use and the need to halt the normalization and commercialization of its use."

Marijuana addiction rates among lifetime users was 10.7% among those who used less than a year; 14.6% among those who used 1-2 years; 16.8% among those who used 2-3 years; and 20.1% among those who used more than three years. Out of twenty categories of users across five non-marijuana drugs, the only addiction rate that comes

close is the 11% rate among teenage prescription drug misusers who used less than a year. Marijuana addiction rates were higher than all prescription drug misusers for those who used more than a year.

The release of this study comes at a crucial time, as lawmakers in five states (New Hampshire, Hawaii, Maryland, Wyoming, and North Dakota) have all rejected efforts to legalize the substance in recent days. However, lawmakers in New York and New Mexico will vote within days of this study's publication on bills to commercialize marijuana and essentially endorse its use.

Virginia's gas prices dropped last week

According to a survey issued Monday by GasBuddy, Virginia's gas prices fell 2.1 cents per gallon last week, averaging \$2.74 per gallon.

Despite the drop, gas prices in Virginia were 11.7 cents per gallon higher than they were a month ago and stand 85.5 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

The daily survey was conducted across 4,081 stations in the commonwealth.

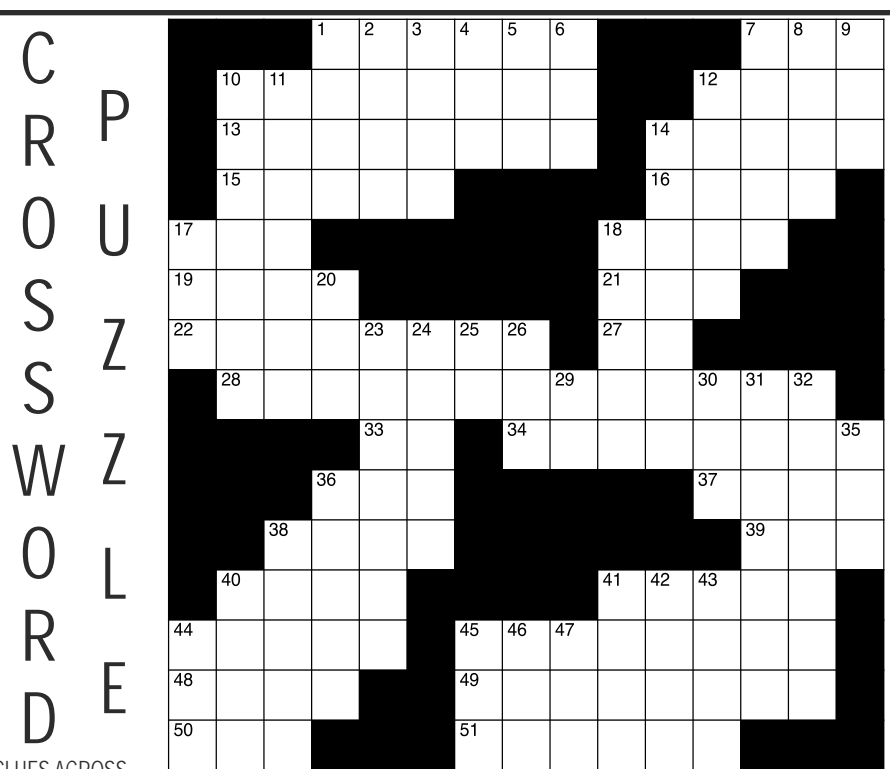
According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Virginia was priced at \$2.37/g Monday while the most expensive was \$3.49/g, a difference of \$1.12/g.

The national average price of gasoline fell 2.7 cents per gallon in the last week, GasBuddy reported, averaging \$2.84/g Monday. The national average is up 12.9 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 87.5 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

"After the feverish rise in gas prices to start the year, increases have largely tapered off, and we're now seeing decreasing prices in most areas of the country, thanks to oil prices that have

moderated for the time being," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "As the Suez Canal has remained blocked for nearly a week, we could see some volatility in the price of oil this week as the market digests any updates as hundreds of ships remain in limbo," De Haan said. "Back stateside, refiners have made the switch to summer gasoline, and price impacts have been limited thus far, but demand for gasoline remains strong. Last week saw total gasoline demand at yet another pandemic high according to GasBuddy data. As we approach warmer weather and motorists are increasingly getting outside, it could drive prices higher, so long as COVID-19 cases don't jump along with it and lead to new travel restrictions."

GasBuddy has been the only source for station-level data spanning nearly two decades. GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide. GasBuddy data is accessible at http://FuelInsights.GasBuddy.com.



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City of Radford
Notice of Public Review
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Review project information and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation in the form of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) are available at 10 Robertson Street, Radford, VA 24141 on or prior to April 9, 2021. If a request for a public hearing is received, notice of date, time and place of the hearing will be posted.

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State Project: U000-126-106, C501, P101, R201
 Federal Project: STP-5126(107)
 UPC: 76402

City of Radford CDBG Annual Action Plan

The City of Radford invites comments on its 2021 Annual Action Plan, which will be submitted to the US Dept of HUD on or about May 10, 2021. The Annual Action plan serves as the City's grant application for Community Development Block Grant Funds and sets the goals and budgets for the use of funds. A copy of the Annual Action Plan is available for review online or at the City Manager's Office. Comments may be given via e-mail to: melissa.skellon@radfordva.gov, by phone at (540) 731-3603, or by mail to Community Developer, 10 Robertson St, Radford, VA 24141. Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. May 7, 2021.

Legals - City of Salem

Notice is hereby given to

all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on April 14, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., in the Community Room at the Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke Boulevard, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1) Hold public hearing to consider amending Chapter 66, Article I In General, Section 66-9, Article III Construction Location, Division 1 Generally, Section 66-73, Article IV Permitted Signs by Use and District, Section 66-107, and Article V Definitions, Section 66-151, of the CODE OF

Legals - City of Salem

THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA pertaining to signs.

2) Hold public hearing to consider amending Chapter 106, Zoning, Article II District Regulations, Sections 106-204.3(B)1, 106-208.3(B)1, 106-213.3(B)1 pertaining to single-family dwellings; Article III Use & Design Standards, Section 106-304.5(B)(D) pertaining to home occupations, Article IV Development Standards, Section 106-404.11(A)(E) pertaining to parking, Article V Administration, Sections 106-504(A), 106-514, 106-518 pertaining to zoning permits, enforcement, and civil penalties of the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA.

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be obtained from the Office of the City Planner, Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia.

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

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY James E. Taliaferro, II Executive Secretary

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
 VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104
Case No. CL21000326-00
 MONTGOMERY CIRCUIT COURT
 55 EAST MAIN STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073
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 v.
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FEBRUARY 24, 2021
 Bridget Adams
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LEGAL NOTICE

County of Montgomery, Virginia Synopsis of Advertised Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022

This budget synopsis is prepared and published pursuant to Section 15.2-2506 of Code of Virginia, for information and fiscal planning purposes only.

A hearing will be held by the Board of Supervisors on April 8, 2021 at 6:15 P.M. at the County Government Center Board Room, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia at which time any citizen of the County shall have the opportunity to attend and state his or her views on the advertised budget.

A copy of the Advertised Budget is available for inspection at the County Government Center, in the County Administrator's Office, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg; the Blacksburg Library, 200 Miller St., Blacksburg; the Christiansburg Library, 125 Sheltman St., Christiansburg; the Meadowbrook Library, 267 Alleghany Springs Road, Shawsville; the Blacksburg Community Center, 725 Patrick Henry Dr., Blacksburg; the Christiansburg Recreation Center, 1600 N. Franklin St., Christiansburg; the Blacksburg Municipal Building, in the Town Manager's Office, 300 S. Main St., Blacksburg; and the Christiansburg Town Hall, in the Town Manager's Office, 100 E. Main St., Christiansburg.

EXPENDITURES:	FY 2021 Budget	FY 2022 Advertised Budget	Increase (Decrease)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Board of Supervisors	\$ 270,632	\$ 282,425	\$ 11,793
County Administration	\$ 1,956,788	\$ 2,104,749	\$ 147,961
County Attorney	\$ 382,368	\$ 383,225	\$ 857
Financial & Management Services	\$ 1,225,460	\$ 1,018,450	\$ (207,010)
Insurance	\$ 208,195	\$ 210,695	\$ 2,500
Information Technology	\$ 2,015,760	\$ 2,135,796	\$ 120,036
Commissioner of the Revenue-State	\$ 561,856	\$ 588,651	\$ 26,795
Assessment-100% County	\$ 479,677	\$ 490,370	\$ 10,693
Treasurer-State	\$ 482,702	\$ 492,165	\$ 9,463
Collections-100% County	\$ 531,481	\$ 506,505	\$ (24,976)
Electoral Board/Director of Elections	\$ 485,484	\$ 473,570	\$ (11,914)
Commonwealth Attorney	\$ 1,249,358	\$ 1,282,063	\$ 32,705
Courts	\$ 262,008	\$ 267,247	\$ 5,239
Clerk of the Circuit Court	\$ 715,542	\$ 779,147	\$ 63,605
Sheriff-State	\$ 8,066,081	\$ 8,213,115	\$ 147,034
Sheriff-100% County	\$ 7,178,602	\$ 7,323,178	\$ 144,576
Fire Departments and Rescue Squads	\$ 1,487,781	\$ 1,494,981	\$ 7,200
Animal Care and Adoption Center	\$ 631,681	\$ 652,869	\$ 21,188
General Services	\$ 6,348,344	\$ 6,685,685	\$ 337,341
Children's Services Act	\$ 1,651,969	\$ 1,651,969	\$ -
Human Services	\$ 378,338	\$ 392,725	\$ 14,387
Public Health Department	\$ 604,488	\$ 604,488	\$ -
Social Services	\$ 6,228,024	\$ 6,364,979	\$ 136,955
Parks & Recreation	\$ 1,257,701	\$ 1,296,123	\$ 38,422
Regional Library	\$ 2,246,303	\$ 2,347,680	\$ 101,377
Planning & GIS	\$ 948,750	\$ 948,167	\$ (583)
Economic Development	\$ 434,156	\$ 460,975	\$ 26,819
Other Agencies	\$ 2,708,739	\$ 2,762,426	\$ 53,687
Contingencies-General	\$ 526,307	\$ 536,307	\$ 10,000
Contingencies-Special	\$ 7,836,404	\$ 526,000	\$ (7,310,404)
Revenue Refunds	\$ 195,000	\$ 195,000	\$ -
Subtotal:	\$ 59,555,979	\$ 53,471,725	\$ (6,084,254)
Law Library	\$ 17,600	\$ 17,600	\$ -
SCHOOLS:			
School Operating	\$ 113,745,153	\$ 121,984,741	\$ 8,239,588
School Capital	\$ 2,146,173	\$ 2,195,645	\$ 49,472
School Nutrition	\$ 5,228,004	\$ 4,633,474	\$ (594,530)
Subtotal:	\$ 121,119,330	\$ 128,813,860	\$ 7,694,530
County Capital	\$ 3,531,173	\$ 3,580,645	\$ 49,472
Debt Service	\$ 24,722,725	\$ 24,722,725	\$ -
Economic Development	\$ 380,000	\$ 380,000	\$ -
COUNTY TOTAL	\$ 209,326,807	\$ 210,986,555	\$ 1,659,748
RESOURCES:	FY 2021 Budget	FY 2022 Advertised Budget	Increase (Decrease)
REVENUE:			
General Undesignated Revenue:			
Current Property Taxes (1)	\$ 101,562,376	\$ 103,807,971	\$ 2,245,595
Delinquent/Other Property Tax Revenue	\$ 2,996,000	\$ 2,996,000	\$ -
Sales and Use Tax	\$ 10,301,540	\$ 10,081,222	\$ (220,318)
Undesignated Consumer Utility Tax	\$ 1,659,000	\$ 1,628,000	\$ (31,000)
Motor Vehicle Licenses	\$ 800,000	\$ 800,000	\$ -
All Other Local Taxes	\$ 1,370,000	\$ 1,325,000	\$ (45,000)
Interest on Investments	\$ 895,999	\$ 113,268	\$ (782,731)
All Other Undesignated Revenue	\$ 546,384	\$ 620,384	\$ 74,000
Total Undesignated Revenue	\$ 120,131,299	\$ 121,371,845	\$ 1,240,546
General Designated Revenue	\$ 20,009,464	\$ 14,833,608	\$ (5,175,856)
Law Library Designated Revenue	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ -
School Operating Designated Revenue	\$ 62,326,540	\$ 68,516,128	\$ 6,189,588
Other School Designated Resources	\$ 5,228,004	\$ 4,633,474	\$ (594,530)
Debt Service Designated	\$ 1,613,900	\$ 1,613,900	\$ -
Total Designated Revenue	\$ 89,192,908	\$ 89,612,110	\$ 419,202
Law Library Fund Balance	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,600	\$ -
Total Fund Balance	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,600	\$ -
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$ 209,326,807	\$ 210,986,555	\$ 1,659,748

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Hokies impress NFL scouts on Pro Day

All 32 NFL teams weren't represented at Virginia Tech's Pro Day on Friday because the LA Rams aren't sending scouts to in-person workouts. But the more than 50 NFL executives, coaches and scouts who were on Tech's campus Friday witnessed impressive performances from several Hokies.

Safety Divine Deablo was arguably the day's biggest winner after posting a 34-inch vertical jump and an official 4.46 time in the 40-yard dash. Deablo, who originally came to Tech as a wide receiver, put his chiseled physique and athleticism on display.

During his post-workout media session, the Winston-Salem, N.C., native indicated that multiple teams have told him that they'd move him to lineback-

er. Other teams have said that they'd play him at strong safety.

Long snapper Austin Rosa surely made Tech strength and conditioning coach Ben Hilgart proud when he topped all Tech players with 27 reps on the bench press. Rosa is currently assisting in Tech's weight room.

Running back Khalil Herbert registered the day's best time in the 40-yard dash at an official 4.44 seconds. The Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., native also put up 22 reps at 225 pounds in the bench press. While not comparing himself to LaDainian Tomlinson, Herbert did cite the longtime Chargers great as an example of a back of a similar stature who enjoyed a long and very productive NFL career.

The main attraction for many of the NFL decision makers and evaluators in attendance Friday was the presence of cornerback Caleb Farley and tackle Christian Darrisaw. Farley didn't participate in testing or position drills due to a recent back surgery, but he did address the assembled NFL personnel on his health, his opt-out in 2020, and his desire to become one of the league's top corners. Farley also confirmed that he's accepted an invitation to attend the 2020 NFL draft in Cleveland in person.

Projected to become the first Tech offensive lineman to go in the first round of the NFL draft since tackle Duane Brown in 2008, Darrisaw went through position drills with multiple NFL offensive line coaches.



PHOTO COURTESY OF VT ATHLETICS
Virginia Tech offensive lineman Christian Darrisaw goes through drills Friday in front of a group of NFL scouts.

VT men's tennis upsets No. 36 Duke

BLACKSBURG — Mitch Harper, Alex Ribeiro, Ryan Kros, and Chase Bernstine's last home match for Virginia

Tech men's tennis wrapped up in fitting fashion for the four student-athletes Sunday afternoon, a 4-3 defeat of

No. 36 Duke. The Hokies (9-6, 5-4 ACC) had a good start to doubles with Senior Day

honorees Mitch Harper and Alex Ribeiro downing their opponents on court two, 6-4. Duke (7-7, 3-3 ACC) ultimately clinched the point narrowly when its No. 12 ranked duo of Garrett Johns and Sean Sculley went to a tiebreak with the Hokies' Jordan Chrysostom and Ryan Fishback.

Tech got back in the match when Harper defeated No. 92 Johns on court one, 6-4, 6-3, adding another ranked win to his illustrious career. Fishback marched back from a first-set loss to win in a third-set tiebreaker on court 5. Sophomore Matthis Ross downed

Sean Sculley on court 2 after dropping his first set, 4-6, 7-6, 6-4. Freshman Hugo Maia clinched the match for Tech in dramatic fashion after climbing his way back into the match to win in a third-set tiebreak.

The Hokies will return to action on the road to face the No.-6 Virginia Cavaliers (14-2, 8-0 ACC) on Thursday, April 2.

SINGLES

1. Mitch Harper (VT) def. #92 Garrett Johns (DU) 6-4, 6-3
2. #96 Matthis Ross (VT) def. Sean Sculley (DU) 4-6, 7-6, 6-4
3. #94 Edu Guell (DU) def. Carlo Donato (VT) 7-6, 6-4

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4. Hugo Maia (VT) def. #101 Andrew Zhang (DU) 5-7, 6-3, 7-6

5. Ryan Fishback (VT) def. Luca Keist (DU) 4-6, 6-2, 7-6

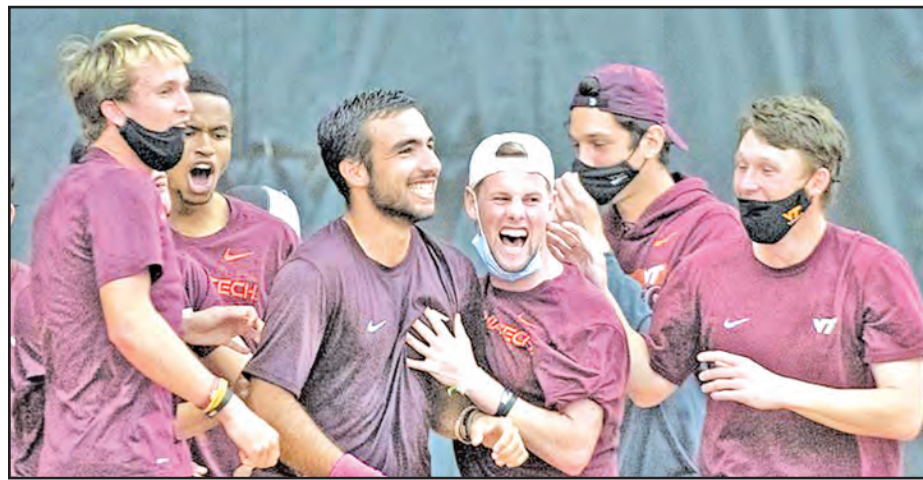
6. Samuel Rubell (DU) def. Alvaro Ariza (VT) 7-6, 6-4

DOUBLES

1. #12 Garrett Johns/Sean Sculley (DU) def. #36 Jordan Chrysostom/Ryan Fishback (VT) 7-6

2. Mitch Harper/Alex Ribeiro (VT) def. Edu Guell/Luca Keist (DU) 6-4

3. Andrew Zhang/Michael Heller (DU) def. Michael Shephard/Ryan Kros (VT) 6-3



The VT men's tennis team enjoys a special win over ranked Duke on Senior Day.

Outdoor Report: Musky are out there waiting for anglers

Fisheries biologists from the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources were excited to have encountered two muskies weighing more than 50 pounds each recently while sampling on the Shenandoah River.

If you're out on the water in pursuit of the "fish of a thousand casts," please consider contributing to DWR's Musky Angler Diary Program, new for 2021. Participating in this program is a helpful tool for biologists in managing and refining muskellunge fisheries. The process is easy. Simply record how many hours you fish, how many persons are in your fishing party, how many musky you encounter but did not catch (follows, strikes, or musky lost), how many musky you did catch (measure them and look for tag numbers), whether or not you harvested or released the musky, and how much money you spent on the trip.

Muskellunge (Esox masquinongy) or musky are the largest members of the pike family. They are normally olive to dark gray on the back with grayish to bluish to yellowish sides. The sides may have faint vertical bars, spots or blotches.

Musky are an exciting and addictive fish to target in the waters of the commonwealth. However, some specialized techniques and equipment are required to hunt for these trophy fish.

River fishermen use rafts, kayaks, canoes, or small boats with electric motors or small outboards to float larger pools and fish near woody debris, large boulders, drop-offs, or weed lines. We suggest using an eight-foot medium heavy rod with fast action and a bait casting reel with a 6.4 gear ratio. Fill the reel with 80-lb. braided line, tipped with an 80-lb. fluorocarbon leader. You can also use a steel leader if you like.

There are many musky baits on the market, but most fall into five categories: inline spinner, crank-bait, top water, soft plastic, and jerk baits. For beginners, try using an inline spinner or top water bait. They can be very productive from May through July and are easy to use.

Crank baits and soft plastics are good choices in the fall and winter months when muskies tend to target larger prey items like suckers. Jerk baits are the most challenging to use but can be effective in any season.

Anglers interested in trying to fish with live bait should use large hooks, 4/0 or larger. Some anglers simply allow 8 or 12-inch suckers, shad, or carp to swim free below the boat. Combining this method while casting artificial lures can be very effective.

Muskies are commonly caught in lakes by trolling deep water with large crankbaits, spoons, and inline spinners. Be sure to carry a large net with you



Musky fishing can be fun for anglers of all ages.

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as well as long nosed pliers, jaw spreaders, hook cutters, and hook resistant gloves.

Muskies prefer cool, clear lakes with abundant vegetation or long pool areas of rivers near fallen trees and other submerged structures. They prefer water temperatures ranging from 62°F - 75°F. Water temperatures up to 89°F can be stressfully tolerated, but musky stop feeding at 84°F. During the summer musky can be found seeking refuge where the water is cooler. When this behavior is observed, it is recommended to avoid targeting these fish as they are stressed due to warming water temperatures.

In Virginia, Muskies spawn in early spring at the end of March through April when waters reach

50°F to 60°F. Sexual maturity is reached at three to five years of age. Eggs are fertilized by one to three males and broadcast over aquatic vegetation, leaf mats or gravel bottoms in shallow bays and coves of lakes, or in slack pools or backwaters above or below riffles in rivers. Females release 10,000 to 250,000 eggs depending on the size.

Most musky populations in reservoirs are maintained through stocking. Some rivers like the James River and the New River are maintained through natural reproduction.

Musky are not believed to be native to Virginia. The first stocking of Muskellunge occurred in the New River in 1963. Since then more resources were added to the list of stocked waters or occupied by both

stocked and self-sustaining populations.

Initially, hatchery musky were imported from New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Tennessee. Our current stocked muskies are considered advanced fingerlings and range in size from eight to 12 inches.

These fish are incredibly challenging and costly to raise. Department of Wildlife Resources staff begin the process of rearing musky in March and April. Biologists and hatchery staff work together to collect both male and female musky from the James River. These brood fish are then shipped to the Vic Thomas hatchery. Brood fish are held for three days and are checked for ripeness. Typically 150,000-200,000 eggs are harvested, fertilized, and shipped to the Buller

Fish Hatchery. Buller hatchery staff monitor the eggs closely until they hatch. Brood fish are then returned to the river from where they were collected.

Once hatched, the musky fry are stocked into ponds at Buller as well as Front Royal Fish Hatchery. The fry feed on plankton, insects, and small minnows. Musky are incredibly carnivorous. If minnows run short, they will cannibalize their brothers and sisters. Hatchery staff continue to monitor the ponds throughout the summer. In the fall the ponds are drained and the fingerling musky are harvested, loaded onto stocking trucks, and distributed to select resources.

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