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## Groundbreaking held for Christiansburg's Signature Park



Turning the symbolic first shovels of dirt at Saturday's Signature Park groundbreaking were (left to right) Ed Stelter, vice-president for procurement, Faulconer Construction Co.; Kimberly Taylor, Faulconer project manager; Christiansburg town council member Steve Huppert; Christiansburg Vice-Mayor Samuel Bishop; Christiansburg Mayor Michael Barber; Christiansburg town council member Henry Showalter; Christiansburg town council member Merissa Sachs; Christiansburg town council member Brad Stipes; and Christiansburg Town Manager Randy Wingfield.

Christiansburg Parks and Recreation Director Brad Epperley called it "a very very exciting day" that has been "a dream for the last eight years," "a game-changer," and "a huge accomplishment for everyone

Ed Stelter, vice president of procurement for Falconer Construction Company, described the day as "incredibly exciting for me and everyone else. Nothing is more exciting than a park." He said, "It takes guts, courage, and boldness to make the investment" that Christiansburg's town leaders did that led to this day.

Christiansburg Mayor Michael Barber said it was "a momentous occasion" and that "recreation has helped to put Christiansburg on

"It" was the official groundbreaking ceremony Saturday afternoon for Christiansburg's new Signature Park at the construction access point at 300 Peppers Ferry Rd. NW. The 63-acre park will include many new amenities for residents to enjoy including four full-sized rectangular fields for football, soccer, and lacrosse; a large scenic pavilion with picnic shelters; a splash pad; a small and a large dog park; an inclusive playground; an adult fitness zone; a challenge course with outdoor fitness equipment; nearly 1.5 miles of trails; and green space for passive recreation.

The park's trails will provide connectivity to the Huckleberry Trail, Christiansburg Recreation Center, the Christiansburg Aquatic Center, and downtown Christiansburg. Users of the trails will be able to reach Virginia Tech and the na-

In 2013, the Town of Christiansburg paid \$2.5 million for 63 acres of former farmland off Pep-

pers Ferry Road with the intent of ultimately building a park in the location. The property is known by the name of its late owner Truman Wilson, who lived, farmed and operated a saw mill there.

In 2018, the town received an unsolicited Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act (PPEA) design and construction proposal to build the park. This legislation was passed in 2002 by the Virginia General Assembly to allow localities to form partnerships with the private sector. Through these partnerships, the public and private sectors work together to complete major projects like building new schools and parks.

After Christiansburg's Vice-Mayor Samuel Bishop began the celebration with remarks of welcome, Cord Hall, the town's PPEA

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## Christiansburg police shut down three massage parlors; Blacksburg police seek armed robber

After a three-month undercover operation resulting from citizens' complaints of illicit sexual activity, the Christiansburg Police Department on Wednesday, May 12, execut-



Blacksburg police are seeking a heavyset black male in connection with the armed robbery of the Fast **Mart Marathon.** 

ed search warrants at three massage parlors operating in Christiansburg. The businesses were shut down and five persons were arrested.

Meanwhile, Blacksburg police continue to seek a suspect in connection with the armed robbery of the Fast Mart Marathon convenience store at 1211 Toms Creek Road on Wednesday May 12.

The suspect displayed a weapon during the incident and fled the area with an undisclosed amount of money. No one was injured during the incident.

The suspect is described as a heavyset black male, approximately 5'6" to 5'8" in his early 40's.

Anyone with information about this crime is asked to contact the Blacksburg Police Department at (540) 443-1400 or to remain anonymous by calling the Blacksburg Police Tip Line at (540) 961-1819 or by emailing ciu@blacksburg.gov.

In response to the citizens' complaints, the Christiansburg Police Department's Vice Unit's undercover officers purchased massage services as advertised by the businesses. In each establishment, during the legitimate massage, the officers, without suggestion or solicitation, were offered sexual services in exchange for an ad-

To be clear, the undercover officers always declined these acts, and no officers engaged in sexual activity with the employees of these businesses. The investigation consisted of multiple visits to each location to ensure that the offer of sexual acts for money

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## YMCA at VT recognizes three **NRV** international women leaders



During its recent Virtual Spring Expo, the YMCA at Virginia Tech recognized three international women leaders in the New River Valley: Gunin Kiran, Dr. Agida Manizade, and Pie Chareonsom-

The recognition was part of the YMCA's international program and was part of a webinar titled "Meet Three International Women Leaders." The honorees represented three different sectors



of the community: public, nonprofit, and private. Ryan Martin, the executive di-

rector and CEO of the YMCA, virtually presented the three women with certificates of recognition. "We are proud to introduce this new annual celebration of leadership recognition for the international women who make such a positive impact in our commu-

nity," Martin said. Kiran is an elected member of



the Montgomery County Public School Board. She is a chemical engineer by training who grew up in Turkey and moved to the United States to pursue postgraduate studies. She became involved with public education early on as a parent and served as president of the parent teacher organizations for elementary, middle, and high schools in Blacksburg and also as

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#### **Governor lifts mask mandate,** announces Virginia will end COVID-19 mitigation measures on May 28

Ralph Northam Friday Virginia's universal indoor mask mandate to align with new guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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The governor also announced that Virginia will ease all distancing and capacity restrictions on Friday, May 28, two weeks earlier than planned.

The updates to Virginia's mask policy are reflected in amendments to Executive Order 72 and became effective at midnight Friday night along with previously announced changes to mitigation measures.

Virginia is able to take these steps as a result of increasing vaccination rates, dramatically COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, a statewide test positivity rate, and revised federal guidelines.

"Virginians have been working hard, and we are seeing the results in our strong vaccine numbers and dramatically lowered case counts," said the governor. "That's why we can safely move up the timeline for lifting mitigation

measures in Virginia.
"I strongly urge any Virginian who is not yet vaccinated to do so," Governor Northam said. "The vaccines are the best way to protect yourself and your community from

COVID-19. The message is clear: vaccinations are how we put this pandemic in the rearview mirror and get back to being with the people we love and doing the things we have missed."

The CDC guidelines state that fully-vaccinated individuals do not have to wear masks in most indoor settings, except on public transit, in health care facilities, and in congregate settings. Businesses retain the ability to require masks in their establishments. Employees who work in certain business sectors, including restaurants, retail, fitness, personal care, and entertainment, must continue to wear masks unless fully vaccinated, per CDC guidance. Those who are unvaccinated or not fullyvaccinated are strongly encouraged to wear masks in

all settings. The state of emergency in Virginia will remain in place at least through June 30 to provide flexibility for local government and support ongoing CO-VID-19 vaccination efforts. Governor Northam will take executive action to ensure individuals have the option to wear masks up to and after that date. Masks will continue to be required in K-12 public schools, given the low rates of vaccination among

## **RU Board of Visitors** approves renaming **building after President** Brian O. Hemphill



Radford University President Brian O. Hemphill (center) stands with Board of Visitors Rector Robert A. Archer and board member Krisha Chachra as he is honored at the most recent meeting of the university's board of visitors.

The Radford University Board of Visitors unanimously approved a resolution at its most recent quarterly meeting to recognize outgoing President Brian O. Hemphill by renaming the College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences building Hemphill Hall.

In a separate measure to honor Dr. Hemphill's career and legacy as a champion of student engagement and success, the board established the President Brian O. Hemphill Student Scholarship Fund to provide life-changing opportunities for future generations of Highlanders. President

sity's future.

Hemphill joined the Radford family on July 1, 2016. He began his tenure with an impressive record of serving students and set forth a bold vision for Radford Univer-

Significant accomplish-

ments of his career at Radford University, reflected in the resolution, include the merger of Jefferson College of Health Sciences into Radford University, the \$34 million renovation of Reed and Curie halls, the launch of the competency-based program IMPACT, and the ideation and current construction of a world-class hotel within close proximity to campus.

Under Dr. Hemphill's leadership, Radford University saw the highest enrollment in history at 11,870 in fall 2019; the highest graduate enrollment in history at 3,903 in fall 2019; the highest percentage of first-generation students in history at 39% in fall 2019; the most new freshman applications in history at 16,138 in fall 2019; the highest average

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## COMING EVEN

#### Wednesday, May 19:

American Red Cross Blood Drive - At the Meadowbrook Public Library from 1 to 6 p.m. the American Red Cross will be having a blood drive at the Waldron Wellness Center-Carilion Community Room. Sponsored by Blue Ridge Church and the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library. Schedule an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org. If patrons of the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library have fines and donate blood, the library will forgive up to \$10, redeemable only at Meadowbrook Public Library. Donors will also be able to select a used library book to take home compliments of Friends of the Library, Meadowbrook Chapter.

Art Club Virtual Meeting At the Christiansburg Library from 2 to 3 p.m. Create a Nature Zine and learn about artist John James Audubon. Stop by the library for a curated craft kit and catch a video tutorial on the Christiansburg Facebook Page.

#### Thursday, May 20:

Talking About Books: Nonfiction Virtual Meeting - At the Christiansburg Library from 11 a.m. noon. This month's book is "Cleopatra: a Life" by Stacy

A Bedtime Tale with Bedtime Tails and Katarina Illona - At the MFRL Library online from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The author of "Bed-

time Tails: A New Adventure," Katarina Illona will present a talk and a reading. Bedtime Tails introduces readers to Perkins the cat, who lives with his mom and dad. His peaceful life is flipped upside down when a new addition is added to the family: his new sister, Daisy. Join Perkins as he maneuvers these changes, all while learning how important it is to accept and welcome others. Email Kerri at kcopus@ mfrl.org to register.

#### Thursday, May 20 -Friday, May 28:

Blended learning lifeguard training - At the Christiansburg Aquatic Center May 20 from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Pre-Test May 21 through May 26. Video portion of the training May 27 and 28 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. The cost is \$200.

#### Friday, May 21:

United Way Drive-Thru Breakfast - At the Hampton Inn, 680 Arbor Drive, Christiansburg from 6-9 a.m. Pick up a breakfast bag for a \$10 donation that will include a breakfast biscuit, fruit, a pastry, a cup of coffee, and a newspaper.

Donations can be made to local first responders and teachers, and delivery will be provided.

Red Cross Blood Drive - At the Blacksburg Library from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Sign up at www.redcrossblood.org.

Teens Cook: Pesto - At the MFRL Library online at 1

p.m. Watch the librarians and try your hand at making homemade pesto.

#### Monday, May 24:

Radford Chamber Commerce Golf Tournament: Birdies, Bogeys, and Business - At the Pete Dye River Course at VT with Captain's Choice shotgun at 1 p.m. Registration and lunch starts at 11:30 p.m. Award of prizes via social media is at 6:00 p.m. Contests include Hole in One and Closest to the Pin with a \$200 prize. Team registration fee is \$350 per team. radfordchamber@ govt.com to be emailed a registration form.

Talking About Books: Fiction Virtual - At the Blacksburg Library from 11 a.m. until noon. To be discussed is "On Earth We are Briefly Gorgeous" by Ocean Vuong. Call ahead to reserve a copy and get the link for virtual participation.

Beans to Plastic - At the MFRL Library online at 1 p.m. Check out the STEM video on how to turn beans into plastic.

#### Tuesday, May 25:

MFRL at the Christiansburg Rec Center - Christiansburg Library from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Miss the library? Want to save a trip? Books will be available for checkout while you work out. Also available will be library cards and information about the library.

Science Fiction and Fanta-

sy Book Club: virtual - At the Blacksburg Library, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Join for a discussion of "Babel 17" by Samuel R. Delany. Call ahead to get a copy of this month's book and to get the link.

#### Wednesday, May 26:

Warm Hearth Village pickleball court ribbon cutting Sponsored by the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce from 11 a.m. until noon at Warm Hearth Village, 2387 Warm Hearth Drive, Blacksburg.

Hahn Horticulture Garden Virtual Road Trip - At 2 p.m. from Lotusland with Paul Mills and Rebecca Anderson. Register online and a zoom link will be provided: https://virginiatech. qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\_ cumxRA4Mec96guy.

#### Monday, May 31:

Radford Memorial Day Service - Hosted by VFW Post 776 and the Harvey-Howe-Carper Post 30 of the American Legion at 11 a.m. at Bisset Park gazebo, Radford.

#### Thursday, June 3:

Chamber of Commerce Eggs & Issues Zoom breakfast -From 8 to 9 a.m. Register at http://bit.ly/June2021Eggs. Once attendees register and pay, they will receive the Zoom link 48 hours prior to the program. Space is limited and reservations are required. Register and pay online or contact programs@montgomerycc.org.

The deadline to register is June 2, 2021, by 4 p.m.

Speakers will be Mark Husband, the Director of Career and Technical Education for Montgomery County Public Schools, and Mark Rowh, the Vice President for Workforce Development and External Relations. The program will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m., but registrants are encouraged to join early from 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. for networking. Admission fee is \$10 for chamber members and \$20 for non-members.

Montgomery Chamber of Commerce bocce ball tournament - From 2-8 p.m. at Montgomery County Moose Lodge 1470, 115 Farmview Road, Christiansburg. Register a team http://bit.ly/mccbocce2021, but only a limited number of slots remain

#### Saturday, June 12:

Department of Wildlife Resources Boating Safety Class at Claytor Lake - At the State Park Water's Edge Building, 6620 Ben H. Bolen Drive; Dublin from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Materials and instruction are free of charge. Bring a pencil, a highlighter and lunch. Students may bring food and drink for themselves during the class. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Pre-registration is required. By registering for this class, the student agrees to observe all pandemic protocols for this indoor class including social dis-

tancing and mask wearing as required by the governor's most recent executive order. Before entering the class, the student will be asked a short health-related symptom survey and will be asked to affirm that the student will abide by classroom rules. RSVP at https://www. register-ed.com/events/ view/167760. For more information, contact Mendy Harman at 540-494-3569, mendy.harman@dwr.virginia.gov.

#### Ongoing:

#### All month of May

Story Walk - All month of May at the Christiansburg Library. Exercise your brain and body as you read and walk the trail. Begin at the library College Štreet entrance of Downtown Park. This month's book is "If You Give a Pig a Pancake."

Grab and Go Crafts - All day at the Meadowbrook Public Library. Drop by the library for Take and Make Craft Kits available for graband-go at the library or with curbside pickup. The kits are free but supplies are lim-

#### Saturdays through October:

Radford Farmers Market -The Radford Farmers Market will be held each Saturday through October 30 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the New River Valley Community Services parking lot (the Old Wade's parking lot) on West Main Street.

## VT's cybersecurity program graduates first students

Among the students receiving degrees from Virginia Tech this spring and summer will be the first 50 graduates of a fast-growing cybersecurity program specifically designed to meet the high demand for professionals with both technical and business exper-

The program, known as BIT-Cyber, is a specialty in the business information technology major in the Pamplin College of Business. A hallmark of the program, launched in fall 2019, is its requirement of an extended field study or internship in the final semester to help prepare students for the work-

The field experience builds on the foundation

of the program's academic curriculum, said Justin Monday, an assistant professor of practice who coordinates the field study. "There is really no substitute for the application of knowledge in a real-world environment, especially where technology and security threats are constantly changing, and the stakes for businesses and individuals are high," Monday said.

Cybersecurity jobs are numerous, Monday noted, but employers prefer to hire workers who have experience. Through the field study, employers get a chance to get to know a prospective hire and gain tangible value from the student's efforts, he said. "The employers routinely express gratitude for the work

of our BIT-Cyber stu- ences." dents," Monday said.

students, value of the field study program's pursue and what being Washington, D.C. a professional involves. of business expectations, ber in the department. including deadlines, prethat our students level

ethic and intelligence up after these experi-

Holly Kania and Jathe son Kim are among the is immeasurable: They students who feel better get to discover which of equipped to start their the many aspects of cy- new jobs as risk analysts bersecurity they wish to at Deloitte in metro

"Certainly, they have the internships at Cyentia opportunity to advance Institute, a technology their cybersecurity skills research firm in metro when they tackle their D.C. co-founded by Virassigned tasks, but there ginia Tech alumnus Wade are also other learning Baker, who received his experiences from being Ph.D. in business infor-

> sponsibilities library," Kim said.

researched, collected, and lished in a report.

graduating Both completed paid

immersed in the de- mation technology and is manding environment now also a faculty mem-In his field study, Kim sentations, communica- researched, gathered, and tion skills, supervisee analyzed data for a forthroles, and diverse busi- coming report on web ness cultures," Monday application security and said. "There's no doubt security trends. "My refinding and extracting rel-curred, what the re-

In her field study, Kania lost," Kania said.



professor Justin Monday and graduating seniors Holly Kania and Jason Kim at Pamplin Hall. Kania and Kim are among the 50 students who will make up the first graduating class for Virginia Tech's cybersecurity program. The pair completed internships in the BIT-Cyber program and will be starting new jobs at Deloitte in the metro Washington, D.C., area. Photo by Justin Rocha/PRISM.

tion that included who the threat actors were, included how the incident ocevant information from sponse of the organireports available online zation was, and what or within Cyentia's own records, hard files, and monetary sums were

Both students comanalyzed data on the 100 pleted their field studies largest cyber loss events of entirely online and also the past five years. That worked closely with the research has been pub- professionals on their teams, participating in "I gathered informa- meetings and collaborat-

ing as needed. All students in the program, BIT-Cyber which currently enrolls nearly 300, have to secure their own internships. But they receive a lot of help, Monday said, from faculty who serve as internship coordinators and from Pamplin's career services office, which sends information on opportunities and Business Horizons career fairs and Career Days.

At this time, visits to the Animal Care and Adoption Center are limited to one party at a time in the lobby area. Animal areas are not open to the public. To schedule an appointment to meet a prospective pet, call (540) 382-5795 or email animalcenter@montgomerycountyva.gov.



do best as the only pet in his future home. He's a curious investigator who likes to check things out with his nose. Sam would benefit from some doggie manners training. He is housetrained.



Wild Thing lives in a community cat room with Buzzy. The preference is that they are adopted together to the same home. Wild Thing is a little shy sometimes but when he's around Buzzy, he can show off some nimble moves, and they can both be very entertaining.



## Camper, Bruce Matthew

Bruce Matthew Camper, 57, of Blacksburg died Wednesday, May 12, 2021.

He had hoped to complete his degree at Liberty University in 2022.

Bruce was an avid Hokie football fan and loved his nieces, Karis and Kadyn.

He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Bertha Iane and Bill Crabtree; his father, Robert



Camper; a brother and sister-in-law, Brian and Tania Camper, and their daughters, Karis and Kadyn; and numerous other relatives.

A memorial service was conducted on Sunday, May 16, 2021, in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel. Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

## Dobbins, Agnes Lawrence

Agnes "Boots" Lawrence Dobbins, 77, of Radford, passed away Thursday, May 13, 2021.

She was retired from Atlantic Bay Mortgage Company where she was an administrative assistant.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Melvin Ray Dobbins; and her parents, Dexter and Georgia Lawrence.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Ray and Amy Dobbins of Radford; grandchildren Noah Dobbins and Bryanna Dobbins; a sister, Barbara Mullin of Ohio; and many other

The family received friends on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, at Mullins Funeral Home in Radford, followed by funeral services at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Danny Newman and the Rev. Frankie Graham officiating. Graveside services were held at 1 p.m. at the Southwest

Virginia Veterans Cem-

relatives and friends.

etery in Dublin.

The Dobbins family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in

## Haynes, Wayne Eugene

Wayne Eugene Haynes, 93, of Fairlawn, Va., passed away on Saturday, May 15, 2021, in his home with his family.

Wayne was an active member of Fairlawn Baptist Church for over 60 years. He was a retired Maintenance Foreman from RAAP and was coowner of Haynes Brothers Camper Sales. He was a U. S. Army veteran.

Wayne was married to Joyce, his fiery red-headed Kentucky gal, for 71 years.

Wayne was preceded in death by his son, Stephen Wayne Haynes; his grandson, Christopher Wayne Broyles; his parents, Alfred and Mary Haynes of Jenkins, Kent.; and his brothers, Charles, James, H.B., Earl, and Roy

Survivors include his wife; his son and daughter-in-law, Rick and Jackie Haynes of Fairlawn; his daughters and sons-in-law, Joyce and Bill Turpin of Radford, and Beth and Kyle Rich-

ardson of Roanoke; 15 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren; his sister, Freda Mullins of Jenkins, Kent.; and a large extended family.

The family will receive friends from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. on Friday, May 21, 2021 at Mullins Funeral Home in Rad-

ford. Memorial services will begin at 1:30 p.m. with Pastor Greg Harrell and Pastor Danny Collins officiating. Inurnment will follow in the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to either the Women's Resource Center or to God's Pit Crew.

The Haynes family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford. www.mullinsfuneral-

#### Mannon, Elizabeth Mae

Elizabeth Mae Mannon, 89, of Radford and Washington, D.C., died on Wednesday, May 12, 2021.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother, Early Lacy Mannon and Isabell Altizer Mannon; her brothers Robert E. and Lacy W. Mannon; Elkins, Helen Mannon, Louise Reed, Edith Harless, and Claudine Tice.

She is survived by a number of nephews and nieces.

In accordance with her wishes, there will be no services.

The Mannon family is in the care of

and her sisters Elma Hale, Margaret Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory.

## McManaway, Jerry Lee

Jerry Lee McManaway moved to his eternal home on May 11, 2021. Jerry was born in Pettry, W. Va. on Nov. 11, 1941. He lived and worked in Charleston, W.Va., for 55 years, but related to de-

clining health he moved to Radford, living with Ruth and Bobby Stuart.

was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Ida Romaine Dove,

his father, Albert Jasper McManaway, and two brothers, Bill McManaway, and Clinton McManaway.

Survivors include a son and a daughter; three sisters, Ruth and Bobby Stuart, Ruby Vaught of Princeton, W. Va., and Rachel and Carroll Herman of Thomasville, N.C.; two brothers, Ernest and Pat McManaway of Wetumpka, Ala.., and Jess and Mary Vaught of East Bend, N.C.; and numerous nieces and nephews includ-



ing a special niece and nephew who assisted with his care, Katrina "Rita" Reed and James "Jamie" Atwood, both of Radford.

Honoring Jerry's wishes, his cremains will be placed near the graves of his parents. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe

in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know." John 14:1-4

The McManaway family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Cre-

## Renfroe, Kathy Testerman

Kathy Testerman Renfroe, 71, of Christiansburg, passed away on Tuesday, May 11, 2021, at the Carilion New River Valley Medical Center.

She was born on Nov. 13, 1949, in Troutdale, Va., to the late Claude and Samie Ruth Testerman. She was also preceded in death by her sister, Joann T. McCollam and a brother, Terry Testerman.

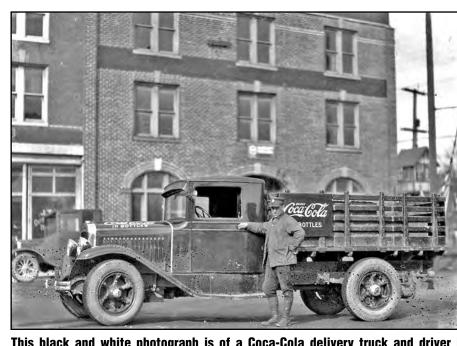


ra Renfroe; a son and daughter-in-law, Philip and Amanda Renfroe; grandsons Ethan Brown and Wade Renfroe; sisters and brother-in-law, Claudette T. Cook, Carolyn T. and Bill Wertz; a brother, George A. Testerman; and a sister-inlaw, Phyllis Testerman.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 22, 2021 at 4 p.m. in the

She is survived by her daughter, Lau- McCoy Funeral Home Chapel, Blacksburg.

## **Historic Montgomery**



This black and white photograph is of a Coca-Cola delivery truck and driver in front of the Surface-Lee block building in Cambria. The watch tower for the N & W Railroad is in the background. This was one of three photographs originally mounted together on mat board, probably as part of an early museum exhibit. (This image and many more are available from the Montgomery Museum of Art & History.)

## **Deadline extended for Leading Lights awards** nominations; COVID-19 **Heroes category added**

has announced an ex- served across the whole tended deadline for re- New River Valley to recceiving submissions for ognize a Lifetime Volthis year's Volunteer unteer Achievement. Award nominations from Nominees must across the New River current residents of the org/nominations.

tended to recognize the quality of life. collective group and not Those who

this event will be virtual with. for 2021, and the chosen highlighted in a video.

also honors guished Recipients by making a monetary donation to the non-profit of their choice, honoring all nominees in the virtual event, and presenting each nominee with a plaque as well.

Awards are given in three categories: community (seven awards), high school (two awards), and college (two awards). In the community award category, an award is reserved for a volunteer in Floyd County, Giles County, Pulaski County, and Radford City, and two awards are reserved for Montgomery County (due to population size).

NRV Leading Lights One award is also re-Nominees must be

Valley. The new deadline New River Valley or if to submit nominations they are being nominatis June 15. The nomi- ed for a student categonation form is online at ry, they must be currenthttp://leadinglightsnrv. ly enrolled in a school or college in the New River The organization has Valley. Distinguished also announced that a Recipients in each catspecial new category egory will be selected on of nominations will be the basis of the followreceived this year: CO- ing criteria: strong com-VID-19 Heroes, a cat- munity involvement; a egory designed to honor demonstrated lifestyle grassroots groups and of dedicated, continuorganizations that have ous, long-term involvespecifically stepped up ment to the community; to serve the New River proven leadership; and Valley in response to the creativity in initiating Nominees and implementing projin this category are in- ects that lead to a better

one individual person. been nominated before NRV Leading Lights but not selected as a volunteers Distinguished Recipiin the New River Valley ent may be nominated each year who are mak- again. Individuals and ing community-changing organizations are highly impacts. The award pre- encouraged to submit sentations culminate in nominations for outan annual celebratory standing New River event. Due to the chal- Valley volunteers they lenges of COVID-19, know of or volunteer

Administrators, teachcharities of each Distin- ers, guidance counselors, guished Recipient will be club sponsors, and youth mentors are asked to NRV Leading Lights nominate young people Distin- for the high school and college awards. Groups and organizations cannot be nominated for awards.

Leading Lights nominees are typically engaged in diverse volunteer activities across the New River Valley. Collectively they spend thousands of hours over their lifetimes volunteering with clothing banks, rescue and disaster relief teams as youth managing holiday programs, overseeing weekend 'food backpack' programs, helping at local food kitchens, serving with civic groups, community building, and volunteering with more than a hundred other noble local charitable activities and programs. Leading Lights is focused on the impact of a volunteer's work and leadership.

Call (540) 230-0815, email leadinglightsnrv@ gmail.com, or visit www.leadinglightsnrv. org for more information or if assistance is needed. Area non-profit organizations collaborate with the Virginia German Club Foundation Alumni (GCAF) for the Annual "Leading Lights: Shining a light on neighbors helping neighbors" recognition awards for volunteers in the local community.



Send community news and photos to communitynews@ourvalley.org

## Virginia's gas prices jumped by 16+ cents per gallon in past week

Virginia gas prices have risen 16.4 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.95/g Monday, according to Gas-Buddy's daily survey of 4,081 stations in Virginia.

Gas prices in Virginia are 23.4 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand \$1.22/g higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Virginia Monday was priced at \$2.54/g while the most expensive was \$3.99/g, a difference of \$1.45/g.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 6.4 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.03/g Monday. The national average is up 16.8 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.17/g higher than a year ago.

'The national average gas price surged last week thanks to big price jumps in Southeastern states due to the previously shut down Colonial Pipeline, but most areas outside that region saw smaller fluctuations," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy.

"With the pipeline now back in service, I expect prices to come down in the hardest hit states, specifically the Carolinas, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida and Virginia," said De Haan. "The drops should lead the national average to soon fall back under the \$3 per gallon mark, but motorists shouldn't get too excited. Prices may start to head higher in a few weeks should Memorial Day gasoline demand

"In addition, motorists in the affected areas should see outage numbers continue to decline this week, especially early in the week when gasoline demand tends to be lowest," said De Haan. "I'm optimistic that there will be enough recovery by Memorial Day for motorists in these states to fill up without having to search for gasoline."

GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-todate in the country. GasBuddy data is accessible at http:// FuelInsights.GasBuddy.com.

#### Governor leads trade mission to Europe In brief:

Governor Ralph Northam is leading an international trade and marketing mission to Europe through Friday, May 21.

He is accompanied by Secretary of Commerce and Trade Brian Ball and representatives from the Virginia Economic Development Partnership. During the course of their trip the governor and his delegation will visit Germany, Greece, and Switzerland and will participate in 15 meetings over the course of the mission.

"As we emerge from the pandemic and continue our recovery, we can focus more on driving economic development and recruiting new investment," said the governor. "Sharing Virginia's compelling business story with companies and partners across the globe has never been more important, and I am grateful for this opportunity to build relationships over the

course of this marketing mission that will lead to new jobs and positive growth for the commonwealth.'

Governor Northam and his delegation are participating in foreign direct investment meetings, including two business roundtables, to discuss Virginia's advantages with leaders of international companies. In addition, the governor is meeting with the U.S. Ambassador to Greece, Geoffrey Pyatt, and Eva Weigold Schultz, Chargé d'Affaires at the U.S. Embassy in Bern, Switzerland.

## Virginia DMV to expand appointment opportunities

RICHMOND – In line with Governor Ralph Northam's recent announcement about easing the current COVID-19 restrictions, the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will open more windows in its customer service centers beginning June 1, creating 184,000 additional appointment opportunities across the commonwealth.

Customers can begin to sched-

ule these new appointments next week. Additional windows will open in stages on June 1, June 15 and in July as DMV continues to hire and train new employees to expand appointment availability, adding to the more than 530,000 appointments Virginians already have scheduled over the next three months.

'Virginians have told us they appreciate the convenience and high quality service the appointment system affords," Commissioner Richard D. Holcomb said. "The governor's recent announcement enables us to open more windows so customers can secure appointments sooner, but we are still taking great care to offer service that is safe for everyone."

Customer service centers and mobile operations teams continue to operate by appointment only for specific services that generally necessitate an in-person visit. Appointment opportunities are currently available for a 90day period.

DMV is conducting more transactions across all service channels now than pre-pandemic. The vast majority of the 15 million transactions conducted since DMV started reopening customer service centers in May

2020 have been completed by service delivery methods other than at an office, such as online or by mail.

Prior to the pandemic, DMV conducted an average of 309,000 transactions per week statewide across all service channels. Last week, the agency completed more than 365,000; of those, only about 73,000 were done in

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## QuoteWizard: Fatal overdoses are up 38.7% in Virginia, 10th highest nationwide

According to a report from QuoteWizard, one of the nation's leading online insurance marketplaces, the number of fatal drug overdoses has increased by more than 27% since the start of the pandemic, including a 38.7% increase in drug-related overdose deaths in Virginia, the 10th highest increase in the country. The report's statistics say that

nationwide, 87,203 persons died of an overdose in 2020, compared to some 69,000 in 2019. 2013 of those deaths were in Virginia; 1451 persons died from overdoses in the commonwealth in 2019.

Among the finding from the report are that Louisiana, Kentucky, and West Virginia have had the highest increases in overdose-related deaths; Pennsylvania, Florida, and California had the highest numbers of overdose deaths overall; and combined, opioids account for nearly 70% of the overdose deaths.

The ten states with the number of their drug overdose deaths in 2020 and the percentage of the increase from 2019 are 1. Louisiana 1816 deaths, a 53.2% increase; 2. Kentucky, 1939 deaths, an increase of 49.2%; 3. West Virginia, 1208 deaths, a 49.0% increase; 4. Colorado, 1478 deaths, a 42.4% increase; 5. South Carolina, 1568 deaths, an increase of 41.6%; 6 Tennessee, 2865 deaths, a 40.9% increase; 7. Florida, 7394 deaths, a 40.8% increase; 8. Wyoming, 96 deaths, an increase of 39.1%; 9. Mississippi, 465 deaths, a 38.8% increase; and 10. Virginia, 2013 deaths, an increase of 38.7%.

## Governor proclaims EMS Week in Virginia through May 22

Ralph Northam has proclaimed the week ending Saturday, May 22, as Emergency Medical Ser-

governor vices (EMS) Week in the commonwealth. This special

> honors EMS responders' commitment to providing the best prehospital emergency medical care to all people in Virginia.

Over the last year and a half, the COVID-19 pandemic has placed an immeasurable strain on everyone, especially Virginia's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) providers. Through the height of this public health crisis, the commonwealth's first responders have continued to deliver lifesaving emergency care to the communities they serve. Last year, EMS providers responded to more than 1.56 million calls for help in Virginia, which represents approximately 4,280 incidents per

"Virginia's EMS providers are on the frontlines of our healthcare system, providing care to severely ill and injured people in all kinds of situations, in homes, on the side of the road, wherever the emergencies are located," said State Health Commissioner M. Norman Oliver. "Numerous lives are saved every year because these highly trained men and women are able to get medical care to people quickly. We appreciate your hard work and salute your skill and

dedication. "This pandemic has further highlighted the commitment and expertise of Virginia's EMS providers," said Gary Brown, director of the Virginia Department of Health Office of EMS. 'You are our heroes and we will be forever thankful for your ability to save lives during our greatest hour of need. As we continue to make strides in the fight against COV-ID-19, we are reminded that our way through this pandemic is to get shots in arms. I have gotten my vaccination and want to express how important it is that all of our EMS providers get vaccinated

#### **CROSSWORD PUZZLE** 13 15 18 16 19 36 43 45 46 54 60 63 66 29. Songs to one's lover 30. Name given to plant groups **CLUES ACROSS** 41. Altered the original **CLUES DOWN**

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28. Receive 29. Dresses

31. Burn the surface of

36. Ceremonial offices

33. Where coaches observe

39. The body's main artery

44. Alleges 45. Short-billed rails 46. Northern Thai province

48. Albanian monetary unit 49. Who the Wolverines play for

52. Astronomical period 54. A single unit 56. Presides over 60. Spoiled tot 61. Hillsides 62. Fertility god 63. Assuage 64. Signs a contract 65. Ancient Greek war

66. Allows

67. Lunar crater 68. Crash a motorcycle

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 Type of electricity 5. Article 6. Mothers 7. Monetary unit

Sarcastic

17. Fathers

20. Clothes

21. Opera's Callas 23. Lentil dish

27. Hurries through

25. Energy-saving module 26. Make sense of a language

8. Single Lens Reflex 9. Tan-colored horses 10. Region 11. Cautious in spending money 12. Belittle

32. Improves 34. Patriotic women 35. Inflamed swelling on the 37. Instrument in Indian music 40. Request 42. Make into leather without using tannin 43. Defies 47. Neither 49. Flower cluster 50. Phonological unit 52. Leaves in water

53. Cavalry-sword 55. Famed American cartoonist 56. Messenger ribonucleic acid 57. Scarlett's home 58. Make 59. Stony waste matter 61. What to do at auction

#### Park from page 1

committee chairman and a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, reviewed how the town arrived at this day.

Epperley offered the assembled crowd a vision of the completed park at which residents of Christiansburg and the surrounding area can enjoy picnics, walks, reading in a place of quiet as an outlet for the community's mental health, and active recreation with free play, league play, and tournament play. He envisioned the park as the new community hub and a venue for weddings, races, walks, concerts, festivals, and fireworks and said the park "will better the physical and mental

health of our people.' Epperley said it was important to remember that the new Signature Park is not just a place for now, but is "a park for generations to enjoy. "No obstacle has been too great" in the town's determination to make the park a reality.

Stelter said, "Kids' dreams will come true at this site. By November of 2022, this place will be rocking and rolling. I am blessed to have been your contractor for this project, and I thank you for your

Mayor Michael Barber called the park "an extravagant greenspace" and told the audience, "What we are doing today will change the lives of our citizens for years to come. Not just the lives of our citizens will be enriched, but this 63-acre park will enrich the lives of people up to 200 miles away. It will also increase local revenue with restaurant and lodging taxes."

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## AND TRANSFERS

Jessica Hall to Jessica Hall, Lot 2A, Christians-

Steven Ralph Davis to Joseph C. Thomas, Jr., Condo Unit 2206, Bldg 2, Knollwood Condo, Ph II, 211 S Knollwood Dr., Blacksburg, \$240,000 Hill Street LLC to

Smith Creek Properties LLC, 0.427 acres, parcel 2, Christiansburg, \$325,000 Jacquelyn Hopkins Waddell to Ronald L. Barrett, 14.100 acres, new tract A, Riner Magisterial

District, \$130,000 Rhondy L. Martin Trust to Serban V. Jora, Lots 5, 6, Martin Estates, Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$70,000

Kemvia J. Adams to Blaine S. Bush, 0.3254 acres, lot 1, Christiansburg, \$144,900

David A. Cunningham to David A. Cunningham, Lot 26, Diamond Pointe, Ph III, Sec. A

Heritage Virginia Properties LLC to Dana Wolfe Hesse, 0.328 acres, Blacksburg, \$395,000 Donald W. Barker II to

Kevin Gilbarte, Parcel 1, metes and bounds, see legal, \$1,356,000 John D. Slusser, Jr., to

John A. Porter, Lot 19, Blue Ridge Ct. Subdv., Christiansburg, Sec V, \$155,000 David W. Griffiths to

John Morgan Russell, Lot 46, Laurel Ridge Subdv, Sec II, Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$315,000 James C. Youell

Mychala Snead, Lot 7, Cornerstone Townhouses, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$160,000 Royal W. Sheeler to

Scott G. Nelson, Lot 20, The Orchards, Ph II-B, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$294,800 Jane Buchanan Broad-

water to Kathryn Lee Thompson Trust, metes and bounds, see legal, Blacksburg, \$675,000

David A. Cunningham to Diamond Pointe LLC, 2.9549 acres, Lot 26, Diamond Pointe, Ph III, Sec A, Christiansburg, \$1,000,000 Scot B. Pfost to Gregory

A. Husmann, Lot 44, Blk 5A, Ph 1, Pheasant Run Townhomes, Blacksburg, Michael J. Irwin Trust

to Clat 123 LLC, Lot 63, Ph IV, Haymarket Square Townhomes, Sec 1, Blacksburg, \$270,000 David C. Durbin to

Providence Blvd LLC, Lot 1, Hunters Ridge, Ph III, Christiansburg, \$160,000

Brian M. Layton to Michael Scott Louko, Lot 57, Sec 3, Ph 3, Blacksburg, \$281,000

Virginia Capital Investments LLC to Julio Cesar Vargas Sr., Lot 85, Cambria Crossing, Ph 1, Christiansburg, \$335,000

Joseph Edward Carter, Sr., to Carolyn Folkes Thompson, Lot 46, Highland Park, Blacksburg, \$355,350

Roger J. Steinberg to Pierre Franco, 1.861 acres, Lot A, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$555,000

Jeannie S. Avers to Eric D. Brooks, Lot 17, Ph V, White Oaks, Christians-

burg, \$230,000 Shah Development LLC to Williams L. Blevins,

0.122 acres, Lot 18, Midway Estates, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$25,000 Scott W. Linkous to Mi-

chelle L. Linkous, 2.359 Riner Magisterial acres,

Town of Christiansburg to Jalaledin Dadras, 450 Peppers Ferry Rd., Christiansburg, Parcel C, shown on LD2021003202, part

of western portion of Rte 658, Christiansburg Town of Christiansburg to Town of Christiansburg,

400 Peppers Ferry Rd, Christiansburg, Parcel E, shown on LD2021003202, town to Miller Land Chris-

tiansburg Roger Ian Kohn to Nicole King, Lot 18, North-

side Park Subdv., Sec. IV,

Blacksburg, \$267,500

Patricia N. Young to Katherine J. Holder, 0.537 acres, tract 2, \$138,000

Thompson Place Farm LLC to Walter R. Dryman III, 6.914 acres, metes and bounds, see legal, Prices Fork Magisterial District, Jeffery M. Zerr to MG

Habib, Condo unit 830, Ph III, University Place, B and W Enterprises

LLC to Benjamin Mach-

ingo, 1.6335 acres, lot 1,

Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$80,000 Isaac Hunter Coadmr Earnest to James Cody Youell, Lot 9, Eagle View, Riner Magisterial District,

\$460,000 Kevin Walker to Michael C. Rea, two parcels, 1.311 acres and 1.580 acres, Prices Fork Magiste-

rial District, \$59,431 Thomas A. Mills to Melvin K. Richmond, State Rt. 622, Shawsville, 66.9 acres more or less and

except 13.24 acres Alleghany Magisterial Dis-

Thomas A. Mills to Melvin K. Richmond, 6 acres, west wide of Rt. 622, Shawsville, six acres, Alleghany Magisterial Dis-Thomas A. Mills to Mel-

vin K. Richmond, off Bradshaw Road, Shawsville, 7.235 acres, lot 4

Thomas A. Mills to Melvin K. Richmond, Elliston, 10.154 acres, lot 3, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District Thomas A. Mills to Mel-

vin K. Richmond, pt. of boundary line, Bradshaw Road and Flatwoods Road, Blacksburg, 5.820 acres, Integrated Lending LLC

to Edith Stauning, 1.392 acres, lots 7, 8, Sterling Manor, Ph I, Riner Magisterial District

GLC LLC to Robert G. Dove, Lot 36-A Riner Magisterial District Snyder Hunt Company

LLP to Stateson Homes LLC, Lot 21, Clifton Ph II, Christiansburg, \$70,031 Snyder Hunt Company

LLP to Stateson Homes LLC, Lots 66, 67, 68, 69, 70 Clifton, Ph I, Christiansburg, \$270,349

Snyder Hunt Company IP to Stateson Hon LLC, Lot 29, Clifton, Ph 1, Christiansburg, \$70,031

Shah Development LLC to Fredrick Brent Linhoss, 366 Bernies Way, Elliston, 0.13 acres, lot 1, Midway Estates, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$244, 750

Stateson Homes LLC to Collin Chew, Lot 95, Clifton, Ph I, Christiansburg, \$319,300

Sarah E. Murray to Robert L. Murray, Lot 6, Pilgrims Pointe, Sec. 3, Prices Fork Magisterial District

Peter G. Dorrell to Hannah J. Howard, 1.727 acres, lot 1, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District

Melody M. Seay to Jonathan LaChance, 3.891 acres, tract 1, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District,

\$139,000 Kenneth Irvin Devore, Jr. to Daniel Austin, Lot 20, Blk 3, Highview Terrace Subdv., Christians-

burg, \$160,000 Maryrose LLC to Mary Rose Simmons, 240 Economy St., Christiansburg, 0.412 acres, parcel A, Christiansburg, \$180,000

Quality Oil Company LLC to Town of Christiansburg, 0.00195 acres, 85 square feet, proposed right-of-way, Christiansburg, \$9,900

Billy Ray Price to F. Brad Denardo Trust

Barry C. Compton, Inc., to Timothy Layne Ferris, metes and bounds, see legal \$180,000

Dewey C. David to Iose de Iesus Gomez, lot 2, Christiansburg, \$226,000

Melvin L. Tucker to Harold A. Goldsberry III, 1.960 acres, lot 49, ph III, Sterling Manor, Prices Fork Magisterial Dstrict,

\$125,000 Ivy Lake LLC to David Hickey, lot 6, \$410,000

Ethan L. Thompson to Alula G. DeChassa, lot 59, ph III, Christiansburg, \$262,000

Fredric LaChance to Rebecca Lynn LaChance, 0.2449 acres, lot 2, Blacks-

Harriet B. Price to Mary Jane Zody, Unit 1-2. Ph VII, Christiansburg, \$310,000 Timothy Allen Dunn to

Cynthia Rae Schiffler, Lot 31R Edgewood, \$188,500 Kenneth Eugene Radford to McKenzie Kelly

Arnett, Tract 6, Reese Mtn

Rd, Elliston, 31.27 acres, tract 6, \$87,000 Thomas W. Triplett to Joseph Brandon Witcher, Lot 80, Ph V, Brush Mtn Estates, Mt. Tabor Magis-

terial District, \$100,000 E. Melita Rader to Darren Michael Rader, 14.491 acres, lot 1, Prices Fork

Magisterial District Allen I. Wirt to John C. Smith, Lots 32, 34, 89, Christiansburg, \$120,000 Pamela Liebert to Ger-

man Carrazana, 0.368 acres, lots 4, 5, Christiansburg, \$120,000 Peter J. Hayes to Lindsay Robinson Hayes, Lot

54, Kensington, Ph 1, Christiansburg Daniel D. Olinger to DOD LLC, Lots 8, 10, part os 12, Springdale ad-

dition, Blk A, Blacksburg Healing in His Wings Evangelistic to Adam Raimeche, Lot 168, Bel-

mont Farms, Unit 7, Chris-

tiansburg, \$199,100 Leonx Title Trustee Services LLC to Barry C. Compton Inc., 695 Reading Road, Christiansburg, Lot 8, Sec 2, Blue Ridge Court, Christiansburg,

\$127,000 Golden Triangle Development LLC to Keith A. Formica, Lot 54, Reagans Pointe, Christiansburg, \$289,900

Keith A. Formica to Bradley E. Alderson, Lot 30, Oak Tree Townhomes, Christiansburg, \$199,900

Flett Living Trust dated December to David Amy L. Boyd, 0.5289 Haldeman, Lot 5, Ph 1, Oak Manor Townhouses,

to Gillmann Commer- IX Stroubles Mill, Blackscial Holdings LLC, 2.816 burg, \$525,000 Valley Road, Blacksburg, \$850,000

Delores Z. Randolph to Johann G. Herzog, Lot 16, Christiansburg, \$200,500

Kirsta F. Jones to Vincent Loparo III, Lot 21A, Olde Towne Estates, Chris-

tiansburg, \$303,000 Stateson Homes LLC to RFSG LLC, Lot 89, Clifton Ph 1, Christiansburg, \$308,840

Nancy Jane Schuessler to Mark S. Randall, Lot 18, Ridgeview Sec 1 & II, Christiansburg, \$275,000 Keith William Goyne to Keith William Goyne Trust, 1.484 acres, lot 507, sec. 3, Blacksburg Country Club Estates, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District

Sharon T. Cecil to Zachery Duncan, 6.922 acres

Stephen C. Martin to Michelle L. Hubble, Lot 41, Cumberland Forest, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$170,000

Jeffery K. Franklin to Pheasant Run LLC, Lot 69, Blk 5B3, Ph II, Pheas-Townhomes, ant Run Blacksburg

Corey P. Gray to Jennifer A. Zambriski, 0.43 acres, Blacksburg, \$295,000 Marion Sontheimer to

Melanie S. Sontheimer, Condo 405, Kent Square Condos, Blacksburg Brandon Clark to Luong Lui, Lot 7, Old School

Townhomes, Christiansburg, \$160,000 Gary Keith Manes to Whitney Sommer Chase, Lot 10, Shawsville Magis-

terial District, \$349,000

Margaret Cerny Living Trust to Catherine Rosilynn Faye Bishop, Lot 16, Hunters Ridge, Ph III, Christiansburg, \$175,000 Lillie Mae Alexander to

Steven Tyrone Alexander,

two parcels, Christiansburg

Vito W. Scarola to Vito Scarola Living Trust, lot 166, Ph IV A-1, Blacks-

Shane Anthony Smith to David W. Smith, 2 parcels lying about 1/4 mile east of passenger station, Cambria, Christiansburg Larry John Shelor exec-

utor to Shah Development LLC, four parcels, lot 3, lot 4, metes and bounds, 0.6678 acres, lot 5, Christiansburg, \$325,000 Larry John Shelor executor to Ryan Shelor,

16,538 sq. ft., lot 5, Christiansburg, \$100,000 Mark Houston Tinnell to Bennie Joseph Sartin,

0.17 acres, Christiansburg,

David G. Ryan to Sam Driscoll, 9.3 acres, Shawsville Magisterial Dis-

\$25,000

Martin and Martin Investments LLC to Lauren Oliver, Lot 10, Blk 3, Christiansburg, \$265,000 Michael D. Simis to

Grant Hayman Sims, Lot

5, Whitethorne Plantations Subdv, Prices Fork Magisterial District William E. Riehl to Ca-

leb Slabach, 0.578 acres, 1, Christiansburg, lot \$210,000 William D. Fletcher to William D. Fletcher Trust,

2141 Cedar Walk, Blacks-

burg, lot 35, Woodlands

Hills Estates, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District Development Shah LLC to Kara Brown, 0.139 acres, lot 17, Midway Estates, Shawsville Magiste-

rial District, \$267,750 Christopher G. Roberts to Christopher G. Roberts, 1.384 acres, parcel A, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District Ailene S. Brennan to

Brian S. Potts, 1095 Cross St., Christiansburg, part of lot 39 and ortion of lot 40, Christiansburg Smith and Associates

Group LLC to Justin T. Smith, lot 548, sec. III, Blacksburg Country Club Estates, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District Andrew Drescher to

acres, Riner Magisterial District, \$80,600 Carol A. Eggleston to David Brian Gillespie Karl A. Didier, lot 9, sec.

> Professional sures Corporation to Federal National Mortgage

> Association, 1 ac., Pine Woods Christiansburg, \$112,439 Brian Scott Scheid to

> Brian Scott Scheid, Lot 17, ph II, Blacksburg Howard Daniel Hardin to Cherry Blacksburg LLC, 2521 Cherry Lane, Blacjsburg, Lot 10, ph II-A, The Orchards, Mt. Ta-

bor Magisterial District

Sheldon M. Russell to Lindsay Elizabeth Shaw, Lot 65, Ph 1, Windmill Hills, Christiansburg, \$233,000

R Fralin Homes LLC to Fralin Construction Inc., Lot 10, Ph II Villas on North Main, \$65,000

Leander Lanier Sr., to

Dewey C. David, 0.5964 acres, lot 2, DeHart Subdv adjoining 0.0868-acre tract, \$460,000

Seyed Mohammad Taghavi to Maaziar Taghavi, Lot 16, Ph II-3, The Orchards, Blacksburg Snyder Hunt Company

LLP to Stateson Homes LLC, Lot 7, Christiansburg, \$70,711 Snyder Hunt Company

LLP to Stateson Homes LLC, Lot 8 Christiansburg, \$70,711 F. Bruno Blacksburg Estates LLC to Hollins

Estates LLC, two parcels: 14,996 acres and 7.565 acres, parcel 7, Blacksburg, \$4,300,000 Charles H. Burton III to Luke Liska, 1.291 acres,

56,236 sq. ft., Riner Magisterial District, \$265,100 Shah Development LLC to Jason Lee Epperly, 0.13 acres, lot 2, Midway Estates, Shawsville Magis-

terial District, \$241,650 Larissa G. Duncan to Tupper D. Gillie, 0.447 acres, Riner Magisterial District, \$26,800

William Herring Waddington to Key Play Properties LLC, 207 Wharton St., Unit 6, Blacksburg, Unit 6, Bldg. A, Cedar Hill Condos, \$138,000

Richard H. Mansfield III to LBA2020 Properties LLC, 832 Newport Terrace, Blacksburg, condo unit 832, Ph VI, University Place \$195,000 Deborah E. Stike Exec-

utor to Lisa S. Moye, tract 10, Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$195,000 Clare B. Dickman to Doug Lee Mauer, Lots

36-37, Woodbine PDR

Subdv., Sec. II, Blacksburg, \$370,000 Joseph P. Brandt to Jedidiah Whitley McDonald, Lot 65, Hans Meadow, Ph III, Christiansburg,

\$249,900 Scott J. Minnick to Kelsey Paige Hale, 9.711 acres, parcel A, Riner Magistrial District, \$41,000 Richard M. Swink,

Jr., to Nicholas J. Corline, 2.138 acres, Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$351,000 Stateson Homes LLC to Double V LLC, Lot 97,

Clifton, Ph II, Christiansburg, \$308,500 Adam M Rotche Peter M. Jolles, 14,531

sq. ft., lot 1, Blacksburg, \$245,000 Edwin Glenn Tuchler to Edwin G. Tuchler, 1,6340

acres, parcel 3, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District Edwin G. Tuchler to Elizabeth W. Tuchler, 1.6340 acres, parcel 3, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District

Lynn D. Rader Trust to Karen D. Biggs, metes and bounds Lynn D. Rader Trust to Lynn D. Rader, 0.195

acres, lot 4, Christiansburg Lynn D. Rader Trust to Susan D. Silas, Lot 13, Lester Place, Christiansburg Lynn Draper Rader to Karen D. Biggs, metes and

Lynn Draper Rader to

Lynn D. Rader, Lot 50, Écho Hill, Christiansburg

Lynn Draper Rader to Lynn D. Rader, Lot 64, Ph IV, Sec 1, Haymarket Square, Blacksburg Lynn Draper Rader to

Susan D. Silas, Lot 15, Ph XIX, Auburn Hill, Riner Magisterial District Randall C. Amos to James Allen Keebaugh,

tiansburg, \$444,900 Michael Scott Bostwick executor to Andrew Scott Hipple, Lot 12, Cumberland Forest, Sec 3, Christiansburg, \$240,000 Howard Lail Robert

1.7014 acres, lot 1, Dia-

mond Pointe, Ph 1, Chris-

E. Thornton, lots 11, 12, 13, 14, Sec 1, Fort Vause, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$87,500 Harry Wallace Swink, Jr., trust to Hayley Reynolds, lot 5, Sec. 14, Mill-

revocable trust to Erica

er Addition, Blacksbur, \$559,000 Collegiate Development Texas to Davie D. Whitlock, 49.977 acres, Riner Magisterial District, \$230,000

Tunsall Marshall to

Robin Lonack, Lot 88, Clifton, Ph 1, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$334,000 John Gordon Casili revocable trust to S and S Construction LLC, 1.319

Place, Ph IV-B, Riner Magisterial District, \$82,000 Ernestine M. Martin to Elliott S. Delp, Lot 20, Huff Acres, Sec. 2, Christiansburg, \$190,000

Jason G. Nipper to

acres, lot 103, Heritage

Daniel M. Thurston, Lot 17, Peppers Crossing, Christiansburg, \$303,000 Thomas Miller to Matthew P. Fulponi, Lot 25, Oak Tree Townhomes, Ph IX, Christiansburg, \$225,000

Donald F. August to FRRY Giles LLC, 0.219 acres, lot 3, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District

Donald F. August to

FRRY Gracelyn LLC, metes and bounds, Blacks-Donald F. August to FRRY Progress LLC, Lots

4, 8, McDonald lots, Blacksburg Douglas W. ley to PRSP LLC, 904 Brightwood Dr. #A-8 Blacksburg, Unit A-8, Brightwood Manor Con-

dominiums, Blacksburg Douglas Lessley 902 VA902-12 LLC, Brightwood Dr., #C-12, Blacksburg, Unit C-12 Brightwood Manor Condominiums, Blacksburg

Shirley R. Glazener to Rhiannon Glazener-Conley, Lot 40, Ph 8, Oak Manor Townhouses, Blacksburg W. McAlister, James Jr., to Sands Construc-

tion, 1.171 acres, lot 102, Riner Magisterial District, \$75,000 Quick Fix Real Estate LLC to Grant Adiello, 1

acre, lot 1, Riner Magiste-More **Transfers**, page 6



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rial District, \$110,000 Richard W. Edwards to Vaibhav Garg, Condo unit 30, Bldg C, Cascades Pointe, Blacksburg, \$173,000 James K. Tincher to

acres, lot 64, Riner Magisterial District, \$126,000 R. Fralin Construction, Inc., to Jason R. Hubbard, Lot 10, Villas on North Main, Ph II, \$324,950

John D. Simpson, 0.521

Anna M. Croy to Norman D. Croy, lot 42, Blacksburg

Thomas D. Jones, Jr.,

to Jones Family Trust,

1224 Village Way, South

Blacksburg, Village at Toms Creek, Lot 25, Ph 1, Blacksburg Robert John Trout to Capital Property Acquisitions LLC, 3 parcels, 15-foot-wide alley lot 1

Robert Starkey trust to William Hurt, 0.930-acre lot, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$160,000 Madison Entities LLC

and 0.737 acres, Chris-

tiansburg, \$138,000

to LBA2020 Properties LLC, Lot 22, block 5 A5 Pheasant Run Townhomes, 243 Pheasant Run Drive, Blacksburg, \$305,000 James W. Radford III to

Elizabeth Ann McClanahan, 7.192 acres, lot 1A-1, Riner Magisterial District, \$850,000 TMAD LLC to Curtis

M. Estes Timothy L. Wolfe to

Nathanael David Thomasson, lot 20, Mtn. Top Estate, Ph 1, Christiansburg, \$217,000 William Thomas Bane to Jennifer Lynn Dick-

erson, 0.9010 acres, Riner Magisterial District, \$189,900 Ricardo Jensen to Sue Motta King trust, lot 11,

Carriage Hill Townhouses, Blacksburg, \$199,000 Danny Mitchell Shaver to Crystal Dawn Cultice, 3099 Meadow Creek Rd.,

Christiansburg,

acres, Meadow Creek, Riner Magisterial District Debra J. Van Dyke to Allen J. Dickerson, 0.442

2.554

acres, Tract E, Christiansburg, \$72,000 Pamela C. Young to Tambra L. Dixon, metes and bounds, Christians-

burg, \$65,000 Brett A. Hensley Brett A. Hensley, lot 48, Oak Tree Townhomes, Ph

VII, Christiansburg Snyder Hunt Company

LLP to Stateson Homes LLC, Lot 10, Christiansburg, \$70,711

Snyder Hunt Company LLP to Stateson Homes LLC, Lot 5, Christiansburg, \$70,711 Hearthstone LLC to GFI Hearthstone LLC,

two parcels, 3.397 acres and 0.324 acres, Blacksburg, \$16,900,000 Alper Recep Kansu to Takimah D. Brown, 0.324 Christiansburg, acres,

\$132,000 BGB Equipment Rentals LLC to Oxtails Farm LLC, 112.8393 acres, parcel D, Riner Magisterial District, \$569,000

Sharon L. Cumbee to Xin Sun, Lots 27-29, Christiansburg, \$200,000 Billy R. Cook, Jr., to Marc A. Rosso, 4312 Seneca Hollow, Elliston, two parcels, 1.9440 acres and 3.0471 acres, Elliston, Nathan W. Marshall to

Michael Paul Eubank, Roanoke County and Montgomery County Deborah J. Davis to

Drema L. Gibson, 1.2673 acres, lot 1, Riner Magisterial District, \$192,000 David F. Andrews to Ramah Steinruck, Lot 3, Blk 1, Highview Terrace,

Christiansburg, \$165,000 Todd A. Bartlett to Christopher Smith. 20.4921 acres, Riner Magisterial District, \$100,000 Warren S. Neily Jr. to Spradlin Farm Inc., Buffalo

Dr. NW, Christiansburg,

3/4 acre, Christiansburg Jeffrey Wilkinis Deanna Dawn Jones, 30 Windmill Ridge Road, West Christiansburg, lot 1, ph. VII, Windmill Hills, \$240,000

Hugh N. Hale to Crystal G. Edwards, 577 Brake Road, Elliston, See DB 557, pg. 467, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$90,000 Jonathan Lee Keen to

Oak Tree Townhomes, Ph VI, Christiansburg, \$199,000 RWW41 LLC to Roger W. Woody, Christiansburg

Leonard Outland, Lot 34,

Ryan W. Jones to Suzanne R. Mellen, 0.8035 acres, parcel 2, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$408,500 Bank National

Blacksburg trust to Robert Sullivan Gilmer, 611 Landsdowne Dr., Blacksburg, 0.782 acres, lots 7, 8, Blacksburg Niets LLC to Brandon

Semones, Lot 2, Sec. 1, Blacksburg, \$275,000 Straub Construction to Carmel J. Cullop, 0.235 acres, lot 3A, Christiansburg, \$165,000 Michaelle E. Moore to Sean M. Beliveau, 1.661

acres, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$165,000 Jorden Tyler Ren Harman to Jorden Tyler Ren Harmen, Lot 30, Sec VII, Ph V, Christiansburg

Hylton Properties to Alfonso Hernandez Cobos, 2881 Seneca Hollow Road, Elliston, \$2,500 Donald D. Burks to

Elliston Land Company,

Roanoke Street, Chris-

tiansburg, 1 acre, Christiansburg, \$20,000 Kevin T. Martin to Andrew M. Miller, Lot 21, 22,500 sq. ft., Walton Farms Sec. 1, Riner Magisterial District, \$150,000

Addison

Broome administrator to Oscar Realty LLC, lot 44, Oak Tree Townhomes, Ph. VI, \$190,000 David Thompson to Hagewood Properties

Mitchell

LLC, 0.262 acres, Christiansburg, \$54,500 Professional Foreclosure Corporation to Cach Milton, 0.73 acres, See DB

274, pg. 564, \$148,000 David A. Bower to Kristina Harvey, 1.0957 acres, tract 1, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$93,000 Debra A. Formica to

Michael Steven Formica, 0.310 acres, lot 81, sec. III, Harman Forest, \$165,000 Thomas R. Devine to Dixon Spiva LLC, Condo unit 821, University Place

II, Blacksburg, \$198,000 4 Sight LLC to Q Land LLC, 11.028 acres, Blacksburg, \$550,000

College Town LLC to FMS Combine LLC, Condo unit 106 Blay Ct., Blacksburg, \$322,000 Warren O. Wells II to

Christopher L. Brumfield, 2.289 acres, lot 1, Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$175,000 Shirley H. Parcell to Justin J. McDaniel, lot 3, Dry

Valley Subdy, Riner Magisterial District, \$235,000 John A. Provo to Sally B. Provo, 3231 Nikkel Lane, Blacksburg, 2 acres

Collegiate Development Cold Mtn to Mariah-Katherine Hope Bragg, 7.289 acres, lot 9, Riner Magiste-

rial District, \$114,900 Deborah A. Carter to

Huckleberry Rentals LLC, 0.299 acres, lot 22, Christiansburg, \$285,000 Bert L. Bradford to Bradford Living Trust, 720

Ph 1, Christiansburg Muriel C. Hollandsworth to Muriel C. Hollandsworth Living Trust, 1594 Gallimore St., Chris-

Jefferson Circle, Chris-

tiansburg, Lot 3, Clifton

tiansburg, lot 13, Auburn Magisterial District Lynn M. Tanner to Logan W. Hall, 0.658 acres, Blacksburg, \$150,000 Sheila Hering Darby to

Lots 4, 5, Christiansburg Eric Daniel Sowder to Eric Daniel Sowder, 133 Marcus E. Smith, Jr., to

Sheila Hering Darby Trust,

Rosalind Properties LLC, Lot 29, Stroubles Mill, Sec. III, \$250,000 Elijah J. Bailey to Jodi C. Bailey, Lot 8, Sec D, Blacksburg

Eric Daniel Sowder to Patrick Dee Sowder F and B Land LP to Fralin Construction, Inc., Lot 2, Ph VI, Kensington Christiansburg, Subdy,

\$58,000 Dana D. Joyce to W.T. David Abbott, Lot 17, Diamond Pointe, Ph III, Christiansburg, Sec B, \$656,000

David A. Linker to

Catherine H. Copeland, Lot 13, Stroubles Mill, Sec III, Blacksburg Wesley K. Barts to Timothy J. Shively, 0.366 acres, lot 11, Prices Fork Magis-

terial District, \$315,000 Angela Dawn Raines to Mitchell W. Dowdy, 0.290 acres to become 6.589 acres, Prices Fork Magiste-

rial District Benjamin R. Kirkland to Julie G. Kirkland, 312 Park St., Christiansburg, 0.319 aces, lot 8, Chris-

tiansburg Martha J. Dalton IRA to Christophe LeFaux, Lot 10, Coal Bank Ridge final subdv., Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$100,000

R. Fralin Construction, Inc., to Aaron Sutton Wendland, Lot 2, Ph VI, Kengington Subdv, Christiansburg, \$353,973

David A. Bower to Ivory D. Desper, Jr., metes and 2,000 bounds, \$12 Edward Philip Milhous

to Blacksburg Concierge LLC, Lot 49, Miller Addition Subdv., Blacksburg,

Jason M. Schoonover to Christopher L. Turman, lot 2, Christiansburg, \$159,900 Peter C. Phillips to Zhiqiang Xiong, Condo unit 3102, Bldg. 3, Ph

\$352,000

III, Knollwood Condos, Blacksburg, \$215,500 Tia Michelle Brown trust to Todd N. Joyce, Lot 96, Cambria Crossing, Ph III, Christiansburg, \$440,000 Nutegg LLC to Keith L. Davis, Lot 13, Sec. IV,

Northside Park, Blacksburg, \$398,500 Stephen D. Lepera to Huafeng Zhao, metes and bounds, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$139.900 Paul Busby to Hona

L. Harrington, 0.2598

acres, lot 3, Blacksburg,

\$325,000

Christopher Schoonover to Derek Michael Davis, Lot 47, Windsor Estaates, Ph. III, \$297,000 Eric M. Roethlisberger

to Wesley K. Barts, Lot 57, Sec. 1, Laurel Ridge Subdy, Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$582,500 Boyce D. Durr to Rich-

ard H. Hogan, Lot 1, Windmill Hills, Ph VII, Christiansburg, \$311,000 Christopher C. Andrews to Richard Zhou, Lot 92, Belmont Estates, Sec IV,

Christiansburg, \$338,000 Warren A. Rosborough IV to Christopher Owen Schoonover, Lot 3w, Brush Mtn Estates, Ph II, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$449,500 New River Land Trust

acres, Prices Fork Magisterial District Jeffrey D. Doughty to Progress Street LLC, Condo unit G, Bldg B, Park

to Daniel T. Frith III,

Quitclaim parcel, 2.607

Place, Blacksburg Mitsuhiro Murayama to Mitsuhiro Murayama, Lot

123, Blacksburg John Matthew Alfano to Jackson Tyler Sowers, Lot 14B, Ridinger Acres, Ph 1, Christiansburg, \$190,000 Shah Development LLC

to Carla J. Scherer, 0.126

acres, lot 22, Midway Es-

tates, Shawsville Magiste-

rial District, \$244,750 Stateson Homes LLC to Carla J. Scherer, Lot 12, Clifton, Ph I, Christians burg, \$480,345

Čharlie W. Trump to Howell Properties LLC, Lot 21, Sun Village, Ph II,

T&Q Rentals LLC to MYK Properties LLC, 4 parcels, see legal, Christiansburg, \$130,000 T&Q Rentals LLC to MTK Properties LLC, Lot 1, Old Farm Village III, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$140,000

T&Q Rentals LLC to MTK Properties LLC, Lot 2, Harman Forest Subdv., Sec. I, Riner Magisterial District, \$140,000 Carol Lynn Whitlock to Sarah E. Blacksburg, 5.341 acres, Riner Magisterial

W. Wayne Quesenber-

ry to Monte A. Thomas,

3.027 acres, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District James Surrey to Benjamin Peter Hull, 0.576 acres, lot 2, Cedar Orchard, Ph IV-B, \$639,900

District, \$121,800

Tina Tracey Neyhart to Andrew Culhane, Lot 6, Miller Addition and 1/2 of lot 7, Blacksburg, Margaret W. Peyton to Stephanie R. Jessup, Lot

Christiansburg, \$256,500 Sara E. Sweeten to Christopher Michael Yon, 0,771 acres, lot 4, Walton Farms, Sec. 1, Riner Magisterial District, \$166,000

14, Highland Park #5,

WD3 LLC to Kenny Ray Owens, 8.515 acres, lot 1, Riner Magisterial District, \$76,500 James A. Martin to Robert Chrisley, 0.6263, lot 4,

Lytton Subdy, Riner Magisterial District, \$157,900 Dianne M. Bourne to Adam M. McNeeley, Lot 39, Ph I Robin Hood Estates, Christiansburg, \$299,900

Francis J. Galligan trust to Patricia M. Arav, Lot 15, Pilgrims Pointe, Sec. 3, Blacksgurg, \$235,000 Jonathan Sawaya Lekoshere to Melissa A. Burks, 5,000 acres, Mt.

Tabor Magisterial Ditrict, \$441,500 Deeds Transfer Upon Death Michael D. Sims to

Grant Hayman Sims, lot 5, Whitethorne Plantations Subdv., Prices Fork Magisterial District Shirley R. Glazener to Rhiannon Glazener-Con-

ley, Lot 4, Ph. 8 Oak Manor Townhouses, Blacksburg Bradford bert Bradford Living Trust, Lot 3, Clifton Ph 1, Christiansburg, 720 Jefferson Circle, Christiasnburg.

#### Police from page 1 represented a regular business

practice and was not an isolated act of an individual employee. The business licenses of three

businesses—the Sunshine Spa (3225 North Franklin St.), the Spring Spa (2115 Roanoke St.) and the Oasis Day Spa (2150 Roanoke St.)—have all been suspended as a result of the investigation. These businesses are no longer allowed to operate in Christiansburg. Additionally, the following in-

dividuals were charged with the listed crimes: Qilin Cai, age 47, of Vinton:

one misdemeanor count of operating a bawdy place in violation of §18.2-347. Youmei Yang, age 43, of Chris-

tiansburg: one count of misdemeanor sexual battery in violation of \$18.2-64.4, one misdemeanor count of prostitution in violation of \$18.2-346, and one misdemeanor count of operating a bawdy place in violation of §18.2-Hongling Zheng, age 54, of

Christiansburg: one misdemean-

or count of sexual battery in vio-

lation of \$18.2-64.4, one misde-

meanor count of prostitution in

violation of §18.2-346, and one misdemeanor count of operating a bawdy place in violation of §18.2-347. Yumin Tang, age 56, of Christiansburg: one misdemeanor

count of residing at a bawdy place in violation of §18.2-347. Xeuming Sun, age 57, of Christiansburg: one misdemeanor count of operating a bawdy place in violation of \$18.2-347 and one count of operating a massage parlor with no massage therapy license in violation of Christiansburg Town Ordinance 12-44.

Police Department in their investigation were the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, the Radford City Police Department, and the United States Department of Homeland Security. According to the Christiansburg Police Department, the investigation remains active as detectives continue to investigate the evidence recovered to determine if there is any connection to sex trafficking or other

Assistant Police Chief Major Chris Ramsey said, "The Christiansburg Police Department recognizes that while activity

businesses in the area.

like this is at times thought of as a 'victimless crime' that is far from the truth. These businesses are often linked to sex trafficking, and their continued operation facilitates the victimization of many vulnerable members of society, often including those who seek to immigrate to this country in search of a better life but instead find themselves forced into a life of sexual servitude. For those reasons, we are committed to thoroughly investigating and working with our commonwealth's attorney to

## YMCA from page 1 a substitute teacher and ad-

ministrative assistant. Her dedication and commitment to public education serving as a chair for the MCPS

board have been recognized for several consecutive years with honor and distinction from the Virginia School Board Association. She has also received the NAACP Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Service Award for her work as executive committee member of the Montgomery County Radford

City-Floyd County branch of

the NAACP and for her role as an active member of the community Education Issues Group of Dialogue on Race.

Dr. Manizade is the founder and president of the board of the non-profit Radford Child Development, Inc. She is a distinguished professor in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at Radford University (RU) and the founding director of the Secondary Mathematics Professional Development Center at RU. She is also the editor-in-chief of the Virginia Mathematics Teacher Journal. Dr. Manizade grew up in

Assisting the Christiansburg

Azerbaijan and moved to the United States to pursue her Ph.D. When she was confronted with the difficulty common to many working mothers of finding full-time child care for their young children, she decided to work with a small group to start a child care center in Radford. She pursued that project for four years until finally the center was established even though her own children did not get the chance An entrepreneur in the food

industry for almost 12 years, Chareonsombut-Amorn is the co-owner of Cafe De Bangkok and the Next Door Bakery in Blacksburg. She grew up in Thailand and moved to Blacksburg where she earned her bachelor's degree in business information technology. Chareonsombut-Amorn decided not to pursue a career in BIT

but to settle in the area and

realize a childhood dream of

prosecute crimes of this nature." owning her own bakery. Chareonsombut-Amorn on the PTA at Gilbert Linkous Elementary and has been very supportive of the YMCA's Meals On Main program from the very start, providing treat bags for the children for various holidays over the past year. She has also donated food to

the Christmas Store and cup-

cakes for the annual Pretty In

Pink Breast Cancer fundraiser

for many years and has taken

a leading role in sustainability

initiatives for her restaurants.

#### **Hemphill** GPA in history at 3.32 in fall

2020; and the most degrees annually conferred in history at 2,430 in 2019-2020.

President Hemphill was also instrumental in Radford University's historic fundraising efforts. The university saw its endowment increase by 42.3%

from page 1 during his tenure with an \$8 million gift to name the Davis College of Business and Economics representing the largest gift by an individual in the history of the university; a \$5 million gift to name the Artis College of Science and Technology representing the largest gift by

an alumna in the history of the university; and the most ambitious comprehensive campaign in university history, having already raised \$69 million of the \$100 million goal. The board's resolution said, "While President Hemphill leaves a legacy of professional achievements at Radford University, what will be remembered most is who he is as a person, a character defined by integrity and genuine care for others, which formed the foundation for building trust, meaningful partnerships and dent. He will start his new role long-lasting relationships, and there on July 1.

a humility that never put himself in the spotlight, rather never missing an opportunity to give credit to others.' President Hemphill has been selected as Old Dominion University's ninth presi-

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#### Legals - Botetourt County

#### **ORDER OF**

**PUBLICATION** COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316. -317, 20-104 Case No. CL20000449-00 **Botetourt Circuit Court** One West Main St, Suite 120, Fincastle, VA 24090 Michael Loving Coleman

Sondra Walters Coleman The object of this suit is to: **OBTAIN A DIVORCE** It is ORDERDED that Sondra Walters Coleman appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before June 8, 2021.

April 19, 2021 Tommy L. Moore

#### **ORDER OF PUBLICATION**

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316 Case No. JJ013851-08-00 **BOTETOURT JDR** DISTRICT COURT Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re JOYCE, AUDREY **ELIZABETH COMMONWEALTH OF** VA - DSS

UNKNOWN FATHER The object of this suit is to: TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TO AUDREY E. JOYCE It is ORDERED that the defendant UNKNOWN FATHER appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 07/20/2021 01:00 PM 05/03/2021 Pamela Jarvis

#### Legals - City of

## STREET, 24141.

In execution of a certain

January 25, 2008, in the

original principal amount of

Deed of Trust dated

Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Radford City, Virginia as Instrument No. 200800100. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for the City of Radford, 619 Second St., W., Radford, VA on June 16, 2021, at 12:00 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THOSE CERTAIN LOTS OR PARCELS OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE WEST WARD OF THE CITY OF RADFORD, VIRGINIA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESIGNATED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: PARCEL NO. 1: LOTS TWENTY-FIVE (25) AND TWENTY-SIX (26), ACCORDING TO THE SUBDIVISION BY **DWELLING IMPROVEMENT** COMPANY OF SECTION 9. PLAN D, DATED JULY 29, 1891, RECORDED IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEED BOOK 38 AT PAGE 253, ETC., TO WHICH SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HERE MADE. SAID LOTS BEING SITUATE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIRD AND INGLES STREETS, EACH FACING THIRTY (30) FEET ON INGLES STREET AND EXTENDING BACK FOR A DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED (100) FEET TO A TEN (10) FOOT ALLEY. PARCEL NO. 2:

FROM THE N.W. CORNER

OF THIRD AND INGLES

#### Legals - City of Radford

STREET, THENCE ALONG THIRD STREET SOUTH 0 DEG. 50 MIN. WEST 30 FEET TO LOT 28; THENCE AT RIGHT ANGLES, TO THIRD STREET NORTH 89 DEG. 10 MIN. WEST 75.0 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE AT RIGHT ANGLES NORTH 0 DEG. 50 MIN. EAST 30 FEET TO THE LINE OF A 10 FOOT WIDE ALLEY: THENCE AT A RIGHT ANGLES ALONG SAID ALLEY SOUTH 89 DEG. 10 MIN. EAST 75.0 FEET TO THIRD STREET, BEING THE EASTERN HALF OF LOT 27 OF SECTION 9. OF THE PLAN D. AS SUBDIVIDED BY THE DWELLING **IMPROVEMENT** COMPANY. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. **BIDDERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO FOLLOW CDC GUIDANCE** AND WEAR A COVER OVER BOTH NOSE AND MOUTH AND PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING AT THE AUCTION. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The

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Legals - City of

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NOTICE OF

**PUBLIC HEARING** 

Notice is hereby given to all

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Board of Zoning Appeals of

will hold a public hearing, in

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2204 and 15.2-2309 of the

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Radford

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#### Legals - City of Salem

The request of David D. Arp, property owner, for a variance from Section 106-202.3(B)(1) and (2) pertaining to site development regulations. for the property located at 1416 North Mill Road, Tax Map # 34 3 8. The petitioner is requesting a variance to allow a shed in the side yard, a one-foot variance of side-vard setback for the shed and a variance of four and a quarter foot for an engineered panel cover over the driveway.

At this hearing, all parties in interest will be given an opportunity to be heard. present evidence, and show cause why such requests should or should not be granted. For additional information, contact the Office of the Zoning Administrator, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia (Phone 375 3032).

THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF SALEM

BY: Mary Ellen H. Wines.

CZA, CFM

Zoning Administrator

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Shree Prabhat 1, trading as BP Quickmart, 330 Wildwood Rd, Salem, Virginia 24153.

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#### Legals -Montgomery County

#### ORDER OF **PUBLICATION** COMMONWEALTH OF

VIRGINIA VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104 Case No. CL21000419-00 Montgomery County

Circuit Court 55 East Main Street Suite 1 Christiansburg, VA 24073 VADEN, KEILA ADAIRE

VADEN, JOSHUA LEE The object of this suit is to: COMPLAINT OF DIVORCE It is ORDERED that JOSHUA LEE VADEN appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JULY

May 4, 2021 ERICA W. CONNER **CLERK** 

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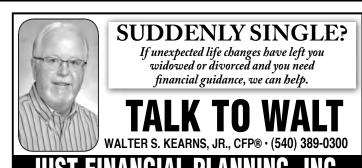
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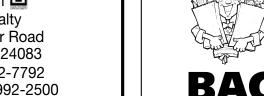
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# Montgomery Sports

## Hokies claim seven individual champions at ACC competition

Virginia Tech took seven individual championships at the ACC Championships over the weekend that propelled the men's track and field team to a second-place finish. The Hokie women finished in seventh place.

Virginia Tech sprinter Cole Beck won the ACC's 100-meter championship over the weekend. Fitsum Sevoum set a facility and ACC Championships record in the 3000m steeple-

In the final event of the championships, the men's 4x400m relay team of Patrick Forrest, Cameron Rose, Tyreke Sapp, and Jacory Patterson took home the ACC title with a time of 3:06.46, the secondfastest 4x400m in Virginia Tech history. The race marked Patterson's fourth entry of the day and Rose's

Beck followed his preliminary pole win in the 100m with a school record and title-winning performance, posting a time of 10.11 seconds. His time broke the previous Virginia Tech record of 10.14 seconds, set by Darrell Wesh in 2013.

Patterson repeated as outdoor 400m champion in the ACC's, posting a time of 45.14 seconds to continue his resume as one of the greatest sprinters in conference history.

"Fantastic meet by our

team," said VT Director of Track and Field Dave Cianelli. "We fought to the very end, and with the people we brought to this meet, we got 100% out of each person. To finish second with the men was a great effort. This outdoor season our team has been hit with some injuries and illness, but that is life, and you deal with it. I am so proud of how this team has persevered this spring and performed here this week."

The runner-up finish for the men's team marks the sixth consecutive outdoor championships in which the Hokies have finished in the top three on the men's side.

"Throughout the season with all the COVID protocols, I think both teams fought to the end," Associate Head Coach Tim Vaught said. "We didn't pionship meet with seven value is in the final of the we're set tocols, I think both teams fought to the end," Associate Head Coach Tim Tech finished the chamerything they had, not just this weekend but all year, men's 100m. To get three hard for the we're set to the final of the we're set. win the meet, but we won individual ACC Champithe battle. They did every- ons and four new school thing they could to win, records. and I have to take my hat off to both teams.

pared to win."



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"Overall, I'm really proud of our teams," As-"It was a hard fight for sociate Head Coach Anthe men, we were in it to try drew Dubs said. "The men to win, and the women's and women both fought team was really strong," extremely hard all week-Wright said. "They're go- end and gutted out eving to be stronger next erything they had for this year, and we're going to program. The results may keep building on that. The not be where we wanted men's team finished second but given everything we with a lot of personal bests, have gone through the a lot of ACC champions, last 15 months and even and we're going to come the last month, it's been back next year and be pre- hard. Regardless, everyone here at this meet gave evand that's what it means to be a Hokie.

"I think the sprinters put everything on the table, they gave ev-erything that they had," Dubs said. "These guys that have been with me for a few years, they did phenomenal. Jacory again is ACC champion in the 400. Cole Beck, the last three weeks how he's been developing in the 100m and now to win the ACC and to break the school record that has stood for a good number of years, and is the first Virginia

guys in the final of the 200, especially Cameron Rose as a freshman was really impressive and earned some good points. At the end for the guys to know they weren't going to win as a team but to tell me that they were going to win their relay, that they would end the meet as champions, going from seeded eighth to winning, I take my hat off to them. That was phenomenal for the team spirit to see that and for those guys to come back and win that

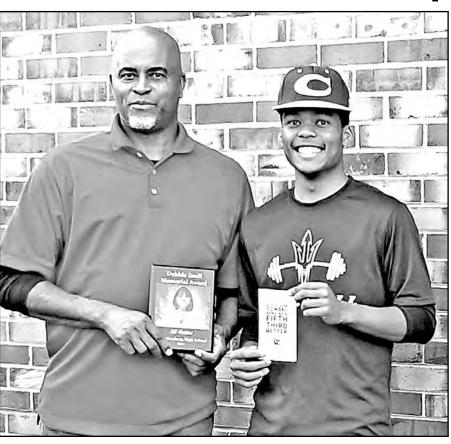
exciting, we had a good, hard fought meet, and we're set up for a bright

future.' Lindsey Butler delivered a sensational effort in the 800m, crossing the line at 2:01.32 to take second place in the ACC and set the second fastest outdoor time in Hokies' history.

Diego Alejandro Zarate claimed third place and first-team All-ACC honors in the 1500m run by posting a time of 3:42.23.

Next up for the Hokies is a trip to the NCAA East Regional qualifying meet, set to run from May 26 to May 29.

## **Blue Demon MJ Hunter** wins Debbie Snell Scholarship



Christiansburg High School athlete MJ Hunter (right) has been named this year's winner of the Debbie Snell Memorial Scholarship. Pictured with Hunter is Donald Wayne Snell, who made the presentation Friday. Snell passed away six years ago and was a well-known local athlete. The scholarship is given annually to a deserving athlete in the New River Valley.

## Hokies win state diver, freshman swim awards

4x400m relay. It was very

Hokies Noah Zawadzki and Youssef Ramadan earned individual honors in this year's Virginia Sports Information Directors (VaSID) awards as announced this week by the organization. Zawadzki was named the VaSID Diver of the Year for the University division following an impressive performance at the ACC Championships in February. The junior placed fourth in both the 1-meter and 3-meter diving events and fifth on the platform. Zawadzki was also recognized as First-Team All-State by the association. Following a breakout first season with the Hokies, Ramadan picked up another honor as the VaSID Rookie of the Year. Last month Ramadan was also named ACC Freshman of the year by the Conference. At the conference championships, Ramadan swam an impressive time of 44.32 in the 100 butterfly, breaking multiple records in the process. His time was the third fastest time ever in the NCAA, the fastest time ever swam by a freshman in NCAA history, and the No. 1- time in the country at that point in the sea-

At the NCAA's Ramadan picked up several All-American honors and contributed to the highest team finish in program history. He was also named First Team All-State in the Butterfly.

Nine Hokies and two relays were named VaSID First Team All-State for the university division. The athletes recognized were Emma At-kinson, Blake Manoff, Antani Ivanov, Carles Coll Marti, Ramadan, Taj Cole and Zawadzki. The relays recognized were the 400 freestyle relay and the 800 freestyle relay.

Four Hokies were also recognized as VaSID Second Team All-State. Rita Gyorgy, Emma Atkinson, Sarah Shackelford, and Joseph Perrault received the honors.

2021 VaSID University Division Men's Swimming & Diving Team State Diver of the Year - Noah Zawadzki, VT

State Rookie Swimmer of the Year - Youssef Ramadan, VT

#### First-Team All-State

Sprint Free - Blake Manoff, VT; Distance Free - Antani Ivanov, VT; Breaststroke - Carles Coll Marti, VT; Butterfly - Antani Ivanov, VT; Butterfly - Youssef Ramadan, VT; IM - Keith Myburgh, VT; Diving - Taj Cole, VT; Diving - Noah Zawadzki, VT; 400 Free Relay -VT; 800 Free Relay - VT.

#### Second-Team All-State

Diving - Joseph Perreault, VT; Backstroke - Emma Atkinson, VT; Sprint Free - Sarah Shackelford, VT; IM - Reka Gyorgy, VT.

## Tech Athletics optimistic about full house at Lane this fall

As previously announced by Virginia Governor Ralph Northam, outdoor sports and entertainment venues in the state may operate at 50% capacity.

With this capacity adjustment, encouraging public health data, and a variety of operational adjustments that are in process, Virginia Tech Athletics remains optimistic that Hokie Nation will return in full force to Lane Stadium this fall.

With the health and safety of our student-athletes, the community, and fans in mind, our team is hard at work preparing for what a full capacity Lane Stadium could look like this fall," said Director of Athletics Whit Babcock. "We're excited, and hopeful, to be able to return to what makes Blacksburg special, the passion and pageantry of gameday. While we still have a long way to go, we're going to do everything we can to make sure Lane is

rocking on September 3." Operational measures in process include sanitization enhancements in Lane Stadium such as the installation of over 200 hand sanitizing stations, contactless concession options, preparation for socially distanced seating and lines, and mobile ticketing options.

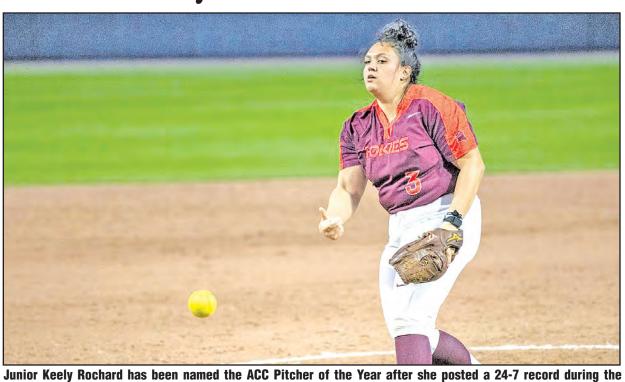
Virginia Tech's season-opening football game against North Carolina will kick off in primetime on Friday, Sept. 3 at Lane Stadium. The kickoff time and televising network will be announced at a later date. Other home matchups for the 2021 campaign feature games against Notre Dame, Pitt, Syracuse and Duke.

For as little as 1% down, Tech fans can secure season tickets in Lane Stadium for the Hokies' 2021 home slate. Flexible payment plans are available, running through July 2021. Season tickets are the best value and the best way to guarantee a spot in Lane Stadium this fall.

Should any capacity restrictions remain in place that may alter season ticket packages/locations, season ticket holders will have first access to tickets prior to the general public.

As more clarity is provided surrounding capacity in Lane Stadium, additional ticket packages may be made available as early as June.

## Tech's Keely Rochard named ACC Pitcher of the Year



regular season and led the country in two categories.

After a regular season that saw her go 24-7, junior pitcher Keely Rochard is the ACC Pitcher of the Year. The Williamsburg, Va., native is the fifth ACC Pitcher of the Year in Hokies his-

Rochard had an incredible year, leading the ACC in multiple statistical categories and leading the ACC and the country in two categories, strikeouts (288) and shutouts (13). Rochard also led the conference in innings pitched (194.0), complete games (25), opponent's batting average (.144), earned run average (1.12) and tied for the league lead in wins (24).

Tech placed five play-

ers on the All-ACC teams, tied for the second most among the conference with Clemson, one behind both Florida State and Notre Dame. The Hokies matched their school record from 2019 with five players making an All-ACC team.

Rochard is the lone first-teamer while sophomore first baseman Jayme Bailey, sophomore third baseman Kelsey Bennett, sophomore outfielder Kelsey Brown, and freshman shortstop Cameron Fagan made the second team. Fagan also made the All-Freshman team, just the sixth All-Freshman Team member in Virginia Tech

# Highland results from 5/8/21

Highlander Virtual Half-Marathon Results

1. John Serrano, 1:36 2. Zach Andrews 3. Lauren McBride 4. Jeff Anderson 5. Alejandro Redondo Temporal 6. Kim Kitts 7. Laura Jacobsen 8. Alex Wade 9. Bobby Turk 10. Marie Colitti Riggle

11. John Reynolds 12. Joni Eversole 13. Socheata Brown 14. Kelly Krantz 15. Shelby Evans 16. Eric Kreuter 17 .Michele Messner 18. Dan Woods 19. Deanna Felton 20. Melinda Cruz

21. Chris Poulson 22. Paul Shaefer 23. Christina French 24. Heather Lambert 25. Jeffrey Kempe

Highlander Virtual 5K Results

1. Paul Snell 22.23 2. Mike Ostlund 3. Kylie Williamson 4. Brandon Jackson 5. Todd Harkrader 6. Andrew Schofield 7. Amanda Maks 8. Tiffany Shoop 9. Anthony Del Grosso 10. Kelly Cella

11. Carrie Lyons 12. Michael Del Grosso 13. Special Gray 14. Alyssa Fishel 15. Jennifer Sveda 16. Catherin Kemper 17. Vivian Harkrader 18. Cindy Larkin 19. Jason Burton 20. Crystal Burton

21. Jennifer Retallick 22. Connie Shea 23. Nichole Ruggiero 24. Christina French 25. Kim Rieson

#### Highlander in-person 5K results:

1. Colin Munsey, 18:40.8 2. Kevin McGuire 3. Trevor Johnson 4. Michael McCown 5.Kyle Martin 6. Samuel Anderson 7. Steven Reese 8. TJ Tekesky 9. Stephanie Workman 10. Andrew Queen

11. Susan Kilby 12. Britney Terry 13. Amie Lafon 14. Jenna Mehalso 15. A. Quesenberry 16. Christopher Quesenberry 17. Penny White 18. Tennile Morales Grega 19. Brook Blackburn 20. Katasha Dunford

#### Highlander Half-Marathon in-

person results 1. Jordan Chang, 36:56 2. Morgan Pace 3. Paul Titus 4. Landon Dermott 5. Timothy Wommack 6. Michael Gonzalez 7. Kristen Chang 8. Hanako Baker 9. Amanda James 10. 10) Emro Gjata

11. Eligah Wommack 12. Gregory Lane 13. Števe Diaz 14. Manuel Winfrey 15. Logan Wommack 16. Gregory Harrell 17. Nick Reed 18. Joshua Norris 19. Tom KInes 20. Georgianna Cary

## Outdoor report: Oldest river system in North America, New River is one of best fishing rivers in Virginia

Anglers who plan a trip on the New River will be floating into the

The New River is an ancient river system, the oldest on the North American continent and second only to the Nile River in Africa as the oldest river in the world. It begins as two streams in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina, before merging into the New River four miles from the Virginia line. And therein lies another quirk of this ancient river – it flows northward rather than southward like most of the other major rivers along the

eastern seaboard. It meanders some 160 miles through the counties of Grayson, Carroll, Wythe, Pulaski, Montgomery and Giles in Virginia before it turns into Bluestone Lake in West Virginia and emerges later as the Kanawha River at the Gauley Bridge. The New River ends its metamorphosis when it empties into the great Mississippi River.

Throughout its journey in Virginia, the New River flows through spectacular, untamed mountain scenery complete with craggy rock cliffs and magnificent gorges. Thus, the New River provides plenty of excitement for whitewater enthusiasts, with several major Class II - III rapids. There is also an abundance of flatwater to please motor boaters and canoeists.

Fishing is not to be missed in on the New River. Simply stated, the New rivals the James and Rappahannock as one of the best fishing rivers in Virginia. It supports outstanding populations of just about every major freshwater game fish in the state: Smallmouth Bass, Spotted Bass, Largemouth Bass, Rock Bass, Striped Bass, Hybrid Striped Bass, Muskelfish, Flathead Catfish, Sunfish, and Bluegill.

Bass (8 lbs. 1 oz.), record fish in the future. caught March 12, 2003, cember 15, 2000.

lunge, Walleye, Black stem New River reservoir, Crappie, Channel Cat- yielded the state record Spotted Bass (4 pounds, Yellow Perch, Redbreast 12 ounces), caught January 1, 2020, and the state State records caught record Hybrid Striped from the New River in- Bass (15 pounds, 13 clude Muskellunge (45 ounces), caught March lbs. 8 oz.), caught June 16, 2016. The New River 1, 2007, Smallmouth is likely to yield new state

Fast water and big and Walleye (15 pounds, rock outcroppings are a 15 ounces), caught De- feature of the New River, mber 15, 2000. spelling perfect habitat Claytor Lake, a main- for big Smallmouth Bass

and Flathead Catfish. Pull your canoe up on an island and fish with jigs or spinner baits to hook

some fine trophies. But that doesn't mean the New is all fast water. Several lazy, slow stretches abound, where you can soak in the spectacular scenery of rock cliffs, old Indian settlements and tobacco farms, and still have luck fishing for Rock Bass near grass beds. The slow waters near the dams along the river will may yield big Flathead and Channel Catfish as well as Walleye and Smallmouth Bass when fished with jigs and live bait.

recreation Outdoor activities abound along the river. New River Trail State Park parallels the river for over 50 miles from Pulaski to Fries or Galax. It is a beautiful enced guide who will tract of land that allows eliminate much of the hikers, horseback riders, and bicyclists to take in the beauty of the river as it sweeps through southwestern Virginia. Plus, a trip to the historical Shot Tower State Park near Jackson Ferry is a

Claytor Lake in Pulaski of the river in 1939 by a hydroelectric dam, and is now a well-used recreational spot. The 400+ acre Claytor State Park and James Rivers. adjoins the lake, providing campgrounds, cottages, a marina, and hiking trails for visitors.

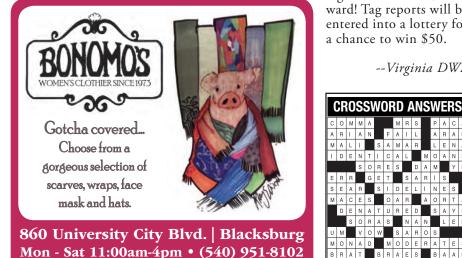
found all along the New a local chamber of commerce will put you in touch with an experi-

worry about planning a float trip along this his-

toric Virginia waterway. In other news, the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources has started a largemouth bass tagging project in the Chickahominy The nearly 4,400-acre River, tagging 650 bass throughout the river. County was created out This project aims to estimate catch-and-release parameters and movement of largemouth bass in the Chickahominy

If you catch a largemouth bass with a red dart tag in the James or Chickahominy Riv-Outfitters can be er: take a photo of the tag, record the number, River, so a quick call to and release the fish with the tag still attached. Report the tag to the phone number on the tag and claim a \$5 reward! Tag reports will be entered into a lottery for a chance to win \$50.

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