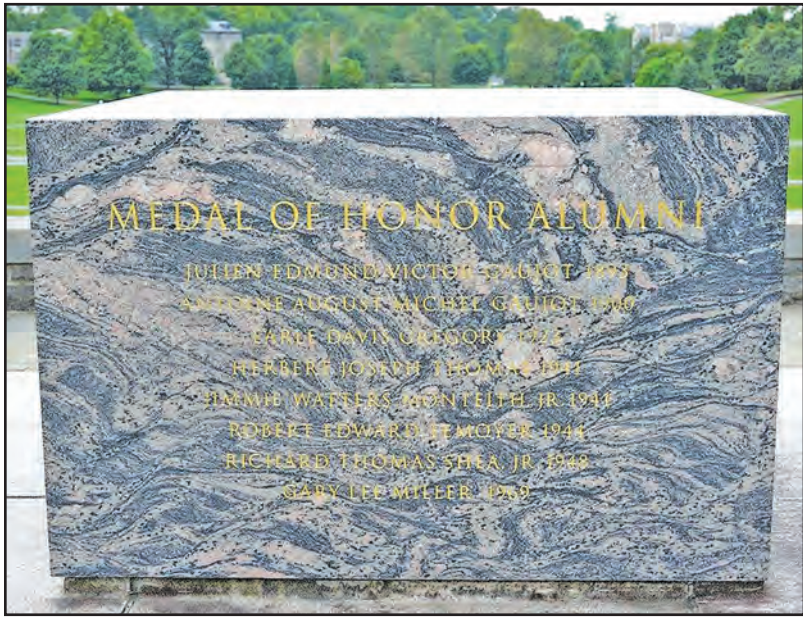




## Eight VT alumni have received the Medal of Honor



The names of VT's eight Medal of Honor winners are etched in a cenotaph, a symbolic tomb, at the center of the court above War Memorial Chapel.

Of the millions of men and women who have served in the U.S. armed forces throughout history, only about 3,400 have received the Medal of Honor, America's highest award for valor. Among those few are eight Virginia Tech alumni.

The number is particularly significant considering that a little more than half of the nation's medals were awarded during the Civil War, before Virginia Tech's founding.

The eight names are etched in a

marble cenotaph, a symbolic tomb, at the center of the court above War Memorial Chapel.

**Antoine August Michel Gaujot and Julien Edmund Victor Gaujot**

Antoine Gaujot, Class of 1900, and Julien Gaujot, Class of 1893, are two of the few brothers to earn the Medal of Honor and the only pair to receive the medal for actions in different wars.

Antoine Gaujot received the medal for actions as an army cor-

poral at the Battle of San Mateo in 1899 during the Philippine Insurrection. He made persistent effort under heavy enemy rifle fire to locate a ford to help his unit cross the swollen river to attack. Unable to accomplish this, he swam with a companion again under fire and against a dangerous current across the river to the enemy side. There he secured an enemy canoe and returned it to the friendly side of the river.

Julien Gaujot, an army captain, received the medal for actions on the Mexican Border in 1911. He is the only soldier awarded the medal for peacekeeping actions. In Douglas, Ariz., stray bullets from fighting among Mexican rebels and government troops caused American casualties. Gaujot crossed the border and moved between the two groups of belligerents for an hour under heavy fire. This secured the safe passage of the Mexican soldiers and American prisoners over the border to the United States. His actions saved five Americans taken prisoner by the Mexicans, 25 Mexican soldiers, plus Americans and Mexican rebels who would have died in continued fighting.

**Earle Davis Gregory**  
Earle Gregory, Class of 1923,

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## Belle Heth sixth graders recognized for good citizenship



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Belle Heth Elementary School sixth graders Lily Brunner (left) and Reece Honaker have been selected as the 2020-2021 recipients of the school's prestigious Citizenship Award. According to Belle Heth Principal Tara Grant, the award "is voted on by all staff members and recognizes students who strongly exemplify what it means to be a Belle Heth Bobcat."

## Christiansburg Kiwanis Club donates to NRV Agency on Aging



Christiansburg Kiwanis member Richard Ballengee presents a check to Denna Flinchum as Shannon Hammons looks on. Flinchum and Hammons are representatives of the New River Valley Agency on Aging.

As an ongoing part of the Kiwanis Club of Christiansburg's support of the local community, Kiwanian Richard Ballengee recently presented a check for \$1,000 to Shannon Ham-

mons and Denna Flinchum, representatives of the New River Valley Agency on Aging. The Agency on Aging provides a comprehensive assessment of the needs of older persons

and furnishes such services as home-delivered hot meals, elder abuse prevention, homemaker services, legal services, medical transportation, and ombudsman programs.

## "The Art of Basketry" exhibit opens at Moss Arts Center Thursday



IMAGE COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

A detailed view of Ann B. Coddington's wall installation, "ephemera," 2015-2021, which spans an entire gallery wall in the Moss Arts Center with up to 100 unique, inventive individual pieces.

"Roots, Reeds, and Vines: The Art of Basketry" opens with an outdoor reception on Thursday, June 3, from 5-7 p.m. on the Moss Arts Center patio, located at 190 Alumni Mall. The event includes an artist talk featuring Ann Coddington at 6 p.m. Coddington will discuss basketry in the context of its history to the present, as well as her own work.

Throughout history, across generations, and in all cultures and regions of the world, baskets have served as both functional objects and works of art. From the traditions of South Carolina seagrass and Appalachian basketry to innovative and intriguing contemporary forms, the Moss Arts Center's summer exhibition celebrates the work of 12 artists whose creativity and technical skill come together in these objects of beauty and fascination.

Included among the featured artists are Kathy Dulaney of Floyd and Martha Olson of Blacksburg.

Always free and open to the public, the Moss Arts Center galleries are open Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 10

a.m. until 4 p.m. Masks are required and social distancing guidelines should be followed in all gallery spaces.

The exhibit is on view through August 28.

"The selection of works in the exhibition spans the arc from the traditional to the innovative. Several of these artists have achieved national acclaim, have exhibited widely, and are represented in the collections of major museums," said Margo Crutchfield, Moss Arts Center curator-at-large and curator of the exhibition. "Others are well known in their communities for the excellence of their work and the traditions they honor and keep alive. All of these works of art are woven, constructed with weaving techniques and patterns that draw from ancient traditions that come down from European, African, and Native American cultures to more contemporary, innovative approaches.

"As such," Crutchfield said, "these objects are soaked with the history of their precedents. They embody and reflect the cultural histories out of which they arise, as well as the imagination, creativity, and the inventive minds of the artists that make them."

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Thursday, June 3:

### Chamber of Commerce Eggs & Issues Zoom breakfast

The event will be held from 8 a.m. until 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](mailto: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. to 8:00 a.m. for networking. The admission fee is \$10 for chamber members and \$20 for non-members.

### Montgomery Chamber of Commerce bocce ball tournament

The tournament will be held from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Montgomery County Moose Lodge 1470, 115 Farmview Road, Christiansburg. Register a team at <http://bit.ly/mc-bocce2021>, but only a limited number of slots remain open.

### American Legion meeting

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

### Ability2Access Ribbon Cutting

Hosted by the Radford Chamber of Commerce, the Ability2Access ribbon cutting will take place at its new location, 106 Wadsworth St., Radford, at 1 p.m.

## Friday, June 4:

### New Glencoe Mansion art exhibit

The Glencoe Mansion, Museum & Gallery will host its new gallery photography exhibit from June 4 through Aug. 29, 2021. The exhibit is "Mountain Rail Tails" and features the works of photographer Dale R. Carlson of Blue-moonistic Images.

### Blacksburg Wheels and Wagons parade

The Town of Blacksburg's annual wheels and wagons event will once again parade through town on Friday, June 4, from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. A fleet of dump trucks, snow plows, fire

trucks, police cars, buses, and more will roll out from the Airport Road Fire Station #3, located at 407 Hubbard St. in Blacksburg, and end in the same location.

## Saturday, June 5:

### Radford Public Library Summer Reading Program kick off

The summer reading program kicks off with the first in-person event happening at 11 a.m. The Southwest Virginia Wildlife Center of Roanoke will bring its education ambassadors. Participants might see a red-tailed hawk, an owl, a box turtle, a squirrel, a kestrel, or even a black vulture. The Lamplighters, the fundraising volunteers of the Radford Public Library, provided the funding to make programs available to the community.

## Saturday, June 5 and Sunday, June 6:

### Plein air workshop at Smithfield Plantation

A plein air workshop will be held at Smithfield Plantation from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. It will be taught by Matt Gentry and Gerri Young of the Blacksburg Regional Art Association. Register through [historicsmithfield.org](http://historicsmithfield.org). The cost is a \$15 donation to Smithfield with all proceeds

going to support Smithfield Plantation. A supply list will be provided to registrants. Repeat attendees are welcome. The workshop is for ages 15 and up.

## Monday, June 7:

### 2021 Real Estate Taxes due

Town of Blacksburg Real Estate Tax invoices for the first installment of 2021 have been mailed and are due by Monday, June 7, 2021. If you have not yet received a tax statement, call the Department of Financial Services at 540-961-1105. Payment may be mailed, made in person at 300 South Main St., Blacksburg, or paid online at [www.blacksburg.gov/payments](http://www.blacksburg.gov/payments). Visa, MasterCard and Discover are accepted. A 10% penalty will be charged if not paid by June 7, 2021. Interest will be charged at the rate of 10% per year beginning July 1, 2021.

## Tuesday, June 8:

### The Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784, will meet at 7 p.m. at Aly's Family Italian Restaurant at 3204 Riner Road. Members of the United Daughters of the Con-

federacy (UDC) are invited to attend. William Reed will give a talk on the 12th Virginia Infantry. For further information, please call 320-4315 or 239-9864.

## Saturday, June 12:

### Department of Wildlife Resources Boating Safety Class at Claytor Lake

The class will be held at the state park's 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 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](mailto:mendy.harman@dwr.virginia.gov).

## Ongoing:

### All month of May

#### StoryWalk

All the month of May, at the Christiansburg Library. Exercise your brain and walk the trail. The walk begins at the library's College Street 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. They are available for grab-and-go at the library or with curbside pickup. The kits are free but supplies are limited.

### Saturdays through October:

#### Radford Farmers Market

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

### Thursdays through October:

#### Christiansburg Farmers Market

Every Thursday through October the Christiansburg Farmers Market will be held at the Christiansburg Recreation Center parking lot from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m.

## Three historic Virginia Tech academic buildings awarded LEED certifications

This spring, three of Virginia Tech's historic buildings surrounding the Drillfield — Davidson Hall, Sandy Hall, and the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences Building — were awarded Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certifications from the U.S. Green Building Council.

Davidson Hall earned a silver certification. Both

Sandy Hall and the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences Building received a certified LEED rating.

For a project to earn a LEED rating -- certified, silver, gold, or platinum -- points are awarded by identified aspects of green buildings. The used criteria are updated approximately every four years to reflect updates to building code standards and mar-

ket trends.

Davidson Hall, Sandy Hall, and the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences Building were evaluated by the following criteria: sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, indoor environmental quality, innovation, and regional priority.

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Three of Virginia Tech's historic academic buildings located on the Drillfield that have received LEED certification. From left to right: Davidson Hall (photo by Sarah Myers for Virginia Tech), Sandy Hall (photo by Christina Franusich for Virginia Tech), the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences Building (photo by Sarah Myers for Virginia Tech).

## New pickleball court at Warm Hearth Village dedicated

### Pat Brown Contributing writer

Warm Hearth Village resident Roland Byrd, 85,

led a move to have a permanent pickleball court at Warm Hearth Village that culminated Wednesday morning, May 26,

with the official dedication of the court.

The dedication included fanfare, refreshments, and a demonstration of the game.

The brand new court, located near the Village Center, has a hill on one side and a ditch on the other so wayward balls won't travel too far. It has a practice wall at one end and a basketball goal at the other.

All over the New River Valley, pickleball players have used chalk and tape to modify tennis courts so they can play outside after pandemic rules restricted indoor play at area gymnasiums. Warm Hearth's brand new outdoor court carried a price tag of \$40,000, most of which was raised by residents who wanted to play the game.

For a couple of years, Byrd and other players got together to play pick-

leball in Warm Hearth's parking lots. The facility provided a standing net that was still in use last week when a new adjustable net ordered for the court did not arrive in time for the dedication.

Kenny Harrah, the fitness director at Warm Hearth, called the outdoor pickleball court "the silver lining after a difficult year." Giving credit to Byrd for the pickleball court project, he said, "It was Roland's vision."

The pickleball players share their court when they don't have a game scheduled. For example, Harrah said physical therapists use it to work with Parkinson's patients who need to use boxing moves in their workouts.

At the dedication, Harrah talked about the history of pickleball, which originated in 1965 in the Seattle area.

Four professional players from Roanoke took to the court for a demonstration game. They touted the game for being good for the heart, a place to make friends, and a way for adults to have fun the way they used to when they were kids.

Byrd and fellow players, most of whom were dressed in matching green T-shirts, played a few games while spectators watched from chairs placed atop the hill for the occasion.

Amy Sloan, the associate director of development for Warm Hearth, said seven residents donated \$2,000 each or more. Byrd said he helped dig the holes for the backboard.

Since the court was installed and dedicated, the participating group has included about 13 people, Harrah said, three

women and 10 men.

Byrd said other players and he will be happy to create teaching sessions for others who want to learn the game. "We're trying to come up with a 'B' league of eight to 10 people," he said.

Harrah said community members over age 55 can join the Warm Hearth facilities for a monthly fee that includes access to a salt-water pool, a fitness room and use of the prettiest pickleball court in the community.

When he is playing at Warm Hearth, Byrd said he is reminded of his late wife. His four children planted a redbud tree in her honor near the pickleball court.

Byrd's professional life had little to do with sports. He was a farmer, a civil engineer, and a minister. "I was a problem solver," he said.

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Roland Byrd, center, raises the giant scissors he used to cut the ribbon on a pickleball court at Warm Hearth Village during a recent dedication ceremony. Byrd and other residents requested space for the court and then made donations to see the project completed.

# Blacksburg High seniors receive STAR scholarships



Emi Miyazaki



Georgia-Kathryn Duncan



Jacqueline Wang



Marlee Van Mullekom

Four Blacksburg High School graduating seniors -- Emi Miyazaki, Georgia-Kathryn Duncan, Jacqueline Wang, and Marlee Van Mullekom -- have each been awarded a \$2,500 STAR Scholarship from the Philanthropic Educational Organization (PEO).

To have four students from a single school receive the scholarships is a rarity since only 600 scholarships are awarded in the United States and Canada.

Miyazaki, Duncan, and Wang were recommended by Blacksburg PEO chapters AH, AU, and BP respectively. Van Mullekom was recommended by Abingdon chapter BY.

P.E.O. is a nonprofit organization begun in 1869 to celebrate "women helping women reach for the stars." Through its six philanthropies, as of April 2021, PEO has helped more than 116,000 women pursue educational goals by providing over \$383 million in grants, scholarships, awards and loans.

The STAR Scholarship is one of P.E.O.'s six projects. It was established in 2009 to

provide scholarships for exceptional high school senior women to attend an accredited postsecondary educational institution in the U.S. or Canada in the next academic year. The competitive STAR Scholarship is for women who exhibit excellence in leadership, academics, extracurricular activities, community service, and potential for future success. Since its inception, over 5,500 graduating high school senior women have been awarded \$14.9 million in STAR Scholarships.

The four scholarship recipients from Blacksburg High School are all graduating with 4.0+ GPAs, with many of their courses being advanced placement or dual enrollment. All four are members of numerous honor societies, have strong leadership skills, and are committed to community service.

Miyazaki will attend the University of Virginia as an Echols and College Science Scholar. She hopes to double major in statistics and public health and work in the healthcare field because "there are so many factors that contribute

to the public health of society." She already has extensive research experience in the fields of biomedicine, environmental science, computational biochemistry, and statistics. Career passions include helping the community through volunteer work, encouraging others to live a healthy lifestyle, and doing all that she can to improve the environment. She feels that her strength lies in her wide variety of interests and skills from choir to running, research to math quiz bowl.

Duncan is headed for Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, NC. She based her choice on that university's independent nature, its small class size, and its focus on community service. Her goal is to obtain an undergraduate degree in business enterprise management and to pursue a master's degree with an emphasis in supply chain management, competing in a 95% male-dominated field and serving as a role model for young women. She has her own business, Beads by Georgia, and

she conducts all aspects of the business including production, quality control, market research, and promotion. She sees herself as comfortable "in her own skin" and at ease in communicating with people of all ages. Despite her youth, she feels that she is a very "academically-prepared, community-oriented, professionally-responsible, experienced leader."

Wang is Princeton-bound in the fall where she will major in mechanical engineering and pursue a minor in robotics and intelligent systems. Her passion is robotics, and her experience ranges from participation on Montgomery County and New River Valley teams to mentorship for teams in Blacksburg and Pulaski, Virginia, and Burundi, Africa. She wants to combine her robotic knowledge/experience with her interest in botany to design smart farming technologies that will help increase agricultural production. She considers determination as one of her major strengths, saying that "whenever there is something challenging, I will always

make sure to solve the issue." She sees herself as "adaptable and able to work with many people in many different settings."

Van Mullekom's passion is music. She will attend the University of Georgia because of its excellent music program, its voice staff, its strong history in the music industry, and its study-abroad program in Italy. She wants to earn her undergraduate degree in choral music education and eventually obtain a doctorate in choral conducting. She would like to pursue undergraduate research in music therapy, ethnomusicology, or historical musicology. She plans to encourage women in high-level choral conducting, a field that is currently dominated by men. She looks forward to being able to "teach teachers." She sees herself as independent and dedicated, qualities that she attributes to her paternal grandmother. She notes that she has learned how to temper her perfectionism and how to find a balance between work and play.

# Virginia dairy farmers help quench a need

Milk is a rich resource in Virginia with 505 dairy farms producing 173 million gallons of milk in 2019.

But not all Virginians have access to milk, so some dairy farmers and food banks have teamed up to help those in need.

"Fluid milk in particular is one of the most requested items by the people we serve, but it's simultaneously one of the least donated," explained Eddie Oliver, executive director of the Federation of Virginia Food Banks. "The logistics of milk are just challenging because of shelf life. It's perishable. It has to move quickly."

During June Dairy Month, Oliver wanted to highlight the "Milk for Good" campaign, a collaboration of food banks, milk processors, and dairy

farmers. Launched in 2019 with grants and donations from Farm Credit of the Virginias and The Dairy Alliance, the campaign helps the federation purchase, store, and distribute milk.

"We just recently crossed the 200,000 half-gallon threshold," Oliver noted.

In rural Franklin County, dairy farmer Joanna Shipp and her father, Laird Bowman, sprang into action last spring to help their local food bank, Heavenly Manna, during the pandemic.

"There's a statistic that says most food pantries give out one gallon of milk per person per year, which isn't very much," Shipp said.

Collaborating with their church, Shipp and her father helped raise

money for Heavenly Manna to provide milk for the 500 families it serves. She also facilitated weekly milk deliveries to the food bank and a cooler donation to improve the food bank's refrigeration capacity.

"That's one thing we felt was important—helping people get a nutritious, versatile item that's going to work in multiple ways for them," Shipp said.

In Nottoway County, brother and sister TR Jones and Coley Jones Drinkwater of Richlands Dairy and Creamery made giving back part of their business model.

"We certainly don't have extra money, but we have milk," said Drinkwater, who serves on the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Dairy Advisory Committee.



Virginia's dairy farmers, milk processors, and food banks participate in "Milk for Good," a campaign to distribute milk to Virginians who don't have access to it.

Richlands' "One-for-10 Gallon Give Back" initiative provides one gallon of milk for a food bank or family for every

10 gallons purchased. The company partners with area food banks, including the Dinwiddie Food Bank and Faces

Food Pantry in Farmville, which serve around 300 families. Richlands donated more than 9,000 gallons of milk in 2020.

# EPA report: Agriculture remains small part of emissions pie



WASHINGTON—A recently released "Annual Greenhouse Gas Inventory Report" from the Environmental Protection Agency revealed good news for agriculture.

The report captured emissions for all industries in 2019. U.S. agriculture remains a small slice of the greenhouse emissions pie at just 10.2% overall compared to other economic sectors, including transportation, electricity, and industry. That small percentage is attributed to farmers' conservation efforts.

"We're actively trying to make our footprint even smaller, converting waste into energy, applying conservation and working lands programs into our everyday cropping systems, and really utilizing the tools at hand to work on things like carbon sequestration," noted American Farm Bureau Federation economist Shelby Myers.

"And if you look over the last 70 years, U.S. farms have nearly tripled in production, but the amount of resources we put into that, like land,

energy and fertilizer, have remained nearly stable," she said.

American Farm Bureau Federation President Zippy Duvall noted that the results of the report show great achievement for agriculture. "When you factor in land management and forestry practices, agriculture boasts net emissions of -2%," said.

U.S. farmers are producing 143 times more food today than 30 years ago, Duvall said, while the amount of fertilizer and water used in farming has stayed relatively the same.

"Not only that, but we are also producing more food using less farmland—30 million acres less than in 1990—as more land has turned to development with our growing urban and suburban populations," he said.

Farmers are continuing to improve on climate-friendly farming practices since they rely on a healthy environment to produce food and forest products. Farm Bureau economists found that, in relation to population increases, U.S. agriculture's emissions per capita have actually decreased by 15%.

Ben Rowe, the national affairs coordinator for Virginia Farm Bureau Federation, agreed that farmers have made great strides in boosting efficiency and implementing climate-smart practices.

"Agriculture has been proactive in working toward sustainability goals, and we're looking for partners to help us do even more through market-based, voluntary programs," Rowe said.

The American Farm Bureau Federation has joined with the Food and Agriculture Climate Alliance (FACA) in supporting the re-introduction of the Growing Climate Solutions Act. The act establishes a U.S. Department of Agriculture technical assistance and certification program to assist farmers and forest owners seeking

to participate in voluntary carbon markets.

Rowe said FACA provides recommendations for lawmakers as they consider climate policy. "We encourage new allies to join us as we build on climate-smart advances while ensuring farmers continue to provide safe, abundant food for America's families," Rowe said.

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# OPINION

## NRV Health District director update: Most everyone who signed up is now vaccinated; businesses, schools, may still require masks

At her weekly press conference, Dr. Noelle Bissell, the director of the New River Health District reported that almost 53,000 individuals signed up for a vaccine appointment in the Everbridge system, which is the system used by the district to schedule vaccine appointments, and more than 46,000 of those persons have been fully vaccinated.

Dr. Bissell also said that another 1,500 persons have had one dose and are waiting on the second dose, and that now only 2,000 registered individuals have not been vaccinated.

“Many of them are under the age of 12 and cannot get the vaccine until it is approved for them by the FDA, which we expect to happen in the coming months,” Dr. Bissell said. “So you can see that in just a month and a half, from the end of March to mid-May, we finished vaccinating nearly everyone who signed up for a vaccine.”

“We remain very committed to making the vaccine accessi-

ble to everyone in the district, including people in more rural or underserved communities,” the health director said. “This week and next week, we are coordinating with the Virginia Department of Emergency Management to offer mobile vaccination clinics. There will be a mobile team travelling across the district to a new site each day to reach these underserved communities.”

“The team will be offering the one dose Johnson and Johnson vaccine. It’s free, convenient, quick and easy. Two weeks after the shot, you will be fully vaccinated and have much greater protection against COVID-19, and you’ll have more freedom to engage in different activities safely. All of the locations of these mobile vaccination clinics are on our website, nrvtowellness.com, and we encourage you to share that clinic calendar widely to make sure people know the vaccines are coming to them.”

Dr. Bissell went on to dis-

cuss the governor’s lifting of the masking mandates.

Last week, the big question was how masking mandates would be lifted following new guidance from the CDC and Governor Northam that vaccinated people will no longer be required to wear masks indoors or outdoors, Dr. Bissell said. “There are lots of nuances, but based on discussions with our legal counsel and the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry, businesses and other organizations may still be more restrictive and require masks in their facilities. This is especially important in schools. Students are still required to wear masks in classrooms and hallways, during indoor sporting activities, and at other academic events, whether they are vaccinated or not, if their school requires it.”

“I would direct you to the Virginia Department of Health’s COVID-19 hotline and website, which is where you will find the most up-to-date information on the Exec-

utive Orders and masking, for any additional questions,” Dr. Bissell told the media. “I’d also like to reinforce that everyone who gets the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine really needs to get their second dose. A small but still concerning number of people are only getting the first dose, and we need to emphasize how important it is to follow through with the second dose to finish the vaccination series. More evidence is emerging that the two doses of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccines are over 90% effective at preventing infection with the variants. Getting only one dose decreases that efficacy.”

“Lastly, I want to encourage parents to have their children vaccinated,” the health director said. “Everyone 12 and up can get vaccinated now. People may wonder why younger people should get the vaccine, given that they typically have less serious, or even asymptomatic, illness if they get COVID-19. But they can still spread the virus.”

“Vaccinating young people will help decrease the spread of COVID. Vaccinated students will also not be required to self-quarantine if they have contact with someone who has COVID-19,” Dr. Bissell said.

“They will not have to miss class, sporting events, or other school activities, which will give students and their families much greater stability going forward. It is also important to note that COVID-19 can lead to serious illness in younger people. Over 3700 children in the United States have developed Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome (MIS-C) after being infected with COVID-19, and 35 have died according to the CDC,” Bissell said. “Although this is not common, it is serious and tragic, and now we have a way to protect children 12 and up. Getting as many people vaccinated as possible protects those who are vaccinated from severe illness, and it helps decrease the spread to protect our community.”

## WalletHub puts Virginia in top tier of safest states during pandemic

A new survey released Thursday, May 27, by WalletHub, a personal finance website, ranked Virginia as the 20th safest state in the country during the pandemic.

To find out the safest states during the COVID-19 pandemic, WalletHub compared the 50 states and the District of Columbia across five key metrics: 1) vaccina-

tion rate (This metric refers to the share of the population age 12 and older initiating vaccination.) 2) Positive testing rate (This metric refers to the positive COVID-19 testing rate in the state between May 12, 2021, and May 18, 2021.) 3. Hospitalization rate (This metric refers to the CO-

VID-19 hospitalization rate in the state between May 13, 2021, and May 19, 2021.) 4. Death rate (This metric refers to the COVID-19 death rate in the state between May 20, 2021 and May 26, 2021.) 5. Estimated transmission rate (This metric refers to the current COVID-19 reproduction number,

which is an estimate of the average number of people to whom an infected person will transmit the COVID-19 virus.)

According to WalletHub’s survey, the 10 safest states during the pandemic so far were Vermont, Hawaii, California, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Alaska, Massachu-

setts, Connecticut, Oklahoma, and Nebraska.

The survey also found that the 10 most dangerous states during the pandemic so far (from least safest) were West Virginia, Florida, Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Wyoming, Louisiana, Arizona, and Missouri.

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## Virginia to award \$726,000 in grants to support dam safety and flood protection

The Commonwealth of Virginia will award \$726,000 in grants to support 57 dam safety and flood protection activities around the state.

Grants are provided through the Virginia Dam Safety, Flood Prevention and Protection Assistance Fund. The fund was established to provide 50-50 matching grants to both public and private dam owners whose dams are under state regulation and to local communities to improve strategies for flood prevention and protection.

The Virginia Resources Authority manages the fund on behalf of the

Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). Grants are awarded through a competitive application process and approved by the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board.

Information about the fund is available at <http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/dam-safety-and-floodplains/dsfpm-grants>.

DCR regulates more than 2,500 dams, and the majority are privately owned. DCR’s Dam Safety staff helps dam owners comply with state regulations and serves as a resource for the engineering community and emergency responders.

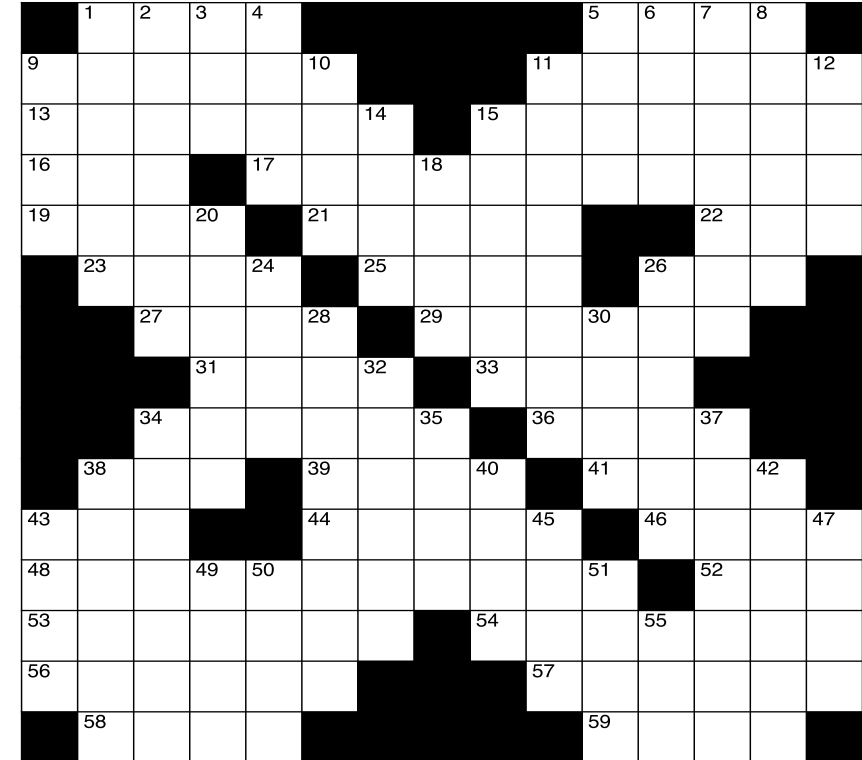
“It’s important to remember that flooding is the most common and costly natural hazard,” DCR Director Clyde Cristman said. “These matching grants will help make communities

safer and more resilient to the extreme weather we are experiencing more frequently because of climate change.”

The grants will be used for projects at the following dams: Clover Dam in Albemarle Co., \$19,750; Mountain Valley Dam in Albemarle Co., \$12,500; Earley Dam in Amherst Co., \$12,000; Parade Lake Dam in Appomattox Co., \$13,600; Lake Vista Dam in Bedford Co., \$2,030; Ivy Hill Dam in Bedford Co., \$900; State River Dam #2, Buckingham Co., \$3,400; Trices Lake Dam in Cumberland Co., \$2,000; Cow Creek Dam in Gloucester Co., \$13,091; The Forest Dam in Goochland Co., \$1,100; Hidden Valley Estates Dam in Grayson Co., \$31,993; Gaines Mill Dam in Hanover Co., \$11,000; Canterbury Dam in Henrico Co., \$4,020; Echo Dam

in Henrico Co., \$7,477; Wyndham Lake Dam in Henrico Co., \$1,890; Wellesley Dam in Henrico Co., \$12,185; Cox Road Dam in Henrico Co., \$1,822; Elkhorn Dam in Pittsylvania Co., \$30,400; Lake Powhatan Dam in Pulaski Co., \$8,500; Connellee Dam in Richmond Co., \$12,100; The Laurels Dam in Spotsylvania County, \$30,700; Hidden Lake Dam in Stafford Co., \$11,885; Leeland Lake Dam in Stafford County, \$3,900; Bear Creek Dam in the Town of Wise \$1,700; Reed Creek Dam in Wythe Co., \$5,175; Queens Lake Dam in York Co., \$21,205; Lake Cohoon Dam in the City of Suffolk, \$293,632; Speights Run Dam in the City of Suffolk/Owned by the City of Portsmouth, \$19,586; Lake Meade Dam in the City of Suffolk/Owned by the City of Portsmouth, \$65,600.

### CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Partner to “flows”
  - 5. French industrial city
  - 9. Diagrams
  - 11. Diplomat
  - 13. Hires
  - 15. Hawaiian island
  - 16. Set aflame
  - 17. Very happy
  - 19. Blue dye
  - 21. Small terrier with short legs
  - 22. One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)
  - 23. Northern pike genus
  - 25. Expression of annoyance
  - 26. Female deer
  - 27. Casella and Kellerman are two
  - 29. Actor’s lines to
  - 31. Days (Spanish)
  - 33. Close a person’s eyes
  - 34. Cloaked
  - 36. Comedic actor Rogen
  - 38. It’s all around us
  - 39. Neutralizes alkalis
  - 41. Native people of New Mexico
  - 43. No seats available
  - 44. Famed “Air Music” composer
  - 46. Fit of irritation
  - 48. Psychic phenomena
  - 52. Knicks’ first-rounder Toppin
  - 53. Seed used in cooking
  - 54. “WandaVision” actress
  - 56. Samples food
  - 57. In a lucid way
  - 58. Stair part
  - 59. Adieus
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Type of moth
  - 2. A Christian sacrament
  - 3. It lends books to Bostonians (abbr.)
  - 4. Turn away
  - 5. Impersonal
  - 6. Shortly
  - 7. Indigenous Alaskans
  - 8. Subtle difference of meaning
  - 9. Sicilian city
  - 10. Put in harmony
  - 11. Administrative divisions
  - 12. As happily
  - 14. Horse mackerel
  - 15. Muddy or boggy ground
  - 18. Monetary unit of Italy
  - 20. Construction site
  - 22. Tracts at the mouths of rivers
  - 28. Earnings
  - 30. Insect repellent
  - 32. Runner-up
  - 34. Musician
  - 35. Serious or urgent
  - 37. Esteemed one
  - 38. Where rockers play
  - 40. Work furniture
  - 42. Greek prophetesses
  - 43. Quantitative fact
  - 45. Missing soldiers
  - 47. Minute
  - 49. This (Spanish)
  - 50. Maintain possession of
  - 51. Assault with a knife
  - 55. Holiday text message greeting

## PETS-OF-THE-WEEK

Each Saturday the paper features pets from the Montgomery County Animal Care and Adoption Center (480 Cinnabar Road, Christiansburg). Those interested in adopting a pet can call 382-5795 or visit [www.montgomerycountyva.gov/acac](http://www.montgomerycountyva.gov/acac). Hours are 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Walk-ins are welcome.



**Don’t let her startled look fool you—some kitties just have that face. Allie Cat is a lovable gal who loves to be with humans of all ages. She enjoys affection and is very gentle. Allie Cat is declawed and will need to live in the great indoors. Also, she’s a senior whose adoption is sponsored by Montgomery County Friends of Animal Care and Control.**



**Adorable Rookie is in search of patient, experienced dog owners who can help with his nervousness. Rookie can be sensitive to various sounds, so he’ll do best in a quiet home as the only pet with adults who understand his behavior and can make him feel comfortable. He enjoys walks but also relaxing on the couch.**

# VT soil judging team wins sixth national championship



The Hokies practiced soil textures in preparation for the virtual national contest. From left to right: Tessa Naughton-Rockwell, Michael Russell, Alex Greehan, Bernie Frantz, Kathlynn Lewis, and Clare Tallamy.

The 2021 Virginia Tech Hokies soil judging team won its sixth national championship at the recent inaugural virtual soil judging championship.

"This virtual contest was a huge success because it allowed us to have some continuity in teaching students and keep-

ing the soil judging clubs and teams active during the pandemic," said John Galbraith, one of two team coaches and an associate professor in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences' School of Plant and Environmental Sciences. "The contest was created because the

organizers did not allow the pandemic to deny a whole set of students a learning opportunity provided by soil judging."

The team was led by third-place finisher Bernie Frantz, a sophomore from Shavertown, Penn., majoring in biological systems engineering. Also

competing were Alex Greehan, a junior from McLean, Va., majoring in mechanical engineering; Clare Tallamy, a sophomore from Leesburg, Va., majoring in environmental science; Michael Russell, a graduating senior from Richmond, majoring in environmental science; Lisa Small, a freshman from Williamsburg, majoring in engineering; and Tessa Naughton-Rockwell, a junior from Alexandria, majoring in crop and soil sciences. All

students finished in the top 30 percent of the participants. Following behind the Hokies were teams from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, Utah State University, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, and the University of Minnesota. Awards were sponsored by the Soil Science Society of America.

"This contest was challenging because the students had to learn about a wide variety of soils that formed in very different conditions from the tropics and the desert to the arctic," said Jaelyn Fiola, a horticulture Ph.D. candidate and the team's second coach. "The practices covered almost all soil types on Earth, and so was a very comprehensive study in soil genesis, chemistry, morphology, and classification. The study supplements what they learned in other classes," said Fiola.

The Hokies practiced twice per week in the field and the soils lab whenever possible, wearing masks and staying socially distant.

"Their hard work, great cooperation, and teamwork earned them the national title," said Galbraith. "They earned it and deserve the title of champions."

## OBITUARIES

### Burkhart, Katherine West (Kathy)

Katherine West (Kathy) Burkhart, 77, died on March 29, 2021, at Blacksburg.

She was born in Roanoke on February 12, 1944, the daughter of James L. W. West, Jr., and Kate Bradley West.

After graduating from Blacksburg High School in 1962, Kathy earned her bachelor's degree in music from Mary Baldwin College in 1966 and her master's degree in humanities from Hollins College in 1976.

She was employed as an elementary music teacher in the public schools of Montgomery County (1967-68 and 1970-73) and Virginia Beach City (1968-69). A member of the Blacksburg Presbyterian Church since 1957, Kathy served two tenures as organist and retired as the associate organist in 2000. After retirement she continued as substitute organist and as a choir member. Kathy taught piano and organ in her private studio in Christiansburg (1973-84) and in Blacksburg (1990-2012). Her professional memberships included The Virginia Music Teachers Association (Highlands Chapter President, 1993-95), The American Guild of Organists (Virginia Highlands Chapter, Sub-Dean 1993 and Newsletter Editor 1984-86), The National Guild of Piano Teachers, The Organ Historical Society, and the Southeastern Historical Keyboard Society.

Kathy was a tutor in English as a Second Language for Literacy Volunteers and served as an ESL teacher in the Worksite Literacy Program at Rowe Fur-

niture Company from 2002 to 2004.

She found great joy in performing, teaching, and tutoring and also enjoyed speaking Spanish and watching foreign-language films. She married Harold Burkhart on June 12, 1971, and they enjoyed extensive international travel together, including a sabbatical year in New Zealand (1976-77). During that year Kathy continued pursuing her passion for music and teaching by establishing a private piano studio in Rotorua and guiding a class of beginning students through their initial year of instruction.

Predeceased by her parents, James L.W. West, Jr., and Kate Bradley West, Kathy is survived by her husband of nearly 50 years, Harold Burkhart of Blacksburg; their son, Qato Burkhart of Los Angeles, Calif.; her brother, James L.W. West III of Beaufort, S.C.; a brother-in-law, Ernest Burkhart of Braman, Okla.; and a number of nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

A memorial service will be held on July 31 at 10:30 a.m. at the Blacksburg Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Sarah Wiles officiating. Inurnment will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Blacksburg Presbyterian Church, 701 Church St. SE, Blacksburg, VA 24060, or to Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley, 195 West Main St., Christiansburg, VA 24073. McCoy Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### Goad, Wiley Edward

Wiley Edward Goad, 88, passed away peacefully at his home in Parrott on Thursday, May 27, 2021.

Wiley proudly served his country in the Korean War with the U. S. Army 24th Div. 21st Reg. where he earned many medals, including two Bronze Stars. He had a quick wit and was a great story teller.

Wiley retired from the Radford Arsenal in 1992 after many years of service. He was an avid BINGO player after his retirement and made many friends along the way.

Wiley was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Hattie Goad; his wife of 61 years, Nomia Ann Goad; daughters Rita A. Simpkins and Verona G. Yates; and granddaughter Tabitha Wurzbarger.



The family would like to give special thanks to Kindred Hospice Care for all the love they have shown the family.

Left to cherish his memory are his daughters, Selena East, Cindy (Larry) Fender, and Monica (Earl) Lawrence; six grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and two-great-great grandchildren; and many other

relatives and friends.

The family received friends from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 1, 2021, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services began at 11 a.m. with Pastor Michael Bond officiating. Interment with full military honors followed in Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin.

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

### LeDoux, John Nathan

John Nathan LeDoux, 71, of Blacksburg, died Monday, May 24, 2021, at home in Blacksburg. John was born in Long Beach, Calif., on January 23, 1950, to John Carver LeDoux and the late Elizabeth Ann LeDoux. John was preceded in death by his brother, Jeffrey T. LeDoux.

John is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Dave and Amanda LeDoux, sisters and brothers-in-law, Janelle and Bob Anderson, Judy LeDoux, Jean LeDoux and Joyce and Doug Wilson. He is survived by brothers and sister-in law, James LeDoux and Joseph and Debra LeDoux. He is also survived by his grandsons, Nathaniel, Ezekiel, Silas, Gabriel, Noah, and Max.

John was a decorated Vietnam vet-



eran, serving with the 1/502 Strike Recon, 101st Airborne Division and earning both the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. He loved God, his family, and his country deeply, and he will be missed by his family and friends.

A private graveside service for family members only will be conducted at Westview Cemetery.

A celebration of life service for family and friends will take place at noon on June 21 at John's residence in Blacksburg.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America or Vittles for Vets.

Vietnam Veterans of America: <https://vva.org/>

Vittles for Vets: <https://www.vittlesforvetsradfordva.com/support-us>.

### Duncan, Barbara Knepper

Barbara Knepper Duncan, 63, of Radford, passed away Thursday, May 27, 2021.

She was a member of Fairlawn Presbyterian Church and a member of the Newbern Historical Society. She was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence and Dorothy Knepper.

Survivors include her husband, Early B. Duncan, Jr.; nieces Christina Martin, Cynthia Troxel, Rachel Correll, and Payton Sayers; nephews Perry Martin, David Martin, Jeremy Correll, Matthew Correll, and Bryton Sayers; a sister-in-law,



Brenda Correll; step-mother Audrey Knepper; several grandnieces and grandnephews; and many friends.

The family will receive friends from 1 until 2 p.m. today, Wednesday, June 2, 2021, at the Fairlawn Presbyterian Church. Memorial services will follow at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Allison Unroe officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to your local SPCA or Humane Society.

The Duncan family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford. [www.mullinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.mullinsfuneralhome.com).

### Saunders, Jo Ann Quesenberry

Jo Ann Quesenberry Saunders, 70, of Dublin passed away on Thursday, May 27, 2021.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Mary Quesenberry; and her daughter, Tina Saunders Hungate.

Survivors include her loving husband of 50 years, Michael Wayne Saunders; a daughter and son-in-law, Pamela and John Hartley; grandchildren and their spouses Brandon and Jess Saunders, Austin and Alicia Hungate, Karman Link and A.J., and Thomas



Hartley; great-grandchildren Miyah Kaye, Adalayah, Logan and Shelby; sisters Helen Carden and Penny Dudley; a brother and sister-in-law, Tommy and Alice Quesenberry; and numerous other family members and friends.

Memorial visitation will be held on Thursday, June 3, 2021, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Mullins Funeral Home.

The Saunders family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory. [www.mullinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.mullinsfuneralhome.com).

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# LEED from page 2

To finalize their LEED certification application, each building's utilities and operations, such as their HVAC systems, were tested in extreme seasons including summer and winter.

The three early 20th century buildings, which included the university's first structure made of Hokie Stone, the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences Building, un-

derwent capital renovations to improve their functionality, to address maintenance issues, and to reduce space deficiencies. Environmentally friendly upgrades to the buildings in-

cluded energy-efficient HVAC systems and windows and water-efficient plumbing. The building materials were also secured through sustainable procurement practices.

The three buildings join 18 other LEED-certified buildings on Virginia Tech's Blacksburg campus.

-By Meghan Marsh

# Alumni from page 1

received the Medal of Honor for actions as an army sergeant during the Meuse Argonne Offensive along the Western Front in World War I. He is considered the first Virginia veteran from World War I to receive the medal and often was called the "Sergeant York of Virginia." Armed with a rifle and a mortar shell used as a hand grenade, Gregory single-handedly captured a machine gun and three enemy soldiers. Continuing his advance he captured a howitzer and 19 enemy soldiers.

**Herbert Joseph Thomas**  
Herbert Thomas, Class of 1941, received the Medal of Honor for action on Bougainville Island in the South Pacific in World War II while a marine corps sergeant. Through dense jungle and severe machine gun fire, Thomas led his men in destroying two enemy machine gun positions. Halted by a third enemy machine gun, he posi-

tioned his men to rush the enemy after he threw a hand grenade. He threw the grenade only to have the jungle vines drop it back among his men. Seeing the danger to his men, he jumped on the grenade, saving their lives with the sacrifice of his own. Thomas Hall is named in his honor.

**Jimmie Watters Monteith, Jr.**  
Jimmie Monteith, Class of 1941, received the Medal of Honor for actions as an army lieutenant at D-Day during World War II. Without regard for his own safety, he led the assault over exposed beach to the cover, a narrow ledge. Leaving cover, he moved toward two tanks. Exposed to intense artillery and machine gun fire, he moved through a minefield and directed the tank fire, destroying several enemy positions. He then returned to his men and led them in the capture of an advantageous position.

Against vicious enemy counterattacks, he repetitively crossed open terrain under heavy fire to strengthen his unit's defense until he was killed. Monteith Hall was named in his honor.

**Robert Edward Femoyer**  
Robert Femoyer, Class of 1944, enlisted in the Army Air Force during World War II and is the only navigator awarded the Medal of Honor. On a bombing mission over Germany, he was wounded by enemy aircraft fire, which seriously damaged his B-17 bomber. Despite extreme pain and great loss of blood, he refused morphine to keep his mental faculties clear. For 2½ hours he guided the lone bomber through six changes in course around enemy anti-aircraft concentrations. As the crippled aircraft crossed safely over the English Channel, Femoyer finally allowed an injection of morphine. Thirty minutes after landing he died of

wounds. Femoyer Hall is named in his honor.

**Richard Thomas Shea, Jr.**  
Richard Shea, Class of 1948, received the Medal of Honor for actions as an army first lieutenant at Pork Chop Hill during the Korean War. Fighting outnumbered, he voluntarily proceeded to the area most threatened to organize and lead a counterattack. During the bitter fighting, he killed two enemy soldiers with his trench knife. In more than 18 hours of heavy fighting, he moved among the defenders of Pork Chop Hill to ensure a successful defense. Leading a counterattack, he killed three enemy soldiers single-handedly. Although wounded, he refused evacuation. He was last seen fighting hand-to-hand during yet another counterattack.

**Gary Lee Miller**  
A unit commander in the U.S. Army, 1st Lt. Gary Lee Miller, Class of 1969, died from

wounds he received while serving with the 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, in action in Binh Duong Province, Vietnam.

Miller was serving as a platoon leader at night when his company ambushed a hostile force infiltrating from Cambodian sanctuaries. After contact was broken, Miller led a reconnaissance patrol to search the area for enemy casualties. As the group advanced, it was attacked and Miller was seriously wounded. During the fight, an enemy grenade was thrown into the midst of Miller's group. Miller threw himself on it, absorbing the force of the explosion with his body. His action saved near-by members of his patrol.

A resident of Covington, Va., Miller attended Clifton Forge-Covington Community College during a period when it was designated a branch of Virginia Tech.

# Virginia Department of Transportation road watch

The following is a list of forecasted highway projects that may impact traffic traveling in the 12-county Salem Transportation District this week. Work schedules and construction project timelines are always subject to change and weather dependent. The Salem District covers Bedford, Botetourt, Carroll, Craig, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Henry, Montgomery, Patrick, Pulaski, and Roanoke counties.

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY

**I-81 NORTHBOUND AT EXIT 105 NEW RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY** - Lane and shoulder closures may be in place near exit 105. Lane closure may be in effect during the week from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Shoulder closures may be in effect at any time during the week. Slow rolls may be performed on I-81 in the north and southbound lanes from mile marker 104 to 106 from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Speed limit is reduced to 60 miles per hour in the work zone. Shoulder closures will remain in place through the duration of the project. Project completion is estimated by June 2022.

**SLOW ROLLS:** Slow rolls may be utilized periodically on both the northbound and southbound

lanes from mile marker 98-109 for structural steel deliveries and setting beams.

**I-81 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AT EXIT 114 IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY** - The bridge replacement of the two Interstate 81 bridges over Route 8, northbound and southbound, is underway. Drivers can expect alternating lane and shoulder closures, northbound and southbound, from mile marker 114 to 115. Exit 114 ramp shoulder closures will be ongoing from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Speed limit is reduced to 60 mph in the work zone. Route 8 will have alternating northbound and southbound shoulder and lane closures, day or night, as needed between the I-81 on and off ramps. A temporary traffic signal will direct traffic on Route 8 throughout the duration of the project. Access to all properties will be maintained during construction. Estimated completion is summer 2021.

**DMV Notice:** The bridge on I-81 northbound at mile marker 114 currently has a restricted width for wide loads of 26 feet or larger.

**ROUTE 11 BRIDGE DECK REPLACEMENT** - Work is underway on Route 11 southbound to replace the bridge deck over the Norfolk Southern Railroad. The bridge is located .4 miles north of the inter-

section with Route 748 (Big Spring Drive) and .4 mile south of the intersection with Route 603 (North Fork Road). The left lane of both Route 11 north and south is closed with a detour in place until the completion of the project. Once in place, the detour will re-route Route 11 south traffic through the left lane of Route 11 north, limiting each direction to a single lane. The expected completion date is November 2021.

**TRAFFIC SWITCH:** A new traffic pattern is in place detouring Route 11 southbound traffic through the left lane of Route 11 northbound between the intersections above, limiting each direction to a single lane.

**ROUTE 636 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AT SENECA HOLLOW** - Work has begun replacing the bridge on Route 636 over the Roanoke River at Seneca Hollow. Beginning August 3, a road closure will be in place from Echo Hills Road to .36 mile south of Route 460. A detour will be in place. The detour will restrict access to Route 460 at Seneca Hollow and will require travelers to enter/exit Route 460 at Friendship Road near Wheeling Hollow. The project is expected to be completed in summer 2021.

**ROUTE 685 TURN**

**LANE CONSTRUCTION** - Contractors are constructing several turn lane and road improvements on Route 685 (Prices Fork Road) between Route 1145 (Stratford View Drive) and Route 654 (Brookfield Road). Motorists should expect daily shoulder closures with intermittent lane closures controlled by flagging forces. Current work hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., but are subject to change as construction progresses. Work is expected to last through summer 2021.

**VARIOUS ROADS FOR UTILITY WORK** - Utility crews will be working on overhead lines along a general corridor alignment following Route 114 (Peppers Ferry), Route 460 Business (Franklin Street) and Route 11/460 (Roanoke Road). The work zone will span from the Pulaski/Montgomery county line to the Montgomery/Roanoke county line. In addition, various side roads will be impacted by intermittent closures for crossings. Motorists should expect shoulder closures and lane closures for travel in both directions. Intermittent full closures of the roads will be required for periods lasting no longer than 15 minutes. Work hours are scheduled for 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily. Advance warning for weekend work involving closures of primary highways on weekend mornings from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. will be provided via message boards once scheduled. Work is scheduled to last until fall 2021.

## INTERSTATE 81

**INTERSTATE 81 SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AT S-CURVES IN BOTETOURT COUNTY** - A project to improve the S-curves along southbound I-81 in Botetourt County between mile markers 167.4 and 169.5 is underway. This project will enhance safety and improve vehicle traction. Work includes repaving the travel lanes, applying new pavement markers and installing underground pavement drains. Nighttime lane closures will be in place and the speed limit will be reduced to 60 mph in the work zone. This project also includes permanently closing and removing the southbound off ramp at exit 167 (Buchanan) to reduce speed differentials, conflict points and lane changes associated

with exiting vehicles. The estimated completion date is summer 2021.

There will be lane closures between mile marker 168 and 170 between the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday night through Friday morning.

**INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDENING CONSTRUCTION EXIT 141 TO EXIT 143** - A project to widen the lanes on I-81 in Roanoke in both northbound and southbound directions between Exit 141 to Exit 143 has begun. Work will continue to be conducted within the median and shoulder within the barrier walls. Sound wall installation is underway. Weekday and weekend lane and shoulder closures may be in place. A left lane closure will be in place on I-81 northbound or southbound during nighttime hours from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. while equipment and materials are brought into and out of the median. Estimated completion date of the project is summer 2022.

**I-81 PAVING OPERATIONS** - Weather permitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various routes. Lane closures may be in place during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

**I-81 POTHOLE PATCHING OPERATIONS** - Weather permitting, crews will begin April 11 to patch potholes along southbound Interstate 81 in Pulaski and Botetourt Counties. Mobile right and left lane closures will be in place and moving along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for moving vehicles and equipment. Expect possible delays.

**I-81 BRIDGE DECK REPAIRS** - Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 81. Between mile markers 97 and 162, right and left lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

**INTERSTATE 581 I-581/220 EXPRESSWAY PAVING OPERATIONS** - Weather permitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various routes. Lane closures may be in place during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

**ROUTE 581 BRIDGE WORK OVER WILLIAM-**

**SON ROAD** - Work is underway to rehab the bridge on I-581 that crosses over Route 11 (Williamson Road) in Downtown Roanoke. On Route 11 (Williamson Road) drivers can expect intermittent and alternating lane closures between the intersections with Rutherford Avenue and Wells Avenue. Any impacts to I-581 will be minimal. The project is expected to be complete at the end of 2021.

**I-581 BRIDGE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE** - Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 581 between exit 6 and exit 4W and exit 3C to exit 6, northbound and southbound. Right, center and left lane closures may be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Single lane closures may be in place during daytime hours, 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible I-581/220 LANE & RAMP CLOSURES FOR PAVING AND MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS IN ROANOKE COUNTY - Weather permitting, crews will be milling and paving along Interstate 81. Right and left lane closures will be in place along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours. Drivers should expect possible delays.

**I-581 BRIDGE DECK REPAIRS** - Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 581. Right, center and left lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

## INTERSTATE 77 (CARROLL COUNTY)

**I-77 PAVING OPERATIONS** - Weather permitting, crews will be performing paving operations along Interstate 77 between mile marker 24 and 0. Right and left lane closures may be in place along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours, 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Drivers should watch for moving vehicles and equipment. Expect possible delays.

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### Legals - Botetourt County

**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 /v. 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 CLERK

### Legals - City of Radford

**Request for Proposals City of Radford East Main Street Sidewalk Improvements UPC 117992**  
(State Project # EN20-126-225, P101, R201, M501) May 17, 2021

The City of Radford is seeking expressions of interest from consulting engineering firms who wish to be considered to provide professional engineering services for: The City of Radford East Main Street Sidewalk Improvements, Transportation Alternatives

### Legals - City of Radford

Project. The project is funded through a Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) grant. This project shall be developed utilizing VDOT policies and FHWA guidelines. In addition, the project design shall meet or exceed current American Association of State Highway and Transportation Official (AASHTO) standards. The estimated cost of the proposed project is approximately \$477,000. Design and construction of the project is anticipated to take approximately 3 1/2 - years.

The objective of this project is to improve the safety of pedestrian access along US Route 11 creating a safe walking passage for Radford University students and staff while providing safer access to existing businesses. Moving pedestrians away from empty lot paths, the new sidewalk follows US Route 11 (East Main Street) between Jefferson Street and University Drive. This project will construct approximately 900 linear feet of new sidewalk and remove a midblock crosswalk currently used by Radford University students in the City of Radford.

Services may include, but not be limited to: planning, design, developing construction documents, environmental review, submittal of applications to VDOT, surveying, bidding, construction management (including pay requests and VDOT reimbursement submittals) and other professional services as required to complete the project.

### Legals - City of Radford

The City is an equal opportunity employer. Minority and/or female owned business firms are encouraged to apply.

### Legals - City of Salem

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
The City of Salem School Board will hold a public hearing for comment on the Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services on Tuesday, June 8, 2021. The hearing will begin at 6:30 PM at South Salem Elementary School, 1600 Carolyn Road, Salem, VA 24153.

Any citizen of Salem who wishes to address the Board should contact Kathy A. Jordan, Clerk of the Board, at 389-0130 by Monday, June 7, in order to be placed on the agenda. Individuals who plan to address the Board are requested to bring copies of their remarks for the record. In accordance with Board Policy KD, Public Participation in Board Meetings, individuals who plan to address the Board are requested to:

- provide their name and address,
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- be brief and address all stated concerns to the chair,
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- be prepared to answer questions from the Board,
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### PUBLIC NOTICE

Total Action Against Poverty, Inc. is preparing to carry out the INDOOR PLUMBING REHABILITATION FLEX PROGRAM, through the use in whole or in part of HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM FUNDS.

The implementation of this project will require the use of General Contractors, Septic Contractors, and Well Drillers, for housing rehabilitation and the installation septic systems and wells. These projects may occur in any of the following jurisdictions; Counties of Allegheny, Bath, Bedford, Botetourt, Craig, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Henry, Montgomery, Patrick, Pulaski, Roanoke, and Rockbridge.

TAP is soliciting the participation of Minority and Female owned businesses, contractors and suppliers in carrying out this project. Contractors must have at least a Virginia Class B License, proper insurance, and be eligible to work in the designated areas. Such business may be included on appropriate bid and procurement list by submitting a written request within ten (10) days of this notice.

Requests should include name, address, product or service and how the firm qualifies as a Minority or Female concern.

Such requests should be addressed or faxed to:  
  
Total Action For Progress  
ECHR Department  
P.O. Box 2868, Roanoke, VA 24001  
Attn: Lee Lovern (540) 353-2961  
Or Attn: Liz Puckett (540) 283-4882  
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All contracts will be made on a competitive basis. TAP is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Total Action For Progress is preparing to carry out the Indoor Plumbing Rehabilitation Program through the use of federal HOME grant Funds. In the implementation of this project the following job types may be available:

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In carrying out this project, Total Action For Progress its contractors and subcontractors will, to the greatest extent feasible, will utilize qualified persons who permanently reside within the Counties of; Rockbridge, Botetourt, Roanoke, Bath, Alleghany, Henry, Franklin, Floyd, Pulaski, Patrick, Giles, Montgomery, Bedford, and Craig for employment and training positions.

All job openings will be listed with the local office of the Virginia Employment Commission. Persons qualified for the jobs listed should register at the following location: 3601 Thirlane Rd NW suite 2, Roanoke, VA 24019 Additionally, the following contracts and procurements will/may be made: General Contractors, Septic System Contractor, Well Diggers and HVAC Constructions materials, building supplies, appliance suppliers and HVAC suppliers. Total Action For Progress will, to the greatest extent feasible, use businesses located in and owned by persons residing in Section 3 in the Counties of; Rockbridge, Botetourt, Roanoke, Bath, Alleghany, Henry, Franklin, Floyd, Pulaski, Patrick, Giles, Montgomery, Bedford, and Craig. Any person residing or firm located in the above named localities may request to participate in procurement opportunities associated with this project by contacting the following person within ten (10) days of this notice.

Liz Puckett  
302 2nd Street SW, Roanoke, VA 24011  
Phone: 540-283-4882  
Virginia Relay: 711  
Fax: 540-777-4833

Written requests should include the name, address, product or service and phone number. All above-referenced procurements will be made on a competitive basis. The names of businesses who respond to this notice will be included on procurement lists for this project. Names of job seekers will be given to contractors.

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### Notice is hereby given to

all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on June 16, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., in the Community Room of the Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke Boulevard, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Consider the request of Bethel Baptist Church, Inc., property owner, for rezoning the property located at 6 Front Avenue (Tax Map # 234-6-2) from RSF Residential Single-Family District to HBD Highway Business District with proffered condition.

2. Consider the request of Peter R. Fields and Vivian D. Fields, property owners, for rezoning the property located at 303-305 South Colorado Street (Tax Map # 121-10-4) from RMF Residential Multi-Family to TBD Transitional Business District.

3. Consider the request of MCLIP Properties, LLC, property owner, for rezoning the property located at 901 South Colorado Street and 110 7th Street (Tax Map # 184-4-8) from LM Light Manufacturing District to CBD Community Business District.

4. Consider the request of Timothy J. Toohig and Lonzie L. Linkous, Jr., property owners, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow a two-family dwelling on the property located at 335 Roanoke Boulevard (Tax Map # 146 - 1 - 3).

5. Consider the request of Total Motion Performance, lessee, and 751 Union Station, LLC, property owner, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow athletic instruction services on the property located at 773 Union Street (Tax Map # 183 1 1).

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

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

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

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TAP will carry out this project with contractors qualified to work in the designated program area. Any contractor may request to be added to the contractors list for this program by contacting TAP at the information below. Contractors must have at least a Virginia Class B License, proper insurance, and be eligible to work in the designated areas.

Requests should include name, address, contact information, product or service.

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# Tips for family camping trips

For nature lovers, perhaps nothing is more enjoyable than packing up the camping gear, traveling to a favorite campsite and getting away from it all while sleeping under the stars. Such an experience can be transformative, turning first-time campers into lifelong enthusiasts.

The opportunity to turn youngsters into nature enthusiasts who can't wait to spend time outside may be one reason why so many families go camping. A 2018 report Campgrounds of America found that 52 percent of campers have children, making camping among the most popular and family-friendly ways to enjoy the great outdoors.

Camping with youngsters can help families make lasting memories. Parents who have never before taken their children camping may benefit from employing a few strategies to make the trip as fun as possible.

- **Make a trial run in the backyard.** A night camping in the backyard won't be exactly the same as a night in the woods, where wildlife, and particularly insects, may be less welcoming hosts. But a backyard camping night can acclimate children to their sleeping bags and their tents. A fun night sleeping under the stars in the backyard also may make kids more enthusiastic about an upcoming camping trip in the woods.

- **Go over safety early and often.** Use every opportunity to explain camping safety measures to youngsters in advance of your trip. Emphasize the importance of staying together in the woods, and teach youngsters how to identify potentially harmful plants like poison ivy, making sure they know to avoid coming into contact with these and other poisonous plants. Contact your local parks department, or the campground where you will be staying, for some additional advice on camping safety.

- **Let kids help when choosing camping equipment.** Youngsters may be more excited about camping if they're allowed to choose certain equipment, including their sleeping bags and tents. Before visiting your nearby camping retailer, explain to kids that tents come in various styles because they're designed to protect campers from certain elements that may be more common in certain areas than others. Such an explanation can make it easy to explain to youngsters why you're



purchasing certain items, even if those items weren't kids' top choices.

- **Plan the family menu in advance.** Plan the menu in advance so you can ensure everyone will continue to eat healthy. But make sure to include a few kid-friendly camping classics, like s'mores, in the meal plan as well.

- **Prepare a camping-friendly first-aid kit.** Bandages and topical antibiotic creams are part and parcel of any first-aid kit, regardless of where you're going. But the elements pose a different set of challenges that require a more extensive first-aid kit. When designing a first-aid kit for your camping trip, be sure to include all the usual items but also over-the-counter medications that can treat pain, allergies, constipation, and diarrhea. An extra gallon or two of water also makes for a wise addition to campers' first-aid kits.

Family camping trips can instill a lifelong love of the great outdoors in youngsters. A few simple strategies can help parents make such trips safe and memorable.

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# Strategies to spend less time on your smartphone

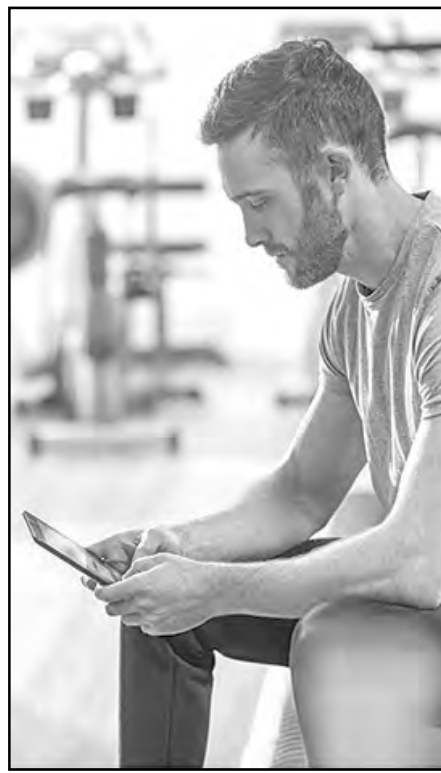
Smartphones are a significant part of life in the 21st century. According to the technology, data and analytics experts at Zenith, in 2019 the average American adult spent three hours and 30 minutes using mobile internet every day, with estimates suggesting that number could increase to more than four hours per day by 2021.

It's no secret that many people struggle when it comes to putting down their smartphones. The secret lies in learning how to unplug from smartphones, especially for the millions of people who are spending untold hours on such devices every day. A strong will to put smartphones down can help people do just that, and some additional strategies might make it easier to unplug as well.

- **Keep your phone in another room.** Many people are drawn to their smartphones by a seemingly endless stream of notifications. The addictive nature of notifications is debatable, but blaming notifications and merely turning them off may not be as effective a means to reducing smartphone reliance as you think.

- **A 2020 study by researchers at the London School of Economics and Political Science found that 89 percent of interactions with phones were unprompted.** That suggests people are simply picking up their phones even when notifications or incoming calls aren't making them do so. Keeping a phone in another room when dining, reading a book, engaging with family members, or participating in other activities can help people avoid that familiar urge to pick up their phone.

- **Utilize apps to curtail your usage.** Various apps allow users to block their own access to other apps and websites. These apps, which include Flipd and Freedom, are designed to help smartphone users regain productivity they might have lost due to their smartphone usage. The apps can be utilized in various ways, and one such way is to restrict access to games and websites during the workday. They also can be used to restrict access during family time or other hours of the day when people don't want to be distracted by the internet.



- **Set up auto reply.** Many professionals set up out-of-office messages to notify colleagues and clients when they're on vacation or engaging in projects that will prevent them from answering emails. The same principle can be applied to text messages. According to a 2019 survey from CTIA, which has tracked the evolution of the United States wireless industry since 1985, two trillion text messages were exchanged in 2019.

That's a lot of messages, and texting is a significant reason why so many people have problems putting down their phones. An automatic response informing friends, family and colleagues that you're away from your phone can be a great way to spend less time texting.

Smartphone usage is on the rise, even among people who want to put their phones down more often. Such users can try various approaches to spend less time on their phones.

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## Legals - Craig County

### Public Notice Code of Virginia, Title 58.1 Section 3911

Craig County 2021 1st half real estate taxes are due on Monday, June 7, 2021. Taxes must be paid or postmarked by midnight on this date. Penalty will be assessed on June 8, 2021 and interest will be assessed beginning July 1, 2021.

If you have not received a tax notice or have questions call 540-864-5641. If you have questions concerning the assessments on your notice, call the Commissioner of the Revenue at 540-864-5641.

Jackie M. Parsons  
Craig County Treasurer

## 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  
VA DEN, KEILA ADAIRE v.  
VA DEN, JOSHUA LEE  
The object of this suit is to: COMPLAINT OF DIVORCE  
It is ORDERED that JOSHUA LEE VA DEN appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JULY 4, 2021.

MAY 4, 2021  
ERICA W. CONNER  
CLERK

### LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

A. A request by Peed and Bortz, L.L.C. (Applicant), on behalf of John D. Elmore (Landowner), for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a contractor storage facility within the B-3

## Legals - Montgomery County

General Business zoning district. The subject property is an approximate 1.15-acre portion of a 4.409-acre parcel, located at 710 Peppers Ferry Road, N.W., and is identified as Tax Map Number 435-(A)-23 (Parcel ID 021274). The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

B. A request by Aztec Rental (Applicant), on behalf of New River Community College (Landowner), for a Conditional Unit Permit to operate a business involving the outdoor display, storage and rental of contractor equipment and machinery, such as mini backhoes and excavators, within the B-3 General Business zoning district.

The subject property is approximately 2.441 acres in size, located at 412 Roanoke Street, and consists of two parcels identified as Tax Map Numbers 527-(A)-200, 202 (Parcel IDs 032021, 032023). The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104  
**Case No. CL21000748-00**

Montgomery County Circuit Court  
55 East Main Street Suite 1  
Christiansburg, VA 24073  
ARROYO, ESMERALDA RUIZ v.  
HERNANDEZ, ERNESTO ARROYO  
The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE  
It is ORDERED that ERNESTO ARROYO HERNANDEZ appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JULY 26, 2021.

MAY 27, 2021  
ERICA W. CONNER  
CLERK

A copy of the applications, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Andrew Warren, Assistant Town Manager, at (540) 382-6128 ext. 1130 or by email at [awarren@christiansburg.org](mailto:awarren@christiansburg.org) with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

## Legals - Montgomery County

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104  
**Case No. CL21000845-00**

Montgomery County Circuit Court  
55 East Main Street Suite 1  
Christiansburg, VA 24073  
MASTROGIOVANNI, JENNIFER v.  
EVANS, MICHAEL TAHIR  
The object of this suit is to: NAME CHANGE ON A MINOR  
It is ORDERED that MICHAEL TAHIR EVANS appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JULY 20, 2021.

MAY 27, 2021  
ERICA W. CONNER  
CLERK

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104  
**Case No. CL21000748-00**

Montgomery County Circuit Court  
55 East Main Street Suite 1  
Christiansburg, VA 24073  
ARROYO, ESMERALDA RUIZ v.  
HERNANDEZ, ERNESTO ARROYO  
The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE  
It is ORDERED that ERNESTO ARROYO HERNANDEZ appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JULY 26, 2021.

MAY 27, 2021  
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# MONTGOMERY SPORTS

## Christiansburg 10-and-under academy girls are tourney runners-up



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The Christiansburg Soccer Club's 10-and-under academy girls finished as the runners-up in their division during this past weekend's tournament in Blacksburg hosted by New River United. Pictured (front row, left to right) are Callie Kingery, Aubrey Sumpter, Graciela Yerby-Fonseca, Koralyn Phillips and Madison Swanhart; (back row, left to right) Coach Courtney Long, Emma Ratcliffe, Anne Marie Lichty, Ruth Gibson, Marley Reeves, Genny Schaudt, Riley Bragg, and New River United Executive Director Leslie Fitzpatrick.

## Christiansburg 14-and-under boys soccer team wins tourney title



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Christiansburg Soccer Club's 14-and-under boys team won the Kickoff to Summer tournament this past weekend in Blacksburg. Pictured (front row, left to right) are Lucas Beasley, Ethan Walker, Conner Smith, Ian Roark, Timmy Boston, Ian Velickovic and Bryson Fisher; (back row, left to right) Coach Courtney Long, Brandon Bevins, Brady Razor, Julian French, Talan Bruce, Aung Soe, Jamie French, Brye Smith, and New River United Executive Director Leslie Fitzpatrick.



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## Blacksburg 5K results

1. Cole Garrett, 19:56.66 2. Matthew McPherson 3. Isaac Strom 4. Kyle Strom 5. Brayden Galbraith 6. Andrew Tapscott 7. Amanda Logan 8. Abhisek Kher 9. Bowie Galbraith 10. Serena Miller 11. Shari Helvey 12. Jacob Chappell 13. Clara Strom 14. Crystal Bowden 15. Justina Jarema 16. Korey Rush 17. Erik Lewis 18. Jocelyn Riet 19. Ella Byrd 20. Rachel Hogan 21. Yuriko Renardy 22. Katie Altizer 23. Eli Simundza 24. Jorge Santamaria 25. Jan Downs 26. Ellie Rigby 27. John Byrne 28. Fernando Vissani 29. Lisette Cardenas 30. Grace Shelby 31. Tracy Kwock 32. Luis Paris 33. Lorin Crowder 34. Stephanie Harrison 35. Cori Sterk 36. Felicia Fernandez 37. Maria Vargas 38. Ed Hertling 39. Tanya Bagchi 40. Rajesh Bagchi 41. Catherine Kemper 42. Phillip Kugel 43. Danna Agmon 44. Paul Cox

### Blacksburg Classic 10-miler results

1. Tyler O'Brien, 56:16.76 2. Quinn Thomas 3. Trey Fisher 4. Anderson Norton 5. Matthew Wisnioski 6. Daniel Rau 7. Bradley Paye 8. Ignacio Moore 9. Scott Huxtable 10. Peter Britten 11. Glen McGuire 12. Eric Johnson 13. Bradley Soucy 14. Brandon Bear 15. Kevin McGuire 16. Rebecca Vinter 17. Michael Canterbury 18. Doug Sterk 19. Michelle Lowry 20. James Moore 21. Jaidan Shah 22. Marc Edwards 23. Kin Jennelle 24. Sara Chamberlain 25. Jaime Bunker 26. Jonathan Roberts 27. Nathan Hall 28. Talia Baddour 29. Lindsey DeVaughn 30. Kayla Johnson 31. Chris Parrish 32. Daryl Reed 33. B. Scott Crawford 34. Will Snyder 35. Eric Gates 36. David Popham 37. Frank Flaim 38. Taylor Chrisman 39. Amanda Nichols 40. Ryan Bagchi 41. James Bradley 42. Rene Hernandez

## Appy league announces coordinators for 2021

The Appalachian League has announced its league-wide coordinators for the upcoming 2021 season.

Ray Burris and Bob Keller will serve as pitching coordinators, and Homer Bush and Dave Hansen will be the hitting coordinators this summer. The quartet brings decades of coaching and playing experience to the 10-team national team development league that will feature the nation's premier rising college freshman and sophomores.

The four coordinators will work with all 10 of the teams throughout the season, traveling to each of the Appalachian League cities. While with a team, the coordinators will manage individual and small-group workouts, as well as analyze data and video with athletes to give each of the league's players additional personal instruction.

"We are really excited about the opportunity to bring these four experienced coordinators into the league this summer," said Appalachian League President Dan Moushon. "These men have been around baseball for a long time and will provide more opportunities for our players to develop their game by learning from baseball veterans during their time in the Appalachian League."

Burris comes to the league as pitching coordinator with decades of experience in the same role. In addition to a lengthy 15-year big-league playing career, Burris has also spent the better part of the last three decades coaching in both the major and minor leagues. He has worked in the Philadelphia Phillies organization since 2013, most recently as the club's rehabilitation pitching coach. His coaching career began with a two-year stint as the bullpen coach for the Milwaukee Brewers in 1990-91, followed by a year in the same role with the Texas Rangers in 1992.

On the field, the 6-foot-5 righty took the mound 480 times, pitching 2,188.2 innings for seven teams from 1973-87. He recorded 47 career complete games and won 10 or more games in four different seasons. Burris was drafted in the 17th round of the 1972 MLB Draft by the Chicago Cubs for whom he would play the next seven years. He also saw action with the New York Yankees (1979), the New York Mets (1979-80), the Montreal Expos (1981-83), the Oakland Athletics (1984), the Milwaukee Brewers (1985, 1987) and the St. Louis Cardinals (1986).

World Series champion and seven-year major-league veteran Homer Bush will take on the role of hitting coordinator this summer. Prior to retiring in 2005 due to recurring injuries, the East St. Louis, Ill., native was a .285 career hitter in the big leagues and saw action with four different teams. Bush hit over .300 in each of his first three MLB seasons, including a breakout year in 1999 with the Toronto Blue Jays when he hit .320 with 55 RBI and stole 32 bases in 128 games. Drafted in the seventh round of the 1991 draft by the San Diego Padres, Bush was traded to the New York Yankees in 1997, making his big-league debut later that year and helping the club win the 1998 World Series. He spent four seasons in Toronto, finished the 2002 campaign with the Florida Marlins, and spent one more year as a Yankee before retiring in 2005.

Following his playing career, he has worked as the hitting coach for the Eu-

gene Emeralds in the Padres organization, the Director of Youth Programs for the Texas Rangers and as a hitting instructor for several youth initiatives conducted by Major League Baseball. Bush is also the author of "Hitting Low in the Zone: A New Baseball Paradigm."

Hansen will also serve as a hitting coordinator as a 15-year major league veteran and later the hitting coach for three different big-league clubs. As a player, Hansen made his living as a pinch hitter, recording 138 career hits off the bench which ranks sixth all-time in major league history. He also holds the record for most pinch-hit home runs in a season with seven during the 2000 campaign.

Drafted by the Los Angeles Dodgers in the second round of the 1986 MLB Draft, Hansen spent 11 seasons in LA in stints from 1990-96 and 1999-2002. He also played for the Chicago Cubs (1997) and the Hanshin Tigers in Japan (1998) and spent parts of the 2003 and 2004 campaigns suiting up for both the San Diego Padres and the Seattle Mariners.

Hansen's coaching career began shortly after as the minor league hitting coordinator for the Arizona Diamondbacks from 2007-10. He then moved up to the major league level, eventually serving as the hitting coach for the Dodgers (2011-12), the Mariners (2013) and the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim (2014-17). Most recently, he worked three seasons as the minor league hitting coordinator for the San Francisco Giants.

Keller joins Burris as a pitching coordinator with over 25 years of experience spanning both the amateur and professional ranks. Most recently the Director of Alabama Operations for the Knights Knation Baseball club team, Keller previously spent the 2018 and 2019 seasons as an area scout supervisor for the Seattle Mariners.

The majority of the California native's coaching career came at the collegiate level, beginning with a seven-year stint at Georgia State from 1995-2001. From there, Keller moved to Birmingham Southern for three seasons before taking the pitching coach position at the University of Michigan in 2005. He spent six years with the Wolverines with his staff finishing in the top two of the Big Ten in overall team ERA three of his last four seasons.

Keller's next stop took him to Dallas Baptist for a season where he helped lead the Patriots to a 42-20 record and the program's first NCAA Super Regional appearance. He then joined the coaching staff at South Alabama from 2012-17. During his tenure, the Jaguars won three Sun Belt Conference championships and made three NCAA Tournament appearances.

The Appalachian League is a USA Baseball national team development opportunity for the nation's top rising college freshman and sophomores as part of the Prospect Development Pipeline (PDP), the collaborative effort between Major League Baseball and USA Baseball to establish a development pathway to the draft for amateur baseball players in the United States.

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