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Christiansburg celebrates Independence Day in style



Don and the Deltones Plus had Allen and Tammy Davis of Pulaski dancing in the street at the festival.



Three-year-old Julien Glenn of Blacksburg had himself a big old time at the festival with a big old bag of popcorn.



An inflatable slide was an irresistible lure for the children at the festival.

The Town of Christiansburg threw a party Saturday, and the people came to celebrate our nation's Independence Day.

They assembled on Main Street for the festival hosted by Christiansburg Parks and Recreation to enjoy music, kids' activities, farmers market vendors, craft vendors, and food trucks.

The festival ran from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and was capped off by a 9:15 p.m. fireworks display on the future Regional Park/Truman Wilson property.

Saturday's festival included musical performances by Gate 10, Flannel Jukebox, and Don and the Deltones Plus.

Thirty-one vendors were on hand to sell food and handmade crafts.

Radford's Spirit of America brings a crowd to Bisset Park



A packed crowd was entertained by music, patriotic readings, and more during the City of Radford's July 4th Spirit of America festival Sunday in Bisset Park.



Radford Mayor David Horton (left) pauses for a selfie with Neal Wymys (center) and Jimmy Fortune, two of the musical performers for Sunday's event.



Lots of inflatable fun makes a colorful splash along the New River. Children were able to enjoy the fun free of charge from 1 to 6 p.m.

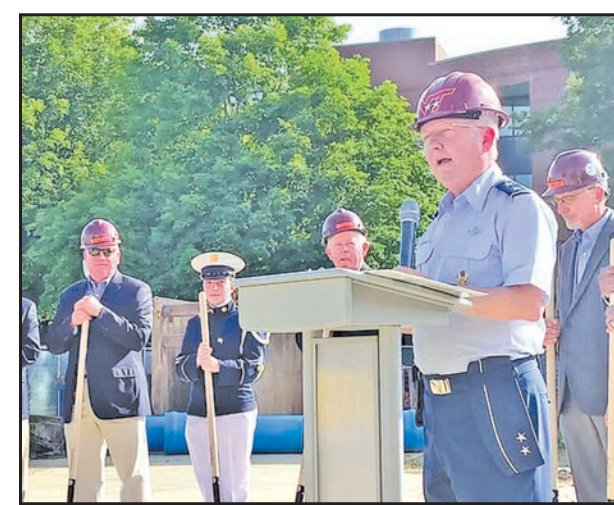
RADFORD – Live music, fun for kids, festival food, and shopping galore marked Radford's annual Spirit of America event, held Sunday in Bisset Park.

Jimmy Fortune made his annual trek to the city as the headliner of the musical line-up with several other performers entertaining the sizable crowd throughout the day, including The Castaways, Neal Wymys, Wade Hayes, Faithful

Praise, and Glen Shelton.

The night was capped off by a fireworks show that could be seen throughout the city, sponsored, as it is each year, by Third Securities.

VT Cadet Corps leadership and military science building construction project underway



A virtual groundbreaking ceremony for the building took place in June, featuring Maj. Gen. Randal Fullhart, commandant of cadets, and other university leaders.

Virginia Tech's Upper Quad will soon feature a showcase building for the Corps of Cadets.

Demolition has started to pave the way for the Corps Leadership and Military Science Building, a project many years in the making, which has drawn support from numerous generous corps alumni.

The three-story, 75,000-gross-square-foot building is expected to be complete in 2023. It will bring together the corps staff and the university's ROTC programs now dispersed across several locations and will include custom space for the Corps Museum.

The building will also be a hub for the university's Integrated Security Education and Research Center, a new facility designed to blend science, technology, policy, and ethics across homeland

security, national security, and cybersecurity domains.

At its June meeting, the university's Board of Visitors approved the naming of nearly 30 spaces within the building for donors whose generosity has helped to bring this project to fruition.

I can think of no other building where every single element has a tie to an alumnus or friend of the corps," said Maj. Gen. Randal Fullhart, commandant of cadets. "When we say, 'It wouldn't be here except for all of you,' it is really, really true. And we are most grateful."

A virtual groundbreaking ceremony for the building took place on June 22, featuring Fullhart and other university leaders.

-By Albert Raboteau

Lyric Theatre to screen Rock Castle Home about a 1930s Virginia town displaced by the Blue Ridge Parkway



The Lyric Theatre, 135 College Ave. in Blacksburg, will present a one-time screening of *Rock Castle Home* at 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 17.

The 57-minute documentary recounts in detail the history of a 1930s Virginia mountain community displaced by the Blue Ridge Parkway. Told through the words of community members working to preserve their history and identity, *Rock Castle Home* tells a universal story about the human fight to preserve its stories despite the political, economic, and natural forces that seek to subsume them.

General admission tickets are \$15.

The event will feature a performance by Ashlee Watkins and Andrew Small, composers and performers featured in the film.

The screening will be followed by a question-and-answer session with Beverly Woody and Leslie Shelor, key narrators for the movie.

Woody is a local journalist, public school teacher, organizer of the Rock Castle descendants, and public historian. She traces her ancestry in Rock Castle back some 200 years.

Shelor is a local historian, hiking guide, author, podcaster, and co-author of *Rock Castle: A special history study for the Blue Ridge Parkway*.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, July 7:

Virtual Event: Shadow Puppetry

Matt Sandbank is a nationally touring shadow puppeteer based in Austin, Texas. Join him virtually for a collection of wordless shadow shorts that will surprise and delight audiences with visual storytelling. See the show via Zoom Webinars. Webinar ID: 819 0720 7445 Passcode: 563317

Blacksburg Annual Hydrant Flushing

The Town of Blacksburg will be testing fire hydrants in the northwest quadrant July 7 through July 23. Hydrant flushing can cause temporary pressure changes and discolored water. These conditions will subside after flushing is completed. For questions and concerns, contact the Engineering Department at 540-443-1300.

Thursday, July 8:

Talking About Books

At the Meadowbrook Public Library at 11 a.m. To be discussed is "Braiding Sweetgrass" by Robin Wall Kimmer. Call to reserve a copy.

DnD One shot

Thursday, July 8 (and Thursday, July 15) at 1 p.m. at the Montgomery Floyd Regional Library online. Create a level-one character and join in a special teen DnD mini-campaign game. Email shodges@mfrl.org for the discord server link.

Friday, July 9:

Blood Drive

The Red Cross bloodmobile will be at Professional Rehab Associates, 1200 Tyler Ave., in Radford from 1 to 6 p.m. Call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit RedCross-Blood.org to schedule an appointment.

Saturday, July 10:

New River Valley Garden Tour

The cost is \$15 for the tour that will be conducted from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., rain or shine. Advance tickets, maps, and brochures are now available at each branch of the Montgomery Floyd Regional Library.

Mt. Tabor Ruritan Fish Fry

Mount Tabor Ruritan Club will hold its July Fish Fry from 5 to 7 p.m. at Slusser's Chapel Picnic Shelter, 1543 Mount Tabor Rd, Blacksburg. To be offered are single servings of fish, fries, slaw, homemade desserts, and beverages. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Children under three eat free. Carry-outs will also be \$8. DJ Gene Broadus will be spinning some music, and the fish fry will be held rain or shine. Call or text 540-449-6178 for further information.

Pilot Community Center auctions

At its most recent meeting, members of the Pilot Community Center voted to set up a table at Linkous Auctions to raffle off three gift cards of \$25 each as fundraisers for the community center. These will be the community center's only fundraisers until the fall to have money for other renovations. Community members will be set up from 9 a.m. until noon and then will take the tickets to Larry Linkous, who will draw the winning tickets and announce the winners. The auction schedule and set-up locations are July 10, 278 Smith Creek Road, Riner; July 17, Old Sourwood Road; and Aug. 7, Chloe Bishop, 5950 Riner Road.

Monday, July 12:

Break-in Bags

Beginning at 10 a.m. at the Blacksburg, Christiansburg, Jessie Peterman Memorial, and Meadowbrook Public Library branches. Solve three puzzles to find

the numeric code that will open the lock and free your loot. Recommended for ages 10 years and up. Supplies are limited.

STEM Club

Watch the library's virtual STEM club at the Christiansburg Library at 1 p.m. Pick up the activity materials through July 10. Email shodges@mfrl.org for any questions.

Monday, July 12 - Wednesday, July 14:

Basketball Clinic

Christiansburg's Parks and Recreation Department will host a basketball clinic from July 12-14 for ages 5-14 at the Christiansburg Recreation Center. The registration fee is \$30. Register by July 9 at 540-382-2349 or www.christiansburg.org/register.

Tuesday, July 13:

MCPS public hearing on health, safety plan

Montgomery County Public Schools will hold a public hearing on the 2021-2022 Health and Safety Plan on July 13. Online comments will also be accepted. More information is available at https://buff.ly/3zC1J12.

Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting:

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet at 7 p.m. at Aly's Italian Family Restaurant at 3204 Riner Road. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are invited to attend. The evening will include a discussion on the 50th Virginia Infantry Regiment. For further information, call 320-4315 or 239-9864.

Woman's Club of Radford meeting

The Woman's Club of Radford will have a luncheon meeting at Al's on First in Pulaski at 11:30

a.m. Reservations may be made by calling Nancy Kolb at 639-5652. Persons interested in carpooling can meet at the Radford Library at 11 a.m.

All Ages Crafternoon

Celebrate National Anti-Boredom Month at the Blacksburg Library from 2 to 3:30 p.m. by joining in for an exciting afternoon of summer crafts, coloring, and puzzles. All ages are welcome and supplies will be provided.

Wednesday, July 14:

Radford Library Brown Bag Book Club

The Brown Bag Book Club is getting together again. Read "Follow the River" by James Alexander Thom and join the club to discuss the book at noon. No formal commitment is needed. Just drop by if the book appeals to you.

Evening Book Talk: "The Island of Sea Women"

At the Christiansburg Library from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. To be discussed in person and virtually is "The Island of Sea Women" by Lisa See.

Wednesday, July 14, through Saturday, July 17:

Freedom Fellowship Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, July 14 and Friday, July 16, with both sessions from 6:30 to 9 p.m. The Saturday, July 17, session will be held from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. with all sessions at 1730 West Street, Radford (near Bisset Park). The fun will include songs, skits, Bible lessons, crafts, games, and food each day.

Saturday, July 17:

Caturday

All day at the Christiansburg Library. Sign up at the front desk for a 15-minute slot to read to a cat from the Montgomery County Animal Care and Adoption

Center to practice reading and socialize shelter cats. All ages are welcome. Email shodges@mfrl.org for more information.

Monday, July 1, through Thursday, July 22:

CHS Volleyball Camp

From 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Christiansburg Recreation Center. For ages 9 through 12. Register by calling 540-382-2349 or visit www.christiansburg.org/register. The registration deadline is Friday, July 16. The registration fee is \$30.

Ongoing:

Through Monday, July 12:

4-H Summer Day Camps

Montgomery County 4-H is offering two summer day camps in late July, Taste of 4-H Adventures and Outdoor Enthusiasts. Registration is through 5 p.m. on Monday July 12. Register for one or both camps at tinyurl.com/21mont4hsummercamps.

Through Saturday, July 17:

Montgomery Floyd Regional Library Summer Reading Program

Sign up in person or online for the Montgomery Floyd Regional Library summer reading program. Participants may choose how long they want to read every day. They may log the days they read and win a free book for reading for 10 days and a raffle entry for prizes when they read for 15 days. Adults may register online and log their reading to be automatically entered in weekly prize drawings.

Through Saturday, July 31:

Radford Public Library's Summer Reading Program

Radford Public Library will be running its annual summer reading program

for kids, teens, and adults. The program promotes reading daily to earn prizes and to earn entries to win raffle baskets. The summer reading program is a fun way to promote literacy, encourage reading as a healthy habit, and help readers experience reading as fun and adventurous.

Through Sunday, Aug. 29:

Glencoe Mansion, Museum and Gallery exhibit "Mountain Rail Trails"

Glencoe Mansion, Museum and Gallery is presenting its newest art gallery exhibit, "Mountain Rail Trails," featuring photography by Dale R. Carlson of Bluemoonistic Images.

The exhibit will be on display through August 29 and dovetails nicely with the train observatory platform and exhibit found at the edge of the grounds of Glencoe. Everyone is welcome to visit the museum with no admission charge. Glencoe is located at 600 Unruh Drive in Radford.

Through September:

Blacksburg's Market Square Jam 2021

Blacksburg's Market Square Jam 2021 will continue each Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. through September at Market Square Park.

Through October:

Radford Farmers Market

The Radford Farmers Market will be held each Saturday through October 30, from 9 a.m. until 11 p.m. in the New River Valley Community Service parking lot (the old Wade's parking lot) on West Main Street

Christiansburg Farmers Market

The Christiansburg Farmers Market will be held every Thursday through October at the Christiansburg Recreation Center's parking lot from 3 to 7 p.m.

Send community news and photos to communitynews@ourvalley.org

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Download Bidder Pack for Maps, Terms, Zoning, Sample Purchase Contract, sample development plan. Sample Development is not approved & is shown only for illustration purposes of what might possibly be accomplished. Bidders are expected to do their own research and due diligence for their own ideas for intended use approval and feasibility.

Terms – Bidding opens on August 26th. 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to final high bid to arrive at contract price. Buyers are expected to complete due diligence prior to bidding. Earnest Money Deposit of \$150,000 required on day of sale. Close in 60 Days. Subject to seller confirmation. Property sold as is where is any and all faults. Auction starts ending at 4 PM on September 9th 2021. Please note that during the last two minutes of bidding, if a new bid is placed, the clock is automatically extended an additional two minutes.

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Lack of mill labor, truckers contributes to soaring lumber prices



When your date asks to go somewhere expensive, visit the local lumberyard.

While timber market specialists joked about the astronomical price of lumber at a recent Virginia Cooperative Extension webinar, they also explained what is driving the spike and offered insights for Virginia timber owners expecting a cut of those profits.

Neil Clark, Southeast District forestry Extension agent in Southampton County, presented data and anecdotal evidence behind the soaring lumber prices. He said a lack of mill labor and truckers has created bottlenecks in the lumber market, leading to the price spike.

"You can produce lumber flat out, but if you don't have anyone to truck and haul that lumber out of your mill to the distribution centers for retail, you're still stuck," Clark said.

This leads to less lumber availability even if there is plenty of timber.

"When demand is extreme and supply is low, the price goes crazy and increases quite a bit," he said.

But why is demand so high after decades of steady movement in the timber market? Clark said pandemic-related stress on the supply chain is likely the reason.

"When people started realizing it wasn't just going to be a two-week break, spouses started breaking out the honey-do lists, and the do-it-your-

self folks kicked into gear," Clark explained. "That brought a good spike there in summer 2020."

Housing starts are up significantly, further squeezing the lumber supply and increasing the cost of real estate by an average of \$36,000 for a new single-family home.

This national trend may spur Virginia forest owners to sell their timber now, but Clark said they need to look at market conditions close to home.

"Wood is local," Clark said. "Transportation costs are high because 50% of logs are water. It almost doesn't matter what the market is doing nationwide. What is the market doing 25 miles from your house? Even if the price is high, if you're not in range of a mill, you lose."

Clark reported the number of U.S. timber mills has declined as one new mill can displace about 15 older ones.

Bill Osl, chair of the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Forestry Advisory Committee, said forestland owners should do their research before making harvest decisions.

"Many resources are available, including forest consultants who can provide you with an estimate of the board-feet, quality, and value to expect for your stand," he said. "Loggers and local mills will offer quotes by board-foot. And that research has to be done to make sure you get a fair value for your individual stand."

VT travel expert: Hard-hit by pandemic, business travel is bouncing back

"We are happy to see a consistent and steep increase across all forms of travel in the past two months. As business travel recovers, companies are realizing the need to balance in-person travel with online and virtual forms of meetings," says Nancy Gard McGehee, professor and former department head of the Howard Feiertag Hospitality and Tourism Management program in the Pamplin College of Business at Virginia Tech. "While the online format has its appeal for cost-efficiency, folks are realizing that sometimes much gets lost in translation," she says.

McGehee believes in the value of what happens before and after in-person meetings: "In-person consensus building, smaller break-out sessions, clarifications that lead to closing deals, and the opportunity to focus solely on the issue at hand and not be distracted by email, texts, colleagues, and family if you are working from home."

She points to September and beyond

for a further uptick in business travel.

"We are seeing our industry partners planning and advertising meetings and conferences starting in the fall," she says. "The rest of the corporate world is following suit shortly thereafter. While the COVID vaccine is clearing the way for safe travel, it will take time for companies' budgets to strengthen to the point that they can travel."

One of the most encouraging signs, said McGehee, is the impact on hiring and salaries for those entering the hospitality business.

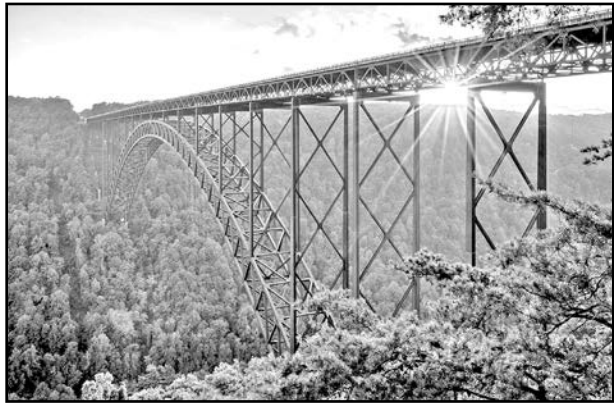
"I am getting daily requests for our students for internships," the professor said. "Our grads are turning down positions and accepting offers much higher than in previous years. Even last year's graduates had a whopping 93 percent placement rate."

Professor Nancy Gard McGehee's research focuses on rural tourism development at both the domestic and international levels.



Business travel has been among the U.S. industries hardest hit by the pandemic, but there have been incredible improvements just in the past two months, according to Virginia Tech travel expert Nancy McGehee.

Protecting species on the move within 13-state Appalachian region



Sunset at the New River Gorge Bridge in Victor, West Virginia. The bridge is located within America's newest national park - the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve - and is situated above the 53-mile long New River Gorge National River. It is surrounded by lush Appalachian Mountain forest. Photo courtesy of stehear / Adobe Stock.

As temperatures and sea levels rise as a result of climate change, flora and fauna are migrating into new and unknown lands to survive. Some animal species will have to move farther north to stay cool, while trees and plants will have to increase the breadth of their seed distribution to ensure the success for generations to come.

And just as they are adapting to change, our ideas of how we successfully engage in conservation needs to as well.

With a grant from the National Science Foundation's Dynamics of Integrated Socio-Environmental Systems program, an interdisciplinary team of researchers from Virginia Tech; the University of Tennessee, Knoxville; and the University of Southern California are helping conservation agencies and other stakeholders across state and local boundaries to rethink biodiversity protection approaches for this new era of climate change.

"Conservation efforts

have often traditionally been established around this notion that species exist within certain places and not others," said Todd Schenk, an associate professor in the Urban Affairs and Planning Program of the School of Public and International Affairs at Virginia Tech. "It has become clear that that is not true anymore, if it ever was. We are reaching the point where climate change and other global change drivers are changing ecosystems at rapid rates."

With this project, the team of researchers will be zooming in on one of the most biologically diverse regions in the temperate world: the central and southern Appalachian Mountains. The region will serve as a test-case landscape for the development of a more dynamic vision of conservation.

Within the lower 48, Appalachian ecosystems stand out for their incredible biodiversity. Covering an area of 737,000 square miles and home to tens of thousands of species, these mountain ecosystems have played, and

will continue to play, critical roles in enabling species movements as the climate changes.

The Appalachian Mountains transect 13 states. Taking into account all of the federal agencies, state agencies, tribes, and non-profit organizations that share responsibility for their protection, the Appalachian Mountain range is a prime example of the management challenges that will arise as species face new, growing threats.

Schenk said that there is one issue that is well worth noting: our state lines. Long ago, state borders were drawn largely without considering certain ecological features.

"Our boundaries are rarely drawn on the basis of ecosystems, like river basins or watersheds, to begin with," said Schenk. "If anything, we have done the opposite. Many states have rivers that serve as boundaries. Of course, we didn't draw political boundaries accounting for the ecology of regions. We drew them for other reasons."

For those in charge of

environmental policy, planning, and management, these artificial boundaries become all the more problematic. Environmental changes are going to inevitably cross these boundaries, which necessitates significant coordination across those boundaries.

"Much that we do as a society to protect species is ultimately tied to fixed geographies," said Paul Armsworth, an ecologist at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and principal investigator on the project. "We protect special places on the landscape in nature reserves or ask state agencies to lead on protecting species found within their borders. But, we are going to need much more flexible and dynamic approaches if we are to continue to protect species as climate change accelerates."

Researchers believe this kind of collective thinking is going to require cultural and institutional changes within natural resource management agencies and conservation NGOs, and facilitating such changes takes time.

To explore these issues further, the team is planning

to directly engage agency officials and others who are responsible for integrating climate change into State Wildlife Action Plans (SWAPs). With each state adhering to its own plan, coordination to tackle wicked problems, like climate change, can be difficult. Coordination is essential.

The team is also seeking knowledge from those who have cared for the land long before Europeans arrived. Various Indigenous tribes inhabit the central and southern Appalachian Mountain ranges, and the team will be learning from them, while helping them enhance their management approaches in the face of a changing climate.

"They are critical partners in this project given their longer-term relationships and stewardship with the land," said Schenk.

With the blending of various kinds of research expertise and experts from different organizations, the team is confident this new project can really make a difference to future conservation in the Appalachian region and beyond.

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.

ROUTE 669 CLOSURE - Route 669 (Fairview Church Road) will be closed for a low water slab replacement between Route 606 (Sidney Church Road) and Route 670 (Dairy Road), beginning Monday, June 7 through Wednesday, August 11. Detours will be in place and signs will be posted to assist drivers in the area.

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 intersection 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. 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 Fall 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.

UTILITY WORK ON ROUTE 460 - MMI will be installing fiber optic along Route 460 from the Giles County line to the Floyd County line. This work will be ongoing. Motorists should expect shoulders and/or lane closures for travel in both directions.

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 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.

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. Estimated completion date of the project is Summer 2022.

Drivers should expect delays. 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. Message boards will alert drivers.

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 WILLIAMSON 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

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OPINION

Into the Big House

At my age, the future is necessarily considerably shorter than my past, so I spend some time rummaging around in the attic of my long ago.

I've noticed that as I've gotten older I might not be able remember where I left my wallet ten minutes, but I can recall something that happened five decades ago. One of those distant incidents is a trip I once made to a local prison.

I recall being slightly unsettled when heavy iron doors clanged shut behind me.

Concertina wire coiled atop a chain link fence

like some loopy silver snake.

The people closest to me wore blue uniforms and carried side arms. Loaded, I presumed.

I was in the Big House. My sins and crimes had finally caught up to me; the truth about my secret life had finally come out.

Actually, I was in prison back decades ago when my wife and I were living in a wonderful little town called Hawkinsville in Pulaski County (Yes, Virginia, they have one of those in middle Georgia, too.) I was on the grounds of the Pulaski State Women's Prison,

but I didn't have reservations or plans for an extended stay no matter how hospitable the staff was.

Younger folks who have never seen the Paul Newman flick Cool Hand Luke will not know what I mean when I say that when I was in there I never heard anyone say, "What we have here is a failure to communicate."

The truth is the warden, a lady named Rose Williams, led me on a brief tour of the facility as part of a story for the local weekly newspaper I was working on. In that prison, the women at the

time were working on garment manufacturing, not license plates.

The facility didn't have much in common with Hollywood's version of prisons, even the ones in the movies today. I didn't see any leg irons or a "hole" in which unruly prisoners could be put until they learned some manners or got some religion, though something called a lockdown was pointed out to me as a place where lessons were taught. I got the point.

I did peer into the prison laundry where awful things happen in many prison movies. (See Redemption, Shawshank.) This one, however, was neat and bustling.

I didn't hear anybody

scream or shout. Not a voice was raised the whole time I was there except to talk over the rattle of machinery in the industry building.

The grounds were neat and clean. The prisoners were neat and clean. The buildings were neat and clean. Almost like a dormitory atmosphere. The operative word is "almost."

But everyone who was incarcerated wore the same khaki outfits, and they didn't walk up on or approach those who didn't wear khaki. They stopped at a respectful (read "safe") distance, faced the non-khaskians, and waited for instructions until they passed by.

This was clearly not a small college with the doors locked to keep the residents safe. It was a prison with the doors locked to keep the residents inside.

And no matter how courteous everyone was and no matter that no one was shackled or chained or abused -- those doors were still locked and those walls were still there.

My trip taught me that a manifestation of Hell can be neat, clean, and polite.

The author is a man of a certain age whose guided tour of the Pulaski State Women's Prison made an impression on him that still remains.

WalletHub: Virginia not among best states for teen-aged drivers

The personal finance website WalletHub last week released the results of its survey to identify the best and the worst states for teen-aged drivers, and Virginia showed up down the list at No. 28 among the 50 states.

As the website pointed out, getting a driver's license is considered a rite of passage in American culture. But this exciting coming-of-age has instead become a death sentence for thousands of teens each year. Motor-vehicle accidents are the second leading cause of death among the population aged 16 to 19, which also happens to be the age group with

the highest risk of crashes.

The financial implications are staggering, too. In 2018, motor vehicle crashes involving 15- to 19-year-olds resulted in \$4.8 billion in costs from medical expenses and work loss. That's not counting the costs of auto maintenance, insurance premiums, possible traffic citations and other vehicular incidents, expenses that can pile up over time.

To help parents ensure their teens' safety while also safeguarding their finances, WalletHub analyzed the teen-driving environment across three key dimensions: safety, economic environment, and driving laws

in each of the 50 states and also used a collection of 23 metrics.

Among the metrics used in the safety dimension were teen driver facilities per 1,000 teens; vehicle miles traveled per capita; traffic indiscipline (a composite metric that measures incidents due to poor behavior such as phone use, speeding, aggressive acceleration, harsh braking, and poor turning.) teen 'under the influence' traffic violations per 1,000 teens; the share of teen drinking and driving; the share of teen texting/emailing while driving; and the share of teenagers age 18 to 24 who always or nearly always wear a seat belt.

Among the metrics used in the economic environment dimension were the maximum cost of speeding tickets; the maximum cost of red-light tickets; the maximum amount of first-offensive fines for not wearing seat belts; the premium increase after adding teen drivers to the parents' auto insurance policy; and the average cost of car repairs.

Among the metrics used by WalletHub in the driving laws dimension were the provision of teen drivers' graduated driver licensing program laws; the presence of occupant protection laws; the presence of impaired driving laws; the presence of

distracted driving/texting while driving laws; the presence of red light and speeding camera laws; and the leniency toward DUI violations.

The ten states WalletHub determined to be the safest for teen drivers were New York, Oregon, Connecticut, Alaska, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Texas, Maryland, and New Jersey.

The ten states WalletHub determined to be the most dangerous for teen-age drivers in order to the worst were South Carolina, New Hampshire, Arkansas, Nebraska, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, South Dakota, Idaho, and Wyoming.

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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 delays. Estimated completion date July 2021.

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.

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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, 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Drivers should watch for moving vehicles and equipment. Expect possible delays.

I-77 BRIDGE DECK REPAIRS – Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 77. Right and left lane closures may be in place northbound or southbound during nighttime hours, 9

p.m. to 5 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

I-77 LANE & RAMP CLOSURES FOR MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS IN CARROLL COUNTY– Weather permitting, crews will be milling, paving and performing maintenance along Interstate 77. Right and left lane closures will be in place along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours. Drivers should expect possible delays.

I-77 BRUSH REMOVAL & SHOULDER WORK – Weather permitting, crews will remove and clear brush and work on shoulders and slopes along I-77 northbound and southbound from mile marker 17 to 14 during nighttime hours, 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. the following morning. A left lane closure will be in place.

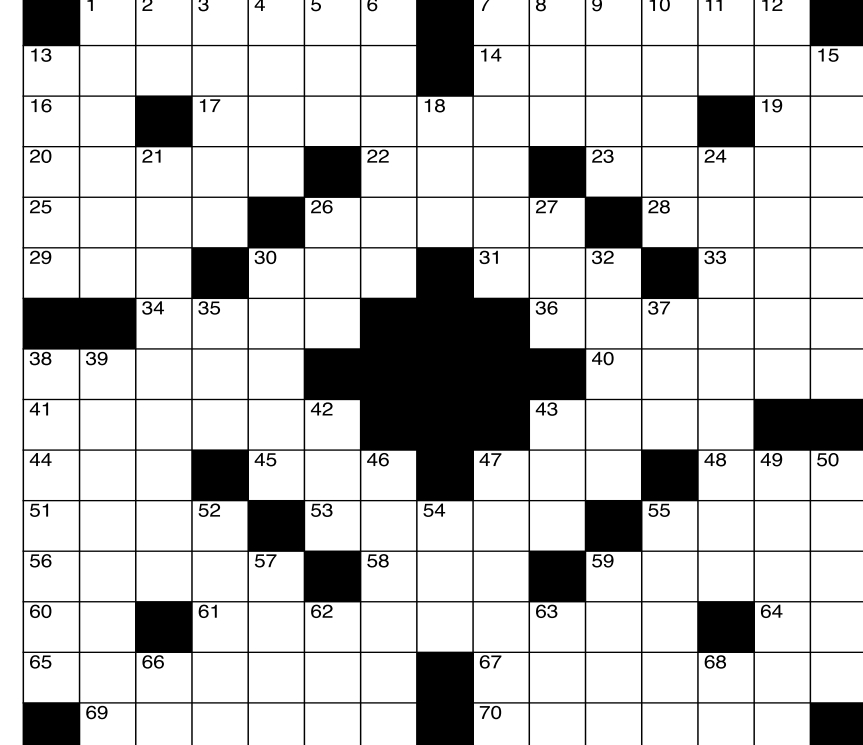
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ROUTE 460 (ORANGE AVENUE) INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS – Intersection improvements on Orange

Avenue and Hollins Road are underway. Turn lanes will be extended on Orange Avenue and the traffic signal will be replaced at the intersection. Hollins Road will be widened from Orange Avenue to McDowell Avenue. Flaggers will be in place to direct traffic at the intersection of Orange and Hollins during daytime hours, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Estimated completion is October 2021.

TRAFFIC SWITCH: During nighttime hours of 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning, the travel lanes of eastbound Route 460 (Orange Avenue) will be resurfaced at the intersection of Hollins Road, east of the intersection with Kimball Avenue and west of the intersection of 11th Street. Drivers should expect various lane closures in the area during this time. Once the resurfacing of eastbound Route 460 is completed, the left lane of eastbound Route 460 and the left lane of westbound Route 460 will both be closed for the reconstruction of the median, turn lanes as well as the median along Hollins Road.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Plant of the mint family
 - 7. Hand tool
 - 13. Made of the color of gold
 - 14. A volume of several novels
 - 16. Type of degree
 - 17. Good job!
 - 19. Seventh tone in major scale
 - 20. Fevers
 - 22. One's mother
 - 23. Fertile desert spots
 - 25. Large integers
 - 26. Plate for Eucharist
 - 28. Tennis matches have them
 - 29. Peyton's little brother
 - 30. Monetary unit of N. Korea
 - 31. Head movement
 - 33. Twelve
 - 34. Renaissance musical instrument
 - 36. Behavior showing high moral standards
 - 38. Letter of the Hebrew alphabet
 - 40. Notes to be sung
 - 41. Women's garment
 - 43. Coarsely ground corn
 - 44. One point south of due east
 - 45. A way to deplete
 - 47. Rough, prickly covering of a seed
 - 48. LA hoopster, but not a Laker
 - 51. Hindquarters
 - 51. Franz van ____, German diplomat
 - 55. Liquid body substances
 - 56. Rhythmic patterns
 - 58. A beaver might build one
 - 59. Police officer's tool
 - 60. Indicates who you are
 - 61. Pinwheel
 - 64. Exist
 - 65. Ornamental molding
 - 67. Closes again
 - 69. Verses
 - 70. Come into view
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Short stick used as a weapon
 - 2. An alternative
 - 3. Laws
 - 4. Sense organs
 - 5. One from Utah
 - 6. Mariner
 - 7. People in charge of cattle
 - 8. Health insurance organization
 - 9. Ornamental box
 - 10. Forest-dwelling deer
 - 11. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
 - 12. Atomic #71
 - 13. Become less intense
 - 15. Cowards
 - 18. Body ornament (slang)
 - 21. Applicable to all cases
 - 24. Multiplied by 6
 - 26. Afghanistan monetary unit
 - 27. Calendar month
 - 30. Cena and Lennon are two
 - 32. Monetary unit of Serbia
 - 35. First time on the market
 - 37. Georgia rockers
 - 38. Free from contamination
 - 39. Coastal region of Canada
 - 42. Clothing retailer
 - 43. It rises and sets
 - 46. Fathers
 - 47. Stain with mud
 - 49. Suitable for crops
 - 50. Feels concern for
 - 52. Orange-brown
 - 54. Buddy
 - 55. Late sportscaster Craig
 - 57. Used to align parts
 - 59. Wake up
 - 62. Solid water
 - 63. Semiprecious stone
 - 66. Atomic #45
 - 68. Top lawyer

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. 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.



Due to no fault of her own, Raven returned to the Animal Care and Adoption Center in late April. As one can imagine, it's impacting her level of happiness and she's a little blue. Raven would really love to get back to being her cheery self, and she'll do just about anything to find her furever home, including putting on a shark costume to show her fun personality. She is a sweet gal who enjoys being with her favorite people to get some affection. Raven would do best in a home where she is the only pet. She is house trained.



Say "Yo!" to Adrian. While he doesn't know much about Rocky movies or putting up a fight, he does know he is hoping for his purrfect match. Adrian is just a gentle senior cat looking for a loving home. He is laid back and calm and enjoys being petted. Adrian's adoption is sponsored by Montgomery County Friends of Animal Care and Control.

OBITUARIES

Frets, Jerry Beverly

Jerry Beverly Frets, 83, passed away at her home in Radford on Tuesday, June 22, 2021. She was retired from St. Alban's Hospital where she was the personnel director. She was preceded in death by her parents, Victor and Nell Glaub, and a grandson, Trevor Frets.

Survivors include her husband, Paul Wiley Frets of Radford; daughters Vicki (Larry) Stegall of Sumter, S. C., and Valarie Frets of Radford; a son, Kyle (Debbie) Frets

of Radford; a brother, Tony Lee Glaub of Jonesboro, Ark.; grandsons Erik (Heather) Stegall and Patrick Stegall; great-grandchildren Logan and Sophie; and many other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until noon on Saturday, July 10, 2021, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford.

The Frets family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford, www.mullinsfuneralhome.com.

Gillenwater, David Lee

David Lee Gillenwater, 54, of Elliston, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, July 3, 2021.

He was born on June 28, 1967, to the late James R. and Margaret Correll Gillenwater. He was also preceded in death by his brother, James R. Gillenwater, Jr.

He is survived by his sister, Sandra Faye and Ranny Collins. He comes from a large family; just know he loved you all.

The family would like to express a

special thank-you to the Herrick House Group Home and Franklin County Hospital for all the love and care they showed.

Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday, July 6, 2021, in the Cambria Pentecostal Holiness Church with Pastor Rick Collins officiating. Interment followed in Roselawn Memorial Gardens. Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

Hall, Shasta Dawn

Shasta Dawn Hall, 31, of Christiansburg died Wednesday, June 30, 2021.

She was born in Radford on Sept. 9, 1989.

She is survived by her mother, Freda and Timmy Comer; her father, Mark and Dessie Hall; daughters Nevaeh Webb and Emma McClellan; son Jeremiah McClellan; sisters Stephanie



Stuart, and Samantha Gusler; and brothers Joshua Comer and James Comer.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 5, 2021, at 11 a.m. in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel. Interment followed in the Sutphin-Spaulling Family Cemetery. Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

Heffron, Nora Perdue

Nora Perdue Heffron, age 90, of Elliston, passed away June 30, 2021, peacefully at her home on Paris Mountain in Ironto with her loving family by her side.

Nicknamed "Anna Kate" by her family as a child, Nora was born on April 5, 1931, to Guy and Mary Lee Perdue.

One of Nora's greatest joys involved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She also enjoyed canning foods from her garden, dining out with friends and family, and watching the birds and other wildlife that roamed her property.

Regardless of where she lived, she always kept a job to help support her family, making many lifelong friends along the way. She retired from Walmart in Salem as a door greeter after 17 years of service.

Nora was preceded in death by her parents, Willie Guy and Mary Lee Sessler Perdue; five brothers, LeRoy, Carl, Vance, Otis, and Freddy Perdue, and one sister, Doris Perdue Naegelen.



She is survived by her siblings Robert Perdue (Bonnie) of Charlotte, N.C., Elsie (the late Tommy Ross) of Shawsville; two daughters, Darlene Whalen (Don), of Charlottesville, Patricia Heffron Baraty, (Joe) of Rocky Mount, and one son, James R. Heffron, of

Ironto; seven grandchildren: Donald and Brian Whalen, Mellissa Tolley Wibalda and David Tolley (Ashlee), and Lynn, Jimmy, and Wesley Heffron; seven great-grandchildren: Darren Benevento, Alex and Kyndall Wibalda, Adriana and Adam Tolley and Catlyn Wilhelm; one great-grandchild, Brooklynn Drake; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Nora's legacy will be the love, comfort, and care she had towards all of her family. She will be a never-ending song of love in our hearts.

A memorial service was held at Hall's United Methodist Church, Elliston, on Tuesday, July 6, at 11:00 a.m., with visitation at 10 a.m. Burial followed in the Hall's Church Cemetery with a reception afterwards in the pavilion.

Martin, Sr., Robert H.

Robert H Martin, Sr., left this world in peace at his home in Blacksburg on June 24, 2021.

Bob was born in Muskogee, Okla. on Feb. 2, 1924.

He was a career employee with Corning Glass, joining the company after serving in the Navy during Work War II. He moved to Blacksburg in 1965 to open the plant, and he worked there in various capacities until his 70's.

Bob served as the ruling elder and deacon and the treasurer at Northside Presbyterian Church in Blacksburg. He was a strong solid

force in financial planning for the church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Jo Martin; his brother Walter V. Martin, Jr.; and his daughter-in-law, Barbara Garland Martin. Survivors include his son, Robert H Martin, Jr., of Blacksburg, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service is planned for the fall. The family asks that contributions be made to Northside Presbyterian Church in recognition of Bob's 40 years of service. Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

Saul, Donna Ray Holt

Donna Ray Holt Saul, 88, of Radford, went to be with her Lord on Thursday, July 1, 2021, at LewisGale Hospital Montgomery.

She was born in Roanoke on Oct. 24, 1932, to the late Raymond and Ella Mae Holt.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James "H" Saul.

She was instrumental in founding after-school programs in many of her churches.

She is survived by her daughters and son-in-law, Louise Saul and Carrie and Richard Scaggs; a son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Millie Saul; grandchild-



dren Scott and Amber Saul, Bray Haynes, and Amanda Ray Reid; great-grandchildren Devon, Desmond, Rhianna, Bray, Jr., and Lance; a sister and brother-in-law, Jack and Jerry Osborne; a brother and sister-in-law, Phil and Lucy Osborne; as well as other loving

nieces and nephews.

A joint memorial service will be held for both Mr. and Mrs. Saul on Thursday, July 8, 2021, at 11 a.m. in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Allison Unroe officiating. The family will receive friends from 10 to 11 a.m. prior to the service.

McMahan, Ricky Joe

On July 3, 2021, Ricky Joe McMahan was welcomed to the loving arms of his heavenly father and family that went before him. He died peacefully at his Roanoke home surrounded by his family.

He was born on Dec. 29, 1957, in Radford.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Frank and Hazel Hale, and Henry and Margaret McMahan; his uncles, Monte Hale and Bobby Bowles; and his cousin Angie Bowles.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn Carroll McMahan; his parents Danny Joe and Martha Hale McMahan; his sister, Tina McMahan; his stepchildren, Beth Nienke (Ken) and Chris Carroll; his grandchildren, Rebekah Quirin (Derrick), Christopher Nienke (Olivia), Jake Nienke, Hannah Mays (Jonathan), and Garrett, Cayden, Klohye and Kasyde Carroll; great-grandchildren Ellie and Roan Quirin, and Newt Nienke and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins, and good friend, Jim Tuggle.

As a child, Ricky attended Northside Presbyterian Church where he played on the softball team with his father. After moving to Michigan, Ricky worked as a supervisor for Quality Glass for many years. Throughout his life, he was an avid

Virginia Tech and Notre Dame fan. One of the highlights of his life was working as an usher at the Notre Dame football games.

Ricky had a great love of God, his family, and his friends. While he was confined to bed for many years, he prayed for the ones he loved. During his last week, he often expressed his worry for his friend who had recently lost his wife. He always thought of others more than himself. He amazed everyone who knew him with his wonderful sense of humor that remained with him to the very end of his life. His attitude during his long illness was an inspiration to all who had the honor of knowing him. He leaves a void in the hearts of many, but also a happiness that he is finally free of his earthly body that constrained him. He will always be loved but never ever forgotten.

The family would like to express their appreciation to the special neighbors for many years of good food, care, and friendship. Ricky, we rejoice that you are finally able to walk again. Walk proudly through Heaven for you have earned your wings.

Visitation will be held at 1 p.m. today, July 7, followed by the service at 2 p.m. at McCoy Funeral Home. A graveside service will immediately follow at Roselawn Cemetery.

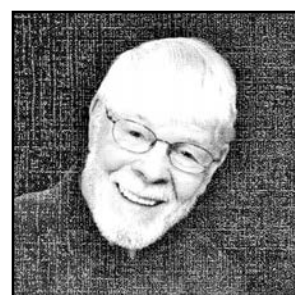
Sheckler, Lewis R.

Lewis R. Sheckler, 90, and a longtime resident of Radford, went to Heaven June 28, 2021.

He was born Sept. 12, 1930, to James and Erma Sheckler.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, James (Jim) and Edgar (Ed); and one sister, Esther.

Lewis was a professor of music at Radford University who loved his Lord, his



wife, his family, his nation, and tennis.

He is survived by his children, David Sheckler, Stephen Sheckler (Beverly), and John Sheckler (Annette); three grandchildren, Rhianon Growney (Matt), Amanda McBride (Bobby), and James LaPoint; and seven great-grandchildren.

A celebration of his life will be held at the Christ Wesleyan Church on July 24, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.

St. Clair, Clarence Kenneth

Clarence Kenneth St. Clair, 73, of Catawba, passed away Saturday, June 26, 2021.

He was retired from General Electric with 40 years of service. He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence Robert and Effie Maude St. Clair.

Survivors include his wife, Lorrie S. St. Clair; a daughter and son-in-law, Lorrie Ann and Douglas Danco of Roanoke; a son, Joseph Ray Montgomery of Salem; grandchildren Julie Ann and Matthew Tyler; sisters and brother-in-law, Phyllis and Chuck Dimmick of Calif., and Juanita Davis of



Salem; brothers and sister-in-law, George and Lorraine St. Clair, and Paul St. Clair, all of Roanoke; and many other relatives and friends.

The family received friends on Wednesday, June 30, 2021, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford.

Graveside services were held on Thursday, July 1, 2021, in the Snowville Baptist Church Cemetery in Hiwassee with the Rev. Frankie Graham officiating.

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

Webb, Loretta Sue

Loretta Sue Webb, 73, of Floyd, passed away Saturday, June 26, 2021.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Lois Howell Rash, and her son, Benjamin Bradley.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Jonathan Zane, Jr., and Drema Bradley of Hiwassee; grandchildren Cody Bradley, Wy-

att Bradley, and Wes Bradley; great-grandchildren Raelynn Bradley, Rory Bradley, and Landon Bradley; and many other relatives and friends.

In keeping with Loretta's wishes, there will be no services.

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

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Legals - City of Salem

**Notice is hereby
given to**
all interested persons that
the Council of the City of
Salem, at its regular
meeting on Monday, July
26, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., in
the Council Chambers of
City Hall, 114 N. Broad
Street, in the City of Salem,
Virginia, will hold a public
hearing, pursuant to
Sections 15.2-2204 and
15.2-2285 of the Code of
Virginia, as amended, to
consider approval of the
following requests relative
to the CODE OF THE CITY
OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Hold public hearing to
consider the request of the
Salem Historical Society,
property owner, for rezoning
the property located at 1936
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138-2-7) from CBD
Community Business
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property owner, for rezoning
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3. Hold public hearing to
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property owner, for rezoning
the property located at 23
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Map #77-3-12) from HBD
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4. Hold public hearing to
consider the request of
Property Catalyst Group,
Inc., applicant and Layman
Candy Company, Inc. and
George W. Givens Jr. &
Susan K. Givens, property
owners, for the issuance of
a Special Exception Permit
to allow personal storage on
the properties located at
1637 & 1641-1647 East
Main Street, and 11, 15, &
23 Dalewood Avenue (Tax

Legals - City of Salem

Map #s 77-3-13, 77-3-16,
77-3-15, 77-3-14, and 77-3-
12).

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 COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA
BY
H. Robert Light
Clerk of Council

Notice is hereby given to

all interested persons that
the City of Salem Planning
Commission, at its regular
meeting on July 14, 2021, at
7:00 p.m., in the Council
Chambers of City Hall, 114
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of Salem, Virginia, will
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THE PLANNING
COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA
BY
James E. Taliaferro, II
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Legals - Montgomery County

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PROPOSED
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REVIEW:**
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budget will be available for
public inspection during
normal office hours July 9 –
August 9, 2021. A copy is
available at each of
NRVCS' five outpatient
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and hours, as well as an
electronic version of the
proposed budget, visit
www.nrvcs.org.

Legals - Town of Vinton

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF VINTON,
VIRGINIA
NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING**
Please be advised that the
Vinton Town Council will
hold three public hearings at
its meeting on Tuesday,
July 20, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.
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matter may be heard, in the
Council Chambers of the
Vinton Municipal Building,
located at 311 South Pollard
Street, Vinton, Virginia, on
the following, to-wit:

1. Proposed amendment to
Town of Vinton's FY 2021-
2022 budget to accept and
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amount of \$4,204,017 for
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2. Proposed amendment to
the Town of Vinton's FY
2021-2022 budget to
appropriate funding to cover
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\$1,221,139.
2. Proposed Rate Changes
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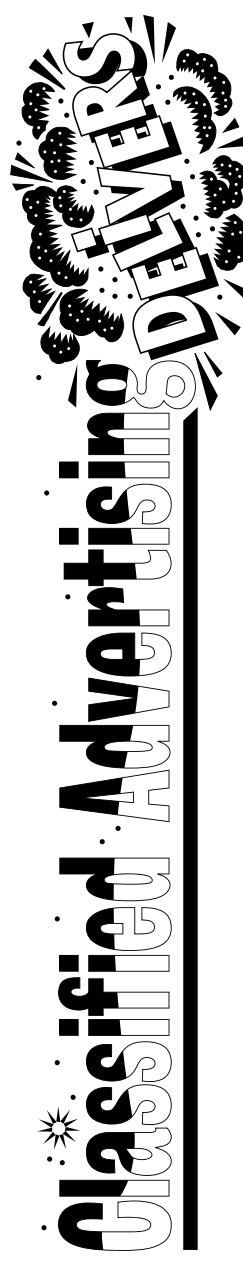
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MONTGOMERY SPORTS

Former Highlander is chasing a dream on the U.S. paralympic track and field team

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The United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee announced Thursday afternoon that Radford men's soccer alumnus Nick Mayhugh has been named to the United States Paralympic Track and Field team.

Mayhugh graduated from Radford University after a stellar career on the soccer field including time spent on the U.S. National Paralympic Soccer team that played on the international stage.

From Charlotte, Mayhugh set a new world record for the 100-meter event at the Paralympic Trials and a new American record for the 200-meter event, thus becoming a national champion in both events as well as being ranked first in the world for both events.

For Mayhugh, soccer was a lifesaver. He had always noticed something wrong with the left side of his body, thus he worked even harder to use just his right side on the soccer field.

"I never wanted to be looked at differently or treated differently because my norm was different," Mayhugh said. "I remember being in my room and spending hours trying to

teach myself how to tie my shoes with both hands, teaching myself to walk without a limp and even getting dressed without falling over. Going into middle school, I made a decision not to tell anybody and to keep it to myself."

He initially had told his parents and medical personal, but no one really believed something was wrong because he was so active.

The problem made him work even harder. "I used to leave practices crying because I couldn't use my left foot as well as I could my right; I couldn't really feel it," he said. "I think my self-awareness played a huge part as to why I am in the position I am in today. I spent countless hours after practice working extra or at home with my brother working on my left foot and doing cone drills to make myself better technically."

He continued to work hard at the game he loved, and nothing was going to stop him from playing at a higher level. But in 2010 as a ninth grader, he suffered a grand mal seizure.

"I'll never forget the first words my doctor spoke," Mayhugh said. "I interrupted her and asked when I could play soccer again and she said she didn't think I would ever be able to play soccer again. She initially

thought I had a brain tumor. I remember seeing the life get sucked out of my mom when she heard those words, but I knew that couldn't be true. It had to have been something else."

The family got a second opinion, but it still wasn't the message they wanted to hear.

Mayhugh was told he had a unique situation that medical personnel had not seen before. An MRI showed a grey circle on the right side of his brain called a dead spot.

Doctors said it was the result of a stroke in utero (before birth) or shortly after birth. Then all the dots sort of started to connect.

"The dead spot was just an inactive part of my brain and it made sense as to why I couldn't really feel my left side, my arm, fingers, my leg and my foot, everything. All the nerves and pathways were inactive," Mayhugh said. "I finally had an answer for everything, and my parents finally believed me and understood why I complained and said everything I did growing up. It was like a huge weight was lifted off my shoulders, a big sigh of relief because they finally believed me."

Doctors told him he would never play soccer ever again, but he was determined to continue the

game he loved. He took the field on a youth team of the D.C. United Soccer Academy, and soccer seemed to be the only way he could prove to the world he was not different. After some coaxing of the coaching staff at Radford University, he walked on the men's team.

"I have always wanted to represent my country on the Olympic stage and Team USA gave me an opportunity to do that in track," Mayhugh said. "After soccer was cut from the (2020 Tokyo Summer) games, Team USA recruited me to run track, and I have dedicated everything mentally, physically, and emotionally to track and field. I wanted to challenge myself and see how far I can go. To see if I really can do it, and here I am, proving myself right and a lot of people wrong."

Because of his medical condition, he was invited to the U.S. Paralympic team camp for players with neurological conditions.

Mayhugh said representing his country in international play was an indescribable feeling.

During the Paralympic Games, track and field will be contested between August 27 and Sept. 5, 2021, at the Olympic Stadium. At the last paralympics in 2016 at Rio, the track and field



FILE PHOTO
Former Radford University soccer player Nick Mayhugh is headed to the Paralympic Olympics in Tokyo.

team brought home 43 medals. The full 2020 U.S. Paralympic team roster will be announced in early August and will feature an estimated 250 athletes.

The success at the global level just keeps coming for Mayhugh as he has collected many accolades while playing for the U.S. Paralympic soccer team. In 25 national team games, he has scored 34 goals and notched 31 assists while playing for 1,384 minutes. In 2019, he was named the U.S. Soccer Player of the Year with a Disability.

He led the charge on offense for the fourth-ranked national team, its highest-ever world ranking. As a midfielder, he scored 19 goals in 11 games at the International Federation of Cerebral Palsy Foot-

ball World Cup and the 2019 Para Pan-American Games.

Mayhugh continues to overcome many obstacles.

"It's a personal vendetta I have with myself," Mayhugh said. "I want to push myself to be the best athlete and person I can be. And until I do that, I will strive for what's next, what else can I do, how far can I really go? And no matter what it is, I know I'll be successful. It's just the way I'm wired."

Now he runs for the United States, Radford University and himself.

"I am going to Tokyo with my eyes set on gold. I am going to come home with two gold medals and two world records. Anything less is a failure to me," he said.

Hokies living Olympic Dream for Tokyo

Hokies Youssef Ramadan and Antani Ivanov have both qualified for the 2020 Olympic

Games as have Hokie alum Marcel Lomnický and signee Barbora Malíková. Ramadan and

Ivanov are the first two current student-athletes at Virginia Tech to head to Tokyo.

Ramadan swam an Olympic standard A-Cut time on Sunday, qualifying him for competition in the 100 butterfly for Egypt. The freshman is no stranger to the big stage in the 100-fly as he had his most notable performance of the season in the event.

At the 2021 ACC Championships, Ramadan had a record-breaking time in the 100 butterfly at 44.32, the third fastest time ever in the NCAA, the fastest time swum by a freshman in NCAA history, and the No.1-time in the country at that point in the season. Ramadan's time also broke the ACC record, the ACC meet record, the school record, and the Greensboro Aquatic Center record.

Ivanov qualified in both the 100 and 200 butterfly earlier this month for Bulgaria. Although this is Ivanov's first Olympic appearance, he has competed on the Bulgarian Junior National and National Team for several years.

This past season, Iva-

nov, a junior, earned a bronze medal in the 200 fly at the 2021 NCAA Championships back in March with a time of 1:39.26. Ivanov also took sixth place in the 100 fly, earning his second individual All-American honor of the season. At the ACC Championships he placed second in the 200 fly and third in the 100 fly.

Ramadan and Ivanov will be joined in Tokyo by Hokie alum, Ian Ho. Ho will compete in the 50-freestyle sprint for Hong Kong.

The 2020 Olympic Games will begin July 23 and will conclude on August 8 in Tokyo, Japan. Swimming competition will run from July 24 through August 1 at the Tokyo Aquatics Center in Koto City, Tokyo.

Hokie alum Marcel Lomnický and signee Barbora Malíková punched their tickets to the Tokyo Olympics at their respective national championships this weekend.

Lomnický '12, the

two-time NCAA champion while at Virginia Tech, qualified for his third Olympic games in the hammer throw with a heave of 259' 10" (79.19m) to win the Slovakia National Championships.

Lomnický advanced to Tokyo having competed for Slovakia at both the London and Rio Olympics, finishing fifth at the 2016 games. The 33-year-old Slovak enters the Tokyo games ranked seventh in the world with his throw from this weekend.

Malíková delivered a blazing performance in the 400m, winning the national championship with a time of 51.23 seconds and securing her spot at the Olympic Games.

The 19-year-old won the gold medal at the 2017 World U18 Championships and the silver medal at the 2019 European Junior Championships, both in the 400m.

Malíková also owns the Czech Republic's U20 national record in the 800m at 2:03.14.

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Auburn's Kirsten Fleet named state softball player of year

The Virginia Association of Coaches has named Auburn pitcher Kirsten Fleet as the state's softball player of the year. Fleet was also named the Mt. Empire and Region C player of the year after leading the team to this year's state Class 1 title. The sophomore was 15-0 in the circle during the regular season.

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