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NRV auction to feature historical items



After 50 years of collecting historical items, Blacksburg's Larry Linkous has decided to downsize by having an auction.

Blacksburg's Larry Linkous will hold one of the largest auctions ever of Montgomery County and Southwest Virginia historical items on Friday, July 30, and Saturday, July 31.

The auction will be held at 2190 Merrimac Road, Blacksburg, starting at 10 a.m. each day.

"I have enjoyed collecting antiques, local historical artifacts, historical documents, Civil War artifacts -- both Confederate and Union, signed crocks (many are Virginia and Shenandoah Valley as well as some from North Carolina, Kentucky and southern states, including a signed Daniel

Segal crock), military memorabilia, Native American items, carvings, and other one-of-a-kind items. I have collected for over 50 years, and now it is time to downsize," Linkous said.

This auction will include a large collection of authenticated Civil War artifacts such as Montgomery County and Confederate bonds and currency.

Other historical items of interest to be auctioned off include a framed original copy of the Ulster County Gazette that features George Washington's death announcement and funeral arrangements; and Confederate artifacts such as officer's swords, a side

knife, a boarding ax, canteens, a Confederate soldier's Bible, cannonballs and slave shackles. A Union sword and many other Union artifacts will be up for auction.

Advertising crocks and other items to be auctioned include Trenor and Casper liquor jugs from Roanoke, a complete Virginia Tech milk bottle set (one complete set of embossed and one complete set of painted), a Virginia Tech milk can, a Virginia Tech milk bottling crate, a local Montgomery County soda advertising including Banner

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Radford native making Lincoln Center debut



Wilbert Kellerman is making his Lincoln Center debut July 27 and 28 singing in Rossini's *The Barber of Seville*.

Radford native Wilbert Kellerman, the son of Radford residents Margaret Stone and Fred Kellerman, is making his Lincoln Center debut July 27 and 28, singing the role of the officer in Rossini's *The Barber of Seville* with Teatro Nuovo. These performances mark

the return of live opera to the cultural center, the first performance before a live audience in more than a year. Kellerman is a graduate of Radford High School who later received degrees from James Madison University and the Mannes School of Music in New York City.

NRCC graduate Ian Ho competing in 2020 Tokyo Olympics



Hong Kong native Ian Ho, who transferred to VT after completing his associate degree at NRCC, is swimming in Tokyo at the 2020 Olympics.

New River Community College alumnus Ian Ho swam for the Hong Kong team at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics with the swim competition beginning Saturday, July 24.

Swimming in the 2020 Olympics wasn't always necessarily Ho's goal because as he said, "I'm a pretty realistic person." After many years of competitive swimming as a child and a teenager, Ho joined the Virginia Tech swim and dive team as a walk-on member in 2015. He eventually earned a scholarship and went on to set school records in the 50 freestyle and the 200 medley relay events.

After breaking the Hong Kong record in 2019 in the 50-freestyle race and qualifying for the Olympics representing Hong Kong, where he has been living and training for over a year, is particularly special to Ho.

"I feel incredibly grateful to be able to have the opportunity to compete for Hong Kong," he said. "Being able to represent my parents' home country while having the support from all my relatives in Hong Kong is truly an honor."

Education has been important to Ho as well. After just two years of high school, he opted to get his GED and start college. He decided to take classes at NRCC where his father, Caisy Ho, is a physics professor.

"New River to me was a fantastic stepping stone to Virginia Tech. The classes offered provided me with

a good basis of understanding, allowing my transition to Tech to be a smooth one," Ho said.

After completing an associate degree in engineering at NRCC in 2015, he transferred to Virginia Tech where he went on to graduate with the highest honors. Ho is now pursuing his graduate studies there and is considering a Ph.D. program in mechanical engineering.

Swimming and education aren't Ho's only interests, though. His skill set ranges from playing beach volleyball and chess to learning the guitar; he even tried out horse vaulting and gymnastics as a child. Ho is also an accomplished violinist who has performed with an orchestra at the Kennedy Center.

But right now, swimming is the focus for Ho. To prepare for the Olympics competition, he trained from four to six hours a day, six days a week, taking only Sundays off for recovery. He trained with the Hong Kong national team after training under Sergio Lopez with Pinnacle Racing at Virginia Tech.

"When I started swimming, I never thought I'd ever go to the Olympics," Ho said. "I only really started improving when I was in college at Virginia Tech. It's so surreal to think that I'm now an Olympian. I'm incredibly grateful to all my family and friends who helped me along the way."

The Olympic Opening Ceremonies were held Friday, July 23.

Western Virginia Regional Jail inmate dies

Lisa Mariel Lemond, a 32-year-old inmate at the Western Virginia Regional Jail, which serves the City of Salem and the counties of Franklin, Montgomery, and Roanoke, has died at Roanoke Memorial Hospital from an undetermined illness.

Thursday, July 22, Lemond was transported by Roanoke County Fire-EMS to Roanoke Memorial Hospital and was alert and re-

sponsive during the transport. She was treated at Roanoke Memorial throughout the night but was pronounced deceased at 12:08 a.m. Friday morning.

According to a statement from the jail and Deputy Superintendent Chris Hayes issued Friday morning, July 23, the office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Roanoke was to perform an autopsy. The Roanoke

County Police Department is investigating according to normal protocol.

All information at this point indicates this death was due to natural causes with no involvement of COVID-19.

Inmate Lemond was committed to the regional jail on July 2, 2021, and was awaiting a supervision revocation hearing in Roanoke County Circuit Court.

Christiansburg-Blacksburg Rotary Club presents leadership award to New River Health District director

At its July meeting, the Rotary Club of Christiansburg-Blacksburg awarded its 2021 Professional Leadership Award to Dr. Noelle Bissell, Director of the New River Health District for her leadership of the New River Valley's COVID-19 response.

The award ceremony took place during the club's first in-person meeting since March 2020. The Professional Leadership Award recognizes individuals who have gone beyond the boundaries of conventional professional success by demonstrating exceptional leadership in the development and implementation of programs beneficial to the community. The award has been made annually since 2000 to

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PHOTO BY RICK FURR

Dr. Noelle Bissell (center), Director of the New River Health District, was awarded the Rotary Club of Christiansburg-Blacksburg's 2021 Professional Leadership Award at the club's July meeting. Pictured left to right are NRV Public Health Task Force members Kevin Byrd, Executive Director of the New River Regional Commission; Blacksburg Police Chief Anthony Wilson and Alan Fabian, CEO, LewisGale Hospital; Dr. Bissell's family: Dr. Charles Bissell and Téa Bissell; the club's award committee members: Randy Young, Ron Stockhoff, Doug McAlister, and Howard Moses; and Club President, Bridget Adams.

Virtual Montgomery Race for ACCE set for Aug. 6-8

The third annual Montgomery County Race for ACCE event will take place virtually Aug. 6-8, 2021.

ACCE (Access to Community College Education) is an economic development public/private part-

nership that makes college debt-free to high school and home-schooled graduates by funding New River Community College tuition for two years. Students in return provide 80 hours of community service on an annual basis. Approximately 300 Montgomery County students will attend NRCC in the fall of 2021 using ACCE funds.

The 5K registration fee is \$25 with a family discount for three or more at \$60. The Children's Fun Run fee is \$10. Medals will be provided to age-group winners based on online time information submitted. In addition sponsorships and "friends" of ACCE are needed. Visit the raceforacce.com website to register as a participant, a sponsor or a friend of ACCE. Contact Martha Ann Stallings at mstallin@vt.edu for additional information.



ACCE students John Cole and Carlie Simmers hand out a race T-shirt to Debbie Campbell during the Race for ACCE 2020 event.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, July 28:

Teen Book Club

Montgomery Floyd Regional Library online at 4 p.m. Each month the club will discuss a different book. This month's book is "Dread Nation" by Justina Ireland. Email mroach@mfril.org for more information.

DIY Ice Cream

At the Meadowbrook Public Library. Multiple time slots will be available but preregistration is required. Participants will make their very own ice cream in a bag, adding the toppings of choice, and learning a little about the science behind ice-cream making. Four time slots will be available with a maximum of 10 people per time slot. Sign up at the library for a preferred time. For ages up to 17.

Thursday, July 29:

Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Club

At the Blacksburg Library from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. To be discussed is "All Systems Red" by Martha Wells. Call ahead to get a copy of this month's book.

Saturday, July 31:

Friends of Claytor Lake Annual Meeting

At Claytor Lake State

Park Shelter One from 9 a.m. until noon. RSVP to info@focl.org.

Sunday, Aug. 1:

Simply Elemental Art Opening Reception

The Simply Elemental art display in the Hahn Horticultural Garden (on the Virginia Tech campus) officially opens. The art will be on display through Sept. 10. An opening reception will be held in the garden on Aug. 1 from 4 to 6 p.m. There will be live poetry readings and music during the event. The musical performers are Renate Kehlenbeck on the classical guitar from 4 to 4:45 p.m. and Julia Fallon on the harp from 5 to 5:45 p.m. Hors d'oeuvre and punch will be available, sponsored by Matrix Gallery Fine American Crafts. The Blacksburg Regional Art Association is sponsoring the first-ever 2021 VT Hahn Horticulture Garden Simply Elemental Sculpture Award. The award recipient will be selected by a jury.

Thursday, Aug. 5:

American Legion meeting American Legion Harvey-Howe-Carper Post 30 will meet at 7 p.m. at the VFW Post 776 building in Radford. For further information, call 250-2283 or 239-9864.

Radford Public Library Book Sale

Friday, Aug. 6-Sunday, Aug. 8:

Radford Public Library Book Sale

The Radford Public Library's primary fundraiser, sponsored by the Lamp-lighters, volunteers who raise money for the library, is the book sale, Friday, Aug. 6 and Saturday, Aug. 7 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 8, from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Masks and gloves will be provided at the library entrance. Some tables will be set up inside the library to increase the shopping space.

Hardbacks are \$1.00 and paperbacks are \$.50. Children's books are half that.

Saturday, Aug. 7:

Pilot Community Center auction

The last of the community's centers fundraisers for renovations. Community members will be set up at Chloe Bishop, 5950 Riner Road, from 9 a.m. until noon and then will take the tickets to Larry Linkous, who will draw the winning tickets.

Tuesday, Aug. 10:

Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting

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 Confederacy (UDC) are invited to attend. Guest speaker Charlotte Conner will talk about "First Battle of Manassas-Unwarranted Deaths of Savable Soldiers." For further information, call 320-4315 or 239-9864.

Wednesday, Aug. 11:

Brown Bag Book Club

Join the Radford Public Library on the second Wednesday of each month for a book discussion from noon to 1 p.m. Bring a lunch if you like. This month the group is discussing "The Grapes of Wrath" by John Steinbeck.

Saturday, Aug. 14:

Fourth Annual Swing for Scholarships Golf Tournament

At the Pete Dye River Course. The tournament benefits the "Carilion Cares for Children" program providing tuition discounts at the Radford Early Learning Center for families with financial need at Radford Child Development, Inc.

Shotgun start at 2 p.m. Captain's Choice Foursome; \$300/foursome paid online by Aug. 13; \$400/

foursome at the door, based on availability; \$100/hole sponsorship paid online by Aug. 6. Prizes include a \$100,000 hole-in-one contest for 10 participants chosen by purchased raffle ticket, a 2021 Vehicle from Harvey's in Radford for a hole-in-one. Prizes will also be awarded for first-through fourth-place teams and closest to the pin. An awards dinner will be held, and the day will include gift bags, refreshments, raffle prizes, and mulligans. To register go to www.radford-childdevelopment.org/golf.

Ongoing:

Through July 31:

Radford Public Library's Summer Reading Program

The library is presenting 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 Aug. 29:

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

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

The exhibit 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 Dr. 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 1 p.m. in the New River Valley Community Service parking lot (the old Wade's parking lot) on West Main Street

Christiansburg Farmers Market

Every Thursday through October the Christiansburg Farmers Market is being held at the Christiansburg Recreation Center parking lot from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Send community news and photos to communitynews@ourvalley.org

To de-ice planes on the fly, researchers aim to control rather than combat ice formation

How do you control ice formation on a plane, even when it's in flight? Jonathan Boreyko, associate professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, is leading a team working with Collins Aerospace to develop an approach using ice itself. In a study published in Physical Review Letters, they created a de-icing method that exploits how frost grows on pillar structures to suspend ice as it forms into a layer that's easier to remove.

Ice formation on airplanes can be both an aggravation and a health hazard. Watch-

ing an airport departure board for delays because of ice is familiar territory for winter travelers, and the National Transportation Safety Board reports a total of 52 in-flight accidents attributed to ice formation between 2010 and 2014, resulting in 78 fatalities.

De-icing a plane at the airport prior to takeoff is possible, but planes also experience plummeting temperatures and rapid ice formation in flight. Once ice forms on the wings, it can greatly inhibit a pilot's ability to safely operate the aircraft. Equipping planes with the ability to remove ice while flying at altitudes between 35,000 and 42,000 feet would provide a better set of tools to maintain safety, the researchers believe.

Boreyko's team worked from the knowledge that water droplets behave in different ways, depending on the surface. They aimed to leverage a principle known as Cassie's Law, which shows that air can be trapped under water drops if the drops are suspended atop a structure that is bumpy and water-repellent. With a structure that could trap air underwater in this "Cassie state," the researchers sought to make

ice form in a layer with lower adhesion to the surface.

Making a surface water-repellent typically requires a chemical coating that must be periodically replenished, Boreyko explained, and the bumpy surface also tends to wear over time. The team opted for a novel approach, with the goal of making a water-repellent surface that doesn't require fragile chemical coatings or ultra-fine bumps. Instead, they opted for a simple and durable structure in the form of aluminum, millimeter-sized pillars.

Boreyko's team created an array of pillars, each one millimeter tall by half a millimeter wide. The tiny pedestals were machined into a pattern with a millimeter between. As the temperature dropped, frost preferentially grew on the tops of the pillars, resulting in elevated frost tips. As more water was added, it was absorbed into this porous frost layer. When water drops were subsequently impacted on the surface, they were caught on the frost pedestals.

These freezing drops created tiny "ice bridges," as lead author Hyunggon Park described, that sealed the gaps of air in the valleys

between the frost-tipped pillars. "When impacting water drops froze on the surface, we made an interesting observation: The water drops were being caught by the frost tips and building ice bridges to trap air pockets underneath," Park said. Over time, a continuous and air-trapping ice canopy formed over the frost-tipped pillars.

Whereas other de-icing methods may still allow a sheet of ice to adhere more directly to a large surface area, these trapped air gaps cause the sheet to be suspended, lowering the amount of adhesion ice has to the surface.

"By using larger pillars in place of nanostructures, and frost tips in place of a hydrophobic coating, we found we can get the same benefit of trapping air underneath the forming ice while avoiding the durability concerns," Boreyko said. "This should make our approach practical for enhancing de-icing on aircraft or heat exchangers."

With a weaker bond, it's possible to use the air pockets to then push ice away. This will be the next step in the researchers' process, as Boreyko's team continues to develop their method.

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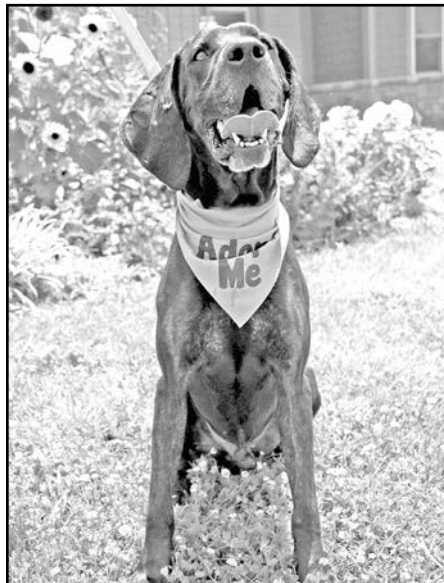
There is extensive local & regional public transportation network (Blacksburg Transit) & Smart Way Commuter Bus with direct links to Airport, & Northern VA. Newly approved rail service and Amtrak Station scheduled for 2024. Existing Bus Stop within 100 ft of property. Walkable Community to all convenient amenities.

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.

PETS-OF-THE-WEEK

Each week 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.



"Gentle giant" is how staff at the Animal Care and Adoption Center describe Magnum. He's a bigger dog that will need to put on some weight as he was found wandering on a local trail in early July and is a bit slender. Magnum is a sweet, affectionate boy who is dog-selective, so a meet-and-greet would be necessary for any future dog buddies.



Thomas is a special needs cat who is looking for loving humans to care for him. He is on a special diet and will need to continue taking medication to keep him happy and healthy. He prefers dogs to fellow felines, and he gets along with children over 12.

Contact - Broker & Auctioneer Matt Gallimore at 540-239-2585 or email gallimore.matt@gmail.com

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OBITUARIES

Huffman, William O. "Chuck"

William O. "Chuck" Huffman passed peacefully at home on Saturday, July 24, 2021, after 86 wonderful years.

He treasured his family, his way of life, and God's creations. He was kind, patient, and caring and was an exceptional husband, father, and grandfather.

He was a lifelong farmer, a special friend to many, and a prankster who loved to "pull one over on you." He spent every day on the farm working cows and taking care of the land. He loved every second of it and never complained.

His laugh was contagious, and he lit up any room or field he was in. He spent many hours in the tractor on the farm or in his white pickup truck running up and down the road.

Before he began farming, Chuck played for the St. Louis Cardinals minor league baseball team at second base. He and his wife of 66 years, Peggy, met at a high school baseball game, and the rest was history.

They had one daughter Shari, and she was his pride and joy. She began helping him on the farm after she retired from teaching. Chuck's son-in-law, Robert, was like a son to him. Robert kept the farm equipment up and running and took the boss's orders well.

Chuck served for many years on the Farmers and Merchants Bank, Narrows Livestock Market, Smyth Mutual, and Ross Cemetery boards.



Chuck leaves behind his loving and amazing wife, Peggy J. Huffman; his precious daughter and son-in-law, Shari and Robert Tripp; a granddaughter and husband, Ashlei and Justin Barham; his great-grandchildren, Oscar and Gunner Barham, Kenadee Tripp and her mother, Heather

Stover; nephews Joe Dowdy and Matt Dowdy and wife, Kim, and their daughter, Lena. He also leaves behind many, many special friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Early B. "Speedy" and Ruth W. Huffman; his grandson, William Robert "WR" Tripp; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Ned H. and Pauline K. Dowdy; his sister-in-law and her husband, Jane and Tom Hurd; and a brother-in-law, Hale Dowdy, and his son, Rusty.

The family sends special thanks to Chuck's caregivers Allie, Phyllis, and Theresa. Thanks also go to Kindred Hospice for their wonderful care, especially nurses Lila and Jennifer.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 27, 2021 in the Bethel United Methodist Church in Craig County, with the Rev. Charles Stacy and the Rev. Larry Thompson officiating. Burial followed in Ross Cemetery in Craig County.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Simonsville Volunteer Fire Department or to the Craig County Rescue Squad. Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

Hixon, Reda Graves

Reda Graves Hixon, 85, daughter of the late Dillard and Lillian Graves, passed away at her home on July 22, 2021.

Her husband, Paul (Tug), her sons, Eddie and Glenn, a grandson Michael, three brothers and a sister preceded her in death.

She is survived by her daughters, Kathy Mullens and Karen and Jerry Godbey; grandchildren Aaron and Heather Hixon, Darrell Hixon, Shannon Winters, Kristy

and Dale Martin, William Godbey, and John Mullens; and numerous great- and great-great-grandchildren and family members.

As per Reda's wishes, a graveside service was held on Monday, July 26, 2021, with Pastor Joe Walker officiating at Roselawn Memorial Gardens, Christiansburg.

Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

Manns-Brown, Dawn Lenora

Dawn Lenora Manns-Brown was called home by her Heavenly Father on July 17, 2021, at the age of 61 at her home in Howell, N.J. She was born on August 6, 1959, in Radford to Charles and Caroline Manns of New River, Va.

Dawn has deeply established roots in the New River Valley, Roanoke Valley, and Richmond. She spent the last 10 years of her life in Howell, N.J., where she had come to embrace the church family of Pilgrim Baptist Church in Red Bank, N.J., as her own. Dawn found Christ at an early age, accepting the Lord and Savior into her life by joining First Missionary Baptist Church in New River, where she remained a lifelong member.

Upon graduation from Pulaski County High School, Dawn went on to Ferrum College and completed her education at Virginia Commonwealth University. The years spent at these institutions provided her with many lifelong friends whose friendships she cherished.

Dawn lived a life full of compassion, empathy, care, and service to others. The highest testament to the ideals in which she lived her life would be the time she dedicated to raising "her boys." Until her final days, if someone asked her what she did for a living, she would be happy to report that she was "a stay-at-home mom taking care of her 32- and 26-year-old sons."

She was preceded in death by her sister, Christine Manns; her paternal



grandparents, James and Hattie Manns; and her maternal grandparents, Ray and Regina Lewis.

She leaves to cherish her memory her loving husband of 34 years, Anthony Brown; two sons whom she adored, Luther "Maxwell" (Cody) Brown of Blacksburg and Clayton Brown of Howell, N.J.; her parents, Charles and Caroline Manns of New River; siblings Charlene Horne of Vienna, Va., Charles Manns, Jr. of Alexandria, Va., and Donald Manns of New River; her mother-in-law, Kate Brown of Powhatan, Va.; and a special sister-in-law, Donna Shabazz, of Radford, Va. Also left to rejoice in the memories of her life well spent are a host of loving nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, cousins, and friends.

Funeral services were held at First Missionary Baptist Church, 7318 Manns Dr., New River, VA 24129 on Sat., July 24, 2021 with the Rev. Montie Brown officiating. Interment was at the New River Cemetery, and repress was at the First Missionary Baptist Church directly following services.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Dawn's memory to METAvivor - Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness, Research and Support.

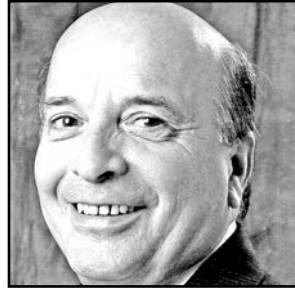
The Manns-Brown family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford. www.mullinsfuneralhome.com

Sharlow, John Francis "Jack"

John Francis "Jack" Sharlow, 79, of Dublin, Va., formerly from Batavia, N.Y., passed peacefully into eternity on Wednesday, July 21, 2021, while at home surrounded by his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Francis Alfred Sharlow and Esther Irene (Bowen) Sharlow; a son-in-law, Neil Randall Waters; and a precious great-granddaughter, Charlee Mayne Sharlow.

Jack is survived by his three children, Diane Sharlow Waters, John Francis Sharlow, Jr., (Tammy), and Kari Sharlow Taylor (Brad). He is also survived by 10 grandchildren: Joshua Sharlow (Laura), Matthieu Sharlow (Chelsea), Ryan Sharlow (Victoria), Cassandra Sharlow, Casey Durrett, Nicholas Durrett, Brandon Taylor (Miranda), Kaylee Rose (Matthew), Cloe Taylor, and Bryan Taylor. Ten great-grandchildren were also blessed to call him "Grandpa": Hunter, Audra-Leigh and Kennedy Sharlow, Dakotah Sharlow, Micah, Braxton and Addi-



lyn Sharlow, Elizabeth Barker; and Brysen and Brooks Taylor.

Jack is also survived by his five siblings: Joanne "Joni" Barnes, James "Jim" Sharlow (Gayle), George Sharlow (Paula), David Sharlow, and Donald Sharlow.

A former Veteran of the U.S. Army Reserves, Jack retired as Executive Catering Director from Radford University. He continued his passion for mentoring and consulting at Mountain Lake, teaching etiquette at Ferrum College and faithfully volunteering for his local election precinct. He also enjoyed camping, traveling, and attending a weekly supper club with close friends.

The family will receive friends on Sat., July 31, 2021, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Horne Funeral Home in Christiansburg. A memorial service will begin at 3 p.m. in the Horne Funeral Home Chapel. A live stream of Jack's memorial service can be viewed using the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/horne.horne.739326/>

Auction

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Cola, an ornate brass cash register originally from a Giles County store, and an ornate change counting machine.

Also to go under the gavel are a Civil War painting by Charles E. Nelson for Glenn W. Summerlin, an oil-on-canvas portrait of James Kent, a large step back cupboard, a brass cog from the tower clock from the late 1800's Montgomery County Courthouse, musical instruments including a Washburn Guitar, Creed handmade banjos, a Floyd County Fiddle, and a square grand piano manufactured in Boston in 1840.

Linkous will put up for auction a large collection of Native American artifacts including a head bonnet, beaded accessories, and blankets and arrow points (many of them local).

Historical furniture to be auctioned off will include a Victorian dresser from Kentland Home, candle molds, a primitive cradle that belonged to

Richard Poff (a congressman and State Supreme Court Justice), and an 1880s oak desk.

Original oil paintings to be auctioned off include one of the Old Prices Fork School building by Dick Cupp, a Blacksburg scene by Margaret Beeks, a Willard Gayheart print of a coal miner, three original Western and horse scenes by Western artist Dennis Swindell, and a painting of Lynbrook Row by W. Roop.

Miscellaneous items up for bids will include a stairstep basket, a collection of old Kewpie dolls and vintage Smokey Bears, and a full edition of the 1862 Harper's Weekly including a first printing of the Emancipation Proclamation and a bond sold to finance the Virginia Agriculture and Mechanical College (now Virginia Tech).

For more information about the auction, contact Linkous at 540.320.1151.

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individuals in diverse professions such as technology, education, medicine, finance, and public safety.

In normal times, Dr. Bissell's job leading the New River Health District encompasses preventing disease and promoting health and wellness in all counties and localities of the New River Valley with a particular focus on families, children, mothers, environmental health, international travel, immunization, health education, food safety, and communicable disease prevention and control.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the health district's focus has shifted to keeping local communities safe, getting the newest and most accurate information to residents, COVID-19 testing and mass vaccination clinics, and now, reaching out to those who have not yet gotten vaccinated and dispelling myths.

Throughout this time, Dr. Bissell has been the face of the NRV's COVID response and the NRV Public Health Task Force through her many public Zoom briefings and press calls and has guided the development of the NRV RoadToWellness.com website to provide the public with local COVID information, resources, volunteer opportunities, and vaccination signups for residents and businesses.

NRV Public Health Task Force member Kevin Byrd, who also serves as the Execu-

tive Director of the New River Regional Commission, said of Dr. Bissell, "She has shone brightly." Byrd went on to say that Dr. Bissell questioned many boundaries to find what was needed to minimize the impact of COVID in the NRV community. "She welcomed everyone to contribute, 'How do we do this together?'" Her leadership style is why we're here [meeting in person] today."

Blacksburg Police Chief Anthony Wilson, co-chair of the NRV Public Health Task Force with Dr. Bissell, talked about how difficult the pandemic has been, in part due to its impact on society, friends, and family. He said, "We needed a general, and we got one" in Dr. Bissell. "Her grace under fire has been incredible. She fought alongside us every day."

Alan Fabian, CEO of LewisGale Hospital Montgomery and member of the NRV Public Health Task Force,

shared insights about Dr. Bissell's adaptive and highly effective style that was important in such rapidly shifting circumstances. Fabian said, "She knows how to quickly seize opportunities, communicate effectively, and hold people accountable and responsible. Instead of overpowering people, she worked with them. We as the task force wanted to do nothing but support her."

In accepting the award, Dr. Bissell said, "I'm honored and I'm humbled, but I didn't do it myself." She acknowledged the NRV Public Health Task Force and her family. "Everyone that really mattered supported me and I really needed that," she said.

And she took one more opportunity to reiterate that the vaccines are safe and effective and how important it is for everyone who can to get vaccinated to keep our communities safe and keep new COVID variants from forming.

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OPINION

Buddy King: Considering retirement on a day-to-day basis

I have written a couple of columns on retirement in my tenure as “second least worst alternative” columnist for the Messenger. The cat who lets me live in her house has even discussed it in her column “A Cat of a Certain Age,” sarcastic little twit that she is. So, it obviously is on my mind from time to time.

When I consider “hanging it up,” as we used to say, I think of the days of the week. I wonder if the ups and downs of the typical five-day work week are something I will miss. Will one day be like another and if so is that a bad thing? I know I won't miss the melancholy of Sunday evenings as the weekend winds down or the temporarily debilitating feelings of Monday mornings. As my college yearbook so poignantly phrased it, the weekends “chew us up and spit us out in tiny pieces on Monday mornings.” So one of the entries on the pro side of the “retire now” ledger is the likely end of the Sunday night doldrums and the Monday morning blues. A huge pro.

On the other side of the ledger is the euphoria of Friday nights and the serenity of Saturday mornings. Ever since grade school, I have felt my emotional barometer elevate on Fridays. It even begins to kick in on Thursday nights in anticipation of the freedom of the approaching weekend. Whether it was Mrs. Sarver's spelling quizzes in third grade or Wally Flinchum's world history tests in high school or econ exams in college or tough

negotiations in my legal career, my pursuits have always been easier and I have been more confident on Fridays. To paraphrase the poet Jimmy Buffett, on Fridays “I'm God's own worker and a fearless man.”

Friday nights have meant the thrill of being “under the lights” for high school football games and riotous parties in college and relaxing dinners after the end of the work week with my wife and friends. And Saturday mornings have meant early runs and coffee on the front porch and Saturday chores and peaceful solitude. Will retirement make every night Friday night and every morning Saturday morning? If so, sign me up now.

Let's call it a draw then, at worst, between the agony of the end of the weekend and the thrill of its beginning. So I need to extend my analysis to the feelings of the other days of the week. Assuming that the consensus of my retired friends that every day becomes the same is accurate, I have to consider what other feelings I might be giving up when I retire.

Let's turn to Wednesdays then. Another good feeling night for me: hump day, back to college days for me, the weekend in sight. While I didn't do much on Wednesday nights in college since it was usually a study night, there was still the promise of the weekend. The same feeling has persisted into my work life. I am on the right side of the weekly continuum. So Wednes-

day goes on the positive side of the “continue-to-work” argument. Wednesdays, the evenings at least, bring about a somewhat satisfied contentment and an expectation of better things to come.

What about Thursday? What feelings do Thursdays bring? This one is obvious. Thursdays are Wednesdays on steroids. A warmup to Fridays. Even in college, and despite being a steady and dedicated student, I did enjoy some Thursday nights. I would go out with friends occasionally or watch a game on television. Another habit that has stayed with me in my working life. I feel more entitled to fun on Thursday evenings. Less guilt. I think this Thursday feeling is based in part on my belief that I can get through a single day regardless of what I did the night before, that regardless of how little sleep I got I can make it to the finish line. So Thursday goes in the good-feeling column, a night I will miss if every day and every night becomes the same.

For those keeping score, that puts Wednesday night, Thursday night, all day Friday and Saturday (morning in particular) in the plus column for feelings I will miss if leaving the workforce means every day becomes the same. On the other side, on the side of the AARP folks, are Sundays and Monday mornings, mixed with a little melancholy from Saturday afternoons and nights.

But there is another consideration of the days of the week:

Monday night. Most will probably guess that Monday is Monday, that the blues last all day long. Not so for me. I have turned Monday nights into mini-Wednesdays, a celebration of getting back into the flow.

I feel like I have conquered the end of the weekend letdown, that I am productive again. Carpe diem. Look out: rest of the week, here I come. I may not go out or do anything special, but there is a feeling of quiet satisfaction on Monday nights. Thus, add Monday nights to the feelings I will miss.

The tally pretty clearly points to more good feeling days or partial days than low points in the workaday world. So, on this scale, retirement seems risky at best. The cost of Sunday nights and Monday mornings seems well worth paying for the benefits of the anticipation and elation and contentment of the rest of the week. There are other considerations of course, so I don't put myself in that category of “I'll work forever” or like many lawyers who want to “die at their desks.” Might happen but won't be by design.

One other matter has to be addressed. Tuesdays. No mention of Tuesdays. I've covered every other day of the week except for Tuesdays. It's the only day of the week that doesn't evoke any specific emotion or reaction in my mind. I can make myself feel down by thinking of Monday mornings, or I can make myself elated by thinking of Friday nights, or I can

make myself relaxed by thinking of Saturday mornings. But Tuesdays? Nothing, nada. Maybe retirement is a series of Tuesdays?

I once asked one of my close friends from college who has been retired for many years what his days were like, did feelings change based on the day of the week or did the days simply run together? And if so was that good? His answer? “Sue and I drink more on Tuesdays than we did before we retired.” You got me what that meant.

One more thing about Tuesdays. I was discussing my hypothesis on the days of the week with one of our younger partners, Tom. I told him I could change my mood by just thinking of certain days of the week. I can make myself feel better by thinking of Friday nights and feel down by thinking of Monday mornings, but I had nothing for Tuesdays.

Tom said Tuesday was his favorite day of the week. I was shocked and asked how could that be? Tom's logic? Monday is the worst of the week right? What is the furthest away you ever are from Monday? Tuesday of course. So Tuesday is the best day of the week. Thanks, Tom.

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Home Country: Billy the town dog

Almost all of us know how to pronounce pandemic now, and we have a pretty good idea of what it means since everyone we know spent more than a year under virtual house arrest.

But that didn't help Billy much. Billy's our town dog, of course. He's been our town dog since Sally passed away on Doc's porch, and Billy's owner died two weeks later. Sometimes an honored position doesn't require an election.

Billy took right to it. He made his daily rounds to the back door of the Chinese restaurant and the

Mule Barn coffee shop. He drifted over to the Rest of Your Life retirement home often to give the old folks another reason to enjoy life.

And there was his job, too. Every weekday morning Billy was on duty at the street crossing where the kids went to school. Martin, the crossing guard, was always there with his vest and his sign, and Billy was the official cross-the-street escort.

But when the pandemic hit, the kids were suddenly home-schooled and Martin stayed home as well. This threw a big monkey wrench

into Billy's gear box.

So about once a week, a bunch of us masked coffee drinkers would go to the school intersection and stand there until Billy showed up. He'd look both ways and take us across the street and then continue on his daily rounds.

Just because we're in a pandemic doesn't mean we can't do our job.

Brought to you by The Fly Fisherman's Bucket List, published by Rio Grande books and written by Slim Randles, who had fun researching it.

WalletHub: Virginia has nation's fourth best school system

As the personal finance website WalletHub pointed out, securing a child's academic success begins with choosing the right schools. But how can parents decide where to enroll their kids?

In other words, where are the nation's top performing school systems?

To help parents answer that question, WalletHub conducted a survey of the school systems in all 50 states and the District of

Columbia, using 32 key metrics, and then ranked them in order from best to worst. Those metrics were then divided across two dimensions: quality and safety.

Based on those rankings, WalletHub determined Virginia has the nation's fourth-best school system.

Among the metrics used in the “quality” division were the high school graduation rate among low-income students, the projected high school graduation rate increase between 2020-21 and 2021-32; the system's dropout rate, its math test scores (measuring the scores earned by fourth- and eighth-graders), the system's math test scores (again using the scores earned by fourth- and eighth-graders), the share of the 2020 high school class scoring a 3 or higher

on advanced placement exams, the median SAT score, the median ACT score, the pupil-teacher ratio, and the share of licensed/certified public K-12 teachers.

Among the metrics used in the “safety” division were the share of threatened/injured high school students (determined by the share of public school students in grades 9-12 who reported being threatened or injured with a weapon on school property), the share of high school students not attending school because of safety concerns, the share of children whose parents agree their children go to safe schools, the share of high school students with access to illegal drugs, the share of high school students participating in violence (based on students reports of involvement in a physical fight at least once

during the previous 12 months on school property), the share of armed high school students, the number of school shootings from 2000 through June 2021, the presence of adopted and enacted laws regarding mandatory school resource officers, the bullying incidence rate, the disciplinary incidence rate, the youth incarceration rate, the requirement for a school safety plan, the requirement for a school safety audit, and the safety grade of the roads around the school.

The three school systems that were ranked higher than Virginia's in the survey were 1. Massachusetts, 2. Connecticut, and 3. New Jersey.

The five lowest-ranking school systems in the nation (47-51) were 47. Alabama 48. Alaska 49. Arizona 50. Louisiana 51. New Mexico.

Virginia's gas prices close in on \$3/gal. average

Virginia's gas prices rose 0.6 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.98/g as of Monday, July 26, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 4,081 stations in Virginia.

Gas prices in Virginia are five cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 97.7 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Virginia was priced at \$2.67/g Monday while the most expensive was \$3.69/g, a difference of \$1.02/g.

The national average price of gasoline fell 2.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.14/g Monday. The national average is up 4.7 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 97.2 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

“With oil prices struggling under the weight of a rise in new COVID cases thanks to the Delta variant and OPEC's increase in oil production, average gas prices in most

states finally drifted lower,” said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy.

“However, we aren't yet in the clear. U.S. gasoline demand last week surged to a new 2021 high, besting the week prior to the July 4 holiday. This shows that motorists aren't slowing their appetite for hitting the road just yet, and that could further boost prices should demand remain hot. For now, motorists should enjoy the perhaps brief respite at the pump and buckle up for what might be a bumpy finish to summer.”

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data spanning nearly two decades. GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country. GasBuddy data are accessible at http://FuelInsights.GasBuddy.com.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Language group with Iranian influence
5. No seats available
8. Health insurance organization
11. Having a strong sharp smell or taste
13. Defunct European economic organization
14. Dutch word for “language”
15. Hard to penetrate
16. When you'll get there
17. Iranian city
18. Small fishes
20. Dry white wine drink
21. Turkish city
22. U.S.-born people
25. Synthetic resin
30. Major nerve in human body
31. Type of recording

CLUES DOWN

1. Father
2. Performed perfectly
3. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
4. Thin, compact object
5. One attempting to find something
6. No longer working
7. Egg-shaped wind instrument
8. Book of Genesis character
9. Volcanic craters
10. Brand of American automobile (slang)
12. Hip hop icon Kool Moe ___
14. Bangladeshi monetary unit
19. Self-immolation by fire ritual
23. Family of genes
24. Et ___ indicates further
25. Pacific Standard Time
26. S. American wood sorrel
27. Women's ___ movement
28. Chinese hoopster Ming

CLUES DOWN

29. Layers of rock
34. Patriotic women's group
35. Solid water
36. Shade of brown
37. Very fast airplane
39. Put clothes on
40. Quality of one's character
41. Time zone
42. Primates
44. Pleasantly
45. Metrical feet
46. Rogue
47. German river
48. Relieves from
51. Swiss river
52. Prejudice
53. Actor Idris
54. Those who resist authority
58. Criticize

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Lot 26, Clifton Ph II, Christiansburg, \$461,770
 Horatio Holdings LLC to Sean M. Gunther, Lot 3, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$452,769
 Chak Holdings LLC to Zachary William Kemp, Lot 11, Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$122,750
 Daniel J. Beal to Lina Quan, 0.125 ac. lot 135 Village at Toms Creek, Ph III, Blacksburg, \$535,000
 Martin E. Muscatello to Muscatello Properties LLC, Lot 36, Echols Village Subdv, Ph I
 Sandra C. Bane to Radford and Radford Properties, 0.438 ac., Christiansburg, \$200,000
 Jarred M. Pierce to Jarred M. Pierce, 1.081 ac., lot 52, Riner Magisterial District
 David J. Samara Trust to Dass Holdings LLC, 1.040 ac., lot 78, Christiansburg
 David Jacob Samara Trust to Dass Holdings LLC, 1.016 ac., lot 77, Riner Magisterial District
 David Jacob Samara Trust to Dass Holdings LLC, lot 23, Lions Gate, Ph II, Christiansburg
 Lucas Construction & Development to Stateson Homes LLC, 0.314 ac., lot 1, Kinloch Subdv, Blacksburg, \$86,500
 Fieldstone United Methodist Church to Megstone LLC, See 2003017438, Christiansburg, \$950,000
 Lucas Construction & Development to Stateson Homes LLC, 0.407 ac., lot 9, Kinloch Subdv, Blacksburg, \$93,500
 Lucas Construction & Development to Stateson Homes LLC, 0.236 ac., lot 7, Kinloch Subdv, Blacksburg, \$93,500
 Lucas Construction & Development to Stateson Homes LLC, 0.292 ac., lot 11, Kinloch Subdv, Blacksburg, \$93,500
 Lucas Construction & Development to Stateson Homes LLC, 0.173 ac., lot 14, Kinloch Subdv, Blacksburg, \$91,164
 Lucas Construction & Development to Stateson Homes LLC, 0.253 ac., lot 17, Kinloch Subdv, Blacksburg, \$91,164
 Lucas Construction & Development to Stateson Homes, 0.270 ac., lot 18, Kinloch Subdv, Blacksburg, \$91,164
 Brenda Coleman Isaac to Floyd Farm Associates, 8.7826 ac., lot 7, Eagle View, Riner Magisterial District, \$65,000

Lucas Construction & Development to Stateson Homes LLC, 0.259 ac., lot 19, Kinloch Subdv, Blacksburg, \$91,164
 Martin James O'Dowd to Rebecca Donovan Brooks, 3.7838 ac., Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$378,000
 Samuel O. Doak to Christ A. Brandow, lot 7, sec. VIII, Windmill Hills, Christiansburg, \$330,000
 Shaun Patrick Chuyka to Ryan C. East, 0.541 ac., lot 2, Christiansburg, \$227,000
 David T. Mullins to April Dawn Bradbury, 1.001 ac., Shawsville Magisterial District, \$52,000
 William McGuire to Shelly Caruso, lot 13, Dry Valley Subdv, Riner Magisterial District, \$157,000
 Marilyn Turner Lyga to Amber Z. Smith, Lot 30, Highland Pk. 2, Blacksburg, \$410,000
 Margaret V. Owens to Wade Stimpson, 0.232 ac., lot 2, Riner Magisterial District, \$60,000
 Deanne M. Lane to Denise Mullen, Unit 30-4, Ph. XIII, Christiansburg
 Danny L. Reed to Danny L. Reed, 1.291 ac., parcel 1 and 0.404 ac. parcel 2
 Tyris Homes Inc. to William A. Lazar, Lot 8, Ph V-A, Shawsville Magisterial District, 1213 Walnut Ridge Rd., Christiansburg, \$357,900
 Joey Landon Ritenour executor to Omly LLC, lot 1, Highland Pk. 5, Christiansburg, \$229,000
 Charles Thomas Tate II to James Edgar Tate, lot 69, McBryde Village \$226,100
 Kipp Farms LLC to Eric Matthew Baker
 James Rancourt Trust to Northstar Church, 1 ac. parcel 1 & 9 ac. parcel 2, Prices Fork Magisterial District
 Jorge K. Newton to Timothy Hurley, lot 20, Dundas Heights Annex, Blacksburg, \$530,000
 Allen J. Dickerson to Breanna M. Underwood, 0.9010 ac., Riner Magisterial District, \$192,000
 Gilbert W. Chafin to Gilbert W. Chafin, 3.282 ac., Riiner Magisterial District
 Michael S. Lafon to Michael S. Lafon, 2007 Christopher Dr., Christiansburg, Lot 59
 Randall E. Burdette to G. Douglas Jones, Lot 1, Riner Magisterial District, \$700,000
 Golden Triangle Devel-

opment LLC to Patrick A. Johnson, 0.13 ac., lot 39, Reagans Pointe, Christiansburg, \$289,900
 John H. Fitzgerald, Jr., to Shah Development LLC, lot 4, sec. 2, Hardie Hills Subdv, Blacksburg, \$311,000
 Ethel W. McPeak Estate to Chad M. Chirhart, 26.444 ac., Shawsville Magisterial District, \$160,000
 Christene M. Cox to Christene M. Cox, lot 107, ph V, New River Village, Christiansburg
 Derek L. Bowman to Ali Baig, lot 67, Huff Acres, Christiansburg, \$240,000
 Timothy Hurley to Tim Hurley Living Trust, lot 20, Blacksburg
 Shah Development LLC to Kevin Christopher McLoughlin, 0.132 ac., lot 12, Midway Estates, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$273,760
 Robert John Trout Trust to Properties Reimagined LLC, 2021002842 correct tax numbers
 Michael L. Brunelli to Michael L. Brunelli, Lot 8, Highland Pk 2, Christiansburg
 William A. Ellenbogen to Benjamin W. Price, 9.184 ac., lot 2, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$350,000
 Jessica A. Hudson to David Caleb Ayers, Lot 13, Huff Acres
 Mike Blankenship to Benjamin Pennington, Lot 2, Hunters Ridge, Ph III, Christiansburg, \$175,000
 Lucas E. Reed, Jr., to Rebecca A. Keller, 6.001 ac., \$222,000
 Jimmy R. Graham to Dawn Rader Graham, 6.000 ac., lot 2, Prices Fork Magisterial District
 Alan Dale Cash to VSB Investments LLC, 1.0095 ac., Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$125,000
 Robert C. Roberts to Robert C. Roberts, Jr., two parcels, lot 1, 2, and western 1/2 of lot 3, Shawsville District
 Margaret C. Merrill to Laura R. Mayes, 3 tracts, see legal, Riner Magisterial District, \$184,000
 United States Dept. of the Treasury to Kenneth M. James, 1.978 ac., lot 45, Ridges Subdv., Ph 6, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$32,050
 Shelby Jean Sumner estate to Country Road LLC, lots 71, 72 and 105-108, Brumfield Acres, Christiansburg, \$126,000
 Rick Keat Tan to Tara


M. Owens, lot 48, Cambria Crossing, Ph I, Christiansburg, \$255,960
 Loy/Mary Burch I LLC to Justin Burch, Lot 24, Huff Acres, Christiansburg
 Arthur G. Hamrick, Jr., to Vaughn Properties LLC
 Margaret K. Long to Mark L. Mear, 3.175 ac., Riner Magisterial District, \$348,500
 Sherman Jackson Early, executor to Fred Jackson III, 620 School Lane, Christiansburg, 0.4330 ac., Christiansburg, \$130,000
 Celal Guney Olgun to Joseph Daniel Mock, lot 70, ph IX, Blacksburg, \$645,000
 William C. Cranwell II to Rick Keat Tan, lot 9 1/2, Rainbow Ridge Subdv, Blacksburg, \$469,900
 Peyton E. Lee to PNR Properties LLC, 0.3522 ac., lot 5, Riner Magisterial District
 Castle Farm LLC to Absolute Construction LLC, 143 ac., metes and bounds, \$1,300,000
 Beverly L. Shepherd to Angela R. Shepherd, 2983 Austin Rd., Christiansburg, metes and bounds, Riner Magisterial District
 Beverly L. Shepherd to L. Dean Shepherd, Austin Road, Christiansburg, three parcels, see legal
 Beverly L. Shepherd to Angela R. Shepherd, 2991 Austin Road, Christiansburg, two parcels, see legal, Riner Magisterial District
 Clara D. Hawkins Trust to George W. Hawkins Trust, 611 Alleghany St., Blacksburg, lot 4, Knob Hill Subdv, Blacksburg
 George E. Bunce Trust to John H. Fike, metes and bounds, see legal, Blacksburg, \$455,000
 Matthew Hebdon to Kara A. Oliveri, lot 17, Westover Hills, Sec III, Blacksburg, \$390,000
 Brookmeade Apartments LLC to Alleghany Spring Road LLC, 290-292 Alleghany Spring Rd., Shawsville, 1.794 ac., lot 2C, \$1,050,000
 Victoria W. Zolezzi to Joseph W. Hartmann Trust, Condo unit 6304, Bldg 6, Knollwood Condos, Ph IV, Blacksburg, \$258,000
 Ji Zu Shi to Ji Zu Shi, lot 2A, Villas at Fiddlers Green, Blacksburg
 Arena Properties LLC to Jamey Allen Meints, Lot 7, Longview Estates, Sec. 3 less and except part of lot 7, \$309,000
 Dean R. Bork to Dean R. Bork Trust, lot 3, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District
 Hurley R. Lewis estate to Qui Peng, lot 20, Oak Tree Townhomes, Ph VI, \$194,000
 Ivan Velickovic to Shah Development LLC, lot 24, Heritage Place, Ph I, Riner Magisterial District, \$52,000
 Shirley Custer Havens to Country Road LLC, two parcels, 0.2497 ac., parcel A, and 0.1307 ac. parcel B, Christiansburg, \$115,000
 Marvin W. Page to Ralph E. Bandy, lot 29, Diamond Pointe Subdv., Ph I, Christiansburg, \$495,000
 Teresa G. Campbell to Chaz Chinault, lot 6, Edgewood Subdv., \$239,000
 R Fralin Homes LLC to Fralin Construction Inc., lot 21, The Villas on North Marin, Ph II, \$65,000
 Huafeng Zhao to Huafeng Zao, Lot 2, Northside Park, Sec. IV
 Bradley Whitney Babcock III to Bradley Whitney Babcock III, lots 64, 65, Woodland Hills Estates, Sec II
 Sisson & Ryan Inc. to HCF Capital LLC, Friendship Road, Shawsville, two parcels: 238.784 ac. and

127.547 ac., Shawsville Magisterial District, \$540,000
 R&S LLC to Brett Erik McClelland, 0.3365 ac., Christiansburg, \$199,000
 Nora P. Heffron to James Roy Heffron, 0.32 ac., Mt. Tabor Magisterial District
 Earving L. Blythe to Xiguang Xu, Lot 21, Ph 3, Oak Manor Townhouses, Blacksburg, \$264,000
 David Bower to Ashton C. Smith, 2 1/4 ac., metes and bounds, Riner Magisterial District, \$49,900
 Christopher E. Spradling to Matthew Timothy Schendel, lot 6, Victory Hts., Christiansburg, \$122,000
 Dustin C. Read to Blake N. Johnson, lot 69, Ph II-A, The Village at Toms Creek, Blacksburg, \$675,000
 Brantley Blair, Jr., to Daniel O. Deagle, lot 26, Mission Hill, Sec. I, Blacksburg, \$320,000
 John Clay Richmond to Jennifer White Smith, Lot 37, Belmont Farms, Unit 2, \$255,000
 R Fralin Construction Inc., to Eduardo Molina Montoya, lot 21, The Villas at North Main, Ph II, \$391,824
 William R. Houchins to William R. Houchins, Lot 10
 Ryan M. Schaeffer to John C. Richmond, Lot 4, Sec 14, Craig Mountain, \$340,000
 Sonia McCoy Willis to William H. Lawrence, 0.7853 ac., Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$145,000
 Sally Claire Morton to Leonard Allen Smith, lot 5, Forest Hill, Sec. A, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$580,000
 Stateson Homes LLC to Rashmi Dighe, lot 28, Clifton Ph II, Christiansburg, \$623,660
 Brent A. Davis to Donald D. Joplin II, Lot 10, Woods Vista Subdv., Riner Magisterial District, \$161,900
 Shah Development LLC to Thomas Robert Aaron Barnett, 0.117 ac., lot 15, Midway Estates, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$274,750
 Martha J. Goad to Martha J. Hopkins, lot 31, Oak Tree Townhomes, Ph I, Christiansburg
 RWW40 LLC to RWW2 LLC, lot 63A, Ph I, Robin Hood Estates, 1490 Sherwood Dr., Christiansburg
 Christopher L. Yow to Melissa J. Blau, Lot 9, Countryside Estates, Blacksburg, \$442,500
 Carrie A. Vaden to Heaven McConnell-Spears, lot 1, Christiansburg, \$165,000
 Camden J. McLaughlin to Camden J. McLaughlin, Lot 37, Ph III, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District
 Rorrer Properties LLC to PCKK Partners LLC, two parcels, Christiansburg, \$350,000
 Guanghua Tang to Susanne M. Dana, lot 32, Meadow Run Subdv, Blacksburg, \$100,000
 The Hokie Pokie LLC to North Main Blacksburg LLC, 0.293 ac., Blacksburg, \$340,000
 Julia Duvall Price to Matthew James Neufeld, Lot 12, Blacksburg, \$172,000
 Paul Alan Ovelgoenner to Tien Quoc Duong, Lot 25, Christiansburg, \$305,000
 Hakim Luqmann to Bruce Ray Eisenmann, lot 62B, Christiansburg, \$220,000
 Zahra Pakdel Trust to Andru B. Peters, lot 26, Harman Forest Subdv., Sec. 1, Christiansburg, \$234,200
 Roger W. Jones to MacFerran Family Living Trust, See Book 4, Page 14, Town of Blacksburg, \$575,000
 William L. Legg II to William Rowland Jones IV, Lot 72, Oak Tree Townhomes, Ph VII, Christiansburg, \$197,000
 F&B Land LP to Fralin Construction Inc., Lot 1, Ph VI, Kensington Subdv, Christiansburg, \$58,000
 Gladys Hughes to Michelle Patton, four parcels,

see legal, Prices Fork Magisterial District
 Lora Ann McKenzie to Charlie Trump, 2.0475 ac., Shawsville Magisterial District
 Joseph Anthony Volpi to Davide Locatelli, 8.0669 ac., lot 65, Brush Mtn. Estates, Ph III, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$494,500
 William H. Etheridge to William H. Etheridge Trust, unit 28-3, Ph 12, Christiansburg
 Gurkan Col to Demetri K. Tsiolkas, lot 28, Ph I, Ridinger Acres, Christiansburg, \$220,000
 Danny G. McPeak to Danny McPeak, 1.35 ac.
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 Frederick E. Paige to Hector Alonso Urbietta Lopez, Lot 1, Wilman Park Subdv, Blacksburg, \$365,500
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 Rachel Montgomery Layman to Progress Street Builders Inc., 0.578 ac., lot 44, Ph III, Sterling Manor, Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$115,000
 Doris Wheadon Weeks to Sharaf E. Pernermon, Lot 13, Christiansburg, \$265,000
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 Beverly L. Shepherd to Angela R. Shepherd, 9.42 ac., metes and bounds, 2982 Austin Rd., Christiansburg, Riner Magisterial District
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1. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Layman Candy Company, Inc., contract purchaser, and Lewis-Gale Medical Center, LLC, property owner, for rezoning a portion of the property located at 2105 Apperson Drive (Tax Map # 281-1-2) from BCD Business Commerce District to LM Light Manufacturing District.

2. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Roanoke College Trustees, property owner, for rezoning a portion of the property located at 232 North Broad Street (Tax Map # 87-7-7), from CUD College and University District to RSF Residential Single-Family District.

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

Legals - Montgomery County

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316 Case No. J0119381-01-00 MONTGOMERY COUNTY J & DR - JUV (CHRISTB) Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re ELSAYED, LAURA The object of this suit is to: CUSTODY It is ORDERED that the defendant ELSAYED, AHMED HASSAN appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 09/01/2021 08:30 AM 07/12/2021 Amie Blankenship CLERK

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CITIZEN PARTICIPATION
 Draft copies of the Substantial Amendment of the FY 2019 Annual Action Plan are available for

review. Copies can be obtained from the Christiansburg Town Manager's Office, Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street or on the Town's website at www.christiansburg.org.

PUBLIC HEARING
 The Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room, Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia for the adoption of the Substantial Amendment of the FY2019 Annual Action Plan.

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High school football practice begins, season to kick off Aug. 27

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This football season will be a true fall one after the COVID-19 pandemic forced the cancellation of last fall's high school season and replaced it with an abbreviated spring season. Practice for the upcoming season has started across the region with kickoff set for Aug. 27.

Radford will play George Wythe, Gate City, Galax, Ft. Chiswell, and Christiansburg

out-of-district.

Blacksburg will face Giles, Lord Botetourt, Amherst, and Graham as non-River Ridge opponents. For the first time in years, Blacksburg and Christiansburg will not face each other in the final week of the season; instead they will play on Oct. 8.

Christiansburg's non-district opponents will be Floyd, Abingdon, William Byrd and Radford.

Eastern Montgomery will travel to Holston, then host Rural Retreat and North Cross in back-to-back weeks while fac-

ing Auburn in the annual cross-county rival contest.

Besides Eastern Montgomery, Auburn will face Giles, Craig, Narrows, and Floyd.

Radford's 2021 schedule:

Aug. 27, George Wythe; Sept. 4, at Gate City; Sept. 10, at Fort Chiswell; Sept. 17, Galax; Sept. 24, at Christiansburg; Oct. 1, Alleghany; Oct. 8, Carroll County; Oct. 22, Floyd; Oct. 29, at Glenvar; Nov. 5, at James River.

Blacksburg's 2021 schedule: Aug. 27, at Giles; Sept. 2,

Lord Botetourt; Sept. 10, Amherst; Sept. 24, Salem; Oct. 1, at Patrick Henry; Oct. 8, at Christiansburg; Oct. 15, Pulaski; Oct. 22, Hidden Valley; Oct. 29, at Graham; Nov. 5, Cave Spring.

Christiansburg's 2021 schedule:

Aug. 27, at Floyd; Sept. 3, at Abingdon; Sept. 17, William Byrd; Sept. 24, Radford; Oct. 1, at Salem; Oct. 8, Blacksburg; Oct. 15, at Hidden Valley; Oct. 22, Patrick Henry; Oct. 29, Cave Spring; Nov. 5, at Pulaski.

Eastern Montgomery's 2021

schedule:

Aug. 27, at Holston; Sept. 3, Rural Retreat; Sept. 10, North Cross; Sept. 17, at Auburn; Sept. 24, Bland; Oct. 8, at Craig; Oct. 15, Bath County; Oct. 22, at Narrows; Oct. 29, at Covington; Nov. 5, Parry McCluer.

Auburn's 2021 schedule:

Aug. 27, Narrows; Sept. 3, at Craig; Sept. 10, Floyd; Sept. 17, Eastern Montgomery; Oct. 1, at Fort Chiswell; Oct. 8, Grayson County; Oct. 15, at Bland; Oct. 22, at Galax; Oct. 29, at Giles; Nov. 5, George Wythe.

Conner ready for breakout year

Marty Gordon
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Chamani Conner leads a Virginia Tech secondary into the season with a lot of optimism and believes opponents better not underestimate them.

The 6-0, 211-lb. Jacksonville, Fla., native started all 11 games for Tech in 2020 and led the Hokies with 81 total tackles (60 solo). An All-ACC honorable mention pick a year ago, he also had 3.5 tackles for loss, two interceptions, four quarterback hurries, and forced a fumble.

The junior was recognized twice as the ACC Defensive Back of the Week last season. He has played in 37 career games with 24 starts for the Hokies, has totaled 162 tackles (113 solo), 13.5 tackles for loss, 5.5 sacks, and three interceptions.

The stat that really stands out was the 60 solo tackles by Conner last season. He credits the mentality of wanting to be the first to the ball every time as the underlying factor.

"I feel a lot of pride in tackling," he told reporters this past week at the ACC preseason football press conference.

Conner feels the secondary is loaded after a season this past year when a lot of youngsters had to play. "That has helped us gain experience and created depth," he said.

Last year, Defensive Coordinator Justin Hamilton's squad was 10th in scoring defense and 12th in total defense in the Atlantic Coast Conference, something Hokie fans definitely are not accustomed to.

"Last year, we had to play a lot of young players, and they had to learn. But I think that will help us with depth," Conner said.

Of course, Hamilton had his own setbacks. 2020 was his first year as the head man on the defensive side of the ball after the retirement of longtime guru Bud Foster. After testing positive for COVID, Hamilton had to sit out two games.

Head Coach Justin Fuente points to the fact his team was deprived of spring ball.

"Our fall camp, once the students hit town, deteriorated into survival mode really quickly," the head coach said at the ACC meetings. "We had no foundation. I think that's what we've gone back to throughout the 15

practices in the spring. I like the changes we've made and the additions we've brought into our staff, both from a recruiting standpoint and from schematic and knowledge standpoints."

What ultimately hurt the Hokies the most, Fuente said, was their inability to establish an identity because of the lack of a foundation. "I think we're well on our way to establishing that foundation and creating our identity," he said.

In other Hokie notes: Virginia Tech tight end James Mitchell earned a spot on the John Mackey Award watch list on Friday. The award is presented annually to the nation's best tight end.

The award honors its namesake, Pro Football Hall of Fame inductee John Mackey, considered one of the best tight ends of all time. An exemplary member of his community, Mackey was a role model on and off the field, winning a Super Bowl as well as becoming the first president of the NFL's Players Association.

Mitchell (6-3, 242) enters his fourth season with the Hokies after leading the team with four receiving touchdowns in 2020. The Big Stone Gap, Va., native

recorded 26 receptions for 435 yards in 10 games (nine starts) last season. In his 36 career games (18 starts) for Tech, Mitchell has racked up 47 catches for 796 yards with six touchdowns to go along with five rushing touchdowns. He was a second-team All-ACC pick of PFF College last season.

Offensive lineman Brock Hoffman is among the 109 nominees for the Allstate American Football Coaches Association Good Works Team announced last week.

In its 30th season, the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team recognizes those student-athletes who exemplify serving their community while demonstrating their academic dedication and leadership on and off the field.

To be considered for the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team, one of the most coveted community service awards in college football, players must be actively involved with a charitable organization or service group while maintaining a strong academic standing.

The 109 nominees will be condensed down to the final 22-man Good Works Team by a voting panel of former team members and journal-



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Defensive back Chamani Conner will be one of the leaders this season in the Virginia Tech secondary.

ists. After the team is announced in September, the public can vote for the team's captain through the awards official page on ESPN.com.

Hoffman (6-3, 317) started all 11 games at center for Tech in 2020. The Statesville, N.C., native helped the Hokies lead the ACC

in rushing (240.1 yards per game). Tech scored 27 rushing touchdowns on the season and amassed better than 200 rushing yards eight times, 250+ six times, and 300 or more rushing yards on three occasions. Hoffman was twice named the ACC Offensive Lineman of the Week in 2020. He was an All-ACC first-team honoree of Eric Mac Lain and was an honorable mention pick on the official All-ACC squad. During his time at Vir-

ginia Tech, Hoffman has made a positive impact in both the New River Valley and his hometown in North Carolina. He has served as a mentor to students at Prices Fork Elementary School in Blacksburg, as well as his former elementary school in Statesville. Hoffman serves as a strong advocate for making healthy lifestyle choices and stresses the importance of developing good habits in the classroom.

Among his many other community outreach efforts, Hoffman served as a social influencer to raise awareness for last year's virtual Polar Plunge, which benefited Special Olympics Virginia. He also organized a book drive and a card-writing campaign to benefit residents of Richfield Senior Living in Salem.

On college athletes getting paid



From the Sidelines

Marty Gordon

As of July 1, the landscape of college athletics changed like never before as athletes can now negotiate contracts to make money selling their name, image, and likeness.

As many as 460,000 NCAA student-athletes can now sign sponsorship deals.

This is compensation — usually money — earned by college athletes for the use of their name or celebrity, either their name, their image, or a likeness of who they are.

Examples include being paid for autographs, appear-

ing in an advertisement, or providing a social media shoutout. It means that a business can strike a deal with an athlete and pay the athlete to tout their services or product. Athletes are required to notify their schools of NIL (names, image, likeness) arrangements.

Already, this has included some interesting agreements.

A private marketing company called "Bring Back the U" has offered every scholarship player for the University of Miami a \$600 a month contract to endorse the company American Top Team through their respective social media platforms.

University of Miami quarterback D'Eriq King has signed an endorsement

deal with College Hunks Hauling Junk.

Of course, these deals can also include something as simple as an autograph session. University of Iowa basketball player Jordan Bohannon has paired with Boomin Iowa Fireworks for a meet-and-greet session at the fireworks business in Windsor Heights, Iowa.

Fresno State college basketball twins Haley and Hanna Cavinder, who have more than 3.3 million followers on Tik Tok, announced endorsement deals with Boost Mobile and Six Star Nutrition.

Lexi Sun, an All-American volleyball player at the University of Nebraska, announced her own apparel

line on Thursday in an Instagram post. "The Sunny Crew" sweatshirt is the first piece on display of the Lexi Sun x REN Athletics line.

Auburn University quarterback Bo Nix announced a deal with a very Southern twist: He signed a deal with Milo's, a company that manufactures sweet tea.

But not to upset the other half of Alabama, the company also signed University of Alabama defensive back Malachi Moore to endorse its sugary teas.

Mission Barbecue signed the entire Notre Dame offensive line to a deal for their local South Bend, Ind., restaurant.

At Virginia Tech, athletes have also jumped into the fire.

Receiver Tre Turner an-

nounced via Instagram that he has signed a deal with Yoke Gaming.

Jordan Williams, who transferred to Blacksburg from Clemson, is working with Playmaker, a marketing group, to help him as he looks to maximize his NIL opportunities. The company has already produced a T-shirt with Williams's likeness.

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Sports news and notes: Former Tech recruit killed in auto accident

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I interviewed Jaquan Yulee during his recruitment to play football at Virginia Tech. Instead, the Suffolk High Schooler attended Marshall. This past week, the promising linebacker died in a Tidewater car crash. Across three seasons at Marshall, Yulee registered 48 tackles in 20 games. He played only one game during the 2019 season due to a broken neck and spinal injury, which caused him to miss the 2020 season. He recently opted to transfer from

Marshall after the school declared him medically ineligible, thwarting a potential return. He reportedly was deciding between Virginia State University, Central State University, and Virginia Union University. ***
 Meanwhile, Tech is taking advantage of the transfer portal to land a baseball player. After four years playing at James Madison, Connor Hartigan is bringing his game to Blacksburg where he will be a graduate student this spring. At JMU this past year, Hartigan had career-highs in games played (28), starts (27), at-bats

(118), hits (43), batting average (.364), home runs (5), RBIs (24), slugging percentage (.576) and on-base percentage (.414). Virginia Tech and Kansas State are now the only two Power 5 schools to have never won a team sport national championship. ***
 Members of the Radford University men's golf program had a strong showing at the 2021 State Open of Virginia this past weekend as four players finished in the top 15 in a field consisting of both pros and amateurs. The championship was highlighted by Bryce Corbett's

third round that set a course record and propelled him into a third-place finish. His historic round included birdies on seven holes and an eagle on the 17th hole. Corbett was recently named to the Big South all-freshman team and is looking to continue to lead the Highlanders into the quickly approaching fall season. Nicholas Taliaferro also had an incredible finish to his championship run, shooting a Highlander single-round high eight birdies. His third round tied with his first-round finish and helped him finish among the top-5 competitors. Taliaferro

was also the first Highlander to record an eagle on the weekend, doing so on the 17th hole in the first round. Rounding out the top-finishing Highlanders were Hunter Duncan (Blacksburg) and Patrick Gareiss. Duncan, who was a consistent top finisher for the Highlanders this past spring, kept up the pace with two strong rounds to start the weekend. Duncan did not shoot over par once through the first round while posting four birdies. Gareiss also had a strong first round and finished the weekend strong, posting 14 birdies across all three rounds of competition.

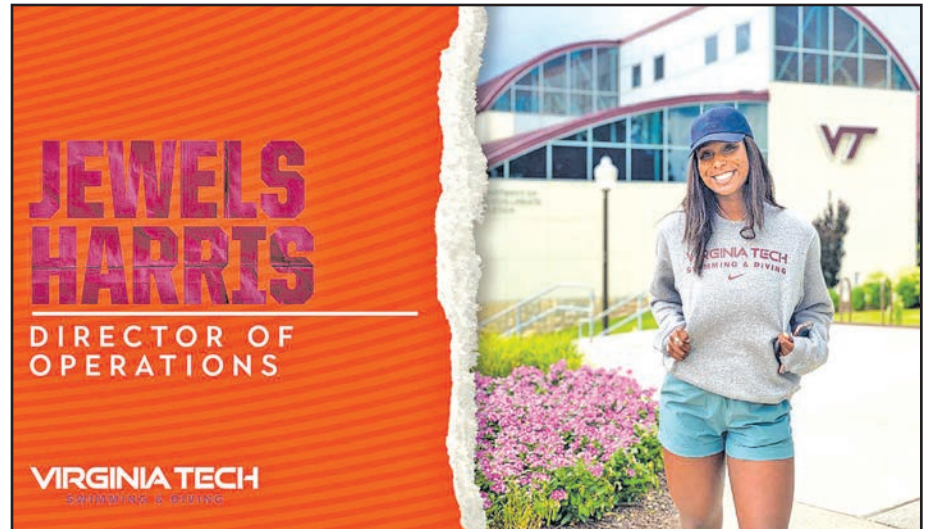
Jewels Harris hired as first VT operations director for swimming and diving

BLACKSBURG - Virginia Tech director of swimming and diving Sergio Lopez Miro announced Thursday the hiring of Jewels Harris, who will become the Hokies' first director of operations for the program. "I am so excited that Jewels Harris has accepted the position to be our director of operations," Lopez Miro said. "From the day I met her at the 2016 Olympic Trials, I was amazed by her personality and how committed she was to excellence. Most importantly, she thrives on leading and helping others be the best they can be. I also want to thank Whit Babcock and Danny White for creating this position and for provid-

ing us with another building block to reach excellence in the pool and in the classroom at the same time as we keep moving forward in both ACC and national rankings," Lopez Miro said. "Welcome, Jewels, to Hokie Nation and the Virginia Tech Swimming and Diving program." Harris graduated from Auburn University this past spring with a Bachelor of Arts in communication and journalism and was a part of the swim team from 2017 until she graduated in 2021. During her time at Auburn, Harris successfully swam at the SEC Championships all four years and competed at the NCAA Championships in 2019 and 2021. She also qualified for the 2020

Olympic trials. Harris was a member of a top-five conference team and a top-15 national team while with the Tigers. She has many accomplishments under her belt as a student-athlete, earning a spot on the SEC Academic Honor Roll from 2018 to 2021 and the College Swimming Coaches Association of America Scholar Team in 2018, 2020, and 2021. "I am not only excited, but honored to be a part of this staff and the Virginia Tech athletics department," Harris said "Sergio and his staff have done incredible work at Virginia Tech. I can't wait to be a part of their success and watch them continue to build a championship culture. This job is a dream come true, and I

can't thank Sergio enough for this opportunity. Big things are coming to this program, and I'm ready to get there and experience it all with them. Go Hokies!" Harris recently interned with Auburn athletics, working primarily with the marketing and communications departments. The Tuscaloosa, Ala., native is already acquainted with the current Tech staff as she swam under the direction of Lopez Miro her freshman year at Auburn.



Jewels Harris has been hired as the first-ever operations director for swimming and diving at VT. An Auburn grad, she swam at the SEC Championships all four years, competed at the NCAA's twice, and qualified for the 2020 Olympic trials.

Wise returns to RU as comms director

Radford University Athletics has announced the hiring of Nate Wise as Director of Communica-

tions & Digital Strategy, a position in which he will oversee the department's external communications

efforts while taking on office leadership and coordination duties. "I'm excited to wel-

come Nate back to our Radford Athletics family," Deputy Athletics Director Cory Durand said. "His leadership and creativity will enhance our ability to share all the great things our student-athletes are accomplishing on and off the field of play. Nate will take on a leadership role within our external operations unit, and there is no doubt in my mind that he will make us better." Wise returns to the New River Valley after previously serving as a Communications Coordinator at the university from 2017-2019. This time around, his responsibilities will include tasks related to marketing and video production, and he will resume his previous role as the primary contact for the men's basketball program as well as

other assigned programs. "I would like to thank Robert Lineburg and Cory Durand for putting their faith in me and bringing me back into the fold for this amazing opportunity," Wise said. "I have a lot of love for Radford University and immediately jumped at the chance to come back. The staff here has done an amazing job, and I'm excited to help the Highlanders continue to grow." During the 2017-18 season, Wise led the media relations push that coincided with the men's basketball program's Big South Conference Tournament championship and NCAA Tournament victory. Through the facilitation of television appearances, newspaper and radio interviews, live

game broadcast interest pieces, social media mentions, and more, Wise played an integral part in generating millions of dollars in media exposure for the university. Other Highlanders programs he worked alongside during his previous tenure included men's soccer, women's soccer, women's lacrosse, cross country & track and field, and tennis. A native of Annapolis, Md., Wise earned a bachelor's degree in sport and recreation management with a minor in general business from James Madison University in 2015. After gaining professional experience at JMU, UNC Charlotte, and Radford, he went on to receive his master's degree from the VCU Center for Sport Leadership in 2020.

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Quarterback Braxton Burmeister is partnering with Procussion Recovery, which manufactures the Pulse vibrating massage ball that offers deep tissue massage and trigger point therapy to eliminate pain and stiffness, increase range of motion, and boost circulation. So expect Burmeister to use the product in the locker room after every ball game. Virginia Tech lacrosse player Kennedy Lynch has signed with Barstool Sports. Yes, the big universities like Virginia Tech make lots of money off the athletes, but I just hope it doesn't get out of hand.

The student-athletes deserve some compensation in the larger scheme of things. The question is whether this is the way to do it. I honestly believe it could have been solved by just giving each athlete a stipend on an annual basis. We will just have to let this play out and see how it affects collegiate athletics. Sports like football and basketball could be the biggest winner. Maybe we will see James Mitchell making appearances at car lots in his hometown of Big Stone Gap, or how about being a spokesperson for Substation sandwich shop?

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