

News Messenger

Serving Montgomery County Since 1869

Blacksburg

Christiansburg

Wednesday, September 8, 2021

www.ourvalley.org

USPS 016-490

\$1.00



Thursday panel discussion to examine CIA's Afghanistan operations following Sept. 11 attacks



To commemorate the 20th anniversary of the September 11 attacks on America, Virginia Tech's Ken Stiles and four others who were on the ground immediately following the attacks will share their experiences at a panel discussion on Thursday, Sept. 9. The panel will examine aspects of the CIA's operations in Afghanistan.

Ken Stiles spent 29 years with the CIA before joining the faculty at Virginia Tech.

To commemorate the 20th anniversary of the September 11 attacks on America, Stiles and four others who were on the ground immediately following the attacks will share their experiences at a panel discussion on

Thursday, Sept. 9, at 3:30 p.m. at Virginia Tech in Burruss Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

The discussion will include examination of aspects of the CIA's operations in Afghanistan and their roles in this unprecedented counter terrorism action.

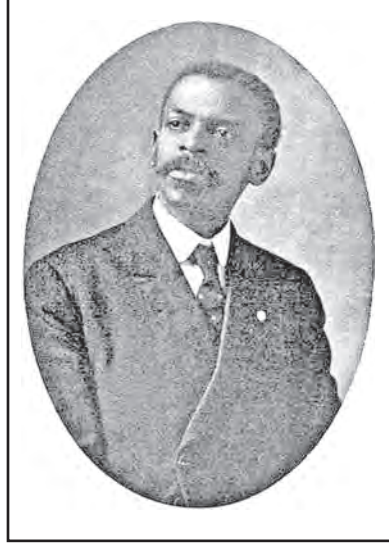
At the time of the at-

tacks, Stiles was a geographic information system (GIS) analyst for the CIA. The officer in charge of the operation against Al Qaeda in Afghanistan called on Stiles to create a high-tech mapping system which allowed him to see in real time what was happening in the country.

"They needed a map in order to understand what was happening in Afghanistan with our CIA teams, our Afghan 'assets' — the Afghan nationals spying on Al Qaeda and the Taliban — the U.S. military bombing effort, and where the enemy was located," said Stiles. "I went to Afghanistan and provided targeting support for major operations that our CIA teams or the U.S. Special Forces were undertaking.

See Stiles, page 8

Renamed plaza honors first Black Virginia Tech employee, family



Andrew Jackson "A.J." Oliver, son of Andrew Oliver and Fannie Vaughn Oliver. Educated at the Christiansburg Industrial Institute, he was the first Black person admitted to the bar in West Virginia. He is believed to be Roanoke's first barred Black attorney. No known photo exists of his father, Andrew Oliver Sr., or his mother, Fannie Vaughn Oliver.

Look to the trees.

On the campus of Virginia Tech, you'll find mighty pine and sycamore. Thick magnolia and beech. Bountiful oak and walnut.

Thousands of trees beautify the sprawling campus. Some are youthful, planted just weeks ago. Others have swayed in Virginia winds since the 19th century.

Nearly 150 years ago, Andrew Jackson Oliver helped plant the seeds.

He worked as a janitor on campus where he lived with his wife, Fannie Vaughn Oliver, and their family. Some of the first trees on school grounds grew from seeds planted by Oliver.

But he could never enroll in the school he helped build. He was forbidden for one reason: the color of his skin.

Oliver is the first known Black employee at Virginia Tech.

Born a slave, Oliver began working at the university — then called the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College — when it opened in the 1870s. The campus was built on land that originally belonged to Native Americans and was later worked by people who were enslaved.

See Oliver, page 4

Christiansburg Kiwanis Wilderness Trail Festival set for Sept. 18

The 48th annual Wilderness Trail Festival sponsored by the Christiansburg Kiwanis Club will take place in downtown Christiansburg on Saturday, Sept. 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Last year's festival was cancelled because of the pandemic. Because some sponsors and vendors chose to donate their pre-paid fees to the club and the club had some reserves on hand, all planned youth activities were funded.

This year's event will include the usual local arts and crafts vendors, craft demonstrations, a

children's area, two stages, an emergency services area, great food all day, and raffles.

Space is at a premium, so those who have not already applied need to get their applications in soon while space is still available.

A noticeable change to this year's footprint is that Hickok Street will be closed by the town for planned repairs. The vendors normally located there will be moved to East Main Street and the medical parking lot.

The Home Improvement Row continues to grow and will be located

on West Main Street near Burger King. Spaces will be available to anyone involved in the home improvement line of business.

The overall festival footprint continues to increase as an additional food court will be added, and the number of vendors has grown so that space now extends on Main Street from Burger King to town hall.

The children's area will be located in front of the Atlantic Union Bank branch at the intersection of Main and Franklin streets. It will include two inflatables, a slide, and a bouncy house. This location is close to the emergency service location on South Franklin Street that will include fire trucks, rescue vehicles, and police cars.

The live crafters area has been greatly enhanced and will be located on East Main Street in the town hall parking lot. This area will include a blacksmith, a wood

See Kiwanis, page 8



ROCKIN' MAIN STREET CONCERT SERIES

Remembering our First Responder Heroes



GATE 10, 5 P.M.
Christiansburg, VA

Local Traditional Bluegrass
Playing since 2018
Band Members are from
10-22 years old

FREE
ADMISSION

Performed Super Bowl Live
2019

CMA Fest 2019

3x nominee for Best Country
Band in Georgia Country
Awards

Featured by Netflix & Dolly
Parton's #JoleneChallenge



LYN AVENUE, 7 P.M.
Savannah, GA

SATURDAY, SEPT. 11
5-9 P.M.

DOWNTOWN CHRISTIANSBURG
FOOD TRUCKS, BEER & WINE

New Highlanders come together at main campus and RUC convocations



Almost 40% of Radford University's Class of 2025 enters with a 3.5 high school GPA or higher, and more than 15% of them are first-generation college students. One hundred and fifteen of them are legacy students.

Radford University's incoming Class of 2025 convened recently for a pair of convocations for new students at the main campus in Radford and at the Radford University Carilion (RUC) campus in Roanoke.

When Brantt Roosa first visited Radford University, "it felt like home," he said. "I felt I had more of a connection here than any other school I visited."

"I second that," said Cooper Edwards, Roosa's friend for all of the past 18 hours.

"Coming to Radford, you get to be more engaged," Roosa said between sips of lemonade. "It's engaging, and for someone like me who was a total introvert my entire school life, meeting new people who are almost the same as you makes you feel welcome."

"It has a homelike feeling."

Roosa, a freshman from Stafford, Va., and Edwards, a freshman from Blacksburg, met playing blackjack the night before at the Bonnie Bash, a social event for new Radford students. The next day, the two were sitting on the grass in front of Hemp-

hill Hall, picnicking on a picture-perfect sunny day along with hundreds of other students just like them who were about to begin their Radford journey.

"I'm looking forward to this," Cooper said as he squirted mustard on a hot dog and looked around at fellow new students enjoying the food, fun and games that followed the university's main campus fall convocation for freshmen and transfer students. "I'm looking forward to just being here and taking all of this in."

At the main campus convocation, Radford University interim President Carolyn Ringer Lepre encouraged students to do just that, to take advantage of all the opportunities their new home for the next four years has to offer.

"Jump into your Radford experience with both feet and make the most of this incredible opportunity. Make Radford University your Radford University," she said.

"Take a class that pushes you outside your comfort zone. Push yourself to learn something you didn't know before," Lepre

said. "Join one of our clubs and organizations. Participate in an internship or clinical experience. Play an intramural sport. Get out to an athletic event and cheer on our talented student-athletes. Work in a lab and do research with a member of our world-class faculty."

"One of you," Lepre told the gathering, "owns their own business, another had an internship with NASA this summer, and yet another was a three-sport athlete and was captain of all three teams."

One hundred and fifteen members of the Class of 2025 are legacy students, meaning at least one of their family members is a Radford University alumnus. Being a legacy student is one reason Taylor May, a freshman from Lynchburg, came to Radford.

"My mom went to school here," May said, "and that really helped me with learning about the school and being comfortable here."

Almost 40% of the new students entered Radford with a 3.5 high school GPA or higher, and more than 15% of them are first-generation college students.

"I'm also a first-generation college graduate in my family, so I give a shout-out to all of our first-gen students with us today," Katie Hilden, Ph.D., a professor of literacy education and Faculty Senate president, said during the convocation.

Many of the new Radford students came to Radford from 109 different localities in Virginia. Others arrived on campus from 27 states and nine foreign countries. "The student who

See Highlanders, page 4

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, Sept. 8:

Rent Relief Workshop - Virginia's Rent Relief Program from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Blacksburg Montgomery Floyd Regional Library. Register by calling the library (540-552-8246) or filling out the form online. Space is limited to 10 attendees who should bring a signed, current lease agreement.

Brown Bag Book Club - At the Radford Public Library at noon and at 6 p.m., the Brown Bag Book Club will discuss Kate Moore's "Radium Girls." In keeping with the theme, refreshments will be homemade vanilla cupcakes with glow-in-the-dark buttercream frosting. Looking ahead, in October and in keeping with Halloween, the club will discuss Mary Shelley's horror classic, "Frankenstein."

Loops Group with New River Art & Fiber - At 2 p.m., New River Art & Fiber is joining the Blacksburg Library in hosting a weekly loops group. Participants are invited to bring their fiber arts projects. The group will meet every Wednesday.

STEM Club: pH Test - At the Blacksburg Library at 4:30 p.m. The club will be using cabbage to test the pH of various household liquids. All materials will be provided. Email mroach@mfrl.org for more information.

Thursday, Sept. 9:

Talking About Books - At the Meadowbrook Public Library at 11 a.m. To be discussed is "Caste" by Isabel Wilkerson. Call the library at 268-1964 to reserve a copy.

Family READS - At the Blacksburg Library, at 5:30 p.m. Family READS is an English learning program for families. Parents will learn and practice English and learn how to read with their children. Children ages 3-8 will do fun education activities. Families

will be provided a free dinner. Pre-registration is required. The program runs for seven sessions. To register, contact 540-382-7262, or email Anne Abbott at aabbott@lvnrv.org.

Friday, Sept. 10:

Virginia Tech Corps' Cannon to fire - The Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets will hold a formal retreat ceremony at 4:45 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, on Upper Quad to honor returning alumni. The Color Guard will lower the flag, and the regimental band, the Highty-Tighties, will play. Skipper, the corps cannon, will fire once.

Saturday, Sept. 11:

Rockin' Main Street Concert Series - Downtown Christiansburg from 5 to 9 p.m. Remembering our First Responders heroes. Featured performers are Christiansburg's Gate 10 at 5 p.m. and Lyn Avenue from Savannah, Ga. Lyn Avenue performed at the 2019 Super Bowl and the 2019 CMA Fest. Free admission with food trucks and beer and wine.

Long Way Brewing Benefit for Radford's First Responders - On Sept. 11, 2001, America watched as firefighters, police officers and rescue workers ran INTO the flames, smoke, and destruction. The bravery exhibited that fateful day by all first responders was a shining example of selflessness that helped us heal, gave us hope, and fortified our nation's resolve.

This Sept. 11 is First Responders Day and marks the 20th anniversary of the great sacrifice made by those who took an oath to serve and protect.

Long Way Brewing is honored to hold its first annual benefit for Radford's First Responders. On Saturday, Sept. 11, Long Way Brewing will make a donation to the Radford City Fire and Police departments. Several events are planned to mark the remembrance. Long Way Brewing

invites everyone to come together, raise a pint, and salute our First Responders, those who served and those who continue to keep us safe.

NRV Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection & Document Shredding - Residents served by the New River Resource Authority are invited to participate in the region's Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Document Shredding Event. Residents interested in this event will need to call the New River Resource Authority at 540-674-1677 to schedule an appointment. The event will be held at 7100 Cloyd's Mountain Road, Dublin, Va.; from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. No commercial waste or commercial vehicles will be accepted.

Tuesday, Sept. 14:

Radford City School Board Meeting - The Radford City School Board will have a regular meeting on Sept. 14, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., at the School Administration Building. A copy of the agenda can be seen at www.rcps.org.

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

Radford City Police Department Civilian Response and Casualty Care course - The Radford City Police Department is offering a free course to the public designed to present life-saving skills. This in-person course of Civilian Response and Casualty Care (CRCC) provides a coordinated effort through a 'whole community approach' to establish stakeholders within the community to empower citizens to become 'Immediate Responders' who do what

they can, where they are, with what they have to work with until first responders arrive. Participants can sign up for the course at www.radford.va.us with the choice of a morning session (8 a.m. until noon) or an afternoon session (1 p.m. until 5 p.m.)

Wednesday, Sept. 15:

Virginia Tech Women's Club Annual Welcome Reception - The Virginia Tech Women's Club (VTWC) will host its annual welcome reception at The Holtzman Alumni Center from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Please wear a mask. Honorary president Dr. Laura Sands, and club president Dr. Debra Call will host the event, which includes refreshments. The reception is free and is open to the public.

All women who are interested in supporting women at VT by awarding scholarships, serving the community, enjoying a multitude of interest groups, traveling to local sights, and listening to engaging community speakers are invited to attend the reception. For more information, or to join the Virginia Tech Women's Club, contact VTWC65@gmail.com.

Loops Group with New River Art & Fiber - At 2 p.m., New River Art & Fiber is joining the Blacksburg Library in hosting a weekly loops group. Participants are invited to bring their fiber arts projects. The group will meet every Wednesday.

Saturday, Sept. 18

Kiwanis Club Wilderness Trail Festival - The 48th annual festival to benefit youth-supported projects of the Christiansburg Kiwanis Club. From 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. in downtown Christiansburg. The festival's events will include a live crafters area and demonstrations from a blacksmith, a wood turner, a basket maker, a bullet maker, and a corn shuck chair bottomer, in addition to hand-crafted leather and the

Wilderness Trail Museum; two food courts, a children's area, performance stages, and an emergency services area. Admission and parking are free.

Sunday, Sept. 19; Sunday, Sept. 26

Fall Forum: Building Economic Justice in Our Community - All are invited to learn about economic justice issues facing members of our local community during a two-part series sponsored by Blacksburg United Methodist Church's Church and Society Committee.

On Sept. 19: Join a panel discussion with representatives from local organizations about the underlying issues that cause people in our community to need economic assistance. Participating organizations include the Community Health Center, Habitat for Humanity, Montgomery County Emergency Assistance Program, and Montgomery County Public Schools.

Sept. 26: Continue the discussion with a focus on ways to take action.

Participants will gather in person in the Whisner Building at the Church Street campus at BUMC (masks and social distancing required), 111 Church St., Blacksburg, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. both evenings. A Zoom option is available by request. Contact Tindal Snider at tindal-snider@yahoo.com for more information.

Thursday, Sept. 23:

What Isn't Remembered - At the Radford Public Library from 7 to 8 p.m. Kristina Gorcheva-Newberry, winner of the 2021 Raz/Shumaker Prairie Schooner Book Prize in Fiction, is a Russian-Armerian emigre, who moved to the U.S. in 1995 after witnessing perestroika and the collapse of the Soviet Empire. She graduated from both Radford and Hollins Universities. She has published over 50 stories and

received eight Pushcart nominations.

Through September:

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

Simply Elemental Art Exhibit - The Simply Elemental art display in the Hahn Horticultural Garden (on the Virginia Tech campus) is on display through Sept. 30.

Take & Make Crafts - All Month at the Blacksburg Library

Craft kits are available all month long. Each week the library will offer a new craft for kids to take home.

Interactive Movie Kits - All Month at the Christiansburg Library and the Meadowbrook Public Library

Pick up a kit to make movie night interactive. Each kit contains popcorn and props for four individuals to participate. The movie is not included and supplies are limited.

Crafts to Go - All Month at the Meadowbrook Public Library

Drop by the Meadowbrook Public Library for Take & Make Craft Kits. They are available at the library or with curbside pickup. They are free but supplies are limited.

Through October:

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

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

The Benefit of Time

➔ Ask about our ITM Summit @ssist Teller

Summit Community Bank is pleased to offer extended banking hours and cutting edge technology with our Summit @ssist Teller or interactive teller machine. Our Summit @ssist Teller combines the convenience of an ATM with the personal touch of a bank professional. Through our Summit @ssist Teller, you can interact one-on-one with a live representative through real-time video, performing virtually every transaction.

- Withdraw cash
- Cash checks
- Make deposits
- Transfer funds between accounts
- Order checks or a debit card
- Make loan payments

(cash, checks or both)

ITM Available

Monday- Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Make the Switch for your benefit



Summit
COMMUNITY BANK
"Service Beyond Expectations"

100 Akers Farm Road
Christiansburg, VA 24073
540-260-3040 • www.MySummit.bank
https://bit.ly/3ftzQUv



BE HER HERO AGAIN... AND AGAIN

Erectile dysfunction (ED) affects more than 30 million men in the U.S. It is especially common in men with prostate surgery, diabetes, high blood pressure and obesity. However, it is now possible to treat almost all men with ED.

ED undermines a man's sexual confidence—but successful treatment can help restore it! Many ED treatments are covered by insurance and prescription plans.

Attend this **FREE Webinar** on Men's Health sponsored by Coloplast Corp. to educate men and their partners about approved ED treatment options.

September 21, 2021

Log on anytime after 6:00 pm
Presentation begins at 6:30 pm

Featuring: Dr. Meghan A. Cooper, Urologist with Carilon Clinic

For more information or to register, scan the QR code with the camera app on your phone or visit: [http:// bit.ly/EDWebinarDrCooper](http://bit.ly/EDWebinarDrCooper)



Scan code with phone camera



An educational series, sponsored by Coloplast Corp., designed to inform and empower. www.EDsolution.com

Coloplast Corp. 1601 West River Road North, Minneapolis, MN 55411 USA Customer Service 800.258.3476 PM-00704 11.18

Christiansburg Aquatic Center to introduce new lifeguard program



The Christiansburg Aquatic Center is introducing a new program called Lifeguard University.

For teens and adults alike who will be at least 16 years old by the end of Feb. 2022, the program will run from Sept. 8, 2021 through March 2, 2022, on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m.

The first three months of the program will focus on learning to swim and building swimming endurance, and the last three months will continue with swimming en-

durance and the lifeguard certification class.

There are no fees for the program; however, a full commitment for the entirety of the program is required, and all participants are expected to apply for a lifeguard position and agree to work at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center. For more detailed information and the class schedule, or to register for the program, contact Lifeguard Crew Leader Eric Johnson at 540-381-7665.

Being a lifeguard is a job that requires a solid swimming ability and general comfort in the water. For those who have never learned to swim or who have never had the opportunity to increase their swimming endurance and strength in the water, lifeguarding may be viewed as not being a viable option for a part-time job.

The Christiansburg Aquatic Center is hoping with this program to minimize the barriers to lifeguard certification.

Moss Arts Center fall exhibitions feature work from acclaimed photographers Sheila Pree Bright and Larry Fink

The Moss Arts Center's fall exhibitions explore the complex and revealing realities that inspire people to gather together through two distinct lenses — one shows gatherings in protest of police violence and social inequities, while the other portrays celebratory gatherings of two distinct American communities in the 1970s and '80s.

Featuring the work of acclaimed American photographers Sheila Pree Bright and Larry Fink, these two one-person photographic exhibitions open with a reception on Thursday, Sept. 9, from 5 to 7 p.m., in the Grand Lobby of the Moss Arts Center, 190 Alumni Mall. The galleries and all related events are free and open to the public.

Bright is a fine arts photographer who captures individuals and communities that are often unseen. This exhibition in the Ruth C. Horton Gallery includes large-scale photographs that poignantly portray

the Black Lives Matter movement and responses to police shootings in Atlanta, Ferguson, Mo.; Baltimore, Washington, D.C.; and Baton Rouge. Interspersed throughout the exhibition as a counterpoint to preconceived stereotypes are images of middle class African American suburban communities. Bright has also created a new work commissioned by the Moss Arts Center that will make its debut in this exhibition.

Based in Atlanta, Bright's work has been exhibited widely in group exhibitions and is in the collection of the High Museum of Art and the Smithsonian National Museum of African History and Culture. This exhibition is curated by Margo Crutchfield, former curator at large for the Moss Arts Center.

Best known for his intimate black and white images of lively social events across various class and cultural spaces, this exhibition of Fink's

work in the Miles C. Horton Jr. Gallery and the Sherwood Payne Quillen '71 Reception Gallery includes a selection of photographic prints that spotlight the role of clothing and adornment in celebratory gatherings in two distinct American cultures during the 1970s and '80s: the glamorous high society of New York City and the spirited country life of Martins Creek, Pennsylvania.

These prints from Fink's "Social Graces" series are from the Virginia Tech art collection and donors Scott and Emily Freund and Michael and Jennifer Fay. The exhibition also features period-appropriate garments on loan from the Oris Glisson Historic Textile and Costume Collection, which is housed in Virginia Tech's Department of Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management, as well as private collections.

Born in Brooklyn, and now living and working in Martins Creek, Fink



Sheila Pree Bright's "The People's Uprising, Jim Crow 2.0 Voter Suppression Rally," Atlanta, GA. Digital print, 36 x 24 inches. Image courtesy of the artist.

has had solo exhibitions at prestigious institutions, such as the Museum of Modern Art, has received a number of fellowships and awards, including two John Simon Guggenheim Fellowships; and has held teaching positions at

Yale University, Cooper Union, and Bard College. Bridging a divide between editorial fashion and fine art, his work has been published in such magazines as The New Yorker and Vanity Fair and has been exhibited in Giorgio Armani's

Armani/Silos fashion art museum in Milan, Italy.

The center's galleries are open on Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The exhibitions will be on view through Nov. 20.

Brad Copenhaver sworn in as Virginia's commissioner of agriculture



Brad Copenhaver, who grew up on his family's beef cattle and tobacco farm, is the 17th commissioner of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

RICHMOND—Virginia's farm landscapes served as a backdrop for the experiences that pre-

pared Brad Copenhaver for the state's top position in agricultural leadership.

Virginia Governor Ralph Northam has announced that Copenhaver has been officially sworn in as the 17th commissioner of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS). Heidi Hertz has been appointed deputy secretary of agriculture and forestry.

Copenhaver grew up on his family's beef cattle and burley tobacco farm in Washington County, which led to a desire to support Virginia's largest private sector industry.

"I have always been passionate about agriculture," Copenhaver said. "The work we do is truly essential to all of society. To be able to work on behalf of people who are producing the food, fiber, and fuel that sustains all of us as humans is very humbling."

Prior to this appointment, Copenhaver served as deputy secretary of agriculture and forestry and managed a legislative, regulatory, and budget portfolio to support VDACS, the Virginia Department of Forestry, and the Virginia Racing Commission. While in that role, he worked with the general assembly and helped pass legislation to regulate hemp-derived oils intended for human consumption, to maintain federal produce safety compliance, and to meet Virginia's Chesapeake Bay cleanup commitments.

After working on Capitol Hill as a legislative correspondent for Rep. H. Morgan Griffith, R-9th, Copenhaver served as director of governmental affairs for the Virginia Agribusiness Council. He

worked closely with the general assembly and the council's congressional delegation on a variety of issues, including animal welfare, food safety and labeling, environment and water quality, and international trade.

See Copenhaver, page 5

FISH DAY
It's Time to Stock Your Pond!
DELIVERY WILL BE: Thursday, September 23
Christiansburg 1:30-2:15
@Southern States
Wytheville 3:15-4:00
@Farmers Milling & Supply
"LIKE" us on Facebook!
FISH WAGON
To Place an Order Call: 1-800-643-8439
www.fishwagon.com

Kid's Open House Bowling Day
Sat, September 11th
KID'S - RESERVE YOUR LANE!!
For one hour of free bowling
10am-3pm (shoes included)
Bring family or friends
Up to 8 bowlers per lane
Limit one hour per person
Call 382-5525 for more information
575 Arbor Drive, Christiansburg
www.nrvsuperbowl.biz

- Forestry Mulching/Brush Cutting
- Right of Way & Land Clearing
- Stream & Pond Services
- Light Excavating/Grading
- Pipe & Culvert Cleaning
- Rock & Stump Removal
- Crane Services
- Bucket Truck Services
- Underground Utilities
- Storm Water Management
- Site Prep • Small Job Specialty

APX Services LLC
540-566-6920

★ ★ ★ ★ **FOURTH ANNUAL** ★ ★ ★ ★

FREEDOM FEST 2021

SEPT. 11-12, 18-19, & 25-26

60+ VENDORS
10+ VARIOUS LIVE MUSICAL PERFORMANCES
80+ AUCTION BASKETS
KIDS CRAFTS & MORE!
BUY TICKETS ONLINE!

STOP BY AND SEE THE BEAVER DAM FARM SUNFLOWER FESTIVAL ONLY 5 MILES DOWN THE ROAD FROM US!

WWW.NEWFREEDOMFARM.ORG

OPINION

Investigation into stolen vehicle leads Montgomery sheriff's office to armed robbery suspects considered armed and dangerous

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office investigation into a stolen vehicle led to the arrest of two suspects, Tristan W. Difilippo, 18, and Dajuan K. Pittman, 20, who were involved in an armed robbery in New Jersey and were considered armed and dangerous.

On Saturday, Sept. 4, at 8:13 p.m., the sheriff's office received a request for assistance from the Virginia State

Police (VSP) in regards to the pursuit of a stolen vehicle that began on I-81 with the additional information about the armed robbery and their status as armed and dangerous.

Due to the large number of police vehicles already involved with the pursuit, deputies from the Montgomery County SO followed from a safe distance to provide assistance as needed.

At 8:32 p.m. the subjects abandoned the vehicle they were driving in the area of Benoit Drive (the Jefferson Forest area of Montgomery County) and fled on foot. One of the individuals was taken into custody by the Virginia State Police at that time. At the request of the state police, a perimeter was set up to contain the other individuals to the area. VSP also requested assistance from

the Sheriff's Office UAV (drone) Team. The perimeter was set up and maintained by members of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, the VSP, the Blacksburg PD, and the Virginia Tech PD. An area search was conducted throughout the night.

At approximately 1:15 a.m. on 09/05/2021, the Virginia State Police closed the command center/perimeter and left the scene. Depu-

ties from the sheriff's office maintained a presence in the area throughout the remainder of the morning.

At 5:24 a.m. Montgomery SO deputies with the assistance of the Blacksburg PD located a second individual who was taken into custody. The search continued until 8:18 Monday morning.

Difilippo and Pittman are both being held on a fugitive warrant with no bond.

Unwanted pesticides now being collected around the state

The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) is urging homeowners, farmers, golf course operators, and pesticide applicators and dealers to get rid of unwanted, outdated, or banned pesticides.

The Virginia Pesticide Collection Program disposes of pesticides in a safe manner and has

destroyed more than 1.5 million pounds of outdated and unwanted pesticides since its inception.

VDACS and its Office of Pesticide Services, in partnership with Virginia Cooperative Extension, provides this service free of charge. The program is funded through pesticide product registration fees

collected by OPS.

The following are upcoming collection sites. All locations are open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sept. 9—Merrifield Garden Center, 12101 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22030

Sept. 10—James S. Long Regional Park, 4603 James Madison Highway, Haymarket, VA 20169

Unwanted pesticides must be transported to one of the central collection sites. If participants cannot safely containerize the unwanted pesticides for transport, VDACS may arrange assistance on a case-by-case basis. The program does not accept motor oil, paint, fuel, fertilizer, or other chemicals.

Participants are asked to com-

plete a pesticide collection registration form prior to arrival and return the completed form to jeffrey.rogers@vdacs.virginia.gov or mail to Office of Pesticide Services, VDACS, P.O. Box 1163, Richmond, VA 23218. The form is available at vdacs.virginia.gov/pesticide-collection.shtml or by contacting the program at 804-786-3798.

Oliver

from page 1

The school hired four more Black people by the end of 1880 to assist Oliver in the school's everyday activities, according to Virginia Tech's Black History Timeline.

In a tribute to the Oliver family, the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors

has approved a resolution to name the plaza at the entrance of the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences building the Vaughn-Oliver Plaza. The naming of the plaza came after a formal nomination by the college.

Located at 200 Stanger Street next to the Upper Quad, the college's main administrative building stands adjacent to the Blacksburg neighborhood called New Town. The neighborhood was home to many Black men and women who worked at the university between 1880 and 1960.

The board named the plaza for the Olivers in recognition of the family's time, service, and influence to the history of the university. By extension, the Vaughn-Oliver Plaza honors the local Black community whose members often significantly contributed to the university but rarely received recognition.

Andrew Jackson Oliver was born in 1837. He was enslaved by members of the family for which the town of Blacksburg is named, according to research compiled by Juan Pacheco, a 2019 graduate in psychology. Pacheco published an article about the Oliver family as a student employee in the University Libraries Special Collections and University Archives.

Freed after the Civil War, Oliver helped maintain the campus of the land-grant military institute. Census records indicate Oliver's sole occupation in 1880 was "janitor

VA+MC."

Oliver and Fannie Vaughn Oliver — also born a slave — married in 1859 and over the next 20 years had at least seven children: Robert, Andrew, Caroline, Richard, Daniel, William, and Essie.

On campus, the Olivers likely resided near the current location of Randolph Hall, according to Pacheco's research.

Vaughn Oliver was the daughter of Abraham Vaughn, who belonged to a large family with an important history in the Black community, according to Daniel Thorp, a professor in the Department of History and an expert on Black history in Montgomery County.

The Vaughn family includes Vaughn Oliver's uncle, Gilbert, who was one of the many Black residents of New Town. Gilbert Street in Blacksburg is named for him.

While Andrew Oliver broke a barrier as the first Black employee at Virginia Tech, one of the Oliver sons broke another.

Andrew "A.J." Oliver Jr. was born to Andrew Sr. and Fannie Vaughn Oliver in 1862 amid the Civil War. With the support of his parents, he earned an education from Christiansburg Industrial Institute, according to Pacheco's research. The Black secondary school served many Black residents in the New River Valley un-

til 1966.

A.J. Oliver relocated to West Virginia and worked as a laborer. Within a decade he trained to become a lawyer, according to Thorp.

In 1887, A.J. Oliver became the first Black person admitted to the bar in West Virginia. Two years later, he moved to Roanoke and is believed to be the city's first barred Black attorney.

From his law office in Roanoke, A.J. Oliver wrote a letter dated Aug. 14, 1934, in which he reflected on his father and his childhood spent on the campus of what is now Virginia Tech. He wrote the letter in response to an article by Isaac Diggs, an 1880 graduate, in Techgram, the university's old alumni newspaper. The article and letter are referenced in Pacheco's research.

Diggs had mentioned Oliver Sr. in his article titled "The First Faculty."

In his response to the article, A.J. Oliver wrote that he, too, worked on campus with his father.

"The fact is I was practically raised on the campus," A.J. Oliver wrote. "Looking back through a maze of experiences, I consider the days that I served at Blacksburg College amongst the best days of my life."

A.J. Oliver explained that Oliver Sr. served the institution from its origin and that he and his three brothers helped

their father plant the first trees on campus. The school's agriculturist called his father "a natural tree artist," A.J. Oliver wrote.

In the 1880s, the Oliver family left Blacksburg for Iowa. Citing Michael A. Cooke's "Race Relations in Montgomery County, Virginia 1870-1990," Pacheco described the possible reason for the family's departure.

Representatives from a coal-mining company had traveled to the South to recruit Black workers. The businessmen offered free transportation and \$10 per week, doubling the average weekly pay in Montgomery County. "This led to what Cooke referred to as a 'Black exodus' in the New River Valley," Pacheco wrote.

Oliver worked in the mines and later resumed janitorial duties as he lived the rest of his life in Iowa communities. According to Pacheco's article, Oliver died at age 89.

On a visit to campus, the Virginia Tech community can look to the plaza as a reminder of the contributions made by the Oliver family and the many fellow Black people who helped build the university.

But the Oliver family's presence can be felt beyond the plaza and almost anywhere on campus.

Just look to the trees.

- Andrew G. Adkins

News Messenger

Established 1869

(540) 389-9355

P.O. Box 1125 • Salem, VA 24153

USPS 016-490 Online: www.ourvalley.org

Michael Showell, *Publisher*

Ed McMinn, *Editor*

editor@ourvalley.org

Heather Bell, *Community News Editor*

communitynews@ourvalley.org

Lynn Hurst, *General Manager*

lhurst@ourvalley.org

Randy Thompson, *Advertising Consultant*

advertise@ourvalley.org

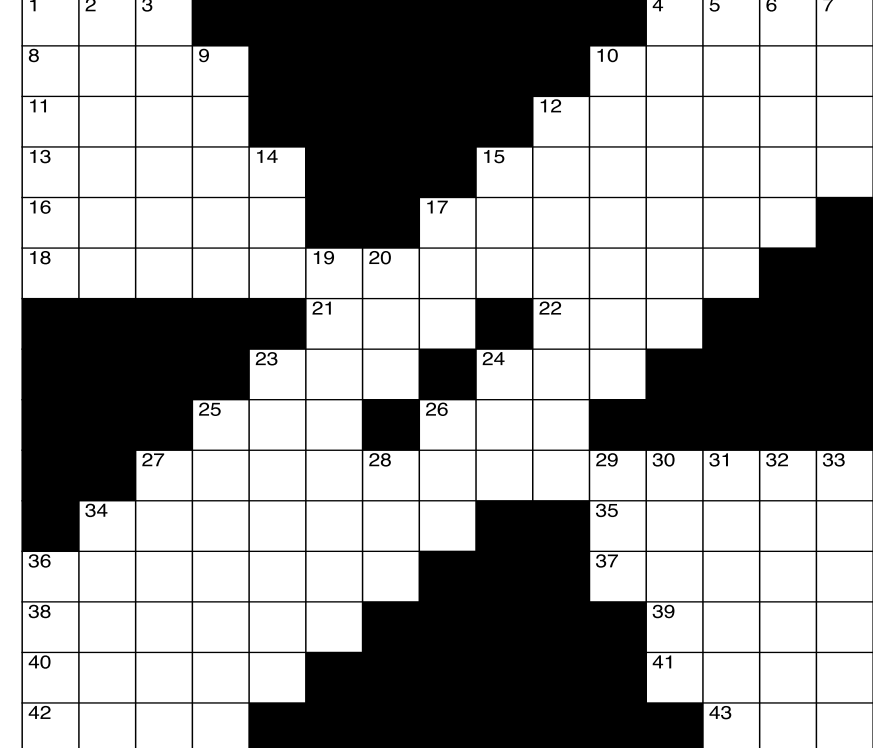
Give us your view:

editor@ourvalley.org

The News Messenger is a newspaper of, by and for the people of Montgomery County. We encourage letters from our readers on topics of general interest to the community and responses to our articles and columns. Letters must be signed and have a telephone number where you can be reached for verification. All letters will be verified before publication. We reserve the right to deny publication of any letter and edit letters for length, content and style.

The News Messenger (USPS 016-490) is published twice a week for \$44 a year in Montgomery County, \$53 elsewhere in Virginia, and \$57 out of state by Virginia Media Inc., P.O. Box 429, Lewisburg, WV 24901. Periodical postage paid at Christiansburg, VA. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to NEWS MESSENGER 1633 W. Main St., Salem, VA 24153.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. It governs Federer and Nadal's sport
- 4. Golden apple tree
- 8. Central Mexican river
- 10. Horn
- 11. Egg-shaped
- 12. With tooth
- 13. French modernist painter
- 15. Disprove
- 16. Painful intestinal obstruction
- 17. Baby shoes
- 18. Make the grade
- 21. Type of screen
- 22. Christian fraternal organization (abbr.)
- 23. Computer giant
- 24. When you hope to

CLUES DOWN

- 25. Corporate executive title (abbr.)
- 26. Shout of welcome or farewell
- 27. Imaginary awards for good deeds
- 34. A citizen of Iran
- 35. It can be sounded
- 36. Making dirty
- 37. Roman city
- 38. Baking ingredient
- 39. Share a common boundary with
- 40. Succulent plants
- 41. Penny
- 42. Jr. U.S. Senator Paul
- 43. "Laurie Partridge" actress Susan

CLUES DOWN

- 1. A type of bomb
- 2. Pacific island country
- 3. Earth is one
- 4. A place to gather around
- 5. Expressed opposite views
- 6. Group that lives near Siberia
- 7. Ore deposit
- 9. Language related to Eskimo
- 10. Narrative piece of music
- 12. The distance covered by normal stride
- 14. Glycoprotein hormone (abbr.)
- 15. Mathematical term (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

- 17. Popular beer
- 19. Jabbing
- 20. Historic Swedish castle
- 23. Humorous expressions
- 24. Christmas and New Year's Day each have one
- 25. Filled up
- 26. Nerve that serves the forearm (abbr.)
- 27. One of British descent
- 28. A way to get at
- 29. Food-related allergic reaction
- 30. Group of arteries near the pelvis
- 31. Picked up
- 32. Being three in one
- 33. Obscene
- 34. Dravidian language
- 36. Growl

Highlanders

from page 1

came the farthest in the United States is from Saratoga, Calif., about 2,207 miles away," Lepre said. "Ten of you are from right here in Radford.

"Each one of you has earned your place here, and each of you has a remarkable story to tell," Lepre told the new students. "You belong here with us at Radford University; your presence and your unique stories enrich and inspire our community."

Catherine Schleife, a freshman from Saltville, Va., wants to inspire and contribute to her community by being a teacher, just like her mother. She chose Radford, partly, she said, "for its excellent teacher-preparation program, and maybe, too, for the food," she said, laughing while standing by the fountain with roommate Freya Jorgenson of Raleigh, N.C., after the two had participated in a class photo on Heth Lawn.

"We just ate at Dalton, and the food was so good," Schleife said. "They have so many options here."

In the RUC ceremony, new students gathered in the Performing Arts Theatre at the Berglund Center.

After an introduction from Vice President for Student Affairs Susan Trageser, Lepre welcomed the approximately 265 students and 118 guests, encouraging them to have a great year as they pursued their academic goals.

Students also heard from interim

Provost Orion Rogers and Dean of the School of Nursing Johnnie Sue Wijewardane.

Among those attending the ceremony was Ethan Hobart, a new student in the emergency services program.

"I'm proud to be a Highlander because this is something I've worked for," Hobart said. "RUC was recommended to me by family and friends, and I have a very good feeling about having come this far. I can't wait to learn to be a firefighter and a paramedic. It's a dream of mine, and RUC will allow me to fulfill that dream."

Lyndsey Newman, a new student in the respiratory therapy program, also attended the ceremony followed by an afternoon of moving into the residence hall at the Patrick Henry. She said she is passionate about making a difference in people's lives, especially in light of the COVID pandemic.

"A lot of people close to me have been affected by respiratory illnesses this past year, including COVID, so I want to make sure what I do improves the health of people in need," Newman said. "You hear about all of these amazing people who graduate from Radford and I'm proud to be able to carry on that tradition. Hopefully, I can make other people proud to be a Highlander."

-- By Chad Osborne

OBITUARIES

Arey, Virginia "Pat" Siner

Virginia "Pat" Siner Arey, 88, of Owings Mills, Md., passed away Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021.

Pat spent her adult life as a physical educator, graduating from Radford College with a B. S. Degree, and from the University of Maryland with a Master's Degree. She taught in Virginia and Florida before finding her niche in Baltimore County Public Schools.

She was a beloved teacher and coach and was honored twice by her professional organization at "Teacher of the Year." She was the first woman physical education department chairperson in Baltimore County and spent many summers in workshops writing physical education curriculum which was used not just in Baltimore County but nationwide.

Pat was a teacher for 34 years who never stopped learning, traveling the globe to 32 countries after her retirement.

She was preceded in death by her



parents, Harry and Virginia Siner; a sister, Peggy McGee; and a brother, Charles R. Siner.

Survivors include her life partner, Sharon Bristol, of Owings Mills, Md.; a son, Stephen K. Arey of Pulaski; a sister and brothers-in-law, Sarah and Larry Evans Phillips and Alfred McGee, all of Radford; and many other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2021, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Memorial services will begin at 1 p.m. with Michael McGee, Ed Bristol, and Dana McDonald officiating. Interment will follow in Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin, Va.

The family requests that everyone please wear a mask and follow COVID safety protocol.

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

Stephens, Dennis Dean

Dennis Dean Stephens, 78, passed away on Friday, Sept. 3, 2021, at his home in Radford.

He was a bricklayer and the retired Chief Operator of the Water Treatment Plant. He was also a member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie and Helen Stephens; a son, Preston Lee Stephens; and a daughter, Traci D. Stephens.

Survivors include his wife, Rita Faye Stephens; children Brian and Mela-



nie Stephens, Dean Stephens, and Lisa and Kim Noonkester; grandchildren Charlie Stephens, Taylor Sowers, and Ethan Noonkester; five great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters-in-law, Patrick Grant and June Stephens, and John E. and Jackie Stephens; and many other relatives and friends.

Services will be private. The Stephens family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory. www.mullinsfuneralhome.com.

Copenhaver

from page 3

Virginia Farm Bureau Federation president Wayne F. Pryor said Copenhaver's background, education, and varied industry experiences have empowered him to serve the state's agricultural producers of all size while strengthening export opportunities for Virginia's farm commodities.

"From his farming roots to his advocacy on behalf of agriculture, we have had many opportunities to work with Brad and look forward to con-

tinuing our collaboration with him as commissioner," Pryor said. "We are confident in his abilities to provide leadership for a number of critical programs that support farmers and agribusinesses in VDACS."

Copenhaver was a Pamplin Scholar at Virginia Tech and graduated with degrees in political science and agricultural economics. He obtained a master's degree in business administration at the University of Washington.

Carter, Jr., Gary Neil

Gary Neil Carter, Jr., 46, of Blacksburg, died Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021.

He was born in Montgomery County on Dec. 9, 1974.

He is survived by his mother, Shelby Myers; his father, Neil Carter; daughters Destiny Carter, Bella Carter, and Bailey Carter; sons Anthony Carter, Jeremy Carter, and Parker Carter; grandchildren Sam-



my Roman and Avi Roman; and a sister, Becky Honaker.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021, in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Jimmie Lee Price officiating. Interment followed at North Fork Baptist Church Cemetery. The family received friends from 1 to 2 p.m. prior to the service at McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

Criner, Kathleen Shupe

Kathleen Shupe Criner of Blacksburg passed away peacefully at her home in the early hours of Saturday, Sept. 4, 2021.

She was born in Tazewell County, in Boissevain, on April 8, 1936. Her family moved to a farm in Craig County after her high school graduation. Katie started her 24 years of employment with Virginia Tech in the Poultry Science Department working with Dr. Paul Siegal.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Lawrence Douglas (Doug) Criner; her parents, Matthew Price and Ruby Dale Holston Shupe; and a brother Sammy P. Shupe.

She is survived by her daughter, Diane Matusevich (Eric); grandchildren Tracy Shelton (Andy Walker) and Dewayne



Shelton (Brittany); brother and sisters, Coy Shupe (Terry), Fern Echols, Brenda Allen (Sayford), and Lorene Fisher; special nephews Timmy Shupe and Lloyd Echols, who always called her Katherine; special nieces, Robin (Rob) and Cathy Martin; as well as a host of sweet nephews and nieces.

The family would like to extend a big thank-you to the Medi Hospice staff: Daniel, Kandis, Madison and Cassandra and caregivers Juanita, Carolyn, Jane, Kim, and Tanisha.

A graveside service will be held today, Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2021, at 1 p.m. at Roselawn Memorial Gardens, Christiansburg, with the Rev. Randy Jarrells officiating.

Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

Smart, Bernice Fleenor

Bernice Fleenor Smart, 85, passed away Saturday, Sept. 4, 2021.

She attended Faith Baptist Church and was a winder at Kollmorgen for over 40 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond and Grace Fleenor.

Survivors include her husband of 69 years, Joseph Henry Smart, Jr.; a son, Jay Smart; daughters and sons-in-law, Vicki and Danny King and Anita and Dale Quesenberry, all of Fair-



lawn; five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild; a sister, Judy Fry of Christiansburg; and many other relatives and friends.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Medi-Home Health & Hospice, 141 East Main St., Pulaski, VA 24301.

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

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.



Precious is the Animal Care and Adoption Center's resident love bug. He is affectionate and gentle. He loves to nuzzle and appreciates head and chin scratches. Precious is on a special diet and will need to continue it in his new home. He also needs some dental work.



Flash is an adorable, sweet rabbit. He is litter box trained and was occasionally free-roaming in a previous home. Flash also has a history of doing well with children.

Send community news and photos to communitynews@ourvalley.org

ONLINE ONLY AUCTION

Wednesday September 22nd at 4 PM

Land for Sale at Auction in Pearisburg VA!

Henson Ave Pearisburg VA 24134

Bid online now at VaAuctionPro.com



A large tract of land located in Pearisburg VA! This property has frontage on Henson Ave. and S. Main St. / Route 100. The property consists of 25.443 acres of undeveloped land. The land is mostly open with some wooded areas. Zoned AR-1. Great building land! Property does have public water and sewer.

This property is located in Pearisburg VA, across from Macy McClagherty Elementary School. Right down the road from Carillion Giles Memorial Hospital, local shops and more. You are also just a short drive away from the New River.

Directions - From Giles County Courthouse in Pearisburg VA, South Main Street, take a left on Henson Avenue. Property on the right across from Macy McClagherty Elementary School. Property has a small portion of frontage on South Main Street but not accessed from South Main. You can access property from Henson Avenue.

Terms - 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to final high bid to arrive at contract price. Earnest Money Deposit of \$5,000 on day of sale. Close in 45 days. Subject to seller confirmation. Property sold as is, where is with any and all faults. Buyer is expected to complete their own due diligence. Download Bidder Information Pack for complete terms and conditions, purchase contract and maps at VAAuctionPro.com

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

102 S. Locust Street, Floyd, VA 24091 (540) 745-2005 VaAuctionPro.com Lic# 2907004059



Blue Ridge Land & Auction Co., Inc



GET THE NETWORK THAT WORKS AS HARD AS YOU DO

Our Lifeline Calling Plans bring discounted wireless service to participants in certain government-assisted programs.

Visit uscellular.com/lifeline or call 1-800-447-1339 for more information.

Plans starting at \$34.25 before Lifeline discount.



LG K83

Things we want you to know: Lifeline is a federal government benefit program and only qualified persons may participate. Lifeline service may not be transferred to any other individual. Applicants must present documentation of household income or participation in qualifying programs. Lifeline is only available for one phone line per household, whether landline or wireless. The Lifeline Calling Plan/Lifeline discounts are only available to residents in states where USCellular is an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC). Eligibility to receive Lifeline discounts will be verified annually. Lifeline Calling Plans support all of the federal universal services provided for in 47CFR Sec. 54.101. Additional terms and conditions apply. See store or uscellular.com for details. ©2021 USCellular

BUSINESS SERVICES DIRECTORY



DR FAME
ALLERGY
ASTHMA

540 404-9598
1002 APPERSON DR • SALEM, VIRGINIA 24153
WWW.DRTOMFAME.COM



SENIOR FOR SENIORS
PAINTING & RESIDENTIAL MAINTENANCE

Cell: 540-293-4271



401K PLANS
For many individuals, this is their largest asset. Let us help you protect what you have saved.

TALK TO WALT
WALTER S. KEARNS, JR., CFP® • (540) 389-0300

JUST FINANCIAL PLANNING, INC.
1630 ROANOKE BLVD., SALEM, WWW.JUSTFINANCIALPLANNING.COM



embrace
home loans

Robin Jewell
Senior Loan Officer / NMLS# 235597
540.309.5013
rjewell@embracehomeloans.com
www.embracehomeloans.com/robin-jewell
5044 Keagy Road, Suite H100
Roanoke, VA 24018



Embrace Home Loans, Inc. (NMLS ID#2184) is licensed in VA.
www.nmlsconsumeraccess.com



BAG
A GREAT DEAL IN THE CLASSIFIEDS!
To place your ad, call 389-9355



CIRCLE R ROOFING OF VIRGINIA

Call for a FREE Estimate
Rob Gendreau • 540.784.0500



Craig County Health Center
226 Market Street - New Castle, VA
Phone: (540) 864-6390 Fax: (540) 864-6356

- *Physical Exams * X-ray Services
- * Laboratory Services * Acute Care
- *Mental Health Services * Well Baby Checks

ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS

CARPET RE-STRETCHING!
STEVEN W. DURRANCE FLOORS

Repairs • New Sales • Expert
540-776-9591
Cell: 540-353-7908
Licensed & Insured
carpetroanoke.com




Lisa Martin, REALTOR®
Serving the industry for 30+ years
Roanoke Valley & Blue Ridge Mountains
Premier, REALTORS
(540) 597-0480
Lisa@Lisa2buy.com • www.Lisa2buy.com
1638 Roanoke Road, Suite 101
Daleville, VA 24083

BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY HomeServices
A member of the franchise system of BHH Affiliates, LLC

CUSTER'S PLASTERING AND DRYWALL

- No job too large or small
- Repair work, new construction, etc.
- Quality Work At A Reasonable Price

Call 864-6498

THE CLASSIFIEDS-
Where the Deals Are!

The best place to find it, sell it, buy it, and announce it.

Sunflooring Inc. STEVE SMITH
With over 40 years of experience

Specializing in Hardwood Floors, Hardwood Refinishing, Laminate Flooring, Engineered Floors, Ceramic Tile, Carpet and Luxury Vinyl Plank

540-556-3100





Roof Replacement & Repair

540-966-0688
PO Box 630
Daleville, VA 24083

www.southerntracellc.com


BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES
Opportunity is knocking loud and clear.

SITUATIONS WANTED



Rory "Tater" Benson, REALTOR®

540.353.7173 cell
540.989.4555 office
tbenson@mkbrealtors.com



Absolutely Best Real Estate Experience Ever!!
-J&M T.

540.342.9600
Dayna@PatrickTeamHomes.com



Patrick Team HOMES Farms & Unique Properties
RE/MAX All Stars • Daleville, VA

Find a job in your special field, or find the help you need.

AUTOMOBILES FOR SALE
Get rid of the old rattletrap while it still runs

HOUSE NEED A BATH?

HOUSES SIDEWALKS
DECKS DRIVEWAYS
PORCHES GUTTERS

Master Sergeant Taylor's Pressure Washing, LLC
Garry Taylor
(252) 626-8708 USMC RETIRED drillinstr@gmail.com




Are you turning 65 or new to Medicare?
I can help you get Medicare ready.



HOMES FOR SALE
House-hunting couldn't be easier.

389-9355



LARRY DEW, REALTOR®
~ BUY OR SELL FOR YOU ~

+40 years Land Management, Farming, Forestry, U.S. Forest Service (retired)
Specializing in: Residential w/acreage Farms - Recreation Land

Mobile: 540.968-0544
433 E. Ridgeway St., Clifton Forge, Va

HIGHLANDS REALTY
Email: dewsauction@aol.com

Call a licensed Humana sales agent.



BRANDI STOVALL
540-355-0894 (TTY: 711)
Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
BSTOVALL@HUMANA.COM
https://www.facebook.com/LicensedInsuranceAgentVA/

Humana.
Y0040_GHHHXDDEN21_C

If you believe in your business and want to build it...
ADVERTISE!
To place a classified ad, call 540-389-9355



Lesley Owens Ins Agency Inc
Lesley Owens, Agent
8202-A Williamson Rd, Roanoke, VA 24019
Bus 540-366-6384 Fax 540-366-6625
1451 W Main St, Salem, VA 24153
Spartan Square Shopping Center
(540) 404-3694
lesley.owens.hy9j@statefarm.com



Thank you for your loyalty. We appreciate you.

CALL NOW to advertise 389-9355

Marketplace

ourvalley.org

THE FINCASTLE HERALD

The Vinton Messenger

THE NEW CASTLE RECORD

SALEM TIMES-REGISTER

News Messenger

RADFORD News Journal

Yard Sales - Botetourt County

Fall/Winter Bizarre
Troutville Assembly of God Church
September 18th
8am-2pm
118 Conner Lane
Troutville
Lots of misc., Christmas items, and baked goods
Rain or Shine

Yard Sales - Craig County

Yard Sale
Saturday, September 11th 9am
Black Diamond/John's Creek
143 Blue Quill Way
New Castle
Furniture, crystal vases, pictures, home décor, and books.
540-864-5307

Yard Sales - Montgomery County

Garage Sale
Saturday, September 11th 8am-2pm
50 Alder lane
Christiansburg
Women's clothing 1x and up, Craft items, cookbooks
Rain or shine

For Sale - Firewood

FIREWOOD
Mixed Hardwood.
Call 540-529-2745
Delivery in Botetourt only

Wanted - To Buy

Cash paid
Coin Collections Or Indian artifacts
540-988-2420

Lost & Found



MISSING TOBY,
French bulldog
Last seen in eagle rock area near Subway/Citgo on RT 220. Any information or sitting, please call:
804-598-9511

For Rent - Apartments

2, 3, 4 BR Townhouse Style
accepting applications. Short waiting list, HUD subsidized, W/D hookups, private patio, water & trash incl. Fairfax Village Apts. 332 Fairfax St., Radford Cambridge Square 1805 Whipple Dr. NW Blacksburg 540-731-1786 EHO TDD #800-828-1120



For Sale - Misc

FOR SALE
Unprinted end rolls of newsprint. Great for packing & shipping, moving & storage and for art projects. Various sizes available. Stop by the Salem Times-Register 1633 West Main St. or call (540)389-9355 for details.

Help Wanted - General

Part Time Newspaper Production Help
The Salem TimesRegister has openings for afternoon/evening shift work inserting, labeling and bundling newspapers for delivery. No experience necessary. Hours may vary. Will train. \$7.50 per hour. Contact Lynn Hurst, General Manager, Salem-Times Register (540)389-9355 or email lhurst@ourvalley.org

WANTED:

Person to run errands, do light house work. Could live in with room & board free one day per week. Call 540-254-8042 or write 1405 Pico Road, Buchanan, VA 24066.



To place your ad, call 389-9355

Help Wanted - Clerical



TAP (Total Action for Progress) is the second largest community action agency in Virginia, employing more than 300 employees. We encourage people to think creatively, grow professionally, and make a positive impact within the agency and in the communities in which we serve.

The following position is open with TAP:

Temporary Administrative Assistant

The Administrative Assistant is responsible for performing a variety of secretarial and administrative duties in support of the efficient and effective operation of the TAP Early Head Start Program. This person staffs the front office and serves as one of the first contacts for clients and visitors that seek program services.

This position requires multi-tasking, working the front desk receptionist duties as well as assisting the Program Director. Also requires being proficient in Microsoft Office Programs. ** This position will end 2/25/2022**

- Working knowledge of computer program required for development of database, and data management; as well as other keyboard devices.
- Ability to operate in self-directed manner, seeking information and assistance as needed to complete assigned tasks.
- Ability to plan and prioritize tasks in order to meet deadlines.
- Demonstrated skill in oral and written communication given in the English Language.
- Learn job related materials primarily through oral instruction and observation. This learning takes place mainly in an on the job training setting.
- Must be a good team player.
- Two years of college coursework or business related curriculum
- Three years' experience in secretarial or administrative assistant position
- Ability to type accurately at a rate of 65 WPM
- Knowledge of proper business English, spelling and grammar

For a full job description please visit Indeed.com or at our website www.tapintohope.org

Must be able to adjust work schedule as needed. Complete background required. Salary: \$15.00-\$21.68 per Hour. Submit cover letter and resume to: TAP, Human Resources, Job Code: TAA-EHS/HS, PO Box 2868, 302 2nd St., Roanoke, VA 24001-2868 or fax to 540-345-1944

Applicant email address is required for response concerning this job. For more information about this job and to apply online: See our website: www.tapintohope.org TTY: 540-345-4096 AA/EOE/Drug Free Workplace Bilinguals encouraged to apply.

Legals - City of Radford

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATION TO VACATE A PORTION OF UNIMPROVED HARVEY STREET IN THE CITY OF RADFORD, VIRGINIA
Pursuant to Virginia Code § 15.2-2206, the Radford City Council will hold a public hearing on September 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 10 Robertson Street, Radford, Virginia.

Legals - City of Radford

The purpose of the public hearing will be to receive public comment regarding an application filed by Michael "Kevin" and Molly Entekin to vacate a portion of the unimproved Harvey Street right-of-way located at the intersection of Ninth Street. The vacation request concerns a total area of approximately .204 acres.

Any person affected by the proposed vacation may appear and be heard at the public hearing. Copies of the application, together with the plat of the proposed vacation, are available for review in the City Manager's Office located at 10 Robertson Street, Radford, Virginia.

Legals - City of Salem

Notice is hereby given to

all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on September 15, 2021, at 7:00 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 Salem Building Supply, Inc., contract purchaser, and PHC of Virginia, Inc., property owner, for rezoning the property located at 405 Kimball Avenue (Tax Map # 235-1-2) from RMF Residential Multi-Family District with proffered condition to RMF Residential Multi-Family District without conditions.
2. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Salem Ministers Conference Community Food Pantry, contract purchaser, and Trustees God's Church of Deliverance and Power, property owner, for the issuance of a Use Not Provided For Permit to allow the relocation of the Salem Food Pantry to the property located at 829 Indiana Street (Tax Map # 186-1-5).

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

Notice is hereby given to

all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on Monday, September 27, 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 Salem Building Supply, Inc., contract purchaser, and PHC of Virginia, Inc., property owner, for rezoning the property located at 405 Kimball Avenue (Tax Map # 235-1-2) from RMF Residential Multi-Family District with proffered condition to RMF Residential Multi-Family District without conditions.
2. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Salem Ministers Conference Community Food Pantry, contract purchaser, and Trustees God's Church of Deliverance and Power, property owner, for the issuance of a Use Not Provided For Permit to allow the relocation of the Salem Food Pantry to the property located at 829 Indiana Street (Tax Map # 186-1-5).

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be

Legals - City of Salem

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

2021-2022 PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE WITH EQUAL RIGHTS REGULATIONS IN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES
In compliance with the Executive Order 11246; Title II of the Education Amendments of 1976; Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended by the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972; Title IX Regulation Implementing Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; and all other federal, state, school rules, laws, regulations and policies, the City of Salem Public Schools shall not discriminate on the basis of sex, age, race, color, national origin, religion or disability in the educational programs or activities which it operates. It is the intent of the City of Salem Schools to comply with both the letter and the spirit of the law in making certain discrimination does not exist in its policies, regulations, and operations. Grievance procedures for Title IX and Section 504 have been established for students, their parents, and employees who feel discrimination has been shown by the school division. Specific complaints of alleged discrimination under Title IX and Section 504 should be referred to: Mrs. Kirstine Barber Director of Human Resources
City of Salem Schools
510 South College Avenue
Salem, VA 24153
(540) 389-0130
All students attending City of Salem Schools may participate in education programs and activities, including but not limited to health, physical education, music and career and technical education, (family and consumer science education, trades and industrial education, business education, etc.), regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, age, disability, or sex

PUBLIC NOTICE 2021-2022

NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE WITH EQUAL RIGHTS REGULATIONS IN EMPLOYMENT AND VOCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
In accordance with the requirements of Title IX, Education Amendments of 1972, and Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the City of Salem Public Schools' Director of Human Resources, 510 South College Avenue, Salem, VA 24153, (540) 389-0130, is assigned the responsibility to ensure that all personnel considered for employment in this school division and all vocational opportunities are not denied access on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, or disability.

Legals - Craig County

Notice of Public Sale

Notice is hereby given that Storage King USA 201 Berkley Rd.NE. Roanoke VA 24012 will sell the contents of the storage units listed below at a public auction to satisfy a lien placed on the contents (Virginia Statute 55). The sell will take place at the website Storage Treasures.com on 09/14/2021 at 9:00 am. The sale will be conducted on Storage Treasures.com, under the guidance of Christopher Rosa (2907004316) on the behalf of the facility's management. Units will be available for viewing prior to the sale on Storage Treasures.com. Contents will be sold for cash only to the highest bidder. A 15%

Legals - Craig County

buyer's premium will be charged as well as a \$ 100 cleaning deposit per unit. All sales are final. Seller reserves the right to withdraw the property at any time before the sale or to refuse any bids. The property to be sold is described as "general household items" unless otherwise noted. 308-Robert Newman-Household goods: 068-Enchante Cruse-household goods: 253-Ashley Wright-household goods: 240-Stephanie Carner-household good: 239-Carlsha Eloi-household goods: 069,029-Katheryn Ferrell-household goods: 081-Cara Thomas-household goods: 251-Jeremy Hayes-household goods: 222-RobertAmes-household goods: 261-Dorothy Wimmer-household goods: 185-Jeremy Meador-household goods: 011-Amy Gear-household goods: 223-Christen Tuckwiller-household goods.

Legals - Montgomery County

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

A. Rezoning request by Deerfield Home Estates LLC to rezone Tax Parcel Nos. 496-A 68 & 496-A 73 (4.711 acres) from Agricultural (A) and Two-Family Residential (R-2) to Single Family Residential (R-1) with conditions. The proposal was revised to construct 26 single-family detached dwellings. The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

B. Conditional Use Permit request by Deerfield Home Estates LLC for a Planned Housing Development to consist of 26 Single-Family Residential dwellings on property located adjacent to Wades Lane and Agee Street, Tax Parcel Nos. 496-A 68 & 496-A 73.

C. Conditional Use Permit for R-3 Multifamily Dwelling District uses in the B-3 General Business District by Bruce A. Moses(owner) on behalf of Bryan A. Rice (Applicant) at 975 Radford Street (Tax Map No. 525-A-19). The proposal is to construct five (5) Townhome units. The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan. Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comment in-person at the time of this Public Hearing. Additionally, the meeting will be streamed live on the Town of Christiansburg's YouTube channel at www.christiansburg.org/you tube and will remain on the Town's YouTube page once the meeting concludes. For information on contactless methods for submitting public comment, please visit www.christiansburg.org/publ ichearings.

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

MAKE AN "A" IN ADVERTISING!
BOOK YOUR SPOT TODAY!
To place your ad, call 389-9355

ADVERTISE!

ADVERTISEMENT FOR SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT SERVICES WITH OPERATOR SIGNUP

The Virginia Department of Transportation invites heavy equipment owners to sign up for the rental of their equipment with operators for SNOW & ICE REMOVAL purposes in Salem Residency which includes the counties of Roanoke, Botetourt and Craig during the winter of 2021-2022. Price per hour shall include operators, fuel, tire chains, supplies and required insurance. VDOT will need dump trucks, pickups with plows, motorgraders, backhoes, dozers, track loaders, tractors, rubber-tire loaders and farm tractors. All equipment shall be equipped for night work and be in good mechanical condition to ensure a safe and dependable 24/7 operation. VDOT reserves the right to determine acceptability of equipment size and condition for the task. Contractors submitting prices meeting the requirements of the Agreement may be contracted with and may be eligible to receive a mobilization payment.

Contractors must submit their application on the electronic M7B bidding site at <https://www.plow4va.com/>. All new and returning Contractors must be active in the Virginia eProcurement Portal (eVA) in order to do business with the Commonwealth of Virginia (<https://eva.virginia.gov>).

Applications received by 7:00 PM on Friday September 24, 2021 may be eligible for a mobilization bonus. See the EVA posting for additional information, including contract requirements.

Questions can be directed to the Salem Residency from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday – Friday. Phone: 540-387-5497. Email: SalemDistrictSnow@vdot.virginia.gov

EEO/AA Employer

ADVERTISEMENT FOR SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT SERVICES WITH OPERATOR SIGNUP

The Virginia Department of Transportation invites heavy equipment owners to sign up for the rental of their equipment with operators for SNOW & ICE REMOVAL purposes in Christiansburg Residency which includes the counties of Floyd, Giles, Montgomery, and Pulaski during the winter of 2021-2022. Price per hour shall include operators, fuel, tire chains, supplies and required insurance. VDOT will need dump trucks, pickups with plows, motorgraders, backhoes, dozers, track loaders, tractors, rubber-tire loaders and farm tractors. All equipment shall be equipped for night work and be in good mechanical condition to ensure a safe and dependable 24/7 operation. VDOT reserves the right to determine acceptability of equipment size and condition for the task. Contractors submitting prices meeting the requirements of the Agreement may be contracted with and may be eligible to receive a mobilization payment.

Contractors must submit their application on the electronic M7B bidding site at <https://www.plow4va.com/>. All new and returning Contractors must be active in the Virginia eProcurement Portal (eVA) in order to do business with the Commonwealth of Virginia (<https://eva.virginia.gov>).

Applications received by 7:00 PM on Friday September 24, 2021 may be eligible for a mobilization bonus. See the EVA posting for additional information, including contract requirements.

Questions can be directed to the Christiansburg Residency from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday – Friday. Phone: 540-381-7201 Email: SalemDistrictSnow@vdot.virginia.gov

EEO/AA Employer



News Messenger

Serving Montgomery County Since 1869

<p>DIGITAL ONLY</p> <p>One Year Digital Subscription \$29.00</p>	<p>DIGITAL & PRINT</p> <p>Yearly Print & Digital Subscription \$72.00</p>	<p>PRINT ONLY</p> <p>Yearly Print Only Subscription \$44.00 Radford \$53.00 Virginia \$57.00 Out of State</p>
---	--	--

Subscribe online at montcova.com or mail to address below

SUBSCRIPTION TO NEWS MESSENGER

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Check Enclosed _____ or call (304) 647-5724 to pay by credit card

Mail to: Circulation Department, NEWS MESSENGER,
P.O. BOX 429, Lewisburg, WV 24901 or call us at (304) 647-5724.

Stiles from page 1

“We provided intelligence support and massive air power for this fight. The Taliban was defeated by December 2001 and Al Qaeda was destroyed by spring 2002,” he said. “Mission accomplished. That’s when we should have left, but policy makers who didn’t understand Afghanistan, the culture, its history, the many different tribes, decided to ‘create’ a nation where none had ever existed. That was the mistake. “When the U.S. is pushed, we respond superbly, the CIA especially. Within ten days of the attack, the first CIA team was in Afghanistan begin-

ning the fight. We accomplished our objectives with less than 300 CIA and military personnel on the ground.

“War is personal, very personal. I lost three good friends in Afghanistan in the first year and a fourth elsewhere in the world in our war against Al Qaeda. Our young people pay the price for our older politicians’ mistakes.

“Stay vigilant and bold and ruthless. The U.S. had been at war with Al Qaeda long before September 2001 and the war continues even though the last soldier left Kabul airport on August 30, 2021.”

Kiwanis from page 1

turner, a basket maker, a bullet maker, hand-crafted leather, a corn shuck chair bottomer, and the Wilderness Trail Museum.

The community stage sponsored by Shentel will be in the Dollar General Store parking lot on West Main Street near Burger King with performances beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 4:00 p.m. Any performers interested in showcasing their talent at the festival, should call 540-230-5494. Individual performers and small groups are welcome to apply.

A second stage sponsored by Great Road on Main will be located on North Franklin Street at the intersection of Main Street near the Atlantic Union Bank. Again, performers will be available from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Two food courts will offer several vendors preparing and cooking fresh

food. One food court will be located on North Franklin Street near the Main and Franklin intersection and the other will be placed on East Main Street near the Christiansburg Town Hall.

Openings for food vendors are still available.

In past years, the arts and craft festival has drawn from 7,500 to 10,000 attendees from all over Virginia and neighboring states.

All proceeds from this event benefit the youth-focused programs of the Christiansburg Kiwanis Club, which assumed operation of the festival from the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce in 2009.

Admission to the event, parking, and the children’s area is free.

For more information about the festival, visit www.wildernesstrailfestival.com.

Legals - Montgomery County

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Christiansburg Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 20, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

A. Amendments to the Planned Commercial Development in the B-3, General Business zoning district at 2705 Market Street NE by NRV Marketplace LLC to allow multi-family residential uses, increased building height, reduced onsite greenspace, and reduced residential parking requirement on Tax Parcel 436 – (5)) – 1. The original public hearing on August 30, 2021 was postponed due to further amendments to the items listed above. The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

A copy of the application, the Town’s Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. –

Legals - Montgomery County

5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Andrew Warren, Assistant Town Manager, at (540) 382-6128 ext. 1130 or by email at awarren@christiansburg.org with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

Legals - Town of Vinton

TOWN OF VINTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 15.2-1800 (B) et seq., of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, the Town Council of the Town of Vinton, Virginia, hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., or immediately thereafter, in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia.

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning the proposed granting of a lease to VINDOS LLC. for a certain lot lying to the rear of the former Vinton Branch Library on the southeast side of Meadows Street and below the storm water detention basin for the Vinton War Memorial identified as 060.16-06-33.00-000, all of which is located in the Town of Vinton, Virginia, said lease

Legals - Town of Vinton

to be for a ten-month period with no more than four additional one-year renewal terms.

A complete copy of the proposed Lease and additional information concerning this public meeting is available in the Town Manager’s Office, located in the Vinton Municipal Building, (540) 983-0607. Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate at this public meeting should contact the Town Manager’s office at (540) 983-0607.

Susan N. Johnson
Town Clerk

Notice of Public Sale

Notice is hereby given that Storage King USA, 1914 E. Washington Ave. Vinton, VA 24179 will sell the contents of the storage units listed below at a public auction to satisfy a lien placed on the contents (Virginia Statute 55). The sale will take place at the website StorageTreasures.com on September 21, 2021 at 9:00 am. The sale will be conducted on StorageTreasures.com, under the guidance of Christopher Rosa (2907004316) on behalf of the facility’s management.

Units will be available for viewing prior to the sale on StorageTreasures.com.

Legals - Town of Vinton

Contents will be sold for cash only to the highest bidder. A 15% buyer’s premium will be charged as well as a \$100 cleaning deposit per unit. All sales are final. Seller reserves the right to withdraw the property at any time before the sale or to refuse any bids. The property to be sold is described as “general household items” unless otherwise noted.

- Unit # D15 – Michael A Turpin – Household Goods:
- Unit # E26 - Sherry L Blackwell – Household Goods:
- Unit # E15 – Misty Chapman – Household Goods:
- Unit # H69 – Granville P McCreath – Household Goods:
- Unit # H33 – Mark Ames – Household Goods:
- Unit # I05 – Jamey Morehead – Household Goods:
- Unit # I02 – Linda Peery – Household Goods:
- Unit # I22 – Heather M Blankenship – Household Goods:
- Unit # J45 – Christopher Proctor – Household Goods:
- Unit # J42 – Darryl Tomlin – Household Goods:
- Unit # G20 – Edward A Woolridge – Household Goods:
- Unit # E10 – Elden Bowling – Household Goods:
- Unit # G75 – Vanessa Dillon – Household Goods:
- Unit # H16 – Rodrigo

Legals - Town of Vinton

- Conteras- Household Goods:
- Unit # H31 – April D Hicks – Household Goods:
- Unit # G35 – Pamela C Campbell – Household Goods:
- Unit # G36 – Ramona Underwood – Household Goods:
- Unit # C03 – Sherry L Blackwell – Household Goods:
- Unit # G52 – Jeremy Clark – Household Goods:
- Unit # J44 – Sue A Robertson – Household Goods:
- Unit # J27 – Jeremy Meador – Household Goods:
- Unit # G61 – Michael Holman – Household Goods:
- Unit # H58 – Kevin D Morris – Household Goods:
- Unit # G46 – Lois Peters – Household Goods:
- Unit # G43 – Yvette Edwards – Household Goods:
- Unit # H27 – Natascha Howard – Household Goods:
- Unit # A15 – Darryl Tomlin – Household Goods:
- Unit # D10 – Richard Morgan – Household Goods:
- Unit # G26 – Susan Johnson – Household Goods:
- Unit # 07 – Nathan C Durham – Vehicle:

ADVERTISE!

STATEWIDE ADS

TRANSFORM YOUR BATH OR SHOWER IN AS LITTLE AS ONE DAY

CALL NOW

FOR **\$500 Off**

OR

NO PAYMENTS & NO INTEREST FOR 18 MONTHS*

*Offer Expires 9/30/2021

BCI BATH & SHOWER Military & Senior Discounts Available

844-945-1631

*Includes product and labor: bathtub, shower or walk-in tub and wall surround. This promotion cannot be combined with any other offer. Other restrictions may apply. This offer expires Sept. 30, 2021. Each dealership is independently owned and operated. **Third party financing is available for these customers who qualify. See your dealer for details. ©2021 BCI Acrylic, Inc.

Back to School

If your child is entering 7th grade they must have the Meningitis, HPV, and Tdap vaccines in order to enroll. Talk to your doctor and vaccinate them now!

VDH VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

vdh.virginia.gov/backtoschool/

STATEWIDE ADS

AUCTIONS
ATTN. AUCTIONEERS: Advertise your upcoming auctions statewide and in other states. Affordable Print and Digital Solutions reaching your target audiences. Call this paper or Landon Clark at Virginia Press Services 804-521-7576, [HYPERLINK "mailto:landonc@vpa.net"](mailto:HYPERLINKmailto:landonc@vpa.net) landonc@vpa.net

HOME IMPROVEMENT

Vinyl Replacement Windows Starting at \$235* Installed w/Free Trim Wrap Call 804-739-8207 for MORE details! Ronnie Jenkins II Siding, Roofing, Gutters and More!

GENERAC Standby Generators provide backup power during utility power outages, so your home and family stay safe and comfortable. Prepare now. Free 7-year extended warranty (\$695 value!). Request a free quote today! Call for additional terms and conditions. 1-877-636-0738

The Generac PWRcell, a solar plus battery storage system. SAVE money, reduce your reliance on the grid, prepare for power outages and power your home. Full installation serv-

STATEWIDE ADS

ices available. \$0 Down Financing Option. Request a FREE, no obligation, quote today. Call 1-833-688-1a378

Eliminate gutter cleaning forever! LeafFilter, the most advanced debris-blocking gutter protection. Schedule a FREE LeafFilter estimate today. 15% off Entire Purchase. 10% Senior & Military Discounts. Call 1-877-614-6667

Dont let the stairs limit your mobility! Discover the ideal solution for anyone who struggles on the stairs, is concerned about a fall or wants to regain access to their entire home. Call AmeriGlide today! 1-888-510-0805

A Smarter Way to Power Your Home.

REQUEST A FREE QUOTE!

ACT NOW TO RECEIVE A \$300 SPECIAL OFFER!*

1(833) 688-1378

*Offer value when purchased at retail. Solar panels sold separately.

STATEWIDE ADS

HELP WANTED

HIRING? We can help you fill your open positions! Promote job listings regionally or statewide! Affordable Print and Digital Advertising Solutions reaching job seekers. Call this paper or Landon Clark at Virginia Press Services 804-521-7576, [HYPERLINK "mailto:landonc@vpa.net"](mailto:HYPERLINKmailto:landonc@vpa.net) landonc@vpa.net

SERVICES

DIVORCE-Uncontested, \$395+\$86 court cost. WILLS-\$225.00. No court appearance. Estimated completion time twenty-one days. Hilton Oliver, Attorney (Facebook). 757-490-0126. Se Habla Espanol. BBB Member. [### STATEWIDE ADS](http://HYPERLINKhttp://ht-</p>
</div>
<div data-bbox=)

[tps://hiltonoliverattorneyva.com](https://hiltonoliverattorneyva.com) <https://hiltonoliverattorneyva.com>.

Up to \$15,000.00 of GUARANTEED Life Insurance! No medical exam or health questions. Cash to help

STATEWIDE ADS

pay funeral and other final expenses. Call Physicians Life Insurance Company-844-509-1697 or visit [HYPERLINK "http://www.Life55plus.info/vapress"](http://HYPERLINKhttp://www.Life55plus.info/vapress) www.Life55plus.info/vapress

LeafFilter GUTTER PROTECTION

BACKED BY A YEAR-ROUND CLOG-FREE GUARANTEE

EXCLUSIVE LIMITED TIME OFFER!

15% OFF & **10% OFF**

YOUR ENTIRE PURCHASE & **SENIORS & MILITARY!**

+ 5% OFF TO THE FIRST \$0. CALLERS ONLY! & **WE INSTALL YEAR-ROUND!**

FINANCING THAT FITS YOUR BUDGET!

Promo Code: 285

*Subject to credit approval. Call for details.

CALL US TODAY FOR A FREE ESTIMATE **1-877-614-6667**

Mon-Thurs: 8am-11pm, Fri-Sat: 8am-5pm, Sun: 2pm-8pm EST

*For those who qualify. One coupon per household. No obligation estimate valid for 1 year. **Offer valid at time of estimate only. The leading consumer reporting agency conducted a 16 month outdoor test of gutter guards in 2010 and recognized LeafFilter as the "#1 rated professionally installed gutter guard system in America." Manufactured in Falmouth, Michigan and processed at LMT Mercer Group in Ohio. See Representative for full warranty details. CA Lic# 1035795 DOB# 10783658-5501 Lic# 7656 Lic# 28145 Lic# 41254 Lic# 49283 Lic# 42244 Lic# 21424 WA 009 609 233 979 Lic# 21022 7296 Lic# 21062 12946 Lic# 2725321333 Lic# LEAF7MWB222 Lic# MW06912 Lic# WC79986 9117 Natspa, Inc Lic# H1057000 Registration# 30840 Reg# 2019098 HIC064905 Registration# C127229 Registration# C127230 Registration# 20202018 Registration# HIC6252 Registration# HIC21004 Registration# 12040920300 Registration# PA06052 Suffolk, VA Lic# 52226-4H Lic# 270516445 Lic# 20200002 Lic# 262000403 Lic# 0069599 Registration# H19114

STATEWIDE ADS

Portable Oxygen Concentrator May Be Covered by Medicare! Reclaim independence and mobility with the compact design and long-lasting battery of Inogen One. Free information kit! Call 888-608-4974

STATEWIDE ADS

Wanted to Buy or Trade FREON WANTED: We pay \$\$\$ for cylinders and cans. R12 R50 R11 R113 R114. Convenient. Certified Professionals. Call 312-291-9169 or visit RefrigerantFinders.com

GENERAC

Prepare for power outages with a Generac home standby generator

REQUEST A FREE QUOTE!

844-947-1479

FREE 7-Year Extended Warranty* A \$695 Value!

Limited Time Offer - Call for Details

Special Financing Available Subject to Credit Approval

*To qualify, consumers must request a quote, purchase, install and activate the generator with a participating dealer. Call for a full list of terms and conditions.

Send community news and photos to communitynews@ourvalley.org

MONTGOMERY SPORTS

COVID still causing game cancellations

Marty Gordon
NRVsports@ourvalley.org

Due to the rising number of COVID cases at Amherst High School, Blacksburg's game on Friday, Sept. 10, and the JV away game on Sept. 9 have been canceled.

Blacksburg will now travel to Grundy High School on Friday, Sept. 10, for a 7 p.m. game.

Grundy's original opponent also paused its football program due to COVID.

This brings the total to eight games cancelled in Western Virginia in the last two weeks because of the "five dreaded letters."

Area's Top Five teams: 1) Salem (1-1), 2) Christiansburg (2-

0), 3) Radford (2-0), 4) Narrows (2-0), 5) Glenvar (2-0).

Games this week: William Byrd (0-2) at Christiansburg (2-0)

Byrd only has seven seniors on this year's unit and is looking for a lot of players to grow up quickly.

Last week: William Byrd fell 42-10 at the hands of Hidden Valley. The Terriers did produce 132 yards on the ground but were held to 71 through the air.

Christiansburg connected on a 33-yard touchdown from Casey Graham to Travis Altizer with seven second left in the contest for a 33-27 win over Abingdon.

Broadcast: 101.7 FM.
 Prediction: Christiansburg

28, William Byrd 7 Blacksburg (0-2) at Grundy (0-1)

Last week: Blacksburg ran into a buzz saw in defending Region 3 Class 3 champs Lord Botetourt 42-6. Defensive back Ethan Walker returned a Bratton fumble 73 yards for a touchdown to give Blacksburg their first points of the 2021 season. Blacksburg managed only seven yards rushing but tallied over 100 through the air with Spencer Campbell under center.

Prediction: Grundy 30, Blacksburg 21.

Floyd (1-1) at Auburn (0-2)

Last week: Floyd moved to 1-1 on the season with a 43-26 win over Patrick County. Nate Saltus rushed for 132 yards,

and quarterback Kaleb Fenton added 93 rushing and 123 yards passing. Seth Dunbar caught four passes for 58 yards.

Auburn is still trying to put things together under a new coach and fell 26-7 to Craig County. Freshman quarterback Landon Marrs scored a touchdown in the loss.

Prediction: Floyd 38, Auburn 9

North Cross (2-0) at Eastern Montgomery (0-2)

Last week: North Cross rolled to a 43-6 win over Norfolk Christian. Connor Lange threw three touchdowns.

Eastern Montgomery was shut out 35-0 by Rural Retreat. Seth Burleson topped EastMont with 33 yards on 15 carries. Ru-

ral Retreat held the Mustangs to 70 total yards.

Prediction: North Cross 27, Eastern Montgomery 21

Radford (2-0) at Ft. Chiswell (0-2)

Last week: Ft. Chiswell fell 14-7 to George Wythe, whom Radford beat in week one. Fort Chiswell led 7-0 on a 95-yard interception return by Logan Selfe. The Pioneers had just 71 yards of total offense as Ezra Varney ran for 41 yards on 16 carries.

Radford's Marcell Baylor ran for a touchdown in the fourth quarter as the Cats held on for a 21-17 win over Gate City. Tyrell Dobson scored two touchdowns.

Broadcast: 100.7 FM.

Prediction: Radford 32, Ft. Chiswell 14.

Botetourt downs Blacksburg



PHOTOS BY JON FLEMING

Blacksburg's David Oliver races upfield after intercepting a Lord Botetourt pass deep in Bruin territory. Botetourt took the 42-6 win.



Blacksburg quarterback Spencer Campbell is pressured by Lord Botetourt's D.J. Toliver during the second half. The Bruins fell to 0-2 with the loss.



Blacksburg's Malcom Sherman-Collins picks up yardage after catching a pass from quarterback Spencer Campbell.

Eastern Montgomery falls to 0-2



PHOTOS BY KYMN DAVIDSON-HAMLEY

Seth Burleson gains some yardage for the Mustangs before being tackled by a host of Rural Retreat players Thursday night. Burleson had 33 yards on 15 carries.



Eastern Montgomery's Vincent Alessi (left) closes in on a Rural Retreat receiver.



While protected by Seth Burleson, Eastern Montgomery's Ben Via considers his passing options. Rural Retreat held the Mustangs to 70 total yards in the 35-0 loss.

ANDERSON AUDIOLOGY
 Hearing Aid Sales & Service, Inc.
Locally Owned and Operated Since 1963

Marie Church, M.S.
 Audiologist & Hearing Aid Specialist

Sherry Deeb, B.S. SLP/A
 Hearing Aid Specialist

Hear Better *Live Better*

♥ Complete Hearing Evaluation ♥ Video Otoscopic Exam ♥ Risk-Free Trial

We have Four Offices to serve you!
BLACKSBURG, VA - 3607 S. MAIN ST - (540) 381-6967
WYTHEVILLE, VA (276) 228-0866 **DUBLIN, VA (540) 674-4889** **GALAX, VA (276) 236-0778**

WIDEX®
 HIGH DEFINITION HEARING

Open Mon thru Fri, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm - anderson-audiology.com

BUS OPERATOR
OPEN INTERVIEWS

September 9 - TWO LOCATIONS
 10 am-1 pm on the VT Drillfield
 4 pm-7 pm at Blacksburg Transit
 2800 Commerce St, Blacksburg

No experience required,
 paid training included!

Learn more at
ridebt.org/interview.

Highlanders Kat Parris and Kayla Thomas earn Big South weekly awards



The Big South has named Highlander Kat Parris (left) its Freshman of the Week and RU's Kayla Thomas (right) its Defensive Player of the Week.

The Big South Conference announced Monday afternoon that freshman Kat Parris has been named the Big South Freshman of the Week and Kayla Thomas has been named the Big South Defensive Player of the Week.

The beat goes on for the Highlanders' freshman break-out so far this season as she added another goal and two assists. Despite play-

ing in just two games so far, Parris leads the entire conference in shots (nine), assists (four), game-winning goals (two), and points (eight). Parris opened the scoring against Wofford in a right-place, right-time header, and her two assists came from perfectly placed passes for Radford's second and seventh goals.

While the offense shined bright last Friday

night, Thomas kept the team organized and sturdy the entire 90 minutes. Thomas and the defense limited Wofford to just three shots on goal the entire night despite multiple pushes by the Wofford offense that could have resulted in worse outcomes. The road shut-out marked the fourth straight game Radford held its opponent to zero goals while away from the home turf.

Five takeaways from Virginia Tech football's win over No. 10 North Carolina

1. Tech's defense came to play. North Carolina came into Lane Stadium with a Heisman hopeful in quarterback Sam Howell, along with a high-octane offense that averaged 41.7 points per game in 2020. Tech's defense rose to the challenge, forcing three turnovers and holding the Tar Heels to just 10 points behind a first-half shutout and consistent effort over the final 30 minutes. Linebacker Dax Hollifield and defensive backs Jermaine Waller and Chamarrri Conner intercepted passes from Howell, who was constantly under pressure by the Hokies' defensive line, which had six sacks.

2. The Hokies earned a big top-10 win. Knocking down a ranked foe to begin the season is not new to the Hokies in the Justin Fuente era, as it happened three years ago Labor Day weekend in Tallahassee (No. 19 Florida State, 24-3). The win at home over the Tar Heels, who were ranked

No. 10 in the AP poll and No. 9 in the coaches' poll, marked Tech's first top-10 win in Lane Stadium since 2009 when it upset then-No. 9 Miami (Fla.). The UNC win also was Tech's first win against an AP top-10 team with Frank Beamer not as head coach since 1964 (No. 10 Florida State), as Jerry Claiborne was head coach for that game.

3. Braxton Burmeister looked right at home as Tech's no.-1 quarterback. The Oregon transfer, who made just the fifth start of his career, came out firing on all cylinders, taking the Hokies' offense down the field on its opening drive and getting a touchdown, which he ran in himself. He would keep his mojo going in the first half, starting 7-for-8 passing and eventually giving the Hokies a 14-0 edge after a second-quarter touchdown pass to tight end James Mitchell. He cooled off in the second

half, as he said in the postgame press conference, but made enough plays down the stretch to keep Tech's comfortable lead sustained. With the win, the 6-foot-1, 205-pound dual threat moves to 4-1 as a starter.

4. Time of possession favored the Hokies. Game planning coming into this much-anticipated game was a huge part of which team would have success, and the Hokies certainly had their ducks in a row when it came to that, especially on offense. Fuente mentioned he did not deliberately tell offensive coordinator Brad Cornelsen to hike the ball right before the play clock would expire each snap, flirting with a delay of game penalty, but it was a certain aspect that the offense did intentionally as the game went on and it worked. Keeping the ball away from the preseason ACC Player of the Year in Howell, as well as



Kicking off the season on a strong note in front of Hokie Nation for the first time in 650 days, the Virginia Tech football team defeated No. 10 North Carolina 17-10 in Lane Stadium Friday night.

keeping the Hokie defense rested, Tech used a 10-minute advantage in time of possession to its advantage. Tech would have the ball for over 20 minutes in the first half, letting UNC have it for under 10 minutes and holding them to zero points at the break.

5. Hokie Nation returned in full force and made a huge difference.

Last Monday, the Tech-UNC season opener was announced as a sellout, and Fuente joked his phone was blowing up after the fact with alums and NFL Hokies trying to get back in town for the game. Well, they and the rest of Hokie Nation proved to be the difference as the Tar Heels shot themselves in the foot with false starts and

miscues due to a raucous crowd. The student section was full well before kickoff, the pregame show included skydivers and enhanced fireworks presentation with on-field fire pillars, and, last but not least, the return of "Enter Sandman" brought the house down to set the stage, a stage UNC couldn't overcome.

Back to School

If your child is entering 7th grade they must have the Meningitis, HPV, and Tdap vaccines in order to enroll. Talk to your doctor and vaccinate them now!

VDH VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH | vdh.virginia.gov/backtoschool/

Juniors complete Two-Tour challenge on Blue Ridge Golf Tour

The prestigious Virginia Golf Club opened its doors again to all-star players from the Blue Ridge Junior Golf Tour (BRJGT) and the Sneds Tour for the annual "Two-Tour Challenge."

This unique event has been played since 2018 and is contested in match play style. Nine points were at

stake in the match play competition that featured a "4-ball" or "better ball" format of play on the opening nine holes and singles matches on the closing nine holes.

In "4-ball" or "better ball," each player is paired with a partner. The two play their own ball throughout the hole but count the score that is lowest. During the singles matches, each player competes against one player from the opposing side. Each team had six players and vied for three points during the "4-ball" matches, and six points during the singles matches.

In the first 4-ball match, the Blue Ridge team of Tanner Walls of Matheny, W.Va., and Major Ewing of Blacksburg defeated Caleb

Brummett of Abingdon and Ethan Lawson of Kingsport, Tenn., 3-up.

Match two went to the Sneds Tour team of Will Sanders of Johnson City, Tenn., and Connor Brummett of Abingdon. They were 1-up winners over the Blue Ridge Junior Golf Tour pair of Walker Gillespie of Pearisburg and Ryne Bond of Floyd.

Match Three featured the BRJGT team of Chase Coley of Chilhowie and Grayson Sheets of Marion competing against Boone Hatcher of Johnson City and Carter Wolfe of Gate City. It was Coley who lead the BRJGT to a 1-up advantage by sinking an 8-foot par putt on the par-5 third hole. The win gave the BRJGT

team a 3-1 advantage.

But the next two matches were won by the Sneds Tour to even everything up at 3-3.

In the next match, Caleb Brummett became ill, probably due to excessive heat. The Abingdon High School senior played two additional holes before conceding the match to Ryne Bond, which provided the BRJGT a 4-3 advantage on its way to a 5-4 win.

"This is always a fun event," BRJGT Coordinator Dewayne Belcher said. "Match play poses many stressful situations that is good experience for the young player. We are very appreciative of The Virginia for their hospitality. It's a wonderful venue for this competition."

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

A	T	P				B	A	E	L									
T	U	L	A			C	O	R	N	O								
O	V	A	L			F	A	N	G	E	D							
M	A	N	E	T		C	O	N	F	U	T	E						
I	L	E	U	S		B	O	O	T	I	E	S						
C	U	T	T	H	E	M	U	S	T	A	R	D						
						L	E	D	S	T	E							
						J	I	B	M	E	T	A						
						C	R	O	A	V	E							
						B	R	O	W	N	I	E	P	O	I	N	T	S
						I	R	A	N	I	A	N	A	L	A	R	M	
						G	R	I	M	I	N	G		S	I	B	I	U
						N	U	T	M	E	G		A	B	U	T		
						A	L	O	E	S		C	E	N	T	R		
						R	A	N	D					D	E	Y		

Say hello to James Cabler.

Join us in welcoming him as the new **Branch Manager** of the Franklin Street location.

“My passion is helping people and local businesses achieve financial success in our community. When they do, I’ve done my job.”

James.Cabler@AtlanticUnionBank.com
 50 North Franklin Street
 Christiansburg, VA 24073
540.382.6052
 NMLS #713047

Atlantic Union Bank
 AtlanticUnionBank.com
 MEMBER FDIC