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County names new assistant administrator and deputy administrator

Brad St. Clair has been named assistant county administrator for Montgomery County effective Dec. 6, 2021. Angela Hill, who most recently served as assistant county administrator and Chief Financial Officer was promoted to deputy county administrator/CFO, effective Oct. 28, 2021.

"Angie is very dedicated to our organization and has stepped into various leadership roles since joining Montgomery County as Finance Director in 1997," said County Administrator Craig Meadows. "She knows our organization extremely well, and she has a strong desire to serve and to lead. I am very fortunate to have her vast knowledge, talent, and ability as part of my senior leadership team."

As deputy county administrator/CFO, several of the county's department directors will report directly to Hill. She will also coordinate long-

range strategy and direction with the county administrator with regard to all county operations.

"I'm proud to continue serving Montgomery County in my new role," said Hill. "I have been fortunate to spend many years learning this organization and developing relationships. I am honored to have the opportunity to help lead our county forward, building collaboration and productivity among our employees, and providing services to our citizens in the best ways possible."

Prior to joining the county, Hill, a CPA, worked as an auditor at Brown Edwards & Company, LLP, a regional certified public accounting firm, where she specialized in governmental audits.

Brad St. Clair was hired after a search and interview process was conducted.

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Angela Hill was promoted to deputy county administrator/CFO, effective Oct. 28, 2021.



Brad St. Clair is Montgomery Co.'s new assistant administrator, effective Dec. 6.



Virginia Tech/Montgomery Executive Airport is slated to receive \$1,480,000 over the next five years from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Virginia Tech/Montgomery Executive, Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional included in bipartisan airport funding bill

Virginia Tech Executive Airport and Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport have been included in federal funding from the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

The announcement was made Wednesday by U.S. Sens. Mark R. Warner and Tim Kaine.

Virginia Tech/Montgomery Executive Airport is slated to receive \$1,480,000 over the next five years while Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport was allo-

cated \$14,977,645 by the bill.

Also included in the funding, which totaled \$400 million across 47 airports in the commonwealth, are New River Valley Airport (\$1,480,000) and Twin County Airport (\$790,000).

The funding represents Virginia's share of \$15 billion in direct grants to airports expected around the country as a result of the bipartisan act, a once-in-a-generation investment in the nation's infrastructure and competitiveness.

Local libraries are providing at-home COVID-19 antigen test kits at no cost

Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library is partnering with the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) to distribute COVID-19 rapid antigen at-home test kits at no cost.

The pilot program is now underway and will run through Friday, Dec. 31.

Individuals can request a free test kit at curbside pickup at the Blacksburg Library, the Christiansburg Library, the Meadowbrook Public Library, or the Jessie Peterman Memorial Library in Floyd. The easy-to-use virtually-guided Abbott BinaxNow COVID-19 Antigen Card home test can be picked up for use in the privacy of a home. Library staff cannot assist with administering tests.

Test results are available within 15 minutes.

The program is designed to increase access to COVID-19 testing, especially among rural, remote, under-resourced communities, and other vulnerable populations. Anyone experiencing COVID-19 symptoms should call one of the four libraries about contactless pick-up options or send someone to pick up the test kit.

"We are pleased to work with public libraries to provide another testing option for our community and to increase

accessibility," said Dr. Laurie Forlano, doctor of osteopathic medicine, master of public health (DO MPH), and the deputy director of the Virginia Department of Health's office of epidemiology. "Testing continues to be important to stop the spread of COVID-19, particularly as we enter the holiday season when people gather," she said.

The at-home test kit uses the eMed digital platform. Users will need a photo ID, a computer, a mobile device or tablet with a camera, a microphone, and an Internet connection to create an account and to join a virtual testing session with an eMed assistant who guides users through the testing process. Once the test has been completed, the user will receive the test result, and eMed will report the results to the Virginia Department of Health.

Persons without a mobile device should call the Virginia Department of Health at 1-877-829-4682 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. to find their best testing option.

More information about the library is available at www.mfml.org. More information about the tests is available at <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/covid19testing> or by emailing testinginfo@vdh.virginia.gov.



Opening today, Nov. 27, a new exhibit at Glencoe Mansion, Museum, & Gallery displays the works of six local artists.

Glencoe Mansion to host new gallery exhibit for the holidays

Glencoe Mansion, Museum & Gallery announces the opening today, Nov. 27, of its new gallery exhibit featuring the works of six talented local artists: Langley Anderson, Jane Blevins, Jennifer Huffman, Ken Pease, Kaila Hendricks, and Hope Creasy.

Langley Anderson's photography brings together an eclectic set of images that speak to the essence of her

style. Her pieces range from photographic explorations of classic cars to fantastic scientific images capturing what the naked eye can't see. Using scanning electron and stereo microscopes, she brings to the gallery the minute details of nature showing their inherent beauty.

See **Gallery Exhibit**, page 4

Here it is: CandyStore.com's definitive ranking of the worst Christmas holiday candies



Christmas is the season of joy and appreciation. It is truly a special time of year. Well, that is, until you start talking about least favorite candies. Something cold and dark rises up in people, and an unimaginably spiteful vitriol spews forth. For kicks, candystore.com likes to stoke this fire annually and ask customers: what is the WORST Christmas candy?

It's a delicate game, asking customers about their least favorite product. The negativity flows so freely and easily. Once we open the door though, it's difficult to encourage restraint.

Candy is a much bigger part of culture than most people realize. People's likes and dislikes are shaped by a thousand different influences over their lifetime, especially their childhood.

They often contradict metrics like sales data. Some of the biggest sellers are also mentioned as the most hated.

We asked customers to give a few optional words to explain their choice for the worst Christmas holiday candies and the floodgates were open. Over 11,000 customers responded. Without further

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, Nov. 27:

Downtown Blacksburg, Inc., Shop Small Saturday events

Parking is free downtown on Shop Small Saturday at meters and lots operated by the Town of Blacksburg. Gift Certificates will be sold from a cart near the Main Downtown Blacksburg post office. They will be offered in denominations of \$10 and \$20, valid at participating businesses downtown and good for five years from the issue date. They will be sold from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. until they're all sold out.

The Wilderness Chorus will entertain downtown shoppers for two hours. The chorus will begin at Kent Square and then wander through the downtown streets.

Holiday Trees at Kent Square have returned and will be open for display starting today, Nov. 27.

Shoppers may vote for their favorite tree by getting a ballot at Kent Jewelers

Glencoe Mansion, Museum & Gallery is opening its new gallery exhibit featuring the works of six talented local artists, today, Nov. 27. Featured local artists will be Langley Anderson, Jane Blevins, Jennifer Huffman, Ken Pease, Kaila Hendricks, and Hope Creasy. The gallery's expanded gift shop will offer many locally crafted gifts, books, music, and more from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 28:

Chess Club

At the Blacksburg Library at 3 p.m. Kids and teens ages 8 and up are welcome to come sharpen their chess skills. Supplies will be provided. All skill levels are welcome.

Monday, Nov. 29:

Talking About Books: "The Last Anniversary"

At the Blacksburg Library at 11 a.m. To be discussed is "The Last Anniversary" by Liane Moriarty. Call ahead to reserve a copy.

Tuesday, Nov. 30:

Gingerbread House Making

At the Meadowbrook Public Library at 4 p.m. Build a personalized gingerbread house for the holidays. Registration is required. Sign up by calling the library at 540-268-1964.

Dino Party

At the Blacksburg Library at 4:30 p.m. Help say goodbye to Dinovember with a Dino Party at the library. Come dig for

fossils, hatch dinosaur eggs, and design a dinosaur. Email mroach@mfrl.org for more information.

Throughout November:

Donate your old sneakers

The RADical Change Commission and GotSneakers have partnered up to promote healthy communities with creative recycling. This sneaker drive fundraiser helps keep sneakers out of landfills and reduces toxic chemicals from being released into the air and soil. All sneakers from the drive are recirculated to people who want quality, reusable footwear at affordable prices or repurposed into new surfaces such as playgrounds and tracks. Donors should wash their old sneakers and drop them off at either of the following two locations: 1) Unity Christian Church, 400 Tyler Ave. (corner of Tyler and Clement), Radford, Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. The drop-off bin is located at the office door facing Moe's Southwest Grill. 2) The Shelter, 1205 Downey St., Radford. The bin is located on the front porch; drop off hours are anytime day or night. Sneakers will be collected through Nov. 30. They can be in any size or condition.

Help the Veterans with Your Donations

All the month of November at the Meadowbrook Public Library, a collection point for items needed at the VA Medical Center in Salem. Bring donations of the following items to the library during November: deodorant, denture adhesive, 3 in 1 body wash/shampoo/conditioner, body lotion, toothpaste, nail clippers, sweatpants, sweatshirts, t-shirts (size M, L, XL), and new baseball caps.

No brush collections in November

Christiansburg public works crews are not collecting brush this month due to equipment failure. Brush collection will resume in December once repairs are completed.

Wednesday, Dec. 1:

Radford Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

Radford Coffee Company (RCC) will offer hot cocoa and cookies from the library parking lot prior to the lighting of the tree. Libby and Olivia, members of the Grove United Methodist hand bell choir, will perform music and will also lead interactive hand bell playing for little ones.

Radford Mayor David Horton will provide the countdown for the magical

tree lighting, and Santa will be there to flip the switch. This event takes place outside, rain or shine, so please dress accordingly.

Thursday, Dec. 2:

Radford Holiday Parade

Radford's Holiday Parade, themed "Winter Nights and Magical Lights," will take place at 7 p.m. The lineup will begin at 6 p.m. The parade route will line up on East Main Street between Tyler Avenue and University Drive Bridge and proceed westward along Main Street to the Central Square Shopping Center.

Saturday, Dec. 4:

CHS Music Department Breakfast with Santa

At Christiansburg High School from 8 a.m. until noon. The CHS Music Department presents its annual Breakfast with Santa featuring a breakfast, games, crafts, and a photo op with Santa. Families may bring their own camera or phone and take a picture with Santa. Since this is an event in a Virginia public school, masks must be worn at all times except when attendees are eating. The cost for children ages 12 and under is \$5. The cost for ages 13 and up is \$8.

Sunday, Dec. 5:

Luminaries Display

The annual Stroubles Mill Neighborhood Association Luminaries Display in Blacksburg will begin at 5:30 p.m. The rain date is Dec. 6.

Monday, Dec. 6:

Photos with Santa

At the Radford Public Library from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. Registration is required. Call (540) 731-3621 to reserve a time for the free photos with Santa. (Photos will be delivered digitally by email.)

Wednesday, Dec. 8:

Brown Bag Book Club

The Radford Public Library offers a book discussion on the second Wednesday of each month from noon to 1 p.m. Attendees may bring a lunch. This month's book is "The Great Alone" by Kristin Hannah.

Holiday Pop-up Market

Come have your picture with Santa and roast marshmallows under the stars from 5-8 p.m. at the Holiday Pop-Up Market in the Triangle Pocket Park on

West Main St. in Radford. There will be sweets and treats, coffee, and hot cocoa available. Vendors will be set up in the NRVCS parking lot.

Thursday, Dec. 9:

Story time with Dancin' Dee

At the Radford Public Library from 11 to 11:30 a.m. A special story time with local artists. Make a leather bookmark craft to take home with Dancin' Dee Leatherworks and enjoy stories about creating new art from old things.

Saturday, Dec. 11:

Handcrafted Holiday Pop-Up Market and Holiday Open House at Glencoe Mansion

The annual Handcrafted Holiday Pop-Up Market is hosted by Mountain Trotter Arts from noon to 4 p.m. at Glencoe Mansion, Museum, and Gallery. The market will feature one-of-a-kind and high quality handcrafted works by local artisans, perfect for holiday shopping. Enjoy hot beverages, sweet treats, and live holiday music. Step inside the Glencoe Mansion, Museum & Gallery to check out the holiday display, "Christmas in Virginia." The Glencoe Mansion Gift Shop features a wide variety of items. The museum will also feature works by local artists in its gallery space for even more holiday gift-giving ideas.

The event and the museum are both open to the public with no admission charge. In case of weather issues, the rain date will be Dec. 18.

Tuesday, Dec. 14:

Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting

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

Ongoing:

Second annual Radford holiday display contest

The Radford Chamber of Commerce's second annual holiday display contest is underway as Radford businesses and residents are urged to come up with their best window or home displays. The entry fee is \$25, and the entry deadline is Nov. 30 with decorations required to be up by Dec. 10. Public voting will then take place from Dec. 10 through Dec. 22.

Moss Arts Center announces spring performances



Four-time Grammy winner Angelique Kidjo will blend the music of her West African traditions with R&B, funk, and jazz on Thursday, Jan. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Moss Arts Center.

The Moss Arts Center offers a spring lineup of events filled with diverse, powerful, and inspiring perspectives, from international singing sensations and dynamic music ensembles to family-friendly favorites and a Broadway blockbuster.

Angélique Kidjo
Thursday, Jan. 20, 7:30 p.m.

Four-time Grammy winner Angélique Kidjo is a world music superstar who blends the West African traditions of her childhood with R&B, funk, and jazz. Kidjo's Moss debut draws from recent hits and classic, danceable favorites.

Danish String Quartet
Friday, Jan. 28, 7:30 p.m.

Classical music sounds new when played by the Grammy-nominated Danish String Quartet. Following a widely popular appearance in the center's online "HomeStage" series, the ensemble's in-person Moss debut includes Purcell and Schumann quartets and folk music from the British Isles.

Cirque Mechanics
"Birdhouse Factory"
Thursday, Feb. 3, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 4, 7:30 p.m.

Theatrical troupe Cirque Mechanics makes a return trip

to the Moss with "Birdhouse Factory." With unicyclists, trapeze artists, and a trampoline wall that defies the laws of physics, these top circus artists are a family favorite.

Ballet Hispánico
"Noche de Oro"
Wednesday, Feb. 23, 7:30 p.m.

Ballet Hispánico helped open the Moss Arts Center eight years ago and now the company returns to celebrate its 50th anniversary. Full of spirit and vibrancy, the evening performance encompasses five decades of lush and virtuosic dance.

"RENT"

The 25th Anniversary "Farewell Season of Love" Tour
Tuesday, March 1, 7:30 p.m.

For a quarter of a century, "RENT" has inspired audiences to choose love over fear and to live without regret. This Tony Award- and Pulitzer Prize-winning phenomenon has become more than a musical. It's a cultural touchstone and a source of joy and strength for millions.

(Please note, this performance is not eligible for sale in subscription packages, and subscriber discounts do not apply to the Broadway series. However, subscribers can purchase tickets for this performance before they go on sale to the public.)

"Memphis Jookin': The Show"
Featuring Lil Buck
Thursday, March 17, 7:30 p.m.

Jookin' is the incredibly fluid street dance brought to world's attention by Lil Buck, who became a YouTube sensation when he improvised with cellist Yo-Yo Ma. Joined by eight dancers and a live DJ, he chronicles the dance form and evokes the energy of the streets.

The Moth Mainstage
Tuesday, March 22, 7:30 p.m.

NPR favorite "The Moth" brings the power of storytelling to millions of people each year. At Moth Mainstage, a curated roster of best tellers shares their stories. Each story is true and every voice authentic, creating a funny, moving, intimate, and enlightening experience.

Chontadela
Thursday, March 24, 7:30 p.m.

From Bogotá, Colombia comes Chontadela, a funky, seven-piece band that mixes marimba, Afro-Colombian culture, and electro beats. Chontadela's outspoken, electric funk also gives voice to its communities' histories, stories, struggles, and concerns.

Edgar Meyer and the Scottish Ensemble
Thursday, March 31, 7:30 p.m.

Grammy-winner, bassist, and Moss favorite Edgar Meyer returns to the center for the third time. For this performance, he is joined by the vibrant and engaging Scottish Ensemble. The concert includes classical works by Bach and Elgar and a new composition by Meyer written especially for this tour.

"BURGERZ" by Travis Alabanza
Friday, April 8, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 9, 4 and 7:30 p.m.

Cube
After someone threw a burger at them and shouted a transphobic slur, British performer Travis Alabanza became obsessed with burgers. This solo play is the climax of their obsession. Alabanza serves up a show that is funny, timely, and powerful.

Kristin Chenoweth
"For the Girls"
Thursday, April 14, 7:30 p.m.

Spend an evening with an icon. Emmy and Tony Award-winning actress and singer Kristin Chenoweth brings her powerhouse voice to a series

of legendary songs. "For the Girls" is her tribute to music's great female performers who have influenced this accomplished star of stage and screen.

Sarah Chang, violin
Tuesday, April 19, 7:30 p.m.

One of the most sought-after violinists playing today, Sarah Chang impresses audiences with her technical virtuosity and refined emotional depth. Joined by pianist Sonya Ovrutsky Fensome, her Moss debut includes magnificent violin sonatas by Brahms and Franck as well as Bartók's "Romanian Folk Dances."

Craig Walsh's "Monuments"
Friday, April 22-Saturday, May 14, 8:30-11 p.m.

In a free nightly installation over three weeks, the faces of three unsung New River Valley community members are projected onto trees on the Virginia Tech Drillfield. "Monuments" demonstrates the profound importance of local heroes.

Choir! Choir! Choir!
Saturday, April 23, 7:30 p.m.

Internet sensation Choir! Choir! Choir! mixes equal parts singing, comedy, and community-building. For this free event, there are no auditions and the audience is the choir. The audience shows up, learns an original arrangement to a popular song, sings beautifully together, and goes home feeling great.

The Tallis Scholars
Thursday, April 28, 7:30 p.m.

British vocal early music ensemble the Tallis Scholars performs a Moss-commissioned work by American composer David Lang that responds to Renaissance composer Antoine Brumel's monumental "Earthquake" Mass. The old and new works will be sung side by side in one remarkable evening.

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VDOT road watch Nov. 27

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

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY:

VDOT will suspend many highway work zones and lift most lane closures on interstates and other major roads in Virginia from noon on Wednesday, Nov. 24, until noon on Monday, Nov. 29. While lane closures will be lifted in most locations, motorists may encounter semi-permanent work zones that remain in place during this time. A full listing of those lane closures can be found on VDOT's website.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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

LANE CLOSURES:

Right lane closures may be in place on I-81 northbound between mile markers 104-105 during night time hours, 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. the following morning.

SLOW ROLLS: Slow rolls may be utilized periodically on both the northbound and southbound lanes from mile marker 98-109 for structural steel deliveries and setting beams.

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

ROUTE 643 PAVING PROJECT – Beginning soon, exact date to be determined, a project is being scheduled to resurface an unpaved portion of Route 643 (Yellow Sulfur Road). The work area begins .7 mile south of the intersection with Route 642 (Jennelle Road) and ends 1.7 miles north of the bridge over Route 460. Traffic impacts will include intermittent flagging operations between these intersections. This project has an estimated completion date of May 2022.

LANE CLOSURES: Intermittent single lane closures utilizing flagging operations will be in place between the intersection of Teaberry Road and Jennelle Road.

ROUTE 636 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AT SENECA HOLLOW – Work has begun replacing the bridge on Route 636 over the Roanoke River at Seneca Hollow. The contractor is planning to pour the last pier footing and stem within the next two weeks. Once those

are set, they will be working to set the bridge beams in the first part of December. A road closure with a detour is in place from Echo Hills Road to .36 mile south of Route 460. The detour will restrict access to Route 460 at Seneca Hollow and will require travelers to enter/exit Route 460 at Friendship Road near Wheeling Hollow. The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2021.

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

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

INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDENING CONSTRUCTION EXIT 141 TO EXIT 143 – A project to widen the lanes on I-81 in Roanoke in both northbound and southbound directions between Exit 141 to Exit 143 has begun. Work will continue to be conducted within the median and shoulder within the barrier walls. Paving and striping operations continue. The last nighttime lane closures for the season are planned for Nov. 30 thru Dec. 2. The final surface paving and markings for northbound will resume with the next paving season, spring 2022. Weekday and weekend lane and shoulder closures may be in place. Estimated completion date of the project is summer 2022.

Drivers should expect delays. A left lane closure may be in place on I-81 northbound or southbound during nighttime hours from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. while equipment and materials are brought into and out of the median. Message boards will alert drivers.

Daytime lane closures with flagging operations may be in place on Green Ridge Road due to installation of shoulder stone.

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

I-81 BRIDGE DECK REPAIRS – Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 81. Between mile markers 147 to 162, right and left lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

Botetourt County: From November 29 through December 2, the exit 150 off-ramp of I-81 will be closed and Route 220 will have a southbound right lane closure to make bridge repairs from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. the next morning for emergency

road work.

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

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

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

LANE CLOSURES:

A left lane closure will be in place on northbound and southbound I-581 from mile marker 0-1, Monday at 7 a.m. through Wednesday at 7 p.m.

A right lane closure will be in place on northbound and southbound I-581 from mile marker 0-1, Thursday at 7 a.m. through Saturday at 7 p.m.

A left and center lane closure will be in place on northbound and southbound I-581 from mile marker 0-1, Saturday at 5 p.m. through Sunday at 2 p.m.

A right lane closure may be in place on Route 11 northbound between the intersections of Rutherford Avenue and Wells Avenue periodically.

Nighttime left lane closures for both the northbound and southbound directions of Route 11 are possible between the intersections referenced above.

I-581/220 LANE & RAMP CLOSURES FOR PAVING AND MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS IN ROANOKE COUNTY – Weather permitting, crews will be milling and paving along Interstate 81. Right and left lane closures will be in place along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

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

INTERSTATE 77 (CARROLL COUNTY)

I-77 PAVING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, crews will be performing paving operations along Interstate 77 between mile marker 24 and 0. Right and left lane closures may be in place along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours, 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Drivers should watch for moving vehicles and equipment. Expect possible delays.

I-77 BRIDGE DECK REPAIRS – Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 77. Right and left lane closures may be in place northbound or southbound during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

I-77 LANE & RAMP

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

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

ROANOKE CITY

13th STREET SE IMPROVEMENTS WITH DETOUR – A project to improve a portion of 13th Street SE in Roanoke is underway. Located in a residential neighborhood just east of downtown Roanoke, this project will improve traffic flow and connectivity along 13th Street SE from Tazewell Avenue to Norfolk Avenue. The project entails reconstructing about 0.2-mile of 13th Street as an improved, two-lane roadway with 10.5-foot-wide travel lane and a raised median. A new roadway will extend 13th Street to Norfolk Avenue and the intersection at 13th Street and Wise Avenue will be reconfigured to include a roundabout. Bike lanes, sidewalks, crosswalks and curb and gutter will also be added. Southbound 13th Street traffic has a detour in place using Norfolk Avenue onto 12th Street to Tazewell Avenue. This detour will be in place throughout the duration of this project. Signs will be posted to designate the detour route. Northbound 13th Street will remain open to traffic. Flaggers may be possible and the speed limit through the work zone is 25 mph. The project is expected to be completed in summer 2023.

ROANOKE COUNTY ROUTE 760 (DUGUIDS LANE) BRIDGE REPLACEMENT & DETOUR – A project to replace the Route 760 (Duguids Lane) bridge over the Roanoke River has begun. The bridge is located 0.027 mile south of the intersection of Route 639 (West Riverside Drive) and 0.068 mile north of the intersection with Route 639 (West Riverside Drive). Typical work hours are expected to be Monday through Saturday during daytime hours with occasional work on Sunday. During construction, traffic will be detoured for 45 days starting in late January or early February 2022. Signs will be posted two weeks in advance of the road closure. The traffic detour will be removed by March 31, 2022. Drivers will use Mill Lane or West Riverside Drive to detour and return to Duguids Lane. Flagging operations may be in place periodically and occasional night work is possible. Drivers can expect short-term lane closures with flaggers controlling traffic on West Riverside Drive periodically. Access to Green Hill Park, private entrances and businesses will be maintained at all times. Completion is expected late spring 2022.

ROUTE 220 SLOPE REPAIRS IN ROANOKE COUNTY NEAR CROSSBOW CIRCLE INTERSECTION – Work to repair a slope along southbound Route 220 just south of its intersection with Route 1290 (Crossbow Circle) in Roanoke County has begun. Heavy rains in recent years have caused debris and soil along this slope to move. Drivers can expect short-term lane closures with flaggers directing traffic on Crossbow Circle when construction equipment is being moved into the site. A shoulder closure along southbound Route 220 will be installed in the months ahead as work progresses. Weather permitting, the project is expected to be completed Janu-

ary 2022.

ROUTE 11 & ROUTE 117 INTERSECTION: PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS - Construction has begun on a pedestrian improvement project on Route 11 (Williamson Road). Work will take place .45 miles south of the intersection with Route 117 (Peters Creek Road) and will end at the intersection. The majority of the construction, phase one and two, will take place during daytime hours, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. The southbound lane of Williamson Road will be closed and traffic will be shifted into the center turn lane. The northbound lane will remain open. In addition, left turns will not be permitted into entrances from both southbound and northbound lanes within the work zone on Williamson Road. This pattern will remain in place through the first two phases of the project. During the third phase of the project, work will be performed with lane closures in place during night hours only, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Shoulder closures will be in place throughout the project with message boards to alert drivers. Expected to be completed in December 2021.

TRAFFIC SHIFT: Southbound traffic within the work zone on Williamson Road., south of the intersection with Peters Creek Road, will be shifted through the center lane during the hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays.

Alternating nighttime lane and shoulder closures will be in place at the intersection of Williamson Road and Peters Creek Road.

ROUTE 11 NORTH (ROUTE 460 EAST) WEST MAIN STREET SIDEWALK PROJECT – Work has begun installing sidewalks and other pedestrian improvements on Route 11 North (Route 460 East). The location begins 0.012 mile east of the intersection with Technology Drive and will extend to the intersection with Route 643 (Gorman Ave/Alleghany Drive). Lane closures and flagging operations are possible, Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with limited closures allowed after 6 p.m. Expected completion is December 2021.

ROUTE 419 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - Work for improvements on Route 419/Electric Road between Ogden Road and the Route 220 Expressway at Tanglewood Mall is underway. The work includes constructing a third lane along Southbound Route 419/Electric Road between Ogden Road and the Route 220 Expressway on ramp. There will be crosswalks added with pedestrian signals and modifications to the existing traffic signals. Sidewalks will be constructed along Northbound Route 419 and along Southbound Route 419 between Ogden Road and South Peak Drive. There will be new surface pavement placed and the pavement markings will be redone. The contractor continues to perform storm sewer and waterline pipe installation. Estimated completion is late 2021.

Daytime hours of 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and nighttime hours of 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. will be in place for possible lane and shoulder closures.

A water main is being installed across Route 419. A single lane closure is in place in the eastbound and westbound lanes during nighttime hours, 8 p.m. to 8 a.m.,

Monday through Thursdays. Paving of business entrances may occur during these nighttime hours as well.

BEDFORD COUNTY ROUTE 460 S-CURVE REALIGNMENT – Work has begun to realign 1.4 miles of the eastbound lanes of Route 460 in Bedford County near Montvale, about eight miles west of Bedford and approximately 2.3 miles east of Montvale. Eastbound and westbound Route 460 is reduced to one lane. Drivers can expect the speed limit in both directions of Route 460 to be reduced to 45 mph. In addition, there will be alternating long-term, single lane closures on westbound and eastbound Route 460. Message boards will be posted to alert drivers of upcoming lane closures and traffic pattern changes. Completion is expected in Summer 2022.

TRAFFIC SWITCH: A new traffic pattern is in place. Route 460 will be reduced to one lane in each direction and shifted into the westbound lanes. A median barrier will be installed to separate opposing lanes of traffic. The eastbound lanes of Route 460 will be closed. The lane width will be 11' wide and the barrier wall will be set at 14' wide. This traffic switch is scheduled to be in place through late spring 2022 but efforts will be made to complete this portion of the project earlier if possible.

In addition, the Route 726 (Wilkerson Mill Road) intersection with eastbound Route 460 will also be closed. Drivers on Wilkerson Mill Road will be detoured to use Route 692 (Quarterwood Road) to access eastbound or westbound Route 460. This change will affect Misty Ridge residents.

ROUTE 715 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT – Beginning Nov. 29, a bridge replacement project over Norfolk Southern Railroad will close Route 715 (Lowery Road). The bridge is located 0.085 mile south of Norfolk Southern Railroad to 0.048 mile north of Norfolk Southern Railroad on Route 715. Message boards will alert drivers. This replacement will change the current single lane steel and wooden bridge to a two-lane concrete bridge. A detour will be in place. Travelers will use Route 671 (Timber Ridge Road) to Route 221 (Forest Road). The detour will remain in place until project completion which is scheduled for Fall 2022.

ROUTE 622 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT – Work to replace the bridge over the Norfolk Southern Railway on Route 622 (Everett Road) is underway. The bridge is closed. The closure is located 0.48 mile north of Route 1329 (West Crossing Drive) and 1.06 miles south of Route 646 (Gladden Circle). Since work is over the railway, strict requirements require work is stopped for passage of trains during work hours for safety purposes. A signed detour will be in place. Drivers traveling from the south end of the bridge will use Route 811 (Thomas Jefferson Road) to Route 221 South (Forest Road) to Route 646 (Gladden Circle) to Route 622 (Everett Road). Drivers traveling north will use Route 646 (Gladden Circle) to Route 221 North (Forest Road) to Route 811 (Thomas Jefferson Road) back to Route 622 (Everett Road). The road is scheduled to be closed until May 2022.

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New Hires from page 1

“The county was fortunate to have a number of very qualified candidates for this position, and after completing the interview and review process, it was clear that Brad provides the best combination of education, experience, and leadership to serve the county in this new role,” said Meadows.

As assistant county administrator, St. Clair is responsible for oversight of Emergency Services, Human Services, the Animal Care & Adoption Center, and Parks and Recreation.

“While my career path to date has led me in service to others through various roles in law enforcement, one thing has always remained the center of why I do what I do: I’ve always welcomed the opportunity to help others,” said St. Clair. “I know my work and life experiences to date have led me to this new role. I’m

thankful that I get to work with a variety of departments and to continue to help our citizens and our employees.”

St. Clair began his career with Montgomery County in 1999. Over the past two decades, he has advanced through the ranks of the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office. In 2017, he was named Chief Deputy Sheriff, overseeing a staff of 125 employees in that role.

In addition, St. Clair served as the interim executive director of the New River Valley Emergency Communications Authority in 2019-2020.

St. Clair earned an associate’s degree in forensic science from New River Community College and both a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice and a master’s degree in business administration from Lib-

erty University. He also earned a graduate certificate in criminal justice studies from the University of Virginia, and he completed senior leadership training at the FBI National Academy in Quantico.

He has also participated in leadership courses at the University of Richmond and the University of Memphis. From 2016 to 2019, St. Clair served as an adjunct professor in the Department of Criminal Justice at Radford University.

“In addition to Brad’s experience and education, it is evident that he shares Montgomery County’s vision of exceptional citizen service for our community,” said Meadows. “I am pleased that Brad will be joining us in county administration, as we work to strengthen our focus on the future of our county for our citizens and businesses.”

Worst Christmas Candy from page 1

ado, according to our customers, here are the top ten worst Christmas candies.

No. 10: Peppermint Bark
For the third year in a row, Peppermint Bark had the most positive movement of any candy. They were #9 worst last year, #7 before that, and now sit at #10. Peppermint bark seems to be having a serious bull run. All that marketing must be finally paying off.

No. 9: Chocolate Oranges
Ben George of candystore.com, who assembled the rankings, declared he was under the impression that they each had a slice of real orange inside. Nope. No orange slice. Milk chocolate, which he called the inferior sibling of dark chocolate.

No. 8: Ribbon Candy
Ribbon candy made a move in the wrong direction this year. From #10 last year, a spot it had occupied for several years, ribbon candy is apparently getting less desirable. According to George, most comments about ribbon candy seem to go along with the idea that the only thing ribbon candy has going for it: appearance. But to be a real candy, it’s gotta taste good and the texture has to be right. It’s supposed to be candy but if you actually eat it, well, it is just an awkward thing to try and eat.

No. 7: Candy Canes Non-Peppermint
People love authenticity. When you take something popular and spin it slightly, it can come off as gimmicky

and unattractive. Some will love it, but its popularity tends to not last as long. It’s trendy or considered tacky sometimes. Of course, it make sense that anything popular will be replicated and iterated upon to infinity. The candy cane phenomenon is no exception. The results, however, are apparently vile. The rainbow fruit candy canes could almost pass for simply bad.

No. 6: Peeps
The texture alone gives people the heeby geebies. Is anyone really under the delusion that these are actually marshmallows? It’s like swallowing rubbery styrofoam. Then there’s the fact that it’s basically just rubber and sugar with a coating of sugar on the outside.

So obviously the Holiday Peeps are bad. But over the past few years, they have improved their position each year. Started at the #3 worst, and are now at #6. That is positive news for Peeps, which often draws a lot of attention both positive and negative. People do love them, but also many people do hate them.

No. 5: Old-Fashioned Hard Candy Mix
These old-fashioned candies moved up the list this year from number 7 last year. Same thing happened the year before, when it moved from #8. People are liking this stuff less and less. Not a positive trend. It’s like a bowl of jewels that have been around since your grandmother’s grandparents smuggled them from the motherland in the 1880s, except with a negative store of value. They look like they used to be pretty, but are kind of faded and sad and nobody really regards them much anymore. They might all be stuck together in one large mass now. Says the candystore.com candy evaluator Ben George, “It never really occurred to me to actually pick one up and try it.”

No. 4: Life Savers Story Books
Old-timey Life Savers Story Books are moving in a positive direction. They were #3 last year, now they are no longer one of the top three worst holiday candies. They are #4. That’s better, right? Says Ben George, “These are the biggest letdown. It’s not even that Life Savers are all that bad. They’re fine. It’s the packaging here. And it is a flagrant violation. Do not try packaging a bunch of normal Life Savers in a Christmas story book thing and pass that off as something I wanna read/receive in a stocking/ consume on the most specialist of special mornings of the year. It’s going to end up camouflaged on the bookshelf for years on end.

No. 3: Reindeer Corn
Just when it seemed like the distaste was waning, reindeer corn has dropped back into the top 3 worst. They apparently are still very hated. They were the #2 worst two years ago, so still not at their previous peak (valley?).

No. 2: Last year’s winner: Chocolate Covered Cherry Cordials

Why do chocolate cherry cordials fail so miserably? Chocolate is good, yes. Cherries are good, of course. As with many things in life, it’s all in the execution. Sometimes a surprise in the middle is a good thing. This is not one of those times. What in the name of all that is holy is that nasty watery sugar liquid seeping out from the inside? It’s just weird, and gooey in a totally creepy way. In order to eat these without A) spilling nasty candy juice on yourself B) having to look at the inside of this vile creation and C) having anyone associate you with the nasty dripping chocolate thing you’re eating, you have to pop this whole thing in your mouth at once.

How many times can you tolerate a whole cherry cordial in your mouth? Once? Maybe.

No. 1: Christmas Nougat
Oh well, Christmas nougat candies thought they finally had some momentum. Last year, as the runner up, it was the first time in 3 years nougat candies weren’t #1. There was hope. That hope has faded now.

The peppermint nougat candies have a fundamental problem. It seems they are thought of by many to have a flavor that is inconsistent with expectations for a nougat candy. Chewy texture suggests to many a rich caramel or chocolate experience. Maybe the minty flavor is just at odds with what your brain expects. Brain-mouth dissonance?

Also, some iterations do look like a poker chip that you can only cash in for sadness. Others look like a 1950s Jello party gone horribly wrong. The consistency at first is slightly resistant to the bite down and then accelerating into soft and gooey acceptance and then instant regret.

The stick-to-your-teeth factor is suborbital. So you end up moving your jaws in as many different directions as they’ll go to try and unstick the darned thing. Then that flavor hits. Oh man. That false minty flavor that gives you a little twinge in your brain and makes you aware again that your gag reflex is still working. Seriously the WORST!

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Jane Blevins is an art teacher who uses her artistic skills to help others celebrate their future college experiences or beloved memories from an alma mater. She uses watercolor and colored pencils to create images that evoke the special traditions, memories, and experience that make each college unique.

Jennifer Huffman strives to create visual representations of the small images and details that stick out in her mind’s eye as interesting, beautiful, or as symbols of experiences both shared and private. Through the use of soft, retreating colors and dramatic detailed linework she attempts

to convey the selective nature of personal memory by playing with focus and depth of field.

Ken Pease is an artist and elementary art teacher who has worked as a graphic designer for over 30 years. His works have a folk-art style developed from his love of Warner Brothers cartoons, Picasso, and music and humor. His paintings are colorful and fun and seek to spread peace, love and music.

Kaila Hendricks and Hope Creasy of Hank’s Hideaway Shop create wood wall art assembled from multiple objects with different stories, adhering very much to the wedding tradition of

“something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue.” Each piece is handmade and makes a memory come to life as it tells its own story.

The gallery’s display, “Christmas in Virginia,” debuts Dec. 11. The gift shop offers a wide variety of one-of-a-kind and specialty handcrafted, local, and antique goods just in time for Christmas shopping. The gallery and the gift shop at Glencoe Mansion are open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sundays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

Cadet Matt Mabutas chosen to highlight the colors at the Virginia game



Chosen to travel with the team and receive the flags at today’s Virginia game, Cadet Matt Mabutas is a senior in Air Force ROTC majoring in mechanical engineering in the College of Engineering, a member of the Highty-Tighties, and the executive officer for his unit in the corps.

Cadet Matt Mabutas will travel with the Hokies to receive the flags at today’s football game at Virginia.

The Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets and the Virginia Tech football team continue their proud partnership of highlighting the colors during the pregame ceremony at every football game.

Three football players, chosen because of their performance in the last game or at practice, carry the American flag, the state flag, and the team’s spirit flag and lead the team onto the field. They deliver the flags to cadets at the south end of the field.

The cadets, also selected based on their performance in the corps, render

honor to the flags and carry them off the field. At home games, three first-year cadets are selected, and one or two upper-class cadets travel with the team and receive the flags at away games.

Mabutas is a senior in Air Force ROTC majoring in mechanical engineering in the College of Engineering and an undergraduate researcher in the Multiphysics Intelligent and Dynamical Systems Lab. A member of the Highty-Tighties and the executive officer for his unit in the corps, he was chosen for his ever-present high morale and his ability to keep those around him motivated to perform above and beyond.

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OBITUARIES

Davis, Sara Elizabeth

Sara Elizabeth Davis, 71, of Radford, went to be with her Lord on Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Reuben Lee and Kathleen Ingram Davis; a sister, Darlene "DeeDee" Claytor; her soul mate, Jesse Jenkins; two grandchildren; and a nephew, Tremaine Claytor.

Left to cherish her memory are her sons, Douglass (Tiffany) Carter, Christopher Carter, Larry Laurice Douglas Carter, Jr., and Charles Carter; daughters Octavia Martin, Sara (Timothy) Jarrell, and Philasettia (Brandon) Anderson; 25 grandchildren and a multitude of great-grandchildren; sisters Anne (Phillip) Brown, Kesha Miller, and Barbara Latten; nieces



Tammy Brown, Tranice Morgan, and Danette Claytor; nephews Kei Claytor and Monte Brown; and a host of other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends from 12 until 1 p.m. today, Saturday, Nov. 27, 2021, at the Radford Church of God in Christ. Funeral services will begin at 1:30 p.m. with Elder Larry Carter, Sr., of Light-house Deliverance Church officiating.

Interment will follow in the Sunrise Burial Park in Radford.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Mullins Funeral Home to help with funeral costs.

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

McCormick, Lelia 'Lee' Moore

Lelia ("Lee") Moore McCormick, 80, of Warm Hearth Village, Blacksburg, passed away on Nov. 9 at Chippenham Hospital in Richmond.

Lelia was born in Dunmore, W.Va., to the late Ernest N. and Margaret E. Moore. She graduated from Marshall University and moved to Virginia in 1963. She lived in Radford for over 40 years, working as the Director of Public Relations for Montgomery Regional Hospital and then as a paralegal for Gilmer Sadler Ingram Sutherland & Hutton. She moved to Blacksburg in 2014.

Lelia is survived by her daughter, Amy McCormick Diduch, and son-in-law Kent Diduch of Staunton; son, Alan F. McCormick and Cheryl Garr of Missoula, Mont.; granddaughter Emma Diduch of Staunton; sister Marcia Moore Ware, and brother-in-law



Julian W. Ware, of Princeton, W.Va.; nieces Jennifer Ware and Sandra Ware, also of Princeton; and niece Sharon Moore Owens and family of Daniels, W.Va. Lelia is also survived by brother-in-law and wife, Michael J. and Rhoda McCormick and nephews Scott McCormick and Brian McCormick of Bozeman Mont. Lelia was preceded

in death by her husband of 56 years, Frederick R. McCormick, and her brother Sidney Brent Moore.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Dec. 11, at 11:00 a.m. at the Blacksburg Presbyterian Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Blacksburg Presbyterian Church, 701 Church Street SE, Blacksburg VA 24060 or to the Warm Hearth Village Foundation, 2387 Warm Hearth Drive, Blacksburg, VA 24060.

ANGLICAN CATHOLIC

St. Peter the Apostle Anglican Church, 230 W. First St., Christiansburg, VA. Fr Peter Geromel OHI Th.M., Vicar, Fr. Alex Darby, "Associate", 540-382-0432/540-270-9166. Sundays: 8:00 am & 10:00 am Holy Eucharist followed by Christian Education and refreshments. Holy Communion most Thursdays at 12Noon, other Holy Days as announced. Traditional services use the 1928 Book of Common Prayer and 1940 Hymnal. Handicapped accessible. All are welcome. Come worship with us! Website: www.stpetersacc.org. Follow us on Facebook

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St. Thomas Anglican Church - located at 4910 Hubert Rd, NW Roanoke, Va. Traditional Liturgical Lenten Services, Sunday at 10:30 am. Call (540) 589-1299 or visit www.sttofc.org for midweek masses and events. (In Roanoke, go E on Hershberger, L on Hubert to 4910).

BAPTIST

First Baptist Church on 3rd Ave., 215 Third Ave. at the corner with Downey St. We are committed to personal spiritual growth and to providing leadership in community ministry. We celebrate the dignity and worth of all persons, created in the image of God. Sunday Bible Study Groups - 9:45, Sunday Worship - 11:00. Website: www.fbcradford.org, 540-639-4419. Worship is broadcast live on JOY radio, 93.1 FM and 890 AM.

Trinity Community Church, 1505 N. Franklin Street, C'burg. John Altizer, Lead Pastor, Brian Cockram, Associate Pastor, 382-8121. Worship at 10:45 a.m., Outreach Ministries - 6:00p.m. Wednesday, Growth Groups - 5:00p.m. Sunday, Youth and Children's Ministry - 5:00p.m. Sunday, www.trinitycburg.org

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Blacksburg Church of Christ, 315 Eakin St., 552-1331. Sun. Bible Classes 9:30 a.m., Sun. Worship 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m., Wed. Bible classes, 7 p.m., Outreach Minister Curt Seright, Community Minister Tom Gilliam, Dean Meadows, Campus Minister.

Faith Christian Church of Christ, 305 3rd Street, Christiansburg, David Rhudy, Minister, 382-4628, Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am; Evening Worship 6:30 pm; Wednesday night Bible Study for Women and Men 6:30 pm. We welcome you to any and all of our services.

CHURCH OF GOD

New Hope Church of God, 1404 Mud Pike Rd., C'Burg. Rev. T. Michael Bond, pastor, 731-3178. Sun. School 10 a.m., Worship 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m. Thurs., 7:00 p.m.

West Radford Church of God, 1824 West Main Street, Radford, VA 24141, Sunday School— 10:00A.M. Morning Worship— 11:00A.M., Children's Church 11:00A.M. Sunday Evening — 6:00P.M., Wednesday Night — 7:00P.M., Pastor Danny Newman, Church Office — 540-639-6562 or 804- 921-0828.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Christiansburg Church of the Brethren, 310 South Franklin Street. Pastor: Paul J. Stover Jr. 540-797-5015. Sunday School 10 a.m.; Morning Worship 11 a.m.; Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Website: www.christiansburgcob.org. A loving family, fueled by the Holy Spirit, grounded in God's Word, and delivering Jesus forgiveness and love to all people. Come as you are... you are welcomed!

ECKANKAR

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meetup.com/Roanoke-Spiritual-Experiences-Group, or call 540-353-5365 and leave a message. We will return your call. Also visit www.eckankar.org for more information about how the teachings of Eckankar lead you to spiritual freedom.

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Luther Memorial Lutheran Church ELCA, 600 Prices Fork Rd, Blacksburg. Weekly Online Worship at www.lmlc.org. We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation that welcomes and affirms all people just as they are. For information on Bible studies and Wednesday Vespers, email luthermemorial-blacksburg@gmail.com, or contact the church office, (540) 951-1000. Rev. Monica Weber, pastor.

MULTI-CULTURAL NON-DENOMINATIONAL Christian Growth Center, 1850

Electic Way, Christiansburg, VA 24073 (beside Hubbell Lighting). Sunday Worship: 9:30am Prayer, 10:00am Service *Nursery Available. Lead Pastor: Todd Hallinan. Founding Pastor: Rob Sowell. Mission: Sow, Grow, & Go Sow Faith! Grow in Righteousness! Go into all the world in the authority of the believer! 540-382-2908.

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS Merrimac Pentecostal Holiness Church, Rev. Richard Hall (540) 552-7194. pastorhall29@gmail.com. Sunday School at 10 a.m. and morning worship is 11 a.m. Evening service at 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Compassion Church, 1820 Second Street, Radford, 639-6287, Our music is passionate, our worship is real, and Pastor Chandler Jones brings relevant messages for everyone at any place on their journey, Sunday Worship Experience at 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM, Wednesday Family Night at 7 PM, Children Ministry provided for all services. Our vision is to see all Saved. Freed. Restored. Fulfilled. Find us on facebook and Instagram

Walton Pentecostal Holiness Church, 4003 Morning Glory Rd., off Walton Rd. on Rt. 114. 731-1755. Lee Sarver, pastor. Sun. School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m. & 6: p.m., Wed., 7 p.m.

TESTING AND COMFORT

Read Genesis 22:1 through 24:67

Rebounding from the joy of his promised son and the distress of dismissing Hagar and Ishmael, Abraham negotiated a peace treaty with King Abimelek and put down his tent pegs in Beer-sheba. Seed time and harvest became a way of life for this covenant family.

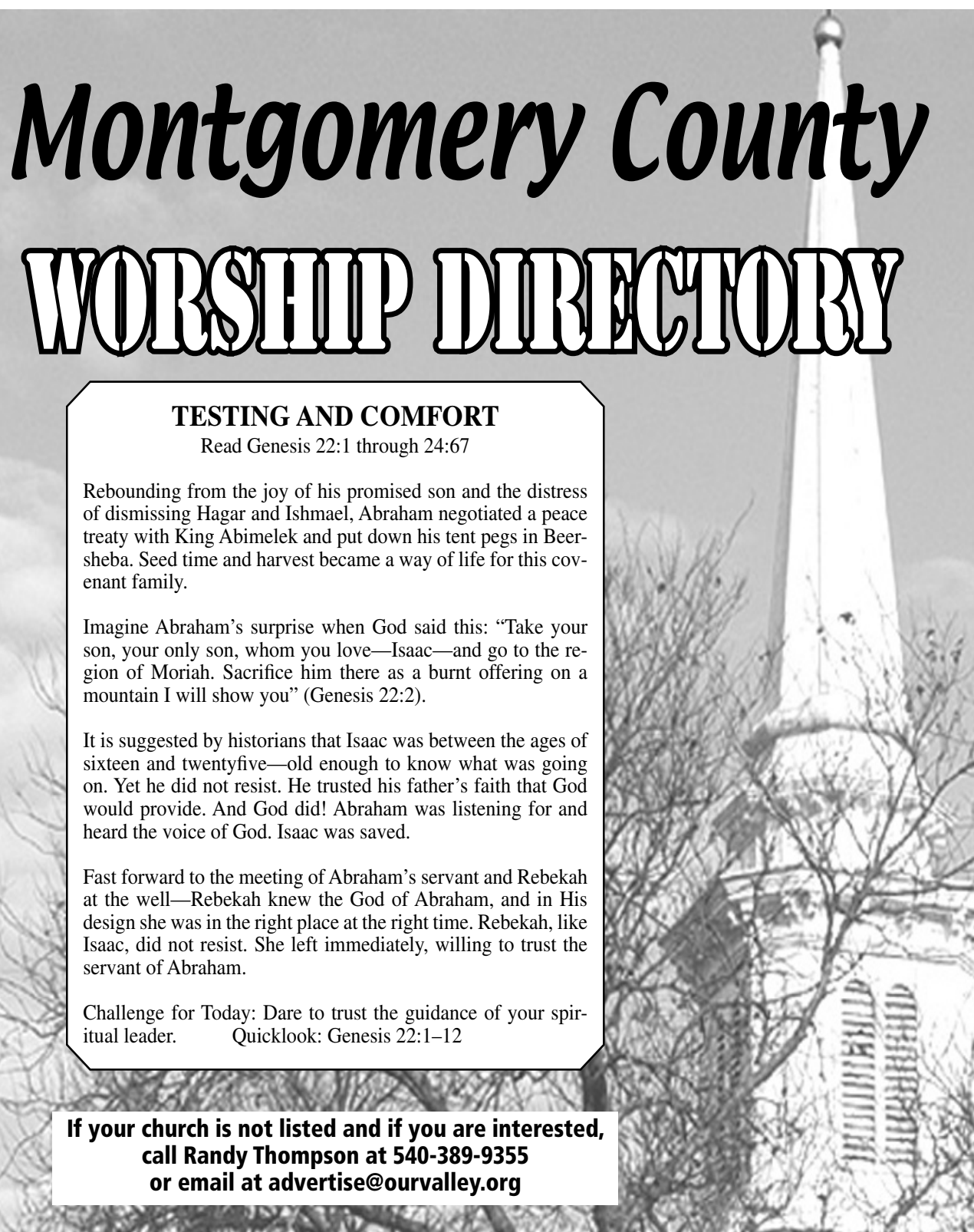
Imagine Abraham's surprise when God said this: "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you" (Genesis 22:2).

It is suggested by historians that Isaac was between the ages of sixteen and twentyfive—old enough to know what was going on. Yet he did not resist. He trusted his father's faith that God would provide. And God did! Abraham was listening for and heard the voice of God. Isaac was saved.

Fast forward to the meeting of Abraham's servant and Rebekah at the well—Rebekah knew the God of Abraham, and in His design she was in the right place at the right time. Rebekah, like Isaac, did not resist. She left immediately, willing to trust the servant of Abraham.

Challenge for Today: Dare to trust the guidance of your spiritual leader. Quicklook: Genesis 22:1–12

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UNITED METHODIST

Asbury United Methodist Church, 500 Stuart Street, Christiansburg, 540-382-0743. Rev. Dr. Patricia Jones. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., Sunday Worship, 11:00 a.m. All are welcome.

Central United Methodist Church, 803 Wadsworth Street, Radford. 639-3529. 8:30 a.m. Sunday Services: 8:30am (interpreter provided); 9:45am Sunday School (interpreter provided); and 11:00a.m. Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30p.m. Child care is provided. www.centralmethodist-church.com.

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 220 W. Main St., C'Burg. Rev. Mike Derflinger (540) 382-2410. Sunday Worship 10 a.m., Sunday School 9 a.m. Live streaming Sunday Service - www.twitch.tv/stpaulumc **Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church**, 350 Stafford Drive, Christiansburg, VA 24073, Sunday School 10am, Sunday Worship Service 11am.

WESLEYAN

Christ Wesleyan Church, 525 Harkrader Street, Christiansburg. Public Worship service at 11:00 AM. Sunday School for adults - 10:00 AM. Pastor: Gale Janofski 574-306-7682. Website: christwesleyanchurch.org

LAND TRANSFERS

Shivam LLC to Va-dekmma Ouns LLC, 50 Hampton Blvd., Christiansburg, 3.5299 ac., \$4,875,000
 Daniel G. Haller to Ryan Lenahan Mondy, 0.232 ac., lot 11, Peppers Crossing, Christiansburg, \$285,000
 David Caulfield Schmauss to Robert A. Shelton, 1.9593 ac., Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$589,000
 Stateson Homes LLC to C. Jonathan Benner Trust, lot 47, Clifton, Ph. I, Christiansburg, \$505,945
 Susanna E. Wynn-Pitts to Gary G. Reynolds, Lot 17, Vista Pointe Subdv., Blacksburg, \$350,000
 Darrin S. Slusher to Ronald Christopher Pitts, Jr., Lot 20, Edgemont Diamond Hill, Sec. II, Christiansburg, \$345,000
 Lenwood D. McCoy Trust to Philip Hackett, Lot 11, Whitethorne Plantations Subdv. Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$385,000
 Viveca Young Ware Trust to JPY Enterprises LLC, 0.50 ac., metes and bounds
 John M. Sung to Double V LLC, Lot 2, Cambria Crossing, Ph IV, Christiansburg, \$375,000
 Cathy Nester Trust to Catherine C. Nester, 0.141 ac., Christiansburg
 Brian Wade Neal to Dean J. Meadows, Lot 3, Christiansburg, \$344,500
 Ronald R. Graham to Christine Annette Lacy, 22 ac., \$270,000
 Bryan Bernard Howe to Pablo Sobrado, Lot 25, Oak Tree Townhomes, Ph IV, Christiansburg, \$270,000
 Clifton R. Roberts to Christopher G. Roberts, 10.241 ac., Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$21,700
 James B. Wilson to Hayden Leslie Hall, 0.9420 ac., lot 1, Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$175,000
 Billy D. Bailey to Corey R. Descoteaux, 0.556 ac., Shawsville Magisterial District, \$370,000
 Mary P. Rickborn to Aaron Joseph Stephens, Lot 31, Riner Magisterial District, \$238,000
 Arnold J. Saari to Michael J. Lopez, Seven parcels, See legal, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District
 John L. Shumate to Celena B. Shumate, 2.461 ac., parcel 1, Riner Magisterial District
 Vanessa Lynn Hungate to Dallas Hungate, Two parcels, metes and bounds, See legal, Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$256,700
 Steven D. Prater to Betty Jo R. Prater, Lot 13, The Orchards, Ph III-B and lot 613, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District
 S and S Construction LLC to Sait Tunc, 0.248 ac., lot 90, Blacksburg,


\$489,856
 Jerry L. Shepherd to Heather Huffman Shepherd, Parcel A and B, Christiansburg, \$253,600
 Richard H. Cockrill to Nahili Hunde, Lot 3, Holly Hill, Ph I, Blacksburg, \$290,000
 Samantha Iiyana Eberhardt executor, Dongmin Liu, Lot 52, Ph III, New River Village, Christiansburg, \$272,000
 Curtis Hill to John A. Dush, Lot 30, Eaglebrook Estates, Inc., subdv, \$550,000
 Kevin L. Grove to Thomas J. Rhyzewski, Lot 40, Henley Place, Ph III, Christiansburg, \$251,000
 James W. Clarke to Wallace L. Andrus, Jr., 24.237 ac., Minor Subdv., Nolley Farms, Riner Magisterial District, \$207,450
 Gerald Verne Gibbs Revocable Trust to Roofia Galeshi, Lot 72, Sec. 3, Ph 3, Pheasant Run Crossing, Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$284,000
 Allen D. Turner to Keith Edward Kirkner, Riner Road, Christiansburg, 0.374 ac., Riner Magisterial District, \$8,000
 Jerry B. Heinline to Tangela J. Hall, Lot 10, Cornerstone Townhouses, \$148,000
 Charles T. O'Connell, Jr., to Taylor Alexandra MacMackin, 31.8 ac.
 Seth C. Daniels to Seth C. Daniels
 John David Powell to Christopher Devin Sedlak, 4025 Flatwood Dr., Elliston, 8.434 tract 4, Parcel 31, \$54,000
 David F. Peake II to Eileen N. Peake, Lot 2, Sec 5 Christiansburg
 Ruth M. Dowdy to Austin T. Dowdy, 1.022 ac., Prices Fork Magisterial District
 New River Land Trust to United States of America, 14.638 ac., Brush Mtn. Cabin Tract, Prices Fork Magisterial District
 Jonathan Spence to Naomi Rodman, 0.179 ac., lot 4, Christiansburg, \$170,000
 Edward C. Blevins II to Edward C. Blevins II, 0.4311 ac., Christiansburg
 Kanwai Peter Lo to Lo Anathoth LLC, 701 Elizabeth Dr., Blacksburg, Lot 6, Sec 2, Longview Estates
 Jill A. Bloss to Benson Cariyadi, two parcels, 2.817 ac., lot 9 and 5.664 ac., lot 19, Riner Magisterial District, \$430,000
 Golden Triangle Development LLC to Carlos Dario Velasquez Garnica, lot 45, Christiansburg, \$256,700
 Gregory Beau Davidson to Oumar Barry, Lot 11, Oak Tree Townhomes, Ph I, Christiansburg, \$205,000
 Geegee Enterprises LLC to Randy Wayne

Phillips to 1.296 ac., 56,463 sq. ft. Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$165,000
 John F. Carlson to John F. Carlson, 0.076 ac., Shawsville Magisterial District
 William Christopher Headley to Amy S. Bixler, 0.090 ac., lot 181, Blacksburg, \$375,000
 Dee Ann Mims West to Britt Mims, Lot 36, Oak Tree Townhomes, Ph X, Christiansburg
 Tara Grimm to Nichole Neri
 Martha J. Bixby to Heidi L. Christopher, Lot 84, Fiddlers Green, Blacksburg, \$645,000
 David A. Pitonyak to David Pitonyak Trust, 3.353 ac., Mt. Tabor Magisterial District
 Jack Edward Maxey II to Caleb M. Duncan to 1.577 ac., lot 17, Hogans Retreat, Riner Magisterial District, \$62,900
 Sybil J. Eads to John D. Reed II, Lot 14, Hans Meadow, Ph I, Christiansburg, \$266,000
 Peter H. Dempsey to John E. Davis, Jr., Lot 33, Sec. I, Pilgrims Pointe, Blacksburg, \$346,000
 Hoge Farm Properties LLC to TT&B LLC, two parcels, 2.2236 ac., lot D and 1.037 ac., lot C, Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$360,000
 George F. Taylor to Thomas Adam Burke, 0.323 ac., Parcel 4, Blacksburg, \$35,000
 RUF Country Club Lots LLC to Ben H. Adkins, Jr., Lot 406, Blacksburg Country Club Estates, Sec II, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$59,000
 Djavad Salehi-Isfahani to Gilan Karl Salehi, 1205 Deerfield Dr., Blacksburg, Lot 1, Deerfield PDR, Prices Fork Magisterial District
 Djavad Salehi-Isfahani to Gilan Karl Salehi, 1203 Deerfield Dr., Blacksburg, Lot 20, Ph I, Deerfield PDR, Prices Fork Magisterial District
 Djavad Salehi-Isfahani to Gilan Karl Salehi, Lot 1A, Deerfield PDR, Prices Fork Magisterial District
 Ronald Lee Neeley to Hannah A. McCoy, Lot 40, Ph I, Kensington, Christiansburg, \$275,000
 William N. White, Jr., to Shah Development LLC, Lot 39, LA Plateau Subdv, Sec. 3, Christiansburg, \$215,000
 Stateson Homes LLC to Karin S. Clark, Lot 9, Christiansburg, \$528,745
 Michael T. Harrison to Michael Henderson, 17.085 ac., Tract B1, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$259,980
 Francisco to Ruvalcaba to Francisco Ruvalcaba, 410 Algonquin Ct., Blacksburg, 0.259 ac., lot 32, Shenandoah Ph III, Blacksburg
 Patience Powell to Ja-

son B. Taylor to 0.671 ac., metes and bounds, \$96,750
 Dustin P. Blankenship to Dustin P. Blankenship, 3.3882 ac., lot 2, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$35,000
 David Banh to Andrew Lorenzo, lot 20, sec. 3, Pheasant Run Crossing, Ph I, Blacksburg, \$300,000
 Thomas Hal Clarke III to Carl R. Dehart, Walton Rd., Christiansburg, 1.000 ac., parcel 1, Riner Magisterial District, \$18,000
 Guohua Cao to Martha Boboli, Colony Park Condos, Ph III, Blacksburg, \$129,500
 Shirley McPherson to Alison Dawn York, 0.281 ac., lot 23
 Shirley McPherson to Alison Dawn York, lot 63, Ph IV, Deercroft Subdv., Mt. Tabor Magisterial District
 Zhiliang Xing to Luisa Maria Havens Gerardo, Lot 113, Ph V, New River Village, Christiansburg, \$277,500
 Stateson Homes LLC to Matthew Hofrichter, Lot 66, Christiansburg, \$383,670
 Jennifer Lynn Wetmore to Jennifer Lynn Wetmore, 106 Brake Rd., Elliston, 0.340 ac., See Book 15, Page 480
 William E. White to Juel Albert, Jr., 0.6 ac., metes and bounds, Prices Fork Magisterial District
 Russell A. Hurt to Danielle Renee McCoy, Lot 46, Sec. 2, Viewland Subdv., Riner Magisterial District
 Citimortgage, Inc., to Principal Residential Mortgage, Book 1037, Page 768, Instrument #012211
 Regina Akers Boynton to Regina Akers Boynton, lot 4, Gordon Acres Subdv., Christiansburg
 Barnett Living Trust to Jason B. Taylor, 0.4115 ac., metes and bounds, \$69,000
 Charles S. Wimmer to Ann Benton Ruple
 Erik L. Woody to Benjamin J. Smith, two tracts, \$935,000
 Michael Paul Foster to Robert A. Campbell, 460 Wimmer St., Christiansburg, 0.447 ac., 1.946 sq. ft., lot 4, Ph I, Clearview Townhomes, Christiansburg, \$211,000
 Brian E. Smith to Brian E. Smith, two parcels
 Brian E. Smith to Christine A. Smith, two parcels
 US Bank National Association Trust to First York II LLC, Lot 13, Vistavia Subdv., Ph I, Christiansburg, \$31,600
 Zachary Weller to Samantha Rene Jackson, lot 25, Highland Park, No. 5, Christiansburg, \$277,000
 Gordon Lynn Akers to Coty Rines, 9952 Roanoke Rd., Elliston, metes and bounds, see legal, Alleghany Magisterial District, \$198,033
 Neal James Hogan to Ashley Dawn Hadidian, 1 ac., \$279,000
 SAS Eagle Givens LLC to Xin Xing, 0.202 ac., lot 96, Blacksburg, \$599,276
 CC and B Development LLC to SAS Eagle Givens LLC, 0.248 ac., lot 88, 0.202 ac., lot 97, 0.202 ac., lot 100, 0.298 ac., lot 128, Blacksburg
 Carl R. Dehart to Patrick W. Hamlin, Walton Rd., Christiansburg, 1 ac., parcel 1, Riner Magisterial District, \$30,000
 Raymond Louis Juididi to Nancy L. Ross, lot 46, Ph IV, Haymarket Square Townhouses, Sec I, Blacksburg, \$330,000
 Hunter L. Adkins to Noah P. Davidson, lot 2, Lilly, Auburn Magisterial District, \$120,000
 Stateson Homes LLC to Chetankumar D. Patel, lot 20, Clifton Ph II, Christiansburg, 498,860
 Lorraine Hoover Helsing to Jason P. Robert,

lots 1-4, Littlefield Estates Subdv., Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$703,750
 Steven R. Bodtke to James Robert Sadler, two tracts, \$340,000
 Elina P. McCartney to Christine Ann McCartney, lot 6, Dickerson Subdv., Blacksburg
 Beverley H. Todd to David Mansfield Todd, 1504 Poplar Ridge Circle, Blacksburg, lot 4, Ph I, The Village at Tom's Creek Subdv., Blacksburg
 Lisa Lynn Large to Craig McNally, 0.4017 ac., lot 23, Sec. VII, \$288,800
 Shah Development LLC to Mountain Empire Services
 James V. Noonkester Estate to Chad G. Burch, metes and bounds, see legal, \$357,500
 Rengin Holt to Hannah K. Bishop, metes and bounds, see legal, Blacksburg, \$405,000
 Golden Triangle Development LLC to William Franklin, Lot 44, Christiansburg, \$279,000
 Andrew T. Corbin to Alexander Lee Bickford, lot 16, \$333,900
 Zachery S. Johnson to Jacob Alexander Witt, 0.256 ac., lot 178, New River Village VII, Christiansburg, \$275,000
 Novie Rachel Cox Myers to Novie Rachel Cox Myes, 0.8410 ac., lot 2, Brush Mtn Estates, Ph II, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District
 Richard W. Frizzell, Jr., Trust to Glenn P. Reynolds, Unit 101, Bldg 18, Ph IV, Piedmont at Blacksburg, \$210,000
 Shah Development LLC to Michelle N. Beale, 2.658 ac., lot 33, Riner Magisterial District, \$560,800
 Brenda C. Thomas to Land and Development LLC, metes and bounds, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$11,000
 Margaret Hardy to Shah Development LLC, three parcels, Riner Magisterial District, \$682,000
 Billy L. Dickerson to Jessica Leonard Owen, metes and bounds, see legal, Riner Magisterial District, \$20,000
 Timothy Eugene Ratliff to Timothy Eugene Ratliff, 3.088 ac., lot 1, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District
 Basel A. Saleh to Katherine J. Glenn, 985 New Village Dr., Christiansburg, lot 118, ph V, New River Village, Christiansburg
 Dianne H. Jarrell to Dianne H. Jarrell Trust, Elliston, metes and bounds, see legal.
 Timothy D. Norville to Howard L. Shaffer, 10.00 ac., parcel A, \$198,000
 Dennis Nagel to Amazonite LLC, Lots 23-25, Mockingbird Hill, Christiansburg, \$250,000
 Dorothy L. Hatfield to Elizabeth Pandolfo Briggs, 0.53 ac., parcel A, Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$235,500
 Michael J. Diersing to Sarah Nadine Diersing, lot 12-A, Falling Branch Estates, Sec II, Christiansburg
 Wayne H. Monk to Monk Family Trust, lot 4A The Villas at Fiddlers Green, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District
 Jeremy W. Withers to Ryan Haley, \$217,000
 Aaron C. Dillard to A and C Ventures LLC, 0.040 ac., lot 4, Ph I, Tremont Estates, Blacksburg
 Stateson Homes LLC to Rebekah J. Brackin, Lot 67, Clifton, Ph I, Christiansburg, \$369,735
 Jackie D. Walters to Jo-eann Vanhoozier, Craigs Mtn. Rd., Shawsville, 3.9448 ac., Shawsville Magisterial District
 Jackie D. Walters to JBC Properties LLC, Craigs Mtn. Rd., Shawsville, 18.5074 a.,

Shawsville Magisterial District, \$41,641
 Salil K. Raje to Vaastu LLC, Lot 66, Sec 3, Ph 3, Blacksburg
 David E. Hartman to Gary P. Fore, lot 21, Sec. 1, Laurel Ridge, Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$578,000
 Randall C. Hall to Judith W. Keating, lot 7A Misty Morning Meadow, Christiansburg, \$327,000
 MDC Coast 4 LLC to Town of Christiansburg, 0.0046 ac., 203 sq. ft., Christiansburg, \$5,116
 Robert Benjamin Snuffer executor to Douglas S. Chancey, metes and bounds, see legal, Christiansburg, \$180,000
 Daniel Owens to Glenn P. Reynolds, Unit #C, Bldg 1400 Hunter Ridge Condos of Blacksburg, \$210,000
 GBS Consulting and Development to Grant Brainard Sherman, 2.642 ac., Blacksburg
 Chelsea A. Keating to Judith Keating, Lot 7A Misty Morning Meadow, Christiansburg
 Judith Keating to Julie Prester, lot 7A Misty Morning Meadow, Christiansburg
 Nell Ruth Justice to Kenneth Lee Jones III, two parcels, lot 14 and 13, Riner Magisterial District, \$167,000
 Harry V. Jones to Casey Scott Watson, lot 2, \$195,000
 Roger A. Henderson II to Nicholas J. Mayhall, lot 1, Nayfeh Subdv. Sec 1, Blacksburg, \$490,000
 Sherri L. Garrett to Wellford C. Tiller, Jr., lot 70, Christiansburg, \$330,000
 Gail Cook Devilbiss to GWCD LLC, seven parcels see legal
 Jack W. Cook II to JWC2 LLC, seven parcels see legal
 Lucas Construction and Development to Stateson Homes LLC, 0.174 ac., lot 15, Kinloch Subdv., Blacksburg, \$93,500
 Gary Blaine Quisenberry to DW LLC, 52.4 ac., Christiansburg, \$400,000
 Joseph E. Muller to Paul S. Cline, lot 37 LA Plateau Subdv., Christiansburg, \$346,500
 Cindy R. Minnick to Robert David Brown, four parcels see legal, \$68,000
 Reese Family Limited Partnership to Denise Gellerman, 2.536 ac., lot 49, \$55,000
 Tabor Holdings LLC to Bozeman Village LLC, 9.141 ac., parcel A, Christiansburg, \$519,460
 Reese Family Limited Partnership to Denise Gellerman, 69.210 ac., tract B, \$220,000
 Larry W. Keith to Rodney Dale Hurst, 111 ac., Alleghany Springs, Alleghany Magisterial District, \$18,000
 Harold A. Kurstedt, Jr., to Harold A. Kurstedt, Jr., 1.456 ac., lot 22, Heritage Place, Ph I, Riner Magisterial District
 Paul W. Rakes to Dawn F. Rakes, lot 11, Walnut Grove, Christiansburg
 Shah Development LLC to Smart Choices LLC, 0.052 ac., lot 45, Midway Estates, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$247,500
 Gary Mullins to Betty J. Wilkins, lot 2, Cornerstone Townhouses, Christiansburg, \$171,000
 Stateson Homes LLC to Kelly Trust Dated July 15, 2016, lot 32, Clifton Ph II, Christiansburg, \$542,385
 Ronald L. Thompson to Kimberly T. Miller, 1435 Providence Bldv., Christiansburg, lot 29, Oak Tree Townhomes Ph III, Christiansburg
 Kathy J. Bishop to Shah Development LLC, lots 59, 60, 61, 62, 63 TE Cox Map, Christians-



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ROUTE 122 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER BIG OTTER RIVER - Construction is underway for a bridge replacement on Route 122 over Big Otter River. The bridge is located from 0.232 mile south of the intersection at Route 640 to 0.072 mile north of the intersection at Route 640. Drivers can expect both lanes of traffic to remain open during most of the bridge's construction. Occasional short-term lane closures with flagging operations may be in place to construct portions of the new bridge. The completion date is scheduled for June 2022.

BOTETOURT COUNTY

ROUTE 611 (GREYLEDGE ROAD) CLOSURE - A 1.5 mile section of Route 611 (Greyledge Road) is closed due to flooding that has damaged the roadway. Extensive repairs will be needed and a detour will be in place. There is no estimated time for the road to reopen.

ROUTE 817 (OLD RAIL ROAD) BRIDGE WORK - Old Rail Road in Oriskany is closed for repairs to the bridge over Craig's Creek, the McCallister Truss Bridge. The bridge is located 0.60 miles from Route 704 (Branchwater Road) and 0.20 miles from Route 770 (Edlo Lane). The bridge will be closed during daytime hours, 8 a.m. through 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday. All traffic between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. will use the Edlo Ford. Signs have been posted to alert drivers. Estimated time for completion February 2022.

BUHRMAN ROAD CLOSURE FOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT - Beginning at 8 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 29, through Tuesday, Nov. 30, at 4 p.m., Buhrman Road will be closed for a bridge replacement. The road will be closed, approximately 0.25 miles from 220 and north of its intersection with Clyde's Run, both dead end roads beyond the bridge. As of now, the school bus will be turned around at McDaniel Drive, 0.2 miles from the closed bridge. Residents will be able to park on both sides of the closed bridge along Buhrman Road and Clyde's Run and a pedestrian bridge will be available.

ROUTE 220 SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS IN EAGLE ROCK - The project is underway. Flagging operations may be in place on Route 220, north and southbound lanes between Eagle Rock and Iron Gate, seven days per week, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. flagging operations may be in place. Both northbound and southbound lanes of the new alignment are now open to traffic. Speed limit is reduced to 45 mph throughout the project and may be reduced to 35 miles per hour just south of Route 622 (Prices Bluff Road) and just north of Route 722 (Chatham Road). No wide loads are permitted through the area. Drivers are cautioned to slow down and pay close attention through the work zone due to curves and minimal site distance. Drivers should watch for signs. Work is estimated to be completed by the end of 2021.

CARROLL COUNTY ROUTE 58W Bridge Replacement - Work to replace the bridge on Route 58W over Crooked Creek is underway. The bridge is located between the intersections with Route 822 (Fieldview Road) and Route 887 (Glendale Road). Initially, the project will focus on constructing crossovers between the above-mentioned intersections with intermittent and temporary single lane closures in place. These crossovers are temporary during the bridge replacement with single lanes in each direction until the end of the project. Once the crossovers are complete, Route 58W will be temporarily detoured through the left lane of Route 58E, limiting travel in each direction to a single lane. A right lane closure will be in place traveling westbound and a left lane closure traveling eastbound. The project is scheduled to be completed in December 2022.

TRAFFIC SHIFT - A traffic shift reducing both directions to one lane near Glendale Drive will be put into place for approximately 12 months. All eastbound traffic will use the existing right eastbound lane. All westbound traffic will be shifted to the existing left eastbound lane.

Right lane closures may be in place on Route 58 eastbound between Possible EB right lane closure between Route 822 (Fieldview Road) and Route 887 (Glendale Road).

CRAIG COUNTY

None at this time.

FLOYD COUNTY CHRISTMAS PARADE - The annual Christmas Parade will take place on Nov. 28, 2021, from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. from Route 8 (South) to Route 221 (North) at stop light turning right onto Route 221 (North), East Main Street to Barberry Road ending the parade route.

FRANKLIN COUNTY ROUTE 740 CLOSURE - A section of Route 740 (Algoma Road) is closed for a pipe replacement. The closure is located 1.65 miles west of Route 742 (Bethany Road) and 100' East of Route 739 (Gap Gate Road). (Located at Stop Sign / Intersection on Algoma). The road is scheduled to be closed until Dec. 9 at 5 p.m.

ROUTE 122 at ROUTE 636 ROUNDABOUT - This project is currently underway to construct a roundabout. The project begins from 0.161 mile south of Route 636 to 0.090 mile south of Route 636. There will be periodic flagging between 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and possibly after 6 p.m. The scheduled completion date is May 2022.

ROUTE 834 SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS - Construction is underway on Route 834 (Brooks Mill Road) from Route 670 (Burnt Chimney Road) to Route 616 (Scruggs Road) for safety improvements to include widening shoulders, adding rumble strips and guardrail as well as removing trees and brush to improve sight distance. Flagging operations will be in place from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Work

will be scheduled to avoid impacting morning or afternoon traffic at nearby Dudley Elementary School. The estimated completion date is May 2022.

GILES COUNTY CHRISTMAS PARADE - The Christmas Parade for the Town of Pearisburg will close a section of the town streets on Dec. 5. The road closures will be in place from 3 to 5 p.m. The proposed route is from Mountain Lake Avenue, turn left on Main Street, turn left on Wenonah Ave., turn left on French Street, turn left on Mountain Lake Avenue to the beginning.

HENRY COUNTY ROUTE 755 CLOSED TO THROUGH TRAFFIC - A portion of Route 755 (Woody Circle) is closed to through traffic from Route 57 (Fairystone Park Highway) to Route 1200 (Alan Adale Drive) for a pipe jacking project. During this time, directional signs will be in place to assist the traveling public. Weather permitting, the road is expected to re-open to traffic by Friday, Dec. 3, 2021.

ROUTE 220 BUSINESS CLOSED TO THROUGH TRAFFIC - Work has begun on Route 220 Business (Virginia Avenue) between Route 728 (Wheeler Avenue) and Route 1129 (Printer's Lane) to add a signalized pedestrian crosswalk and the construction of approximately 1,000 feet of sidewalk. A lane closure will be in place for the duration of the project and work is expected to continue through the mid December.

During this time, directional signs will be in place to assist the traveling public.

PATRICK COUNTY ROUTE 58 PAVING PROJECT - Milling and paving will take place on Route 58 eastbound near Route 867, 700 and 756. Drivers should expect left or right lanes closures and flagging operations on connection routes.

ROUTE 58 LOVER'S LEAP PROJECT - Construction is underway on the Lover's Leap area of Route 58. Estimated completion date is May 2026.

PULASKI COUNTY

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

LAND TRANSFERS

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burg, \$55,000

Swoope Rental Properties LLC to Yan Yang, family unit 25E Bldg 12R Piedmont at Clarksburg, Ph I, Blacksburg, \$199,900

William R. Hudnall to William R. Hudnall, Lot 4, Christiansburg

Shah Development LLC to Smart Choices LLC, 0.053 ac., lot 46, Midway Estates, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$247,500

Bertram J. Newmark to William Charles Benini, 118.56 ac., Shawsville Magisterial District, \$512,000

Teresa A. Guth to Steven Black, 1.504 ac., lot 1, Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$205,000

Danny C. Walters to Brandon Guthrie, lot 84, Viewland Sec 3 Plat Book 7, Page 55, Riner Magisterial District, \$225,000

Joshua A. Winkle to Alvin Jeffrey Rose, lot 31, Kensington Ph I, \$280,000

Randall Lynn Robinson to Elijah J. Bailey, two parcels see legal, \$260,000

VA Property LLC to Wenqi Shen, lot 97, Blk 4A2, Blacksburg

VA Property LLC to Wenqi Shen, Lot 145, Sec 4, Blacksburg

Dale V. Clark Trust to Dale Loran Bianchi to Eric Loran Bianchi, lot 30, Ph I, New River Village, Christiansburg

VA Property LLC to Wenqi Shen, lot 67, Sec 3, Ph 3, Sec 4, Blacksburg

Michael Terrence Williams to Poppys of Christiansburg LLC, Blk 1, lots 5-7 J Kyle Montague addition, Christiansburg

James W. Radford III to Robert Cord Hall, 8.773 ac., lot 3A and 2.207 ac., lot 4A, Riner Magisterial District, \$985,000

Robert R. Smith III to Glenn P. Reynolds, lot 13, Sec VI, Vista Pointe, Blacksburg, \$351,000

Frederick R. Lawson to Frederick R. Lawson, Book 1118, Page 137

Sawyers Living Trust to Shah Development LLC, three parcels, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$2,250,000

Shah Development LLC to Radford Development of Virginia, three parcels, Christiansburg, \$1,390,000

Rochelle H. Johnson to Julie A. Davidson, lot 10, Knob Hill Subdv., Blacksburg, \$422,000

Kristopher Scott Cochran to Jessica Owen, lot 16, Staffords Farm Subdv., Christiansburg, \$359,000

Joseph Maurice Gravely to Joseph M. Gravely, 0.263 ac., lot 1, Riner Magisterial District

East Park Village LLC to NRV Group LLC, 0.255 ac., Christiansburg

Spencer R. Stouffer II to Troy K. Brown, two parcels, see legal

Michael L. Barefoot to Steven Vincent Shipman, lot 134, Sec 1, Pheasant Run, Ph IV, Blacksburg, \$287,000

Stateson Homes LLC to Nazila Roofigari-Esfahan, Lot 68, Clifton, Ph I, Christiansburg, \$364,400

Commonwealth of Virginia VDOT to RWV36 LLC, Meadow Creek Rd., Montgomery Co., to be assembled with tax map parcel number 104-4-47.

Brian C. George to JGR Properties Limited Liability, lot 1, Silverleaf townhomes, Blacksburg, \$300,000

Royal O. Songer to John M. Songer, 5.388 ac., lot 2, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$20,000

Cecil Roy Hall to Cecil Roy Hall, Jr., Robert Allen Atkins Trust to Qiu Peng, lot 6, Windmill Hills, Ph VI, Christiansburg, \$236,000

Tobydog LLC to RBANDAP Holdings LLC, 0.4197 ac.,

18.281.03 sq. ft., Blacksburg, \$800,000

Jimmy Lee Shaver to F. Brad Denardo Trust,

Debbie S. Hall to Hyde Park Apartments Inc., TBD Chestnut Ridge Rd., Riner, 153.054 ac., Riner Magisterial District, \$320,648

John S. Hoinowski to John M. Dunford, 14.598 sq. ft., lot 3A, Blacksburg, \$291,000

Jeffrey Dale Chandler to Karen Marshall, condo unit H, Bldg C, Park Place Condos, \$160,000

Dorothy Wheeler Ragland to Lance Spencer Bush, lot 10, Apperson Park, Sec 3, Blacksburg, \$412,000

Shane R. Frost to Double V LLC, 0.232 ac., lot 119, New River Village Ph VI, Christiansburg, \$280,000

Mary D. Spicer to Mary D. Spicer living trust, 1995 Mud Pike Chrsitiansburg, 2.46 ac., lot 8, Riner Magisterial District,

Charlene D. Crews to New River Land Trust, Blacksburg, see legal, deed of vacation of easement

William A. Rector to Jose Aguirre-Torres, lot 43A, Ph III, Blk B, Cedar Orchard, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$545,000

Robert E. Dawson to Kyle C. Skiera, lot 10, Murphy Subdv., Sec III, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$660,000

Matthew T. Serr to Linda B. Sayers, Lot 26, Atkinson Ac., \$264,900

Katherine J. Glenn to Sujata Sinha, lot 118, Ph V, New River Village, Riner Magisterial District, \$275,000

Matthew N. Lucas to Susan Lucas, two parcels, 0.1147 ac., 4.997 sq. ft., parcel A and 0.3191 ac., 13,900 sq. ft. parcel B Riner Magisterial District

Matthew Fiedler to Shane Ryan Frost, lot 15, Kensington Ph V, \$369,900

Franklin Baker to K3BML Properties LLC, Lot 7, Blk 1, Stonegate of Blacksbug Subdv., Blacksburg \$340,000

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IREH Properties LLC, two parcels, lot 18, Ph I and Lot 53, Blacksburg

Roger M. Adkins to Roger M. Adkins Trust, Lot 71, Cloverleaf Riner Magisterial District

Mary Fielder Adkins to Mary Fielder Adkins Trust, Lot 71, Cloverleaf Riner Magisterial District

Linda J. Pfeiffer to Linda J. Pfeiffer Trust, two parcels, 35 ac. lot 4 and 35 ac. lot 5, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District

Patrick Schaumont Trust to Michelle Anne Fike, lot 20, Rainbow Ridge Subdv., Blacksburg, \$360,000

Melissa S. Larose to Sean M. Klinge, 1.479 ac., lot 17, Riner Magisterial District, \$500,000

Stateson Homes LLC to Hongwei Zhao, Lot 69, Clifton Ph 1, Christiansburg, \$374,965

Sabrina Deeley to Handy Man LLC 2017, Condo unit A-4, Brightwood Manor Condos, Blacksburg, \$153,000

Thomas Greenwood Wilson Estate to Diane Wilson Catley, 345 Rolling Hills Dr., Christiansburg, Lot 16, Sec V, Rolling Hills Subdv., Riner Magisterial District, \$298,300

Isaac C. Napier to Melissa Larose, Lot B, Shadland Addition, Christiansburg, \$270,000

Ken G. Fox to Zachary Weller, 33.0412 ac., lot 19, Riner Magisterial District, \$295,000

Kurt D. Giantonio to Kurt D. Giantonio, lot 4B, Christiansburg

Benjamin David Basham to Benjamin D. Basham, four parcels, 9.2518 ac and 5 ac and 12.83 ac and 8.056 ac., Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$222,300

Stateson Homes LLC to Christopher Almond, 0.247 ac., lot 34, Clifton, Ph II, Christiansburg, \$542,080

Crist Dillow to Matthew Serr, 2.545 ac., lot 20, Riner Magisterial District, \$439,000

David E. Wadsworth to Qian Zhang, lot 50, Shenandoah Ph I, Blacksburg, \$244,900

Kevin Dewayne Whit-

lock to Regina J. Carico, 1.386 ac., Riner Magisterial District, \$322,500

William Perry Crosier II to Michael C. Wickline, lot 88, Riffe St., Elliston, lot 88, Roanoke River Gardens, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$40,000

Phyllis B. Asbury to Robert E. Dawson, lot 18, Oak Tree Townhomes, Ph III, Christiansburg, \$240,000

Brewster A. Griffith Trust to Gap Mountain Brushdown LLC, 225.250 ac., Norris Run Hunt Club LLC, Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$383,000

Christopher R. Eagan to Sheryl S. Sullivan, 0.1506 ac., lot E-2, Christiansburg, \$225,000

Gerard R. Marks to Anthony Grafsky, lot 15, Farmview Subdv., Blacksburg, \$399,900

James S. Lucas executor to Hyde Park Apartments, Inc., 455.094 ac., \$775,000

Mary H. Rhoades to Linda G. Shanock, 370 New Kent Rd. Apt 123, Blacksburg, Unit 123, Bldg 1, The Cascades Condos, Blacksburg

Clinton W. Howard to Howard Family Trust, lots 68, 69, 70, Deer Croft, Ph IV, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District,

Erika L. Grafsky to Erika L. Grafsky, lot 3, Murphy Subdv., Sec II, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District

Robert D. Gulczewski, Jr. to Jodie Pho, lot 1, Carriage Hill Townhomes, Blacksburg, \$275,000

Stateson Homes LLC to Sunitaben Patel, lot 1, Christiansburg, \$521,210

First York II LLC to Zandra Pollander, lot 13, Vistavia Subdv., Christiansburg, \$106,724

C. Samuel Averette to Samuel Joseph Damiano, 3050 New Ridge Road, Elliston, two parcels, see legal, \$100,000

E. Allen Bame to Stephen A. Perkin, Jr., lot 16, Meadow Run Subdv., Blacksburg, \$406,000

Dottie Lou Fox Trust to Seeds Properties II LLC, lots 1, 2 Deercroft

Ph 1, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$800,000

Cynthia F. Strock to Cynthia F. Strock, Lot 228, Blacksburg Country Club Estates, Sec. 1, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District

Jason C. Storey to Peter Ryan Hannis, 1.144 ac., lot 42, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$480,000

SAS Eagle Givens LLC to Gerardo I Perez Gonzalez, 0.248 ac. lot 87, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$487,603

Deeds Transfer Upon Death

Dee Ann Mims West to Britt Mims, lot 36, Oak Tree Townhomes, Ph X, Christiansburg

David A. Pitonyak to David Pitonyak Trust, 3.353 ac., Mt. Tabor Magisterial District

Djavad Salehi-Isfahani to Gilan Karl Salehi, lot 1, Deerfield Subdv., Prices Fork Magisterial District

Djavad Salehi-Isfahani to Gilan Karl Salehi, lot 19, Ph 1, Deerfield PDR, Prices Fork Magisterial District

Djavad Salehi-Isfahani to Gilan Karl Salehi, 1203 Deerfield Dr., Blacksburg, lot 20, Ph I, Deerfield PDR, Prices Fork Magisterial District

Djavad Salehi-Isfahani to Alison Dawn York, 0.281 ac., lot 23

Shirley McPherson to Alison Dawn York, lot 63, Ph IV, Deercroft Subdv., Mt. Tabor Magisterial District

Elina P. McCartney to Christine Ann McCartney, lot 6, Dickerson Subdv., Blacksburg

Chelsea A. Keating to Judith Keating, lot 7A Misty Morning Meadow, Christiansburg

Judith Keating to Julie Prester, lot 7A Misty Morning Meadow, Christiansburg

Mary H. Rhoades to Linda G. Shanock, 370 New Kent Rd., Apt. 123, Blacksburg, Unit 123, Bldg. 1, The Cascades Condos, Blacksburg

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Next move for Virginia Tech in coaching search



From the Sidelines
Marty Gordon

Virginia Tech's search for a new football coach has kept sports reporters jumping recently, and the question is what Athletic Director Whit Babcock is looking for in that future leader.

The list should include the following:

An offensive mind that finally can do something on the field. Offense must be at the top of the list to excite the Hokie fan base which thought the previous regime was heading that way but did not.

A known recruiter in the Southeast, especially in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Hokies have been failing in keeping the top athletes home.

A coach must have a sense that the crazy Hokie fan base is demanding a new high, one that Frank Beamer set the foundation for.

There also must be some experience in a head coaching position. Yes, Virginia Tech could serve as a stepping stone, but if the new coach hopes to move on, he will learn to win in maroon and burnt orange.

The new coach must be a better "people person" in order to again excite the fan base.

This does not mean a young coach is out of the

conversation, but it might help if an older one comes into the fold.

The wish list should also include a coach who understands the media are an important part of his job.

Money should not be a problem if the university hopes to produce a marketing gem on the field. A nationally known football team will increase that attention. In addition, the football team can serve as a financial cow for many other things and athletic programs.

Frank Beamer parked the car in the parking lot outside Lane Stadium with the keys running, but somewhere along the way, it experienced some major mechanical problems. Babcock must find the right mechanic to fix at least some of the issues so the Hokies can get the car started once again.

The bigger hope is that a coach can be found who can pull the car out of the parking lot and down the road.

In the midst of this, those fixes will not come overnight. They might not even come over a few seasons. The university is starting from scratch in so many ways, and change means taking a step back. Fans just need to be a little patient, and that will be hard to do especially when they hope that old car in the parking lot can be traded in for something a little shinier. Right now, the prices of new cars are through the roof and who knows what we might get.

Warden resigns as Christiansburg wrestling coach

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New Kent put a stop to Christiansburg's wrestling dominance beginning in 2019 and has claimed two of the three past crowns. This year, Christiansburg returns 10 outstanding wrestlers to a team that has high hopes for a shot at another run, but that all changed with the resignation of Coach Cliff Warden this past week. Warden has also stepped down from his teaching position at the school.

Warden took over in 2018 after winning four state championships at Independence High School in Coal City, W.Va. He was Christiansburg's fourth coach in the past 17 years.

Independence boasted the top three wrestlers in three West Virginia AA/A weight classes last year and locked up the championship before most of the team took to the mat in the semi-finals.

The Blue Demons are scheduled to start their season next week, and assistant coach Brandon Taylor has been appointed acting coach until a new coach can be hired.

Warden is the second coach to suddenly resign. Two weeks



ago, longtime softball coach Nate O'Dell stepped down. The school hopes to hire his replacement next week.

Former Bobcat hurler to lead softball program

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Haley O'Brien Smith is returning to the Radford High School softball field as the school's new coach.

The former RHS pitcher finished her Radford career with a .585 batting average and 18 homers, which still stands as the school record. Her junior year, she was named first-team Virginia High School Coaches Association infield, first-team infield All-Conference 45, first-team infield 1A West Region, and second-team 1A All-State. In 2013, she helped the team win the Three Rivers District Tournament.

An injury brought her playing career to a screeching halt, but she has always been determined to give back to the game she loves.

Last year, she started teaching at RHS, and when the coaching position came open, she knew she had to consider it. Being the head varsity softball coach at Radford has been a dream of hers since she was little.



FILE PHOTO

Former Radford High School softball pitcher Haley O'Brien (left) is back on the field this season as the coach at her alma mater.

"RHS softball has no state championships, so that is always a big goal," Smith said. "My ultimate goal is to push our girls to be the best teammates, athletes, and contributors to society that they can be. These athletes haven't played a full season in three years. Our main goal is to build back better and stronger than before with deep roots of Bobcat pride and tradition."

The former Bobcat pitcher added that being back at Veterans Field in Radford gear feels right.

"Softball was my first love. This field is where I fell in love with the game," she said.

Workouts are scheduled to begin next week, and the new coach will quickly learn what team she might have for the spring.

Sloss out at Blacksburg

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Virginia Tech is not the only football program in Blacksburg looking for a new coach. On Tuesday, Eddie Sloss announced his departure after four years at Blacksburg High School. He met with players earlier in the day and broke the news to his returning players.

Blacksburg finished this past season winless, and the team's record for the past three years is 6-21.

Sloss's first year, 2018, the team completed a 13-1 season before losing to Woodgrove in the Class 4 state semis.

Prior to Blacksburg, Sloss spent four years at Carroll County High School from 2014-2017, where he compiled a 5-35 mark. He was a former assistant coach at Blacksburg and Christiansburg high schools and is a graduate of Blacksburg High School.

Sloss replaced Thad Wells, who led the Bruins to a state title but left for a high school in North Carolina.



FILE PHOTO

Eddie Sloss has stepped down as the head football coach at Blacksburg High after four seasons.

The search for Sloss's replacement has begun immediately as the program looks for its third coach in six years.

Virginia Techniques gymnast signs with Bluefield State

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Karlee Williams, a gymnast at Christiansburg's Virginia Techniques, has signed a letter of intent to continue her career in college at Bluefield State. She made the announcement at the Christiansburg High School gym earlier this month.

For the third time in a week, a gymnast from Virginia Techniques in Christiansburg has signed a national letter of intent to continue her career in college. Karlee Williams is headed to Bluefield State.

"I chose Bluefield because of the team, the atmosphere, and of course the acro and tumbling," she said.

Williams will not compete in "true" gymnastics in college, switching to Acro and Tumbling, a subcategory of gymnastics that combines gymnastics tumbling, acrobatic lifts, pyramid lifts, aerial tosses, and choreographed skills team routines.

The focus in both acro and gymnastics is strength, balance, and flexibility but the differ-

ence in execution lies in the transition of movement. For many the difference is described as "Gymnastics is a sport and Acrobatics is an art."

Currently, 30 colleges NCAA colleges have acrobatics and tumbling programs, four of them at the Division I level.

Teams compete in six events: compulsories, acro, pyramid, toss, tumbling, and a team event. The skill sets of tumbling and acrobatics are the athletic aspects of cheerleading. Lifts and tosses seen in cheerleading are acrobatics and gymnastics skills. Competitors in this sport demonstrate significant strength, power, flexibility, and balance in their skill set performances.

Bluefield State is a NCAA Division II school and a member of the United States Collegiate Athletic Association with an enrollment of 1,248 students on the West Virginia side of the border.

Williams, who attended Floyd County High School, is following in the footsteps of another outstanding gymnast from Virginia Techniques, Rayna Worley, who is now at the University of Kentucky and was recognized as one of the most outstanding freshmen in the Southeastern Conference on a team that was ranked ninth nationally.

"Virginia Techniques has made me into a better athlete and an overall better person," Williams said. "Some of my best accomplishments are just from pushing myself to be the best I can be every day."

Williams plans to major in psychology at Bluefield State.

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