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Filming underway for Gina Hall documentary

(Editor's note: Today, we begin a three-part series about a documentary and new findings in the Gina Hall murder case. Part 1 examines plans for the documentary.)

Work began this past week in Radford for a documentary based on a 42-year-old mystery surrounding the disappearance and death of female college student Gina Hall.

For the most part, the documentary came about after the release of a book by Ron Peterson titled "Under the Trestle."

Peterson said the production will look at the murder trial, the conviction of Stephen Epperly, and the five-decade search for Gina's remains.

"Over the past three years since my book was published, I've interviewed many additional people and gathered new information," Peterson said. "People I've met at the dozens of book talks I've given, events I've done in the New River Valley, and people who have reached out to me to share additional information. There have been new developments in the case, some of them quite controver-

sial. So the documentary will expand on the book a great deal and cover some new ground.

As part of the new information, Peterson plans to update the book as a special movie edition. "We have already done two rounds of on-camera interviews, filming over a dozen people who were closely involved in the case back in 1980 and the years that followed," Peterson said. "We started with former prosecutor Everett Shockley, Epperly's defense attorneys Woody Lookabill and Dave Warburton, and several of the law enforcement officers who worked the case. They were all willing to help, in large part because they felt the book was such an accurate portrayal of the events around the case. We also interviewed several new sources who have come forward since the book was published."

According to Peterson, Director Scott Mactavish and his film crew are well underway. Peterson is working with them as an executive producer, helping facili-

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PHOTO COURTESY OF HALL DOCUMENTARY

Former commonwealth's attorney Everett Shockley unpacks the legal strategy that put Stephen Epperly in prison for life during an interview for an upcoming documentary.

Montgomery Museum of Art and History presents art by CHS students

The Montgomery Museum of Art and History is presenting an exhibit of art by students at Christiansburg High School.

To showcase as many students as possible, this year's exhibit is separated into two parts, the first running through March 24, the second running from March 24 to April 8.

"CHS is excited to help the Montgomery Museum close the chapter on their time on Pepper Street," said CHS art teacher Carrie Lyons. "As always, art from CHS upperclassmen and advanced placement students will be on display, but this year teachers have chosen to pay special attention to the future of the art department: the Art I students. Many of our beginning students have missed out on the opportunity to take art due to scheduling or due to simplified class work as a result of remote learning," said Lyons. "These students are proving to be fast learners and show great promise in the world of art."



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Christiansburg Arts Board seeking artwork for Cambria mural

The Town of Christiansburg Public Arts Advisory Board is seeking an artist(s) to create original artwork for a mural in historic Cambria.

The canvas will be on the side of a prominent building in Cambria and is an effort to celebrate the unique history this area provides to the town and the region.

Artists are invited to submit their vision for the space to the Public Arts Advisory Board. The application deadline is 5:00 p.m. on April

6, 2022. For more information visit www.christiansburg.org/callforartists, email publicart@christiansburg.org, or call (540) 382-6128 x1130.

The Christiansburg Town Council formed the Public Arts Advisory Board in 2020 to promote public art within Christiansburg. After completing a public arts plan in 2021, the Cambria mural is the board's first project. Other murals throughout the town are anticipated to follow.

Trial date set on murder charges for Radford man

The date for the case of a Radford man charged in the death of his girlfriend's 2-year-old son has been set for a five-day jury trial in July.

Thirty-four-year-old Andrew Byrd was charged with first-degree murder of the child in September 2020. A Radford Circuit Court judge announced the date last week.

The child's mother, Amanda Mitchell, has been indicted by a Rad-

ford grand jury and faces six child abuse charges.

Byrd also faces charges for abducting and assaulting the girl's mother after he kept her from calling 911 for emergency assistance.

Court documents show the couple was responsible for the care of three children and had them in their Ninth Street home where they were allegedly endangered.

The investigation showed Byrd picked up Mitchell from work and noticed something was wrong with her child who was sitting in the back seat. Byrd then allegedly struck the woman several times, even forcing a shotgun barrel down her throat.

A search warrant shows police discovered a shotgun, meth, and other drug paraphernalia inside the home.

Blacksburg Take Back the Night march, rally set for March 31

The annual Take Back the Night rally and march in Blacksburg will be held on Thursday, March 31.

The rally and candlelight march seeks to bring the community together to protest gender-based violence and to promote awareness of attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors that perpetuate this violence. United Feminist Movement, the event organizer, encourages everyone to take action to change a society in which many women have reason to fear being out alone, particularly at night.

Participants will assemble between 6:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Henderson Lawn Outdoor Stage on College Avenue in downtown

Blacksburg. The rain location is the Graduate Life Center Auditorium at Virginia Tech.

The rally will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be followed by a march through campus and downtown Blacksburg, returning to the Henderson Lawn Outdoor Stage for a closing celebration. The march route is accessible for individuals with mobility limitations.

Participants needing assistance may call 540-231-8041 at least one week in advance.

Take Back the Night events began in the 1970s and have been organized throughout the world. In 1978, a Take Back the Night march was held in San Francisco with over 5,000 individuals from 30 states

participating.

In Virginia, Take Back the Night marches have been held in Richmond and Charlottesville and at Hollins University, Radford University, Roanoke College, and Virginia Tech.

People of all genders and ages are encouraged to march, either as individuals or as part of a group. Organizations are invited to bring signs or a group banner in support of Take Back the Night, a featured event of Women's Month 2022.

Each participant is asked to wear a purple ribbon tied with a knot for every friend or family member who has been sexually assaulted.

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Sunday, March 13:

Chess Club

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

U.S. Fleet Forces Band concert

The U.S. Fleet Forces Band will perform at Radford University at 3 p.m. in the Davis Performance Hall at the Covington Center for the Arts. The concert is free and open to the public.

Monday, March 14:

Montgomery County Board of Supervisors meeting

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors will meet on Monday, March 14, 2022, at 6:45 p.m. with a closed meeting and the regular session following at 7:15 p.m. The meeting will be held in the board room on the second floor of the Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg, Va.

Tiny Art Show, registration required

Register to participate in a tiny art show at the Radford Public Library. The library will provide the supplies, and participants will do the artistic work. A small 3x3 canvas will be provided along with paint and a paintbrush. Return a finished canvas for a tiny art show at the library. Kits can be picked up by registrants on March 14, and tiny masterpieces will need to be returned by April 4 for the Radford Public Library's Tiny Art Gallery.

Radford Schools Special Ed Advisory Committee to meet

The Radford City Public Schools Special Education Advisory Committee will meet on Monday, March 14, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. at the school board office, 1612 Wadsworth St. Radford. The public is invited to attend. The meeting will also be available virtually using Google Meet. To be invited using Google Meet, contact Josh Brown, Chairperson, at 731-3649, or Daniel Hill, Director of Special Education, at 267-3223, to obtain a virtual meeting link.

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Crafternoon Delight for Adults Only

Learn how to knit or crochet with library staff at the Radford Public Library; 1 to 2 p.m. Needles, crochet hooks and yarn will be available for tutorials and practice during this session of Crafternoon Delight. This group knits, crochets, embroiders, felts, and paints. Knowledgeable staff can help with needlework craft and can help participants learn how to put a blanket together for Project Linus. Supplies will be provided.

STEM Club

At the Christiansburg Library; 1 p.m. This homeschool STEM club will explore science, technology, engineering, and/or math. For ages 8 and up.

Green Burial discussion with Dr. Phil Olson

At the Blacksburg Library; 4 p.m. Dr. Phil Olson (Department of Science, Technology, and Society at Virginia Tech) joins a group of VT students and local experts to discuss the environmental impacts of different funeral practices, as well as local and regional options. Members of the Blue Ridge Green Burial and the Funeral Consumers Alliance of the Virginia Blue Ridge will be on hand to answer questions and provide information. The workshop will be offered in person and virtually. Call the library at 540-552-8246 for the workshop link.

Tuesday, March 15:

Shaving Cream Art

At the Christiansburg Library; 4 p.m. Turn shaving cream into a painting at the library.

Technology Safety for Busy Parents

At the Blacksburg Library; 6:30 p.m. Giving a child a phone or a laptop can be both freeing and scary. Join this workshop for a look at what both parents and their children can do to be safe online. Offered in person and virtually, the workshop will look at websites and applications as well as common concerns many parents have when giving their children their first bit of digital freedom. Call the library at 540-552-8246 for the workshop link.

Wednesday, March 16:

Art Club: Alma Thomas

At the Christiansburg Library; 2 p.m. Explore the art of Alma Thomas and create a piece inspired by her work. For ages 8 and up. Registration is required.

Library Board of Trustees Meeting

At the Christiansburg Library; 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 17:

Talking About Books: "Maid"

At the Christiansburg Library; 11 a.m. Discussed this month is "Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother's Will to Survive" by Stephanie Land.

Art, Community, and Social Health featuring Michelle Ramos

At the Blacksburg Library; 4 p.m. The School of Performing Arts at Virginia Tech presents Art, Community, and Social Health, a series of talks/workshops by nationally recognized artists and thought leaders on the power and practice of art and culture as essential elements of healthy communities. Dr. Michelle Ramos serves on the boards of Dance/USA and the Performing Arts Alliance. A licensed attorney with a PhD in Cultural Psychology, she has significant organizing experience and has committed her career to serving communities and individuals adversely impacted by issues of race, gender, disability, class, socioeconomics, inequitable laws, and systemic oppression. The colloquium will be available in person and via Zoom.

Sunday, March 20:

Unveiling ceremony of the African American Memory and Storyboard Project

In downtown Christiansburg in the town square quadrant in front of the Christiansburg Post Office at 3 p.m.

Tuesday, March 22:

Radford Chamber of Commerce seminar series

This is a seminar on Professional Networking, LinkedIn, and Building Career and Relationships; 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Long Way Brewing. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. No cost for chamber members. \$10 for non-chamber members. Brought to you by the Radford Chamber of Commerce.

Wednesday, March 23:

Radford Army Ammunitions Plant community meeting

At the Christiansburg Public Library; 6 p.m. This community meeting will discuss modernization and environmental projects and compliance and corrective actions at the Radford Army Ammunition Plant. Staff members from the U.S. Army and BAE Systems will be on hand to engage with the public. Questions ahead of the meeting may be emailed to usarmy.radford.peo-eis.list.rfaap-public-affairs@mail.mil.

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Science, art, and Appalachia: 'Penny P's Backyard' takes a unique approach to children's television

Children's television is a vast and varied arena — from trippy animations and puppetry to live-action comedy and educational content. There is a lot of room for creativity and innovation in the world of children's programming.

Chris Valluzzo realized that despite the variety in kids' TV shows, a voice from Appalachia has been missing in the industry. And so "Penny P's Backyard" was born out of a desire to highlight the incredible landscapes of Southwest Virginia and to tell stories that present a unique intermingling between science and local art.

"I had a desire to create a children's television show. I got the idea after finding an awesome location in Yellow Sulphur Springs, an old historic resort in Southwest Virginia. This was around the fall of 2015. At the time, I just had this beautiful location and not much else," said Valluzzo, a multimedia producer and director at Virginia Tech's Technology-enhanced Learning and Online Strategies.

"Coincidentally enough, I was working at the university campus around the time when the Institute for Creativity, Arts, and Technology (ICAT) was coming to life, and I really liked the idea of a fusion between art and science," Calluzzo said. "So I began noodling that concept. Before that, I didn't have much appreciation for the intersection of art and science."

Valluzzo received a grant to write the first season of "Penny P's Backyard," but the production of a full-fledged TV show is a time-consuming, labor-intensive process. "It's already been a five-year process, and it will likely take another five years before we can get the show on the air," Valluzzo said. "We're currently looking into streaming services in case they'd be interested in producing it. The show is about Penny P, an 11-year-old budding auteur, and her three best friends, Nelly, Ramp, and Sadie. They explore their vibrant Appalachian mountain community by creating short films about the exciting connections they discover between science, art, and culture."

"Penny P and her three friends produce movies and animations about the world around them, and in doing so, they discover the connections between art and science, finding that the two seemingly different fields can share a common language," Valluzzo said. "It is a fictional, episodic children's television show that will be shot in the New River Valley. I wanted to create a children's TV show, but I didn't really want to have to leave Blacksburg to do it. So I wrote a show around where I live."

Besides highlighting the beauty of New River Valley, parts of the show will be filmed on the Virginia Tech Blacksburg campus. The university will be fa-



PHOTO BY ANDREW MCELVERY

'Penny P's Backyard' creator/executive producer Chris Valluzzo, left, discusses a scene set up with director of photography Darren Van Dyke, right, as the crew sets up for another take.

ilitating production and consultations with faculty experts for the scientific portions of the show.

Valluzzo was a student at Virginia Tech, where he took many Appalachian studies classes and graduated in 1998 with a degree in interdisciplinary studies from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. His background in documentary filmmaking is largely based on the culture and music of the region.

"There are precious few things that the national media ever do to paint Appalachia in a positive light. I wanted to break that mold," Valluzzo said. "This show gives a chance to people in New York City or Los Angeles and other countries of the world to learn about an area that they only hear negative things about. For me, getting to tell a positive story is a driving force behind making this show."

"And honestly, we're not trying to say that Appalachia is devoid of any problems," Valluzzo said. "But we want to start a discussion that good things happen here. There are good people who love their children. There is art and education and interesting stories here, and the region isn't one homogenous area full of is-

sues."

Even when it comes to production, Penny P takes the road less traveled. Hollywood is the second highest polluter industry in the Los Angeles area, and Valluzzo has no intention to add to this environmental destruction, especially since the show will be shot in the ecologically important regions of Appalachia.

"I've written 12 episodes of this show, and location scouting is going to be very easy for us," Valluzzo said. "Every location that the script takes place in is a location I have seen. Appalachia is not just a background for the show, it actively shapes the story."

"Penny P's Backyard" is a truly homegrown endeavor that utilizes local talent and all the good things that Appalachia has to offer. Valluzzo is particular about who he hires for the show and makes sure that production does not add any extra pressure on the environment.

"One of our big efforts is to make this show as environmentally sound as possible," he said, "I have hired some very competent freelancers in Roanoke and the broader East Coast. This will minimize traveling and ensure we have input from local talent."

Virginia Tech named one of healthiest campuses among U.S. universities

Virginia Tech has received the 2022 Active Minds Healthy Campus Award as one of the healthiest college campuses in the nation.

In its sixth year, the award celebrates U.S. colleges and universities that provide access to quality health care, serve students' physical health, and give equal priority and investment to mental health.

Virginia Tech joins four other colleges and universities in receiving the Healthy Campus Award: Auburn University, Barstow Community College, Stevens Institute of Technology, and the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg campus.

"At Virginia Tech, we endeavor to see well-being emphasized in every aspect of the student life experience. We are extremely proud of and are committed to continuing the work taking place across campus to support our students' physical and mental

health," said Frank Shushok Jr., vice president for student affairs. "We're also especially excited to launch the complete transformation of our housing model this fall through our Residential Well-being initiative that places well-being, inclusion, and belonging at the forefront of the residential experience."

"It is quite an honor for Virginia Tech to receive the Active Minds Healthy Campus Award, which places value on an institutional commitment to student well-being, with a focus on proactive work around mental health," said Chris Wise, assistant vice president for student affairs. "This award not only highlights the work of our well-being units on campus, it also highlights a deep commitment from campus partners in student affairs, academic affairs, the Office for Inclusion and Diversity, student organizations, and many oth-

ers to support the strategic priority of well-being and student success."

The review panel for the Healthy Campus Award cited the following innovative practices in particular at Virginia Tech:

Commitment to sustainable systems changes and policy-oriented long-term solutions: The Virginia Tech Mental Health Initiatives Task Force has worked to implement recommendations supporting mental health on campus.

Proactively addressing systemic injustices: Virginia Tech's Principles of Community and the Student Affairs Anti-Racism Commitment, along with InclusiveVT Project 2022, are fundamental to the university's ongoing efforts to increase access, inclusion, and diversity within its community.

Measuring results and sharing progress to continuously motivate, guide,

and focus action: Virginia Tech takes the evaluation of health and wellness data seriously and is committed to using the evaluations to make informed decisions that lead to positive results.

"Virginia Tech stands out because of their collective well-being-focused approach to ensure a sustainable system uniting mental health efforts on campus," said Alison Malmon, founder and executive director of Active Minds. "Virginia Tech is a model for prioritizing mental health amongst students and combating this concern by facilitating proactive resources on campus."

The Healthy Campus Award involves an extensive application process as well as multiple endorsements. Each applicant is assessed across 10 criteria with winners chosen by a panel of students, prominent researchers, and experts in health and higher education.

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OPINION

McDonald's closes stores in Russia

Editor:

I saw on the news that McDonald's has closed all of their 950 stores in Russia, which equals about nine percent of the company's worldwide revenue. The stores have been closed because of Russia's assault/attack on Ukraine.

I think that is a wonderful gesture on the part of McDonald's to make sure the people of Russia and Putin realize the people of the United States do not condone what is happening in Ukraine.

In a way of supporting McDonald's and their decision to sanction the county of Russia I am encouraging the citizens of Christiansburg and the New River Valley to support McDonald's

and tell the manager of each store how we feel about their taking their stand in support of freedom and democracy in Ukraine and around the world.

People of Ukraine

During the last week, several people have asked me how they could support the people of Ukraine. I just heard that one million citizens of the country have been displaced, most of them refugees being women and children who have almost nothing except what is on their backs.

What a terrible situation for a country that is fighting only for freedom and democracy.

I have contacted two organizations that are providing extensive support for the people with food, clothing, and shelter. The support they are providing is only humanitarian, nothing in the way of military equip-

ment

If anyone has another organization, please contact me and I will make the information available.

My two sources are American Red Cross; Nancy Carlson; Central Virginia Office; 1105 Rose Hill Dr.; Charlottesville, Va. 22903; Phone No. 1-800-helpnow.

Knights of Columbus Headquarters; 1 Columbus Plaza; New Haven, CT 06510; ATTN: Ukraine Solidarity Fund.

The Knights of Columbus under the guidance of Pope Frances have committed mediate aid to Ukrainian refugees. K of C headquarters has pledged to match all donations up to \$500,000 for the Ukrainian people with 100% of the money raised going to the relief effort.

Steve Huppert; Hupps440@aol.com

The attached comments are mine and do not represent those of the Town of Christiansburg or the Christiansburg Town Council.

Virginia airman accounted for from World War II

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced Thursday that Army Air Forces Pfc. Edward H. Benson, Jr., 22, of Roanoke, killed during World War II, was accounted for on Jan. 31, 2022.

In March 1945, Benson was as-

signed to the 1562nd Army Air Force Base Unit on Biak Island, part of the modern-day Republic of Indonesia. He and 39 other service members were killed during a Japanese air raid on Sorido Airstrip on March 22. Of those 40, three, including Benson,

could not be identified or accounted for after the attack.

Following the end of the war, the American Graves Registration Service (AGRS) was tasked with investigating and recovering missing American personnel in the Pacific Theater. Army

and Army Air Force cemeteries in Southeast Asia and the South Pacific were consolidated in a large cemetery complex in Finschhafen in modern-day Papua New Guinea.

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Local students make Radford University dean's list

Radford University has released its dean's list for Fall 2021. Appearing on the dean's list is the most presti-

gious academic recognition Radford University students can receive for their performance during a semester.

To be placed on the dean's list, students must meet four specific criteria during a semester: They must have 12 semester hours of coursework graded A-F, earn GPA's of at least 3.4 for all courses not graded on a pass-fail basis; obtain no grade lower than a "C"; and have no incomplete grades.

The following local students earned the honor of being included on the Fall 2021 dean's list:

From Radford: Candace Alley, Kalkidan Argaw, Bryan Beckner, Karri Bentley, Emma Duncan, Ryan Ellexson, Raeven Harris, Shaquan Jules, and Trace Shepherd.

From Christiansburg: Grayson Cridlin, Heather Dawson, Amber Dillon, Kyle Herndon, Gregory Hodges, and Ella Lockhart.

From Riner: Adam Downs and Emma Hendrix.

From Blacksburg: Maddison Kunkel.

First-ever true millipede with 1,306 legs described by Virginia Tech entomologist

It is not every day that a discovery involving Virginia Tech leads to a rewriting of science textbooks, but a recent find of a millipede burrowed deep under the dusty desert of Western Australia is poised to do just that.

Even though the Latin derived millipede moniker (mille "thousand" and pes "foot") suggests they all have 1,000 legs, one recently described by a Virginia Tech entomologist is the first one ever found to actually have that many.

This many-legged subterranean arthropod, Eumillipes persephone, was discovered nearly 200 feet below the arid, rocky, Goldfields-Esperance region in Western Australia. The millipede is described as being colorless, eyeless, and less than half an inch wide.

Though the males of the species were discovered with as many as 818 legs, this female specimen walks all over that record with an incredible 1,306 legs. Living so deep under the surface scientists can only speculate what this creature does day to day in all that darkness, but it seems likely

it spends most of its time eating fungus.

"We're finding that many new millipede species are living in the deep soil which is a microhabitat that was previously believed to be devoid of life," said Paul Marek, an associate professor in the Department of Entomology in the Virginia Tech College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, who led the team that described and named this record-breaking critter.

Prior to the discovery of E. persephone, a California millipede, Illacme plenipes, held the record at 750 legs. Now those begrudgingly written statements clarifying the 'millipede' misnomer can be stricken from science textbooks worldwide.

Eumillipes persephone was discovered as part of a biodiversity survey performed alongside mineral exploration. The Goldfields-Esperance region is resource-rich, but is a tough location for most animals to survive in. With no rivers, sandy soil, and salt-rich groundwater, the region is inhospitable and apparently infer-

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Rally

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Ribbons will be worn to show support for victims and to protest sexual violence against all people. They will be available at

information tables at Take Back the Night.

Sponsoring organizations are the Coalition for Justice, the VT Division of Student Affairs, El Centro, the VT Faculty Senate, VT Graduate School, VT Graduate and Professional Student Senate, Hokie Wellness, Latin Link, LGBTQ+ Caucus, LGBTQ+ Resource Center, Montgomery County

NOW, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People at Virginia Tech, the Office of the Dean of Students, Sexual Assault and Violence Education by Students (SAVES), the Sexual Violence Prevention Council, the United Feminist Movement, VT Engage, Wesley—a United Methodist Campus Ministry, Women's and Gen-

der Studies Program, the Women's Center at Virginia Tech, the Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley, and the YMCA at Virginia Tech.

For more information, contact Susan Anderson at 540-231-8041 or 540-951-2013, or email her at anderson@vt.edu. Contact her at least one week in advance for disability accommodations.

Documentary

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tate interviews, scout locations, and do additional research.

Mactavish is a Pulaski native and was a freshman in high school when the incident took place. "My grandfather was a partner in a law firm in Pulaski, and we had friends involved in the case," he said. "I also remember when Epperly was a substitute teacher at PCHS.

produced and directed "Ride for Lance," a documentary based on a coast-to-coast motorcycle rally held in honor of a fallen Navy SEAL.

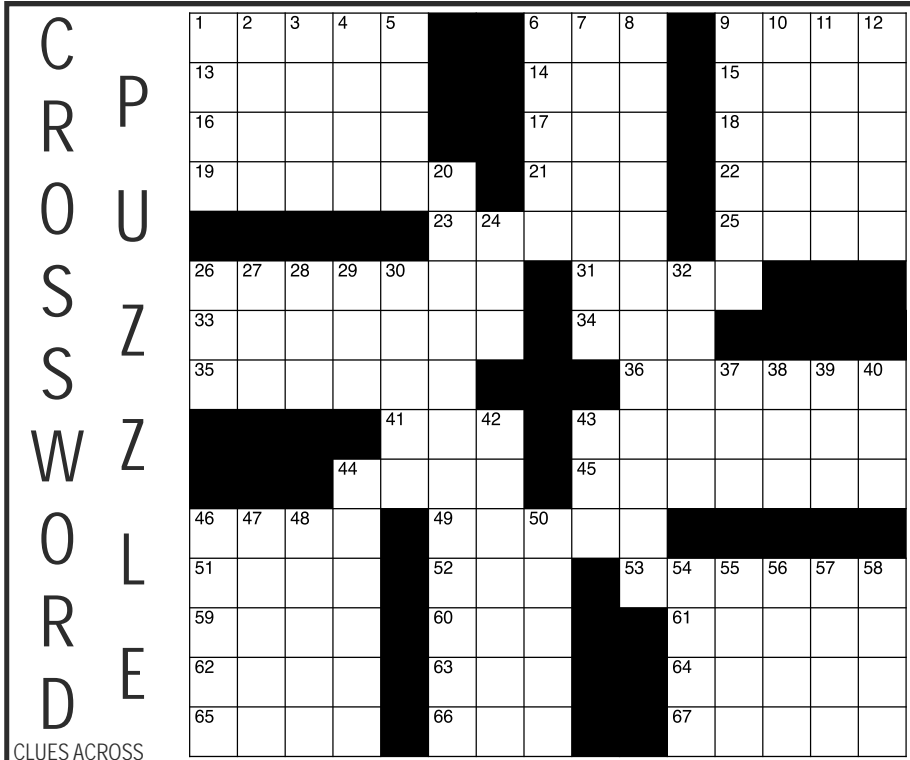
His feature-length documentary "MURPH: The Protector" was a contender for academy awards in several categories and premiered at #1 on iTunes in the U.S. and Canada. Mactavish is also the author of "New Dad's Survival Guide" and co-authored "Battle Ready: Memoir of a SEAL Warrior Medic."

Peterson hopes this new, local documentary will shine a light on what a wonderful person Gina Renee Hall was and the reason why, 42 years later, folks are still talking about her disappearance and murder.

"It will also paint an accurate picture of why so many people believe that her convicted killer,

Stephen Epperly, should never be paroled," Peterson said. "One benefit is that it will help folks understand the predatory dangers that are out there for young college-aged women and why they should never go out to a party or nightclub alone. And from a purely entertainment point of view, everyone loves a murder mystery. True crime stories are immensely popular nowadays, and I think everyone will find the events of 1980 very compelling. It's said that truth is stranger than fiction, and the things that went on in this case are incredible."

Documentaries can take years to produce, and Mactavish is hoping to expedite this film and release it later in 2022, first in the NRV and Hampton Roads in late summer, then internationally by Christmas.



CLUES ACROSS

1. NOHOW
6. Record (abbr.)
9. Hair detangler
13. "1836 siege" of U.S.
14. Old name for Tokyo
15. Largest continent
16. Showed old movie
17. Clatter
18. Considered one by one
19. Chinese cinnamon spice tree
21. Frequently
22. 3 person 32 card game
23. Misaddressed mail (slang)
25. Expresses pleasure
26. Samba or basket rummy
31. Military leader (abbr.)
33. A citizen of Iran
34. Environmental Protec-

1. tion Agency
35. Carbon, radioactive or varve
36. Loss of electricity
41. Mass. Cape
43. Mediator
44. 1/1000 of a tala
45. Players at 1st, 2nd & 3rd
46. Covered Greek portico
49. Bring upon oneself
51. Leuciscus cephalus
52. Cold War foe U___
53. Bumpkins or hayseeds
59. Fleshy seed cover
60. Golf ball prop (slang)
61. Antipathetic
62. Wait or tarry
63. Weather map line ___bar
64. Civilian dress
65. Relaxing resorts
66. Box (abbr.)

67. Burning crime
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1. Informant (slang)
 2. Olive tree genus
 3. Armed conflicts
 4. Am. Music Awards
 5. Dance mix DJ Einhorn
 6. Oxidation-reduction
 7. Structure
 8. Modern
 9. Roman Conqueror
 10. So. Honshu bay city
 11. 8th C. BC minor Hebrew prophet
 12. = to 100 satang
 20. In active opposition
 24. 007's Flemming
 26. 12th century Spanish hero El ___
 27. Macaw genus
 28. Slave rebellion's Turner
 29. Cuckoo

30. From a time
32. Apples with quick strokes
37. Fasten with string
38. Teller replacement
39. Command right
40. Sea eagle
42. Most closely set
43. ___ Dhabi, Arabian capital
44. Marten furs
46. Strike workers
47. Thysanopter
48. Louise de la Ramee's pen name
50. King of Thebes
54. ___ mater, one's school
55. Time unit
56. Klutzes
57. ___ Von Bismarck, Iron Chancellor
58. Front of the leg

OBITUARIES

Akers, Charles 'Fuzzy' Williams

Charles "Fuzzy" Williams Akers, 83, of Dublin, passed away Saturday, March 5, 2022.

He was a truck driver for over 50 years. He was preceded in death by his parents, Orville and Mabel Akers; a daughter, Susie Quesenberry; a brother, Dockie Akers; and a sister, Carolyn Akers.

Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, Kim and J. D. Owens; son Eddie and Stephanie Akers; the mother of his children, Carole Akers; grandchildren Sunshine Quesenberry, Tre Owens (Meagan), Caitlyn Winemiller (Amy), and Koy Winemiller (Becca); five great-



grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law Wayne and Sharon Akers; and many other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until noon today, Saturday, March 12, 2022, at the Childress Church of God. Memorial services will begin at noon with Pastor Ronald Smith officiating. Interment will follow in the Newbern Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. The Akers family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory in Radford. www.mullinsfuneralhome.com.

Buckner, Jerry R.

Jerry R. Buckner, age 80, of Christiansburg, passed away on March 7, 2022.

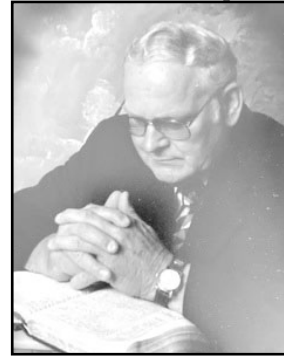
He is survived by his wife of 60 1/2 years, Freda Jean Buckner; a daughter, Gina Arnold; a son, Dale Buckner and his wife, Renee; four grandsons: Trinity Heckman (Jessica), Brett Buckner (Jesse), Brock Buckner (Devon), and Blake Buckner (Brooke); and a special great-grandson, Zander Heckman.

He will be greatly missed by his family and all his many special friends.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, March 10, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. in the McCoy Funeral

Home Chapel with the Rev. Craig Reed, the Rev. Jube Burk, and the Rev. Connie Wilson officiating. Interment followed at Roselawn Memorial Gardens, Christiansburg.

In lieu of flowers, the children requested monetary gifts for their mother. The family received friends from 5 to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday evening at McCoy Funeral Home 150 Country Club Dr. SW, Blacksburg.



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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 12 Noon, 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

St. Philip's Anglican Church, 306 Progress Street, NE, Blacksburg, Virginia 24060, (540) 552-1771, www.stphilipsblacksburg.org. Reverend Fr. Wade Miller, Priest. Eucharist Sundays at 11am and Wednesday's at 12pm.

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: Hal Sonafank, 1-336-583-4822. 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!

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Snowville Christian Church, 5436 Lead Mine Rd., Hiwassee, VA 24347, Pastor: Jerry King, Website: www.SnowvilleChristianChurch.com (and Facebook), Office: 540-633-3761, Email: office@SnowvilleChristianChurch.com, Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 a.m., Sunday School: 10:00 a.m., Thursday Bible Study: 6:00 p.m., We are: "Inspiring hope, helping people grow their faith, and sharing God's love with others!"

Montgomery County WORSHIP DIRECTORY

WALK IN HIS STEPS

Read Deuteronomy 32:1 through 34:12

"What would Jesus do?" Pastor Charles Sheldon of Topeka, Kansas, asked his congregation this question in 1896 when he preached a series of messages on the topic. Sheldon then wrote a book of fiction titled In His Steps. The book asks what Jesus would do when confronted with poverty, racism, pride, and homelessness. In the 1990s the motto was revived and people wore bracelets and T-shirts with the letters WWJD?

Before he died, Moses reminding the Israelites to consider God's truths.

"Take to heart all the words I have solemnly declared to you this day, so that you may command your children to obey carefully all the words of this law. They are not just idle words for you—they are your life" (Deuteronomy 32:46-47).

Teaching the next generation is the responsibility of the present generation. We do this best by leading by examples. When we face tough issues, we can be sure people are watching our reactions. At these times, it is good to ask ourselves, "What would Jesus do?"

Prayer Suggestion: God, with Your help, I will walk as Jesus walked.

Quicklook: Deuteronomy 32:44-47

If your church is not listed and if you are interested, call Randy Thompson at 540-389-9355 or email at advertise@ourvalley.org

ECKANKAR

Eckankar, the Path of Spiritual Freedom, is located at 1420 3rd St. SW, Roanoke, VA 24016. However, due to COVID-19, the Light & Sound Services and other ECK programs are currently available online through Zoom. Visit www.eck-va.org for program listings, www.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.

EPISCOPAL

Grace Episcopal Church, 210 4th Street, Radford, 639-3494. A friendly, mission-oriented spiritual community sharing the Word of God. ALL ARE WELCOME. In person and live-streamed services 10:30AM Sundays. Holy Eucharist twice a month. Morning Prayer twice a month. Fellowship and refreshments follow services. Find us on Facebook: Grace Episcopal Church and www.graceradford.org.

LUTHERAN

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.

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.centralmethodistchurch.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

OBITUARIES

Nixon, Nancy India Bane

Nancy India Bane Nixon, age 84, born on March 10, 1937, completed her life's earthly journey on March 3, 2022, at home supported by her children.

Nancy died peacefully in her sleep after a brief illness. She was born in Vicksburg, Miss., to her loving parents, the late Howard E. and Mary Harman Bane.

Nancy graduated from Christiansburg High School and then went on to obtain a Bachelor of Science degree in education from Radford University. On Aug. 2, 1958, she married Samuel Henry Nixon, Jr., and they celebrated 52 years of marriage before his death in 2010.

She is survived by her loving children, Samuel H. Nixon III (Kelly) and Rebecca E. Nixon (Michael Collins); six grandchildren, Amanda Nixon (Shane), Morgan Gustafson (Dennis), Shanna McKenzie (Dawson), Eben Collins, Hayden Collins, and Ernie Cross; a brother, Buddy Bane

(Colleen); a sister-in-law, Julia Styne; and several nieces and nephews.

The family would appreciate contributions to any of the following: The Harman, Bane, Nixon Scholarship with Radford University Foundation, PO BOX 6893, 801 East Main St., Radford, VA 24141; the Christiansburg Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund, 107 W Main St. Christiansburg VA 24073; and the Humane Society Animal Shelter, 1183 Flanagan Dr., Christiansburg VA 24073.

Special thanks to the Medi Home Health and Hospice team and all the wonderful caregivers that helped Nancy through the years.

A celebration of life is planned for Saturday, March 19, 2022, at 1:00pm at Christiansburg Presbyterian Church. Family will receive friends afterwards in the Church Fellowship Hall.



Sarver, Virginia Evelyn Johnston

Virginia Evelyn Johnston Sarver, 90, of Pearisburg, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on March 6, 2022, at Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

She was born in Goodwin's Ferry, Va., on June 4, 1931 to the late Charles and Verna (Kessinger) Johnston.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Alvin Edwin Sarver; her son, Ritchie Dean Sarver of Ohio; her brother, Charles Johnston of Orlando, Fla.; sisters Nancy Epperly and Alice Simmons, both of Christiansburg; and a brother, Thomas, who died as an infant.

Evelyn is survived by her son, Paul Sarver (Sharon) of Christiansburg; her daughter, Verna Sarver Pack of Pearisburg; her grandchildren, Melissa Sarver Simpkins (Phillip), Amy Sarver King (Todd), and Michael Sarver (Grace). Also surviving are several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren, some nieces and nephews; special friends Rita and Jerry Palmer, Rachel

Johnston, Shirley Meador, George Harris, and Daniel Puckett, and the girls at Friends & Family Restaurant in Pearisburg.

The family received friends Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at McCoy Funeral Home, 150 Country Club Dr. S.W. Blacksburg, VA 24060 at 1:00 p.m. The funeral followed at 2:00 p.m. Interment followed in the Roselawn Memorial Gardens, Christiansburg.

Flowers are appreciated, but in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Memorial Fund at the Pearisburg First United Methodist Church, 401 Hale St., P.O. Box 400; Pearisburg, VA 24134.

The funeral service was also live-streamed on Sharon Sarver's facebook page for those who were not able to attend.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the family requested masking and social distancing. Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.



Millipede

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tile. Nonetheless, life exists even in these more extreme environments.

While excited for the novelty of finally discovering a true millipede, Marek's research also focuses on what millipedes tell us about evolution, the environment they live in, and what that might mean for us. This crucial work has taken him all around the globe, from the Pacific-Asian region to the East Coast of the United States and many places in between. He is looking for new millipede species, but is also examining where they live, what they eat, and how they survive.

Last year he discovered a new species at Virginia Tech's Duck Pond and named it Nannaria hokie.

This discovery just scratches the surface of what

subterranean biodiversity can help us learn about the natural world, and what preserving it can mean. The U.S. Geological Survey notes that almost half the drinking water the United States relies on comes from groundwater sources and even more is needed for agriculture. Understanding the biodiversity in these important habitats will help us understand how above ground factors may impact our environment deep below the surface.

"Mining activities and other habitat destruction encroach upon this habitat, making conservation efforts immediately important," Marek said.

This discovery has inspired Marek and his lab to use subterranean bore holes as a method for investigating local biodiversity in Virginia.

Jackson Means, who graduated with his Ph.D. in Marek's lab, was primarily responsible for the hands-on genetic work with *E. persephone*. He extracted the DNA from *E. persephone* specimens and prepared them to have their genomes sequenced.

Discoveries like this prompt academic interest, but also these redefining and record-breaking creatures bring excitement and wonder to all levels of the scientific community.

"This discovery reminds us that there are still so many mysteries waiting to be uncovered in the natural world," said Means. "Who knows what other bizarre and unique creatures can be found in the overlooked corners of our planet?"

For Sale - Misc FOR SALE Unprinted end rolls of newsprint. Great for packing & shipping, moving & storage and for art projects. Various sizes available. Stop by the Salem Times-Register 1633 West Main St. or call (540)389-9355 for details.	Legals - Montgomery County JEFFERSON", DATED JUNE 21, 1988, PREPARED BY CLEAN WATER ENGINEERS, INC., AND DESIGNATED AS DRAWING NUMBER S-8, WHICH MAP IS RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 14, PAGE 158. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwvsales.com. BIDDERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO WEAR A COVER OVER BOTH NOSE AND MOUTH AND PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING AT THE AUCTION. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsales.com. VA-307497-2.	Legals - Montgomery County LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL The Town of Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on, Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning: A. Conditional Use Permit request by Jacqueline Marshall, owner, and Shaun Chuyka, lessee, to allow a contractor's equipment storage yard in the General Business District (B-3) on property located at 301 Depot Street, NW, Tax Parcel 526 - ((23)) - (BK1) - 12, Parcel ID 007535. The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan. B. Rezoning request by John D. and Arnedra V. Elmore, owners, and Garand Hopkins III, contract purchaser, from Agricultural District A to General Business District B-3 for a portion of the property located at 710 Peppers Ferry Road, Tax Parcel 435 - ((A)) - 23; Parcel ID 021274. The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan. Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comment in-person at the time of this Public Hearing. A copy of the application, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Benjamin Tripp, Planning Director, at (540) 382-6128 ext. 1120 or by email at btripp@christiansburg.org with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.	Legals - Montgomery County TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 2828 RALEIGH CIRCLE, SHAWSVILLE, VA 24162. In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated August 20, 2003, in the original principal amount of \$83,020.59 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 03014311. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Montgomery County, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia on April 18, 2022, at 3:00 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH ALL THE APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE SOUTH FORK OF ROANOKE RIVER, WHICH POINT IS N. 2 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 44 SECONDS W. 50 FT. FROM THE CENTER LINE OF VIRGINIA SECONDARY ROUTE NO. 637, AND BEING THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF PARCEL NO. 2, AS SET FORTH AS SECOND IN DEED TO FERDINAND W. WASKIEWIEZ, JR. AND TERESA A. WASKIEWIEZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE, DATED JUNE 16, 1977, RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 385, PAGE 46, IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA; THENCE LEAVING SAID ROANOKE RIVER, S. 2 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 44 SECONDS W. 513.06 FT. TO A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY LINE OF THE PROPERTY OF THOMAS F. WOOLWINE (SEE DEED BOOK 380, PAGE 488); THENCE WITH THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID THOMAS E. WOOLWINE PROPERTY, N. 87 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 56 SECONDS	Legals - Montgomery County W. 177.91 FT. TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE N. 5 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 40 SECONDS W. 102.03 FT. TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE N. 4 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 20 SECONDS E. 99.00 FT. TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE N. 11 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 20 SECONDS E. 333.0 FT. TO THE SOUTH FORK OF ROANOKE RIVER THENCE S. 80 DEGREES 53 MINUTES E. 139.23 FT. TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 2.072 ACRES AS SHOWN ON SURVEY MADE FOR ALFRED T. WHITELOCK BY JACK G. BESS, CERTIFIED LAND SURVEYOR, DATED OCTOBER 17, 1978. TOGETHER WITH A ONE-HALF INTEREST IN THE WATER LINE AS APPURTENANT TO SAID REAL ESTATE, LEADING FROM SAID HOUSE AND LOT SOUTH ABOUT 560 FEET TO THE SPRING AS SAID PIPE LINE IS NOW LOCATED, TOGETHER WITH NECESSARY EASEMENT FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF SAID WATER LINE FROM THE SAID HOUSE AND LOT TO THE SAID SPRING, WITH THE RIGHT OF INGRESS AND EGRESS UPON THE LANDS OF D.V. AND EFFIE M. JEWELL AS SET FORTH IN DEED FROM JEWELL TO LEWEY OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA IN DEED BOOK 107, PAGE 437, AND ALSO RIGHT TO TAKE WATER FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES FROM THE SPRING AS SET FORTH IN DEED FROM EFFIE JEWELL SISSON AND HUSBAND TO JAMES L. SISSON, DATED FEBRUARY 5, 1958, AND OF RECORD IN SAID CLERK'S OFFICE IN DEED BOOK 208, PAGE 52. THIS IS EXCEPTED FROM THIS CONVEYANCE THAT PART OR THE LAND CONTAINED IN VIRGINIA SECONDARY ROUTE NO. 637, AS CONVEYED TO COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA IN DEED BOOK 171, PAGE 304, IN THE AFORESAID CLERK'S OFFICE. 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The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwvsales.com. BIDDERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO WEAR A COVER OVER BOTH NOSE AND MOUTH AND PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING AT THE AUCTION. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. 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Radford, Auburn boys face teams loaded with talent in state finals

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Both the Radford and Auburn boys' basketball teams will play in their respective state championship games with Radford facing John Marshall, the no.1 ranked team in Class 2. Auburn will play underdog Washington and Lee.

The John Marshall Justices are 21-4 overall including a 44-point win over Greensville County in the Region 2A Championship game.

Auburn will seek back-to-back state titles. Washington and Lee beat Lancaster in the semifinals to reach the title game.

John Marshall can go big with a front line of 6-10, 6-7, and 6-6 or can go completely with a five-guard offense.

Sophomore Damon "Lil' Redd" Thompson and senior Reginald Robinson bring a lot of quickness to the backcourt with the Justices going at least 10 deep.

On a team of stars, none shines brighter than 6-foot-6 junior Dennis Parker, Jr.

Already a top national college recruit, he can play point guard or move to center. He already carries scholarship offers from LSU, NC State, Texas A&M, the University of Mississippi, and VCU.

Radford should also expect to see a lot of 6-10 Tyler Mason and 6-7 Malachi Dark.

After dropping from Class 3, John Marshall has dominated state hoops in the lower enrollment classification in recent years. The Justices won state titles in 2014, defeating George Wythe-

Wytheville 74-56; in 2018, defeating Western Albemarle 63-42; and in 2020, defeating Gate City 75-57.

W&L (15-7) shocked Lancaster 59-57 to advance to the state championship matchup with Auburn. Lancaster had beaten W&L three previous times including a 74-42 romp in the Region 1A championship game.

The game marks Washington & Lee's first appearance in the state finals since 1998 when the Eagles defeated John S. Battle 68-62 to claim the championship.

Sports notes: Hokie HI weekend, RU Red and White Gala

The Virginia Tech athletics department has announced plans to hold its first-ever "Hokie Hi: Weekend at Home" event, an expansion of festivities held on campus in Blacksburg surrounding Tech football's annual spring game presented by PMSi.

The inaugural weekend will take place April 14-16 and will offer Hokie Nation the chance to cheer on a number of Tech sports, including softball, baseball and men's tennis. The weekend will culminate with Virginia Tech football's spring game, its first under head coach Brent Pry, set for 4 p.m. in Lane Stadium.

Additional details surrounding "Hokie Hi: Weekend at Home" will be announced closer to the dates.

Tech football will hold its first practice of the spring at noon on Saturday, March 19. Current season ticket holders and the general public are invited to attend. Admission is free, and gates will open 30 minutes prior to the start of practice.

Current season ticket holders will be receiving exclusive communication via email regarding Tech's open practice.

Following the Hokies' football practice that Saturday, fans are invited to attend a number of other sporting events on campus, including lacrosse against Syracuse at 1 p.m., softball against North Carolina at 2 p.m. and baseball against Pitt at 3 p.m.

take place on Friday, June 3, inside the Dedmon Center.

The evening will feature a silent auction that can be attended in person or virtually, as well as a live auction, dinner, and an open bar. Former Radford Athletics radio voice Wes Durham will be in attendance to serve as the event's guest of honor.

All proceeds from the event will go toward the Radford Athletics Scholarship Annual Fund, helping to ensure all of the university's student-athletes have the necessary financial means to compete for championships and provide the best collegiate experience on and off the playing field.

Individual tickets will cost \$125 per person while a pair can be purchased for \$225.

tant working with special teams at Tech.

H2okies qualify
 Senior diver Teagan Moravek placed first in the women's 1-meter event at the 2022 NCAA Zone A Championships Monday afternoon with a score of 610.70, punching her ticket to the Women's NCAA Championships in Atlanta.

Moravek was joined in the competition by senior Izzi Mroz, who was a finalist and ended the competition in 17th place, and freshman Miah Fisher.

On the men's side, Noah Zawadzki and Daniel Valmassei qualified for the finals with Zawadzki placing seventh, just 17.6 points away from an NCAA invite. Valmassei earned a top-10 finish as well, placing 10th.

Wells secures new job
 Former Blacksburg head football coach Thad Wells has a new job. Lakeway Christian School's Board of Directors has announced his hiring as Lakeway Christian's head football coach. The school is located outside Knoxville.

Wells previously spent 10 years in North Carolina, Virginia, and South Carolina with a 106-48 career coaching record.

CHS graduate named Marshall special teams coach
 Former Blue Demon and Virginia Tech tight end Johnathan Galante has been named the new special teams coach for Marshall University. Galante has served as an analyst at the University of Alabama since 2019. He also worked previously as a graduate assis-

CHS grad places on relay team
 The Concord University men's track & field team has had five athletes selected to the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches' Association (USTFCCCA) All-Atlantic Region Team, the organization announced Tuesday afternoon.

The top five individuals in each event from each region earned All-Region distinction, in addition to each member of the region's top 3 relay teams.

Joining Prather on Concord's all-region distance medley relay team were freshman Ethan Board, senior Cedric Drennen, and junior Alex Watty of Christiansburg.

The team missed a school record at the Mountain East Conference Championships by five seconds as the quartet clocked a time of 10:11.25.

Christiansburg's Allen to play football at Concord

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Reid Allen became the sixth player from last season's Christiansburg High School football team to commit to play college ball when he announced a commitment to Concord University where he will compete for a job as a long snapper.

The Blue Demons finished 10-2 this past season as the Region D Class 3's top team.

Concord was the first school to show interest in Allen, and after going on a visit, he said he really liked the coaching staff, the school, the atmosphere, and the campus.

"I think I can go and compete for

a starting spot while getting a great education," he said.

Concord University is a public university in Athens, W. Va., with an enrollment of 1,800, is an NCAA Division II school, and is a member of the Mountain East Conference. Concord finished 4-6 this past year in Dave Walker's first full season as head coach.

"I want to make the dress squad and compete for the starting spot in week 1," Allen said. "I also want to gain as much knowledge as I can to help prepare me for my coaching career in the future."

Allen plans to major in health and physical education/history to gain his teaching degree.

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Five teams take part in Blacksburg Soccer Jamboree



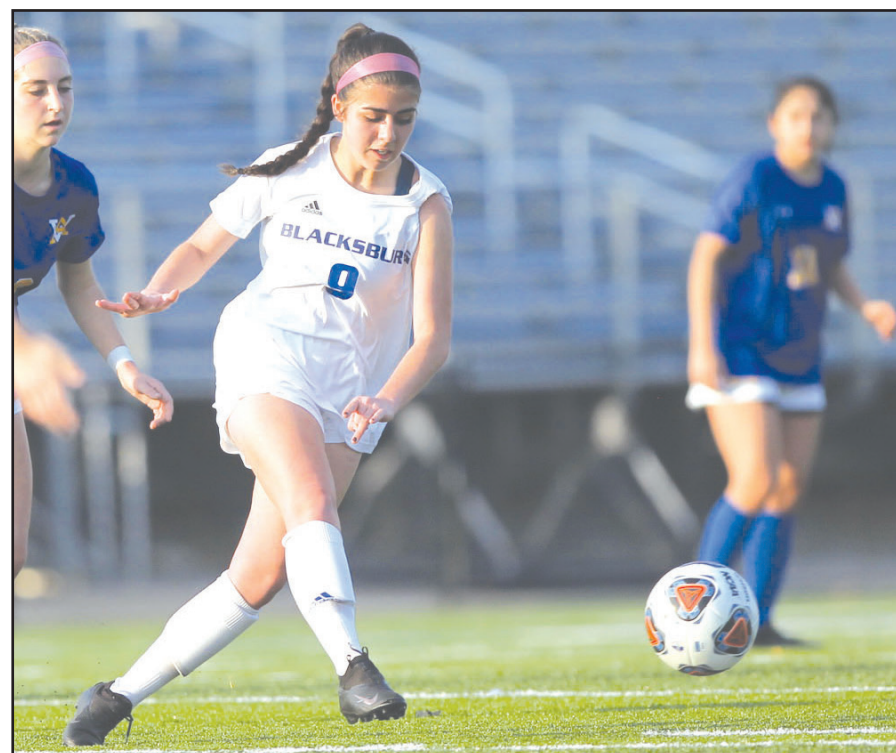
Christiansburg's Jordin Harris advances the ball against Liberty Christian Academy during the Blacksburg Soccer Jamboree held last Saturday. Five teams took part in the jamboree: Christiansburg, Spotswood, Harrisonburg, Liberty Christian, and Western Albemarle. Each team played two scrimmages to help get ready for the spring soccer season.



Christiansburg's Lilly Shepard looks for a teammate during a preseason scrimmage against Harrisonburg at the Blacksburg Soccer Jamboree.



Blacksburg's Julia Howland possesses the ball along the Blacksburg backline against Harrisonburg as the Bruins hosted a preseason soccer jamboree last Saturday.



Blacksburg's Ava Massjouni passes upfield against Western Albemarle during the Bruins' Soccer Jamboree held last Saturday.

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Auburn girls eliminated from playoffs



Allyson Martin drives the lane. The Lady Eagles were eliminated from state playoff play with the 61-38 loss to the Honaker High School Tigers. Martin led Auburn with 15 points.



Hannah Huffman drives to the basket for two of her 11 points in the loss to Honaker in the state playoffs. Auburn finished the season 20-7.



Auburn's Amelia Terry scored three points in the loss to Honaker High School in the state playoffs.

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Auburn team wins rec department's senior league tourney



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The team from Auburn won the Montgomery County Recreation Department's senior basketball league championship after beating a squad from Eastern Montgomery 21-17 this past week to finish the season 7-1. Pictured (front row, left to right) are Gage Tawney, Micah Tawney, Steven Bussey, Kruse Kuhn, James King, and Izac Lucas; (back row, left to right) Assistant Coach Eli Tawney, Trenton Gurnee, Aiden Ballard, Colt Lawson, Danton McClellan, Kamdon McClellan, and Coach Michael Pennington.

PETS OF THE WEEK



Billy Ray came to the Animal Care and Adoption Center a bit unsure and timid, but over time he has opened up and shown himself to be a sweet pup. He will need a patient, loving home where he can get acclimated to the sights and sounds of the world around him.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Handsome Baloo has been a resident at the center for a short period of time. He is a gentle boy looking for the bare necessities of life: an indoor home, good food, and loving humans to call his own. Stop by to meet Baloo. He could be your purrfect match!

Airman

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The attempt to identify and account for Benson was intertwined with similar attempts

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to identify and account for three other service members killed in the Sorido air raid. After several examinations, misidentifications, burials, exhumations, and re-examinations between 1945 and 1953, the other three men were conclusively identified, but one set of remains, designated X-188 Finschhafen #3, couldn't be positively identified. X-188 was buried at Fort William

McKinley Cemetery, now known as Manila American Cemetery and Memorial, in the Philippines, and Benson was declared non-recoverable. In May 2003, Benson's son, James H. Benson, reached out to the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC), a DPAA predecessor, requesting another assessment of association between his father and X-188.

Later that year, he also submitted a thorough, detailed research report by retired Marine Col. Jack O. Forgy about the complexities of the case. Disinterment was not a common practice for JPAC, despite many attempts by Benson's son to move the case forward over the years. Shortly after DPAA was formed in 2015, Benson's son reached out in another attempt to move the case forward. X-188 was dis-

interred in January 2020 and sent to the DPAA Laboratory at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, for analysis. To identify Benson's remains, scientists from DPAA used dental and anthropological analysis as well as circumstantial evidence. Additionally, scientists from the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System used mitochondrial DNA and autosomal DNA analy-

Benson's name is recorded on the Tablets of the Missing at Manila American Cemetery and Memorial, an American Battle Monuments Commission site in Manila, Philippines, along with the others still missing from World War II. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for. Benson will be buried May 14, 2022, in his hometown.