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African-American storyboards unveiled in downtown Christiansburg

Three storyboards that comprise the "Truth and Reconciliation: African American Memory & Storyboard Project" were unveiled Sunday, March 20, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. on the town square quadrant in front of the Christiansburg Post Office.

The unveiling took place at 3:30 p.m. after a brief program that began at 3:00 p.m. Jordin Harris, a senior at Christiansburg High School and a student intern at Christiansburg Institute, spoke at 3:15 p.m. Dr. N.L. Bishop delivered an inspiring citizen's address at approximately 3:35 p.m. Christiansburg Mayor Mike Barber also spoke about what this historic milestone achievement meant for all of the Montgomery

County community.

Acting as emcees for the afternoon's program were Chris Sanchez, executive director of Christiansburg Institute, and Casey Jenkins, executive director of the Montgomery Museum of Art & History.

The project began in 2018 when Christiansburg Institute and the Montgomery Museum of Art & History staff and board members and local community members organized and took action to preserve and increase awareness of the county's rich African-American history and culture. The group determined a set of shared values that would guide the project: truth-telling, honesty, and reconciliation, specifically around challenging and

contested histories where generational harm and racial trauma are ongoing and narratives are competing.

The outcome of this work was the construction and erection of the three history and educational storyboards in downtown Christiansburg in the town-owned quadrant in front of the post office.

The Town of Christiansburg granted approval for the project in July 2021 to cultivate the public space with the addition of the storyboards to illustrate African-American history in Montgomery County. The storyboards are themed "Community Life," "Education," and "Slavery in Montgomery County."



The three storyboards unveiled Sunday afternoon on the town square quadrant in front of the Christiansburg Post Office were themed "Community Life," "Education," and "Slavery in Montgomery County."

CHS drama students perform Agatha Christie's 'The Mousetrap'



Annie Zaldivar (left) as Mollie Ralston displays the stress she endures in running a country inn that includes a murderer among its roomers. The actor in the center is Adalyn Williams as the "quirky and outlandish" Paravicini. At the right is Nathan Filipiak, who portrayed Mollie Ralston's husband, Giles. In the background is Lexi Boyd as Sgt. Trotter.



CHS junior Andrew Van Dyke portrayed Major Metcalf (seated), one of the Monkswell Manor boarders and a very respectable man who loves his tea. Standing is Kaylie Richmond, who acted the part of cranky ol' Mrs. Boyle, another of the manor's boarders.

Vest Witten, the director, with assistant directors Kayla Buonpane, a CHS freshman, and Blue Demon senior Niko Rensberger. CHS freshman Piper Freeman served as the play's stage manager. First-time crew member and Christiansburg freshman Trinity Byers served as the assistant stage manager.

Handling the light and sound for the play were junior Erin Herald and Sam Campbell. Trinity Byers doubled up by working with the play's props, along with junior Matthew Hill, who had previous acting roles in Arthur Miller's "The Crucible" and as the young George Bailey in a radio version of "It's a Wonderful Life."

The play's set was designed by junior Michael Scarberry and Rose Griffith, who also appeared in the cast as Miss Casewell. Constructing the set pieces were alumni volunteer Beks Knost, Piper Freeman, Jackson Hatcher, who played Giles Ralston, Michael Scarberry, and Nina Smith and Annie Zaldivar, both of whom played Mollie Ralston in the differing productions.

The play's photographer was Anna Payne.

CHS cosmetology students ensured the actors' hairstyles were appropriate for the period of the play, in the late 1940s, post-World War II. The hair stylists were Cadence Willis, Jamyson Kemp, Antwaniqua Banks, Silas Moore, Maria Pfeil, Richael Bruce, Alexis Cos, Lillian Shepherd, and Marina Ulbrich.

Christiansburg High School's drama students presented Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap" this past weekend, Thursday, March 17, at 7:00 p.m.; Friday, March 18, at 7:00 p.m.; and Saturday, March 19, at 2:00 p.m. and at 7:00 p.m.

Running continuously for over 60 years, "The Mousetrap" has broken records in London's West End and established Agatha Christie as a playwright in the public eye. Since its debut in 1952, it has become the longest running play in the history of London's West End with the 25,000th performance taking place on Nov. 18, 2012.

The story was adapted from a

radio play, "Three Blind Mice," written for the royal family in 1947. The stage play had to be renamed on the insistence of another producer, Emile Littler, who had used the name on stage before the Second World War, and it was Agatha Christie's son-in-law, Anthony Hicks, who suggested the new title. In fact, it refers to Shakespeare's Hamlet, in which Hamlet cryptically calls the play depicting the murder of the king, "The Mouse-trap."

The play is set in what was then the present in the great hall of Monkswell Manor, a country house in which the owner/manag-

ers, Mollie and Giles Ralston, rent rooms out. The scene is set when a group of people cut off by the snow gather in Monkswell Manor and discover to their horror that there is a murderer in their midst. Who can it be? One by one the suspicious characters reveal their sordid pasts until at the last, nerve-shredding moment the identity and the motive are finally revealed.

Prior to the Saturday matinee, CHS culinary arts students catered a meal for those who attended the play. Preparing the meal and serving the food were Ellen Metzler, Chase Williams, Marshall Farmer, Maakyah Sherman, Coral

Mayweathers, Ella Mathis, Hayse Good, and Madison Burroughs.

In the cast for various performances were Nina Smith and Annie Zaldivar as Mollie Ralston, Jackson Hatcher and Nathan Filipiak as Giles Ralston, Julian Howard and Addison Campbell as Christopher Wren, Joci Shelton and Kaylie Richmond as Mrs. Boyle, Natalie Ferraro and Andrew Van Dyke as Major Metcalf, Juliana Rosso and Rose Griffith as Miss Casewell, El Rowland and Adalyn Williams as Paravicini, and Gregory Douglas and Lexi Boyd as Sgt. Trotter.

The play's production crew included faculty member Makala



Dr. Mike Mear

School board fires school superintendent

By a unanimous vote of the school board, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) announced Thursday, March 17, the firing of school superintendent Dr. Mike Mear effective immediately.

Board chair Sue Kass admitted that the decision might come as a surprise.

"I understand that the lack of information can be frustrating, but this unanimous school board decision was made with great thought and consideration with the students always in the forefront of our minds," Kass said. "As we finish out the last weeks of the school year, the school board is focused on

continuing our forward momentum on our current initiatives."

Mear has been in charge of the school system for the past six years and will be replaced on an interim basis by assistant superintendent Annie Whitaker. A national search for a replacement will begin immediately.

Whitaker has served as the deputy superintendent since 2019.

The school system would not comment on the reason behind Mear's dismissal after a closed executive session. Mear was named the Virginia Region 6 Superintendent of the Year just this past month.

Christiansburg electric plant acquired by GE Current

The Christiansburg Hubbell electric plant, Hubbell Lighting, Inc., could soon have a new name as GE Current, Daintree has announced the acquisition of the location along with three others.

Plans call for the new lighting provider to continue to operate the New River Valley's 330,000-sq.-ft. facility that employs more than 100 people at the Christiansburg location. It is not known how the acquisition will affect the employment numbers.

GE Current CEO Manish

Bhandari called this a win for the industry, combining two leading companies with over 150 years of innovation. "We intend to use our combined resources to drive new investments that create solutions for the continuously evolving needs of our customers," he said. "The values and customer-centric culture of the Hubbell Lighting business are well aligned with Current."

Hubbell Chairman Gerben Bakker is confident that Current is the right strategic partner for the business and that the combi-

nation of the two will be a win-win for customers, channel partners, employees and shareholders.

The two companies are expected to maintain separate agency networks.

GE Current brands include Albeo, Arize, Daintree, Evolve, Forum, Immersion, LightGrid, LightSweep, Lumination, ProLine, Tetra, TriGrain, and 365DisInFx.

Hubbell's three other facilities are located at Juarez, Mexico; Tijuana, Mexico; and Plympton, Mass.

Radford police seek help locating missing persons

Radford, VA- The Radford City Police Department is requesting the public's assistance in locating Audrey Snow Gusler, of Radford, a 20-year-old white female with brown hair and blue eyes. She is 5 ft. 4 inches tall and weighs approximately 166 pounds.

Gusler's family members reported her missing on March 8, 2022. They last heard from her on February 26, 2022.

Gusler is believed to be in the company of Brendon Lee

Howard and is possibly traveling in a 2013 White Nissan Sentra with Virginia license plates ULS-3893. The pair may have traveled to West Virginia or Ohio. No foul play is suspected.

The Radford City Police Department's interest in the matter is to ensure that Gusler is found safe and unharmed. Anyone with information about Gusler's whereabouts is asked to contact Lt. Jason Slaughter at (540)731-3624.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Through April 30

Free prom dresses
By appointment only at the Meadowbrook Public Library, which has prom dresses of all sizes available for free to anyone in Montgomery County, Floyd County, and throughout the New River Valley. Call (540) 268-1964 to make an appointment to try on and choose a free prom dress.

Thursday, March 24:

Ortho Virginia presents Concussions

At the Blacksburg Library; noon. Dr. Kaitlin Mahoney, DO, discusses concussions: What are they, what are the symptoms? She will also discuss treatment, prevention, and safety. The workshop will be offered in-person and virtually. Call the library at 540-552-8246 for the workshop link.

Kids' Birdhouse Building

At the Christiansburg Library; 4:30 p.m. Kids can build and decorate their very own birdhouses.

Adulting 101: How Not to Go Broke with Lisa Van Wickler of New York Life

At the Blacksburg Library; 6:30 p.m. New York Life Insurance representative Lisa Van Wickler discusses how young adults can be financially successful in your young adult life. This program will be offered in person and online. Call the library at 540-552-8246 for the link to participate.

Friday, March 25:

Friends of the Library Book Sale

At the Blacksburg Library; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fill a grocery-size bag for \$5. Larger bags priced accordingly. Individual items are \$1 for hardbacks, \$.50 for paperback, and \$1 for CDs, Audio Books, and DVDs. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library. Cash or check only please.

Saturday March 26:

Introduction to Quilting for Kids: How to Sew a Straight Seam

At the Blacksburg Library; 2 p.m. Make and take a standard size pillowcase while learning the basics of sewing machine use and the importance of stitching on a straight line. Kits will be provided. Ages 8 through 12 accompanied by an adult. Participants are encouraged to bring their own sewing machines, but machines will be provided. Irons will be provided and used by adults. The class is co-sponsored by The Quilting Party.

Sunday, March 27:

Chess Club

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

Monday, March 28:

Scams Against Older Adults with Better Business Bureau

At the Radford Public Library; 1 to 2 p.m. Presented by Riley Ginger, Community Outreach and Events Coordinator of the Better Business Bureau serving Western Virginia. Register to attend by emailing Elizabeth.Sensabaugh@radfordva.gov. Sandwiches will be provided via registration. Options include vegetarian or turkey 6" from Jimmy Johns. Participants can email their sandwich preference when they register to attend.

Crafternoon Delight for adults only

Learn how to knit or crochet with library staff at the Radford Public Library from 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 participants with their

needlework craft. Projects will also be available to learn how to put a blanket together for Project Linus with supplies provided.

Talking About Books

At the Blacksburg Library; 11 a.m. Discussed this month is "There There" by Tommy Orange. Call (540) 552-8246 to reserve a copy.

Tuesday, March 29:

Blacksburg Parks, Recreation active adult program: 'Old Age Ain't for Sissies'

This is a frank look at the challenges of growing older. The program is free, but registration is required. 1 to 2 p.m. at the Blacksburg Community Center, 725 Patrick Henry Dr. Call 540-443-1142 for more information and to register.

Science Fiction and Fantasy Club: "A Master of Djinn"

At the Blacksburg Library; 6:30 p.m. To be discussed is "A Master of Djinn" by P. Djeli Clark. Call (540) 552-8246 for more information or to reserve a copy.

Mini Canvas Art

At the Christiansburg Library; 6:30 p.m. Come create a mini-artwork. Participants can leave their art to be displayed in the library. Supplies are limited and registration is required.

Wednesday, March 30:

Sustainable Blacksburg Lunch and Learn: Start Planning for Gardening Season

At the Blacksburg Library; noon. This is a presentation on community gardens, LWEG (Live, Work, Eat, Grow, the local nonprofit that oversees the community gardens) and getting ready for the coming garden season.

Saturday, April 2:

Blacksburg Leaf Compost

Pick up

Loose and bagged leaves collected by the town are composted into leaf mulch. This mulch can be used as a soil additive for composting and is available to Blacksburg residents for pickup.

The compost can be picked up on April 2 from 8 a.m. to noon. To arrange for pickup, residents must register and follow these guidelines: Leaf compost service is for Blacksburg residents only. Register for a 15-minute time slot. Do not arrive more than 10 minutes early. Remain parked in the upper lot until town staff provide directions to the compost zone. There the staff will load up the vehicle. The limit is two cubic yards per vehicle. Do not block access to the road leading to the compost zone. Once the vehicle is loaded, please exit promptly.

Tuesday, April 5:

50 Years in the Making: Celebrating old time, blues and bluegrass music

All concert ticket sales will benefit the Montgomery Museum of Art and History. The concert is presented by the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM). At the Moss Arts Center at Virginia Tech at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Children 12 and under are \$5. Seating is limited and tickets are now available online at <https://montgomerymuseum.org/events/50-years-in-the-making/>. Tickets can also be purchased in person at the Moss Arts Center box office during certain open hours. For more information, call the box office at 540-231-5300. A mask, photo ID, and proof of COVID19 vaccination or a negative test within 72 hours of the event are required for admittance.

Thursday, April 7:

American Legion Meeting
American Legion, Harvey-Howe-Carper Post 30 will meet at 7 p.m. at the VFW Post Home on 102 Watts St. in Radford. For fur-

ther information, call 540-250-2283 or 540-239-9864.

Tuesday, April 12:

Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet at Aly's Family Italian Restaurant on 3204 Riner Road. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are invited to attend. For further information, call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

Thursday, April 14:

River City Quilt Guild

The River City Quilt Guild meets the second Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at Grove United Methodist Church, 1020 Tyler Avenue, Radford. All skill levels of quilters are welcome. For more information call Anna Handy, 540 320 7791.

Radford Army Ammunitions Plant community meeting

At the Christiansburg Public Library at 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.

Saturday, April 16:

Radford Easter Egg Hunt

At Bisset Park; 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The schedule for the various age groups is as follows: Noon: ages 3-5; 12:25 p.m.: ages 6-8; 12:30 p.m.: ages 9-12; 12:45 p.m.: ages 3 and under. Bounce houses, fire trucks, police cars, food trucks, and photos with the Easter Bunny will be part of the fun. Please bring a basket.



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LAND TRANSFERS

Catherine Lee to Jeremiah W. Whelchel, Lot 1, Shilo Way Subdv., Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$60,000

Chase A. Gonderman to Jaci Berg, 0.71 ac., metes and bounds, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$229,900

Roofia Galeshi to Paul Reidenbach, lot 6, Ph. 1, Haymarket Square Townhouses, Sec II, Blacksburg, \$273,500

Benjamin E. Hilgart to Darold L. Belshe, Lot 89, Ph VI, Blacksburg, \$610,000

William R. Sylvester, Jr., to 805 Bburg LLC, lots 13, 14, Sec 5, Miller addition, Blacksburg

Callison Family Trust to U Wayne Elliott and Doris J. Elliott, Unit 22-2, Ph XI, Villas at Peppers Ferry, Sec II-A, condominium Ph IX, Christiansburg, \$329,900

Bruce L. Altis to Amazonite LLC, 1.194 ac. Metes and bounds, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$74,000

In the Way LLC to Lincoln I LLC, Parcel 1, Christiansburg, \$100,000

Kathleen Lucille Orr to Jason C. Boyle, 50..054 ac., lot A, \$250,000

Allen K. Williams to Roanoke Valley Holdings LLC, three parcels, 23.31 ac and 3.43 ac., 1.783 ac., and 12.378 ac., \$200,000

Suzanne E. Verdu to Kody A. Stewart, 10.01 ac. Tract 2, Riner Magisterial District, \$235,000

William Paul Spaulding to William Paul Spaulding, 0.743 ac., lot 3A and 4, Prices Fork Magisterial District

Kathy Ann Reed Slate to Robert J. Lowe, Jr., 0.221 ac., Shawsville Magisterial District, \$65,250

Brian M. Kleiner to Brian M. Kleiner, lot 66, Deercroft Ph IV, Montgomery County

Legacy Builders NRV Inc. to Mehdi Ashraf-Khorassani, lot 811, Preston Forest, Ph VIII, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$128,000

Barbara Jean Riley to Barbara Jean Riley, lot 17, Kirk Heights, Ph II, Shawsville Magisterial District

Shah Development LLC to Pinal M. Patel, lot 14, Arrowhead Estates, Christiansburg, \$323,302

CC and B Development LLC to SAS Eagle Givens LLC, 0.24 ac., lot 114, Northside Park, Sec. XII, Blacksburg

Floyd Farm Associates to Little River Holdings LLC, 8.7826 ac., lot 7, Eagle View, Riner Magisterial District, \$99,900

Phillip Dwayne Sweeney to Brannon D. Aldridge, 0.19 ac., Riner Magisterial District, \$150,000

Shah Development LLC to The Reserve at Round Meadow, 51.187 ac., Christiansburg

Michael D. Copper to

Timothy Lee Yost, 2.9705 ac., lot 5, Brush Mtn West 1, \$505,000

Habitat for Humanity of the New River Valley to Tabitha J. Charles, lots 1, 2, Bethel Woods, Riner Magisterial District, \$205,000

Johnny Stuart Moore to Johnny Stuart Moore, 2755 New Ridge Rd., Elliston

Gail Langley to Jacob A. Mondy, 2.498 ac., Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$70,000

Anthony Wade Murdock executor to Joseph S. Straub, lot 8 and unnumbered lot, Blacksburg Heights, Blacksburg, \$452,000

Scott Douglas Enger to Scott Douglas Enger, Unit 205, Chowning Place Condos, Ph I, Blacksburg

James W. Hubbard, Jr., to LW Rental Properties LLC, southerly 1/2 portion of lots 55, 56, 57, Silver Lake Heights, Christiansburg, \$80,000

Brandon Ray Raines executor to Isabel Lima Morales, 1435 Thomas Lane, Blacksburg, Lot 1, Prices Fork Magisterial District

Evonna Leigh Johnston to Blevins & Blevins Enterprises LLC, lot 2, portion of lot 3, Garland Dowdys lots, Christiansburg, \$30,000

Susanna Jackson Ratcliffe to Susanna Jackson Ratcliffe Trust, 2673 Blossom Trail East, Blacksburg, 0.075 ac., lot 30, The Orchards, Ph 111-B, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District

Carol S. Mitchell to Jennifer S. Powell, 5.00 ac., metes and bounds, Montgomery Co. and Roanoke Co.

Jennifer S. Powell to Christopher P. Lande, 5.00 ac., metes and bounds, Montgomery Co. and Roanoke Co.

C. Clayton Bishop to Kelley N. Plaughter, metes and bounds, Christiansburg Magisterial District, \$48,000

William Graham Thompson to William Graham Thompson, 12.898 ac., metes and bounds, Shawsville Magisterial District

Joyce L. Graham to Joyce L. Graham trust, 2 parcels, 0.103 ac. Parcel 1; 7.276 ac., parcel 2, Shawsville Magisterial District

Rebkee Partners Blacksburg LLC to University Crossroads LLC, metes and bounds, see legal, Blacksburg, \$4,900,000

Carl Thomas Hall, Jr., to Holly Beth McKittrick, 16.929 ac., Shawsville Magisterial District, \$95,000

Courtney E. Sakry to CMCT Properties LLC, 2811 Newton Ct., Montgomery Co., Lot 31, Ph I, Haymarket Square Townhouses

Trevor J. Sakry to Trevor and Courtney Sakry living trust, 604 Allegha-

ny St., Blacksburg

Kathleen Stone to Yingge Li, lot 14, Oak Tree, Ph IX, Christiansburg, \$230,000

Mark A. Jones to Deborah Jean King

Thomas A. Schubert to Thomas Arnold Schubert Revocable Trust, lot 15, Shenandoah, Ph I

Mason D. Lee to Danny R. Lee

Ryan M. Smith to Zachary Micheal Taylor, lot 51, Clifton, Ph II, Christiansburg, \$415,000

Shah Development LLC to Eagle Construction of Virginia LLC, 5 lots: 0.473 ac., lot 52; 0.309 ac., lot 53; 0.269 ac., lot 54; 0.351 ac., lot 55; 0.608 ac., lot 56, Christiansburg, \$450,000

Dutton and Dutton LLC to NRR LLC, Lot 6, Ph I, Oak Manor Townhouses, Blacksburg, \$262,000

Dutton and Dutton LLC to NRR LLC, lot 61, Ph 1, Haymarket Square Townhouses, Blacksburg, \$294,500

M. Richard Epps PC to Douglas W. Sink, 3060 Tremont Rd., Elliston, Tract A, \$36,000

Kaler Communications LLC to K2 Towers III LLC, 6.123 ac., lot G-4, Blacksburg, \$950,000

Douglas A. Nixon to Karen J. Stoll, lot 5, Kipps Farm Subdv., Blacksburg

Joseph R. Hamed to Smith Creek Properties LLC, lot 13, Walnut Grove Sec. 3, Christiansburg, \$167,500

Steven Lloyd Dehart to Craig Wieland, 25.71 ac., Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$140,000

David A. Schuh to David A. Schuh, lot 43, Gladwood Subdv., Ph III B

Brookhollow Associates LLC to Town of Christiansburg, Patrick S. Way/N. Franklin St., Christiansburg, 0.002 ac.

Laura Beth Stike to Jarrett Andrew Smith, 0.393 ac., riner Magisterial District, \$99,275

Douglas J. Nelson to Sharon Jerlinski, lot 9, Villas on North Main, Ph I, Blacksburg, \$400,000

Stateson Homes LLC to Jinting Yang, 0.288 ac., lot 5, Kinloch Subdv., Blacksburg, \$499,900

Christine Miller to Billy D. Massie, 0.035 ac, Christiansburg, Portion of 529-5-16, \$150,000

Lonnie Linkous to Carolyn Winters, lot 3, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$150,000

T. John H. Cromer to Conworx Inc., 0.877 ac., Christiansburg, \$215,000

Michael Stephen Abraham to Michael Abraham, 1.417 ac., lot 9, Farmview Subdv., Sec III, Blacksburg

Charles Wimmer to Charles Wimmer, lot 30, Sec I, Harman Forest Subdivision

Lloyd Wade Stokes, Jr., to Shah Development LLC, Unit B-9, Bright-

wood Manor Condos, Blacksburg, \$187,000

Nicholas A. Corrigan to James N. Newcomer, 0.310 ac., lot 70, Blacksburg, \$450,000

Robert Gray Craig to Manoochehr Shirzaei, lot 24, Ph I, Haymarket Square Townhomes, Blacksburg, \$325,000

Wei Hong to Sherrill O. Smas, 0.34 6 ac., lot 1, Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$186,500

Sandra J. Lovell to Sandra Kay Sarver Vaught, 3905 Northfork Rd., Elliston

Sandra J. Lovell to Richard O. Sarver, Jr., 3890 Fox Hollow Rd., Elliston, 2 parcels, 1.0247 ac., metes and bounds, 0.503 ac.

Sandra J. Lovell to Sandra Kay Sarver Vaught, 3870 Northfork Rd., Elliston, 1.500 ac. Tract A

Velva Marie Woolwine to Randolph S. Woolwine Revocable Trust, lot 1, Sec IV, Craig Mtn., Christiansburg

Properties Reimagined LLC to Sandra Carlos Lopez, lot 59, Woodbine PDR Subdv., \$395,000

Seth R. McGhee to Tory Wilson Stephen, lot 5, Highview Terrace Subdv., Riner Magisterial District, \$159,250

Douglas H. Smith to Douglas H. Smith, 1.185 ac., lot A

Properties Reimagined LLC to Warren A. Rosborough IV, 2 parcels: parcel 1, lots 1 and 2; parcel 2, see legal, Christiansburg, \$1,102,000

Michael G. Semones to Seeds Properties II LLC, Lot 84, Sec IV, Belmont Estates, Christiansburg, \$305,000

Huafeng Zhao to Huafeng Zhao, Lot 85, Ph VI, Wyatt Farm PDR, Blacksburg

Henry Jose Quesada to Ernesto Sanabria-Padilla, lot 7, Meadowbrook Subdv., Blacksburg, \$375,000

Andrae Stephen Hash to Ashley Merritt Hash, 0.275 ac., lot A, Christiansburg

Dorothy M. Quesenberry to Quesenberry Family Revocable Trust, 1725 Merrimac Rd., Blacksburg, 3.23 ac., metes and bounds, Blacksburg Magisterial District

Connie Jean Reed Trust to DVD Properties LLC, lot 6-B, Christiansburg, \$85,000

William Floyd Ferebee to SSC Limited Liability Company, 3244 Yellow Sulphur Rd., Christiansburg, \$25,000

Gil Hersch to Gil Hersch Trust, see legal, Blacksburg

Susan Y. Harrison to Susan Y. Harrison Trust

Stateson Homes LLC to Daniel G. Taggart, 0.259 ac., lot 19, Kinloch Subdv., Blacksburg, \$544,325

Wayne M. Worner Trust to Georgetown Square Homeowners Association, 2003004236, 2 0 0 3 0 0 4 2 3 4 , 2 0 0 3 0 0 4 2 3 2 , 2003004228, and 2003004226

Mary Dehart Nickle to Diana Marie Garman, 1.494 ac., lot 1, Prices Fork Magisterial District

Scott A. Drake to Scott A. Drake, lot 78, Hans Meadow, Christiansburg

William T. Watkins to HC Initiative LLC, lots 13, 14, Christiansburg, \$150,000

Kenneth Parsons to Kenneth Patrick Pfeifle, 0.20 ac., lot 124, Ph III, Village at tooms Creek, Ph III

Kevin R. Collins to New River Auto Care LLC, 1.035 ac., Christiansburg, \$155,000

George H. Cheynet to Sandra C. Cheynet, 0.526 ac., lot 13, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District

James K. Clay to Beth Ann Jensen, lot 85, Ph II-B, Village at Toms Creek, Ph IIB, Blacksburg, \$351,000

SAS Eagle Givens LLC to Joshua Lester Herschler, 0.298 ac., lot 126, Blacksburg, \$586,520

MMJ and DR Investments LLC to Montgomery County Emergency, 0.4063 ac., lot 18, Square B, Christiansburg, \$350,000

Michael J. Norwood to Karl Kristian Peter, 20015007992

Michael J. Norwood to Justin Daniel Desai, lot 41, Oakwood Subdv., No. 1, Christiansburg, \$232,500

Thompson Tire co., Inc., to DVD Properties LLC, 0.812 ac., metes and bounds, Christiansburg, \$156,000

Robert L. Smith to Robert Lee Smith Trust, 380 Tanglewood Dr., Christiansburg, 0.450 ac., lot 49, Edgewood Subdv., Christiansburg

Andrew Robeson to timothy Cunningham, lot 4, Sec II, metes and bounds, McBryde Village, Blacksburg, \$300,000

Michael D. Tuck to 3602, 3604 Price Fork Rd LLC, 0.457 ac., Prices Fork Magisterial District

Nancy R. Altice to Mar-

cia N. Thompson, 0.6343 ac., Shawsville Magisterial District, \$113,000

Judith C. Job to Benjamin L. Fisher, 1.8889 ac., lot 36, Heritage Place Ph II, Riner Magisterial District, \$670,000

RWW48 LLC to Theodore S. Inman, 3.972 ac., lot 25, Gulburg Estates, Riner Magisterial District, \$670,000

Margaret K. Long Trust to Margaret K. Long, 1.102 ac., Riner Magisterial District

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Leigh N. Gathings to Karan Vivek Bhargava, lot 199, Ph IV, New River Village, Christiansburg, \$296,000

Jack Wei Huang to Wenquan Wu, 5.1480 ac., Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$1,225,000

Sandra Lee Power to Lewis Howard Power, lot B, Dundas Heights, Blacksburg

Allen D. Spens to Keely E. Spens, lot 19, Murphy Subdv., Sec III, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District

MVF Meadowbrook LLC to Meadowbrook MHP LLC, \$5,000,000

Shanklin Farms LLC to Karen Eve Childers, 27.418 ac., lot 6, Riner Magisterial District, \$300,000

Donald L. Bell to Donald L. Bell, 5.489 ac., Christiansburg

Golden Triangle Development LLC to Michael A. Wilson, 0.126 ac., lot 49, Christiansburg, \$305,900

Travis S. Whitlock to Travis D. Whitlock, 1.732 ac., lot A, Riner Magisterial District

John F. Moore to Mohamed Selem, lot 7, Deerfield PDR, Ph II, Blacksburg, \$739,900

Mark Wade Elliott to William Musselman, 1144 Rock Rd., Christiansburg, 5.0 ac., metes and bounds, Auburn Magisterial District, \$83,000

Deborah Sheldon Hal Richey to Brittany Simmons Robertson, Lot 3, Sec B, Airport Acres, Blacksburg, \$261,000

TT and B LLC to Tracy Shelton Sibold, lot 37, Walnut Creek, Ph I, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$269,900

Peter Allan Crawford to Robert L. Lowe, Jr., 0.81 ac., lot 150, New River Village, Ph VI, Christiansburg, \$285,100

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OPINION

Home Country

These days we don't think much about axes. They're kinda old fashioned and they are too closely associated with manual labor for them to be very popular. It's a shame, too, because there is lore to an ax. There are proper and improper ways to sharpen one, for

instance. There are proper and improper ways to fell a tree with one, to limb a fallen tree, to split firewood. Replacing the handle on an ax could make the subject of a very interesting small book, even. Marvin always puts a coating of

fiberglass around the handle just below the head to keep firewood from chewing up the handle, for instance. Dud has been known to soak an ax handle in a large tube of kerosene before using it to give it longer life. In fact, Dud has made ax work into something of an art form. If you need your ax sharpened, Dud's the guy to see. He has an old-fashioned grindstone with a water drip. He'll tell you it's im-

portant not to get the steel too hot and therefore take the temper out of it. And when he finishes sharpening your ax, you can shave with it. If you really want to. But if they gave doctor's degrees in ax use, ol' Jasper Blankenship, up in the mountains, would get the first one around here. He built his cabin with just an ax, in fact. The whole thing. It was while Jasper was showing his new cabin to some tourist ladies that his ax

became legendary around here. "You see that ax?" he asked them. "That was George Washington's ax. Yep, the same one he used to chop down the cherry tree. 'Course it's been through 42 handles and six heads since then."

By Slim Randles

Brought to you by Home Country (the book), published by Rio Grande Press and now available as a Kindle ebook on Amazon.

Virginia again recognized as one of best prepared states for public health emergencies

For several years running, Virginia has been recognized among the states best prepared to respond to public health emergencies. That trend continued with the latest report by Trust for America's Health, Ready or Not 2022: Protecting the Public's Health from Diseases, Disasters and Bioterrorism, which again places Virginia in the top tier of states. The report measures state levels of preparedness to respond to a wide range of health emer-

gencies including infectious outbreaks, natural disasters, and manmade events. Several recent Trust for America's Health reports – which also ranked Virginia in the top tier of states in 2021 and 2020 – have been compiled during the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In recent years, the commonwealth has also been ranked among the top states in the National Health Security Preparedness Index (NHPSI) report

that evaluates state readiness to respond to public health emergencies. Earlier this month, Virginia marked the two-year anniversary (March 7, 2020) of the first confirmed COVID-19 case in the commonwealth. Since then, Virginia's public health agencies, private health care providers such as hospitals and health systems, and many other stakeholders have risen to meet the challenge of a global pandemic. Virginia has recorded more than 1.65

million COVID-19 cases, resulting in more than 105,600 hospitalizations. When vaccine doses became available, the commonwealth mobilized public and private sector resources to rapidly get shots in arms. Nearly 7 million Virginians have received at least one vaccine dose (hospitals have administered more than 2 million doses), and more than 72 percent of the eligible Virginia population is fully vaccinated. The Virginia Depart-

ment of Health (VDH), local health districts, hospitals, nursing homes, pharmacies, and other partners have also supported efforts to respond to pandemic surges, outbreaks, and other evolving circumstances through testing, treatment, vaccination, telehealth consultations, and other strategic approaches. The Ready or Not 2022: Protecting the Public's Health from Diseases, Disasters, and Bioterrorism report examines

a variety of factors to determine ratings including the level of preparedness to respond to wide-ranging health emergencies and to provide public health services such as disease surveillance, seasonal flu vaccination, safe water, and expanded health care services in those situations. The report is also intended to serve as a tool to provide policymakers with data that can be used to support improvements and investments in state emergency readiness.

Submit letters to the editor to editor@ourvalley.org

Virginia gas prices tumble by 12.9 cents per gallon

Average gasoline prices in Virginia fell 12.9 cents per gallon last week, averaging \$4.10/g Monday, March 21, according to GasBuddy's survey of 4,081 stations in Virginia. Prices in Virginia are 70.6 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand \$1.34/g higher than a year ago. According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Virginia was priced at \$3.59/g Monday while the most expensive was \$5.49/g, a difference of \$1.90/g. The national average price of gasoline fell 9.0 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$4.23/g Monday. The national average is up 71.5 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.37/g higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy

data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country. "GasBuddy, last week, predicted that a top was in for the national average price of gasoline, and indeed, for the first time in 12 weeks, the national average price of gasoline has declined," said Patrick De Haan, head of GasBuddy's petroleum analysis. "While the decline is still subject to changes in global supply and demand, COVID and Russia's war on Ukraine, we are poised to see additional downdrafts at the pump this week in most areas," De Haan said. "For now, gasoline demand has shown absolutely no signs of buckling under the pressure of higher prices, even

as California nears an average of \$6 per gallon, with spring break travel well underway. If the situation does worsen, with more oil being kept away from global markets, it's not impossible that gas prices would still have to climb a considerable amount for Americans to start curbing their insatiable demand for gasoline." GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data spanning nearly two decades. GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country. GasBuddy data are accessible at http://prices.GasBuddy.com.

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WalletHub: Virginia ranks far down list of best states for doctors

The personal finance website WalletHub declares that doctors are one of the most essential professions, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, which the U.S. has been battling for over two years now. To help doctors decide where to practice, WalletHub compared the 50 states and the District of Columbia across 19 key metrics. The website's data set ranges from the average annual wage of physicians to hospitals per capita to

the quality of the public hospital system. The data left Virginia ranked number 32 on the list of the best places for doctors to practice. According to WalletHub, doctors are on the front lines helping to combat the spread of this disease and are working to administer the vaccines and boosters that will eventually help life go back to normal. Containing coronavirus will not only help America's health, but it will also be essential for the full healing of our economy. The website also notes

that doctors are well compensated for the hard work they do to keep patients healthy. They are among the highest-paid and most educated professionals in the U.S. with general physicians having a median salary equal to or greater than \$208,000 per year. The high salary makes sense, WalletHub says, given the importance of their life-saving work and the struggles that come with life in the medical profession. However, doctors don't start out wealthy. The average medical-school debt is around \$216,000, accord-

ing to WalletHub. WalletHub's rankings determined the following as the ten best states for doctors: 1. South Dakota 2. Minnesota 3. Wisconsin 4. Montana 5. Idaho 6. Iowa 7. Nebraska 8. Kansas 9. North Dakota and 10. Mississippi. The website's rankings listed the following as the ten worst places for doctors: 42. Oregon 43. Massachusetts 44. Vermont 45. Hawaii 46. Alaska 47. New Jersey 48. Delaware 49. District of Columbia 50. New York 51. Rhode Island.

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CLUES ACROSS

- One who regrets
- Time zone
- Subway dweller
- Bend in a river
- Alias
- Isodor __, American Nobel physicist
- Very (music)
- Zero
- Phil __, former CIA
- Competitions
- Unwell
- Puts in place
- Gets rid of
- Allows light to pass through
- Climbed quickly
- We all have it
- There's a North & South
- Emaciation
- Supervises flying
- Very dark colors
- Unwanted
- Grants
- Three visited Jesus
- Wife of Amun
- Broadway actress Daisy
- A Spanish river
- I (German)
- French opera composer
- Six (Spanish)
- Last letter
- Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- A curved shape
- Make a mistake
- Tall plant
- Cassava
- Talented
- Capital of Estonia
- Finger millet
- In a way, assists
- Men's fashion accessories
- Misery
- Skin disorder
- Selling at specially reduced prices
- Good friend
- Stationary portion of a generator
- Expression of disappointment
- The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
- Where birds fly
- Midway between north and northeast
- Chaotic states
- Comedic actress Gasteyer
- Kids' dining accessory
- Snakelike fish
- Midway between south and southeast
- Assign lifelike qualities to
- One who cites
- Midway between east and southeast
- North wind
- One or the other
- Cavalry sword
- Of the Hungarian language
- Life stories
- Flat tableland with steep edges
- Swiss river
- Plant that makes gum
- French cleric
- One point east of northeast
- Free from

CLUES DOWN

- Computer memory
- "Et __"; "And wife" (Latin)
- Ancient Syrian city
- College army

Virginia Department of Transportation road watch

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

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

in place though the duration of the project. Project completion is estimated by late 2022.
LANE CLOSURES:
A left lane closure will be in place on I-81 northbound between mile marker 104-106 beginning at 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 26 through 7 a.m. on Sunday Morning, March 27.
Right lane closures may be in place on I-81 northbound between mile markers 104-105 during nighttime 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.

continuing into the early summer, work will be performed on the inside and outside shoulders along a five mile section of both northbound and southbound Interstate 81 in Roanoke County and the city of Salem. The shoulders will be built up before a barrier wall can be installed for road crews to work behind. The Barrier wall will be installed along the shoulders in the spring and summer. Two lanes of I-81 traffic in each direction will remain open during the project with periodic lane closures scheduled during nighttime hours or outside of peak travel times as needed. Drivers can expect the following lane closures and upcoming impacts on northbound and southbound I-81:
Through mid-April, daytime right shoulder closures between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday.
From mid-March until mid-June, nighttime right lane and shoulder closures between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday.
From mid-May to mid-

Surviving remotely: What impact did remote work have on employee psyche?

On March 11, 2020, when the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic, life changed dramatically for most Americans.

While much of the world was already feeling the impact of the virus by that point, the declaration was when the virus “hit home” for Americans. Sports leagues shut down. Public schools closed. And many white-collar workers were forced to turn kitchen tables, spare bedrooms, or garages into “temporary” office space.

What impact did the massive and abrupt move to remote work have on the employee psyche? William Becker, associate

professor of management in the Pamplin College of Business, attempted to answer this and related questions in his recently published research, “Surviving remotely: How job control and loneliness during a forced shift to remote work impacted employee work behaviors and well-being.”

Becker’s paper investigates the impact of job control — or a person’s ability to influence what happens in the work environment — and work-related loneliness on employee work behaviors and well-being during the massive and abrupt move to remote work amid the COVID-19 pandemic. In

the paper, Becker drew upon job-demands control and social baseline theory to link employee-perceived job control and work-related loneliness to emotional exhaustion and work-life balance. He then posited direct and indirect effects on employee deviant work behaviors, depression, and insomnia.

“Our findings reinforce that greater perceptions of job control are generally beneficial for employee well-being and productivity,” said Becker. “However, not all employees perceived high job control during the forced change to remote work, which could be due either to the fact that the change was

forced by the COVID-19 pandemic or to the way organizations handled this shift, or both.”

As the country approaches the second anniversary of the pandemic, many of the changes brought about by COVID-19 have become permanent fixtures in our day-to-day lives, including remote work. Because of this, organizations and human resource professionals will need to adapt to the new dynamics of work.

Becker’s research increases the data surrounding remote work, job control, and workplace loneliness. It also provides insights for human resource professionals to



William Becker, associate professor of management in the Pamplin College of Business. Photo by Jim Stroup for Virginia Tech.

manage widespread remote work that is likely to persist long after the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Organizations and leaders that take these lessons to heart will improve the well-being of their

employees and their families and ultimately benefit their companies through decreased deviance and increased employee productivity,” Becker said.

By Jeremy Norman

Tickets now on sale for NRCC Dailey and Vincent concert

Tickets went on sale as of Monday, March 14, for the

performance by bluegrass musicians Jamie Dailey and

Darrin Vincent on Friday, April 29, at 7:30 p.m. at New River Community College’s Fiddle, Banjo and Dance Club.

The artists will present an evening of American music, country classics, bluegrass, and gospel.

Reserved seating tickets will be \$35 and will be available for purchase online only at www.nr.edu/fiddle. General seating tickets will be \$25 in advance and available online or in-person at the NRCC Business Office and Visitor Center in Dublin (cash and checks only for in-person sales). General seating tickets will be \$30 when purchased at the door.

Five-time Grammy award winners individually,

three-time Grammy award nominees collectively, four-time DOVE Award Winners, and winners of 35 International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA) Awards altogether (including 3-time IBMA Entertainer of the Year Award winners and 3-Time Vocal Group of the Year Award winners), Jamie Dailey and Darrin Vincent, backed by one of the best bands on tour today, are some of the most reputable and elite entertainers in American music, bluegrass, traditional country and gospel music.

The concoction of the fantastically instinctive vocal blends of Dailey’s tenor and Vincent’s reedy harmonies has gained them

well-deserved praise for their own distinctive style and worldwide recognition as American music gold. Dailey & Vincent has garnered world-wide attention with their first national, top-rated television series, “The Dailey & Vincent Show,” on RFD TV and over 500 airings of their PBS special “Dailey & Vincent ALIVE - In Concert.”

Their CD, Dailey & Vincent ALIVE, debuted at #1 on the Billboard Bluegrass charts and remained at the top position for over 15 weeks. In 2017, the duo was inducted into the prestigious Grand Ole Opry, an exhibit in the Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame celebrating “A De-

cade of Dailey & Vincent — an All-American Music Journey,” along with other standout performances including their third appearance at Carnegie Hall, plus hosting their annual music festival LandFest in The Mountains in Hiwassee, Ga.

Fans can also catch Dailey & Vincent appearing on the world-famous WSM, as they host their monthly radio program.

NRCC is a Crooked Road, Virginia’s Heritage Music Trail, affiliated venue. Doors will open for the show at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.nr.edu/fiddle. Questions may be directed to Tim Jones at 540-674-3625.



Bluegrass musicians Jamie Dailey and Darrin Vincent will perform on Friday, April 29, at 7:30 p.m. as featured artists for the NRCC Fiddle, Banjo, and Dance Club.

Land Transfers

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John C. Stone Trust to VAKY2 LLC, Lot 10, Oak Tree Townhomes, Ph VIII, Christiansburg

John C. Stone Trust to VAKY1 LLC, Lot 8, Sleepy Hollow, Ph I, Christiansburg

John C. Stone Trust to VAKY3 LLC, lot 5, Oak Tree Townhomes, Ph III, Christiansburg

Gary F. Talkington Trust to Michael James Talkington, 3840 Divine Dr., Christiansburg, lot 3, Meadows of Fairview Subdv., Riner Magisterial District

William Garrett Walker to Shah Development LLC, 0.51 ac., metes and bounds, Riner Magisterial District

Robert R. White Jr., to Dilipkumar Vetrivel, Lot 134, Sec XI, Blacksburg, \$615,000

Zoie Ann Sadler to Brian Keith Harris, Lot 36, Ph 6, Oak Manor Townhouses, Blacksburg, \$290,000

Stephen J. Ingram II to Stephen J. Ingram II, 610 S. Franklin St., Christiansburg, lot 20, Sec B and lots 21 and 22, Sec. B, Alleghany Park addition, metes and bounds, Christiansburg

Connie Harless to Yale J. DeLong II, lot 96, Ph II, Springview Subdv., Riner Magisterial District, \$142,000

Vincent C. Biondo to Tong T. Truong, lot 53, Clover Valley Estates, Blacksburg, \$281,900

Lindsey N. Acuff to Lindsey Acuff Woolwine, lot 3, Sec G, Sherwood Forest, Christiansburg

Brandon T. Hornby to Eric B. Peloton, lot 16 A-1, \$60,000

Tyris Homes LLC to Daniel Schroeder, lot 17, Hillcrest Union Valley, Riner Magisterial District, \$430,862

Norma T. Carroll to Matthew Allen Carroll, lot 40, Christiansburg

Cynthia D. Livesay to Cynthia D. Livesay Trust, lot 16, Ph II, Phillips Acres Subdivision

Larry Zane Martin to LZMBAM LLC, 10 parcels, see legal, Christiansburg

Brooks in Blacksburg LLC to James Alan Cramer, 187 Clover Valley Circle, Blacksburg, lot

60, Clover Valley Estates, \$271,000

Ronald A. Jones to Ronald D. Alan Jones Trust, Unit 203, Clay Court Condominium, Blacksburg

Ronald Jones to Ronald Alan Jones Trust, Unit 401, Brownstone Condominium, Blacksburg

Amenda R. Sjogren Revocable Trust to TPBC LLC, 8 parcels, see legal, Blacksburg, \$2,500,000

David Lee Simpkins to Rambler Springs LLC, lot 143, Belmont Farms, Unit 6 Subdv., Christiansburg, \$190,000

SAS Eagle Givens LLC to Jingjing Huang, 0.305 ac., lot 131, Northside Park, Sec XII, Blacksburg, \$558,976

Stateson Homes LLC to Dwight B. Galt, 0.253 ac., lot 6, Kinloch Subdv., Blacksburg, \$549,900

Roger L. St. Clair to Travis S. Dewese, lot 10, metes and bounds, \$155,000

Lucas Construction and Development to Stateson Homes LLC, 0.288 ac., lot 4, Kinloch Subdv., Blacksburg, \$93,500

Alysia Roshauan Eaves to H and H Property Solutions LLC, Lot 8, Ph I, Haymarket Square Townhouses, Blacksburg, \$225,000

Jesse L. Davis to CAP Investments Inc., 1.00 ac., lot 3, \$150,000

Shania R. Dejarnette to Shania R. Dejarnette, lot 29, Ph II, Ridgeview Subdv., Riner Magisterial District

Kallesa Rose Leonard to Carpendale Investments LLC, lot 32, Ph II, Parkview Estates, Riner Magisterial District, \$90,000

Christopher Huff Trust to Free Clinic of the New river Valley, 1.0826 ac., lot 6, Christiansburg, \$340,000

Steven E. Waldrop to Steven E. Waldrop, Lot 19, Shenandoah Ph I

Roofia Galeshi to Paul Reidenbach, 202200849 Paul Reidenbach to Samuel I White PC Trust 2022000904 and 2022000850

PSBI LC to Kathleen Elswick, lot 14, Ph I, Riner Magisterial District, \$499,900

Michael John Zenker to

Elizabeth P. Zenker Trust, 0.753 ac., lot 9-B, Blacksburg

Lloyd B. Taylor, Jr., to Kalveer Rai, 0.236 ac., Christiansburg, \$50,000

Kevin Cox to Jing Chen, lot 106, Ph V, New River Village, Christiansburg, \$309,900

Brent R. Lucas to Brent R. Lucas Trust, lot 12, Ph I, Deercroft

Joseph J. Barna III to Joseph J. Barna III, 3 parcels: 201.270 ac, parcel 1; 2.722 ac., parcel II, 1.587 ac., parcel III, Prices Fork Magisterial District,

Adrian Yocum to William Nathan Booher, 5693 Brush Creek Rd., Riner, see legal, metes and bounds, \$214,900

Shah Development LLC to Christopher Thomas Smith, 277 Louise Lane, Elliston, 0.082 ac., lot 48, Midway Estates, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$251,750

Amir Alkafawi to David Patrick Isbell, unit 110, Bldg 19, Ph IV, Piedmont at Blacksburg, \$233,500

John WJ Reynolds to Edward Koehler Slagel III, lot 28, Meadow Run Subdv., Blacksburg, \$435,000

Larry N. Smith Trust to Brett M. Townwall, 45 ac., Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$200,000

Catherine G. Johnson to CJKB LLC, Unit G, Bldg 4, Berryfield Condos, Blacksburg, \$246,000

Sean P. Daily to Sean P. Daily, Lot 5, Stone Subdv, Sec 2

Matthew A. Hicks to Anjk LLC, 0.55 ac., lot 2, metes and bounds, Christiansburg

Robert L. Cragett, Jr., to Robert L. Cragett, Jr., 1.9185 ac., Shawsville

Magisterial District

James J. Shibest, Jr., to Christopher Tegarden, lot 26, Lusters Mill, Ph II, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$759,000

B&BVT Holding LLC to PLE Holdings LLC, 111 Silverleaf Lane, Blacksburg, lot 2, Silverleaf, Blacksburg, \$242,720

Stephen R. Forkner to Anthony Brad Cornelsen, 2016000402

Anthony Brad Cornelsen to John Wayne Creasy, Jr., 2 tracts: 0.703 ac., tract 1, lot 550, sec III, Blacksburg Country Club Estates; 0.024 ac., lot 2, \$650,000

LGFB LLC to Montgomery Museum, parcel 1, metes and bounds, Christiansburg, \$1,250,000

LGFB LLC to MP3 LLC, four parcels, see legal, Christiansburg, \$319,000

Jerri L. Nemiro to Frederick C. Mayer, Jr., Unit 16-2, Ph VIII, Villas at Peppers Ferry, Christiansburg, \$330,000

Joel B. Quesenberry to Jennifer M. Norton, 0.959 ac., lot 16, Bethel Woods, Sec. I, Riner Magisterial District, \$235,000

Matthew W. Hulver to John A. Rockwell, lot 4, 5, Sec 9, Mtn. View Estates, No. 1, Blacksburg, \$475,000

Chester Investment Properties LLC to Craig Carl Thoden, Condo unit 2, Bldg A, Cascades Pointe Condos, Blacksburg, \$230,000

Aldawood and Sons LLC to Leigh T. Anderson, condo unit 105, Ph I, PatrickHenry Place Condos,

Blacksburg, \$200,500

James Edward Stafford to Chelie Mae Stafford, 1.00 ac.

Chad A. Reed to John Ac. Absher, 0.54 ac., lot 22, Riner Magisterial District, \$50,000

Stateson Homes LLC to Bruce R. Canning, 0.174 ac., lot 15, Kinloch Subdv., Blacksburg, \$510,370

Jerry R. Holdaway to Amanda Nicole Yoder, 0.276 ac., lot 23, Walnut Creek, Ph V-A, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$382,000

Thomas Alan Parades to Danielle Nicole Parades, 28.0792 ac., lot 3, Shawsville Magisterial District

DEEDS TRANSFER UPON DEATH

Joyce L. Graham to Joyce L. Graham Trust, lot

20, Ph I, Shadowlake Village Subdv., Blacksburg

Joyce L. Graham to Joyce L. Graham Trust, 2 parcels: 0.103 ac., parcel 1; 7.276 ac., parcel 2, Shawsville Magisterial District

Douglas A. Nixon to Karen J. Stoll, Lot 6, Kipps Farm Subdv., Blacksburg

Gil Hersch to Gil Hersch Trust, see legal, Blacksburg

Sandra Lee Power to Lewis Howard Power, lot B, Dundas Heights, Blacksburg

Allen D. Spens to Keely E. Spens, Lot 19, Murphy Subdv., Sec III, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District

Norma T. Carroll to Matthew Allen Carroll, Lot 40, Christiansburg

Michael John Zenker to Elizabeth P. Zenker Trust, 0.753 ac., lot 9-B, Blacksburg

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OBITUARIES

Bishop, Norma Jean

Norma Jean Bishop, 90, died quietly on March 16, 2022, at Heritage Hall Nursing Home, Blacksburg, just two weeks shy of her 91st birthday. Norma Jean was one of seven children. She was born on March 28, 1931, in Montclair, N.J., and graduated from Montclair High School in 1949. Upon graduation, she got a job in New York City and took the ferry in daily.



N.J. Norma Jean was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Browns Mills, and the Pemberton Township Senior Center in Browns Mills. In 2016, she returned to Virginia and lived out the remainder of her life.

Norma Jean was preceded in death by her son, Gerard Mancuso, Jr.

She is survived by her children: Sandra and Andrew Geary, Nancy Mancuso, Thomas Mancuso and Liliana Ramos, and Sharon and John Lewis. Norma Jean is also survived by her grandchildren: Daniel and Eileen Geary and Justin, Kayla, Nathan, and Samantha.

Graveside services were conducted Monday, March 21, 2022, in the Memorial Gardens of the New River Valley, Blacksburg, with Deacon Rick Furman officiating.

In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to Good Samaritan Hospice (<https://goodsam.care/>). Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

She met Gerard Mancuso and they were married in 1952. She lived in Newark, N.J. and then Upper Montclair, N.J. Norma Jean and Gerard had five children.

Norma Jean worked as an Avon representative in Upper Montclair and later worked at Community Hospital in Montclair. In 1986, she moved to Virginia and worked at Wolverine in Blacksburg. In 1996, she retired and moved back to New Jersey where she volunteered at New Lisbon Developmental Center in New Lisbon, N.J. and BCAP preschool in Browns Mills,

Butler, Carolyn Ann Thompson

Carolyn Ann Thompson Butler, 74, of Radford, passed away Wednesday, March 16, 2022.

She was a registered nurse.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lamar Paul Thompson and Evelyn Ruth Sifford; a stepdaughter, Jaime Butler; and two sisters and a brother.

Survivors include her husband of 34 years, Jonny W. Butler, Jr.; a daughter, Donna Hall (Brian) of Salem; sons Brian K. Smith (Jo) of New Braunfels, Texas, Darren Smith of Virginia Beach, and Kevin Butler (Denise) of Radford; grandchildren Caleb, Tyler, Leah, Katie, Meah, Ethan, and Sierra; great-grandchildren Wyatt and Raylan; sisters and brothers-in-law Penny and



John Dobbins of Gainesville and Jane and Barry Miller of Bluefield; brothers and sisters-in-law Billy Mathena and his former wife, Kitty of Ocala, Fla., and Jerry and Betty Coalson of Pensacola, Fla.; and many other relatives and friends.

The family received friends on Monday, March 21, 2022, at the Mullins Funeral Home in

Radford. Funeral services followed with the Rev. Bill Brown officiating. Interment followed in the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin.

In lieu of flowers, consider contributions to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

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

Holliday, Linda Carroll

Linda "Pie" Carroll Holliday, 72, passed away Friday, March 18, 2022, at her home in Dublin. She was born in Anjean, W.Va., to John Viro Holliday and Edna Mills Holliday.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her brother, Arnold Lee Holliday.

Survivors include her daughter, Tammy McBride Meredith (Anthony) of Riner; a son, Freddie Dean Nester, Jr. (Stephanie) of Knoxville, Tenn.; a sister and brother-in-law, Rosetta and Barret Bain of Dublin; a brother, Tex Holliday of Pulaski; grandchildren Savannah Lee-man (Nicholas), Jarrett McBride (Tori), Eli Nester, Sam Nester, and Gabe Nester; special grandchildren Brittany Lawson and Joshua Bain; special great-grand-



children, Chloe Lawson, Connor Lawson, and Sophia Bain; and many other relatives and friends.

The family sends thanks to Good Samaritan Hospice for all the love and care they provided to Pie.

Linda will forever be remembered to those who knew her for her tremendous love of life, her passion for travel, and her laugh.

Graveside services will be held on Thursday, March 24, 2022, at 11 a.m. at Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin. A reception will follow at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, consider contributions to Good Samaritan Hospice.

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

Dudley, Penny Marie

Penny Marie Dudley, 70, of Christiansburg, passed away at her home on Wednesday, March 16, 2022.



She was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Mary Quesenberry; her husband, Rodger Dale Dudley; her brothers, Tim Quesenberry and Jack Quesenberry; a sister, JoAnn Saunders; and her beloved canine companion, Diesel.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Jeanette and Michael Lawson; grandchildren Brittany Blevins, Michael and Felicia Presgraves, and Mikey Lawson; great-grandchildren Ashlynn, Morgan, Dustyn, Roman, Jaxsyn, Killian, Michael Jr. (MJ),

Kaylee, and Jaydis; a sister, Helen Carden; a brother and sister-in-law, Tommy and Alice Quesenberry; a sister-in-law, Shirl Quesenberry; a brother-in-law, Mike Saunders; a sister by heart, Sherry Schoolfield; and many nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. on Thursday, March 24, 2022, at the Jubilee Christian Center in Fairlawn. Services will begin at 3 p.m. with the Rev. Patrick Carden officiating.

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

Forbes, Charles Joseph

Charles Joseph Forbes, 44, passed away Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at his home in New River.

He is survived by his loving parents, Da-

vid and Janice Forbes.

Per his request, there will be no services.

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

Price, Donna Faye

Donna Faye Price, 62, of Ellett Valley, died Friday, March 18, 2022, at New River Valley Medical Center.



She was born in Radford on Nov. 24, 1959. She was preceded in death by her mother, Rebecca Jane Price.

She is survived by her father, William A. Price; a son, Chris Reese and his fiancé, Sarah Vogl; brothers and sisters-in-law, Dale and

Rhonda Price and Darrell and Melissa Price; a sister and brother-in-law, Tina and Robert Smith; nieces and nephews Morgan and Taylor Price, Anna and Jackson Price, Andy Via, and Lauren and Sarah Smith; as well as several aunts and uncles. Funeral services will be held privately. Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

Irwin, Earl G.

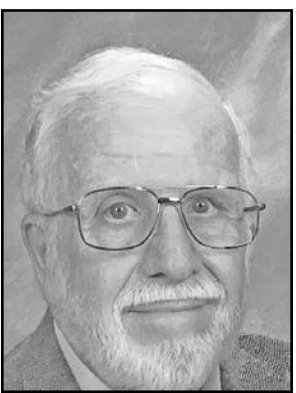
Earl G. Irwin, 89, of Radford, passed away Wednesday, March 16, 2022, on the 45th anniversary of his own father's death.

Although vaccinated and boosted, he died of complications of Covid-19.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Evalene Bolt Wheeler Irwin (Oct. 2, 2021); his parents, George and Bernice Stull Irwin; and his brother, Donald.

He is survived by his daughter, Earle Irwin (Bob Lineberry) of Blacksburg; son Dwight Irwin (Stacy Lempka) of Chicago; stepson Ron Wheeler (Irene) of Cartersville, Ga.; special niece Joyce Sims (Rickey) of Radford; grandchildren Richard Irwin-Miller (Erin Hanson) of Portland, Ore., Chauncey, Eli, and Carson Irwin of Chicago, Shaun Jenks (Erika) of Radford, and Kyle and Nicholas Wheeler of Georgia; and great-grandchildren Hunter Jenks (Makynzee), and Hailey Jenks.

Born in Massillon, Ohio, Mr. Irwin was a US Army veteran, having served as tank commander in the Third Armored Division in Germany during the Korean War era. He retired from the Radva Corporation after 22 years of employment.



He loved to travel and went to all 50 states and Europe. He loved people and loved to joke with the people he liked. He loved to tell tall tales. His favorite was the night he had to sleep next to a catfish aquarium, kept awake because the catfish meowed all night.

He loved to read, preferring biographies and history. He had a quick temper yet could also shed tears for a sick child or a friend or a hurt animal.

He was a loyal Democrat and looked upon Washington, D.C., as a big circus because of all the clowns who work there.

As he departs on his last great trip, he looks forward to a reunion with his wonderful wife and bids a last farewell to his children and grandchildren and his relatives and many friends and neighbors with this message: "My love to all. Never stop learning and traveling."

Mr. Irwin wrote much of this obituary himself.

Graveside burial at Southwest Virginia Veterans' Cemetery and a celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

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

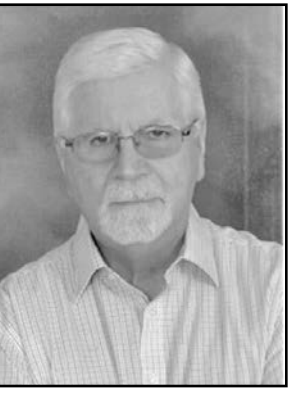
Oliver, Garland F. (Jerry)

Garland F. (Jerry) Oliver, 76, of Christiansburg went to his heavenly home Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at his home.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Garland "Bentley" and Iona Johnson Oliver, an infant brother, Stephen, and a brother, Michael.

Jerry retired from the postal service at Virginia Tech. He was a faithful member of Blacksburg Christian Church, serving as a deacon, a choir member, and a waffle maker at the fifth Sunday breakfast.

He is survived by his wife, Emily A. Oliver; a son, Steve Oliver (Hope); a stepson, Chris Wikstrom (Amanda); grandchildren Ashley Oliver, Kayla Blankenship, Cooper, Winnie, Hudson, and Lorelei Wikstrom who dearly loved their "Pops"; and great-grandchildren Deklan and Larkin Hatch. He is also survived by sisters



Joyce Belshan, Sharon Akers, and Rhonda Smith; brothers Phillip Oliver and Marc Oliver; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Eleanor King, Kitty Collins, Sandy Albert, Mitch and Diana Albert, and Kenneth Akers; a special niece, Valerie Molle; and several nieces and nephews. The family sends special thanks to Good Samaritan Hospice, especially Kayla and

Brittany, as well as Mary Ann Harris and her staff for their care of Jerry.

Graveside services were conducted Saturday, March 19, 2022, in the Centennial Christian Church Cemetery, McCoy, Va. with the Rev. Gary McCoy and the Rev. J.B. Beane officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Blacksburg Christian Church, 240 Watson Ave., Blacksburg, Va. 24060. Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

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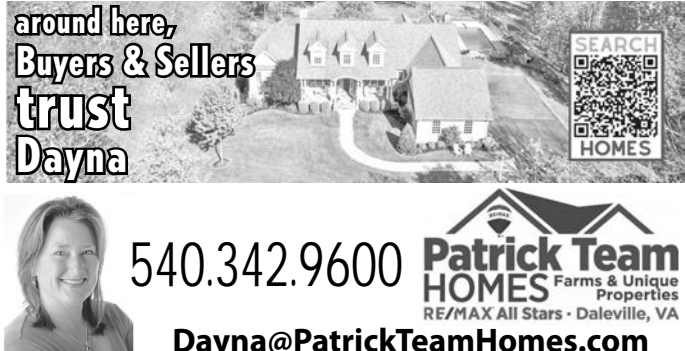
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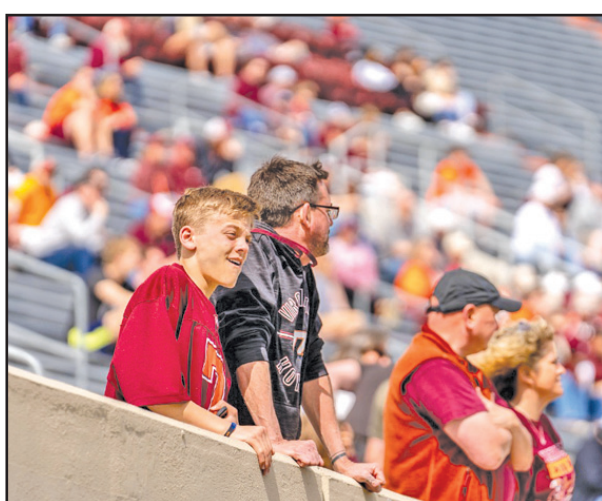


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MONTGOMERY SPORTS

Hokies take to Lane turf for practice



Fans had a chance to see some of the new faces of the Hokies football team during a practice Saturday at Lane Stadium.



Coach Pierson Prioleau put the defensive backs through drills on Saturday.



Players moved through one-on-one drills during the Hokies' second practice.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF VT ATHLETICS

Hokie football fans were given a glimpse of the new "Brent Pry era" squad Saturday as an open practice was held in Lane Stadium. The team held one-on-one drills and progressed through seven periods of action.

Fans were excited to be back without the COVID masks and with a new chapter in front of them. "It was great," said Vernon Harris from Roanoke. "It was the first time I can remember there being an open practice to the entire public. I think the whole fanbase is enthused with Coach Pry and how he's been involved and is keeping the fans involved because I know I am."

Vernon has been coming to Tech football games for nearly 40 years, and he wasn't the only fan happy to be there Saturday with access to watch the team compete on a non-gameday.

"It's been awesome," said Ben Vogt, who is a senior at Tech from Front Royal, Va. "I love that he's starting to bring this to the fan, because everyone wants to see a practice. The spring game is awesome, but I don't think it's enough for the fans because we always want more."

Tech returns 18 lettermen on offense and 23 on defense along with one specialist, but it could be some of the new faces on the field

this past weekend who could be the deciding factor. In addition, the team is joined by several walk-ons including former Christiansburg High's Matson Stanley who is working with the defensive unit.

The biggest outtake from Saturday was the remark by Coach Pry when he said there are no starters, and "first-team" and "second-team" is not something that can be used in the conversation right now. Every position, he said, is up for grabs.

The "clean slate" approach might light a fire under last year's starters who are going to be pushed by lots of newcomers.

A prime example of this is at

the most important position on offense: quarterback.

Saturday, six quarterbacks took their turn at connecting on what should be easy routes and passes during a practice session. Instead, there were plenty of misfires.

Pry did not like all the misfires but admitted there is much more to work on. Transfers Grant Wells and Jason Farrell joined returners Connor Blumrick and Tahj Bullock along with newcomers Ben Locklear and Devin Farrell in making it a very crowded quarterback room.

All of them struggled at times.

Of course, the defensive back-

wide receiver one-on-one drills did not show fans much either. This new coaching staff has lots to work through in this infancy stage.

Pry met the media after practice and was pleased with the effort from his group.

"We were much better than yesterday," Pry said. "We want to challenge our guys in every area that we can. We want to contest every catch, fight for every extra yard. Right now, that's all we are talking about. But it's important to have fun. That's why these guys play this game and they're excited to be out here."

Virginia Tech's spring game will be held Saturday, April 16.

Blacksburg soccer blanks Franklin County 5-0



Blacksburg's Andrew Neely converts a penalty kick for a Bruins first-half goal against Franklin County Friday night. Blacksburg is now 2-0 on the season.



Blacksburg's Caleb Byun (center) celebrates with teammates Wyatt Eschenmann (left) and Nevin O'Dowd after scoring against Franklin County to give the Bruins a 3-0 lead. Blacksburg added two goals in the second half for the 5-0 victory Friday night.



Blacksburg's Wyatt Eschenmann heads the ball toward the Franklin County side of the field during the second half of the defeat of Franklin County.



Blacksburg's Addison Bass battles Franklin County's Tyler Scott for possession during the second half Friday night.

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CHS lacrosse player headed to Barton College



FILE PHOTO

CHS lacrosse player Xander Grimes will move on to play collegiate lacrosse at Barton College in the fall.

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Christiansburg High School senior lacrosse player Xander Grimes has announced plans to play collegiate lacrosse at Barton College in the fall.

Barton College is a private liberal arts college in Wilson, N.C. The college is affiliated with the Christian Church and enrolls nearly 1,200 students on campus.

"I chose Barton because of the tight-knit community within the school and the town of Wilson," Grimes said.

Barton College is a member of Conference Carolina's Division III athletics. Grimes expects to play midfield at the school.

A four-year starter at Christiansburg, Grimes played 24 total games, scored 52 goals and handed out 15 assists. He served as a team captain for the past three seasons.

On the field at Barton, Grimes hopes to contribute to winning both a conference and a national title. He plans to major in exercise science.

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Collecting digs and degrees: Reitz aims for her PhD

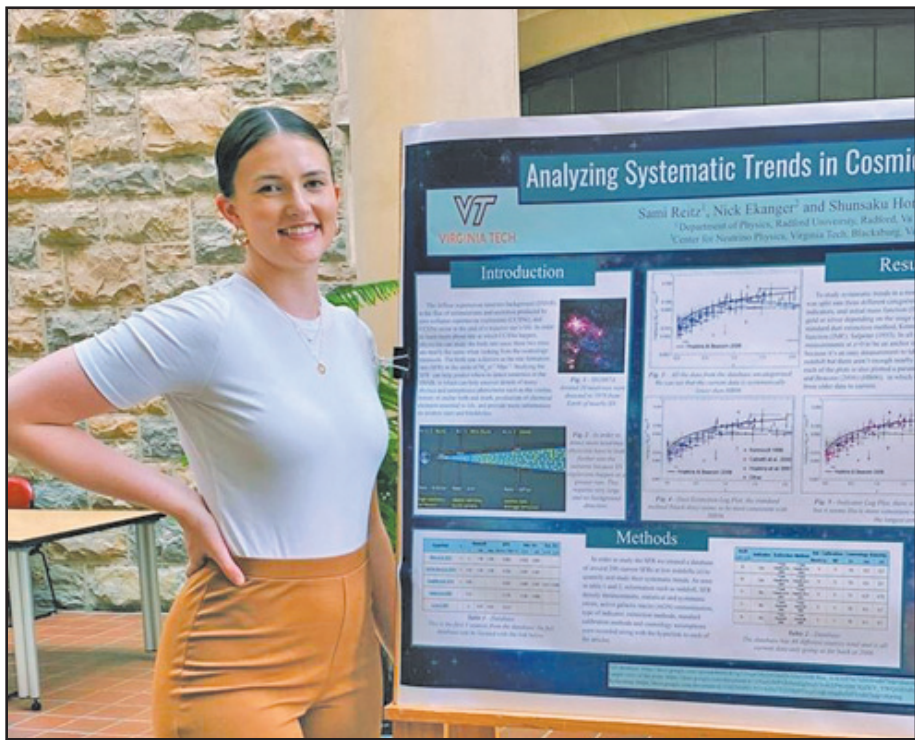


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Sami Reitz, a St. Louis, Missouri, senior for the Radford University volleyball team, is setting her sights higher for a PhD.

Northwestern, Yale, Chicago, Purdue. All prestigious academic institutions. They're also universities that Radford's own Sami Reitz was accepted into to pursue her PhD in chemistry.

It would be easy, upon reading that fact, to assume that Reitz was a

bench warmer for Radford volleyball, studiously pursuing academic excellence while happening upon Division I-athlete status. But that's not only a major oversimplification, it's also far from the truth.

A four-year letter winner, Reitz has ranked in the top five on the team in

blocks and kills for three consecutive seasons, even leading the Highlanders outright in kills during her junior season. Though to stop at her athletic achievements would be selling her short, too, as her post-graduate pursuits prove. So, how did Sami Reitz end up at Radford,

and what did she do while here that led her to such great heights in academia?

It began with an ill-fated, literally, visit to Radford as a high school junior. "I was actually really sick, I had tonsillitis," said Reitz. "On my visit [head volleyball coach] Marci [Byers] let me sleep on a couch in her office. You would think you would hate the school you were dealing tonsillitis in, but I actually just loved it. I only remember loving Radford and feeling like I was home here. It was an automatic connection."

Normally, a visit under those circumstances would doom a recruitment, but for Reitz, the love she felt for Radford and the hospitality she received from Byers only drew her in and made her want to be a Highlander.

It would be Byers, too, who pushed Reitz towards academic excellence. Of course, she was always predisposed to want academic success, but her coach made her reach for more. It was her support system that realized, though a 70 may be the highest in the class, Reitz could still strive for greater heights.

That encouragement allowed Reitz to see what she was capable of and gave her the confidence to take on greater responsibilities and seek more opportunities. Once she did that, that Reitz got into those great academic institutions was no surprise.

While at Radford, Reitz did not stop at being a full-time student and a successful student-athlete. She still managed to find time for extracurricular activities. Starting her freshman year, Reitz was a part of REALISE, a club that aims to grow inclusion in science. According to the club's webpage, "REALISE aims to change faculty and student mindset through developing and implementing engaging and inclusive pedagogies."

Reitz was also a member of the physics club during her time at Radford, serving as the club's vice president her junior year. From her sophomore year on, Reitz was a teacher's assistant for physics and chemistry classes.

For her crammed schedule, Reitz credits not only her coaches but her advisor, Dr. Rhett Herman, who not only allowed, but

encouraged her to take on a more challenging course load.

Reitz concedes that the course load was a lot, but that the process of being a division one athlete served as a sort of outlet for her. "I think being a D-1 athlete provided an external punching bag, if that makes sense," she said. "I was able to get out a lot of frustration and work out my body and let my brain take a break to be on the court and focus for those hours. It was a different type of brain work."

Now, Reitz is wrapping up her undergraduate career. She is no longer a division one athlete, though she will always be a Highlander. After four years in Radford, Reitz gets to pursue what's next. She has been accepted to Yale, but she hasn't committed anywhere just yet.

A native of St. Louis, Reitz would like to return closer to home. She says that outside of the Ivy League, that desire helped fuel where she applied for her PhD pursuits.

-- Cole Barnhill, Radford Athletics Communications

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June, alternating left and right lane and shoulder closures during nighttime hours between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday.

The project also includes replacing six bridges, widening two bridges, installing approximately 2.6 miles of sound barrier walls along northbound I-81, improving the southbound exit 137 off-ramp intersection at Wildwood Road and adding interchange lighting at exits 137, 140 and 141 are also included in the project. Expected completion in early 2026.

I-81 TROUTVILLE REST AREA CLOSURE - The Troutville Rest Area located on southbound Interstate 81 near mile marker 158 in Botetourt County will be closed from late May 2022 until early September 2022. This project will extend the ramp into the rest area by 500 feet and the ramp out of the rest area by 2,100 feet. It will also include expanding the truck parking area at the facility by about 10-13 spaces. Visitors to the rest area may see some preliminary work, such as drainage improvements, as early

as this spring. However, the major construction will begin after Memorial Day, and the rest area facility, ramps and parking lot will be closed to the public from late May until early September. Work is expected to be completed in early fall 2022.

INTERSTATE 81 BRIDGE HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS - Due to bridge painting, several height restrictions are in place along I-81 north and southbound. Maximum height allowed is 14'6" at the following bridge locations of 135,

109 and 108 through March. Overheight vehicles will need to be rerouted. Message boards are in place.

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 been underway. All lanes now open and will remain open through winter with periodic lane closures at night as needed. The final surface paving and markings for northbound will resume with the next paving season in spring 2022. Drivers can expect rough pavement. Estimated completion date of the project is summer 2022.

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 138 to 152, 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.

I-81 POT HOLE 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 ROUTE 581 BRIDGE WORK OVER WILLIAMSON ROAD - On Route 11 (Williamson Road) drivers can expect intermittent and alternating lane closures between the intersections with Rutherford Avenue and Wells Avenue. Intermittent daytime and nighttime lane closures between the intersections above might be required, and will be in place utilizing flagging operations. Any impacts to I-581 will be minimal. The project is expected to be complete in the fall of 2022.

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 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.

I-581/220 LANE & RAMP CLOSURES FOR PAVING AND MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS IN ROANOKE COUNTY - Weather permitting, crews will be milling and paving along Interstate 81. Right and left lane closures will be in place along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours. Drivers should expect possible delays.

I-581 BRIDGE 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. Scheduled traffic impacts include:

Left or right lane closures may be in place on I-581 northbound from Orange Avenue to Valley View Boulevard from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Dr. Anwar is fluent in English and Bengali and speaks Spanish conversationally. Her treatment philosophy focuses on treating her patients without judgment, providing quality care regardless of the circumstances, and empowering individuals to take control of their health and well-being.

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