



Montgomery Museum of Art and History to close Pepper St. location; to open new museum building in June

The Montgomery Museum of Art and History opened its doors to the public as a museum in 1989 and after 33 years, will close its Pepper Street location to give way to a new chapter. Thursday, April 7 will be the last day the museum will be open to the general public at the old site.

Through a building acquisition, the Museum will move its operations to downtown Christiansburg, taking residence at 4 East Main St. The new location is the site of the former Bank of Christiansburg, next to the post office and directly behind the town quadrant which now holds the recently unveiled African American storyboards. A soft opening at the new location is scheduled for June 22, 2022.

“Once we close the doors to the museum on Pepper St., we will take the rest of the spring season to prepare and move our physical operations to the new building,” said Casey Jenkins, Executive Director of the Montgomery Museum. “The historic manse has been a wonderful home to the museum for many decades, but it is time for the museum to take on a larger space, one which will give us the opportunity to enhance and develop dynamic cultural programming, exhibits, and displays. Specifically, I look forward to how the new facility can offer a space and forum for community conversations and dialogue among a variety of community voices and stakeholders.”

The museum will gain more than 12,000 square feet by mov-



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The Montgomery Museum of Art and History is moving its operation to 4 East Main St. in downtown Christiansburg, the former Bank of Christiansburg location.

ing. The historic building on Pepper Street is roughly 2,600 square feet, and the new building in downtown is approximately 15,000 square feet.

The soft opening for the museum's new location on June 22 will begin with a ribbon cutting

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A rendering of the Undergraduate Science Laboratory Building. Rendering courtesy of Virginia Tech Capital Construction.

Undergraduate Science Laboratory Building construction to begin in April

A new partner facility to the Classroom Building on Virginia Tech's Blacksburg campus will soon be under construction. The Undergraduate Science Laboratory Building will provide critical teaching laboratory and general-use classroom space to support Virginia Tech's growing enrollment and Beyond Boundaries vision.

Detailed in the university's campus master plan, the approximately 102,000-gross-square-foot building will be located on the current site of the Perry Street Parking Lot

1. As the latest addition to the north academic district — which includes the Classroom Building, Hitt Hall, Blacksburg Transit Multi-Modal Transit Facility, and Data and Decision Sciences Building — the Undergraduate Science Laboratory Building will further enhance collaboration and innovation spaces through thoughtful design and landscaping.

“The construction of the Undergraduate Science Laboratory Building is an exciting new phase in

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NRV home builders Home Expo set for April 9-10 at Christiansburg Rec Center

The New River Valley Home Builders Association's (NRVHBA) annual Home Expo will take place Saturday and Sunday, April 9-10, 2022, at the Christiansburg Recreation Center, 1600 N Franklin St.

The expo will have a floor full of local, trusted professionals who are available to answer any of their skills and services. Exhibitors include builders, remodelers, landscape designers, flooring specialists, and home product and service providers. A full list of the exhibitors can be viewed online at www.nrvhomeexpo.com.

Attendees can also par-

ticipate in The Pros Know education sessions scheduled throughout the weekend, vote for their favorite LEGO home in the LEGO Home Building Contest, and bid on items in the silent auction, which will feature items such as home appliances, service gift certificates, weekend getaways, and sports experiences. Online bidding is available.

The event will also highlight building trades education and a job center. Representatives from local trades education programs will be on site offering information on the trades programs they have available. In the Job

Center booth, available jobs from home builders association member companies, along with event exhibitors, will be posted.

“We are excited to have this new opportunity for attendees to learn about trades education and job opportunities the area has to offer. This is important to our mission and a focus for the home NRV Home Builders Association,” said Cassidy Jones, planning committee co-chair and designer for Slate Creek Builders in Blacksburg.

The event hours are Saturday, April 9, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 10, from noon to 5 p.m.

Admission is \$7 for adults on the day of the event, but \$5 if attendees purchase their tickets online before the event. Children under 18 are free when accompanied by a paying adult. \$2-off coupons are available online, in stores, and in mailboxes. Tickets can be purchased online at www.nrvhomeexpo.com.

The event sponsors are 84 Lumber, Aspire Marketing Agency, Back to Nature Landscaping, Blacksburg Boxing and Fitness, Brown Insurance, Carter Bank & Trust, the Christiansburg Rec Center, Dehart Tile, Eagle Construction Ferguson Enterprises, Gay and Neel,

Inc., G&H Appliance, Green Valley Builders, Hethwood Market, Highlander Construction, John T. Morgan Roofing, Original Frameworks, Progress Street Builders, SAS Builders, Slate Creek Builders, Signarama and Summit Community Bank.

The New River Valley Home Builders Association is a professional trade organization serving the residential and commercial building industry of the New River Valley since 1976. As the voice of the building community, the NRVHBA advocates, educates, and gives back to better homeownership for all.

Alabama murder trial of local man underway

The capital murder trial of former Montgomery County resident Derrill Richard Ennis is underway in Auburn, Ala. He is charged with the 2006 death of college student Lori Ann Slesinki.

Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty in a case that has eerie similarities to one from 40 years ago in the New River Valley.

Stephen Epperly was convicted in the death and disappearance of then-Radford University student Gina Hall. The conviction included “no body.”

Now, at issue, according to Ennis's defense attorneys, is the fact that there is no body. While one was found in Slesinki's burned out car, she has not been found.

Ennis had always been a person of interest in the Alabama case but left shortly after the incident. Authorities had lost track of him until he resurfaced

on social media and Facebook. An Auburn grand jury handed down indictments in the case, and in 2018, he was arrested in Montgomery County without incident.

The Virginia State Police, in cooperation with Auburn authorities, searched a roughly one-acre area just off Pilot Road for any evidence in the case.

Slesinki was last seen in June of 2006 when she was reported missing by her mother. Ennis and the victim knew each other, and investigators were quick to look at his part in the case.

Slesinki had just graduated from Auburn University when she decided to visit a friend's party.

Police found Slesinki's vehicle on fire at the dead-end street in Auburn.

Ennis has pleaded not guilty. The Lee County jury trial is expected to last all week.



A sign welcomes veterans, drilling reservists, and military dependents to the VeTZone.

At grand reopening, VeTZone space welcomes back student veterans

Campbell Walker isn't your average Virginia Tech sophomore. For starters, he's already served six years in the Navy. Now 32, the mechanical engineering major finds himself in study groups with students who were still in high school when he was stationed in Hawaii. “We're in kind of different places in life, but with the same goal,” he said.

Though his time in the military

sets Walker apart from most Hokies, there are hundreds of student veterans just like him. And if he wants to hang out with people who relate, he heads to the VeTZone, which on March 23 celebrated its grand reopening as an on-campus lounge and study center for student veterans, drilling reservists, and military dependents.

The VeTZone is operated by the

Office of Veteran Services to help military-affiliated students feel welcome on campus. Couches and easy chairs circle a wall-mounted TV. Desks and chairs line the back wall. There's a mini fridge and a microwave for students like Walker who eat lunch there between classes.

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New small businesses find a home at Millstone Kitchen



Jackie Gardner is launching Just Graze & Co. at Millstone Kitchen.



Rose Mary and William Bellamy are making a dream a reality with their launch of Grandpa Foods and their apple-butter based barbecue sauces.

Three new businesses have launched this year at Millstone Kitchen, a shared-use facility in Blacksburg. The owner-operators of Grandpa Foods, Just Graze & Co. and Thyme & Table are all making their dreams a reality this spring. Rose Mary and William Bellamy of Grandpa Foods aim to share their homespun apple-butter based barbecue sauces with customers. "My wife didn't like the taste of tomato based barbecue sauces,"

William said, so he came up with a tasty alternative. William is the namesake of Grandpa Foods with his face on the label. He finally honed in on a sauce recipe Rose Mary loved, and they decided to turn their family recipe into a new venture. Jackie Gardner has a passion for entertaining and gathering with her friends and family. She is launching Just Graze & Co., a charcuterie kit company, so she can share her passion with an even wider audience.

Pre-order boxes come complete with a variety of cured meats, cheeses, spreads, sweets, and crackers. Emily Worrall grew her small business, Thyme & Table, out of a love of cooking for her family. Her business offers multi-portion prepared meals that can be stashed in the freezer until they are ready to eat. These weeknight-ready meals offer families convenience while prioritizing nutrition. Worrall uses local meats and produce to prepare

her recipes from scratch. She tested her recipes on friends during the height of the pandemic and realized the concept could gain traction with the use of a certified kitchen space. Equipping entrepreneurs with the tools to launch their businesses is what Millstone Kitchen is all about. "With many plans put on hold during the first two years of the pandemic, it is promising to see new ventures taking off," said Laina Schneider, manager of Millstone Kitchen.

"Our goal is to reach a sustainable level of operation for our facility while continuing to serve our community." Fourteen businesses are now operating out of Millstone Kitchen. Millstone Kitchen is a shared-use commercial kitchen in Blacksburg operated by the nonprofit, Live Work Eat Grow, which has as its mission the cultivation of vibrant communities by fostering local food, farms, and gardens, creating jobs, and growing small businesses.

Dr. Tahsin Anwar joins the Community Health Center of the New River Valley

Tashin Anwar, DMD, has joined the dental department of the Community Health Center of the New River Valley. She will practice in the Christiansburg office at 215 Roanoke St. A graduate of Virginia Tech and the Roseman University of Health Sciences in Utah, Dr. Anwar

completed her residency at Carilion Clinic General Practice. 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. She has experience delivering dental services and procedures such as preventative care and extractions. Dr. Anwar has an extensive background in service and leadership positions. Her interests include yoga and wellness.



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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:
 Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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ANSWER:

Submit letters to the editor to editor@ourvalley.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Now through Tuesday, April 22 :

Montgomery Chamber Best Places to Work Survey
Virginia Tech's Center for Economic and Community Engagement and the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce are asking businesses to participate in the annual Best Places to Work survey. Chamber membership is not required, and the survey is open to all businesses in Montgomery County. The survey has two components, one for the employer and the other for employees. The top 20 Best Places to Work will be announced on May 18 at the Leadership in Changing Times and Best Places to Work Conference. This survey will be open for only a three-week period from until April 22. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/lcbestplaces22>. Contact marketing@montgomerycc.org with any questions.

Now 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.

Now through May 7:

Blacksburg Parks & Rec Toddler and Children Art Classes

Art & More for 2's S1
For 2-year-olds, 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. at the Parks and Recreation administrative offices. Fee is \$42 for residents, \$52 for non-residents. This class will introduce toddlers to art in a semi-structured setting. The classes will consist of a variety of art projects, story time and songs. Parent participation is required.

Art Smart S1
For three- and four-year olds at the Blacksburg Parks & Recreation administrative offices from 11 a.m. until noon. Fee is \$42 for residents, \$52 for non-residents.

Toddlers will be exposed to different media while learning how to use colors, shapes, patterns and sizes. They will be encouraged to use imagination, expression and communication through art. The emphasis will be on fun and social interaction.

Register online at www.blacksburg.gov/recreation, by phone 540-443-1140 or 540-443-1100 or in person at any of Blacksburg Parks and Rec facility.

Wednesday, April 6:

Talking About Books: "The Lincoln Highway"

At the Christiansburg Library; 11 a.m. To be discussed this month is "The Lincoln Highway" by Amor Towles, in-person and virtually.

Loops Group
At the Blacksburg Library; 2 p.m. Participants can bring a project and join the Loops Group for community and conversation. Everyone is welcome.

Talking about Books: "The Cadaver King and the Country Dentist"
At the Meadowbrook Public Library; 6 p.m. To be discussed is "The Cadaver King and the Country Dentist" by Radley Balko. Call (540) 268-1964 for more information or to reserve a copy.

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

Physical therapy tips for seniors

At the Blacksburg Library; 2 p.m. Heritage Hall Blacksburg will be discussing physical therapy from the different types of therapy to what each type helps with and tips for what can be done at home to improve individuals' health. A member of the library's highly rated Encore Rehabilitation team will discuss all things therapy.

Art, Community, and Social Health with Molly Smith

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. This colloquium will be available in person and via Zoom. Register for the online presentation.

Friday, April 8:

NRV Public Health Task Force, LewisGale Hospital Montgomery blood drive

At Blue Ridge Church, Roanoke Street, Christiansburg; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. American Red Cross Blood Drive. Two-hundred donor slots need to be filled as a nationwide blood crisis continues to affect care delivery in every healthcare system in the nation. The American Red Cross is still experiencing a decrease in the number of blood donors. Register today at <https://www.redcross-blood.org/give.html?drive-results?order=DATE&range=10&zipSponsor=24073>.

Saturday, April 9:

Noise alert: Skipper cannon fire

Skipper, the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets' cannon, will be fired once between 10:30 and 10:45 a.m. on the Drillfield as part of the opening celebration for The Big Event at Virginia Tech.

Sunday, April 10:

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.

Monday, April 11:

Crafternoon Delight
At the Radford Public Library; 1 to 2 p.m. For adults. Participants may bring their supplies and knit, crochet, and needlepoint at the library. Some crafting supplies will be provided.

Free GED Classes with NRCC

At the Radford Public Library; 9 a.m. to noon. Free GED prep classes offered by New River Community College in the library's community room. Call (540) 674-3682 for additional information.

STEM Club

At the Christiansburg Library; 1 p.m. A home-school STEM club will explore science, technology, engineering, and/or math. This month the club will be experimenting with stop-motion animation. For Ages 8 and up.

Tuesday, April 12:

Family Reads with LVNRV

At the Radford Public Library; 5:30 to 7 p.m. Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley will provide English as a Second Language (ESL) lessons to parents of children ages 3-8 (older siblings are welcome). This will be a 7-week program starting Tuesday, April 12. Children will have fun activities to work on while parents learn to read English. Call (540) 382-7262 or email Anne Abbott at aabbott@lvnr.org for more information.

Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting

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

"The Middle of Somewhere"

At the Radford Public Library; 7 to 8 p.m. Suzanne Stryk is an artist who finds equal fascination in the natural world and the visual arts. Her conceptual nature paintings and assemblages have appeared in solo exhibitions throughout the United States, and her portfolios and related writings have been featured in Terrain.org, Orion, Ecotone, and the Kenyon Review. She is the recipient of a George Sugarman Foundation grant and a Virginia Commission for the Arts fellowship for the project "Notes on the State of Virginia," the precursor to "The Middle of Somewhere." She lives in southwestern Virginia.

Volunteer tutors needed to help adults increase English language skills

A Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley (LVNRV) Tutor Information Session from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Christiansburg. For adult volunteers to help local adults improve literacy and language skills. Tutoring is one-to-one or small group and takes place at NRV-wide public locations, or remotely, at times convenient to both the tutor and the adult learner. Volunteers are asked to make a minimum one-year commitment and meet with their students 1 to 3 hours per week. Volunteers receive training and support, and no previous teaching experience is required. Especially needed are volunteers who speak Spanish. Approximately 24,000 local adults struggle with reading English. To register or for more information, go to www.lvnrv.org, call (540) 392-7262, or email info@lvnr.org.

Talking About Books: "American Sherlock"

At the Blacksburg Library; 11 a.m. To be discussed is "American Sherlock" by Kate Dawson. Call (540) 552-8246 to reserve a copy.

Imaginary Witness: Hollywood and the Holocaust

At the Blacksburg Library; 6 p.m. Visit the library for a viewing of "Imaginary Witness: Hollywood and the Holocaust." Marc Brodsky, Archivist at the University Libraries at Virginia Tech, will lead a discussion afterwards.

Craft and Chill

At the Christiansburg Library; 6 p.m. Drop by to be creative by using the library's craft supplies.

Wednesday, April 13:

Brown Bag Book Club

Join the club on the second Wednesday of each month for a casual book discussion. Participants may bring a lunch or enjoy Aaron's latest culinary creation. Discussed this month is "Apples Never Fall" by Liane Moriarty. To be discussed next month is "The Lost City of Z" by David Grann (on 5/11/22).

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, in 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.

Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce's legislative wrap-up

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce's legislative wrap-up will explore what occurred during the most recent

legislative session in Richmond. Attendees will have opportunities to hear from their legislators and ask business-related questions during the Q&A portion of the program. 7:30 a.m. at Warm Hearth Village, 2387 Warm Hearth Dr, Blacksburg. Reservations to attend will be due April 12 at noon: <https://bit.ly/april22legislative>. The cost is \$25 for chamber members and \$35 for non-members.

Saturday, April 16:

Radford Easter Egg Hunt

At Bisset Park; 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The schedule by 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 a part of the fun. Children should bring a basket.

Thursday, April 21:

Still upright and headed downstream

At the Radford Public Library; 7 to 8 p.m. Author John Lane is an emeritus professor who taught creative writing and environmental studies at Wofford College. As an avid kayaker, he has written often about water and rivers. He will visit the library to discuss his new collection of poetry and prose, written over thirty-five years, about kayaking, rivers, and river people.

Monday, April 25 through Wednesday, April 27:

Lifeguard instructor training

The Christiansburg Aquatic Center is offering lifeguard instructor training April 25-27. The schedule for Monday is 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. The schedule for Tuesday is 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the schedule for Wednesday is 8 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The fee for the course is \$300. Persons interested in taking the course should contact Caroline Ratkus at cratkus@christiansburg.org.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SOLID WASTE AND REFUSE DISPOSAL SERVICE RATES, FEES AND CHARGES TO BE IMPOSED BY THE MONTGOMERY REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY

Notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held on April 21, 2022 at 1:30 pm at the Montgomery Regional Solid Waste Authority, 555 Authority Drive, Christiansburg, VA 24073 concerning MRSWA's proposed rates, fees and charges for solid waste and refuse disposal services. Such proposed rates, fees and charges are as follows:

SOLID WASTE SERVICES

Clean brush, wood & pallets	\$53.00 per ton (\$2.65 minimum charge up to 100 lbs.)
Construction waste	\$44.00 per ton (\$2.20 minimum charge up to 100 lbs.)
Dead animals	\$62.00 per ton (\$3.10 minimum charge up to 100 lbs.)
Industrial waste	\$44.00 per ton (\$2.20 minimum charge up to 100 lbs.)
Leaves	\$62.00 per ton (\$3.10 minimum charge up to 100 lbs.)
Municipal solid waste – jurisdictional	\$62.00 per ton (\$3.10 minimum charge up to 100 lbs.)
Municipal solid waste- commercial	\$41.00 per ton (\$2.05 minimum charge up to 100 lbs.)
Sludge	\$62.00 per ton (\$3.10 minimum charge up to 100 lbs.)
White goods/appliances – containing freon and propane tanks containing propane	\$17.00 per unit freon/propane surcharge
Direct Haul – non friable asbestos	Contact NRRRA
Mulch sold to public	\$20.00 per ton
Untarped/unsecured loads	\$10.00 per load (in addition to the per ton material fee)
Member clean-up events	\$62.00 per ton

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OPINION

Wallet Hub: Virginia unemployment claims are 15.51% Lower Than Pre-COVID Levels

Virginia is having a successful recovery from new unemployment claims with last week's claims lower than in the same week in 2019, according to the updated rankings of the personal finance website WalletHub released Thursday.

In the rankings of the 50 states and the District of Columbia of states that have recovered the most since last week, Virginia ranked ninth. The commonwealth ranked 14th in the rankings of the states and the District

of Columbia that have recovered the most since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Key stats that led to Virginia's high rankings included 1) the decrease by 15.51% compared to the same week in 2019. This was the 19th biggest decrease in the U.S.; 2) the decrease by 43.26% of Virginia's weekly unemployment claims compared to the start of 2020. This was the 21st smallest decrease in the country; and 3) the decrease by 93.60 percent of Virginia's weekly unemployment

claims compared to the same week last year. This was the biggest decrease in the entire country.

According to WalletHub, there are currently 6.3 million Americans unemployed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but some key stats provide a better look at the current situation.

Last week, there were 202,000 new unemployment claims nationwide, which is a lot fewer than the 6.1 million during the peak of the pandemic (a 97% reduction).

The good news is that every

state had unemployment claims last week that were better than the same week last year.

Every state had unemployment claims last week that were lower than before the pandemic except for Wisconsin, Texas, New York, Maine, California, Hawaii, Alaska, Kentucky, Indiana, Oklahoma, Michigan, Utah, Ohio, and D.C.

The states that finished ahead of Virginia in WalletHub's ranking of the states that have recovered the most since last week were

1) New Hampshire 2) Delaware 3) Maryland 4) West Virginia 5) Vermont 6) Rhode Island 7) South Dakota and 8) Georgia.

The states that finished ahead of Virginia in WalletHub's rankings of the states that have recovered the most since the start of the pandemic were 1) New Hampshire 2) Pennsylvania 3) Maryland 4) Vermont 5) Arkansas 6) Delaware 7) Washington 8) Iowa 9) Georgia 10) Oregon 11) West Virginia 12) Nebraska and 13) Arizona.

Virginia gas prices fell last week

Average gasoline prices in Virginia fell 6.8 cents per gallon last week, averaging \$4.06/g Monday, according to GasBuddy's survey of 4,081 stations in Virginia. Prices in Virginia are 26.7 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand

\$1.33/g higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Virginia was priced at \$3.53/g Monday while the most expensive was \$5.49/g, a difference of \$1.96/g.

The national average price of gasoline fell 5.4 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$4.17/g Monday. The national average is up 25.5 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.31/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.

"Oil prices fell last week as COVID cases in China surged, prompting restrictions on movements and hurting oil demand," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

"Meanwhile, President Biden's announcement that the U.S. would be releasing 180 million barrels from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve

caused an even further decline in oil, leading gas prices in nearly all areas of the country to fall over the last week," said De Haan. "So long as oil prices remain under \$100 per barrel and there's no escalations in Russia's war on Ukraine, we may be poised to see gas prices decline again this week as the U.S. and other countries try to raise oil supply to tip prices lower."

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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provided by the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce and end with a member-artist exhibit opening and reception in the evening. During the day, the museum will provide fun,

family-friendly activities, food, and beverages.

This day is also Give Local NRV, a day dedicated to non-profit fundraising sponsored by the Community Foundation of the New

River Valley. The museum will be accepting donations for Give Local NRV on June 22.

The museum will retain the old Pepper Street property with intentions of leasing the

building for use as office space and promoting the outdoor recreational opportunities including the community garden, which is managed by Master Gardeners.

Science Lab

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the realization of Virginia Tech's vision for the north academic district," said Chris Kiwus, interim senior vice president and chief business officer. "This is possible only through the intentional coordination with our university partners."

The four-story facility will house 26 wet, dry, and specialty laboratories designed to be flexible and adaptable to current and future instructional needs for the College of Science, College of Engineering, College of Natural Resources and Environment, and College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Graduate

teaching assistant workspaces, classrooms, collaboration spaces, offices, informal study areas, and 24/7 student space also will be incorporated.

The first floor will feature the Discovery Suite, a wet and dry lab maker space that was envisioned by an interdisciplinary team of faculty members with student input. "The Discovery Suite will foster experiential learning by providing the space and equipment needed for student-led science projects conducted as part of a class or in partnership with industry," said Jill Sible, associate vice provost for undergraduate edu-

cation.

"In the last 15 years, we have seen the number of undergraduate students enrolled in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and health sciences majors at Virginia Tech increase approximately 60 percent — from over 8,000 students to nearly 13,000. As we continue to grow our undergraduate student enrollment, consistent with our university strategic priorities, having appropriate, top-notch infrastructure to accommodate them remains crucial," said Van Coble, assistant provost for academic space.

VeTZone

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After a temporary relocation to Squires Student Center while the Johnston Student Center underwent renovations, the VeTZone

returned to Room 300 when the building reopened earlier this semester.

"It's a space they need," said Jana Moser Moore, director of the Office of Veteran Services. That's because adjusting to campus after military service can be challenging. "We just call it 'the transition,'" she said. "And everybody knows what we're talking about."

Some students who are veterans may struggle to socialize, flounder with the relative lack of structure, or feel flummoxed by age and experience gaps.

Moser Moore points out that a classroom discussion about geopolitics may be grating for a student who's been deployed overseas.

Even for veterans who are still in their early 20s, having served four years in the military can make university life feel strange. "Because they had this whole other self-supporting life, their experience can make things feel different than they do for another 22-year-old in the classroom," said Moser Moore.

The VeTZone makes it easier for veterans and military-affiliated students

to find the people who share their unique experiences. Walker drops by the VeTZone most days to do homework between classes or meet up with fellow veterans. "Virginia Tech's top-tier veteran services were one of the things I really liked about the school," he said. "Having a space like this just really reinforces that idea."

Veterans, military-affiliated students, and military dependents are invited to use the VeTZone in Room 300 of the Johnston Student Center. It's free and open most weekdays from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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 - Pin
 - Rare laughing
 - Parts of the circulatory system
 - Financial term
 - Pearl Jam frontman
 - Cores of vascular plants
 - Strong sharp smell or taste
 - City in S. Korea
 - One from Damascus
 - Short message at the end of an email
 - It cools your home
 - Towards the mouth or oral region
 - Intestinal pouches
 - Boys and men
 - The 12th letter of the Greek alphabet
 - Former CIA
 - A way to arrange
 - Body cavity
 - The Great Lake State
 - A type of seal
 - Stop for a moment
 - Ancient kingdom
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 - White clerical vestment
 - Songs to a lover
 - Prices
 - Sun-dried brick
 - Where to park a boat
 - One who values reason and knowledge
 - Partner to feather
 - Sailboats
 - Actress Zellweger
 - Type of screen
 - Country singer Haggard
 - Puts together in time
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- An involuntary muscular contraction
 - PA transit system
 - Leaves a place
 - Sweet greenish fruit
 - Lends support to
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 - Water at boiling temperature diffused in the atmosphere
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 - Auction attendee
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 - Tree resin
 - The academic world
 - Khoikhoi peoples
 - Infer from data
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 - Takes apart
 - Dorm official
 - Secondary or explanatory descriptor
 - Relating to wings
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 - Situated in the middle
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 - Beloveds
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 - Border river between India and Nepal
 - Millisecond
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 - ESPN broadcaster Bob
 - A place to stay

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OBITUARIES

Jones, Deloris 'Darlene'

Deloris 'Darlene' Jones departed this life to join her heavenly Father on March 31, 2022.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Ida Marie Underwood; and siblings, Anna Underwood Palmer, Judy Underwood Kenneth Underwood, Billy Underwood, and Roger Underwood.

She leaves to cherish her memory her husband of 56 years, Carl Jones; a son, Mike Wheeling; a stepson, Darrell Jones

(Shelby); a very special granddaughter, Mattie Wheeling; and siblings Ray Underwood (Jo), Melvin Underwood (Bertha), Freddie Underwood, and Dana Underwood.

Visitation was held Monday, April 4, 2022, at Roselawn Memorial Gardens, Christiansburg, followed by graveside services.

Arrangements with Horne Funeral Home & Crematory 540-382-2612.

Mitchell, Rachel Jones

Rachel Jones Mitchell, 55, of Dublin, was taken home to Heaven on Monday, March 21, 2022.

She was taken too quickly and has left all who knew and loved her grieving and missing her daily.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Larry and Arrietta Jones; her husband, Curtis Wayne Mitchell; and her brother, Neil Jones.

She leaves behind her daughter, Samantha Mitchell; a son and daughter-in-law, Kyle and Jamie Mitchell; a granddaughter, Harley Mitchell; a sister and brother-in-law, Dona and Alan Lawson; a brother, Vincent Jones; nieces Chasity Rupe, Kayla Lawson, Christina Mitchell, and Lynn Bain; nephews Vincent Jones, Jr., Dustin Bain and his fiancé, Jocelyn



St. Clair; and many other great-nieces and great-nephews. She also leaves behind many cousins and other extended family members.

The family received friends on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at the Tower of Refuge Church in Dublin. Memorial services followed with Pastor Stacey Cope officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Tower of Refuge Church or the National Center for Victims of Crime in Rachel's honor.

A special thank-you goes out to Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory for handling the cremation.

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

Walters, Lottie Clarabelle Cook

Lottie Clarabelle Cook Walters passed from this life peacefully at her home in Blacksburg on Sunday, April 3, 2022, following a brief illness. She was 93.

She loved and cherished her family. She loved life and had a wonderful appreciation for what God has given us. She will be truly missed by her daughters, Shirley Hylton (Jerry), Sandra Smith, Kathy Dowdy (Mike), Carol Early (Wayne); her son, Curtis "Buddy" Cook (Patsy) and her daughter-in-law, Carol Tickle Walters. In addition to her children she leaves to cherish her memory 13 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren plus many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, Frank Elbert Walters; her parents, Harry and Laura Kanode Cook; a son, Frank Steven "Steve" Walters; a grandson, Tony Curtis Cook, a sister, Evelyn Cook Davis; and her brothers, Haven Cook, Kenneth Cook, Guy Cook, Andy Cook, Herman



Cook, Ophus Cook, and James Cook.

A celebration of life service will be held on Thursday, April 7, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. at Blacksburg First Wesleyan Church, 1406 Giles Road, Blacksburg, Hopkinton and Pastor Jerry Hylton. The family will receive friends from noon until service time prior to the service. Interment will

follow in Roselawn Memorial Gardens, Christiansburg.

The family sends a sincere thank-you to the members of the Christiansburg Rescue Squad, the staff at LewisGale Hospital-Montgomery, the staff at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital, and the staff at Intrepid Healthcare services Hospice. They provided the best care possible, and the family will be forever grateful. In lieu of flowers, please make donation to Intrepid Healthcare Services Hospice, 101 West Main St., Radford, VA 24141.

Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

Launch event to highlight VT center's outreach to refugees, migrants, and other displaced people

On April 8, the Center for Refugee, Migrant, and Displacement Studies at Virginia Tech will hold an official launch celebration from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on VT's Upper Quad. The previously planned event was delayed by the pandemic.

"This event is an opportunity to highlight the important work students, faculty members, and community members are already doing to address issues of mobility, relocation, and displacement," said Katrina Powell, director of the center and a professor in the Department of English.

To complement the official launch, the center has kicked off a crowdfunding campaign that will continue until April 24. Proceeds will fund experiential-learning opportunities for students working with refugees and migrants.

The April 8 celebration will include music by Virginia Tech's Itraab Arabic Music Ensemble and a poetry reading by Somali-British poet Warsan Shire. The first 100 attendees will receive a copy of Shire's latest poetry collection, "Bless the Daughter Raised by a Voice in Her Head." The co-founders of Elimisha Kakuma will be in attendance, as will the founder of Kanere News, Qaabata Boru, among other special guests. A reception will follow the event.

Since its founding in late 2020, the center has strived to provide community resources for displaced families and individuals arriving in the region. The center also works to better understand displacement on global and local scales through humanistic and interdisciplinary research.

The center provides several opportunities for student involvement. Its "In Place" podcast, for example, shines a light on displaced people in Virginia. Meanwhile, the student-led Coalition for Refugee Resettlement fosters relationships between students and the refugee community, and the college preparatory program Elimisha Kakuma offers tutoring for refugees. The center's digital series, "Roots & Resettlement," provides a multimodal outlet to share writing, art, and

compositions about displacement, resettlement, place, and belonging.

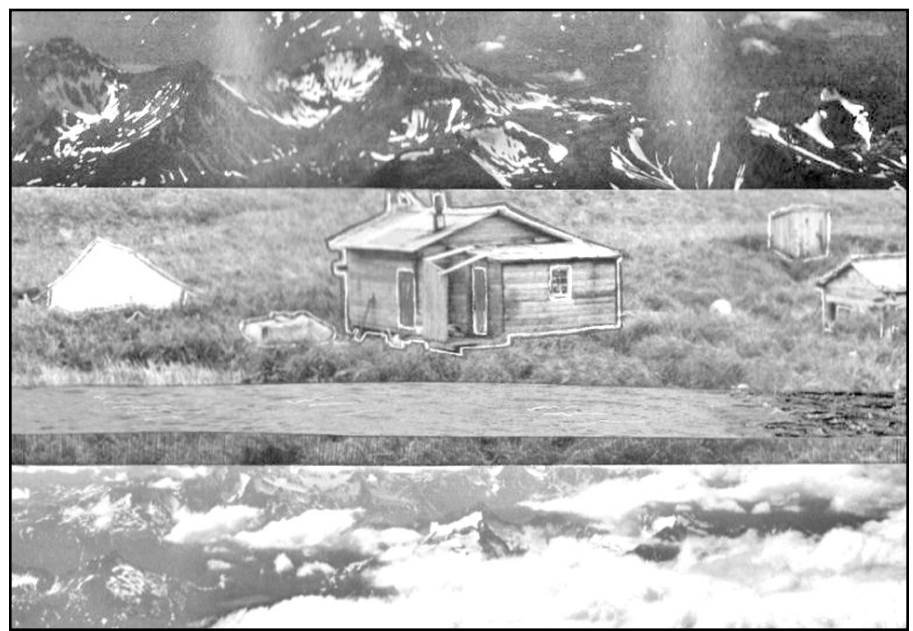
Deepa Gajulapalli, a senior majoring in human development and minoring in strategic communication and political science, said the center has changed her perception that refugees are placed only in large cities.

"If you look into the recent Afghan refugee crisis, and where these refugees are going, it's not necessarily cities," she said. "It's usually rural areas, and it's hard to imagine coming from a different country and then going somewhere with little diversity, that doesn't have the same people or culture, and where you don't know the language."

Aside from Powell, the center's other founders include Brett Shadle, chair of the Department of History and the center's associate director of outreach; Rebecca Hester, an assistant professor in the Department of Science, Technology, and Society and the center's associate director of education; Georgeta Pourchot, coordinator of the Virginia Tech International Refugee Research Project and the center's associate director of international initiatives; and Katherine Randall, the center's first graduate research assistant who now works with Church World Service.

Powell said the center, which is interdisciplinary in nature, brings together years of faculty research, including that of the International Refugee Research Project, which Pourchot launched in 2016. Pourchot is now associate director of Virginia Tech's Center for European Union, Transatlantic, and Trans-European Space Studies.

Powell said the 2017 federal travel ban that barred certain refugees and family members from entering the U.S. — and the community-welcoming events the university held in its aftermath — solidified the founders' decision to create a center benefiting students, faculty, and the community. The center regularly collaborates with the Blacksburg Refugee Partnership, as well as the Virginia Consortium for Refugee, Migrant, and Displacement Studies, which it now administers.



Collage courtesy of Rachel Lin Weaver and the Alaska Native Village of Belkofski.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 TAX LEVIES AND BUDGET

Pursuant to Section 58.1-3007 of the Code of Virginia, notice is hereby given that a public hearing be scheduled for 6:00 P.M. April 7, 2022 on the proposed intention to address the below listed local tax levies for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 upon which matter citizens will have the opportunity to be heard. Said hearing will be held at the Montgomery County Government Center Board Room, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia.

FURTHER, notice is given of the Board's intention to propose no increases in the following tax levies for Fiscal Year 2022-2023:

Real Property tax levy remains at \$.89 per \$100 of assessed value.

Personal Property tax levy remains at \$2.55 per \$100 of assessed value.

Machinery & Tools tax levy remains at \$1.82 per \$100 of assessed value.

Merchant's Capital tax levy remains at \$3.05 per \$100 of assessed value.

Mobile Homes tax levy remains at \$.89 per \$100 of assessed value.

Notice is also given that the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County scheduled a public hearing for 6:15 P.M. or as soon thereafter, April 7, 2022 on the **Advertised Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget** in the amount of \$220,385,913. Said hearing will be held at the Montgomery County Government Center Board Room, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia.

BY THE ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
F. CRAIG MEADOWS
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

ONLINE AUCTION

Ends Wednesday, April 20th @ 4 PM

Commercial Business for Sale

2753 Peppers Ferry Road, Christiansburg, VA 24073

Bid Now at VaAuctionPro.com



This property is known as Bell Oil Company and consists of 2 tax parcels totaling .618 ac. Great location with high visibility on Highway 114 between Fairlawn and Christiansburg VA across from Massie Mobile Home Park which has over 100 homes. The location is great for heating oil and gas delivery, which is what Bell Oil Company did. Could also be a great location for a convenience store/gas station, or meat processing operation. Zoned General Business. 1,500 sq. ft. brick building with full 1,500 sq. ft. basement with outside entry. Built in 1950, remodeled in 1995 and has 3 phase power. New oil furnace for heat and central air conditioning, public water and private septic system. 12x26 walk-in cooler.

There are 3 buried fiberglass fuel tanks currently empty on property. DEQ approved and documented in bidder's pack. The 10,000-gallon tank with green lid contained Off Road Diesel or Dyed Heating Oil. The 6,000-gallon tank with brown lid contained Dyed Kerosene. The 2,000-gallon tank located at front corner of property contained Highway Diesel. Also two above ground Amerigas propane tanks. These tanks were leased from Amerigas and could be continued by new owner. The canopy/shelter over the 10,000- and 6,000-gallon tanks is 22'x32'.

Previews – Thursday April 7th @ 4 PM
& Saturday April 16th @ 11 AM

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Volunteer tutors needed to help adults increase English language skills

Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley (LVNRV) will hold a tutor information session on Tuesday, April 12 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Christiansburg.

The session is for adult volunteers interested in helping local adults improve literacy and language skills for increased independence and better employment. Approximately 24,000 local adults struggle with reading in English.

Tutoring, which is one-to-one or small

group, takes place at New River Valley-wide public locations, or remotely, at times that are convenient to both the tutor and the adult learner. Volunteer tutors are asked to make a minimum of a one-year commitment and meet with their students 1 to 3 hours per week.

Volunteers receive training and support, and no previous teaching experience is required. Volunteers who speak Spanish are especially being sought.

LVNRV, a United Way partner agency, provides free tutoring in reading, writing, math, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), basic computer skills, and assistance preparing for exams, such as the GED and US Citizenship test, to help adults in the New River Valley achieve their literacy-related goals.

To register or for more information, please visit www.lvnrv.org, call (540) 392-7262, or email info@lvnrv.org.



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Next GiveLocalNRV nonprofit listening session set for April 21 via Zoom



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The day's focus will include strategies from nonprofits that worked well in 2021.

The session's panelists will include Beth Lohman, Friends of the Huckleberry Trail; Andi Golusky, NRV CARES; Kim Bowman, Agape Center; and Elli Travis, Downtown Christiansburg, Inc.

The session will also have updates on 2022 grants and prizes and a new staff contact at the Community Founda-

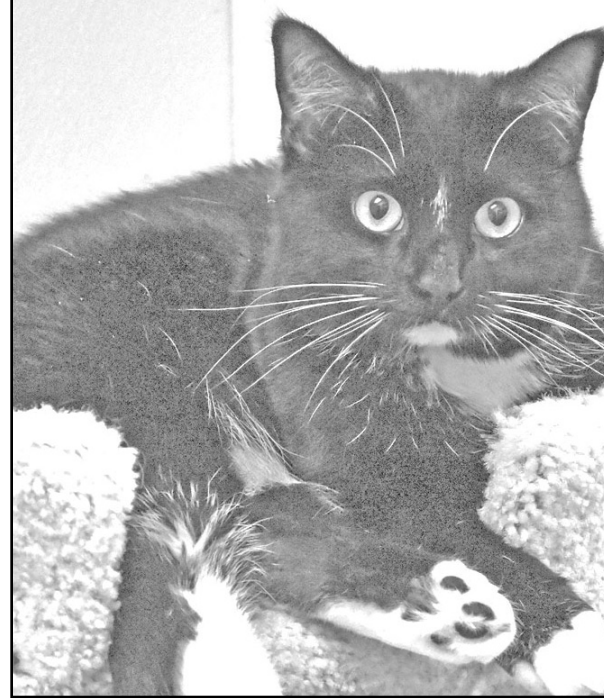
tion NRV (CFNRV) offices.

The ninth annual GiveLocalNRV giving day will be held on June 22, and registration is now open.

The first 70 organizations to register for GiveLocalNRV will receive two free t-shirts for their organization. Those who register will be asked their shirt size, and T-shirts will be available for pick-up at the CFNRV office in June. Additional T-shirts will be sold for \$10 each to those who want more than two shirts or who are not one of the first 70 organizations to register.

PETS OF THE WEEK

Brooklyn is bonded with her sister Maya and must go to the same home. Brooklyn tends to be a little more shy and reserved but once she finds a favorite human, she opens up. She has shown that she enjoys being petted and given attention.



Maya is a curious gal and is a little more outgoing towards meeting people. She enjoys nuzzling against just about anything and finding her way to a hand that will give her head and chin scratches. Maya is bonded with her sister Brooklyn and must go to the same home.

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ONLINE AUCTION

Ends Thursday April 28th at 4 PM

Commercial Investment Property for Sale in Montgomery County VA!

Bid Now at VaAuctionPro.com



Offering # 1 - House on 1.04 acres
3983 South Main Street, Blacksburg VA 24060



Offering # 2 - Building Only
3395 North Franklin Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073

You have the opportunity to purchase two commercial investment properties in Montgomery County VA! There are 2 offerings available for purchase. Bidders wanting to purchase both offerings will need to be the high bidder on both offerings. Online Auction will have a "soft close" where bidding on both offerings is extended 2 minutes if a bid on either offering occurs.

Offering # 1 - 3983 South Main Street, Blacksburg VA 24060

This is where Drive Away Car Dealership business office is located. House on 1.04 acres built in 1960 & later converted into an office. The upper level has 2,052 Square Feet with multiple offices, lobby, waiting room & bathroom. Basement has kitchen & storage areas with 1,516 sq. ft. There are 2 heat pumps, 1 heat pump for each level. There is a storage building behind main building. The 6,150 Square Foot Metal Building on adjacent property (Offering # 2) slightly encroaches on this property.

Offering # 2 - Building Only - 3395 North Franklin Street Christiansburg, VA 24073

This offering is for the 6,150 square foot Metal Service Building Only. The building is located on land owned by Norfolk Southern. The building is owned by Mark A. Cole Inc. DBA Drive Away Cars which has long term lease of \$2,000 per month with Norfolk and Southern. Norfolk and Southern has agreed to transfer lease to high bidder / purchaser of building. A copy of the lease can be provided upon request. Purchaser of building can have option of continuing lease with Norfolk and Southern and leave building or move building. If purchaser desires to remove building from Norfolk and Southern Land, they will be responsible for due diligence, permits, licenses, and insurance required if any to move building once purchased. Building slightly encroaches on adjoining property (Offering # 1). Building has 2 oil furnaces, two 1,000 gallon oil tanks, & two air compressors that will convey with building. 8 Bays and 6,150 sq. ft. Has bathroom, shop area & large work areas. Currently being used as an auto servicing business. Tools and equipment in building do not convey with building. Building has town water and private septic.

Great location with very good commercial visibility on Highway 460 between Christiansburg and Blacksburg VA. Adjoins Meade Tractor Company and very close to New River Valley Mall, Wal-Mart, Lowes, multiple restaurants / shops, Virginia Tech, & Downtown Blacksburg.

Preview Dates - Saturday April 9th @ 11 AM
& Friday April 15th @ 4 PM

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LewisGale Medical Center Names New Chief Nursing Officer

LewisGale Medical Center has hired Amy Woods as chief nursing officer for the 506-bed acute-care medical and surgical facility.

Woods began her career as an operating room staff nurse at LewisGale Hospital Montgomery and progressed forward in leadership roles including director of surgical services and assistant chief nursing officer be-

fore being hired Tuesday as LewisGale's chief nursing officer.

"We are excited to welcome Amy back to LewisGale Medical Center," said Lance Jones, LewisGale Regional Health System market president. "Her success in employee recruitment and retention, increasing patient satisfaction, and positive impact on overall quality results will continue

to ensure our community and our patients have the best care available to them whenever they need us,"

Woods is active in the community and currently serves on the New River Valley Task Force and the New River Community College Foundation Board. She also serves on the Galen College of Nursing doctor of nursing practice curriculum

development committee and the New River Community College Nursing advisory council.

Originally from Blacksburg, Woods earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Radford University, her Master of Science in Nursing from the Research College of Nursing, and her Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) from Radford University.



Amy Woods returns to LewisGale Medical Center as the chief nursing officer

Virginia farm exports set all-time record at \$4.1+ billion

RICHMOND – If Virginia farmers were playing in a basketball tournament, they'd be a top-seeded team. That's according to Gov. Glenn Youngkin, a basketball fan and self-proclaimed "enthusiastic, fully-energized chief marketing officer" for Virginia agriculture.

"We're here to win, and to take Virginia agriculture to the next level," Youngkin told participants at the 14th Annual Virginia Governor's Conference on Agricultural Trade on March 29. The annual conference is co-sponsored by Virginia Farm Bureau Federation, the Virginia Department of

Agriculture and Consumer Services, and the Virginia Tech Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics.

"Last year we exported more than \$4.1 billion in agriculture and forestry products, an all-time high for the commonwealth," Youngkin said. "In fact, it was 28% higher than the year before. We are off to an extraordinary start in 2022."

Youngkin noted that Virginia's farm and forestry industries account for \$91 billion in overall economic activity for the state, along with 440,000 jobs. That makes farming a slam-dunk for his administration. "This is a sector we must continue to grow," he said.

The governor's message

dovetailed with similar positive news about American farm exports. According to U.S. Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Dr. Jewel Bronaugh, farm exports boomed last year despite shipping delays and other pandemic challenges.

"Worldwide exports of many U.S. products, including soybeans, corn, beef, pork, dairy, distillers' grains and dairy all reached all-time highs," Bronaugh said. "And so we're currently forecasting another record year of exports in 2022, up by more than \$10 billion over the previous year."

Bronaugh praised Virginia farmers for their role in helping America remain the most dependable supplier of farm products in the world.

"We saw gains in China, Mexico, Canada, South Korea, the Philippines and Columbia, all setting new records in those markets," Bronaugh said. "And when I think about Virginia's strong agricultural exports, like soybeans, soybean oil, wood products, tobacco, just to name a few. Virginia really supports this effort we're really doing" to boost farm exports.

Looking ahead, Bronaugh noted that U.S. farm exports to Southeast Asia have grown to 10% of all sales over the past decade. And with population expected to boom in Africa in the next few years, she said, farmers and agribusinesses should turn their sights to those markets.

In pre-recorded remarks to the conference, Virginia

Farm Bureau Federation President Wayne F. Pryor noted that the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative's 2022 annual report to Congress put an emphasis on expanding ag exports. "The Trade Policy Agenda also acknowledges the profound importance of maintaining a U.S.-China trade relationship," Pryor said. "And it recognizes that our respective countries can flourish as both trade partners and competitors. It also asserts that any competition must be fair."

"For Virginia ag trade to remain viable and profitable, we need a global system that enforces environmental standards and ensures that regulations are predictable and science-based," Pryor said.

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Taking pulse: Researcher addresses knowledge gaps in shark and ray research

Sharks and rays are one of the most ancient vertebrate groups, as well as one of the most endangered.

Researchers still know very little about many shark and ray species and the environments in which they live, particularly rare species and those that dwell in remote areas, where resources and capacity for conducting study and monitoring are scarce.

To address these knowledge gaps, Francesco Ferretti, an assistant professor in the Department of Fish and Wildlife Conservation in Virginia Tech's College of Natural Resources and Environment, polled an international team of scientists and practitioners to take a pulse of the greatest issues that are present in shark research, marine conservation, and fisheries science.

"In science, it is very important to know things. But it is even more important to understand what you don't know. If you are able to do that, then you can focus your efforts more

effectively in that direction," said Ferretti, who is an affiliate of the Center for Coastal Studies and the Global Change Center, both of which are housed in the Fralin Life Sciences Institute. "In our review, we found that key opportunities for addressing these threats and conserving these crucially important animals come from technological advances, international coordination of research and action, and multi-stakeholder collaboration."

Their review was published in *Endangered Species Research*.

Ferretti and his colleagues selected 20 of the most pressing topics in research and conservation of shark and ray populations. The issues ranged from their ecology to the threats they face and management and conservation actions that need to be taken.

A total of 47 experts from 35 institutions and 13 countries came together to offer their current understandings, knowledge

gaps, and what is, in their opinion, the way forward.

"Sharks and rays are an amazing group of animals that occupy all oceanic and coastal ecosystems of our planet," said Fiorenza Micheli, co-director of Stanford Center for Ocean Solutions and co-author of the study. "This extraordinary diversity and key ecological functions and services are at risk from many pressures — overexploitation, pollution, habitat loss, and climate change."

The importance of sharks and rays in coastal marine ecosystems cannot be overstated. These animals are the top predators in the food chain, and they are able to influence the abundance of prey populations, shape the structure and function of marine communities and food webs, and bridge distant ecosystems together.

Unfortunately, these animals are particularly vulnerable to exploitation because of two reasons: their patterns of survival — such as late maturation

and low offspring numbers — and widespread exposure to human-caused pressures.

"We have learned a great deal about some of the larger and more charismatic shark species and in many parts of the world have established effective ongoing monitoring programs," said Salvador Jorgensen, a marine ecologist and researcher at the University of California, Santa Cruz, and a lead author on the study. "While we build on those successes, it is imperative that we also shift our focus to lesser-known but equally important shark and ray species, transferring lessons learned to remote habitats and rare species that have escaped scientific study but not the increasing pressures of human impact."

To help solve this issue of data scarcity, Ferretti's

lab is leveraging our fascination with sharks and infatuation with social media.

Ferretti's lab is using a new and intriguing piece of technology called sharkPulse to help solve the scarcity of shark data. This is a crowdsourcing platform supported by seed funding from the Global Change Center able to transform all images or media found on social networks of shark occurrences into data that can be used for analysis.

The lab is tapping into social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Flickr. Additionally, sharkPulse allows citizen scientists to share their own images from their mobile phones and validate the streams of data that are coming from the social media platforms.

With permission of citizen scientists and access

to their geolocation information and timestamps, researchers will be able to conduct habitat modeling analysis, perform trend and distribution analyses, and plan more targeted field investigations.

"By understanding more sharks, we can also mitigate the risk of interacting with these sharks because we know seasons where they are active and the seasons when they are absent," said Ferretti. "You don't go in the northern part of California and surf in November, because that's a hot spot for white sharks. If you want to reduce your risk, go down to Southern California, where there are younger sharks and smaller sharks with lower risk for them to interact in an injurious way."

By Kendall Daniels

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OPENING WEEK

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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.

ROUTE 615 CULVERT REPLACEMENT – Beginning April 11, 2022, Route 615 (Pilot Road) will undergo a culvert replacement located at the intersection of Pilot Road and Old Pike Road, across from the Pilot Post Office. Single lane closures will be in place and will be maintained by utilizing temporary traffic signals. Lane closures on RTE 615 are expected to begin on May 5 and will be in place through August 2022. Expected completion is October 2022.

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

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

UTILITY WORK ON ROUTE 460 - MMI will be installing fiber optic along Route 460 and Route 8 from the Giles County line to the Floyd County line. This work will be ongoing. Motorists should expect shoulders and/or lane closures for travel in both directions.

INTERSTATE 81 INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDENING CONSTRUCTION EXIT 137 TO EXIT 141 – A \$179 million design-build project to widen both directions of I-81 between mile markers 136.6 and 141.8 from two to three lanes is set to begin. 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:

To mid-April, daytime right shoulder closures will be in effect between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday

Until mid-June, nighttime right lane and shoulder closures will be in effect between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday

From mid-May to mid-June, alternating left and right lane and shoulder closures will be in effect during nighttime hours between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday

THROUGH APRIL 8: Night-

ly lane closures may be in place along the right lane with possible nightly ramp narrows as needed for guardrail and shoulder strengthening.

Northbound I-81 lane closures from mile marker 138 to 142

Northbound I-81 exit and entrance ramp narrows possible at Route 311.

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 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 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.

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

Flagging operations may be in place on Liberty Road NW from Lukens Street NE to Hunt Avenue NW from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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Legals - City of Salem

Notice

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on April 13, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Consider the request of Philip M. and Rachel C. Knouff, property owners, for the issuance of a Home Occupation Permit to allow a small-scale wholesale cut flower farm (garden) on the property located at 275 Ft. Lewis Boulevard. (Tax Map # 130-2-22).

2. Consider the request of MO Salem, LLC, property owner and Midland Atlantic Properties, property owner's management affiliate, to rezone the properties located at 1923 Electric Road and 1951 Electric Road (Tax Map # 284-1-2.2 and Tax Map # 284-1-2.3) from HBD with conditions to HBD with amended conditions to allow retail sales.

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia.

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THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA

BY: James E. Tallaferro, II
Executive Secretary

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Legals - City of Salem

An affidavit having been made and filed that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of Oscar Martin and that there are or may be persons with an interest in the subject property, including heirs, devisees, and successors in the title of Oscar Martin, who may be deceased, whose names and addresses are unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that each of the parties appear on or before the 30th day of April, and do whatever is necessary to protect their interest in said land.

Signed
G. Chance Crawford,
Clerk of Salem Circuit Court

Legals - Montgomery County

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
VA CODE §§ 1-211 1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104
Case No. CL22000468-00
Montgomery County Circuit Court
55 East Main Street, Suite 1, Christiansburg, VA 24073
Kassie Reese
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v.
None

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Legals - Montgomery County

It is ordered that Jeremy Raymond Clement appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before May 25, 2022.

March 23, 2022
Judge K. Mike Fleenor, Jr.

Legals - Town of Vinton

ABC NOTICE

Farmburguesa, 303 S. Pollard St., Vinton, Virginia, 24179.

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Kat Pascal, Owner

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Notice is hereby given that Storage King USA 201 Berkley Rd. NE Roanoke, VA 24012 will sell the contents of the storage units listed below at a public auction to satisfy a lien placed on the contents (Virginia Statute 55). The sell will take place at the website StorageTreasures.com, under the guidance of Christopher Rosa (2907004316) on the behalf of the facility's management. Units will be available for viewing prior to the sale on StorageTreasures.com. Contents will be sold for cash only to the highest bidder. A 15% buyer's premium will be charged as well as a \$100 cleaning deposit per unit. All sales are final. Seller reserves the right to withdraw the property at any time before the sale or to refuse any bids. The property to be sold is described as "general household items" unless otherwise noted. 135-Kelley Wharton- "household goods": 259-Jonathan Walker- "household goods".

Notice of Public Sale

Notice is hereby given that Storage King USA, 1914 East Washington Ave, Vinton, VA 24179, will sell the contents of the storage units listed below at a public Auction to satisfy a lien placed on the contents (Virginia Statute 55). The sell will take place at the website StorageTreasures.com on 4/26/2022 at 9:00 am. The sale will be conducted on Storage Treasures.com, under the guidance of Christopher Rosa (2907004316) on behalf of the facility's management.

Units will be available for viewing prior to the sale on StorageTreasures.com. Contents will be sold for cash only to the highest bidder. A 15% buyer's premium will be charged as well as a \$100 cleaning deposit per unit. All sales are final. Seller reserves the right to withdraw the property at any time before the sale or to refuse any bids.

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Legals - City of Radford

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Case No. JJ004566-06-00 RADFORD J&DR - JUVENILE DIVISION
Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re MORGAN, GABRIELLA JOSEPHINE RADFORD CITY DSS /v. KAITLIN MORGAN ADKINS
The object of this suit is to: TERMINATE THE RESIDUAL PARENTAL RIGHTS OF KAITLIN MORGAN ADKINS, legal parent of Gabriella Josephine Morgan, a minor, in that said parent has, without good cause, failed to correct the conditions which resulted in the child entering foster care and it is not reasonably likely that she will be able to do so in a reasonable amount of time; failed to maintain continuing contact with the child and substantially plan for the child's future. Residual parental rights include, but are not limited to, the right to visitation, consent to adoption, the right to determine religious affiliation, and the responsibility for support. The termination of your parental rights will permanently end all of your rights and responsibilities to the child named in the petition.
It is ORDERED that KAITLIN MORGAN ADKINS appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 05/13/2022 08:30 AM.

03/10/2022
Sally Davis
Clerk

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Case No. JJ004566-07-00 RADFORD J&DR - JUVENILE DIVISION
Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re MORGAN, GABRIELLA JOSEPHINE RADFORD CITY DSS /v. BENJAMIN JOSEPH ALVAREZ
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Legals - City of Radford

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Clerk

Legals - City of Salem

Notice

Take notice the undersigned will apply to the Council of the City of Salem at a public hearing on April 25, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard in the Council Chambers of the City of Salem, at 114 North Broad Street, Salem, Virginia, based on an application to permanently dispose of an approximate .137 acres of an unopened right of way. The unopened right of way is an alley bounded on the north by 9th Street and on the south by the Norfolk Southern Railway and by the following:

- On the east by:
Indiana Street (Tax Parcel #198-3-8)
Indiana Street (Tax Parcel #198-3-9)
Indiana Street (Tax Parcel #198-3-10)
Indiana Street (Tax Parcel #198-3-11)
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- And on the west by:
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Florida Street (Tax Parcel #198-3-5)
Florida Street (Tax Parcel #198-3-6)
Florida Street (Tax Parcel #198-3-7)

All parties of interest and citizens may appear on the above date and be heard on the question.

Salem Iron and Metal
Daryl W. Beckner

Notice

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THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA

BY: H. Robert Light
Clerk of Council



Legals - City of Salem

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The object of this suit is to enforce the lien for taxes assessed by the City of Salem, Virginia against certain real property designated as Tax Map Parcel No. 80-2-22.

An affidavit having been made and filed that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of Oscar Martin and that there are or may be persons with an interest in the subject property, including heirs, devisees, and successors in the title of Oscar Martin, who may be deceased, whose names and addresses are unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that each of the parties appear on or before the 30th day of April, and do whatever is necessary to protect their interest in said land.

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County of Montgomery, Virginia Synopsis of Advertised Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

This budget synopsis is prepared and published pursuant to Section 15.2-2506 of Code of Virginia, for information and fiscal planning purposes only.

A hearing will be held by the Board of Supervisors on April 7, 2022 at 6:15 P.M. at the County Government Center Board Room, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia at which time any citizen of the County shall have the opportunity to attend and state his or her views on the advertised budget.

A copy of the Advertised Budget is available for inspection at the County Government Center, in the County Administrator's Office, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg; the Blacksburg Library, 200 Miller St., Blacksburg; the Christiansburg Library, 125 Shelton St., Christiansburg; the Meadowbrook Library, 267 Alleghany Springs Road, Shawsville; the Blacksburg Community Center, 725 Patrick Henry Dr., Blacksburg; the Christiansburg Recreation Center, 1600 N. Franklin St., Christiansburg; the Blacksburg Municipal Building, in the Town Manager's Office, 300 S. Main St., Blacksburg; and the Christiansburg Town Hall, in the Town Manager's Office, 100 E. Main St., Christiansburg.

	EXPENDITURES:		
	FY 2022 Budget	FY 2023 Advertised Budget	Increase (Decrease)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Board of Supervisors	\$ 282,503	\$ 282,521	\$ 18
County Administration	\$ 2,139,175	\$ 3,420,597	\$ 1,281,422
County Attorney	\$ 392,712	\$ 395,987	\$ 3,275
Finance	\$ 1,026,940	\$ 1,100,302	\$ 73,362
Insurance	\$ 210,695	\$ 230,695	\$ 20,000
Information Technology	\$ 2,166,844	\$ 2,251,939	\$ 85,095
Commissioner of the Revenue-State	\$ 604,072	\$ 607,609	\$ 3,537
Assessment-100% County	\$ 501,438	\$ 483,425	\$ (18,013)
Treasurer-State	\$ 503,805	\$ 494,464	\$ (9,341)
Collections-100% County	\$ 501,782	\$ 458,110	\$ (43,672)
Electoral Board/Director of Elections	\$ 480,599	\$ 550,237	\$ 69,638
Commonwealth Attorney	\$ 1,363,990	\$ 1,377,342	\$ 13,352
Courts	\$ 271,939	\$ 275,888	\$ 3,949
Clerk of the Circuit Court	\$ 777,980	\$ 808,014	\$ 30,034
Sheriff-State	\$ 8,414,297	\$ 8,260,821	\$ (153,476)
Sheriff-100% County	\$ 7,374,033	\$ 7,473,269	\$ 99,236
Fire Departments and Rescue Squads	\$ 1,494,981	\$ 1,528,181	\$ 33,200
Animal Care and Adoption Center	\$ 665,885	\$ 696,830	\$ 30,945
General Services	\$ 6,775,341	\$ 6,936,621	\$ 161,280
Children's Services Act	\$ 1,651,969	\$ 1,651,969	\$ -
Human Services	\$ 401,863	\$ 393,713	\$ (8,150)
Public Health Department	\$ 604,488	\$ 615,000	\$ 10,512
Social Services	\$ 6,467,965	\$ 6,814,076	\$ 346,111
Parks & Recreation	\$ 1,321,070	\$ 1,424,223	\$ 103,153
Regional Library	\$ 2,398,052	\$ 2,392,230	\$ (5,822)
Planning & GIS	\$ 965,982	\$ 982,839	\$ 16,857
Economic Development	\$ 470,549	\$ 482,054	\$ 11,505
Other Agencies	\$ 2,804,425	\$ 2,860,159	\$ 55,734
Contingencies-General	\$ 536,307	\$ 583,307	\$ 47,000
Contingencies-Special	\$ 8,141	\$ 2,319,702	\$ 2,311,561
Revenue Refunds	\$ 195,000	\$ 195,000	\$ -
Subtotal:	\$ 53,774,822	\$ 58,347,124	\$ 4,572,302
Law Library	\$ 17,600	\$ 17,600	\$ -
SCHOOLS:			
School Operating	\$ 121,984,741	\$ 126,380,044	\$ 4,395,303
School Capital	\$ 2,195,645	\$ 2,259,973	\$ 64,328
School Nutrition	\$ 4,633,474	\$ 4,633,474	\$ -
Subtotal:	\$ 128,813,860	\$ 133,273,491	\$ 4,459,631
County Capital	\$ 3,580,645	\$ 3,644,973	\$ 64,328
Debt Service	\$ 24,722,725	\$ 24,722,725	\$ -
Economic Development	\$ 380,000	\$ 380,000	\$ -
COUNTY TOTAL	\$ 211,289,652	\$ 220,385,913	\$ 9,096,261
RESOURCES:	FY 2022 Budget	FY 2023 Advertised Budget	Increase (Decrease)
REVENUE:			
General Undesignated Revenue:			
Current Property Taxes (1)	\$ 103,807,971	\$ 107,793,451	\$ 3,985,480
Delinquent/Other Property Tax Revenue	\$ 2,996,000	\$ 3,359,323	\$ 363,323
Sales and Use Tax	\$ 10,202,157	\$ 11,153,109	\$ 950,952
Undesignated Consumer Utility Tax	\$ 1,628,000	\$ 1,563,000	\$ (65,000)
Motor Vehicle Licenses	\$ 800,000	\$ 800,000	\$ -
All Other Local Taxes	\$ 1,325,000	\$ 1,455,000	\$ 130,000
Interest on Investments	\$ 113,268	\$ 75,028	\$ (38,240)
All Other Undesignated Revenue	\$ 520,384	\$ 616,384	\$ 96,000
Total Undesignated Revenue	\$ 121,392,780	\$ 126,815,295	\$ 5,422,515
General Designated Revenue	\$ 15,115,770	\$ 16,494,213	\$ 1,378,443
Law Library Designated Revenue	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ -
School Operating Designated Revenue	\$ 68,516,128	\$ 70,811,431	\$ 2,295,303
Other School Designated Resources	\$ 4,633,474	\$ 4,633,474	\$ -
Debt Service Designated	\$ 1,613,900	\$ 1,613,900	\$ -
Total Designated Revenue	\$ 89,894,272	\$ 93,568,018	\$ 3,673,746
Law Library Fund Balance	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,600	\$ -
Total Fund Balance	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,600	\$ -
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$ 211,289,652	\$ 220,385,913	\$ 9,096,261

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By Order of the Board of Supervisors:
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Nothing but net: Looking back at Hokies' season

What transpired over the course of the 2021-22 Virginia Tech men's basketball season was nothing short of remarkable. It's the kind of stuff people watch ESPN documentaries on. Consider this, a team in the ACC cellar as of Jan. 26, mounted a run for the ages that culminated with maroon and orange confetti falling amid a bunch of jubilant Hokies who capped off one of the most historic finishes to a season in ACC history by winning the ACC championship.

As Hokie head coach Mike Young stood atop a ladder inside the Barclays Center emphatically swinging the net around and around, he had once again returned to the pinnacle of his conference. This time, it wasn't in the Southern Conference, which he won five times. No, this title was accomplished in the Atlantic Coast Conference by winning four games in four days that included taking down the top three seeds on consecutive days. The last win came against the all-time winningest coach in the sport's history.

We know the final destination, but let's look back and appreciate the journey that got the Hokies to Brooklyn and becoming 'forever champions.'

Tech opened the 2021-22 season against the Maine Black Bears, and for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic began, Caspell Coliseum was rocking with over 6,000 fans in attendance. Justyn Mutts and David N'Guessan combined for 30 points as the Hokies shot 53% en route to an 82-47 blow-out win.

The very next day, Tech was on a bus bound for Annapolis where the team faced Navy on Nov. 12 as part of the Veterans Classic. On Nov. 11, the Hokies took part in a tour of the Naval Academy, followed by practice and a team dinner on base.

Tech moved to 2-0 on the season by picking up a key road win at Navy, which was coming off a season-opening upset over Virginia. Playing in his home state, Keve Aluma dropped in 20 points while Hunter Cattoor chipped in 19 to pace the Hokies to a 77-57 victory.

Facing a quick turnaround, Tech next geared up for its New River Showdown with Radford, which was led by Mike Young's former assistant at Wofford, Darris Nichols. The Hokies held the Highlanders to 39 points, the fewest they allowed all season, on their way to a 65-39 decision. Mutts provided the highlight of the non-conference slate by throwing down a lob from Storm Murphy that landed as No. 1 on SportsCenter's Top-10 plays.

The win was the start to a 3-0 week for Tech, which earned the program's 1,500th win against Merrimack on Nov. 21.

Following an 0-2 trip to Brooklyn for the NIT Season Tip-Off where the Hokies dropped matchups to then-No. 9 Memphis and then-No. 25 Xavier, the Hokies bounced back in a big way with a 62-58 win at Maryland as part of the Big Ten/ACC Challenge.

Tech finished with an 8-3 non-conference record, culminating with a resounding 86-49 win over preseason Atlantic-10 Conference favorite St. Bonaventure in the Basketball Hall of Fame Shootout in Charlotte. Cattoor erupted for 21 points – a career high at the time – on 5 for 5 shooting from beyond the arc. He earned MVP honors following the game.

Tech then faced an uphill climb, dropping its first four games of the ACC slate for the first time since the 2014-15 season. The Hokies had to postpone their games against North Carolina and Pitt for health and safety reasons.

At 8-7 overall, 0-4 in

the ACC, Tech got back on track against Notre Dame. A strong second half ignited by Nahiem Alleyne (22 points) and Justyn Mutts (24 points) spurred the Hokies to a 79-73 win over the Fighting Irish.

After a 62-59 road win over NC State, though, Tech suffered three consecutive setbacks to drop to 10-10 overall and 2-7 in the conference.

The turnaround started on Jan. 29 at Florida State where Hunter Cattoor and Sean Pedulla put on a clinic en route to a resounding 85-72 victory over the Seminoles.

An Orlando, Fla., native, Cattoor lit up the scoreboard from beyond the arc, tying the single-game program record for 3-pointers made with nine. His 9-for-11 performance from downtown fueled the junior to 27 points and the Hokies to their first win in Tallahassee since Feb. 24, 1990. Complementing Cattoor's effort was freshman Sean Pedulla, who dialed up a season-high 20 points on 6-of-7 shooting from 3.

That win launched a six-game win streak for the Hokies highlighted by wins over Syracuse and Virginia at home. Against the Orange, Justyn Mutts recorded the second triple-double in Virginia Tech history by charting 12 points, 14 rebounds and 11 assists. Keve Aluma added 20 points to lift Tech to the 71-59 win.

Headed into Big Monday with UVA, the Hokies were 15-10, 7-7 in the ACC. On the other hand, Virginia entered with a 16-9 overall record, including a 10-5 ledger in league play. The Hokies held off Virginia, 62-53, to secure their sixth straight win and a half-point in the Commonwealth Clash, presented by Smithfield.

That win streak was snapped by North Carolina on Feb. 19, but the Hokies rallied with three more wins punctuated with a 3-point



PHOTO BY VT ATHLETICS

Virginia Tech basketball coach Mike Young cuts down the net after winning this year's ACC tournament.

dagger by Darius Maddox with 12 seconds remaining to propel Tech past Miami (Fla.), 71-70, in Coral Gables.

The Hokies then entered as the No. 7 seed for the ACC Tournament. Despite limping into the tournament following a 63-59 setback at Clemson in the regular-season finale, Tech got the opportunity to atone for that loss in the second round of the ACC tourney against the 10th-seeded Tigers.

The Hokies led by 14 points early in the second half before the bottom fell out and nothing seemed to be going Tech's way. Trailing 75-73 and having to go the length of the court with six seconds left, Darius Maddox received the

inbounds pass, drove up court, made his way to the left wing and drilled the game-winning shot as the horn sounded. Tech 76, Clemson 75.

Tech then matched up with No.-2 seed Notre Dame in the quarterfinals. The Hokies had five players score in double figures, led by Keve Aluma's 20 points, to down the Fighting Irish, 87-80.

Making its first semifinal appearance since 2011, Tech had to go up against third-seeded UNC, which went 2-0 vs. the Hokies during the regular season. Maddox led all scorers in the semifinals, dropping in a career-high 20 points to punch Tech's ticket into the ACC championship game for the first time in pro-

gram history against Duke.

Cattoor saved his best performance of the season for last, ringing the bell for a career-high 31 points on 7-of-9 shooting from long range on his way to MVP honors in the ACC title tilt.

Tech led for over 30 minutes of the game. When the final horn had sounded, the maroon and orange confetti had fallen, and "Enter Sandman" had resonated throughout Barclays Center, the words coach Mike Young had uttered in late January were validated: "This thing's going to turn. And when it does, it's going to be something beautiful." Final score: Virginia Tech 82, Duke 67.

Beautiful, indeed.

Tragedy strikes close to home



From the Sidelines
Marty Gordon

A motor accident with pedestrian injuries caught our attention this past week without many people knowing the connection.

A car in Williamsburg struck a group of Milligan University cross-country runners as they ran along a roadway, killing one and injuring several others.

20-year-old Eli Cramer was killed in the crash. The others were treated for injuries at a nearby medical facility.

Cramer was a sophomore business administration major from Murfreesboro who set two of the school's all-time best times in the cross-country eight-kilometer and the indoor 5,000 meters.

He was part of three Appalachian Athletic Conference championship teams and was a

two-time national qualifier in outdoor and indoor track in 2021 and 2022. Cramer was also part of the NAIA team national championships.

Injured in the incident were Eric Spaulding of Christiansburg, a member of the men's team at the Tennessee school, and Katelyn Dominy of Auburn High School, a member of the girls' team.

Milligan identified the two other runners struck by the car as seniors Alex Mortimer and Eli Baldy.

In a press conference Friday, Milligan officials said Baldy was treated for leg and foot injuries and released from the hospital on Thursday. Mortimer, meanwhile, suffered life-threatening injuries and underwent surgery. He has injuries to his shoulder and hips and a broken fibula. He also has bruised lungs and a concussion.

Milligan officials said Mortimer is stable and is expected to make a full recovery.

According to the

Virginia State Police, 26-year-old Jose Efrain Hernandez Mancia of Williamsburg was charged in the incident.

He was charged with driving under the influence, DUI-involuntary manslaughter, felony hit-and-run, reckless driving, DUI-maiming and DUI refusal to submit a breath or blood sample.

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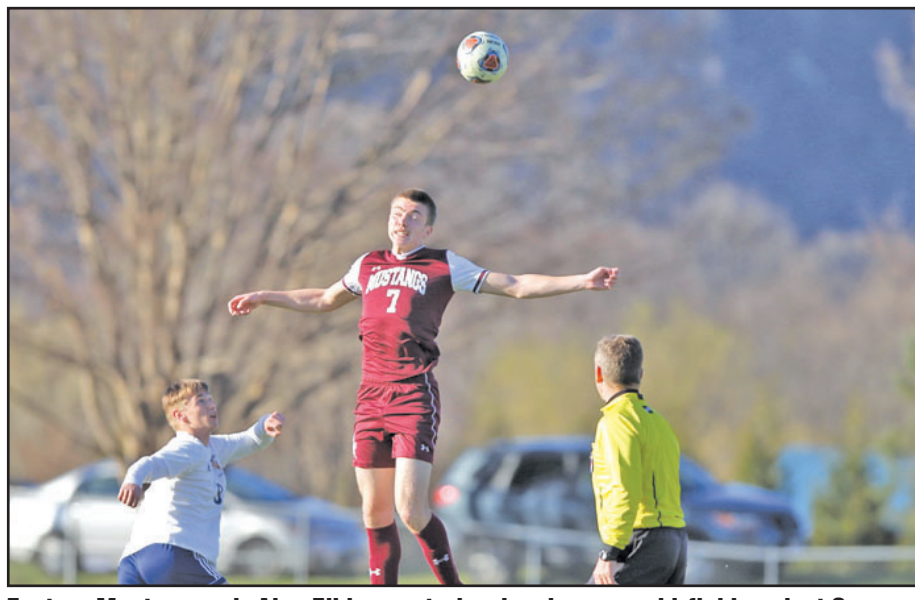
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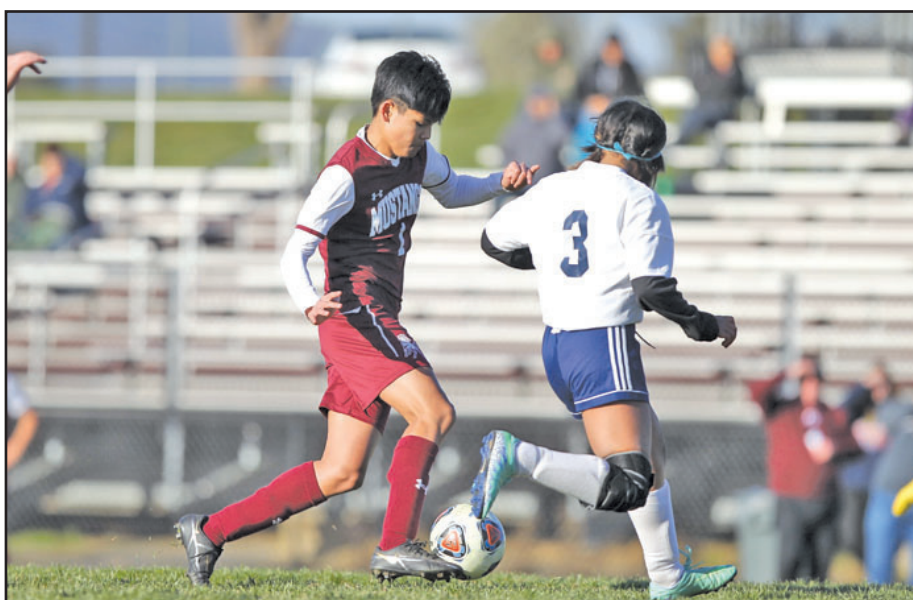
Eastern Montgomery boys pick up 6-3 win over Grayson



Eastern Montgomery's Ayden Gravely breaks up a Grayson County pass during a Friday evening home match in the Mustangs' 6-3 win. The first-year team is 3-2 overall on the season.



Eastern Montgomery's Alec Elkins controls a header near mid-field against Grayson County.



Soe Aung works the ball down the field for the Mustang offense against Grayson County.



Eastern Montgomery's Talan Bruce winds up for a shot as Grayson County's Gerardo Reyes defends. Bruce scored two goals in quick succession right before halftime to give the Mustangs a 5-1 lead at the break.

PHOTOS BY JON FLEMING

VT teams win Waterfield rowing Regatta

The April 2 Waterfield rowing Regatta was won by both the Virginia Tech men's varsity team, an eight-rower boat, and the Virginia Tech women's varsity team, also an eight-rower boat. The Hokies won the overall points for the regatta and took home

the Waterfield Cup. NC State, Liberty, James Madison University, and Christopher Newport University were also in the competition. The Coast Guard Auxiliary stood at the ready for the protection of the rowers. There were no incidents.



Virginia Tech fans watch the races from the shore.



Virginia Tech's men's rowing team carries the boat ashore after winning the Waterfield Regatta Saturday, April 2.



US Coast Guard Auxiliary New River Valley Flotilla 83 operations officer Mike Hoffman stands watch from a distance on the Waterfield Regatta.

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