



The April 16 memorial is located on the Drillfield at Virginia Tech.

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VT to observe 2022 Day of Remembrance April 16

To honor the students and faculty members who lost their lives 15 years ago, Virginia Tech will observe the 2022 Day of Remembrance.

"Virginia Tech will never forget the 32 members of our community who were taken from us in 2007," said Debbie Day, associate vice president for alumni relations. "We will forever honor their lives and support those families and others affected by this tragedy. We also take this opportunity to gather as a community deeply committed to one another. Because so many Hokies were affected by this tragedy, it is so important for us to turn to each other for strength and support."

On Saturday, April 16, the Day of Remembrance will begin, as in previous years, at 12:01 a.m. with the ceremonial candle lighting at the April 16 memorial, located in front of Burruss Hall on Drillfield Drive. Members of the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets will stand in watch for the first 32 minutes of the day and the candle will remain lit for 24 hours.

At 8:30 a.m., a brief wreath-laying cer-

emony will be held at the April 16 memorial. Student members of the Virginia Tech Rescue Squad will carry wreaths to the memorial which will then be placed by Virginia Tech President Tim Sands and Laura Sands, and Executive Vice President and Provost Cyril Clarke.

At 9:43 a.m., the 3.2-Mile Run in Remembrance, an annual event that has attracted thousands of walkers, joggers, and competitive runners to campus since 2008, will begin rain or shine on the Drillfield near War Memorial Gym. The event, which will start with a moment of silence and will take participants across campus and into Lane Stadium, will finish near the April 16 memorial.

Preregistration for this event is strongly encouraged; visit the Department of Recreational Sports website for registration and event information.

At 2 p.m., an interfaith service will be held at War Memorial Chapel that is open to the public. Seating for this event will

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Board of Visitors approves the reorganization of Virginia Tech colleges

Members of the Virginia Tech Board neering and non-engineering construction Visitors voted Monday to approve re-

Violinist Sarah Chang

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Renowned violinist Sarah Chang to present inspiring evening of Brahms, Franck, and Bartók

She shared the stage with the New York Philharmonic when she was only 8 years old and released her first album at 10. Now, captivating violinist Sarah Chang makes her debut at the Moss Arts Center. Joined by pianist Sonya Ovrutsky Fensome, Chang will perform sonatas by Brahms and Franck in a program that includes Bartók's "Romanian Folk Dances," on Tuesday, April 19, at 7:30 p.m.

The performance will be held in the center's Anne and Ellen Fife Theatre, located within the Street and Davis Performance Hall at 190 Alumni Mall. Chang has impressed audiences with her technical virtuosity and refined emotional depth, performing with some of the world's most esteemed orchestras, conductors, and accompanists in an international career spanning more than

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Virginia Tech police teach self-defense basics to students

By Savannah Webb, intern for Virginia Tech University Relations

After weeks of shouting, kicking, and punching, Micayla Williams says she's prepared to protect herself.

That's because she practiced self-defense tactics for a month as part of the Virginia Tech Police Department's Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) System course.

"It's always useful," Williams said. "Even if it [sexual assault] might not ever happen to you, it's always useful to know how to defend yourself if you need to."

An intern for the police department and a senior majoring in criminology and sociology, Williams explained that as a college student, her age group is at high risk for sexual assault. The statistics rise when gender is factored into the equation.

The free courses are offered for men and women, whether Virginia Tech stu-

of Visitors voted Monday to approve reorganizing the colleges of architecture and urban studies, engineering, and liberal arts and human sciences and to approve renaming the College of Architecture and Urban Studies as the College of Architecture, Arts, and Design to reflect the disciplines included in the new organization.

These changes will become effective upon approval by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia.

The reorganization will include the transfer of the Myers-Lawson School of Construction to the College of Engineering; the School of Public and International Affairs to the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, and the School of Performing Arts to the College of Architecture and Urban Studies.

In addition, the restructured College of Architecture and Urban Studies will include the School of Architecture, the School of Performing Arts, the School of Visual Arts, and the School of Design.

None of the proposed school transfers affect existing degree plans, and all degrees will be transferred with their existing schools. All faculty will transfer in their current schools to new colleges with their current rank and tenure status. All proposed changes are cost-neutral because budgetary and staff resources will follow each school to its proposed college location.

Since its inception in 2006 as a school shared by the colleges of architecture and urban studies and engineering, the Myers-Lawson School of Construction has been one of only three schools of construction in the United States that offer both engiThe proposed transfer of the school entirely to the College of Engineering will achieve administrative efficiencies, better facilitate research and instructional collaboration among faculty across building construction and civil engineering disciplines, and offer students additional opportunities to pursue transdisciplinary undergraduate research and industry internships across these related disciplines.

Currently housed in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, the School of Performing Arts, with its programs in theater arts/cinema and music, has modes of instruction and creative activities that closely align with those that prevail in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies.

Many performing arts faculty regularly collaborate with faculty in the School of Visual Arts on multi-faceted artistic productions and research. The proposed realignment will strengthen these ties for both faculty and students. The administrative efficiencies to be gained reflect the shared spaces for the visual and performing arts embedded in the university's Master Plan for the Creativity and Innovation District.

For more than 50 years, programs in the School of Public and International Affairs, including government and international affairs, urban affairs and planning, and public administration and policy, have established strong national reputations and highly productive collaborations with faculty in liberal arts and human sciences.

The current organization of the College of Architecture and Urban Studies has been in place since 2003.

Blacksburg man dies in jail

Authorities with the Western Virginia Regional Jail near Glenvar say a 27-yearold Blacksburg man has died in custody at the facility after a drug overdose.

Dylan Ray Hatcher was found unresponsive in his cell on Friday, April 1.

Lifesaving efforts were given that included the opioid antidote Narcan. He was transported to Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced dead around 6 a.m.

The state medical examiner's office confirmed the mode of death as an over-

dose.

Hatcher had been in jail since October after being charged in Montgomery County on charges of larceny and failure to appear. He was also awaiting trial in Floyd County on a charge of drug possession with intent to distribute.

So far, jail officials have not said how Hatcher got the drugs or who might have slipped them into the facility. The Roanoke County Sheriff's Department is investigating the incident. No other details have been released.

Upcoming even

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 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 Blacksburg Parks and Rec facility.

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 welco

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

Tuesday, April 12:

Radford School Board meeting

The Radford City School Board will have a regular meeting at 6 p.m., at the School Administration Building, 1612 Wadsworth St. A copy of the agenda is available at www.rcps.org.

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@lvnrv.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 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 (LVN-RV) tutor information session will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Christiansburg. This session is 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 one to three 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@lvnrv.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

At the Blacksburg Library; 6 p.m. VT Associate Professor of History Daniel Thorp discusses his new book, "In the True Blue's Wake: Slavery and Freedom among the Families of Smithfield Plantation," which tells the story of the people who were enslaved at Smithfield Plantation between 1774 and 1865.

Evening Book Talk: "The Lost Man"

At the Christiansburg Library; 6:30 p.m. Discussed this month is "The Lost Man" by Jane Harper, in-person and virtually.

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 Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are invited to 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.

Saturday, April 23:

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 homeschool

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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

The club meets 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).

Loops Group

At the Blacksburg Library; 2 p.m. Attendees can bring their project and join the library's loops group for community and conversation. Everyone is welcome.

Spring eggstravaganza

At the Meadowbrook Public Library; 4:45 p.m. Children are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt in the courtyard. Take-home crafts and an Easter Basket drawing will be part of the fun. Children should bring an Easter basket and a camera.

Spring Children's Consignment Sale

Blacksburg United Methodist Church (BUMC) will hold its semi-annual consignment sale of children's items at the Whisner Building of the main church campus, 111 Church St. in Blacksburg from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Families can get great deals on gently used kids' clothes and shoes, toys, books, games, movies, baby gear and accessories, sports equipment, maternity clothing, and more. Many items are like new (some even brand new). Some items will be half price between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. Proceeds will benefit local charities. Due to contact with young children, masks will be required.

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, April 25, is 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. The schedule for Tuesday, April 26, is 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the schedule for Wednesday, April 27, 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.

Author Event with Daniel Thorp

Christiansburg sorority donates to Radford's Valley Women's Clinic



SUBMITTED PHOTO Stephanie Hamrick, left, administrative assistant of Valley Women's Clinic in Radford, accepts donations of items from Kristen Talley, representing the Alpha Mu Master Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi of Christiansburg.

Tech repair provider opens store in Christiansburg

CHRISTIANSBURG – Leading tech repair provider uBreakiFix[®] by Asurion has opened its 800th location in Christiansburg at 2611 Market St. NE. The store offers professional repair services for anything with a power button, from smartphones, tablets, and computers to game consoles, smart speakers, and drones—and everything in between.

While common repairs include cracked screens, battery issues, and water damage, uBreakiFix repair experts have fixed more than 14 million devices and can help with most any tech mishaps, with most basic repairs completed in two hours or less.

uBreakiFix Christiansburg is owned by Greg Lee and managed by Kyle Mills, who are both local to the area. Their first store is in Roanoke at 4750 Valley View Blvd NW, Suite 70.

"We've been looking forward to bringing this service to Christiansburg for some time, and were incredibly honored to learn this store would be the company's 800th location," said Lee. "We're excited to serve this area with the quality and expertise of a nationwide brand, plus the hospitality and familiarity of a local business."

The store's repair technicians fix all types of electronics, regardless of make or model, and uBreakiFix is an authorized repair provider for some devices, including Samsung Galaxy and Google Pixel smartphones. Customers can book a repair appointment online or stop by the store for walk-in service. uBreakiFix offers free, no-obligation diagnostics on all gadgets, as well as a low-price guarantee and a 1-year warranty on all repairs.

uBreakiFix was founded in 2009 after co-founder Justin Wetherill dropped and shattered his own smartphone, sparking the idea for a convenient, affordable repair option. Wetherill partnered with David Reiff and Eddie Trujillo to bring the concept to life, and it has since grown from a single storefront in Orlando, Fla., to 800 locations across the U.S. and Canada. uBreakiFix joined the Asurion[®] family in 2019 and now operates as a subsidiary of the tech care company.

"We are excited to serve people in Christiansburg with fast and affordable tech repair," said uBreakiFix CEO Dave



Barbuto. "We all rely on our phones and laptops more than ever before, and at uBreakiFix our mission is bigger than repairing shattered screens and broken charge ports. We fix tech

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because people rely on tech to stay connected to things that are important to them. I look forward to serving this community through our new Christiansburg location."

Self-defense from page 1

dents, employees, or Blacksburg community members. Courses teach participants basic self-defense, but the content varies depending on the class's gender. The men's class is called Resisting Aggression with Defense System.

"The women's program is geared toward becoming aggressive and fighting off an attacker who is moving to abduct them or to assault in some way," said Sgt. Micah Pasquarell, lead instructor of the RAD for Men program at Virginia Tech. "The men's program is geared specifically to help a student — or whoever's in the class — focus on de-escalation and removing one's self from the situation."

In the fall, the university formed a Sexual Violence Culture and Climate Work Group with the goal of enhancing preventative programming and ending sexual violence.

"Both of our self-defense programs touch on not just the immediacy of protecting yourself from a specific person at a specific time, but also talk about how we're being a force for positive change in terms of looking out for and protecting people and respecting the dignity of others," Pasquarell said.

Instructors begin the four-week courses with a presentation, then progress through tactical training, and conclude the training with dynamic simulations, or what Cpl. John Tarter, coordinator of the women's program, refers to as "Fight Night."

An officer wears RedMan gear — protective padding used in defensive training tactics — and students fight back, demonstrating the techniques they've learned in class. Through this exercise, students practically apply content from informational sessions and, most importantly, gain confidence in their abilities to legitimately defend themselves.

"The most important part is to empower people," Tarter said. "There are people that will come back to me, and they'll say, 'I didn't know I could yell, No!' Just by yelling 'no' they felt empowered, and when they punch the bags and they go through the scenario, it's the same thing."



PHOTO COURTESY OF VIRGINIA TECH OPERATIONS The Virginia Tech Police Department offers free self-defense courses for men and women. The classes are open to students and faculty and staff.

just come and watch, or they don't have to come to that part at all."

The department will offer a RAD for Women session this summer. It will begin May 24 and end June 14. "I find that usually if you take the class with a friend, you're more apt to complete it all, and you're more apt to have more fun in the class because you have somebody," Tarter said.

Though the first three instructional sessions are mandatory, the fourth is optional.

"They don't have to fight," Tarter said. "They can

'An Anthem for Virginia' ignites the home fires with early 30,000 streams in first two weeks

Just two weeks ago, local musician Stevie Oneshoes, (also known as Stephen Ward) released a personal and heartfelt love letter to Virginia, the place he calls home. Today that personal message has resonated and garnered love across the entire Commonwealth, gathering nearly 30,000 views and growing rapidly.

À travelog reflecting on his years on the road, the song and the accompanying video have achieved visibility and engagement on YouTube typically reserved for influencers and Internet celebrities. A lifelong song-"An Anthem writer, for Virginia" marks the fifth release from the artist and his most emotional and impactful release to date.

Anthem" has struck a nerve and prompted an outpouring of support and community pride. Listeners have taken to social media to express their thanks and common experiences. From "Most definitely on my song list when God decides to take me to Heaven" to "I hope we hear it on the radio soon" to "If you can see the tears running down my cheeks...," fans are in collective agreement that "it's a new anthem that I'll enjoy the rest of my days."

Indicative of its hardworking and hum-ble creator, "An Anthem for Virginia" was conceived and largely written on the back of a tractor, in the historic battlefields of Manassas. A serial entrepreneur, local business owner, and active community leader, Ward is a man of many talents and experiences. His work has taken him around the world innumerable times, but his spirit and heart always yearn for home.

"Anthem" is that story, a journey through his life and his gift to the land and the people he calls family. The song and video were self-funded and produced, taking the past six months to capture the perfect images from around the commonwealth to complement the words.

"I've always said that

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Auctions

Public Auction

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prior to auction start: Units H37, G65, and G-16. Auction date April 16th 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

Only registered bidders will be allowed into facility. Register at main office beginning at 9:30 am. No Parking in Bank or B&K lots allowed. Call for make-up date in case of bad weather.

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Thorough experience and/or training with established organizational skills which will ensure the proper operation of the program.

Models respect and acceptance with staff and holds self just as responsible for the outcome of the program as anyone else.

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Help Wanted -General

of preschool development, community resources and agencies that work with families.

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Help Wanted -General

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Part Time Newspaper Production Help

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

Notice of Public Hearing

The Radford City Council and Planning Commission will hold a joint public hearing to receive comments regarding a request from the Oakmont Atlantic, LLC, for a Special Use Permit to develop residential dwellings above the main floor, Tax Parcel's 13-(2)- SEC 1 – 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, located 644 West Main Street, Radford VA 24141. The hearing will be held on Monday, April 25, 2022 beginning at 7:00 P.M. E.S.T, at 10 Robertson Street, Radford, VA. Interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing and present their views on the proposed Special Use Permit. Written comments may be sent to 10 Robertson Street, Radford 24141; please allow adequate mailing time: Melissa Skelton, Community Development Director.

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Veterans can count on VA

With the passage of the Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks (MISSION) Act in 2018, the Department of Veterans Affairs began a process to look at VA medical facilities nationwide as part of an Asset and Infrastructure Review (AIR) to help determine what was needed to support our veteran population into the future.

More than 1,700 recommendations were made nationwide and presented to the AIR Commission in March.

The Salem VA Health Care System is comprised of the main campus in Salem in addition to community-based outpatient clinics in Tazewell, Wytheville, Danville, Lynchburg, and Staunton. We serve more than 30,000 Veterans in

a 26-county area of southwest Virginia. We partner with community health care systems to provide high-quality care that meets the needs of our veterans. Salem VA Health Care System is known as an education and training facility for numerous health care disciplines as well as being an active participant in research initiatives.

Recommendations call for the construction of a new facility to replace the current Salem VA Medical Center buildings originally dedicated by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1934; the implementation of strategic partnerships with local health care providers for inpatient medical and surgical services and emergency department services; the creation of a new community-based outpatient clinic in Bedford County; and the closure of the current Salem VA Medical

Center facility once the new building is constructed.

The AIR report released in March and the recommendations it contains represent the earliest stages of a long and deliberative process and should not yet be considered final. A presidentially appointed AIR commission will use the next year to review the recommendations, gather more data as needed, and potentially modify the recommendations based on new information.

After the year-long review, the AIR commission will submit its recommendations to the president, and from there to congress where the recommendations will be voted on in their entirety. If approved, the VA will then begin a multiyear process of prioritization and funding approvals for projects. Because of this timeline, and the time to construct new facilities, we do not expect any substantive changes for at least several years.

Regardless of what the AIR commission, the president, and congress approve, there is one thing that will never change: the commitment of the men and women of the Salem VA to promote the health and well-being of our veterans.

As the AIR commission begins its deliberations and potential changes to the recommendations emerge, I want to reassure veterans that we will continue serving the veterans in our community and will update you along the way as the AIR commission moves through this process. It is our great honor and privilege to provide health care services for veterans who dedicated their lives to secure our freedoms.

Rebecca Stackhouse Executive Director Salem VA Health Care System

WalletHub: Virginia is nation's third-most financially literate state

As the personal finance website WalletHub declares, after the Great Recession, it became clear that more people needed to learn financial literacy. The housingmarket collapse and following financial crisis reminded Americans of our obsession with debt and the dangers of quick access to finances for under-informed consumers.

To determine the states with the best financial literacy, WalletHub examined each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia and ranked them accordingly

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using 17 key metrics. Virginia emerged as the thirdmost financially literate state in WalletHub's rankings.

Among the key metrics that led to Virginia's high rank in the survey anad Virginia's place in the respective metrics' rankings were the percentage of unbanked households, 23; the percentage of adults aged 18+ who compare credit cards before applying 26; the high school financial literacy grade, 1; median credit score, 24; and share of adults of save for their children's college education, 6.

The ten states with the best financial literacy, according to WalletHub, were 1) Nebraska 2) Utah 3) Virginia 4) Colorado 5) New Hampshire 6) North Carolina 7) Maine 8) Iowa 9) Minnesota and 10) New Jersey.

The ten places with the worst financial literacy, according to WalletHub, were 42) District of Columbia 43) New Mexico 44) Connecticut 45) West Virginia 46) Mississippi 47) Alaska 48) Oklahoma 49) South Dakota 50) Louisiana and 51) Arkansas.

Chang from page 1

two decades.

Highlights from Chang's recent and upcoming seasons include performances with the New York and Los Angeles philharmonics, the Philadelphia and National Symphony orchestras, and the Chicago, Boston, Cleveland, Montreal, Houston, Detroit, San Francisco, Toronto, Vancouver, Cincinnati, San Diego, and New Jersey symphonies. She also has performed at the Hollywood Bowl and at the Tanglewood, Ravinia, and Aspen music festivals, among others.

With a career that has blossomed internationally, the accomplished recital and chamber musician regularly travels the world, performing with artists such as Pinchas Zukerman, Yefim Bronfman, Leif Ove Andsnes, Yo-Yo Ma, Isaac Stern,

Wolfgang Sawallisch, and members of the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra.

Chang's most recent recording featured the Brahms and Bruch violin concertos with Kurt Masur and the Dresdner Philharmonie. She has also recorded Vivaldi's "Four Seasons;" Prokofiev's Violin Concerto No. 1 and Shostakovich's Violin Concerto No. 1 live with the Berliner Philharmoniker; and the Dvořák Violin Concerto with the London Symphony Orchestra and Sir Colin Davis.

Pianist Sonya Ovrutsky Fensome's performances are known for their fresh, imaginative, and passionate interpretation. Her extraordinary artistry brings new life to a wide array of piano repertoire — from baroque to the 21st century.

Ovrutsky Fensome has performed in major venues in the United States, Europe, Russia, and South Africa, including Carnegie Concert Hall and Lincoln Center in New York, the Kimmel Center in Philadelphia, Aspen Music Festival, Palace de Beaux Arts in Brussels, and Lucerne Music Festival.

Her numerous competition awards include the Aspen Music Festival Competition and Concert Artist Competition in New York. A passionate supporter of music education, Ovrutsky Fensome was appointed director of the Piano Academy at M. Steinert and Sons in Boston in 2014. Her commitment to teaching and inspiring young people in their study of piano music was recognized with

the Top Teacher Award by Steinway & Sons for five consecutive years. Her music appreciation YouTube channel, "From My Piano Room," dedicated to classical piano music, is quickly gaining recognition around the world.

During her visit to Blacksburg, Chang will speak with Virginia Tech music majors about violin performance, touring, music education, and service.

Tickets for the performance are \$20-45 for the general public and \$10 for Virginia Tech students and youth 18 and under. Tickets can be purchased online; at the Moss Arts Center's box office, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday; or by calling 540-231-5300 during box office hours.

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begin at 1:30 p.m. No late entries

The 2022 Day of Remembrance be honored at the Virginia Tech will be permitted once the service will end when the ceremonial can- baseball game vs. Miami and at dle is extinguished at 11:59 p.m. Members of the Corps of Cadets will again stand in watch for 32 minutes prior to the extinguishing, and the candle will be carried back into Burruss Hall, representing the university's commitment to never forget. Several other university events, including the spring football game (kickoff is 4 p.m.) will be held on April 16. Area first responders will

the softball game vs. Virginia, both games starting at 2 p.m. on the Blacksburg campus. Members of the Virginia Tech Police Department will throw out the ceremonial first pitch at each game. In addition to events in Blacksburg, many Virginia Tech alumni chapters will host events or runs in their communities. Information will be posted on the We Remember website as details are confirmed.

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begins, and no photography or video recording equipment is permitted.

At 7:30 p.m., a candlelight vigil will be held on the Drillfield in front of the April 16 memorial. In addition to brief remarks, the names of the 32 individuals who died on April 16, 2007, will be read aloud to honor and remember their lives. Participants are asked to bring their own candles and to discard them safely. Cell phone lights may be used.





BITUARIES

Carden, David Stern

David Stern Carden, 68, of Dennis and Pat Carden; three nieces; Dublin, passed away on Wednesday, April 6, 2022.

He was preceded in death by his father, Paul Dudley Carden; and his children, Tim, and Ashley.

Survivors include his significant other and special friend, Ramona Bartee; his mother, Ruby Hooper; a sister, Terri

Davis; a brother and sister-in-law, Crematory in Radford.

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one nephew; and many other relatives and friends.

The receive friends from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford.

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family will

The Carden family

Duncan, Ira Hubert

Hubert Duncan, 80, of Nicolas, Breanna, and Olivia; sisters and

Christiansburg, went home to be with his heavenly father on Tuesday, April 5, 2022.

Ira

He was a member of the Childress Church of God, retired from Canteen Vending, and a faithful customer at the Radford Travel Center. Ira was preceded in death by his wife, Iva Dale Duncan; his parents, Hubert and Ellodia Duncan; a brother, Carl Duncan; and a step-daughter, Vickie Lawson.

Survivors include his son and daughterin-law, Tommy and Kathryn Hackworth; a daughter and son-in-law, Tammy and Jay Meriwether; grandchildren Amy (Jerald) Vann, and T. J. (Amanda) Hackworth; five great-grandchildren: Mason, Abby,

brother-in-law, Della and Boo Carroll and Betty Ritter, and Arleen Thompson; sister-in-law, Sharon Duncan; and many other relatives and friends. The family received friends on Friday, April

Radford. Funeral services followed with the Rev. Ronald Smith and the Rev. Frankie Graham officiating. Interment followed

in Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin. The Duncan family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in

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ANGLICAN CATHOLIC

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

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

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

BAPTIST

First Baptist Church on 3rd Ave., 215 Third Ave at the corner with Downey St. We nurture meaningful connections to God and others through worship, spiritual growth, and community ministry. We celebrate the dignity and worth of all persons, created in the image of God. Sunday Bible Study Groups - 9:45, Sunday Worship - 11:00. Website: fbcradford.org 540-639-4419. Worship is in-person and live-streamed on Facebook and on our YouTube channel: First Baptist Church Radford.

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

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SICK WITH SIN

Read Psalms 37:1 through 38:22

Every one of the world's billions of people will face injury and illness in life. No one can escape pain and suffering. When we hurt, we usually seek help. We bandage wounds, take medication, visit a physician—all in an effort to gain healing.

Why aren't we as eager to cure sin? Why don't we deal with it as we do other ailments? God provided a solution for sin: repent, confess, and forsake the sin. Yet we often ignore it or let it go until it looms full-blown and potentially life-threatening (Psalm 38:5,6).

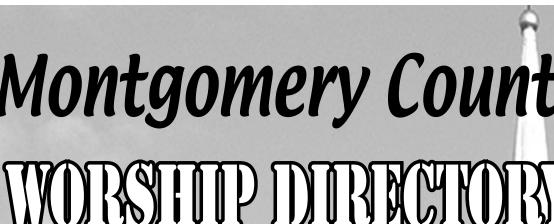
I confess my iniquity; I am troubled by my sin (Psalm 38:18).

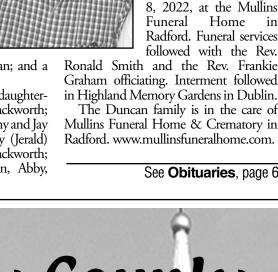
The best time to address sin is when we first experience sin symptoms. It's best to remove a sliver before it gets infected, even though it may cause momentary discomfort. In the same way we should dig out any scrap of embedded sin before it leads to something worse.

Jesus is our Great Physician and the Bible our spiritual medicine chest. Our Divine Doctor prescribes daily doses as preventative treatment against sin.

Thought for Today: What remedy do you find today in God's Word?

Quicklook: Psalm 38:8-18









CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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

CHURCH OF GOD

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

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

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Christiansburg Church of the Brethren, 310 South Franklin Street. Pastor: Hal Sonafrank, 1-336-583-4822. Sunday School 10 a.m.; Morning Worship 11 a.m.; Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Website: www.christiansburgcob. org. A loving family, fueled by the Holy Spirit, grounded in God's Word, and delivering Jesus forgiveness and love to all people. Come as you are... you are welcomed!

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

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

ECKANKAR

Eckankar, the Path of Spiritual Freedom, is located at 1420 3rd St. SW, Roanoke, VA 24016. However, due to COVID-19, the Light & Sound Services and other ECK programs are currently available online through Zoom. Visit www.eck-va. org for program listings, www.meetup.com/Roanoke-Spiritual-Experiences-Group, or call 540-353-5365 and leave a message. We will return your call. Also visit www.eckankar. org for more information about how the teachings of Eckankar lead you to spiritual freedom.

EPISCOPAL

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

LUTHERAN

Memorial Luther Lutheran Church ELCA, 600 Prices Fork Rd, Blacksburg. Weekly Online Worship at www.lmlc.org. We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation that welcomes and affirms all people just as they are. For information on Bible studies and Wednesday Vespers, email luthermemorialblacksburg@

gmail.com, or contact the church office, (540) 951-1000. Rev. Monica Weber, pastor.

MULTI-CULTURAL NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Christian Growth Center, 1850 Electic Way, Christiansburg, VA 24073 (beside Hubbell Lighting). Sunday Worship: 9:30am Prayer, 10:00am Service *Nursery Available. Lead Pastor: Todd Hallinan. Founding Pastor: Rob Sowell. Mission: Sow, Grow, & Go Sow Faith! Grow in Righteousness! Go into all the world in the authority of the believer! 540-382-2908.

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

Compassion Church, 1820 Second Street, Radford, 639-6287, Our music is passionate, our worship is real, and Pastor Chandler Jones brings relevant messages for everyone at any place on their journey, Sunday Worship Experience at 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM, Wednesday Family Night at 7 PM, Children Ministry provided for all services. Our vision is to see all Saved. Freed. Restored. Fulfilled. Find us on facebook and Instagram Walton Pentecostal Holiness Church, 4003 Morning Glory Rd., off Walton Rd. on Rt. 114. 731-1755. Lee Sarver, pastor. Sun. School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m. & 6: p.m., Wed., 7 p.m.

UNITED METHODIST

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

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

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

WESLEYAN

Christ Wesleyan Church, 525 Harkrader Street, Christiansburg. Public Worship service at 11:00 AM. Sunday School for adults - 10:00 AM. Pastor: Gale Janofski 540-510-0952. The building is totally handicapped accessible. Website: christwesleyanchurch.org

www.montcova.com



Forest, Willard William

Willard William Forest, 68, of Christiansburg, passed away Sunday, April 3, 2022.

He was preceded in death by his parents, nine brothers, and two sisters

Willard is survived by his loving wife, Serena Mae Forest; and sisters, Estelle Forest, Dorothy Cousin, and

Mary Forest.

Memorial services will be held at 4 p.m. on Friday, April 15, 2022, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford.

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

Jones, William McKinley

William McKinley Jones departed his life, Bill's love for cars never this life on Nov. 22, diminished, including

2021. He was born on June 23, 1965 at Radford Community Hospital, the youngest son of Robert and Betty Jones, who preceded him in death. He is survived by his older brother Robert Jones, Jr.; sister-in-law Paula; nephew Robert Jones, III; niece Roshonda; and great nephew Ezekiel.

After graduating from Radford High School, Bill remained in his home city and earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration from Radford University. Dating back to his childhood, he had a love for all things automotive and could give you the specs on most any vehicle. Throughout



among his various jobs, working for the Chrysler Corporation in Washington, D.C. Also in Washington, he worked for the Democratic National Committee and several government agencies, including the U.S. Treasury. Bill leaves to mourn

not only his immediate family, but also a host of cousins and friends.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 10 a.m. at the chapel at Mullins Funeral Home.

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

Naff, Dorothy Christine Rutter

Dorothy Christine Rutter Naff 22 great-grandchildren;

was born on Monday, Aug. 14, 1933, to Charles and

Vera Rutter. Dorothy opened her eyes in the arms of Jesus on Sunday, April 3, 2022, at

the age of 88. Preceding her in death were her sister, Shirley

Rutter Harris, and her brother, Jim Rutter.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband of 72 years, D. Arnold Naff, Sr.; her

sons, Steve Naff (Leisa), David Naff (Peggy), Darryl Naff (Beckie), and Byron Naff

(Missy); her daughter, Joan Handy (Kenny); 14 grandchildren;



her sisters-in-law, Dorothy Rutter, Helen Altizer, Joyce Moore, and Lola

(Harless) and many extended family members.

Her celebration of life will be held at the Christiansburg of Church the Brethren today,

Saturday, April 9, 2022, at 2:00 p.m officiated by Pastor Hal Sonafrank. Visitation will be held prior to the service from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Christiansburg Church of the Brethren P.O. Box 3050-24068.

ONLINE AUCTION

Ends Wednesday, April 20th @ 4 PM **Commercial Business for Sale** 2753 Peppers Ferry Road, Christiansburg, VA 24073

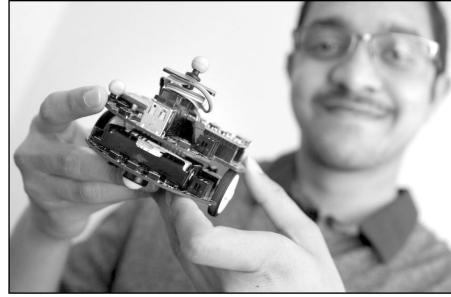


PHOTO BY RAY MEESE FOR VIRGINIA TEC

The CREATORS Virtual Institute will bring together cross-university student teams to learn about cybersecurity challenges and technology through a year-long project experience. Sandeep Kumar Bijinemula, a computer engineering student, holds a small robot at the Hume Center in Arlington.

Virginia Tech awarded \$1.5 million to cultivate diverse cybersecurity pipeline

By Lindsey Haugh

The need for evolving technical capabilities of defense systems and complex networks is increasingly more important to protect national security, but the cybersecurity workforce to develop these emerging technologies is lacking.

Nationally, there is a critical shortage of qualified cyber professionals, with approximately 600,000 cyber jobs available and more than 53,000 positions open in the Commonwealth of Virginia, according to Cyber Seek.

In working toward closing the cybersecurity workforce gap, Virginia Tech has been awarded \$1.5 million to engage undergraduate and graduate students from a variety of academic backgrounds enrolled in ROTC and other programs oriented to careers in defense and security.

The Griffiss Institute, which administers the Virtual Institutes for Cyber and Electromagnetic Spectrum Research and Employ program for the Department of Defense, selected Virginia Tech to lead the program called Cybersecurity Rethe search and Advanced Training of ROTC Students (CREATORS) Virtual Institute. Virginia Tech will partner with Old Dominion University and Norfolk State University, both of which are minority-serving institutions. "As a senior military college, the establishment of a new Virginia Techled cybersecurity program leverages the strengths of our existing expertise in cybersecurity and related disciplines, but intentionally extends our reach to a variety of students that will allow us to diversify

the tech-talent workforce and, more specifically, the development of our nation's intelligence and defense communities," said Eric Paterson, executive director of the Virginia Tech National Security Institute.

The multi-university initiative will provide students opportunities to participate in experiential learning programs, summer internship experiences, and applied research projects to address the complex cyber environment and cultivate a diverse pipeline of cyber talent.

The CREATORS Virtual Institute will bring together cross-university student teams that will learn about cybersecurity challenges and technology through a year-long project experience. The first teams will launch this fall with applications being solicited in the com-

ing weeks. "The defense landscape is driven by increased computing and software-defined capabilities, wireless systems, and increasing network connectivity that requires the ability to process and learn from cybersecurity data artifacts and translate cybersecurity vulnerabilities into actions with operational impact," said Peter Beling, professor in the Grado Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering and associate director of the Intelligent Systems Division in the Virginia Tech National Security Institute who is also the principal investi-gator. "The future workforce needs to be better prepared to understand these vulnerabilities, work through them in relevant operational contexts, and leverage data to improve

defense have been the key areas for enhanced national technology and security, there has been a significant shortage for trained workforce in this domain across national labs, industry, and academia," said Jin-Hee Cho, associate professor of computer science and the director of Trustworthy Cyberspace Lab. "CREATORS will provide students with strong cybersecurity and defense knowledge and transdisciplinary experiences in developing innovative solutions for cyber problems.'

Cho is a co-principal investigator of this project along with Ehren Hill, associate director for education and outreach at the Virginia Tech Ted and Karyn Hume Center for National Security and Technology. The Virginia Tech team is partnering with faculty members Yen-Hung (Frank) Hu and Mary Ann Hoppa; both from Norfolk State University; and Hongyi Wu and Chunsheng Xin; both from Old Dominion University.

The establishment of the virtual institute builds on Virginia Tech's momentum in cybersecurity education and research. This past fall, Virginia Tech announced the formation of its National Security Institute, aspiring to become the nation's preeminent academic organization at the nexus of interdisciplinary research, technology, policy, and talent development to advance national security. Recently, Virginia Tech received a \$2.8 million grant from the Department of Defense to continue developing the Department of Defense (DoD) Senior Military College Cyber Institute (SMČ2I), for a second year.

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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'.

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work zone. Shoulder closures will remain in place though the duration of the project. Project completion is estimated by late 2022

ROUTE 615 CULVERT REPLACE-MENT – 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 be-

gin 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.

AND TRANSFERS

- James Edward Stafford to Chelsie Stafford, 1.013 ac., Prices Fork Magisterial Dis- ac., Christiansburg, \$2,250,000 trict, \$90,000
- Nathan Schrenk to Shuhua Guo, 13.310 ac. Lot 130, Ph. VI, New River Village, bounds, Shawsville Magisterial District Ph VI, Christiansburg, \$283,000
- Shah Development LLC to Terry Goode, 0.106 ac., lot 51, Midway Estates, burg, \$358,500 Shawsville Magisterial District, \$252,000
- Stephen M. Davis Trust to Pulaski Development LLC, 1.879 ac., Christiansburg, \$1,050,000
- Terry D. Kingrea to David W. Kingrea, 2573 Pilot Rd., Christiansburg, 1.2381 ac., Riner Magisterial District
- Terry D. Kingrea to Candace K. Gillenwater, 2659 Pilot Rd., Christiansburg, 0.7340 ac., Christiansburg
- Franc Eric A. Wiedmer to Robert Thomas Stone, lot 18, Stroubles Mill, Blacksburg, \$579,000
- Charlie Ray Howard to Charlie Ray Howard, see legal, Riner Magisterial District
- MCB LLC to Robert E. Cole Trust, condo unit 307, Ph. 1, Patrick Henry Place District, \$1,765,000 Condos, Blacksburg, \$210,000
- Daniel R. Schroeder to Ivan V. Akhrymuk, lot 8, Kensington, Ph. 1, Christiansburg, \$290,000
- Geneva Graef to Moe Razavi, lot 45, Oak Tree Townhomes, Ph VI, \$67,500
- CC and B Development LLC to SAS Eagle Givens LLC, 0.239 ac., lot 85, Northside Park, Sec. XII, Blacksburg
- Ziaojin Z. Moore to Syed Maaz Hassaan Gardezi, lot 15, Ph 1, Shadowlake Village Subdv., Blacksburg, \$375,000
- Verabrum DG Christiansburg LLC to BMG Management LLC, metes and bounds, Christiansburg, \$10
- Vance R. Aif Vice to Katherine A. Turk, 0.591 ac., lot 541, Blacksburg Country Club Estates, Sec III, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$562,500
- Virginia Ward to Gary G. Reynolds, 2.481 ac., lot 14, Coal Bank Ridge Subdv., Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$935,000
- Joseph Douglas Phillips to Joseph Douglas Phillips, condo unit 34, Bldg. C, Cas- 21.150 ac., Shawsville Magisterial District, \$30,602,517 cades Pointe Condos, Blacksburg
- Terry Alolen Sowder to Terry Allen Sowder, 5404 Coles Road, Elliston, 3 ac., tiansburg, \$305,900 Shawsville Magisterial District
- Malcolm W. Beckett to T2AW LLC, lot 10, Rim Rock Estates, Sec. 1, Shawsville Heights, Blacksburg Magisterial District, \$20,000
- Edward A. Johnston to William K. Friedl, 1075 Arrington Road, Blacksburg, 1.435 rial District ac., lot 1, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District,\$395,000
- Charlie Ray Howard to Kimberly Reed, 12.1508 ac., Riner Magisterial District, District \$10,500
- David Brumfield to Melissa Jane Jones, 2.060 ac., lot 2, Shawsville Magisterial Dis- legal, \$175,000 trict, \$26,000
- Michael Broecher to Don Joseph Bernardini, 0.186 ac., lot 38, Auburn Hills Villas, \$256,000 Ph X, Riner Magisterial District, \$449,000
- Nancy Felch to Nancy Jahier Felch Trust, 2035 Blue Jane Lane, Blacksburg, condo District, \$265,000 unit 9, Ph VIII, Woods Edge at Warm Hearth
 - Joel G. Gibbs to Joel G. Gibbs, Christiansburg
- Richard T. Stanger to Richard Tyler Stanger, 1704 Camp Carysrook Road, Riiner, 1.14 ac., metes and bounds, Auburn Magisterial District
- Scott W. Hill to SWB Real Estate and Holdings, lot 3 and portion of lots 4 and 2, Sec. 6, Blacksburg, \$780,000
- Spruce Hollow LLC to Joanna M. Signorelli Trust, 24.377 ac., Shawsville Magisterial District, \$339,900
-]Lewis J. Quesenberry to Jose M. Delgado, 1 ac., metes and bounds, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$15,000
- James Darren Epperly to Triple JJJ LLC, Southside by Montgomery Street, Christiansburg
- Bo Zhang to Dwayne C. Brown, Jr., lot 50 Maple Ridge Village 3, \$435,000
- Neil A. Multispaugh to Neil A. Multispaugh, 2003 Broken Oak Drive, Blacksburg, Ph IV, Blacksburg, \$301,000 lot 94, Woodbine PDR Subdv., Sec. IV, Blacksburg
- Robert Eugene St. Clair Trust To Adam P. Grodzki, lot 11, Ramble Ridge, Sec. 1, tiansburg, \$299,900 Ph II, Blacksburg, \$269,000
- Eileen Poff Pugh to Corey Joseph Scott, lot 13, Sec II, Phillips Acres Subdv., Prices rial District, \$531,433 Fork Magisterial District, \$370,000
- Rene Fonesca to Sean Murphy, lot 6, Christiansbueg, \$190,000
- L. Leon Geyer to Geyer Living Trust, lot 1, Ph V, Preston Forest V, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District
- Martha Brookman Sink to William Michael Sink III, metes and bounds, Prices Fork Magisterial District
- Erven S. Tyler, Jr., to Veronica Lopez, lot 25, Craig Mtn. Sec 2, Christiansburg, \$335,000
- Trevor L. Johnson to Bissells Newton LLC, lot 27, Sec I, Ph III, Haymarket Square Townhouses, Blacksburg, \$296,000
- Susan D. Anderson to Keith C. Blevins, 0.500 ac., Christiansburg, \$210,000 Jeromy Pedrotti to Erven S. Tyler, Jr., lot 7, Craig Mtn., Sec X, Christiansburg, Blacksburg

- William Graham Thompson to William Graham Thompson, 12.89 ac., metes and
- Terra Bella LLC to Karl M. Sorensen, lot 19, Sec II, Mission Hill Subdv., Blacks-
- Lloyd B. Taylor Trust to Benny H. Hagy, Jr., 0.206 ac., Christiansburg, \$95,000
- Rengin Holt to Community Housing Partners, lot 38, Slushers Farm Subdv., Blacksburg, \$1,350,000
 - Dana Greer Sheffield to Princess Lynn Belcher
 - Zayne Hamm to Zayne Hamm, 0.7915 ac.
- Georgia Diane Linkous Keller to Lisa Ann Wade, 4169 Pilot Rd., Riner, 0.6556 ac., Riner Magisterial District
- Lisa Ann Wade to Timothy D. Price, 4169 Pilot Rd., Riiner, 0.6556 ac., Riner Magisterial District, \$45,000
- Justin James Fuente Trust to Brenton J. Pry, 4.1371 ac., lot 2, Mt. Tabor Magisterial
- Terry T. Perdue to Jerry T. Perdue, 10.0240 ac., tract 19, and 11.6288 ac., tract 20, Harman Farms Inc., Shawsville Magisterial District
- Adrian Yocum to William Nathan Booher, 1.000 ac., metes and bounds, Riner Magisterial District, \$12,000
- Debra A. Bailey to Garry Wayne Hunter, 3 tracts, 7.696 ac., 0.161 ac., 5.494 ac., Riner Magisterial District
- Donald Bailey to Timothy Holton, 1.000 ac., lot 1, Riner Magisterial District, 240.000
- Eric Cade Schoenborn to CK Mountain Properties LLC, 5.803 ac., Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$317,000
- Paige Lauren Ward Executor to Lucas Quincey Weaver, 4.847 ac., Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$187,000
 - Jessica W. Willis to Michael P. Gowen, Sr., 0.249 ac., Christiansburg, \$154,000
- Usip Elliston III LLC to 2121 Gardner Owner LLC, two parcels, 37.710 ac., and
- Golden Triangle Development LLC to Linda G. Zeinalgol, 0.134 ac, lot 60, Chris-
- Richard L. Laclair to Richard Leonard Laclair revocable trust, lot 30, Dundas
- William Kincer Friedl to William Friedl, lot 11, Scott Subdv., Prices Fork Magiste-
- William Kincer Friedl to William Friedl, lot 9, Scott Subdv., Prices Fork Magisterial
- James C. Deemer, Jr., to William M. Deemer, two parcels, metes and bounds, see
- Bryan T. Huffman to David W. Hamilton, lot 2, Suburban Hills, Christiansburg,
- JBC Properties LLC to Joshua Bowman, 1.0359 ac., tract B, Shawsville Magisterial
- Susan C. Stade to Robert L. Lafon, 0.9861 ac., Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$295,000
- Shah Development LLC to Thaddius C. Ratliff, 0.061 ac., lot 54, Cambria Crossing, Ph I, Christiansburg, \$329,750
- Michael Gary Akers to Lois Akers Mann, 744 Triangle St., Blacksburg, metes and bounds, see legal, Blacksburg, \$67,000
- Timothy L. Stelter to Changqing Li, lot 32, Charleston Place, Christiansburg, \$194,000
- Donald James Douglas, Jr., to Michael Todd Willis, lot 16, LA Plateau Subdv., Christiansburg, \$266,000
- Christopher Rae Thomas to Christopher Rae Thomas, 2 ac., metes and bounds, see legal
- Zachary Williams to Brian Brooks, condo unit 6203, Bldg. 6, Knollwood Condos,
- Michael W. Via to Patrick C. Ryan, lot 36, Ph II, New River Village Subdv., Chris-
-]Tyris Homes Inc., to Michael Via, lot 16, Hillcrest at Union Valley, Riiner Magiste
- Richard David Bartlett to Devin Dausin, condo unit M, Bldg 505, Sundance Ridge Condos, Blacksburg, \$211,000
- Mehdi Setareh toMehdi Setareh, lot 11, Cedar Orchard, Ph IV-A, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District
- Free Clinic of the New River Valley to Terry A. Brizendine, 130 Akers Farm Rd., Christiansburg
- Satiah Chandrasekaran to Chandrasekaran and Jagadhee, lot 59, Echols Village Subdv., Ph II, Blacksburg
- Lauren Cooper to Eric Cooper Trust, lot 2, Montgomery Farmers, Prices Fork Magisterial District
- Nancy H. Moselty to Nancy Showalter Moseley, lot 21, Sec. B, Airport Acres,

\$290,000	Richard G. Hyatt, Jr., to Atmosphere Plus Az 3 LLC, lot 19, Ph 3, Tremont Estates
St. Clair Investment Properties to Barry Slone, Lot 35, Lee Hwy Court, Christians-	
purg, \$130,000	Richard G. Hyatt, Jr., to Atmosphere Plus Az 3 LLC, 0. 503 ac., Blacksburg
John K. Shelton to Edward Via College, lot 7, Orchard View, metes and bounds,	Richard G. Hyatt, Jr., to Atmosphere Plus Az 3 LLC, 0.278 ac., Christiansburg
Blacksburg	SAS Eagle Givens LLC to Cesur Dagli, 0.248 ac., lot 88, Blacksburg, \$489,558
Brandon Grant Altizer to Twin Oaks Real Estate LLC, lot 6, Charleston Place, Christiansburg, \$165,000	Holly S. Knott to Prime Property Rentals LLC, lot 5, Blacksburg, \$640,000 William Kincer Friedl Executor to Rosent LLC, 0.158 ac., Blacksburg, \$275,000
G. Douglas Jones Trust to Brian Meinhart, 5.777 ac., Riner Magisterial District,	
\$534,779	Shawsville Magisterial District, \$5,000
Dennis L. Rakes to William Wyatt Link, lot 3, Blue Ridge Court, Sec III, Christains-	
ourg, \$171,900	Extension, Christiansburg, \$197,000
Baker Investments LLC to Vernon H. Baker Living Trust, vacant land no address,	Anna M. Score to Jennifer Spencer, 0.152 ac., parcel B, Christiansburg, \$275,000
Blacksburg, two parcels, 4 15/100 ac., and 5 ac., Blacksburg,	Diana H. Blair to Katherine M B Hochella, 0.087 ac., lot 162, Village at Tom
Edward F. Baker Trust to Clay Street LLC, vacant land, no address, Blacksburg, two	
parcels, 4 15/100 ac and 5 ac., Blacksburg	Toby R. Borge to Charles Ross Blount Revocable Trust, 1.219 ac., lot 5, Heritag
Edward A. Baker Trust to Virginia L. Baker, vacant land, no address, Blacksburg,	Place, Ph I, Riner Magisterial District, \$575,000
wo parcels, 4 15/100 ac. and 5 ac., Blacksburg	John C. Ledoux to John C. Ledoux Trust, 710 Knob Hill Drive, Blacksburg, lot 2
Virginia L. Baker to Edward A. Baker Trust, vacant land, no address, Blacksburg, wo parcels, 4 15/100ac. and 5 ac., Blacksburg	
Virginia L. Baker to Edward A. Baker Trust, vacant land, no address, Blacksburg,	David B. Livingston to Brianna Leigh Schoen, 0.046 ac., lot 15, Hunters Ridge, P. U. Christiansburg
wo parcels 4 15,100 ac. and 5 ac., Blacksburg	Michael J. McShane to Sebastian Muoki, lot 27, Walnut Creek, Ph I, \$375,000
Jared W. Barker to Jared W. Barker, lot 22, Oak Tree Townhomes, Ph IX, Chris-	
iansburg	PDR Subdv., Sec VI, Blacksburg, \$290,000
Robin Sheesley to Elvis Rosario, 1.1357 aqc., lot 4, Blacksburg	K&J Properties LLC to Gregory Scott Akers, two parcels, 0.994 ac., parcel A; 2.39
Simandhar LLC to Om May Vaishno LLC, 2635 Roanoke St., Christiansburg, 3.23	
	David S. Meier to Joshua Kast, lot 3, Springview Subdv., Ph IV, Riner Magisteria
	District, \$169,000
	Gilmer Properties LLC to Jonathan Lee King, 0.258 ac., Blacksburg, \$450,000
	Crystal R. McClimans to Alexander K. Adams, 1130 Orange Leaf Court, Christiansburg, lot 35, Ph III, Oak Tree Townhomes, Christiansburg
IRGINIA OUNTAIN	Jerry L. Shepherd, Sr., to Rambler Springs LLC, 0.4025 ac., Christiansburg
	\$330,000
	Jennifer L H Nelson to Li Sheng Lu, lot 8, Carriage Hill Townhouses, Blacksburg
	\$290,000
	Christopher W. Sweet to Christopher W. Sweet, metes and bounds, Riner Magiste
	rial District
	Lucas Construction and Development to Stateson Homes LLC, 0.284 ac., lot 3
	Kinloch Subdv., Blacksburg, \$93,500 Olen W. Gardner to Evan M. Smith, 4.00 ac., Riner Magisterial District, \$369,90
A DIVISION OF	James L. Sallie III to Sallie Properties Christiansburg, lot 23, Arbor View Plantatior
BANK OF BOTETOURT	Ph IV, Christiansburg
DAILAGE DOTETOORT	Douglas R. Sims to Stephanie Read, lot 516, Blacksburg Country Club Estates, Se
	III, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$854,800
Visit us today for a Home Loan.	Adrienne Whitney Berney to Gregory Michael Novack, lot 2, Countryside Estates
	Blacksburg, \$466,400
Construction Loans Investment Properties	Wanda L. Dove to 1690 Jackson Street LLC, lot 6, Newcomb Heights, Christians
Construction Loans Investment Properties	burg, \$195,000
Lot and Land Loans Home Improvement	G. Douglas Jones Trust to Brian Meinhart
	Kevin M. Gordon to David Caulfield Schmauss, 2 lots, 0.921 ac., lot 6, and 1.29 ac., lot 7, Hillcrest at Union Valley, Riner Magisterial District, \$607,000
• FHA, VA, and USDA Loans • Home Equity Loans	Jarad W. Gautier to Jarad W. Gautier, 0.764 ac., Riner Magisterial District
	Tyris Homes Inc., to Tyler Clay Blankenship, lot 19, Hillcrest at Union Valley, Rine
	Magisterial District, \$435,141
	Aniruddh Roy to Priya Biju, lot 15, Clover Valley Estates, Blacksburg, \$277,500
	Robert L. Fisher to Mary Elln Munford Harder Trust, 0.184 ac., lot 7B, Mist
F	Morning Meadows, Christiansburg, \$365,000
State 540-591-5000 • www.vamtnmortgage.com	Eugene G. Joseph to Ashley Neil Welch, lot 37, Brush Mtn West, Ph 6, Prices For
y 340-371-3000 www.vamininongage.com _{FDIC}	See Land Transfers page

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- Magisterial District, \$625,000
- Christopher L. Catron to John T. Jordan, lot 57, Belmont Estates, Sec II, Christiansburg, \$430,000
- Shah Development LLC to Laura Lucille Williams Negron, 0.067 ac., lot 36, Midway Estates, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$251,750
- Gregory Duane Earle to Cameron Joseph Earle, lot 19, Ph IV-B, Cedar Orchard, Mt. Taboe Magisterial District,
- Bobby L. Smith to Doris S. Smith, lot 15, Miniature Farms, Blacksburg
- Dovetail Properties LLC to Curt Porterfield, 0.499 ac., metes and bounds, Shawsville Condos, \$220,000 Magisterial District, \$60,000
- Montgomery County School Board to The Agape Center Corporation, 5.484 ac., District, \$359,000 Christiansburg, \$800,000
- BMG Management LLC to BMG DG Christiansburg District, 1.836 ac., metes \$32,000 and bounds, Christiansburg, \$10
- Daniel L. Davis to Daviel L. Davis, lot 7, Oak Tree Townhomes, Ph IX
- Kristopher Karl Schneider to Benjamin S. Lepene, metes and bounds, see legal, Christiansburg, \$265,000 Blacksburg Magisterial District, \$217,000
- Christopher T. Dempsey to Leana Fischer, 0.378 ac., parcel 1, Old Parsonage lot, Christiansburg, \$245,000
- Caleb Y. Simon to Bryan M. Kearney, lot 12, Oak Tree Townhomes, Ph III, Chris- Magisterial District tiansburg, \$261,000
- Mary Ann O'Ibeziako to James Marlin Witt, lot 6, Brush Mtn. Estates, Ph II, Mt. Christiansburg, \$160,000 Tabor Magisterial District, \$41,500
- Cody D. Brickey to Justin E. Brammer, 6.000 ac., \$170,900
- Virginia Department of Transportation to Little River Road LLC, See Hwy Platt, \$500
- Colin A. Grant to Kevin M. Marsden, lot 320 Blacksburg Country Club Estates, Sec II, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$960,000
- Helen M. Young to Jeffrey Stuart Shelton, four parcels, parcel 1, metes and bounds. Parcel 2, metes and bounds; parcel 3, 4.884 ac., lot 3A; parcel 4, Riner Magisterial Riner Magisterial District
- District, \$395,000 James Willard Lark III to K. Mike Fleenor, Jr., lot 12, Ph 2, Oak Manor Townhouses, Blacksburg, \$165,000
- Doris J. Elliott to Virginia Capital Investments LLC, five parcels, see legal, Mt. Magisterial District, \$400,000 Tabor Magisterial District, \$595,000
- SWB Real Estate and Holdings LLC to F. Brad Denardo Trust
- Natghaniel Scott Stawarz to Rachel Keller, lot 6, Northside Park, Sec VII, Blacks- Blacksburg, \$275,000 burg, \$462,500
- Wilma A. Alderman to David Sisson, 190 Haymaker St., Christiansburg, lot 105, trict, \$18,101 lot 138, lot 139, Snidow Heights, Christiansburg
- Wilma A. Alderman to Stacey Madison, 150 Darci Drive, Christiansburg, lot 5 Pepper Street townhomes, Christiansburg
- Ĉarol Collins Bower to Donna Bower Wells, 0.223 ac., parcel B, Christiansburg Mohamad Elsayed to John M. Dodaro, lot 3, Blue Ridge Court Subdv., see Bk 424,
- Pg 892, Christansburg, \$150,000
- Richard D. Youngberg to RWW50 LLC, lot 28, Lions Gate Planned Community, try Club Estates, Sec. III, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District Christiansburg
- Nicolaos Brad Totten to Arvind Rahar, condo unit 54, Bldg E, Cascades Pointe try Club Estates, Sec III, Blacksburg Condos, Blacksburg, \$240,000
- Terry R. Hanks to William L. Hanks, lot 13, Highland Park, No. 4
- Harold David Linkous Executor to William L. Hanks
- John A. Fedowitz to William J. Ferguson Trust, lot 47, Kelseywood, Ph II, Chris- tiansburg, \$155,000 tiansburg, \$275,000
- Azim Eskandarian to Derek Devin Jones, lot 13A, Fiddlers Green, Blacksburg, Sundance Ridge Condos of Blacksburg, Ph I, Blacksburg \$1,130,000
- Lisa L. Schultz to Jeremy J. White, lot 39, Oak Tree Townhomes, Ph IV, Blacks- cel 1; unbuilt alley, parcel 2, Christiansburg, \$80,000 burg, \$276,000
- Timothy M. Plafacn to Mazen Hasan, lot 20, Coal Bank Subdv., Mt. Tabor Magis- Riner Magisterial District, \$236,000 terial District, \$1,125,000
- Carol Burch-Brown to Carol S. Burch-Brown, 0.744 ac., lot 736, Blacksburg Country Club Estates, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District,
- Stateson Homes LLC to Jinting Yang
- Scarlet P. Bishop to Jake T. Hinson, 1.406 ac., lot 1A, Prices Fork Magisterial Dis- burg, \$185,000 trict, \$125,000
- Mark L. Miear to Mark L. Miear, 279 Easy Street, Christiansburg, lot 16, Vicker \$177,000 Hts 3.175, \$20,000
- Lucas Construction and Development to Stateston Homes LLC, 0.244 ac., lot 2, Christiansburg, \$2,079,400 Kinloch Subdv., Blacksburg, \$93,500
- Higher Living Ministries, Inc., to Shah Development LLC, 1.1182 ac., Riner Magisterial District, \$212,500
- Misty Lester to Michael Miles, lots 6 and 7, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$395,000 \$232,500
- Inge E. Pyle to Pyle Family Trust, unit 17, manor Unit of the Vistas, Blacksburg Shirley R. Doss to Dante Hebert, 0.36 ac., metes and bounds, \$319,750
- National Bank of Blacksburg Trust to Kent Square North LLC, 0.455 ac., Blacksburg,
- \$896,668

- 3.281 ac., Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$424,900
- Walter D. Shields, Jr., to Walter D. Shields Living Trust, 440 Diamond Crest Court Christiansburg, Lot 1, Diamond Crest
- Rebecca Plankeel to Julie Plankeel, lot 131, Oak Tree Townhomes, Ph II, Christians burg
- Grant Brainard Sherman to Wallace King, 2.642 ac., Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$168,000
- TJH Properties LLC to MRJQ LLC, Condo unit 1210-1, Ph VIII, University Terrace
- Carl D. Howell to Joshua P. Fizer, lot 23, Mt. Tabor Village, Mt. Tabor Magisterial
- David A. Bower to Max Mussomele, 7.8913 ac., tract 3, Riner Magisterial District,
 - An Nguyen to Zohaib Akbar, lot 54, Clifton, Ph 1, Christiansburg, \$420,000
- Professional Foreclosure Corporation to JB Klein, lot 9, Mtn. Top Estates, Ph 1
- JB Klein to Dazed and Confused LLC, lot 9, Mtn. Top Estates, Ph 1, Christiansburg Mary M. Weaver to Jeremiah Cain Robertson, lot 3, Quesenberry Acres, \$231,500
- Machell Saunders Schmolitz to Machell Saunder Schmolitz, 9.463 ac., Mt. Tabor
- Powers Court Properties LLC to Sai Kiran Reka, lot 2, Old School Townhomes,
- Kent Alexander Adams to Vertex Development LLC, 1.0268 ac., tract B, Prices Fork Magisterial District
- William John Teerlinck to Michael P. Walsh, Jr., lot 38, Kipps Farm Subdv., Blacksburg, \$646.900
- Lucas Construction and Development to Stateson Homes LLC, 0.219 ac., lot 20 Kinloch Subdv., Blacksburg, \$93,500
- Anthony V. Heizman to Christopher Ramrattan, 2.055 ac., lot 10, Phillip Subdv.,
- John M. Hughes Trust to Kenneth James Harrah, lot 67, Highland Park Addition Blacksburg, \$265,220
- Robert F. Simpson, Jr., to Eric D. Bateman, lot 10, Kensington Park, Ph VII, Riner
- Deborah Carter to Michael Klapproth, lot 56, Clifton, Ph 1, Christiansburg, \$415,000 Edward Via College to Robert Ernst Ulfers, part of lot 7, metes and bounds, see legal
- Charles W. Henderson to CSS Properties LLC, 1.103 ac., Mt. Tabor Magisterial Dis-
- K&J Business Properties LLC to John A. Barr, Jr., 0.1960 ac., lot 9A, Christiansburg K&J Business Properties LLC to John A. Barr, Jr., family unit 45-E, Bldg. 8-R, Ph II
- Piedmont at Blacksburg, Blacksburg
 - Andrew F. Follin to Andrew F. Follin
 - Andrew F. Follin to Dwayne C. Delung
- Michael W. Burnop to Michael W. Burnop revocable trust, lot 723, Blacksburg Coun-
- Michael W. Burnop to Michael W. Burnop revocable trust, lot 724, Blacksburg Coun-
- Michael W. Burnop to Michael W. Burnop revocable trust, 0.953 ac., Ph 1, Blacks burg
- Jerry L. McLawhorn to Lenzkes Clamping Tools, Inc., 0.200 ac., parcel 5-A, Chris
- Michael W. Burnop to Michael W. Burnop revocable trust, Condo unit R, Bldg. 509
- Jerry L. McLawhorn to IGBB Investment Properties LLC, two parcels, 0.442 ac, par-
- Shah Development LLC to Sean Christopher Lawmaster, 0.52 ac., metes and bounds,
- Michael W. Burnop to Michael W. Burnop Trust, pardel 024, See legal, Blacksburg
- Joan E. Mitchell to Carlos Jose Perez Torres, 0.430 ac., lot 107 and part of lot 108 Highland Park, Blacksburg, \$530,000
- Caroline D. Capocelli to David Laplante, lot 8, Old School Townhomes, Christians-
- Darrin Slusher to Thomas Darr, Jr., lot 5, Sec 1, Blue Ridge Court, Christiansburg
- Economic Development Authority to Parkway Drive Christiansburg, 41.588 ac.,
- Justin S. Terra to Bradley Kyle Mann, 9.2869 ac., Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$155,000
- John G. O'Shea to Idhammar LLC, lot 14, Hardee Hills Subdv., Sec II, Blacksburg,
- Heidi M. Wengerd to Kristin Friesen, lot 20, Ph II, Robin Hood Estates, Christians-
- Čharity I. Lindsey to Drake Vaughn, lot 19, Christiansburg, \$230,000
- Jonathan L. Waldrep to Jonathan Lee Waldrep Trust, 0.3597 ac., lot 53, Edgewood,
- Shawsville Magisterial District

Jacob Kaplan-Moss to Brian Lewis Newmark, 0.871 ac., Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$285,000

Mariah-Katherine Hope Bragg to Jimmy Martin, 7.289 ac., lot 9, \$115,000

Little River Holdings LLC to Paul Joseph Davidson III, 8.7626 ac., lot 7, Eagle View, Riner Magisterial District, \$145,500

Jacob A. Levitt to Geoffrey Austin Wright, 0.315 ac., lot 15, Hardie Hills, Sec II, Blacksburg, \$560,000

Kurt D. Giantonio to Julia Claire Swearingin, 0.1722 ac., lot 4B, Falling Branch Estates, Christiansburg, \$209,999

Marvin A. Cromer to Vicki Euler, two 1/2 acre lots, metes and bounds, Blacksburg Rogers Woods PLC Trust to Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, 1564 Alleghany Spring Rd., Shawsville, \$93,821

William J. Flack to Ian Y Ho, lot 44, Blacksburg, \$372,500

Shah Development LLC to Andrew Boyd, 0.052 ac., lot 34, Midway Estates, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$251,750

Penny Palmer Barker to Kelly Z. Hall, 3163 Pilot Road, Riner, 0.906 ac., parcel A, \$300,000

Joseph G. Dance III to Kurt D. Giantonio, lot 38, Hans Meadow, Ph II, Christiansburg, \$190,000

Mary Knight Kinzey Survivors Trust to William Howard Kinzey, metes and bounds, see legal, Prices Fork Magisterial District

Samuel I. White PCSub Trust to Pennymac Loan Services LLC, 6.082 ac., Tract C, \$115,080

Matthew C. Olmstead to Susan L. Olmstead, lot 15, Sec 1, Woodbine PDR Subdv. Joseph F. Biltz to Joseph F. Bilta Trust, 4630 Blue Heron Dr., Christiansburg, 2.508 Mt. Tabor Magisterial District ac., lot 19, Lucas Estates, Ph II, Riner Magisterial District,

Miles Enterprises Inc. to GSC Custom Builders LLC

Alexa Zalopany Casey to Su Fang Ng, two parcels, lot 67, Laurel Ridge, Sec. 2 and tiansburg

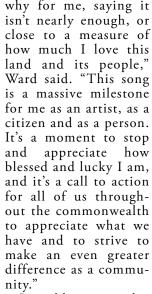
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I don't write a song so In this case, I didn't for Virginia so much much as write it down. as listened to her tellset out to write a song



ing me to do so. People that know me, know I'm a song in my heart, heart on my sleeve kind of guy," said Ward.

"It always sounds cliche for people to 'there's no place say, like home.' And that's CROSSWORD ANSWERS



In addition to his business interests, Ward

is an active community builder. He spent years developing the Dulles South Youth Sports program, coached hundreds of children across various sports, and he and his wife of nearly 30 years have built an equestrian program at their farm, Morning Side Stables, that has given them the fortune of touching thousands of lives across their local community. In the coming months, Ward intends to take his song on the road with visits to all counties across Virginia.

Rea Rentals LLC to Opossum Properties LLC, 1.699 ac., Christiansburg Industrial Park, Ph VI, Christiansburg, \$375,000

Stuart E. White to Robert Henry Cursforth Trust, two parcels, 5.255 ac, parcel 7C; 0.199 ac., parcel 7D; Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$65,000

Faye A. Pack to Phillip J. Linkous, 1 ac., Former Blacksburg Magisterial District Donald D. Burks to Torrance Battle, 0.5001 ac., metes and bounds, Christiansburg, \$312,000

Shirley Lafon Hartman to Debbie Surdoval, tract 3, Shawsville Magisterial District John Louis Wasky to Christopher Brian McHone, 2.6454 ac., lot 39, Brush Mtn. West, Ph 6, Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$646,900

James E. Ward to Stephen W. Oliver, 1.000 ac., \$189,900

Saied Taheri to 354 Riverside Clinic Properties, lot 11, Oak Tree Townhomes, Christiansburg, \$214.900

Gregory Lynn Wright to Nirmin Maarouf, 0.604 ac., Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$265,000

DEEDS TRANSFER UPON DEATH

L. Leon Geyer to Geyer Living Trust, lot 1, Ph V, Preston Forest V, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District

Martha Brockman Sink William Michael Sink III Partnership, 4 ac., metes and bounds, Prices Fork Magisterial District

Satish Chandrasekaran to Chandrasekaran and Jagadhee, lot 59, Echols Village Subdv., Ph II, Blacksburg

Gregory Duane Earle to Cameron Joseph Earle, lot 19, Ph IV-B, Cedar Orchard,

Carol Collins Bower to Donna Bower Wells, 0.223 ac., Parcel B, Christiansburg

Heidi M. Wengerd to Kristin Friesen, lot 20, Ph II, Robin Hood Estates, Chris-

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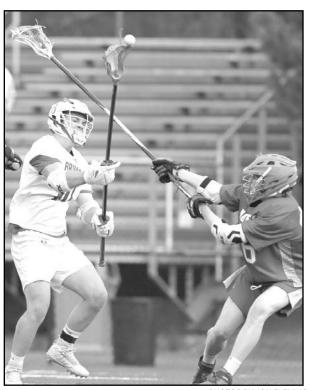
Blacksburg lacrosse falls to Franklin County



Blacksburg midfielder Sam Purcell winds up for a shot against Franklin County during a Monday night home game. The Bruins lost to the Eagles in a very close game by the score of 11-10.



Blacksburg attacker Lake Gohlke gets by Franklin County's Wyatt Dickerson during a Bruin scoring possession in the first half.



PHOTOS BY JON FLEMING Blacksburg's Rylan Pospichal shoots as Franklin County's Gabriel Campbell defends.

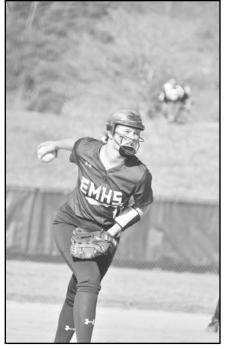
CHS girls win track meet



Eastern Montgomery softball falls to Radford 21-6 in five innings



Alexis Artrip pitches for the Mustangs. Allison Bower also tossed some innings Artrip had one hit, a walk, two stolen for the Mustangs. At the plate, Bower bases, and one run scored in the game. had a double, two RBI's, a stolen base,



Freshman Leila Haley took first place in the girls 100 meters with a time of 13:17 as the Blue Demons girl's squad took first with 95 total points. Salem was second with 56 and Pulaski third with 51 points.



Christiansburg's Summer Hamlin took first place in the girls 400 meters with a time of 1:03:78. Kayla Waters came in second with a time of 1:05:06.



PHOTOS BY KYMN DAVIDSON-HAMLEY

Christiansburg's Tyrique Taylor came in first place in the boys discus event with a throw of 145-3. The Christiansburg boys' team finished third with 53 points. Pulaski was first with 107 total points.



PHOTOS BY LAUREN TATE

Anna Ryan lines a base hit for the Mustangs. She had two hits, a walk, two stolen bases, and scored three runs.

Hokies among All-American swimmers at NCAA championships

Atlantic Coast Conference swimmers and divers totaled 165 College Swimming and Diving Coaches Association of America (CS-CAA) All-American honors for the 2021-22 season following their performances at the NCAA Championships.

ACC women piled up 102 All-American honors, and ACC men compiled 63 All-American performances.

Both the Virginia Tech men's and women's team placed several swimmers on the secondteam list.

The awards were determined by a nationwide vote of CSCAA-member Division I head swimming coaches and head diving coaches. One additional vote was determined by the public via online polling.

WOMEN'S ALL-AMERICANS:

Virginia Tech

Emma Atkinson - 200 backstroke, 200 freestyle (second team), 400 freestyle relay (second team), 800 freestyle relay (second team)

Reka Gyorgy - 400 individual medley (second team), 500 freestyle (second team), 400 freestyle relay (second team), 800 freestyle relay (second team)

Anna Landon – 400 freestyle relay (second team)

Rose Pouch - 800 freestyle relay (second team)

Sarah Shackelford - 400 freestyle relay

(second team), 800 freestyle relay (second team)

Chase Travis - 1650 freestyle (second team)

MEN'S ALL-AMERICANS:

Virginia Tech

Carles Coll Marti – 200 breaststroke, 200 individual medley, 200 freestyle relay (second team), 200 medley relay (second team), 400 freestyle relay (second team), 800 freestyle relay (second team)

Luis Dominguez Calonge - 200 freestyle relay (second team), 400 freestyle relay (second team), 800 freestyle relay (second team)

Antani Ivanov - 100 butterfly (second team), 200 butterfly second team), 200 freestyle relay (second team), 200 medley relay (second team), 800 freestyle relay (second team)

Mario Molla Yanes – 400 freestyle relay (second team), 800 freestyle relay (second team)

AJ Pouch – 100 breaststroke (second tam) 200 breaststroke (second team)

Youssef Ramadan - 100 butterfly, 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle (second team), 200 freestyle relay (second team), 200 medley relay (second team), 400 freestyle relay (second team)

Samuel Tornqvist - 200 backstroke (second team), 200 medley relay (second team)

Forest Webb - 100 backstroke (second team)

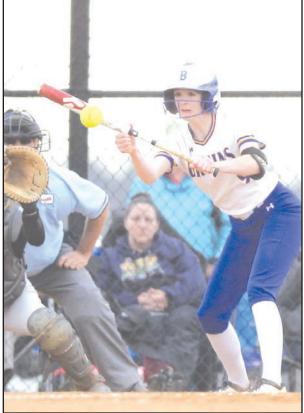
Blacksburg downs Salem in softball



Blacksburg's Lorelei Spradlin pitches during the Bruins' 11-1 win over Salem Monday night.



Blacksburg third baseman Aubrey Hudgins fires to first Blacksburg's Lilly Barnett lays down a perfect bunt to get an out against Salem.



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to score additional runs for Blacksburg during a big first inning against Salem. After taking a 7-0 lead in the first inning, Blacksburg would go on to win 11-1 in Monday night's softball game.

Shelor Motor Mile supports Montgomery Parks and Recreation



Shelor Motor Mile has continued its support of the Montgomery County Parks and Recreation Department with a recent donation of new youth baseball and softball equipment for this season. Shelor also continues to donate funds to the rec department's "Let the Kids Play Scholarship Fund." Shelor is also sponsoring MCPR's annual Ripken Baseball Clinic.

Former Auburn high softball teammates together on diamond again

Former Auburn High School softball teammates, (pictured from left), Abby Wilson, McKenzie Lawrence, Skylar Dehart, and Tori Boyd were all back together this past week when Gardner-Webb University's team traveled to Radford to play the Highlanders. Lawrence plays for Gardner-Webb, while Wilson, McKenzie, and Dehart suit up for Radford University.

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