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Christiansburg High School Class of 2022 graduates



The CHS Corps of Cadets Color Guard presented the colors to begin the commencement exercises Saturday morning, May 21.



The CHS Chamber Ensemble sang the National Anthem during commencement exercises Saturday.



Senior Class President Baylee Reasor gave the welcoming address Saturday for Christiasnburg's graduation ceremonies.

Christiansburg High School held its commencement exercises for the Class of 2022 Saturday, May 21, at 10 a.m.

Two hundred and fortysix seniors received their diplomas from CHS Principal Tony Deibler and assistant principals Jodi Bailey, Courtney A. Craggett, Shane M. Guynn, and Dr. Chris D. Hewitt.

Included among the graduates were 46 distinguished scholars, 16 scholars, and 27 honor graduates.

The senior class officers were President Baylee K. Reasor, Vice President

Jackson W. Hatcher, Secretary Stephanie L. Taylor, and Treasurer Harbalbeen Rai.

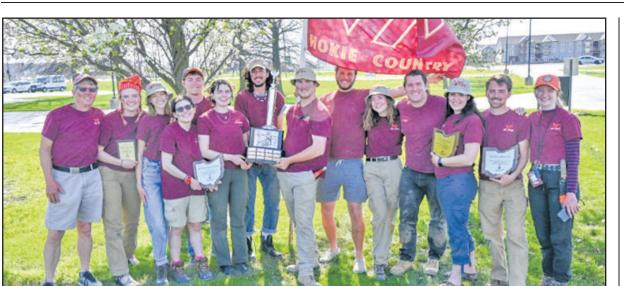
Baylee K. Reasor delivered the welcoming address on behalf of the Class of 2022. Natalie Jones spoke on "As We Go On."

During the school year, the Montgomery County School Board honored Seniors of the Month. They were Sean L. Herndon (September 2021), Natalie R. Miller (October 2021), Nathaniel D. Birchfield (November 2021), Joci R. Shelton (December 2021), Theron M. Davis (January 2022), Kenna M. Smith (February 2022), Jackson W. Hatcher (March 2022), Jordin K. Harris (April 2022), and Tyrique T. Taylor (May 2022).

Serving as the senior class sponsor were Tim W. Cromer, Mallory K. Bacalis, Carla S. Corvin, Julie A. Dunn, Carrie G. Lyons, Linda L. Martin, Kris M. Meller, David U. Miller, E. Saville-Brock, Jessica D. Shannon, Mandi B. Steele, Paula B. Tabarini, and Gayle C. Webster.

Serving on the senior awards committee and

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Murder trial of former VT football player underway this week

The trial of a former Virginia Tech football player charged with the murder of a Blacksburg man is set to get underway this week. Isimemen Etute pleaded not guilty last week for the seconddegree murder of Jerry Smith.

victim had met for oral sex, but he did not know Smith was a man.

When the former player discovered he had been duped, in a fit of rage, he killed Smith.

Etute has been free on bond since the arrest. The jury trial is expected to

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The 2022 national champions are (from left) coach John Galbraith, Clare Tallamy, Kate Johnson, Carmen Curry, Adam Devlin, Tessa Naughton-Rockwell, Zach Gesa, Peter Arnold, Bernie Frantz, Liz Eroshenko, Alex Greehan, coach Jaclyn Fiola, Ben Atkins, and Madison Norris.

Virginia Tech sweeps 2022 national soil judging championship

The Virginia Tech Hokies Soil Judging Team finished first out of 21 teams at the 2022 National Collegiate Soils Contest sponsored by the Soil Science Society of America and hosted by The Ohio State University April 18-23 near Marysville, Ohio.

The last sweep of all three events — individual, group, and team was by Auburn University in 2015.

The Hokies finished in first place, followed by North Carolina State University, the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, the University of Maryland, and the University of Delaware. The Hokies also finished first in the group judging event, followed by the University of Rhode Island, West Virginia University, and Utah State University.

Ben Atkins of Virginia Tech captured first place in the individual contest. The top four students were invited to participate in the fourth International Union of Soil Science International Soil Judging Contest in Sterling, Scotland, in August.

Following behind Atkins were: Curtis Murphy, North Carolina State University, second place; Isaac Nollen, University Wisconsin-Platteville, third place; Kkennadi Griffis, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, fourth place; and Clare Tallamy, Virginia Tech, fifth place. All four Hokies placed in the top 17 out of 84 participants.

This is the seventh national championship for Virginia Tech and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, the second-most of any school. Virginia Tech finished second in both the 2019 and 2018 contests and first in the 2020 Virtual Soil Judging Contest, held to replace the on-site contest because of the pandemic.

The students practiced twice per week in the classroom and the field and had homework assignments weekly.

In Ohio, they spent three intensive practice days describing soils derived from glacial till, outwash, lacustrine sediments, and loess. They braved freezing temperatures, snow and sleet, high winds, pits partially filled with water, and muddy conditions before the weather finally cleared up for the two competition days.

"This contest was very well attended because it was the first inperson national event since the pandemic began," said coach John Galbraith, a professor of soil and

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Etute admits he and the last through Friday.

to pre-pandemic visitor policies

All Carilion Clinic facilities returned to prepandemic visitor policies on Monday, May 23, with exceptions for COVID-19 patients.

"Having family and friends at the bedside is a huge benefit for our patients, and we're excited to be able to offer that again," said Michael Abbott, senior vice president for hospital operations. "The safety of our staff and patients remains our top priority. Visitors will still be asked to mask, safety precautions like social distancing remain in place, and we continue to monitor the spread of CO-VID-19 should we need to make future adjustments."

Visitors should not visit a patient if they are sick, have

symptoms of COVID-19, or have been exposed to someone with known or suspected COVID-19 within the past 10 days. Screening signs are located at every entrance, and visitors are asked to review the instructions before entering to ensure it is safe for them to visit.

Visitors for patients confirmed or suspected to have COVID-19 are still restricted to no visitors for adults with the exception of endof-life care, medical necessity, or patients in labor, and two parents or guardians for pediatric patients.

"Vaccines remain critical in ensuring that we minimize the spread of COV-ID-19 in our community," said Abbott.

Camp Invention's summer STEM program coming to Christiansburg area

Camp Invention[®], a nationally recognized, nonprofit summer enrichment program, is coming to the following locations:

Montgomery County Public Schools the week of June 6 through June 9, 2022.

Radford University the week of June 20 through June 24, 2022.

A program of the National Inventors Hall of Fame[®] (NIHF) in partnership with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Camp Invention challenges children in grades K-6 to tap into their natural curiosity and use their creativity to solve problems. Through hands-on activities, Camp Invention promotes STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) learning; builds confidence, leadership, perseverance and resourcefulness; and encourages entrepreneurship, all in a fun and engaging environment.

Each year, the program features a new curriculum inspired by some of our nation's most world-changing inventors — the NIHF Hall of Famers. This year's Explore program encourages children to be confident in their ideas and to explore their innovativeness through hands-on activities including:

Robotic Aquatics[™]: Children will dive into cutting-edge ocean research as they adopt their own aquatic animals, design and patent aquatic plants, and take their new friend home in a mini tank.

NIHF's The Attic[™]: Campers will combine science and art to build their own robotic artist, engage in design thinking, make spin art, and learn how inventions can change the way people create.

Spacecation[™]: Children will discover real space exploration technology when they create Spacepacks and Astro-Arm devices, mine an asteroid, and observe erupting ice volcanoes.

Marble Arcade[™]: Campers will experiment with the fun of physics, engineering, and gaming as they design, build, and test their own mega marble arcades.

The new Camp Invention program for 2022 has been developed with safety in mind. Programs will follow state and local guidelines to help provide a healthy, safe and fun environment.

"The core learning experience that my girls received and the inspiration to look at items innovatively, pushing the boundaries of their imagination, and bringing it to life was awe-inspiring," said a parent of 2021 campers. "They have benefited tremendously, learning they can make a difference in creating for the world they live in."

All local Camp Invention programs are facilitated and taught by certified educators who reside and teach in the community. Camp Invention serves 130,000 students every year and partners with more than 1,800 schools and districts across the nation. To register, visit invent.org/camp.

AND TRANSFERS

Depot Street Devel;opment LLC to MKBC Properties LLC, Seven parcels, See legal, Christiansburg, \$260,000

Tyler Rodney Huson to Challenge LLC, 0.188 ac. Lot 151, New River Village Ph

VI, Christiansburg, \$192,000 Stephen A. Balberde to William Alexander Balberde Trust, 650 University City Bldv., Unit 318, Blacksburg, Condo Unit #186, Ph 1, Collegiate Inn of Blacksburg,

Kelly O'Rourke-Russell to JJB Properties LLC, Part of lot 51-53, Blacksburg, \$450,000

Connie Jean Reed to Kaitlin M. Richards, Lot #49, 50, 51, 80, northern one-half of Lot 81, Beverly Hills, Christiansburg, \$174,500

Jose Miguel Melendez to William Stewart Carter, Lot 2, Shelor Acres, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$471,600

Marilyn K. Hutchins to David Vaughan, Jr., Condo unit 56, Bldg E, Cascades Pointe Condos, Blacksburg, \$182,000

Julie A. Griffin to Kelly O'Rourke-Russell, lot 36, Pilgrims Pointe, Sec 1, Blacksburg, \$350,000

Michael E. Kepler, Jr., to Michael E. Kepler, Jr., lot 21, Crestwood Gardens, Sec II, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District

Wonjung Jung to Olivia Park, 2 parcels, lot 59, Haymarket Square Townhouses, Sec II, Pg II, Blacksburg and 2.9904 ac. Lot 58 Brush Mtn Estates, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District

Grant Realty LLC to Colin A. Grant, lot 60, Senneca Springs, Christiansburg

Stanley K. Norris to Ellen V L B Pleasants, lot 20, Ph III, Tremont Estates, Blacksburg, \$257,000

Carl E. Stoops to Douglas Nolen Shorter, Lot #719, Blacksburg Country Club Estates, Sec III, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$555,000

Golden Triangle Development LLC to Revocable Living Trust known as Kristie MacDonald trust and Deborah S. MacDonald trust \$285,900

Sandra Ganoe to Adi Ben-Senior, 0.279 ac., parcel 1, Christiansbug, \$256,000

Sandra Ganoe to Adi Ben-Senior, 0.779 ac., part of parcel II, Christiansburg, \$10

Lawmac LLC to Kaler Communications LLC, 2 parcels, 1.7 ac., metes and bounds, and 1.592 ac., metes and bounds, Mt. Tabor MagMize Doyle, 1436 Scott St., Christiansburg, lot 8, Cornerstone Townhouses

Ann-Hartze Maranda Pithua to Albert Jonathan Auguste, lot 77, Belmont Estates, Sec 3, Christiansburg, \$387,000

Robert P. Chappell, Jr., to Mountain 2 Ocean Properies LLC, metes and bounds, see legal, 30 Christiansbug

Vince Baranauskas Trust to Victor Vincent Baranauskas III, lot 19, Edgemont of Diamond Hil, Sec. II, Christiansburg

Estate of Norman G. Lawson to Marcela Jasmin Jara-Radlebeck, lot 7, metes and bounds, Ray Huff subdivision, Sec 1, \$257,100

Nikolaus H. Philipsen to Kinsey J. O'Shea, 15,803 ac., Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$295,758

Joan H. Wolf to Randy R. Wolf, four parcels, see legal, Shawsville Magisterial District Lois Akers Mann to Lois Akers Mann, metes and bounds, see legal, Prices Fork Magisterial District

Kenneth Scot Lilly to James R. Bevil, 0.289 ac., lot 38, Kelseywood Ph II, Christiansburg, \$290,000

Barbara T. Duncan to Rosetta L. Milligan, lot 2, See PB 16, Pg. 214, \$155,000

Victor Vincent Baranauskas III to Emily R. Greenhalgh, lot 19, Édgemont of Diamond Hill, Sec II, Christiansburg, \$360,000

Yiheng Zhang to Vanessa Diaz, 1.045 ac., lot 4, Hemlock Park Subdv., Blacksburg, \$515,000

Zhan Wang to Raymond Ritz, lot 31, Longview Estates, Sec III, Blacksburg, \$389,000 Barbara Cook Turk to BCT 2 LLC, 0.6740 ac.,

Christiansburg Barbara Cook Turk to BCT 3 LLC, three parcels, see legal, Christiansburg

Josiah S. Tlou to Benjamin Peets, lot 5, Meadowbrook Subdv., Blacksburg, \$375,000

Bryan M. Kearney to Llama Llama Duck Properties LLC, lot 12, Oak Tree Townhomes, Ph III, Christiansburg

Bryan M. Kearney to Llama Llama Duck Properties LLC, lot 9, Ph 1, Haymarket Square Townhouses, Sec II, Blacksburg

Sara C. Thompson to Sara C. Thompson, 3.308 ac., lot 1, Blacksburg

Shirley R. Powell Trust to Shirley Rose Powell Trust, 2010 Blue Jay Lane, Blacksburg, Condo unit 52, Ph V-D, Woods Edge at Warm Hearth, Prices Fork Magisterial District George Edward Midkiff Jr., executor to Richard Arthur Ashley, lot 4, Pepper Street Townhomes, Christiansburg, \$195,000 Aaron L. Cornett to Kadra See Tedrick, lots 43, 44, 45,

\$309,900

BVA Spradlin Farm LLC to BVA Spradlin LLC, 10 Spradlin Farm Drive, Christiansburg

BVA Spradlin LLC to SAS Va 1 LLC, 10 Spradlin Drive, Christiansburg, 2.021 ac., lot 2B, Christiansburg, \$8,225,000

Jacob William Koger to Alex Galvao, lot 17, Hunters Ridge, Ph III, Christiansburg, \$212,000

Matt Gaither to Christopher J. Anderson, 2 parcels, 4.464 ac., lot 3; 1.959 ac., lot 7, Riner Magisterial District, \$639.800

Nathan J. Morris to Taylor Mitchell Ayars, 6.000 ac., Christiansburg, \$275,000

Carpendale Investments LLC to CDP Rentals LLC, lot 11, Highland Park #5, Christiansburg

Melody Mae Sutphin to Melody Mae Sutphin, metes and bounds, see legal

M. Renee Prater to Jay Tyler Johnstone, metes and bounds, see legal, Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$595,000

Jerry Todd Bowyer to Sarah L. Winters, 1.58 ac., new lot 1, Riner Magisterial District, \$226,500

Wallace W. Dove to Timothy W. Dove, 2575 Indigo Rd., Christiansburg, lot 8, Pleasant Acres, Riner Magisterial District

Wallace W. Dove to Timothy W. Dove, 2575 Indigo Rd., Christiansburg, lot 9, Pleasant Acres, Riner Magisterial District

CFNA Receivables Tx LLC to Citifinancial Inc.

Weiran Zhao to Zhenyu Kong, lot 8, Maple Ridge Village, 4 Britany Meadows at the Villages of Maple Ridge, Blacksburg

Taylor Michelle Justis to Brandon Dean Howery, lot 11, Ph VII, Kensington Subdv., Christiansburg, \$380,000

Caterina L. Calo to Russell Leland Fox, lots 24, 25, Roanoke Road Acres, \$161,000

John Hvozdovic executor to Feras J. Ghosheh, lot 608, Blacksburg Country Club Estates, Sec III, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$569,900

Henr y C. Schneider to Bradley L. Glenn, lot 53, Coal Bank Ridge, Blacksburg, \$995,000

Carlos Arturo Serrano to Zechariah James Barnes, lot #7, Cornerstone Townhomes, Ph II, Christiansburg, \$190,000

222 Walton Rd. Radford, \$188,079

Kevin K. Gilbarte to Seeds Properties II LLC, \$725,000

James F. Babcock to James. F. Babcock Trust, 1936 Sycamore Tail, Blacksburg, lot 51, Woodland Hills Estates, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District

Marc A. Rosso to Mark A. Rosso, 2 parcels, 0.855 ac., parcel 1; 0.83 ac., parcel 2, Riner Magisterial District

David McDaniel to Mc-Daniel Living Trust, lot 10, Dunton Subdy., metes and bounds

Mark. D. Cunningham Trust to Mohannad Elhamod, lot 50, Cambria Crossing, Ph I, Christiansburg, \$325,000

Bonnie A. Cochran to Karen W. Shelor, 2022001859, see plat 2.359 ac., lot 2, Wedgewood Estate, Riner Magisterial District, \$50,000

The Reserve at Round Meadow to Karen W. Shelor, 2022001859 See Plat, 3.905 ac., lot 2, Wedgewood Estate, Riner Magisterial District

Marc A. Rosso to Andrew F. Follin, 2 parcels, 0.855 ac. And 0,83 ac., Riner Magisterial District

J. Todd Walters to Frederick Faltin, revised lot 49A, Cambria Crossing, Ph i, Christiansburg, \$290,000 Benjamin Pennington to

Pennmar LLC, lot 2, Hunters

Ridge, Ph III, Christiansburg Roger L. Owens to Bessie

G. Cheatham, 0.8048 ac., metes and bounds, Village of Elliston, Shawsville Magisterial District

Shelby Jean Acton executor to Cullip Services Holdings LLC, 2 parcels, metes and bounds, see legal, Christiansburg, \$180,000

Michael G. Midkiff to Leigh Midkiff, lot 58, Oak Tree Townhomes, Ph I, Christiansburg, \$254,000

Anthony teele to Andra Beasley, lot 13, Sec VIII, Windmill Hills, Christiansburg, \$100,000

Angela Jane Edwards to Shengfeng Cheng, lot 50, Ph 7, Oak Manor Townhouses, Sec aII, \$330,000

Robert Johnson Porter to Robert Johnson Porter,

2020009270 Wendy Yvette Nester to

Carol A. Reynolds, lot 104, Oak Tree Townhomes, Ph II, Christiansburg, \$210,000 Matthias C.Chung to

Blaise Costa, lots 7 and 8, Blacksburg, \$730,000 Kevin Scott Newton to Jamie F. Boston, metes and

ter Brian Graham, 0.54 ac., lot 11, Riner Magisterial District, \$620,000

Michael Chad Bolding to Ashley L. Lioi, 2 parcels: 10.330 ac., and No. 10, Walton Estates, Riner Magisterial District, \$1,350,000

Sean Allan Grube to Joseph Nicholas Banfield, lot 31, Windsor Estates, ZPh II, Christiansburg, \$420,000

Allen C. Phillips to Jason C. Blacksburg, 88.2135 ac., Riner Magisterial District, \$429,334

Robert Gary Thompson to Zachary Williams, lot 47, Highland Park Addition, Blacksburg, \$358,750

Gary B. White to Gary Bennett White Trust, 1.4248 ac., lot 18, Christiansburg

Joanne Ruth DeJongh to Alexander Wilkens, lots 16, 17, 18, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$300,000

Theodore Chao Lim to Stephen Peery, lot 23, Sec. 1, Northside Park, \$430,000

Saddleback Properties LLC to 216 Pheasant Run Dr. LLC, lot 33, Blk 5A4, Ph 1, Pheasant Run Townhomes, Blacksburg

Saddleback Properties LLC to Sheliah Court LLC, lot 34, Knollwood Commons Townhome Development 1, Ph II, Sec II, Blacksburg

Saddleback Properties to 314 Pheasant Run Court LLC, lot 56, Blk 5B1, Pheasant Run Townhomes, Blacksburg

Saddleback Properties to 545 Montgomery St. LLC, 0.260 ac., Christiansburg

Saddleback Properties to 600 Tarrytown Road LLC, 0.143 ac., lot 4B Ridinger Acres, Ph 1, Christiansburg

Saddleback Properties to 811 North Drive LLC, lot 65-1, Blacksburg Heights, Blacksburg

Linda G. Zeinalgol to Lawyers Title Realty Services, 2022002023

Mark D. Spencer to Luke Watson, 1.1449 ac., Shawsville Magisterial District, \$150,000

TPBC LLC to 205 Harding LLC, 2 parcels, see legal, Blacksburg TPBC LLC to 207 Hard-

ing LLC, lot #13, Blacksburg TPBC LLC to 211 Washington LLC, lot A and lot 1,

Sec 2, Alexander Black Addition, Blacksburg TPBC LLC to 215, 217

Harding LLC, 2 parcels, see legal, Blacksburg TPBC LLC to 301 Wash-

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TPBC LLC to North Fork

Barbara P. Bibb to Rich-

Jeremy B. Stegall to Sameh

Road LLC, 12.993 ac., New

Lot A, Mt. Tabor Magisterial

ard Lemons II, 1.000 ac., lot

1, Riner Magisterial District,

Aziz, lot 24, Ph VII, Oak Tree

Townhomes, Christiansburg,

ment LLC to Josiah Tlou,

0.139 ac., lot 62, Christians-

Henry B. Henderson, Jr.,

Unit 8-2, Ph 5, Villas at Peppers Ferry, Ph V, Christians-

Golden Triangle Develop-

Ronald G. Flanary to

Bradley R. Woods to Je-

neen Preston, 1620 Sleepy

Hollow Rd., Christiansburg,

lot 14, Sleepy Hollow Ph I,

Melissa Smith to Russell

Eva Diana Dace to Wil-

Mark Vaughan to Jo-

Joshua Scott Nease to Deb-

Norman Douglas Win-

Corey A. Martin to Jeffrey

Reed, 0.758 ac., lot 13A,

Travis Defibaugh to Bran-

don D. England, 0.47 ac., lot

40, metes and bounds, Echo

Hills Subdv., Christiansburg,

Xinwei Deng, lot 36, Mis-

sion Hill, Sec 3, Blacksburg,

ment LLC to Nicholas Adam

Carpenter, 0.126 ac., lot 61,

Santram Real Estate LLC, see

legal State Highway Plat Bk

Santram Real Estate LLC, 2

parcels: 0.7177 ac., metes and

bounds; 2.4324 ac., metes

Griffin A. Cross, Condo unit

3202, Bldg 3, Knollwood

Condos, Ph III, Blacksburg,

Q1 Properties LLC to

Christiansburg, \$305,900

15, Pg 220 and 221

and bounds

Anthony T. O'Toole to

Golden Triangle Develop-

Little River Road LLC to

Little River Road LLC to

Christiansburg, \$350,000

orah Cecchini, lot 15, Rolling

Hills, Sec V, Riner Magisterial

stead to John D. Crist, Jr., lot

55, The Orchards, Ph III-B,

Mt. Tabor Magisterial Dis-

District, \$300,000

trict, \$425,000

\$220,000

\$390,000

liam Bradford Newcomb,

1.670 ac., new lot A, Mt. Ta-

seph D. Martin, lot 5, Rigby

Street Circle, Christiansburg,

bor Magisterial District

A. Hurt, lots 60, 61, Roanoke

River Gardens, \$333,000

Village, Blacksburg

District

\$208,000

\$251,000

burg, \$310,400

burg, \$340,000

\$276,000

\$185,000

isterial District, \$600,000 Jason E. Connelly to Alexis

Connelly, lot64, Cloverlea, Riner Magisterial District

Diane Clarkson to MMJ Real Estate LLC, 2 parcels, metes and bounds, see legal, and 1.5697 metes and bounds, Christiansburg, \$1,199,000

Lacey Mize Doyle to Lacey

Pierre Couture to Steven Wrenn, 4.2803 ac., lot 93, Brush Mtn West, Ph. 9, Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$750,000

Kevin K. Gilbarte to Seeds Properties II LLC, parcel 3, See DB 535, Pg 329, Blacksburg, \$400,000

Mark B. Frith executor to Jacob Graydon Richards,



bounds, see legal, \$204,900

Michael W. Martin to Michael W. Martin, 1070 W Main St. Christiansburg, lots 5-9 and 145 S. Hill Park, Christiansburg

Cory D. Hubbard to Hubbard Real Estate Group LLC, 24, 979 sq. ft., lot 3-B, Christiansburg

Donald NeilPering to Treecrown Strategy Portfolio, 424 Marlington St., Piedmont II, BM/Blacksburg/Mt. Tabor, Blacksburg, Piedmont Bldg, Ph II, FU 35 Bldg 10Y, Blacksburg

Harold Erik McNair Trust to Mohan M. Nadkarni Trust, 0.342 ac., new lot #42, Blacksburg, \$319,000

David Stevens Roberts to Steven P. Reibsamen, lot 7, Cedar Orchard, Ph II, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$550,000

Gregory W. Branscome to Noell É. Niece, lot 6, Atkinson Acres, Christiansburg, \$240,000

Judy Albert Scott Executor to BAC Home Properties LLC, 1 1/2 ac., metes and bounds, Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$50,000

Yangs Realty LLC to Winston Frederick Shorter, lot 28, Lee Hi Court, Christiansburg, \$189,500

Čhristopher B. Smith go Alison G. Markham, lot 47, Sec II, Harman Forest Subdv., Christiansburg, \$230,700

Blaine S. Bush to Jones and Sons Excavating, Inc., 4.0454 ac., Christiansburg, \$360,000

Michael Chad Bolding to Arthur L. King, 4 parcels: 5.761 ac., 5.08 ac., 6.032 ac., 5.622 ac., Riner Magisterial District, \$85,000

Michael Chad Bolding to Arthur L. King, parcels 7, 9, 11, 12, Walton Estates, Riner Magisterial District, \$1

Walter Brian Graham to Madison Guidry, lot 5, Ph II, Robin Hood Estates, Christiansburg, \$300,000

Keirtisak Toh Trust to Wal-

ington LLC, lot 2 and 3, Sec 2, Alexander Black Addition, Blacksburg

TPBC LLC to 303 Washington LLC, 0.012 ac., vacated alley parcel B, Blacksburg

Cornelia Shoffner to Karen E. Shoffner Trust, Shawsville, metes and bounds, see legal

Cornelia Shoffner to Karen E. Shoffner Trust, 30 ac., Shawsville

Cornelia Shoffner to Karen E. Shoffner Trust, 52 and 7/10 ac., metes and bounds, see legal, Shawsville

TPBC LLC to 307 Giles LLC, lots 1, 2, see legal, Blacksburg

TPBC LLC to 312-316 Ellett Duplexes LLC, 2 parcels: lot 9, Cedar Run Subdy; lot 8, Cedar Run Subdv., Blacksburg

TPBC to 901 Giles LLC, 0.936 ac., parcel A, Blacksburg

TPBC LLC to 903-905 Giles LLC, 0.936 ac., Blacksburg

TPBC LLC to 1008 S. Main LLC, 0.514 ac., Blacksburg

TPBC LLC to 1191 and 1195 Jennelle LLC, 1.170 ac., Blacksburg

TPBC LLC to 1320 Jenelle LLC, 3 parcels: 7/16 ac., metes and bounds; metes and bounds; metes and bounds, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District

YPBC LLC to 1392 Ellett LLC, 2 parcels: 310.73 ac., see legal; 3.104 ac., Shawsville Magisterial District

TPBC LLC to 400-404 Jennelle LLC, lot 10, Cedar Run Subdv., Blacksburg

TPBC LLC to Cedar Run LLC, 2.2 ac., metes and bounds, Blacksburg

TPBC LLC to Den Hill LLC, 3 parcels: 6.06 ac., metes and bounds; 18.510 ac., 4.9506 ac., lot 15 and 5.32628 ac., Blacksburg

TPBC LLC to McBryde Village LLC, 3 parcels: portion of lots 18, 19, McBryde Village; 0.3015 ac., McBryde

\$254,000

William D. Miller to Joseph J. Simpson, 8.5098 ac., lot 59, Brush Mtn West, Ph 8, Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$733,000

Matthew Alan Blondino to Claire Elise Adomeit, 0.17 ac., Christiansburg, \$200,000

Fangyuan Jiang to Fangyuan Jiang, 608 Alleghany St., Blacksburg, lot 8

Jonathan M. Pullen to Jared W. Barker, lot 61, Oak Tree Townhomes, Ph VII, Christiansburg, \$240,000

Austin L. Huff to Jeremy L. Cultice, lot 25, Walnut Grove Subdy., Christiansburg, \$235,000

Joseph Charles Cole to Bobby F. Yearout, remainder of lost 156-159, Crismond Addition, Blacksburg

Joshua C. Hambrick to McDonald Street LLC, lot 14, Twin Oak Townhomes, PH 1, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$178,000

Klaudia Joanna Kanska to Patrick K. Moore Trust, 2021001592

Ruth Elaine Aif Cook to Kelsey Frazier, 0.8410 ac., lot 2, Brush Mtn. Estates, Ph II, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$395,000

Steven M. Vacca to Peter A. Geromel, 0.864 ac., lot 4, Sec 2, Christiansburg, \$215,600

Jeffery D. Edwards to Bobby Dale Sanders II, 0.81 ac., lot 27, Riner Magisterial District, \$651,500

Jones Real Estate Investment to Meagan J. Brem, .160 ac., new parcel B, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$422,500

Sarah L. Wright to Morgan L. Vaughn, Lot 18, Ph II, Robin Hood Estates, Christiansburg, \$375,000

Wayne Crotto to Matthew Helms, lot 17, Diamond Hill South, Sec IV, Christiansburg, \$425,000

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Upcoming events

Through May 31:

Photography show and sale

During the month of May, Long Way Brewing is displaying photos that members of the Radfod Photo Club have available for sale. Each photo is priced, some as low as \$25.00, and proceeds from the sales go to the Lamplighters, volunteer fundraisers for the Radford Public Library. Long Way Brewing is located at 501 Second St.

Wednesday, May 25:

Christiansburg Central Business District Committee meeting

The Christiansburg Central Business District Committee will meet at noon in the administrative conference room at town hall, 100 East Main St., in Christiansburg.

Lunch & Learn: Growing medicinal herbs

At the Blacksburg Library at noon. Herbalist Sarah Gibbs will show how to grow, harvest, and use several common medicinal plants. The program will include discussion about several plants that grow in yards and fields and some home gardeners can grow on their own.

Docent training day

Blacksburg Museum and Cultural Foundation is looking for docents for its two historic sites: The Alexander Black House & Cultural Center and St. Luke and Odd Fellows Hall. Learn what being a docent entails on May 25 at 2 p.m. at the Alexander Black House & Cultural Center. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

DMV Connect at the library

At the Jessie Peterman Memorial Library at 10 a.m. The Department of Motor Vehicles will be at the library providing most of their services. Walk-ins are welcome.

Thursday, May 26:

Scrabble tournament for literacy

The 14th Annual Scrabble Tournament for Literacy will be held at the German Club Manor on Virginia Tech's Blacksburg campus from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Radford City Mayor David Horton will serve as the emcee and local food offerings will be available.

Teams of three will play two games of Scrabble against two different teams with the scores from both games added together to determine the winner. Awards will be presented to the top scorer, the longest word, the highest score word, and the most original team name. Register as a team for \$100 or sign up as an individual for \$35 and the organization will provide a team to match up with. To register, go to www.lvnrv.org, email info@ lvnrv.org, or call 540-382-7262. will be on display through June 25 at the Alexander Black House main galleries, 204 Draper Road SW, Blacksburg, A reception open to the public will be held on Friday, May 27, from 5 to 7 p.m. Admission is free. Exhibit hours are 10 a..m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. "End of the Line" is a multi-media exhibition by Bill Ratcliffe that examines the final destination for most consumed goods: the landfill. The exhibit allows for the viewing of sites rarely seen by the general public.

Minority business accelerator: SWaM Certification

At the offices of the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, 210 Laurel St. in Christiansburg and via Zoom at 10 a.m.

The chamber's MBA meeting will focus on how to apply for the SWaM application and the benefits of being certified as a business. Terri Welch, owner of Paint N' Fun and Wine & Design, will lead the presentation. The chamber encourages minority business owners to attend.

Friday, May 27; Monday, May 30

Radford City Offices closed

Radford's city offices will be closed on Friday, May 27, and Monday, May 30, for Memorial Day. The solid waste collection schedule is as follows: Friday, May 27 will be collected on Thursday, May 26, and the Monday, May 30, collection will be on Tuesday, May 31. Please have garbage ready for collection by 7:30 a.m. The drop center will be closed both days.

Monday, May 30:

MFRL closure

The Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library will be closed on Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day. All branches will be closed on Sundays from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day.

Thursday, June 2:

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.

Chamber Foundation annual bocce ball tournament and business-afterhours

At the Montgomery County Moose Lodge 1470 115 Farmview Road NW, Christiansburg from 2 to 7 p.m. The chamber foundation's bocce ball tournament offers great food, fun, and networking at https://bit.ly/mccbocce2022.

Also, the chamber will hold its Business After Hours gathering from 5 to 7 p.m. Opportunities to win prizes, including an Old Town brand kayak, will be plentiful. The price for raffle tickets is \$5 for one ticket and \$20 for five tickets. Email programs@montgomerycc.org for more details.

welcomes all skill levels of quilters. For more information, call Anna Handy, 540 320 7791.

June 2022 Eggs & Issues: COVID after-action report

At Warm Hearth Village, 2387 Warm Hearth Drive, Blacksburg from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. Speakers from the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce will share a COVID after-action report on how the community has adapted during these unprecedented times. Invited speakers include Dr. Noelle Bissell, Director of the New River Health District; Bill Flattery, Vice President of Carilion Clinic's Western Region; Devin Tobin, COO of LewisGale Hospital Montgomery; and Kevin Byrd, Executive Director of the New River Valley Regional Commission. Admission is \$25 for chamber members and \$35 for non-members. Space is limited. Reservations are required by no later than Tuesday, June 7 at noon. Register at https://bit.ly/june22eggs. Register and pay online or contact programs@montgomerycc.org.

Tuesday, June 14:

Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet at 7 p.m. at Aly's Italian Family Restaurant, 3204 Riner Rd. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy are invited to attend. For further information, call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-

Saturday, June 18:

9864.

NAACP Juneteenth Commemoration

The local NAACP will celebrate Juneteenth, the traditional African-American commemoration of freedom from slavery from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Rosa Peters Playground, 300 Depot St. NE, Christiansburg. Music will be provided, and food will be available to purchase. The youth council will sell hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks, and other snacks. An ice cream truck courtesy of Freedom First Credit Union will provide free ice cream. Proceeds benefit local youth educational activities and programs. The program begins at noon, followed by swimming, children's games, a silent auction, a raffle, and door prizes. Various talents will be shared by youth and community members. Information booths from the NAACP and other community organizations will be on hand. Any organization desiring to have a booth may contact info@mrfnaacp or call our Branch at 540-382-6751. Admission is free.

Friday, June 24:

BMCF Sunset Rhythms 2022

The Blacksburg Museum and Cultural Center kicks off its summer concert series from 7 to 8:30 a.m. on the lawn of the Alexander Black House with singer/songwriter Grace Campbell. Spoons shaved ice truck will have treats for sale. Guests are welcome to bring a picnic or other snacks. Tickets are \$5 for adults. Children ages 13 and under are free. All proceeds help support the work of Blacksburg Museum and Cultural Center. For more information, visit www.blacksburgmuseum.org.

Ongoing:

Radford-Fairlawn Daily Bread volunteer names

Radford Fairlawn Daily Bread (RFDB), and its sister program, Meals on Wheels, are searching for the names of everyone who has volunteered with either service. Anyone who knows of past volunteers, especially those over the programs' first two decades, should contact feherzog66@gmail.com or by mail, addressed to Herzog, at RFDB, P. O. Box 3323, Radford 24143.

Free GED classes with NRCC

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

Grab-and-Go Meals

At the Meadowbrook Public Library. Free grab-and-go lunch and snack meals. Children and youth 18 and younger can come and get a weeks' worth of lunches and snacks. Sponsored by Feeding Southwest Virginia.

Glencoe Mansion Calls for Art for Mary Draper Ingles Show

Glencoe Mansion is calling for art for its July through August 2022 Gallery Exhibit, "Follow Her Journey," a multi-artist show themed on Mary Draper Ingles. The mansion will sponsor an opening reception during the Mary Draper Ingles Festival of July 29-31. Artwork should reflect or be based on the life and times of Mary Draper Ingles including depictions of local landmarks (for example, Ingles Farm, the Cultural Heritage Park, Ingles Tavern and ferry site), and Colonial style art. All fine arts and fine craft media will be considered. Artists may submit up to three artworks for consideration. Applications will be accepted through 5 p.m. on June 3. Participation, which is subject to acceptance, is open to artists in and around the NRV area, ages 16 and up. Artists will be notified via email no later than June 15. For more information, go to www.GlencoeMansion.org or email Gallery Coordinator at art@glencoemansion.org.

DMV Connect at the library

At the Jessie Peterman Memorial Library at 1:30 p.m. The Department of Motor Vehicles will be at the library providing most of their services. Walk-ins are welcome.

DIY yarn chandeliers

At the Christiansburg Library at 2 p.m. Participants can create their own stylish yarn chandeliers using balloons, glue, cornstarch, and Vaseline. Projects will need to be taken home to dry for 24 hours.

Pokémon snap safari

At the Blacksburg Library at 3 p.m. All ages are welcome to take part in a Pokemon snap safari. Contact Pokémon Trainer Sally Stauffer sstauffer@mfrl. org with questions.

Snifftastic slime

At the Meadowbrook Public Library at 3 p.m. Create sweet smelling slime using two ingredients. Supplies will be provided. All ages are welcome. Contact spahl@ mfrl.org for more information.

Friday, May 27:

Reception for "End of the Line" exhibit

Blacksburg Museum and Cultural Foundation's "End of the Line" exhibit

Saturday, June 4:

BMCF Annual gospel sing

Blacksburg Museum and Cultural Foundation's annual gospel sing will be held from noon to 6 p.m. on the Alexander Black House lawn, 204 Draper Road SW. Admission is free; donations are encouraged. Area choirs, soloists, and praise dancers will sing current and old-time gospel favorites. Everyone is welcome to bring an instrument and join in the group sings. The schedule for the musical groups is as follows: noon to 1 p.m.: Bob and Claudia Goldstein; 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.: the Glorylanders; 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.: Joann's This and That Singers; 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.: Simple Gifts; 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.: the Indian Run Gospel Trio; 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.: Alexis Johnson. The event is sponsored by the Virginia Tech Foundation.

Thursday, June 9:

River City Quilt Guild

The River City Quilt Guild meets the second Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at Grove United Methodist Church, 1020 Tyler Avenue, Radford. The guild

RECRUITMENT FOR RESEARCH STUDY

Virginia Tech researchers are recruiting participants for a research study about commuting experiences (IRB-19-1077). Participation will consist of completion of an online opt-in survey (approximate-ly 30 minutes) and an eight-week daily survey period (two approximately 10 minute online surveys per day; Monday – Friday) during which participants will have in-vehicle video and driving performance recording equipment installed into their personal vehicle and wear a device that tracks physical activity and sleep. Participants may receive \$30 - \$500 depending on the extent of their participation. For more information and to determine your eligibility for the study, please contact Dr. Charles Calderwood (540-231-5870; WSRLab-g@vt.edu), Virginia Tech Department of Psychology.

ONLINE AUCTION

Ends Thursday June 2nd at 4 PM Apartment Building for Sale in Radford VA! 608 Pendleton St., Radford VA 24141

Bid Now at VaAuctionPro.com



You have the opportunity to purchase a great income producing property in Radford VA. This property showcases a 6 unit apartment complex on .413 acres. The building has 3 levels with 2 units on each level. Each level has 2,175 sq. ft. and each unit has 1.031 sq. ft. (not including stairs). Each unit has 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, living room, dining room and kitchen. The units have the same layout with carpet and linoleum flooring, private decks in rear, and washer/dryer hookups in the kitchen. The building is brick with a shingle room and heat pumps. There is ample parking and 2 trash bins. Property has good rental history and is in the City of Radford close to Radford University, Fairlawn, the New River, Bisset Park and Radford Schools. The tenants pay utilities and units have their own electric meters. The building is on public water and sewer. You can find rental financial information in the Bidder Pack.

Preview Dates - Saturday May 21st at 10 AM and Friday May 27th at 4 PM

Zoning – Property is zoned R-4, Multi – Family Residential Zoning District

Terms - 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to final high bid to arrive at contract price. Earnest Money Deposit of \$10,000 required day of sale. Close in 45 days. Subject to seller confirmation. Property sold as is, where is with any and all faults. Buyer is expected to complete their own due diligence. Please note that during the last two minutes of bidding, if a new bid is placed, the clock is automatically extended an additional two minutes. Download Bidder Pack for complete terms and conditions, purchase contract and maps at VAAuctionPro.com

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PINI<u>ON</u> Home Country: Cowboy truck air conditioning

"Now Mamie," said Windy Wilson, "the reason I expurgated myself over here to your place was to see how you was a-doin' in this year heat."

Mamie Dilworth refilled his iced tea glass, smiled at the old cowboy

and camp cook. "Well, that's awfully nice of you, Windy. I'm fine. Tired of this heat, just the same as everyone else around here."

"I hear ya, and thanks for the tea. It helps a guy cool down, refrigerationally speakin' a-course."

"You're welcome. What are you and Ramses up to these hot days?"

Ramses was Windy's dog, so named because of his tendency to leave pyramids in the backyard. Windy claims he's an Egyptian shepherd, but hasn't been able to provide any registration papers yet.

"Pickup truck therapy, you know. Works put-near ever time it's tried. Long's a guy don't run outa gas, he's okay. Cool right down on a hot ol' day like this one.

"I didn't know your pickup had air conditioning, Windy."

"Mostly it's a cowboy 260 air conditioner," Windy explained. "You get your shirt and your dog wet, roll down two windows and go sixty miles an hour."

Pick up "Home Country: dreams and Drama, laughter from the American heartland" www.lpdpress. com.

by Slim Randles

WalletHub: Virginia is nation's best state for military retirees

The personal finance website WalletHub points out that as military personnel retire, whether they faced active combat or not, they may find it difficult to readjust to civilian life. For example, the U.S. is still dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, which has killed more people than the Civil War did.

Even without a pandemic,

the website says, retirement from the military is always difficult with many retirees facing major struggles including Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, disability and homelessness. These veterans must also consider how state tax policies on military benefits vary, along with the relative friendliness of different job markets and other socioeconomic factors, when choosing a state in which to settle down.

To assist veterans with their decisions, WalletHub compared the 50 states and the District of Columbia based on their ability to provide a comfortable military retirement. The website's analysis used a data set of 29 key metrics, ranging from veterans per capita to number of VA

health facilities to job opportunities for veterans.

The website's rankings placed Virginia as the best state in the entire country for military retirees

The top ten states for military retirees, as ranked by WalletHub, are as follows: 1. Virginia 2. Florida 3. Minnesota 4. Maryland 5. New Hampshire

es to increase all the way

across the board. How-

ever, the most frightening

part is that the wholesale

price index captures infla-

tion quicker than the re-

tail price index and gives a

very strong indication as to

where consumer prices are

headed. That is not good

news for consumers or re-

Repealing the grocery tax doesn't really help re-

tailers in any way. What it

does do is provide relief at

the cash register every sin-

gle time shoppers pay for

tailers.

6. Alaska 7. South Carolina 8. Maine 9. South Dakota 10. Connecticut.

The worst places for military retirees as ranked by WalletHub are as follows: 42. Illinois 4 3. Iowa 44. California 45. Mississippi 46. New Mexico 47. Washington 48. Oregon 49. District of Columbia 50. Nevada 51. Vermont.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

On repealing the commonwealth's tax on groceries

The governor and general

assembly have tentatively

agreed to repeal the tax, but

the process remains block-

aded by the current lack of

a state budget. The House

and Senate have slightly

different approaches, but

the end goal remains the

same; to repeal the onerous

food has seen a tremendous

increase. Just this week the

announcement came that

producer prices rose 11%

last month. That increase

has caused the retail pric-

The wholesale price of

grocery tax.

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business. That status has

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Virginia has historically to live, work, and run a ebbed and flowed over the years but has generally remained true.

> However, we're one of only 13 states that taxes groceries, the basic essentials that every family needs. And so, it is the most regressive tax that one can come up with because those who can least afford it pay the same as everybody else.

The commonwealth is at a historic crossroads where there is a unique opportunity to relieve the tax burden of all Virginians.

Graduates from page 1

responsible for determining which seniors received which awards were Mallory K. Bacalis, Courtney A. Craggett, Tim W. Cromer, G. Tony

Soil Judging from page 1

wetland sciences in the they graduated. the Corn Belt and meetclayey soils were very "Soil judging is a School of Plant and Ening students from other universities," Galbraith vironmental Sciences. perfect way to enhance said. "The contest host "I think soil and agritheir resume and gain culture students across some practical field held lectures for them America were anxious to skills at the same time as about the unique geolthey are learning more ogy of the area, and they get outside and practice were able to see how the their field skills before about glaciated soils in farmers

their orders. It allows them to keep more of their hardearned money. The time to act is now.

by Steven C. Smith, president and chief executive officer of Food City

Steven C. Smith serves as president and chief executive officer for Food City, a retail supermarket chain operating 138 locations in Southeast Kentucky, Southwest Virginia, East Tennessee, North Georgia, and Alabama.

Keith A. Walters.

Seventy-eight various awards and scholarships were presented to members of the graduating class.

wet at this time of year and very susceptible to accelerated runoff and erosion during heavy rains. Soil erosion is a major concern for local

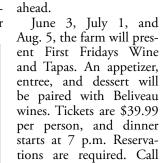
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of any letter and edit letters for length, content and style.

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Blacksburg's Beliveau Farm sets full summer schedule of events

Beliveau Farm, 3899 Eakin Farm Rd. in Blacksburg, has set a full calendar



540-961-0505 to reserve

a spot. Other upcom-

ing dates and themes are

6/3/22 Italian inspired;

7/1/22 Mexican fiesta;

and 8/5/22 Southern

home cooking.

of events in the months

Friday nights at the farm is another seasonal free live music playing from 6 to 8 p.m. The kitchen will close at 8 p.m. A bonfire will burn as the farm is able to. All ages are welcome and dogs are allowed outside.

Sunday, June 19 and 26 and Sunday July 3 & 10, the farm will present its 14th Annual Lavender Festival. On June 19 & 26, and July 3 & 10, Beliveau will celebrate by hosting an array of local craft vendors, live music, lavender food (and beer) specials, as

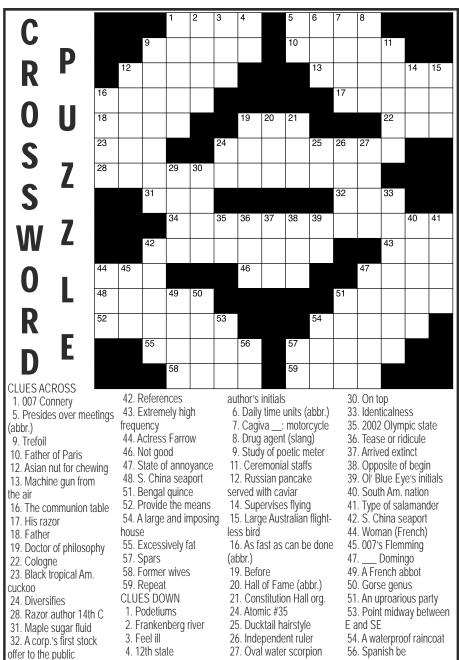
well as lavender products for sale, and educational lavender talks. Admission for persons 12 and older is \$12 and includes a souvenir wine glass. Tickets may be purchased online at BeliveauFarm.com. Admission for persons ages 2 through 11 is \$5 (no wine glass included) and may be purchased only at the gate the day of. Children under 2 are free. Dogs are welcome outside. Anyone interested in being a vendor can contact wine@ beliveauestate.com for an application.



Gully is a friendly young fella ready for a furever home! He loves attention and will take a good head scratch any time! He would get along well with a doggie playmate or older kids to pal around with. Come meet Gully at the Animal **Care and Adoption Center.**



Meet Luna! She is accustomed to the good life! An indoor-only cat, she will even snuggle under a blanket to take a nap and she enjoys her share of treats. This big girl may be timid at first, but warms up once she gets to know you. Is Luna your purrfect match? Stop by the Animal Care and Adoption Center to meet her.



29. Modern London Gallery

57. Of I

5. "Anything Goes"

34. The premier bike race

Virginia Tech Women's Club announces 2022 scholarships for women students

The Virginia Tech Women's Club announced the recipients of its 2022 Scholarship Awards on April 27. The awardees received \$1800 each and came from a wide range of academic disciplines such as engineering, management, life sciences, biological sciences and wellness studies, environment studies, and social sciences.

Affiliated with Virginia Tech University, the Virginia Tech Women's Club recognizes women students who are veterans and firstcollege-goers generation besides having other regular achievements such as a good GPA, participation in extracurricular activities, and volunteering. The applica-tion process begins in the fall of any given year, and the scholarships are granted in the spring of the following year.

Kenny Brooks, women's basketball coach at VT, was the keynote speaker at the luncheon. He underscored the values of the club: friendship, scholarship, education, and service. Sharing the values taught by the strong women in his family, Brooks said that he invests in a culture that values character over talent. His team broke records in 2021-2022 that included producing the all-time highest scorer in VT history.

The club extends a friendly hand to other community organizations in the area, including the NRV Women's Resource Center, a shelter for victims of domestic violence that includes women, children and the elderly. The club supports and collaborates with the Community Foundation of the New River Valley whose mission is to invest in the local community through charitable giving, innovative programs and collaborations.

The club was started 50 years ago to enable the spouses of VT faculty to find a community. Today its reach has expanded to include all women in the NRV area, and it actively welcomes new members within its fold. The club collaborates with all women in the NRV area to strengthen community initiatives and to support one another.

To learn more about the Virginia Tech Women's Club, visit https://www.virginiatechwomensclub.org/. To join the club visit https:// www.virginiatechwomensclub.org/contact.

BITUARIES **Elliott, Samuel Douglas**

Samuel Douglas Elliott, known lovingly as Sammy, 61, of Blacksburg, made his passage to Heaven surrounded by immense love and care on Sunday, May 15, 2022.

He was born on Jan. 25, 1961, to Linda Elouise Linkous and the late Paul Edgar Elliott. Sammy was an adored and beloved son, brother, uncle, godfather, and friend to many throughout his life.

He was preceded in death by grandmothers Fannie Elliott and Kate Linkous and his brothers David and Joe Elliott.

He is survived by his siblings, Betty Elliott, Donna Elliott, and Jimmy Elliott; special nieces Amanda, Katie, Britney, Annemarie, Sarah, Hannah, Maleenia, Ashely and Crystal; special nephews Jeremy, Braden, David, and Joseph, whom he lovingly named "Little Joseph"; greatniece and great-nephews, Riley, Kayson, Owen, and Major; a goddaughter Alisha White, his one true love, Ruth Anne Harvey; dear friends Erama Whitlock and Linda Mize; special cousins Mike Elliott and Brenda Richardson; cousins Teresa, Dean, Kathy, Tim, and Harold and many other cousins and close friends, without whose love and support his journey would not have been possible.

Sammy was a talented and skilled painter. He had an uncanny ability to walk into a room and see what needed to



be done, what wasn't done, and how to fix it. That skill set carried Sammy all the way to the end; pointing out things in his hospital rooms that needed to be corrected and making sure everyone knew it.

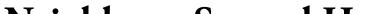
Sammy was a dancer who loved to boogie with the best, and he shared that love with all of his family and friends. He loved his family with a deep love,

treasured children as they should be, cared for animals of all kinds, and knew what friendship meant, giving it freely to all that he loved.

He had unshakable faith in his Lord and Savior with complete trust that he would be standing at the gates of Heaven, being welcomed by all who had passed before him. He had made a peace with all that life had given him and fought up until the end with grace, will, and faith.

The family thanks each of the ICU doctors and nurses at LewisGale Montgomery for their care and genuine outpouring of love shown to Sammy and his loved ones throughout some of the most difficult times. Your genuine care for him will never be forgotten.

Funeral arrangements were provided by McCoy Funeral Home in Blacksburg on Monday, May 23, 2022. To contribute to funeral costs, make donations directly to McCoy Funeral Home in the name of Samuel Elliott.





women students were the recipients of the Virginia Tech Women's Club Scholarship Awards at the annual spring luncheon.

Montgomery County receives national awards from National **Association of Counties**

WASHINGTON - Montgomery County has been recognized with two achievement awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo). The awards honor innovative, effective county government programs that strengthen services for residents.

NACo recognized Montgomery County for two programs: XComms Group and the Animal Care and Adoption Center's Return to Home Program.

"Our dedicated employees are committed to public service and work hard daily responding to opportunities and challenges in an effort to help our community be such a great place to both live and work," said Montgomery County Administrator Craig Meadows. "I'm proud of the innovative responses our employees have implemented to challenges they faced and the national recognition they earned as a result of those efforts."

The XComms Group (short for Extended Communicators Group) promotes intergovernmental cooperation and collaboration, addressing internal and external communication needs and gaps. In July of 2021, the county's public information office identified communication partners in various departments, along with constitutional offices and affiliated agencies to meet monthly and share potential story ideas and news items, as well as to learn of upcoming news and stories. This allows all entities to support the various communication needs of Montgomery County, both internally and externally, by sharing news and stories through the various communication vehicles to which the group has access.

gaged XComms Group that is responsible for over 50 stories and news items either completed or currently in process, as well as new processes to enhance internal communication and overall efficiency within the county.

In 2021, the Animal Care and Adoption Center launched an online lost and found reporting service, which links to the center's software and allows for more eyes-on information and photos of found and missing animals more quickly. In turn, this increases the speed that animals are returned to their owners. The result has been an increase in the number of animals being returned to their owners by the finder, or by Animal Control using Animal Care and Adoption Center staff and the online reporting system as a facilitator.

NACo President Larry Johnson said, "All across the country, counties are working tirelessly to support residents and drive recovery from the COV-ID-19 pandemic. This year's achievement award-winning programs showcase how counties work every day to build healthy, safe, and thriving communities."

Nationally, awards are given in 18 different categories that reflect the vast, comprehensive services counties provide. The categories include children and youth, criminal justice and public safety, county administration, information technology, health, and civic engagement.

Started in 1970, NACo's annual

Neighbors, Samuel Hope

Samuel Hope Neighbors, 88, of Blacksburg, died Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at his home.

He was born in Salem on Sept. 7, 1933, to the late Ŵilliam and Mabel Shaffer Neighbors.

He was also preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth Price Neighbors.

He is survived by his daughters and son-in-law, Karen Worrell, Jeanette

and John Wiggert, and Sherry Neighbors; a son, Mike Neighbors; grandchildren Traci Worrell, Hope Worrell, David



Neighbors, Jessica Wiggert, and Jamie Wiggert; great-grandchildren; and a sister, Delores Hall

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, May 22, 2022, in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with Dennis Kinnan officiating. Interment was held privately at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Christiansburg. The family received friends Sunday

afternoon prior to the service at McCov Funeral Home, 150 Country Club Drive S.W. Blacksburg.

Send community

news and photos to

communitynews@ourvalley.org



The result has been an active and en-

achievement awards program is designed to recognize county government innovations. Each nominee is judged on its own merits and not against other applications received.

ONLINE AUCTION

Ends Wednesday June 1st at 4 PM Land for Sale on Little River in Floyd VA! TBD Christiansburg Pike, Floyd VA 24091

Bid Now at VaAuctionPro.com



You have the opportunity to purchase a beautiful tract of land for sale in Floyd County VA with frontage on Little River! The property features 4.88 +/- acres with 185' of frontage on the river. This land tract is level laying and has great building spots - build your dream riverfront home in the country! Enjoy being just minutes from the Town of Floyd and within 30 minutes of Christiansburg, Radford and Blacksburg VA. You are also within an hour from Roanoke VA. Don't miss out on your chance to scoop up this gorgeous property! It would be perfect for building a country home or use for recreation! Spend your summer days fishing, kayaking, canoeing, and relaxing on the river!

Terms - 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to final high bid to arrive at contract price. Earnest Money Deposit of \$5,000 required day of sale. Close in 45 days. Subject to seller confirmation. Property sold as is, where is with any and all faults. Buyer is expected to complete their own due diligence. Auction starts ending at 4 PM on June 1st 2022. Please note that during the last two minutes of bidding, if a new bid is placed, the clock is automatically extended an additional two minutes. Download Bidder Pack at VAAuctionPro.com

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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. New information is noted by "NEW" and updates are noted when a current project has had an update added to the listing. The Salem District covers Bedford, Botetourt, Carroll, Craig, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Henry, Montgomery, Patrick, Pulaski and Roanoke counties.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

NORTHBOUND I-81 AT EXIT 105 NEW RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY - Traffic on northbound I-81 has been switched onto the newly constructed bridge over the New River at the Montgomery/Pulaski County line. 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 98 to 109. 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 summer 2023.

ROUTE 615 CULVERT RE-PLACEMENT - Route 615 (Pilot Road) is undergoing a culvert replacement located at the intersection of Pilot Road and Old Pike Road, across from the Pilot Post Office. Lane closures on Route 615 maintained by utilizing temporary traffic signals are expected to begin on May 9 and will be in place through August 2022. Flagging operations may be in place. Route 615 will be limited to one 10 foot lane. Expected completion is October 2022.

ROUTE 617 CLOSURE FOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT Route 617 (Brushy Creek Road) will be closed beginning Monday, May 23 for bridge work. Message boards will alert drivers. Drivers will need to seek alternate routes. Residents will be able to access their homes. The road will reopen on Thursday, May 26.

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.

PAVING OPERATIONS -Weather permitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various routes. Lane closures may be in place and flaggers may control traffic at times during daylight hours. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

Route 765, both east and west lanes, will have a flagging operation in place for paving from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

INTERSTATE 81

INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDENING CONSTRUC-TION PROJECT EXIT 137 TO EXIT 141-A \$179 million designbuild 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:

BARRIER WALLS: Barrier wall installation is in process. Nighttime lane closures will be in place and lane widths will be reduced to 11 feet.

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

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

Nightly 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. Signage indicating the closure has been posted in the rest area. During the closure, a temporary concrete barrier wall will be installed in front of the facility, so motorists will not be able to enter the rest area or use the parking lot and restrooms. 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.

AREA OPTIONS: REST While the Troutville Rest Area is closed, southbound I-81 drivers can use the Fairfield Rest Area at mile marker 195 in Rockbridge County or the Radford Rest Area at mile marker 108 in Montgomery County. In addition, the Troutville Weigh Station, located on southbound I-81 at mile marker 149, will have portable toilets and parking will be temporarily available for commercial vehicles.

AND TRANSFERS from page 2

Chad A. Reed to Daniel J. Tamul, 0.54 ac., lot 21, \$645.000

Stateson Homes LLC to Fontel A. Mines, 0.270 ac., lot 18, Kinloch Subdv., Blacksburg, \$618,085

Ditech Financial LLC to Midstate Trust VIII, 940 Walton Rd, between Bk 1126 Pg. 232 and Bk 1126 pg. 238, Bk. 1100, pg. 152

James W. Beamer to Dalia Allencherry, lot 14, Pepper Street Townhomes Subdy., Christiansburg, \$196,000

Marise Henriette Robbins-Forbes to Wayne Crotto, lot 12, Maple Ridge Village 4 Brittany Meadows, Blacksburg, \$689,000

James E. Dolan Jr., to Capital Property Acquisitions LLC, lot 50, Lynwood Christiansburg, Terrace, \$115,000

William Friedl to Young Cao, lot 9, Scott Subdv., Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$285,000

William Friedl to Young Cao, lot 11, Scott Subgdv., Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$284,000 Charles Wimmer to John E. Puckett, lot 30, Sec. 1, Harman Forest Subdv., \$201,000 Marilyn A. Moran to William M. Felts, lot 37, Oak

Jennelle Road LLC, 942 Summer Road., Blacksburg, 15.736 ac., Mt. Tabor Magisterial District

Jennelle Road LLC to Estes Homeplace LLC, 942 Summer Road, Blacksburg, 1.00 ac., Mt. Tabor Magisterial District

Andrew L. Drescher to David K. Wooldridge Revocable Trust, Lots 97-100, Sullivan Heights, Christiansburg, \$269,000

Alan G. Volkmar to Orla M. Lavender, lots 98, 99, metes and bounds, Miller addition, Blacksburg, \$715,000

Dallas J. Dye to Austin A. Phoenix, part of lot 5, all of lot 4, part of lot 3, Highland Park Addition, Blacksburg, \$475,000

Xu Feng to Yu Li, lot 38, Maple Ridge Village e, Blacksburg, \$480,000

Sarah Mae Roman to SSC Limited Liability Company, 3240 Yellow Sulphur Rd, Christiansburg, 0.871 ac., lot 1 and 1.928 ac., lot 2, \$100,000

Katherine E. Sullivan to Carlos Manuel Valdivieso Chiang, 0.160 ac., lot 6B, Ph 1, Ridinger Acres, Christiansburg, \$210,000

William D. Adams to Patricia Pototsky, 5,0000 ac., Riner Magisterial District, \$351,270

Phoebe S. Poff to Phoebe S. Poff, 0.160 ac., lot 39, Auburn Hills Villas, Ph X, Riner Magisterial District

Douglas R. Reed to Douglas R. Reed, 1.5197 ac., lot B-1 Riner Magisterial District

Benjamin Paul White to Benjamin Paul White, 2 parcels: 0.829 ac.; 1.5015 ac., Riner Magisterial District

Jordan Long to Derick W. Mallette, 3.626 ac., lot 1, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$525,000

Bennie D. Morgan to Sean Michael Keck, lot 104, Ph V, Christiansburg, \$317,000

Stateson Homes LLC to Lou Lasprugato, 0.207 ac., lot 16, Kinloch Subdv., Blacksburg, \$559,585

James E. Dolan Jr., to James Edward Green, lot 46, Lynwood Terrace, Christiansburg, \$130,000

\$387,500

Zachary Lamble to Joshua E. Pennington, lot 14, Edgemont of Diamond Hill, Ph 1,

\$430,000 Barry Dwayne Helms to Wanda Helms Prodo, Merrimac Rd, Blacksburg, 17.970 ac., parcel 2, Prices Fork Magisterial District

Barry Dwayne Helms to Barry Dwayne Helms, 160 Ash Dr., Christiansburg, lot 6. Huff Acres, Christiansburg

Barry Dwayne Helms to Wanda Helms Proco, 110 Almetta Ave., Christiansburg, 1.144 ac., lot 4, Christiansburg

Barry Dwayne Helms to Wanda Helms Prodo, 125 Almetta Ave., Christiansburg, 0.285 ac., lot B, Christiansburg

Barry Dwayne Helms to Wanda Helms Proco, 135 Almetta Ave., Christiansburg, 0.513 ac., lot A, Christians-

Čarol Flynn Hoge to James Tyler Ötey hoge, 503 LaPlante Living Trust, 2 par-Linkous Circle, Blacksburg, cels: lots 26, 27; lot 28, Aulot 12, Russell Linkous Circle, Blacksburg, \$225,800 CC and DB Development LLC to SAS Eagle Givens LLC, 0.24 ac., lot 105 and 0.303 ac., lot 130, Northside Park, Sec XII, Blacksburg

14, Hillcrest at Union Valley, Riner Magisterial District

Christine L. Laskowski to Kathleen Laskowski, lot 28, Slushers Farm, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District

Ďeborah Faye Cook to Cook Wolfe Living Trust, 0.238 ac., lot 3A, Fiddlers Green, Blacksburg

Larry S. Wrenn to Jeremy M. Hoard, metes and bounds, legal, Christiansburg, see \$30,000

Jenna Violet Nichols to Jenna Violet Nichols, 0.50 ac., lot 2, Sec II, Cumberland Forest metes and bounds

Matthew J. Brunelli to Unique Phillips, 0.421 ac., new lot 2A, Christiansburg, \$195,000

Evan Christopher O'Neill to Chase Langhorne Biegler, metes and bounds, see legal, Cambria, \$260,000

Larry Rush to Susan Wilcox, metes and bounds, see legal, Christiansburg, \$275,000

Richard S. LaPlante to burn Magisterial District Michelle L. Howell to Danielle E. Bingeman, 75 Charleston Lane, Christiansburg, lot 5, Charleston Place, Christiansburg, \$200,000 Joseph Andrew McWhinney to Boran Fan, lot 91, Ph Phillip W. Feerrar, lot 60, Ph IV, New River Village, Christiansburg, \$332,000

Julie Plankeel to 516 Bent Oak Court, Lynchburg, Lot 131, Oak Tree Townhomes, Ph II, Christiansburg

Eric S. Sallee to Nick Koca, 0.247 ac., lot 13, Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$320,000

Theresa C. Schuster to Donald L. Hall, lot 4, Blacksburg, \$302,000

Progress Street Builders, Inc. to Bobby R. Faulkner, lot 8, Auburn Hills Fairway Homes, Riner Magisterial District, \$449.900

Warren T. Dean to Whittney Miller Asher, 0.6520 ac., Christiansburg, \$218,000

Ann A. Grover Trust to W N Vincel Trust, lot 2, Shelor Farms Estates, Ph 1, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$180,000

David A. Bower to Hill Properties Design LLC, east side of North Franklin St., \$171,000

Erik L. Stromberg to John J. Stramiello, lot 31, pilgrims Pointe, Sec 1,

Tree Townhomes, Ph IX, Christiansburg, \$275,000 Scott R. Johnson, Jr., to

Jonathan Russell Collier, 0.537 ac., lot 2, Riner Magisterial District, \$190,000

Jeffrey Lee Epperly to Brady W. Epperly, 0.6629 ac., \$185,400

G. Douglas Jones Trust to Q Lands LLC, 2 parcels: 0.3224 ac., metes and bounds; 5.785 ac., Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$550,000

Christian Constant Corre to Thoma Schiff, lot 9, Slushers Farm Subdy., Blacksburg, \$617,000

Margie A. Conner to Freda J. Conner, 4.660 ac., lot 84A and 0.668 ac., lot 85, Christiansburg

Larry Richard Estes to

Mark Wright to Dennis Nagel Trust, 2248 Willis Hollow Rd., 0.993 ac. Lot and building Shawsville, \$34,348 Julio Cesar Vargas Sr., to Jon David Byers, lot 85, Cambria Crossing, Ph II, Christiansburg, \$360,000

Frederick S. Smith to Casey Allen Dillow, 10.812 ac., Riner Magisterial District, \$150,000

Marc A. Rosso to Kimberly D. Rosso, 19.529 ac., Shawsville Magisterial District John Laprelle to Sun Village Properties LLC, 4 parcels: lot 1, Ph 1, Sun Village; lot 3, Ph 1 Sun Village; lot 5, Ph 1, Sun Village, lot 9, ph 1, Sun Village, Christiansburg

Hamrick 303 LLC to Joshua Dwayne Howard, 0.2462 ac., lot 7, Myers Heights, Sec 2, metes and bounds, Christiansburg, \$209,500

Tyris Homes LLC to Anna S. Nelson, lot 9, Walnut Creek, Ph V-A, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$426,000

Carrington Altizer to Jayson E. Dalton, 5.213 ac., tract 4, and 5.213 ac., tract 5, Riner Magisterial District, \$85,000

Evelyn S. Jones to Randolph Lynwood Jones, 5313 Maxey Rd., Elliston, 10 ac.,

Estate of Calvin Duncan to Kelsi Enn Brumet, lot 4, Lilly Auburn Magisterial District, \$210,000

Radford and Radford Properties to Jason Shrewsbury, 8.32 ac., metes and bounds, Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$300,000

Mark. R. Montgomery to Dawn N. Fouse, 9.000 ac., Riner Magisterial District, \$299,900

William J. Scarper III to Marcio Monika, lot 20, Diamond Hill South, Sec IV, Christiansburg, \$412,000

Brian D. Šale to William A. Watkins III, 1.209 ac., Riner Magisterial District,

Maneesh B. Thakkar to II-A, Village at Toms Creek, Blacksburg, \$540,000

William Hiter Crabtree to Lisa L. Carlson, Unit 10-3, Ph VI, Villas at Peppers Ferry, Ph VI, Christiansburg, \$380,000

Glenn R. Buss to Gary R. Buss, 3458 Cameo Lane, Blacksburg, Lot 9, Crawford J G. Weller, 14.0264 ac., lot Farms Subdv., Ph II, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District

Nick Ogle to Spiro C. Manolas, 0.437 ac., lot 42, ph IV, The Preserve at Walnut Creek, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$430,000

Carlo A. Manconi to George J. Perkovich, lots 20, 20A, Blacksburg, \$500,000

Rodger Curtis Mattson to Mattson Living Trust, lots 13, Craig M. Talbot to LBA2020 Properties LLC, 872 Newport Terrace, Blacksburg, Condo unit 872 Ph V, University Place Condos, Blacksburg, \$237,500

Carolyn S. Hale to Zachary 15, Riner Magisterial District, \$45,000

Martha J. Taylor to Andrew B. Taylor, 3 lots: 22-24, Airport Terrace, Blacksburg

Lisa C. Olver to Lisa C. Olver Trust, metes and bounds, see legal, Blacksburg

Paul Michael Jackson, Jr., to Ellen and Aaron Farmhouse LLC, 0.6393 ac., lot 77, Blacksburg, \$969,000

Cherie Holberton Hassall to James Hassall Trust, 0.2592 ac., metes and bounds, Blacksburg

Charles A. Shepherd to Andrew R. Gipe, lot 16, Sec 1, Ph III, Franklin Parke Townhouses, Christiansburg, \$205,000

Cassity A. Clay to BGRS LLC, lot 17, Ph II, Robin Hood Estates, Christiansburg, \$340,000

BGRS LLC to Erich M. Horner, Lot 17, Ph II, Robin Hood Estates, Christiansburg, \$340,000

Dennis E. Nagel to Rachael Inzinnia, 0.1797 ac.,

Christiansburg, \$115,000 Ellen Ellen Taylor Naquin Cranwell to Ellen Taylor Naquin Cranwell, 1670 High Knob Lane, Blacksburg, 45.483 ac., Blacks-burg, \$10

Kathleen A. Worner to Scott C. Worner, lot 11, Apperson Park, Sec %, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District

Blacksburg, \$285,000

Jeffrey Guy Downs to Bryan Edward Ward, Jr., 932 Mt. Pleasant Road, Shawsville, \$210,000, 2 parcels, 2.8749 ac., and 0.2676 ac., metes and bounds, \$210,000

Donald E. Sisk, Jr., to Mark Muscar, 0.422 ac., lot A, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$170,000

Garry L. Davis to Trent Anthony Perry, 1.2115 ac., \$125,000

Wanda J. Trump to Howell Properties LLC, 2 parcels: 0.170 ac., lot 201, Falling Branch Estates, Sec II; 0.161 ac., lot 20B, Falling Branch Estates, sec II, Christiansburg, \$267,000

Deeds Transfer Upon Death

Stephen A. Balberde to William Alexander Balberde Trust, 650 University City Bldv., Unit 318, Blacksburg, condo unit 186, Ph 1, Collegiate Inn of Blacksburg

Wonjung Jung to Olivia Park, 2 parcels: lot 59, Haymarket Square Townhouses, Sec II, Pg II, Blacksburg; 2.9904 ac., lot 58, Brush Mtn. Estates, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District

Roger L. Owens to Bessie G. Cheathem, 0.8048 ac., metes and bounds, village of Elliston, Shawsville Magisterial District

Glenn R. Buss to Gary R. Buss, 3458 Cameo Lane, Blacksburg, Lot 9, Crawford Farms Subdv., Ph II, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District

Rodger Curtis Mattson to Mattson Living Trust, lots 13, 14, Hillcrest at Union Valley, Riner Magisterial District

Christine L. Laskowski to Kathleen Laskowski, lot 28, Slushers Farm, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District

Deborah Faye Cook to Cook Wolfe Living Trust, 0.238 ac., lot 3A, Fiddlers Green, Blacksburg

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Legals - Botetourt

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The object of this suit is to: OBTAIN A DIVORCE It is ORDERDED that KENNETH LEE YONCE, II appear at the above-named court and protect his/her

> 11, 2022. May 10, 2022 Erica W. Conner Clerk of Court

interests on or before July

Invitation to Comment on a Proposed Communications

Facility Upgrade US Cellular Corp. proposes to upgrade their existing 46ft self-supporting tower located at 700 Appalachian Drive in the Town of Blacksburg, Montgomery County. Coordinates for the subject tower location: 37-

14-30.00N, 80-25-44.40W. Interested persons are invited to identify historic sites already listed in, or that may be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places in this vicinity and to identify potential effects the facility may cause to these sites. Questions or comments may be submitted to the following contact: Jake Rieb, Edge Consulting Engineers, 624 Water Street, Prairie du

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Email:jrieb@edgeconsult.co m.

property, and for all costs and fees related to recording the Trustee's Deed, including the grantors tax. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Trustee's Sale, available for review on the Foreclosure Sales page of www.glasserlaw.com. outlining additional terms of sale and settlement. A Trustee's Deed will be prepared by Trustee's attorney at high bidder's expense. This is a communication

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Legals - Town of Buchanan

Public Notice Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the release of treated wastewater into a water body in Botetourt County, Virginia. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: May 25, 2022 to June 25, 2022 PERMIT NAME: Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit -Wastewater issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

INFORMATION: Susan Edwards; Blue Ridge Regional Office, 901 Russell Drive, Salem VA 24153; Phone: 540-795-9749: E-mail: Susan.Edwards@deq.virgin ia.gov ; Fax: 804-698-4178. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above.

Legals - Craig County

Notice

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 6484 Cumberland Gap Road, Newport, VA 24128 Tax Map No.: 105-A-43A In execution of a Deed of Trust dated February 23, 2011, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for Craig County, Virginia, in Deed Book 181, page 668, the Substitute Trustee will offer the above-described property for sale to the

highest bidder at public auction on the date and time referenced below. All that certain tract or parcel of land, with the improvements

thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate, lying and being in the Simmonsville District of Craig County, Virginia, and BEING Parcel One (1) containing 10.886 acres, as shown on a plat recorded in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office of Craig County, Virginia, in Deed Book 74, page 635. Date of Sale: May 31, 2022 at 12:00 noon at Craig County Circuit Court, 182 Main Street, Suite 4 New Castle, VA 24127. Terms: CASH: a in the certified funds in the amount of \$10.000 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower. Settlement within thirty (30) days of date of sale. Time is of the essence. OPTIONS 1. All costs of convevance. examination of title, recording charges, etc. will be at cost of purchaser with the exception of the grantor's tax. Neither the Substitute Trustee nor any other party guarantees or covenants to deliver or in any way to obtain possession of the premises for any third party purchaser. 2. The Substitute Trustee reserves the right to reject all bids, extend the time to receive bids or withdraw the property from sale at any time. In addition, should the Substitute Trustee be unable, for any reason, in its sole discretion, to convey title, the successful bidder's sole remedy in law or equity shall be the return of his deposit. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect. Additional terms may be announced at the time of the sale. The Substitute Trustee will convey the above-described property to the purchaser(s) by Special Warranty deed at settlement and makes no additional representations or warranties of any kind regarding the title to said property. David C. Helscher, Esq. Substitute Trustee For Information Contact: David C. Helscher, Esq. OPN LAW 3140 Chaparral Drive Roanoke, VA 24018 (540) 725-8182 THE LASSIFIEDS Where the Deals Are To place your ad, call 389-9355

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LINDY MICHAEL SANTOS MONTANA, JR The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that LINDY MICHAEL SANTOS MONTANA, JR appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before MAY 16.2022.

APRIL 15, 2022 Tommy L. Moore Clerk

Legals -Montgomery County

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Case No. CL22000727-00 Montgomery County Circuit Court, 55 East Main Street Christiansburg, VA 24073

YINGQIU ZHANG LI JIA

The petitioner's object of this proceeding is to obtain a divorce of bond of matrimony from the Defendant on the ground of having lived separate and apart for a period exceeding one year. It appearing by affidavit that the Defendant's last known address was 1101 Joyce Street, Apartment 2318, Arlington, Virginia 22202, the Defendant's present whereabouts are unknown and diligence has been used by the Plaintiff to ascertain in what county or city the Defendant is without effect, it is ORDERED that the defendant appear before this court on July 20, 2022 and protect her

It is further ORDERED that the foregoing portion of this order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the News Messenger, a newspaper published in Montgomery County, Virginia, and having general circulation in

interests herein.

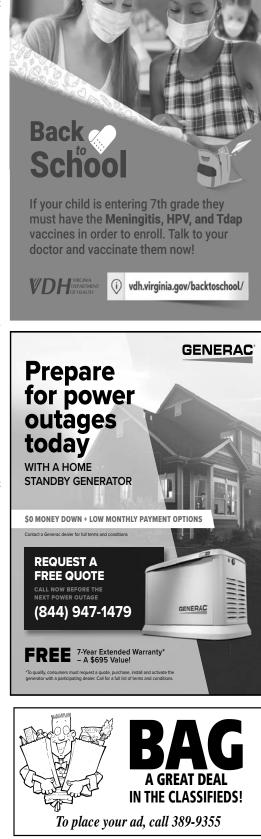
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Notice

Trustee's Sale 3511 Dove Lane, Blacksburg, Virginia 24060 (Parcel ID: 024529; Tax Map No.: 051-A 33E)

Default having been made in the terms of a certain Deed of Trust dated August 22, 2002, in the original principal amount of \$115,098.00 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Montgomery, Virginia in Instrument No. 2002012050, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction on June 10, 2022, at 3:00 pm, in front of the building housing the Montgomery County Circuit Court, 55 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, the property containing 2.077 ac., as shown on plat entitled "Plat from . . Graham of an un-numbered 2.077 ac. lot at Price's Fork in Price's Fork Magisterial District, Montgomery County, Virginia," recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 962, Page 482 TOGETHER WITH a 20 ft. ingress/egress easement, from Virginia State Route 718 over Dove Lane to the aforesaid property. SUBJECT TO a road maintenance agreement recorded in Deed Book 1142 at Page 104 in the aforesaid Clerk's Office. Sale is subject to all prior liens, easements, restrictions, covenants, and conditions, if any, of record, or other matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the premises. TERMS: CASH. A deposit of \$11,500.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required of the successful bidder at time of sale.

APPLICANT NAME ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Town of Buchanan; PO Box 205. Buchanan, VA 24066; VA0022225 FACILITY NAME AND LOCATION: Buchanan Sewage Water Treatment Plant; 541 Parkway Drive, Buchanan PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Town of Buchanan has applied for reissuance of a permit for the public Buchanan STP. The applicant proposes to continue the release of treated sewage wastewaters from residential and commercial service areas at a rate of 237,500 gallons-per-day into a water body. Sludge from the treatment process will be disposed of in the Waste Management Maplewood landfill in Amelia County, VA. The facility proposes to release the treated wastewaters into the James River in Botetourt County in the James River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The permit will limit the following pollutants to amounts that protect water quality: nutrients, organic matter, solids and bacteria. HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing on the draft permit by handdelivery, e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. DEQ must receive hand-delivery and postal mail by close of business and email and fax comments by 11:59 p.m. on the last day of the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/ requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the

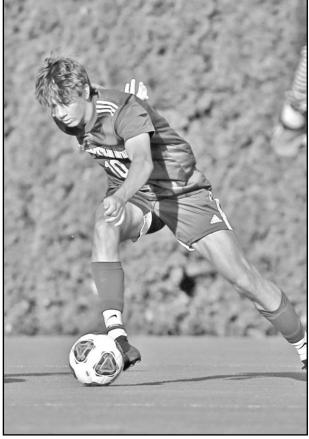




MONTGOMERY SPORTS

Blacksburg boys win River Ridge soccer championship







Blacksburg's Rowan Porter redirects a Cave Spring pass during the River Ridge District championship match Thursday night at VT's Thompson Field. Blacksburg won 1-0.

Blacksburg senior Luke Milauskas pressures the Cave Spring defense during Thursday's district championship match.

Blacksburg defender David Huxtable passes the ball forward for the Bruin offense against Cave Spring.

Former Bruin Ben Fleming tops in ACC steeplechase

Virginia Tech's Ben Fleming captured gold in the men's 3,000-meter steeplechase at the 2022 ACC Outdoor Track and Field Championships at Morris Williams Stadium on the campus of Duke University last weekend.

The redshirt senior from Blacksburg held off a valiant effort by Yasin Sado of UVA to clinch the Hokies' third straight outdoor title in the event with a personal record and a facility record of 8:31.97. Fleming's performance was the second-fastest time in program history and shaved nearly six seconds off his previous

Former teammate Fitsum Seyoum, who had been hyping Fleming up all season for the event, won gold in 2019 and 2021.

In addition to Fleming's big night, Ben Nibbelink recorded a personal record, clocking an 8:41.58 to place fifth in the steeplechase. He trimmed over eight seconds off his previous best time and now ranks third all-time at Tech in the event.

Behind his seasonbest effort of 61' 7.5" Tyus Jones placed fourth in the men's shot put. Jones's mark was a season best. He set the school record in the



Redshirt senior Ben Fleming (middle) made it three straight for Virginia Tech athletes in the steeplechase at last weekend's ACC outdoor meet. The former Blacksburg High School runner captured gold in the event at Duke

NCAA Tournament: Lady Hokies softball defeats Kentucky twice to rally from loser's bracket

The third-seeded Virginia Tech softball team will host the program's first-ever NCAA Super Regional next weekend, welcoming 14th-seeded Florida to Tech Softball Park for a best-of-three series.

Blacksburg Regional title in dramatic fashion this weekend, defeating Kentucky twice on Sunday to reach the second weekend of the NCAA Tournament in back-to-back seasons.

It marked the second season The Hokies claimed the in a row the Hokies (37-19)

have made it to super regionals, but the first time ever hosting one. Tech will face No.-14 Florida (46-16) this weekend after the Gators went 3-0 in Gainesville and outscored their opponents 28-2.

Tickets for the Blacksburg Su-

per Regional went on sale Monday, May 23. Fans can purchase either an all-session pass that includes every game or secure seats on a single-game basis while supplies last. Both reserved and general admission seating will be offered with reserved seats limited

to all-session passes.

Reserved all-session tickets are \$40 while general admission all-session tickets are \$20. Reserved seats for single sessions are \$20 while general admission tickets for single sessions are \$10.

VT baseball, softball dominate All-Star teams, sweep Coach of Year honors

Eight Virginia Tech baseball student-athletes a program record – have garnered year-end, all-conference praise with Hokies' skipper John Szefc being named the ACC Coach of the Year.

VT head softball coach Pete D'Amour was named the league's Coach of the Year.

Gavin Cross, Drue Hackenberg, Jack Hurley and Tanner Schobel represented Tech on the All-ACC First Team, marking the first time since 2003 when the Hokies were still in the Big East Conference that they produced four or more first team honorees.

Cade Hunter followed with his placement onto All-ACC Second the Team while Nick Biddison and Griffin Green received spots on the All-ACC Third Team.

In addition to his All-ACC First Team status, Hackenberg accompanied fellow rookie Carson DeMartini on the ACC All-Freshman Team that showcased the league's top 12 rookies. All honorees were recognized during the presentation of the 2022 ACC baseball postseason awards on Monday's episode of ESPN/ACC Network's Packer and Durham show.

With the honor, Szefe became Tech's first-ever conference Coach of the Year honoree. After the Hokies were picked in February to finish sixth in the ACC Coastal Division and had started 0-4 during conference play in March he set Tech on a remarkable

run to clinch its first league crown, winning each of its final nine ACC series and 30 of its last 35 regular season games.

Under Szefc's leadership, the Hokies spent five consecutive weeks ranked inside D1Baseball's Top 10 this season, climbing to No. 3 or higher in each of the six leading college baseball polls. Having guided Tech to a program-record 19 ACC victories, Szefc has the Hokies seeded No. 1 in this week's ACC Baseball Championship and on the verge of hosting its first NCAA Regional since 2013.

Over on the softball field, head softball coach Pete D'Amour has been named the ACC Coach of the Year. Senior Keely Rochard has been named the league's Pitcher of the Year and pitcher Emma Lemley was voted the Freshman of the Year.

The Hsoftball Hokies had a conference-high 11 members named to the All-ACC teams.

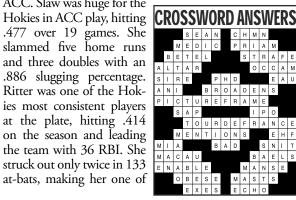
For the second straight season, Rochard earned Pitcher of the Year honors after ending the 2022 conference season with a perfect 15-0 record. The senior made 17 appearances over the ACC season with a 1.67 ERA in 96.1 innings pitched. She struck out 132 batters, allowing only 23 earned runs and a .191 opponent batting average.

Lemley made a big impact in the circle for the Hokies, being named to the All-Freshman Team and earning Freshman of the Year honors after finishwith a 6-2 record with two nation to strike out. saves. The right-hander Four Hokies made the had three shutouts in ACC All-ACC Second Team: play, including then-No. Cameron Fagan, Mack-14/9 Clemson, Louisville, enzie and Boston College to gan Overaitis and Bre clinch the regular season Peck. Kelsey Bennett, Kelsey

championship. Lemley, outfielder Emma Peck and Lemley also made Ritter and designated the ACC All-Freshman player Meredith Slaw were Team. named First Team All-ACC. Slaw was huge for the .477 over 19 games. She slammed five home runs and three doubles with an .886 slugging percentage. Ritter was one of the Hokies most consistent players at the plate, hitting .414 on the season and leading the team with 36 RBI. She struck out only twice in 133 at-bats, making her one of

ing the conference season the toughest batters in the

Lawter, Mor-Brown, and Darby Along with Rochard and Trull made the Third Team.



Big Rig Racing hits Motor Mile pavement



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MOTOR MILE SPEEDWAY Justin Ball won the second Fast Big Rig race this weekend at Motor Mile Speedway.



Zach Patterson took the Enduro checkered flag at Motor Mile Speedway.



John Ketron stands in the winner's circle for the Pure4 Division.



Fawns born from May through July are intentionally left alone by their mothers to avoid leading predators to them. They are not "orphaned." Rather, does return several times each day to move and/or to feed the fawns. The best way to handle a fawn in such a situation is to leave it alone.

Outdoor Report: If you find a fawn, leave it alone

It's that time of year again when white-tailed deer fawns are showing up in yards and hayfields, and concerned citizens want to know how to help. In almost all cases, the best way to help is to simply give the fawn space and leave it alone.

Concerned people sometimes pick up animals that they think are orphaned. Most such "orphans" that good-intentioned citizens "rescue" every spring should have been left alone. Most wild animals will not abandon their young, but they do leave them alone for long periods of time.

Fawns, born from May through July, are purposely left alone by their mothers. Female deer, called does, stay away from the fawns to avoid leading predators to their location. The white-spotted coat camouflages a fawn as it lies motionless in vegetation. Young fawns generally will not try to run away when they are approached.

Does will return several times each day to move and/or feed their young. You probably will not see the doe at all since she only stays to feed the fawn for just a few minutes before leaving it alone again. If less than 24 hours have passed since a fawn has been "rescued," the fawn should be taken back and released at the exact same location where it was found. After returning the fawn, immediately leave the area and do not wait for the doe to return. The doe will not come back for the fawn if a human is nearby.

If a wild animal has been injured or truly orphaned, do not take matters into your own hands. You may locate a licensed wildlife rehabilitator by calling the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) toll-free wildlife conflict helpline at 1-855-571-9003, 8:00AM-4:30PM, Monday through Friday or visit the Licensed Wildlife Rehabilitator section of the DWR website.

Raising a wild animal in captivity is illegal unless you have a DWR wildlife rehabilitation permit. Each animal's nutritional, housing, and handling requirements are very specific and must be met if they have any chance of survival. With even the best professional care possible, the survival rate of rehabilitated fawns and many other animals is very low. The best advice for someone who wants to help wildlife is to keep it wild. Once people interfere, we reduce the opportunity for animals to receive natural care and we increase the risk of harming our wildlife heritage.

RU basketball lands graduate transfer guard

Saturday night, Motor Mile Speedway welcomed the "Fass Big Rig Racing Series" to the track.

Fass Big Rigs are a regional big-rig racing series that brings the thrill and diesel smoke of big rig racing to the Southeastern United States.

While the drivers of the trucks were happy to be at the track, they had heavy hearts with the absence of one of the series founders, Brian Madsen, who died from cancer on May 5. This was the first event they had participated in since his passing.

At the beginning of the race, his daughter was connected to the loudspeaker by phone and gave the guys the command to start their engines.

The trucks had two twin races with Scott Treadway winning the first race and Justin Ball taking the checkered flag for the second. Motor Mile Speedway also hosted a visit from "Bone Shaker," a giant jet truck that shot flames out over 60 feet and demonstrated its power by burning a car down on the infield of the track.

That was just one of many demonstrations given over the weekend. Motor Mile also hosted a race for the U-Car and Pure 4 divisions with John Ketron winning in the Pure-4 division and Cary Thomason winning for the U-Cars. The night also included a fan favorite "Enduro" race, racing's most affordable class, that at first sight looks like a demolition derby is about to happen.

But indeed, it was a race.

Motor Mile Speedway will be racing again, Saturday, May 28, with a visit from the Carolina Pro Late Model Series, racing a 100-lap feature, and the Caroline Crate Modified Series racing 65 laps. The speedway's Super Streets will race a pair of twin 30lap features. Radford head men's basketball coach Darris Nichols has announced the addition of graduate transfer guard Onyebuchi Ezeakudo. He will join the Highlanders for the 2022-23 season following four seasons with the ACC's Pittsburgh Panthers.

"Onye is a high-character individual who is a tremendous story of perseverance and hard work," said Nichols. "He has competed at the highest level of college basketball and had to earn every minute he played on the court. He brings four years of experience along with the ability to defend and make shots at a high level."

Ezeakudo walked on to the Panthers' squad in December of his freshman year, forgoing several D3 and NAIA scholarship offers to take on a different challenge.

He has played in 56 games, including 13 starts, thus far in his collegiate career with the 2021-22 season being his best. The Fort Wayne, Ind., native appeared in all 32 games for Head Coach Jeff Capel with 12 starts.

Ezeakudo averaged 2.1 points and 1.7 rebounds across 18.7 minutes per game from the point-guard position. He added 20 steals and shot a strong 38.3% from three-point range.

His single-game career highs include 11 points against Syracuse (1/25/22), six rebounds at Boston College (1/30/22), and four assists at Wake Forest (2/2/22).

Excelling in the classroom as well, Ezeakudo earned his bachelor's degree in bioengineering with a minor in chemistry while earning a spot on the ACC All-Academic Team.

He adds to an ever-growing list of Radford newcomers that already includes Kenyon Giles, Kyle Burns, DaQuan Smith, Justin Archer, D'Auntray Pierce, Madiaw Niang, Ibu Yamazaki, and Souleymane Koureissi.



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