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Glencoe Mansion, Museum to sponsor launch of Civil-War era book 160 years in making

Ed McMinn
Editor, News Messenger

RADFORD – Glencoe Mansion, Museum, and Gallery will launch a Civil-War era book, “The Whartons’ War” on Aug. 19 at 5 p.m. in the Radford City Council chambers at 10 Robertson St.

The book is nearly 160 years in the making and illuminates life during the Civil War in Southwest Virginia. Recently released by the University of North Carolina Press, “The Whartons’ War” features extensive wartime correspondence between Confederate newlyweds Brigadier General Gabriel C. Wharton and Anne Radford Wharton.

Co-edited by William C. Davis, a former professor of history at Virginia Tech and the author or editor of 50 books on Civil War and Southern history, and Sue Heth Bell, the Whartons’ great-great granddaughter, “The Whartons’ War” is one of the fullest known sets

of correspondence by a high-level officer and his wife from the time of their courtship to the end of the war when Gabriel C. Wharton swore loyalty to the United States and accepted parole before returning to his home in Radford.

Separated by 20 years in age and differing opinions on many subjects, these two well-educated and articulate Virginians frankly discussed their thoughts on generals and politicians, the course of the war, the fate of the Confederacy, life at home, and their wavering loyalties. They also explored the shifting gender roles brought on by the war, changing relations between slave owners and enslaved people and much more.

The new home they eventually built in Radford just above the New River is today the Glencoe Mansion, Museum & Gallery.

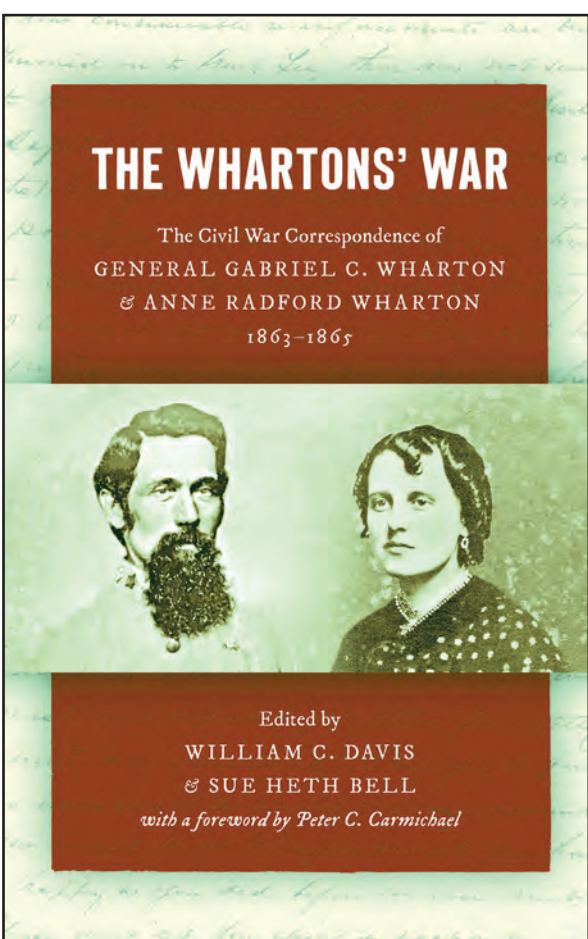
At the book launch, the authors will provide insight into the couple’s correspondence and how the

book developed during a multi-year process. A book signing will follow, and copies will be available to purchase.

Glencoe’s executive director Scott Gardner, who gets to share the story of the Whartons daily, said, “We’re excited to kick off the promotion of this book.” According to Gardner, “General Wharton graduated from Virginia Military Institute and began his career as an engineer.

When war broke out in 1861, he enlisted and was deployed to Southwest Virginia where he met an independent-minded, feisty young woman who would change his life forever. In turn, General Wharton forever transformed Southwest Virginia’s development.

“One of my favorite aspects of history,” Gardner said, “is pulling information out from the shadows. This information helps illustrate how life really was and challenges our conventional views.”



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On Aug. 19 at 5 p.m. in the Radford City Council chambers, Glencoe Mansion, Museum, and Gallery will launch “The Whartons’ War,” a book that features 524 letters of wartime correspondence between Confederate newlyweds Brig. Gen. Gabriel C. Wharton and Anne Radford Wharton. Today, Glencoe Mansion, Museum, and Gallery is the home they built.

John Boyer hired as new Blacksburg public works director

The Town of Blacksburg has hired John Boyer to serve as its Director of Public Works, following Kelly Mattingly’s retirement in August.

Boyer began his career with Blacksburg in 2006 as Horticulturist and Certified Arborist.

During this time he directed the daily activities of the horticulture and grounds field crews, created landscape designs for public gardens and

outdoor spaces, supervised collection services and snow removal, and led Blacksburg’s urban forestry program.

Most notable during this time was his project to design and construct the town’s tree nursery, which to date has grown more than 1,000 trees for planting in town parks and other properties.

In 2010, Boyer was promoted to Assistant Director of Field

Operations where he managed all aspects of public works maintenance activities, including streets, traffic signals, roadway signage, and athletic fields, as well as construction of capital improvement infrastructure projects.

Boyer established the town’s pavement management program in which data are collected and analyzed for long-term planning of infrastructure improvement projects

and for the optimization of roadway maintenance funding.

“John is a natural fit to lead our Public Works Department,” said Town Manager Marc Verniel. “He has successfully progressed through the ranks of the department and demonstrated time and again that he has the professional skills and vision to lead our Public

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John Boyer began his career with the Town of Blacksburg in 2006 as horticulturist and certified arborist.

VT scientists: Chemotherapy to treat breast cancer may aid in its spread

Breast cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer death among women in America, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Platinum-based chemotherapy drugs are regularly prescribed to treat the cancer, but in a first-of-its-kind finding, Virginia Tech researchers have found these drugs may activate the patient’s lymphatic system and help tumor cells to spread to healthy parts of the body.

A new study, published in *Frontiers in Oncology*, by a multi-institutional team of researchers led by Jennifer Munson, associate professor at the Fralin Biomedical Research Institute at VTC, helps explain how platinum-based chemotherapies might be made more effective if the changes to the lymphatic system caused by the chemotherapy can be blocked or even reversed by an additional therapy.

Because the lymphatic system contributes to the body’s immune response, it’s possible that growth of the lymphatics has a positive effect on fighting tumors, an aspect the study did not explore. More research is needed, said Munson, who is also an associate professor in Virginia Tech’s Department of Biomedical Engineering and Mechanics and co-director of the Virginia Tech Cancer Research Alliance.

She said the findings highlight the incomplete understanding of the impact of chemotherapy on tissues in the body and that more study is crucial to advancing the treatment of aggressive breast cancers.

“These chemotherapy drugs do work,” Munson said. “They kill tumor cells. What’s needed is a combination of the right co-treatments and the right dosing strategies for patients.”

Munson’s team focused on triple-negative breast cancers — tumors that lack receptors for the three most common and effective breast cancer treatments, leaving doctors to rely on surgeries, radiation, and chemotherapy

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PHOTO BY KATIE MALLORY FOR VIRGINIA TECH

The fall regimental commander, Cadet Brooke Johnson, a senior majoring in animal and poultry sciences, prepares her cadets for morning colors during Cadre Week.

Corps of Cadets develops leaders for New Cadet Week and beyond

They are the first students on campus for the fall semester, the earliest arriving three weeks before classes start. They quickly move into their rooms, retrieve their uniforms from summer storage, and greet their new teammates.

They are the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets cadre: trainer cadets who will be charged with welcoming the first-year cadets. However, before they are permitted to interact with the Class of 2026, these students are required to complete their

own training. This year, that training began before their early return to campus.

To address increasingly important topics more thoroughly, including mental

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Study: Christiansburg, Radford have among lowest ‘stressflation’ rates in Virginia

MyBioSource.com, a biotechnical products distribution company, conducted a study of physical and mental distress data from County Health Rankings over the last 5 years (from 2017 to 2021) in counties

across Virginia.

From longer work hours to increased demands at home, the COVID-19 pandemic exposed Americans to new levels of stress in almost every aspect of their lives. And now after

two years of COVID-related health worries, Americans are faced with financial concerns as high inflation leads to a cost of living crisis for many.

Study data revealed that Christiansburg has

a stress inflation rate of 4 percent, among the lowest in the commonwealth. Radford’s stress inflation rate, according to the study, is 2 percent, also among the lowest in

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, Aug. 13:

Mount Tabor Ruritan fish fry:

The Mount Tabor Ruritan Club will hold its August Fish Fry today, Aug. 13, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Slusser's Chapel Picnic Shelter, 1543 Mount Tabor Rd, Blacksburg. The club will be serving fish, fries and slaw; homemade desserts; and beverages. The cost is \$12 for adults and carry-outs, \$6 for children under 12, and children under 3 eat free. The Panjammers Steel Drum Orchestra will be playing. The fish fry will be held rain or shine. Call or text 540-449-6178 for further information. On Facebook at MtTaborRuritan.

Gathering at the Grange

Fun and fellowship at the Gathering at the Grange, held today, Aug. 13, at the Prices Fork Grange Hall, 4248 Price's Fork Rd., from 4 to 8 p.m. The event will feature food, a 50-50 raffle, and musical entertainment (Oldtime, Country and Gospel) from Bob Chew, the Black Twig Pickers, and the New River Valley Boys plus clogging from Appalachian AfterShock. The event is free, but donations to the Grange are appreciated.

Movie and a craft

At the Christiansburg Library today, Aug. 13, at 10:30 a.m. Participants can make a craft while they watch a movie featuring a girl who hears the ocean and a demi-god on an adventure to save the seas.

Author event with Ally Shaw

Today, Aug. 13, at the Blacksburg Library; 2 p.m. Ally Shaw, author of "Chasing Tigers in the Dark: Life Lessons of a Fierce Survivor," will discuss how she overcame life's battles to become an author, a motivational speaker, and a fierce survivor. Copies of her book will be available to purchase at the event.

Saturday, Aug. 13 - Sunday, Aug. 21:

Marching Virginians band camp

The Virginia Tech Marching Virginians will hold their annual band camp today, Aug. 13, through Sunday, Aug. 21, at the Marching Virginians Field on the Virginia Tech Campus. Adjoining neighborhoods may be able to hear the band rehearsals from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on those days. The Blacksburg community is welcome to come out and watch the rehearsals as well.

Monday, Aug. 15:

Sourdough workshop

At the Blacksburg Library; noon. Participants will take part in a beginner sourdough starter workshop. They can bring a glass jar (mason or pickling size) to create their starter in. Ingredients will be provided. All ages are welcome. Registration is encouraged.

Pokémon club

At the Christiansburg Library; 4:30 p.m. Pokémon fans can bring their DS or Pokémon cards and get ready to battle, trade, and make new friends. All ages.

Crafternoon for adults only

At the Radford Public Library; 1 to 2 p.m. Participants can bring their supplies and knit, crochet, and/or needlepoint at the library. Some crafting supplies will be provided including supplies for a Linus Project blanket to donate to Project Linus. All crafters are welcome from painting and writing to knitting and more.

Tuesday, Aug. 16:

Back to school bash

At the Blacksburg Library; 1 p.m. It's a back-to-school bash full of games and crafts. Registration is recommended. Registrants will be automatically entered into a drawing for a back-to-school prize. Call 540-552-8246 or stop by the desk to register.

Free movie matinee: Encanto

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You have the opportunity to purchase this great home in Christiansburg VA! The home is in the Windsong Heights neighborhood. It features a nice patio home built in 2004 with 1,318 sq. ft. The home is one level, with 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, living room, dining room, sunroom, kitchen, garage, and patio. Interior floors are laminate hardwood, ceramic tile, and carpet. Home has a heat pump, public water, and sewer. The exterior is finished with brick and vinyl and is topped off with shingle roof. The home sits on 0.129 +/- acres. It is near all shopping centers, restaurants, and hospitals that Christiansburg, VA has to offer. There is easy access to Interstate I-81 as well.

Furniture and personal property will be offered at the tag sale during preview times on Friday August 12th and 19th at 4PM. Items included in tag sale are furniture, picture frames, lamps, dishes, and miscellaneous household items.)

Property is subject to by-laws and restrictive covenants for Windsong Heights (see bidder pack). Bidders are expected to review those documents prior to bidding. Monthly dues \$85.

Preview: Friday August 12th @ 4 PM
and Friday August 19th at 4 PM

Terms - 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to final high bid to arrive at contract price. Earnest Money Deposit of \$5,000 required on day of sale (August 24th 2022). Close on or before October 10th, 2022. Subject to seller confirmation. Property sold as is, where is with any and all faults. Buyer is expected to complete their own due diligence. Download Bidder Pack for complete terms and conditions, purchase contract and maps at VAAuctionPro.com

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At the Radford Public Library; 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participants will watch the Disney movie "Encanto" on the big screen while they enjoy some sherbet floats. Rated PG; 99 minutes.

Dungeons and Dragons One Shot: Lair of the Wyrms Prince

At the Radford Public Library; 5:30 to 7:45 p.m. Adventure into the world of Dungeons & Dragons. All ages are welcome. Bring a level 1 character or use one of the library's pre-generated characters. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Contact duncan.hall@radfordva.gov with any questions.

Wednesday, Aug. 17:

American Business Women's Association August luncheon meeting

The American Business Women's Association will hold its August luncheon meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Christiansburg-Blacksburg. Holiday Inn, 99 Bradley Drive. Cost is \$14.25. The luncheon will feature the installation of the association's new officers for the 2022-23 year. RSVP by Aug. 15 by contacting Terri Welch at christiansburg@wineanddesign.com.

Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library Board of Trustees meeting

At the Blacksburg Library at 7 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 18:

Lunch and Learn with the Better Business Bureau: Cybersecurity

At the Radford Public Library from noon to 1 p.m. Learn how to stay safe from online scams while enjoying lunch from Jimmy Johns. To reserve a lunch and a seat at the talk, participants may email Elizabeth.Sensabaugh@radfordva.gov.

Talking about books Nonfiction

At the Christiansburg Library; 11 a.m. To be discussed this month is "Where the water goes: Life and death along the Colorado River" by David Owen, in-person and virtually.

Bad poetry

At the Blacksburg Library; 4:30 p.m. On Bad Poetry Day, participants can come join in to follow some silly prompts and write some terrible poetry.

Saturday, Aug. 20:

EastMont tomato festival

At the Meadowbrook Public Library; 10 a.m. This festival will have music, food, contests, children's activities, and more. Presented by the EastMont Community Foundation, the festival will be held in the library courtyard. For more information check out www.eastmontcf.com/tomato-festival.

Magic show with Mark Fuller at the Tomato Festival

At the Meadowbrook Public Library at 11:15 a.m. Magician Mark Fuller will dazzle in the Meadowbrook Courtyard at the Tomato Festival. Sponsored by the Meadowbrook Public Library.

Tomato sidewalk obstacle course

At the Meadowbrook Public Library; 10 a.m. Participants can try the sidewalk obstacle course at this year's tomato festival. At the curbside pickup area on the side of the building, participants can make their way through a sidewalk tomato-themed obstacle course and enter for a chance to win a prize.

Tuesday, Aug. 23:

American Red Cross blood drive

At the Christiansburg Library; 12:30 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome or sign up at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time>.

Magical cooking with Dave - Facebook live

At the Radford Public Library from 2 to 2:15 p.m. This is a Facebook Live episode of Cooking with Dave in preparation for the Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley's TriWizard Tri-Mile Race. Find out more on lvnr.org.

Wednesday, Aug. 24:

Sustainable Blacksburg Lunch and Learn: Electric cars

At the Blacksburg Library; at noon. Dave Ropper will talk about electric cars: driving distance, maintenance, charging, and more. Stay for the show-and-share of actual Teslas in the wild. Presentation will be both in person and virtual.

Thursday, Aug. 25:

Film Screening: "On the Basis of Sex"

At the Blacksburg Library; 6 p.m. Join for a free screening of Ruth Bader Ginsburg's biopic "On the Basis of Sex" to commemorate Women's Equality Day.

Tuesday, Aug. 30:

Teen book club

At the Blacksburg Library; 4 p.m. Teens will get together to discuss a new book. To be discussed this month is "Last Night at the Telegraph Club" by Melinda Lo.

Science fiction and fantasy book club

At the Blacksburg Library; 6:30 p.m. To be discussed is "The Paper Menagerie" by Ken Lui. Call 540-552-8246 to reserve a copy.

Fri., Sept 23 and Sat., Sept. 24:

RHS Class of 1972 Reunion

Radford High School's 1972 Class of Champions will hold its 50th Year Reunion on Sept. 23 and Sept. 24. Festivities include a tailgate at the King Center Friday, Sept. 23, and attendance at the football game. A social is planned for Saturday, Sept. 24, at Preston's at the River Course. The committee is looking for "Lost" classmates. Class members who haven't received the information can contact Reunion Committee Members: jennydoud@gmail.com and Martihale@yahoo.com.

Ongoing:

Montgomery-Christiansburg Citizens Academy Registration now open

The registration for the 2022 Montgomery-Christiansburg Citizens Academy is now open. The deadline for Christiansburg and Montgomery County residents to register for this free, eight-week course is Aug. 15. Citizens Academy provides a hands-on experience for participants, covering a wide variety of local government functions from fire and rescue to libraries, animal care, and public works. Classes will be held Wednesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m., beginning Sept. 7 and ending on Oct. 26.

Alexander Black House farming exhibit

"Virginia is for Farmers: Agriculture in Southwest Virginia, Then and Now" is on exhibit through Thursday, Aug. 18, in the Alexander Black House, 204 Draper Road SW, Blacksburg. Admission is free. For more information, visit blacksburgmuseum.org.

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NRCC offering new African American literature course this fall

New River Community College is offering a new English course in African American literature this fall.

African American Literature (ENG 258) explores the stories African American authors tell about themselves, their communities, and the world. Students will examine common and diverging themes within African American literary traditions through the study of diverse authors, genres, and literary movements from a variety of time periods.

Course content emphasizes interpretive and critical analysis skills developed through close reading and

consideration of historical and cultural contexts. ENG 258 is a transferable course.

The class will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. in person at NRCC's campus in Dublin with the first day of class on Tuesday, Aug. 23. Susan Lazear, assistant professor of English at NRCC, will be teaching the 14-week course.

Lazear earned her bachelor's degree in English with a concentration in African American women's literature. She also holds master's degrees in English and education. Lazear has taught English full time at NRCC since 2017.

She writes poetry and narrative non-fiction, and her essay "Goose" was selected for presentation by New River Valley Voices.

Current NRCC students may register for classes online by visiting their student accounts.

New students or those who may need additional support to register can reach out to an advisor by emailing advising@nr.edu or by calling (540) 674-3609.

Prospective NRCC students may visit www.nr.edu/registernow for enrollment information.

The class schedule is available at www.nr.edu/schedule.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Local students earn Emerson College dean's list honors

Diego Centeno and Ethan McDowell, both of Blacksburg, have earned dean's list honors at Emerson College for Spring 2022. The requirement to make the dean's list is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher for the semester.

Centeno is majoring in media arts production and is a member of the Class of 2025.

McDowell is majoring in journalism and is a member of the Class of 2022.

Based in Boston opposite historic Boston Common and in the heart of the city's theater district, Emerson College educates individuals who will solve problems and change the world through engaged leadership in communication and the arts, a mission informed by liberal learning.

The college has 3,780 undergraduates and 670 graduate students from across the United States and 50 countries.

Cube Fest 2022 offers stellar sonic adventures

Presenting the latest innovations in sound and musical composition, Virginia Tech's immersive music festival offers a sonic adventure that can only be properly experienced in one place in the entire world — the Cube.

Presented by the Institute for Creativity, Arts, and Technology and the Moss Arts Center, the festival runs from Friday, Aug. 19, through Sunday, Aug. 21, with events taking place in the Cube and Perform Studio, located in the Moss Arts Center at 190 Alumni Mall.

Cube Fest 2022 is a series of concerts featuring music that moves around, above, and through the listener. Impossible to re-create at home listening on a stereo system or with headphones, these works were created specifically for the Cube's world-leading audio system, complete with over 140 loudspeakers.

This year's Cube Fest celebrates immersive Afrofuturist music with works from leading artists selected from an international pool of submissions.

Many of the events are free and all events are free for Virginia Tech students.

The Cube Fest 2022 schedule is as follows:

Friday, Aug. 19

Digging in the Crates: "The Sankofa Tape" (fixed)

Cube 5 p.m. \$10; free for current Virginia Tech students

"The Other Wakanda" (fixed) Stephen James Taylor

Cube 7 p.m. \$10; free for current Virginia Tech students

Saturday, Aug. 20

"Sounds in Focus I"

Fixed works by Dexter van der Schyff, Roxanne Turotte, Ryne Siesky, João Pedro Oliveira, and Simon Le Boggit Perform Studio 3 p.m. Free

"Sounds Cubed I"

Jupiter Blue and Sea Novaa (live) and fixed works by Yvette Janine Jackson and King Britt

Cube 7 p.m. \$10; free for current Virginia Tech students

Sunday, Aug. 21

Keynote: "You Haven't Met the Captain of the Spaceship ... Yet" Thomas Stanley Perform Studio 1 p.m. Free

"Sounds in Focus II" Fixed works by Barry Truax, John Young, and Lidia Zielinska Perform Studio 3 p.m. Free

"Sounds Cubed II" Fixed works by James Bagshaw, Christophe Lengelé, Nikos Stavropoulos, Orestis Karamanlis, Chris Coleman, and Philippe-Aubert Gauthier

Cube 7 p.m. \$10; free for current Virginia Tech students

"Listening Lounge" Spatialization of Sun Ra's "Space Is the Place" Cube 9 p.m. \$10; free for current Virginia Tech students

A special Cube event puts the spotlight on Virginia Tech student musicians, showcasing new spatial hip-hop music created by members of Virginia Tech Digging in the Crates (#VTDITC), the university's student-led hip-hop studies program while the keynote talk, "You Haven't Met the Captain of the Spaceship ... Yet," delivered by Thomas Stanley of George Mason University, will precede a spatialized experience of the influential Afrofuturist album "Space Is the Place" by visionary composer and Afrofuturism pioneer Sun Ra.

All of the works featured in the "Sounds in Focus" and "Sounds Cubed" concerts are designed for an immersive listening experience. "Sounds Cubed" concerts are created to be experienced in the vast sonic environment of the Cube while the "Sounds in Focus" concerts benefit from the more intimate and concentrated immersive sound setting of the Perform Studio.

"Since its inception in 2016, Cube Fest has invited artists from all over the world to share their sound- and space-focused artistic creations in collaboration with audio technologists at Virginia Tech," said

Eric Lyon, professor in Virginia Tech's School of Performing Arts and Cube Fest artistic co-director.

"Given this natural affinity between Afrofuturism and the aesthetic research objectives of the Cube, we have invited Afrofuturist artists to share their spatial/musical visions, creating experiences that are possible only on high-density loudspeaker arrays, going well beyond what is currently achievable on stereo sound systems or headphones in terms of spatial richness, presence, complexity, and depth," said Tyechia Thompson, assistant professor in the Department of English at Virginia Tech and Cube Fest artistic co-director.

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Want to colonize Mars? Talk to this outer space anthropologist first



SUBMITTED PHOTO

'Rising star' Ph.D. student Savannah Mandel brings the social sciences to human space exploration.

By Andrew G Adkins

Maybe infinity and beyond should wait. Prominent physicists and wealthy tycoons envision life scattered across the solar system. Elon Musk wants humans to become a multiplanetary species. Jeff Bezos pictures floating space colonies home to billions.

Simulated-gravity ecosystems powered by the sun. Giant corporations drilling into moons and Mars. Children born on spaceships. Earth turning into a tourist destination.

Ripped from the pages of sci-fi novels, the future of humanity could exist beyond Earth.

But first, Savannah Mandel would like a word.

"Before we embark on this new journey to outer space, before we build colonies and extract resources from another planet, we must be intentional about improving our relationship with Earth — and with one another."

Mandel is an outer space anthropologist and a doctoral student in the Science and Technology Studies program at Virginia Tech. Her research centers on human space exploration.

She's delivered talks at NASA and the National Air and Space Museum. Connected with colleagues throughout the space industry. Interned with the Commercial Spaceflight Federation. Studied congressional hearings. Researched at Spaceport America, the world's first purpose-built commercial spaceport.


She earned the title of rising star and "the vanguard of researchers looking at the human side of leaving Earth" from Ozy Magazine.

She's worked alongside physicists and space technology scholars with the goal of ensuring humanity stands at the forefront.


On the side, she's a budding novelist.

All this, and yet Mandel's career is still in its early stages. Through her research, Mandel reinforces the concepts of collaboration, social awareness, and reflexivity.

"I want to make sure we explore space responsibly, with equity and a caretaker's mindset," she said. "Is human space travel worth it, right now, when climate change is devastating the natural world? When there's so much social and political turmoil here on Earth? That's a question we must address."



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to § 15.2-3107 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, that on August 23, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. in the Christiansburg Town Hall, 3rd Floor Council Chambers, 100 East Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, the Town Council of Christiansburg, Virginia ("the Town") shall hold a public hearing on the Town's intent to approve a proposed Boundary Line Adjustment Agreement between the Town of Christiansburg and County of Montgomery and will thereafter consider for passage a resolution approving the Agreement. The Agreement is authorized by § 15.2-3106 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, and provides that the boundary line between the Town of Christiansburg and the unincorporated area of the County of Montgomery will be changed by moving approximately 5.57 acres from the incorporated Town of Christiansburg boundary into the unincorporated area of the County of Montgomery. The proposed boundary adjustment area is located on the northeast boundary of the Town of Christiansburg and the unincorporated area of the County of Montgomery adjacent to Houchins Road and includes a 3.743-acre

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portion of Tax Parcel 500 – (8) – 13A (Parcel ID 014196) and a 1.827-acre portion of Tax Parcel 80 – (A) – 46 (Parcel ID 018437), shown more particularly on the plat entitled "Exhibit Sketch Showing the Boundary Line Adjustment Between The Town of Christiansburg & Montgomery County, Virginia", prepared by Foresight Design Services, Identified as FDS Job No. 3246, dated July 26, 2022. True copies of the proposed Boundary Line Adjustment

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Agreement are on file and may be viewed at the office of the Town Manager, Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 East Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. Copies of the Agreement will also be available at the public hearing. The public is invited to attend the public hearing and comment on the Agreement.


Randy Wingfield
Town Manager

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Rates

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Virginia. According to the study, the Virginia county with the highest 'stressflation' over the last 5 years was found to be Buchanan County, with a 12% increase. More specifically, citizens there had a 6% increase in physical stress, as well as 6% increase in mental stress. The only place in the commonwealth with a reduced stressflation, and

comparatively Zen-like citizens, according to study data, was Falls Church City which had a 1% decrease in rate of physical stress and a 0% change in mental stress. MyBioSource.com also broke down the data at a national/state level, which revealed the state with the highest stress inflation rate over the past 5 years was Maine (6%). On the other end of the

ranking, New York had the lowest stress inflation rate in the country. In fact, The Empire State actually experienced a stress deflation rate of 2%! States with the highest stress inflation rates in the country:
 1) Maine: 6% stress inflation.
 2) North Dakota: 5% stress inflation.

3) Ohio: 5% stress inflation.
 4) Kansas: 4% stress inflation.
 5) Michigan: 4% stress inflation.
 States with the lowest stress inflation rates in the country:
 50) New York: 2% stress deflation.
 49) Wyoming: 1% stress deflation.
 48) Maryland: 1% stress deflation.
 47) Rhode Island: 0% flat.
 46) North Carolina: 0% flat.

Cadets

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health and sexual assault, Corps of Cadets staff members collaborated to create a required Canvas course covering topics ranging from bystander

intervention and sexual assault prevention to FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) and personally identifiable information policy compliance. Commanders, the highest ranking of the cadre, were also required to complete Mental Health First Aid, a daylong course that teaches participants how to identify and support someone advancing toward a mental health or substance abuse crisis.

All participated in discussion boards that were active with article reviews on hazing prevention and how to create positive cultural shifts. In their required sexual assault prevention Canvas training, which was adapted from U.S. Department of Defense Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office guidance, cadets learned how to discuss sexual assault prevention with those under their command and debated ways to apply those principles as cadet leaders.

"The intent of the Canvas course was to get our cadet leaders into the source documents as much as possible," said Second Battalion's senior enlisted advisor, retired U.S. Navy Command Master Chief Richard Curtis, Jr. "The course was

also a method for corps staff to know where there are holes in the training or identify areas where we need to exert more time and energy."

With the required course underway, cadets were able to move back to campus for the second part of their training: Cadre Week.

While portions of Cadre Week are used to polish marching skills and cadence calling, the same hard-hitting topics from the mandatory summer Canvas course continued once cadets reached campus. Hokie Wellness, in collaboration with Women's Center staff and corps community members, conducted an additional sexual violence prevention training that was fine-tuned for a military audience, complete with breakout sessions and guided discussions.

"The programming that Hokie Wellness created for the cadre was a combination of best practices in sexual violence prevention, bystander intervention, and our stakeholder model," said Chelsea Cleary, Hokie Wellness' sexual violence prevention specialist. "Our goal was to create programming that was tailored specifically to the needs of our cadre and corps students."

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Chemotherapy

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as front-line treatments.

Studying tissue-engineered and animal models, as well as tissue samples from human patients, Munson and her research team found the chemotherapy drugs triggered systemic growth and activation of lymphatic vessels throughout the body, including sites vulnerable to the spread of cancer cells such as the lungs.

"If you have more lymphatics,

it will actually kind of prime your body for metastatic spread," Munson said. "While this can sound like bad news, it's important to know in order to make informed decisions about treating patients with breast cancer. By knowing this, physicians can better formulate treatments for their patients to kill tumors without these side effects."

Munson's study offers a solution: Treating patients who receive these

chemotherapies with a drug that inhibits a protein called VEGFR3, which is important to the growth and proliferation of lymphatic vessels.

The research found the chemotherapy-induced growth of the vessels depended on the protein. Alternating the chemotherapy with the protein-inhibiting drug prevented the side effect and even reversed it.

Boyer

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Works Department into the future. I'm looking forward to our continued work together."

Boyer holds two degrees from Virginia Tech, is a graduate of the university's Local Government Management Graduate Certificate program, and is a member of the American Public Works Association.

"I feel very lucky to live in such a beautiful part

of the country and to be a part of a community like Blacksburg," Boyer said. "Working in local government with all of the services our public works department provides has given me a lasting connection to this place and many of its great people. I am excited and humbled to take over the leadership of this department."

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OBITUARIES

Blume, George Terrill

George Terrill Blume, 96, this, and he asked that contributions of Blacksburg, died Sunday, Aug. 7, 2022.

He was born in Richmond on Sept. 20, 1925, to the late George Washington Jones and Ruth Bowman Blume. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Edna Earl Blume, and a sister, Margaret Wendt.

He was a European theater World War II veteran having served in the US Army. He was also a graduate of Virginia Tech Class of 1950 and received his Doctorate in Sociology. He was a longtime member and dedicated volunteer at Blacksburg Baptist Church, was a member of American Legion Post 182, and served the Legion for 79 years.

George chose to sponsor African-American male and female students in the leadership program of the Corps of Cadets at Virginia Tech. He contributed funds to accomplish



be made to extend this effort.

He is survived by his brother-in-law, Bennie Akers; special friends Darron and Elaine Byrd, and Robert and Priscilla Noel; and Edna's cousins, Pauline Robinson, Mike Webb, Teddy Webb, and their families.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2022 at 1 p.m. in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Tommy McDearis and the Rev. Todd Milsap officiating. The family received friends on Wednesday prior to the service at the McCoy Funeral Home.

The family requested that memorial contributions be made to the George T. and Edna E. Blume '50 Emerging Leaders Scholarship, Attn: Sandi Bliss, 902 Prices Fork Rd., Blacksburg, VA 24061.

McGuyer, Shirley Jean Dove

Shirley Jean Dove McGuyer, 70, of Fairlawn, passed away with her loved ones by her side on Saturday, Aug. 6, 2022.

Services will be held at a later date.

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

Moore, Janet LaVone

Janet LaVone Moore, 70, of Dublin, passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2022.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Alonzo Mathew Moore and Edith Hamilton Mills; a brother, Tony Mills; and her stepfather, Rob Mills.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Brad and Jennifer Roop; her daughter and son-in-law, Tammy and Alan Surface; grandchildren Brandon, Paige, Brett, and Annabel; brothers and sisters-in-law Danny Hamilton, Randy Moore, Stanley and Ernestine Moore, and Robert and Pam Mills; a sister, Candace Mills; a special aunt, Nancy Miano; a best friend until the



end, Nancy Hardymon; and many other nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Brad and Tammy would like to specially thank Janet's neighbors for their love and support during this time.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until 12 p.m. today, Saturday, Aug. 13, 2022, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Memorial services will begin at noon with Pastor Joe Collins officiating. Burial will follow in Sunrise Burial Park in Radford.

The Moore family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory in Radford.

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ANGLICAN CATHOLIC

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

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

BAPTIST

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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

CHURCH OF GOD

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

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

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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

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

ECKANKAR

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

EPISCOPAL

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LUTHERAN

Luther Memorial Lutheran Church ELCA, 600 Prices

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Stolen Hearts

Read 2 Samuel 14:1 through 15:37

Absalom, King David's son, did not have an easy life. He fled from home after killing his half brother for raping his sister. Eventually he was allowed to return home, but his relationship with his father was strained. Absalom undermined his father's authority by promising that he would be a more compassionate ruler than David.

Absalom behaved in this way toward all the Israelites who came to the king asking for justice, and so he stole the hearts of the people of Israel (2 Samuel 15:6).

Just as Absalom worked to steal the hearts of the people from David, so the devil works to steal the hearts of people from God. The devil tries to get people, even Christians, to doubt God's justice or care and make them think they would be better off without God. God never promised that hard times wouldn't come, but He has promised to be with believers and help them make it through trials. Knowing He will never leave or forsake believers can help us dispel doubts and keep our hearts true to God.

Prayer for Today: Lord, help me guard my heart so I will never doubt Your love and care for me.

Quicklook: 2 Samuel 15:1-6

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Our Saviour Lutheran Church ELCA, 1845 Cambria St NE, Christiansburg. Worship each Sunday at 10 am, in person and online at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMsB-gbyjmV5ce9mr43dbCw. Please visit our website at www.oslcburg.org and our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/oslchristiansburg to learn more about us. Little Free Pantry and Little Free Library located in our parking lot. Pastor Joshua L. Copeland; church office 540-382-2223.

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partnering with Rainbow Riders and Total Action for Progress, we opened open the first Early Childhood Head Start in our community (6 weeks to age 3), and have numerous other programs including a Justice & Mercy Fund providing assistance for those needing emergency assistance with critical bills. Further St. Michael sponsors an awesome Scouting program of Boy & Girl Scout Troops, Venture Scouts for older youth, and a new Cub Pack for girls & boys kindergarten - 5th grade. Directions: From Price's Fork Road, turn onto Merrimac Road and St. Michael is 3/10ths of a mile down on the left. For more information about any of our activities: Phone 540 951-8951. Email hope@stmhc.us or visit our Website www.st-michael-lutheran-church.org

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

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UNITED METHODIST

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

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

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

WESLEYAN

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

Obituaries

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Wright, William "Hootie" Houghton

William "Hootie" Houghton father, Bill Wright.

Wright, 73, passed away Monday, Aug. 8, 2022.

William was known by several nicknames, the first being Snider, named by family members. When playing football at Radford High School, his football coach could not pronounce his middle name and ended up with the nickname of Hootie.

While working for the Corps of Engineers for 30 years, he was Bill.

Hootie was born and raised in Radford. He graduated in 1967 from Radford High School where he played fullback. In 1977 he graduated from Radford College with a bachelor's degree in geology. He was a member of Grace Episcopal Church in Radford and was an active member of the Club Mac.

He was preceded in death by his



Survivors include his wife, Sandy Wright; his mother, Bette Wright; a brother, Dr. G. Todd (Colleen) Wright; a sister, Rebecca (Jerry) Markert; and many other relatives and friends.

The family received friends on Thursday, Aug. 11, at the Mullins

Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services were held on Friday, Aug. 12, at 11 a.m. at Grace Episcopal Church with Deacon William Yagel. Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Grace Episcopal Church, 210 Fourth St., Radford, Virginia 24141.

The Wright family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory in Radford.



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The Virginia Farm Bureau's hay bale decorating contest is back and is seeking imaginative hay bale displays.

Farm Bureau's hay bale decorating contest showcases agriculture

The Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Women's Leadership Committee's Hay Bale Decorating Contest is back, and individuals and organizations are invited to help celebrate agriculture with imaginative hay bale displays.

For eight years, the committee has encouraged communities across Virginia to highlight their love for farming through creative displays.

"It's a fun way for people to come together, build something out of hay bales and express their voices and artistic side," said Susan Harrell, Southeast District leader for the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation's Women's Leadership Committee. "It's not just for the kids. Adults enjoy getting involved too and sharing their creativity through agriculture."

Applications will be accepted from Sept. 1 through Nov. 1. The contest is open to anyone, including farmers markets, farm supply businesses, student groups, community associations, individuals and county Farm Bureaus.

Participants can showcase their ingenuity by converting round or square bales into animals, structures, shapes and farmscapes. Other items such as corn stalks, farm tools, pallets and pumpkins can be used alongside bales to create various scenes.

Guidelines and an entry form are available at bit.ly/3Q9gNyB. Participants are required to include

a photograph of the hay bale display with each application.

The contest features five classes: best promotional display for agriculture business or commodity; best promotional display for community spirit; most creative; best agricultural theme; and best agribusiness, FFA, 4-H or school display.

Winners will be selected in each category and will receive a cash award.

Photos of contest entries will be displayed in late November at the 2022 Farm Bureau Federation's annual convention in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia.

Last year's contest received a record 52 entries, with displays encompassing farm animals, aquaculture, horticulture, farm machinery and farm safety. Winning entries included a scene encouraging people to drive carefully during fall harvest season; a train made of hay bales celebrating Farm Bureau and other agricultural organizations like FFA and Agriculture in the Classroom; and two creative displays of a fish and an owl made of round bales.

The displays typically are placed near schools, outside of businesses, at county Farm Bureau offices and in people's yards.

"It's fun for everyone to ride around and see the different displays throughout the counties and state," Harrell said.

Transplant patients inspired third-year medical student

By Catherine Doss

Born and raised in Mount Airy, North Carolina, Kelly Ingram's life experiences differ greatly from many of her classmates who hail from more urban settings. Mount Airy is a town of 10,000 at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains, 38 miles north of Winston-Salem.

Ingram currently is a third-year student at the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine.

According to 2021 U.S. Census Bureau statistics, 30 percent of Mount Airy's population lives in poverty and 17 percent of people under the age of 65 are without health insurance.

"I have always believed that talent is equally distributed but opportunity is not," Ingram said. "There are few places more emblematic of this than rural America. Growing up in a small, relatively poor town provided little in the way of opportunity. We had a local community hospital, but for anything remotely emergent, patients were sent over an hour away. This was also the case with specialty medical care."

When she was young, Ingram's mother needed to see multiple medical specialists, and her family quickly experienced the burden of traveling long distances for care.

"Traveling an hour, one way, to see a doctor can quickly turn into an entire-day event," she said. "Public transportation is nonexistent, so if you don't have a car, these appointments are often unattainable. This is where a sense of community is vital, and it is important that neighbors take care of one another."

Ingram's fascination with the human body began at age 6, when she memorized the bones of the body on her LeapPad learning tablet. She thought she wanted



Kelly Ingram

SUBMITTED PHOTO

to be an orthopedic surgeon, but that changed later.

After graduating from North Carolina State University with a degree in biological sciences, Ingram took a job at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center's HLA Immunogenetics Lab, which provides testing services for people awaiting kidney, pancreas, heart, and bone marrow transplants. She also earned a master's degree online in microbiology from the University of Florida.

The notion of becoming an orthopedic surgeon changed over time as she worked in the transplant lab.

"Now I think I want to do something more with transplant patients to continue what I was doing at Wake Forest," she said. "I think that would be a really meaningful career. There are several patients from the lab that I want to be able to help and continue to help others like them."

But first, medical school.

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG PLANNING COMMISSION

The Town of Christiansburg Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 29, 2022, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

- Rezoning request by **Marjorie Ann Rhudy, Property Owner, and RWW 34 LLC, Contract Purchaser**, to rezone the property located at 1200 **Buffalo Drive NW**, Tax Parcel 556 - ((A)) - 84; Parcel ID 111028, 4.901 acres from Agricultural District A and General Business District B-3 to Multiple-Family Residential District R-3 with proffered conditions, in order to allow 49 Townhouse units. The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.
- Conditional Use Permit request by **Loy/Mary Burch II LLC, Property Owner, and Ron Frank Jr., Lessee**, to allow a Public Billiard Parlor and Poolroom on the property located at **3165 North Franklin Street**, Tax Parcels 406-4-28, 406-4-29, 406-4-30, 406-4-31, 406-4-32, 406-4-33, 406-4-54, 406-4-55, 406-4-56, 406-4-57, 406-4-58, being portions of Parcel ID 000437; 406-4-24, 406-4-25, 406-4-26, 406-4-27, being all of Parcel ID 000439; and Tax Parcels 406-4-17, 406-4-18, 406-4-19, 406-4-20, 406-4-21, 406-4-22, 406-4-23, being all of Parcel ID 000440; zoned General Business District B-3. The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.
- Conditional Use Permit request by **Cole/Burch Properties LLC, Property Owner, and Donnie Tignor, Lessee**, to allow a Contractor's Equipment Storage Yard on the property located on the northeast corner of the intersection of **Simmons Road SE and Alma Street SE (unopened)**, and southeast of 2095 and 2091 Roanoke Street; Tax Parcels 529-1-17, being a portion of Parcel ID 007704; and Tax Parcels 529-1-18 and 529-1-19, being all of Parcel ID 014069; zoned General Business District B-3. The property is designated as Mixed Use with Buffer (Residential/Business) on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comment in-person at the time of this Public Hearing. A copy of the application, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Benjamin Tripp, Planning Director, at (540) 382-6128 ext. 1120 or by email at btripp@christiansburg.org with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

MONTGOMERY SPORTS

Lancaster back on track after two bad crashes

Marty Gordon
Contributing writer

Christiansburg's Derrick Lancaster is back behind the wheel of a race car after suffering two major injuries over the past two years. For the first time this season and since those injuries two weeks ago, he took the track at Motor Mile Speedway.

He stayed in the top three for most of the race and was running second when he was bumped out of the line on the track. He finished third.

In August of 2020, Lancaster suffered a hairline fracture at the base of his skull. Surgery was not required, but he was in a neck brace for three months. Doctors advised him not to race again. The injury was similar to the one that killed NASCAR great Dale Earnhardt, Sr.

Then in April of last year, he suffered second- and third-degree burns to his face and hands after his car caught fire following an incident with another driver. He was able to pull the screen away from the driver's side of the car as television cameras zoomed on his being placed on a stretcher.

He was flown to an Alabama hospital where he was placed on a ventilator so doctors could determine the effect the fire had on his lungs. He was eventually

released from the hospital and accepted his rehab process.

"I did everything the doctors told me to do," Lancaster said. He had to gain a special permission from those same doctors, and despite some reservations from his family, he decided it was time to drive left again in a paved circle.

"It felt good to be back in a race car," he said earlier this week from his Christiansburg garage that shares a space with Total Car Care, a towing business he has built from the ground up.

"People don't realize when you are in this type of business, you work non-stop. You are always on call, and you never know when a call might come. It's hard," he said.

That's where racing serves as a distraction for Lancaster.

Two weeks ago, he brought a new Late Model car to Motor Mile Speedway. He stayed in the top three for most of the race and was in second late in the contest before a competitor's bump moved him out of the line. He finished third.

"It's like chewing gum or riding a bike. You don't forget," he said.

Of course, emotion took over when he sat down behind the steering wheel waiting for the starting flag to fall. Afterwards, he couldn't talk as the



PHOTO COURTESY OF MOTOR MILE SPEEDWAY

Derrick Lancaster finished third in his first Late Model Race at Motor Mile Speedway in over two years.

emotions poured out of his eyes.

"I love racing," he said. "The only comparison is the love I have for my wife, my daughter, my granddaughter, and my parents. Nobody will ever understand."

Kingsport and Talladega were not the first incidents that caused him bodily harm, but they definitely were the worst.

Those injuries have had him giving thanks for his recovery, but it also comes with lots of concern from family members. "My wife and daughter will not longer come to the races. It's just

tough for them," he said.

Lancaster has made more than 100 starts between Motor Mile and Kingsport Speedway since 2008 and is a past LMSC champion at the Radford track. He has been a frequent competitor in the Dirty Dozen Late Model series and is looking to run the entire season for the rest of the fall at Motor Mile.

He also is considering racing in an LMSC event at Martinsville Speedway and maybe will return to his Kingsport incident and run that track sometime in the future.

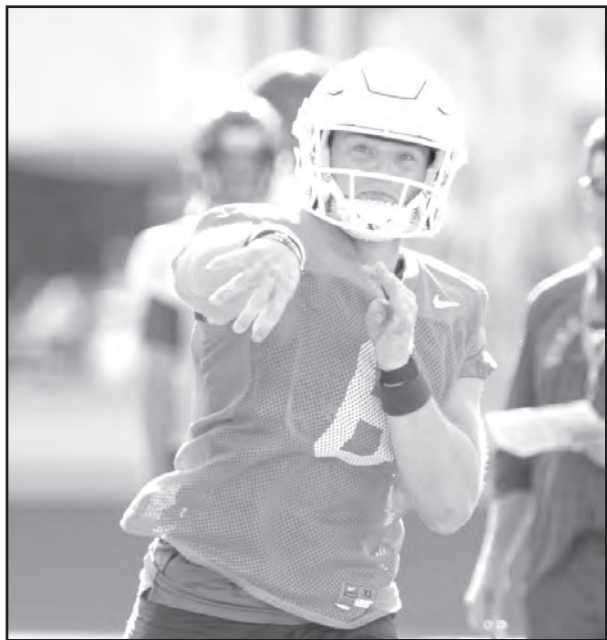


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A two-year starter at Marshall, transfer quarterback Grant Wells was the 2020 Conference USA Freshman of the Year.

VT quarterback position looks to be a two-way battle between transfers

With fall camp for Virginia Tech football well underway, the battle for the starting quarterback position looks to be between transfers Grant Wells and Jason Brown since the team has no entrenched starter.

Head coach Brent Pry, offensive coordinator Tyler Brown, and quarterbacks coach Brad Glenn will ultimately have to make the decision as to the starter. Both Wells and Brown have shown flashes of success and athleticism across the last two months in Blacksburg.

A Marshall transfer, Wells completed 66.3% of his passes last season for 3,532 yards and 16 touchdowns. The Charleston, West

Virginia, native demonstrated his dual-threat ability by finding the end zone seven times on the ground.

A two-year starter during his time in Huntington, Wells came to Virginia Tech having been named the 2020 Conference USA Freshman of the Year when he led the league with 2,091 passing yards and 18 touchdowns. He also has eight 300-yard passing games on his resume.

Brown is a Fredericksburg, Va., native who came to Blacksburg after having started four games a season ago at South Carolina where he quickly became a key component in helping the Gamecocks reach bowl

eligibility for the first time since 2018. Brown connected on 60-of-108 passes for 721 yards and eight touchdowns during the 2021 season for Shane Beamer's team that won the Duke's Mayo Bowl.

After leading the garnet and black to two big-time victories against Florida and Auburn, Brown became a fan favorite in Columbia. Prior to South Carolina, Brown was a 2019 FCS All-America selection at St. Francis (Pa.) after leading the Northeast Conference with 3,084 passing yards, completing 62.3% of his passes while delivering 28 touchdowns against six interceptions.

WDBJ anchor to join Virginia Tech's sports info office

Travis Wells, a two-time Virginia SportsCaster of the Year, has been named assistant athletics director for strategic communications at Virginia Tech, athletics director Whit Babcock announced Monday.

Among his duties, Wells will serve as the primary communications contact for Virginia Tech football, among other duties.

"Travis will be a great addition to our team,"

Babcock said. "He has a wealth of knowledge and experiences from nearly three decades in local media that will serve our department well. Travis has an array of skills that will make him a valuable asset to Virginia Tech. I'm extremely grateful for the time and effort our search committee devoted to identifying Travis. I look forward to welcoming him and his family to Blacksburg."

Wells arrives in

Blacksburg following a lengthy career in local sports television that spans parts of three decades. His career includes stops at TV stations in Charlottesville, Bristol, and at WDBJ in Roanoke for the last 20 years. He has served as the station's sports director since 2008.

During his time at WDBJ, Wells helped produce Virginia Tech Sports Today for 10 years, in conjunction with LEARFIELD,

the university's media rights partner.

He spearheaded the station's multi-faceted coverage of ACC football and basketball, and anchored WDBJ's popular high school football program - Friday Football Extra - for nearly 15 years. He was named Virginia SportsCaster of the Year in 2015 and 2016 by the National Sports Media Association.

In addition to his on-air duties, Wells filmed and edited

video for broadcasts and posted content to wdbj7.com, as well as the station's social media platforms. Wells has emceed numerous events over his tenure and has fully embedded himself within the greater Roanoke and New River Valley areas. "I'm honored to join the Virginia Tech athletics department, and I am looking forward to being a part of the Virginia Tech community," Wells said. "I have a deep understanding of and appreciation for the rich history and tradition of Virginia Tech athletics. The university's strong

academic reputation, along with its record of sustained athletic success, was among the many factors that made this opportunity appealing to me."

Wells is a Roanoke native and a 1995 graduate of Radford University where he played basketball and earned a degree in communications and media studies.

"There is no one better equipped to tell the Virginia Tech story than Travis," Babcock pointed out. "He has built and maintained relationships with student-athletes, coaches, and administrators throughout his media career. His track record of service and leadership will serve him well in this role."

Wells, and his wife, Chandra, are the parents of Meredith and Brayden. Their family lives in Daleville, Va.



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Travis Wells

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Former Hokie slugger Kerry Carpenter promoted by Detroit Tigers

Ranked as the No. 22 prospect in the Detroit Tigers organization this season, former Virginia Tech slugger Kerry Carpenter earned his major league promotion late Tuesday night in anticipation of making his MLB debut on Wednesday night when Detroit hosted Cleveland at Comerica Park (7:10 p.m. EDT, Bally Sports affiliates).

As of Tuesday night, Carpenter was leading all levels of Minor League Baseball this year with his 30 combined home runs, having hit 22 homers with the Erie SeaWolves (Class AA) prior to receiving his June 25 call-up to the Toledo Mud Hens (Class AAA). After 34 Triple-A appearances, the left-handed batter had a .331 batting average with a 1.064 OPS. He had 11 doubles, a triple, and eight home runs and had drawn 17 walks against 17 strikeouts.

Spending his freshman and sophomore seasons at St. John's River State College in Palatka, Fla., Carpenter transferred to Virginia Tech ahead of the 2019 season. Syncing up with the Hokies during head coach John Szefc's second season in Blacksburg, the 6-foot-2 native of Eustis, Fla. started each of the team's 53 games, leading Tech's maturing offense in doubles (13), home runs (10) and RBIs (45).

Leading the Hokies' 2019 MLB Draft

class, Carpenter was selected during the 19th round by the Tigers, elevating his batting average from .272 at Tech to .319 at the rookie level with the Gulf Coast League Tigers. Following the cancellation of the 2020 Minor League Baseball season due to the COVID-19 pandemic, he began the 2021 campaign in Double-A with Erie, recording 24 doubles and 15 home runs, scoring 57 runs with 74 RBIs across 112 appearances in the Eastern League.

Finding a new gear to his game during 2022, Carpenter improved tremendously during his second Double-A campaign in Erie, batting .411 with 13 home runs and a 1.393 OPS during the month of May. With the pro club stumbling through June, he was bumped up to join Toledo during the last week of June, delivering nine hits during his first six games with the Mud Hens (.474 batting average).

Detroit appears to be selecting Carpenter's contract at the right time. On Sunday in Iowa, he connected on a second-inning grand slam that sent Toledo out to an early 8-0 lead against the Iowa Cubs.

Carpenter is seeking to become the 22nd Virginia Tech baseball alumnus to make his MLB debut, following reliever Packy Naughton (2021 debut, Los Angeles Angels).

VDOT ROAD WATCH

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

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.

INTERSTATE 81

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

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 is currently closed until Sept. 2, 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. The rest area facility, ramps and parking lot will be closed to the public. 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. Work is expected to be completed in the early fall of 2022.

REST AREA OPTIONS: 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.

INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDENING CONSTRUCTION EXIT 141 TO EXIT 143 – A project to widen the lanes on I-81 in Roanoke in both northbound and southbound directions between Exit 141 to Exit 143 has been underway. All lanes now open and will remain open through winter with periodic lane closures at night as needed. The final surface paving and markings for northbound is underway this summer during nighttime hours, 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Drivers can expect rough pavement. Estimated completion date of the project is summer 2022.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

I-81 NORTHBOUND 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. The old bridge is being demolished. 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.

LANE CLOSURES: Nighttime alternating lane closures will be in place on I-81 northbound between mile markers 104-106 from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning.

SLOW ROLLS: Slow rolls may be utilized periodically on both the northbound and southbound lanes from mile marker 98-109 for structural steel deliveries and setting beams.

ROUTE 615 CULVERT REPLACEMENT – As of April 11, 2022, Route 615 (Pilot Road) will undergo a culvert replacement located at the intersection of Pilot Road and Old Pike Road, across from the Pilot Post Office. 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.

PATTERSON DRIVE BRIDGE WORK IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY TO DETOUR TRAFFIC NEAR ROANOKE COUNTY LINE – Through Sept. 2, Route 669 (Patterson Drive) will be closed to through traffic due to work on the bridge over Bottom Creek. The bridge is located about 0.1 mile west of the Roanoke County line near Route 669's intersection with Route 637 (Bottom Creek Lane). Traffic can detour around the closure using Route 607 (Bottom Creek Road) and Route 637 (Bottom Creek Lane). Electronic message boards will be in place to alert drivers to the upcoming bridge closure.

ROUTE 114 TURN LANE CONSTRUCTION - Road improvement construction on Route 114 (Peppers Ferry Road) of a new entrance to Belview Elementary School is underway. Motorists should expect daily lane closures controlled by flagging forces.

PAVING OPERATIONS –

RU women's soccer picked third in Big South poll

The Big South Conference released its 2022 women's soccer preseason poll Monday afternoon with Radford University selected to finish third among the conference's 10 members.

A majority of Radford's votes came in the third spot with seven total and only two votes selecting the team to finish lower than that. Radford also received one vote to finish second.

The team's 79 points were seven higher than fourth-place Longwood and 11 points behind second-place High Point. Campbell was named the preseason favorite with seven of the ten first-place votes while High Point received the other three first-place votes.

The Highlanders are a regular near the top of the conference's annual preseason poll, being selected to finish within the predicted top-five now for 14 straight seasons. Radford is one of just two preseason favorites to win the tournament title in the last five seasons with High Point being the last program to accomplish the feat in 2021.

Radford is scheduled to open Big South play with a massive home match on Sept. 21 against Campbell, last season's Big South regular season champions Campbell. The trend of big-time home opponents continues with Longwood (Oct. 12) and High Point (Oct. 26) both coming to Cupp Stadium.



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Ingram's VTSCOM class began that particular journey in the throes of a global pandemic in

the summer of 2020. Heeding guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and the governor of Virginia, classes and small group learning sessions went virtual. Clinical rotation schedules for upper classmates were disrupted. The medical school itself looked like a ghost town.

"All of my medical school experience has been during the pandemic," Ingram said. "But I feel like we've adapted really well."

When asked about the biggest surprise of medical school, Ingram said, without hesitation, the time commitment.

"I've always been really dedicated to my school work, but for medical school, I feel like I spend

most of my time studying," she said. "It's all things that I really enjoy, so it doesn't bother me that much, but it's all I do."

Ingram was the recipient of the Dr. Sidney C. and Mrs. Lucy O. Smith Scholarship that supports VTCSOM students who demonstrate a financial need. Sid Smith, a graduate of Virginia Tech, is professor of medicine at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

"I was extremely thankful," Ingram said. "It's especially helpful because I surpassed the age limit that I could be on my parents' health insurance, so that was an added expense that I have incurred."

Ingram's parents,

Jean and Steve, a retired teacher's aide and a retired office equipment service engineer, respectively, are proud of their daughter.

"From a very young age, Kelly always wanted to be a doctor," Steve Ingram said. "She has the heart of a teacher, and she could always explain complex issues in ways even I could understand. I know she will be an amazing doctor."

Jean Ingram agreed. "When Kelly sets her mind to something, she gets it done," she said. "I love to watch her when she talks about what she is studying. Her eyes have a sparkle in them. I am so very proud of what she has accomplished and look forward to her future."