



County names Brea Hopkins new planning and GIS director

Montgomery County has named Brea Hopkins its new Director of Planning and GIS.

In her role as director, Hopkins will oversee daily operations in the Montgomery County Planning and GIS Department. The department is responsible for administering the county's comprehensive land use plan and zoning and subdivision ordinances; providing geographical information and mapping

services; and maintaining official street names and addresses in the unincorporated areas of the county.

The department also supports the planning commission, the Board of Zoning Appeals, the Agricultural and Forestal District Committee, and the Board of Supervisors.

"While the applicant pool was competitive, Brea's depth of experience in planning, zoning and GIS at every level

made it clear that she was the best fit," said Deputy County Administrator and Chief Financial Officer Angela Hill. "In addition, during her time as the interim Planning and GIS Director, Brea performed the duties of the job extraordinarily well. We are fortunate to have her in this role."

Hopkins joined Montgomery County in 2001 as the

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Brea Hopkins has been named Montgomery's planning and GIS director.

Montgomery Museum to host Heritage Day Festival Saturday

The Montgomery Museum of Art and History will host a Heritage Day Festival in downtown Christiansburg Saturday on East Main Street from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

New additions to the festival include live music and a beer garden featuring a brand-new history beer. The museum will also bring back many favorites including a hay wagon to transport families from downtown to the museum's old location and back. The museum will offer more than 25 children's activities including a petting zoo and arts and crafters.

The Jared Stout Band will play from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Other musicians scheduled to perform throughout the day are John and Kathie Hollandsworth, Douglas Connor, American Roots, and Leslie Brooks. Pizza, snacks, and drinks will be served throughout the day.

In partnership with Iron Tree Brewing Co., the museum will debut a brand-new beer, L&M Rifle Ale, the name inspired by the Lewis-McHenry Duel fought in Christiansburg in 1808.

Street vendors will be selling or demonstrating their crafts

which include hand-made jewelry, home and bath goods, weaving, woodworking, folk art, bee keeping, letter press, and more. A complete list of vendors is available at <https://montgomerymuseum.org/events/heritage-day/>.

The museum will be open all day and will hold a silent auction with over 80 items in the recently opened facility at 4 East Main St. Visitors are encouraged to stop by the museum's new location on the town square to participate in the silent auction and view the art and history exhibits.

Saturday, Aug. 20, 10-5pm

Live Music, Beer Garden, Hay Wagon, Heritage Demonstrators, Arts and Crafts Vendors and more!

HERITAGE DAY

Montgomery Museum OF ART & HISTORY



After 30 years, Blacksburg's Hand-in-Hand playground is in need of some updating and redesign to meet current national safety standards.

Blacksburg seeks citizen input on hand-in-hand playground redesign

The Town of Blacksburg is seeking citizen input in an effort to bring the Hand-in-Hand wooden playground, located on Turner Street in the Blacksburg Municipal Park, up to current national safety standards.

The park was built by community volunteers in 1992. While the 30-year-old structure

has brought joy and entertainment to many children, it is showing much wear and tear and needs to be redesigned.

Leathers & Associates, the same company that helped design the original playground, will once again be working with the town to design and install a new

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New Virginia Tech interactive campus map features accessible navigation and an improved user experience

Virginia Tech's Blacksburg campus has a new interactive campus map with a cleaner layout, real-time update capabilities, and a navigation tool that helps users find accessible pathways.

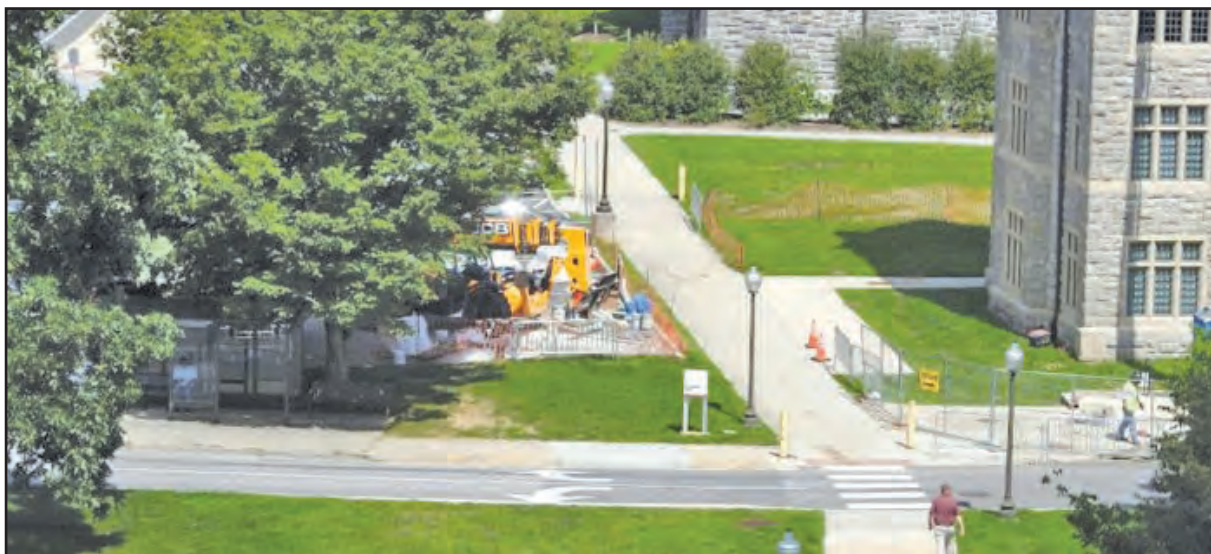
The new map was developed through a collaborative effort by the Division of Information Technology's Enterprise GIS group; Division of Campus Planning, Infrastructure,

and Facilities GIS; the Office for Equity and Accessibility; University Relations; and the Disability Alliance and Caucus. These groups partnered for over two years to make the first significant improvements to the map's user interface and technical configuration in nearly a decade.

"A well-designed interactive web map is an essential service to enable the Virginia Tech community

to navigate our large, dynamic, and growing campus," said Seth Peery, senior GIS architect for Enterprise GIS. "As the official campus map, it is also our digital 'front door.' This map provides a sense of place and visual welcome for everyone that uses it. Our previous map had a good run, but advances in technology af-

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The new interactive campus map more effectively integrates information about closures from construction and special events to provide users with more accurate information when planning routes across campus. Photo by Angela Correa for Virginia Tech.

Town of Blacksburg launches affordable housing development fund

Facing a growing deficit of housing of all types with a particular need for new homes for low-to moderate-income households, the Town of Blacksburg recently established an Affordable Housing Development Fund using \$4 million dollars from the American Rescue Plan.

The fund was established to incentivize housing developers and builders interested in helping the town increase the supply of affordable housing for low and moderate-income households near jobs, services, schools, and public transit; promote diversity and vitality of neighborhoods with a focus on housing for permanent residents; and preserve existing affordable housing through renovation, repair, and retrofitting.

Possible projects include the construction of new housing for sale or rent, the preservation of existing affordable housing, the conversion or adaptive reuse of existing non-residential structures for housing, or the purchase and rehabilitation or conversion of market-rate developments to affordable housing.

The deficit requires the development of a substantial number of new homes and the rehabilitation and retention of existing homes that might otherwise become unaffordable or uninhabitable.

The fund will financially support, through either a grant or a no-interest loan, proposals that address the need for long-term affordable housing. Applicants must have a demonstrated track record in one or more of the following areas: residential real estate development/construction (multi-unit experience where applicable), affordable housing development, and/or management. Applicants must be willing to provide long-term affordable housing to a mix of low- to moderate-income households. Visit Let's Talk Blacksburg for details on how low-to moderate-income households are defined.

Interested applicants are encouraged to reach out to the town's housing staff to answer any questions related to the fund or the application process. Applications will be accepted through February 2023.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, Aug. 17:

American Business Women's Association August luncheon meeting

The American Business Women's Association will hold its August luncheon meeting today, Aug. 17, 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@wineand-design.com.

Montgomery Floyd Regional Library Board of Trustees meeting

At the Blacksburg Library; 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 17 and Thursday, Aug. 18:

Noise Alert: Skipper cannon fire

The Corps of Cadets will conduct the New Cadet Parade on the drillfield on the afternoon of Thursday, Aug. 18. In preparation for the parade, the corps will hold practices on the drillfield Wednesday (8/17) and Thursday (8/18) mornings. The Highty-Tighties will play and Skipper, the corps cannon, will be fired once during practice on Wednesday, Aug. 17, between 9:30 and 11 a.m.

During the final parade on Thursday, Aug. 18, Skipper will fire three times: When the cadets reach the drillfield, at the first note of the national anthem, and at the first note of Tech Triumph. The first shot will be at about 3:50 p.m., and the final shot will be at about 4:45 p.m. The parade will mark the end of New Ca-

det Week for the Class of 2026 and is open to the public.

Wednesday, Aug. 17 - Sunday, Aug. 21:

Marching Virginians band camp

The Virginia Tech Marching Virginians will hold their annual band camp from Aug. 13-21 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.

Thursday, Aug. 18:

Lunch and Learn with Better Business Bureau: Cybersecurity

At the Radford Public Library from noon to 1 p.m. Participants will learn how to keep themselves safe from online scams while enjoying lunch from Jimmy Johns. To reserve a lunch and a seat at the talk, email Elizabeth.Sensabaugh@radfordva.gov.

Talking about books Non-fiction

At the Christiansburg Library at 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 at 4:30 p.m. This is Bad Poetry Day. Participants will follow some silly prompts and in the process write some terrible poetry.

Saturday, Aug. 20:

EastMont tomato festival

At the Meadowbrook Public Library at 10 a.m. The festival will have music, food, contests, and children's activities in the library's courtyard. Presented by the EastMont Community Foundation. 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 amaze and dazzle in the Meadowbrook Courtyard at the Tomato Festival. Sponsored by the Meadowbrook Public Library.

Tomato sidewalk obstacle course

At the Meadowbrook Public Library at 10 a.m. Participants will attempt to make it through the tomato-themed sidewalk obstacle course. They can stop by the library's curbside pickup area on the side of the building and make their way through a sidewalk tomato-themed obstacle course, and enter for a chance to win a prize.

Monday, Aug. 22:

Crafternoon for adults only

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

Tuesday, Aug. 23:

American Red Cross blood drive

At the Christiansburg Library at 12:30 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome or donors may sign up at [https://www.red-](https://www.red-crossblood.org/give.html/donation-time)

[crossblood.org/give.html/donation-time](https://www.red-crossblood.org/give.html/donation-time).

Magical cooking with Dave - Facebook Live

At the Radford Public Library; 2 to 2:15 p.m. A magical Facebook Live episode of Cooking with Dave in preparation for the Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley's TriWizard Tri-Mile Race. More information is available at lvnr.org.

Wednesday, Aug. 24:

Sustainable Blacksburg lunch and learn: Electric cars

At the Blacksburg Library; noon. Dave Ropper will talk about electric cars; driving distance, maintenance, and charging. Participants may 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 at 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 at 4 p.m. Every month the club gets 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 at 6:30 p.m. To be discussed is "The Paper Menagerie" by Ken Liu. Call 540-552-8246 to reserve a copy.

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

Radford High School 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 an invitation should 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.

This is a free, eight-week course providing hands-on experience for participants and covering a wide variety of local government functions ranging from fire and rescue to libraries, animal care, and public works. Classes are 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 display through Thursday, Aug. 18, in the Alexander Black House, 204 Draper Road SW, Blacksburg. Admission is free. The hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit blacksburgmuseum.org.

NRCC offering Women in Literature course this fall

New River Community College is offering a new Women in Literature English course this fall.

Women in Literature (ENG 275) examines literary texts by women writers from diverse time periods, genres, and authors. Students will develop skills of close reading and literary analysis through the study of texts within their historical, cultural, social, and/or literary contexts.

Throughout the course, students will explore how women's experiences have shaped their literary contributions, the cultural forces

affecting their lives, and how they have used writing to shape their cultures. ENG 275 is a transferable course.

The class will meet online beginning on August 22. Megan Doney, professor of English at NRCC, will be teaching the 14-week course. Doney has taught at NRCC since 2008. Her writing has been published in "Earth & Altar" and "Creative Nonfiction" and has been nominated for a Pushcart Prize. She is currently working on an essay collection.

Course materials include the

novels "Truth and Beauty" by Ann Patchett, "All You Can Ever Know" by Nicole Chung, and "Memorial Drive: A Daughter's Memoire" by Natasha Trethewey.

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 calling (540) 674-3609.

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



NRCC English professor Megan Doney will teach English 275, Women in Literature this fall.



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forded us the opportunity to design a new map that is more modern, easier to navigate, and easier to maintain."

At the heart of the project was improving the usability and user experience for the campus community — particularly responding to the needs of individuals who rely on the interactive campus map to identify accessible pathways, entryways, and elevators.

Joe Cooley, ADA campus accessibility architect for Virginia Tech, was heavily involved in the project. He said, "Key to the new map's improved functionality was having accurate information about the existing campus topography and the accessible features of the campus buildings. Our office was glad to have been able to collaborate with the GIS team on this. The new map features will help users to easily plan a safe, accurate, and comfortable accessible route to their campus destination, especially if the route requires someone to briefly enter a campus building to utilize an elevator."

One of the map's most notable features is a navigation tool designed to identify routes that exclusively utilize accessible pathways. The tool automatically checks for any pathway closures, construction sites, or other potential obstacles and can route the user around those sites. This is especially helpful given the active state of construction on campus.

Mike Justice, senior geospatial technician for engineering services in the Division of Campus Planning, Infrastructure, and Facilities, said, "The tool has the ability to recognize a variety of closures and say, 'That's a barrier, we can't go through there,' and searches for the next-best alternative using only the accessible paths layer of the map."

Justice said, "The Enterprise GIS folks worked hard to customize an out-of-the-box navigation tool to recognize the sidewalks, buildings, and other features unique

to Virginia Tech's campus."

While the previous map displayed accessible pathways, entries, parking spaces, and curb cuts, it was up to the user to determine a suitable route. Moreover, users had to consult a separate map to view current construction closures.

Justice said the new tool could be especially helpful for all Hokies returning to campus this fall, particularly for those with mobility challenges who will need accurate information about any changes to campus pathways that occurred over the summer.

"We carried forward the design philosophy from our previous map, which was that layers pertaining to accessibility should appear right alongside those describing other features of our built environment," Peery said.

In addition to improving the user interface, the map team changed how the map works on the back end, making it much easier for the Division of Campus Planning, Infrastructure, and Facilities GIS team — who are among the first to become aware of closures, reported barriers, and other circumstances that affect travel and accessibility across campus — to keep the map accurate and up to date.

The previous version of the map required a programmer to make even minor updates. The new map is template-based, which "eliminates the need to get a programmer involved for most updates and enables the GIS team to make needed updates directly," said Peery.

Mike Ryba, geospatial technician for Engineering Services in the Division of Campus Planning, Infrastructure, and Facilities GIS said "Since we are the ones managing the data that feeds the map, it makes sense that we will be the ones making updates to the map. Now when we receive a report of a barrier or new closure, we can go into the mapping software and make changes in a matter of minutes."

OBITUARIES

Reed, Timothy Scott

Timothy Scott Reed, 43, of Christiansburg, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2022.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Cleatis Sartin and Mary Reed.

Tim is survived by his wife, Kathryn Reed; children Ezekiel, Chloe, Isabel and Timothy (T.J.) Reed, Jr.; sister and brother-in-law Kevin and Kayla Lucas; nephew and nieces Levi and Allie



Carthage Rd., Floyd. Lucas, Reagan, Sadie and Josie Whitlock; and a best friend, Adam Walker.

The family received friends on Friday, Aug. 12, 2022, at McCoy Funeral Home.

A funeral service followed at McCoy Funeral Home with the Rev. Will Fillingham and the Rev. Craig Reed officiating. Interment followed at White Rock Cemetery,

Risen, Marvin Patrick

Marvin Patrick Risen – loving husband, dotting father, adoring son, globe-trotting businessman and keen fan of the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets – died on Aug. 11 in Blacksburg. He was 78.

Known to friends and colleagues as Pat, Marvin was born on April 3, 1944, in Nashville, Tenn., the son of Marvin Jordan Risen and Mary Emily (Rice) Risen. His father, a field agent for the FBI., died before he was born, and a few years later his mother married another agent, Francis Norwood, who raised Pat as his son.

Pat graduated from Montgomery Bell Academy in 1962 and studied mechanical engineering at Georgia Tech where he lettered in gymnastics. After graduating in 1966, he served for two years in the U.S. Army, primarily at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland and the Joliet Army Ammunition Plant in Illinois.

After receiving an honorable discharge, he moved to Washington, D.C., where he studied at American University, receiving his masters degree in business administration in May 1972.

Three months later he married Elizabeth (Chickering) Risen, and the two moved to Corning, N.Y., where Pat began his long career in international business and where both of his sons were born.

His background in engineering and business made him a valuable part of Corning, Inc.'s global sales team, and his work took him around the world



from Marseilles to Singapore. He and his family even spent 18 months living in Tokyo, an experience that left Pat with a love for all things Japanese.

In 1985 the Risens moved back to Pat's hometown where he worked for Alcoa Fuji-kura Ltd. After the fall of the Iron Curtain, he was among the first American businessmen to enter Eastern Europe, making deals in Poland, Slovenia, Russia, and Kazakhstan to upgrade communications systems with AFL's fiber-optic cable. Pat tried to retire in 2002, and he and Elizabeth moved to Blacksburg, but the allure of international business pulled him back, and he closed his career with several years at Synchrony, a local technology company.

Like any good engineer, Pat loved to tinker in his spare time, and he made easy friends with mechanics and plumbers – really anyone who would lend an ear. He is survived by his wife and sons, Clay (Joanna) and Michael (Meg); his nephew, Tim Newton; his grandchildren Catherine, Talia, Chickie and Elliot; his brother-in-law Bill Chickering, and his sister-in-law Sharon Chickering; and numerous cousins and friends.

He was predeceased by his parents, his stepfather, and his brother, Daniel. He was honored with a visitation on Sunday, Aug. 14, at McCoy Funeral Home, 150 Country Club Dr., SW, in Blacksburg. In lieu of flowers, his family asked that donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association, alz.org.

Stigger, Loretta Beaver

Loretta Beaver Stigger, 80, passed away on Friday, Aug. 12, 2022, at her home in New River.

She was born in Floyd, the daughter of the late Ophus and Rosa Beaver.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 50 years, Governor Shead Stigger, Sr.; a son, Governor S. Stigger, Jr.; and a grandson, Jason L. Stigger.

She is survived by her two daughters, Betty Ann Stigger of New River and Janet Maxine Stigger of Roanoke; a son, David Stigger of Dublin; a special daughter, Aliyanna Wiggins of New River; grandchildren Janet Necole (Elvin) Robertson, Courtney (Jacke) Smith, Chantal Lorton, Malcolm Stigger, Jade Stigger, Jacob

Stigger, and Kane Stigger; numerous great-grandchildren; a sister, Kitty Huff of Floyd; a sister-in-law, Bertha Parsons of Roanoke; a special friend, Billy Largen of Christiansburg; many nieces and nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends today, Wednesday, Aug. 17, from noon until 1 p.m. at Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Graveside services will follow at 1:30 p.m. in the New River Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, Loretta would be honored by donations in her memory to St. Jude Childrens Hospital or to the American Diabetes Association.

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

Christiansburg Rec Center to host Health and Wellness Fair

A free local Health and Wellness Fair will be held at the Christiansburg Recreation Center, 1600 N. Franklin St., on Wednesday, Sept. 21.

The fair will provide information on ways to stay healthy, feel healthy, and age well.

Sponsored by AARP Blacksburg, the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM) and the recreation center, the fair will be open from noon to 4 p.m. Close to 100 exhibitors will offer a variety of health information and screenings.

A major attraction will be VCOM faculty and students offering free medical services and screenings. The public can meet and interact with them one on one. VCOM will provide information on fall prevention, cancer screenings, osteoporosis, body mass index, immunizations, osteopathic manipulative therapy, health nutrition, and diet.

Flu shots and other immunizations will be available. Pharmacists will be on hand to discuss such topics as drug interactions. Physical and occupational therapists and chiropractors can advise

on chronic conditions.

Exhibits will feature how to update your home to make it more accessible. Participatory presentations will include Qi Gong, Tai Chi, mindfulness exercises, laughter yoga, and chair yoga. Also featured will be massage therapy, home improvement ideas for aging in place, in-home health services, and free light and healthy snacks.

Participants will be able to explore opportunities for staying engaged in the community through volunteering and participating in arts events, hiking, travel, exercise, and activities at public libraries.

While many people are attracted to health fairs for explicit health services they can receive, the message at this one will be clear, says Leslie Pendleton, president of AARP Blacksburg. "Successful aging is not just about medical conditions and their management, but about living a full and engaged life and how our community helps make that possible," said Pendleton. "Wellness includes not only physical wellness but also intellectual, emotional, financial, social, environmental, occupa-

tional, and spiritual well-ness."

VCOM provides medical education and research that prepares global-minded, community-focused physicians who improve the health of those most in need. The college has had a collaborative partnership with Virginia Tech since 2002 and supports health and wellness for those in Southwest Virginia and the rest of the Appalachian region by participating in outreach programs and health fairs such as this one.

Parking will be abundant at the Christiansburg Recreation Center, and the venue is accessible to the handicapped.

Gold sponsors of the health fair are NRV Community Services, Ortho-Virginia, Warm Hearth Village, Carilion NRV Medical Center, Bath Fitter, River Ridge Dermatology, Mount Regis Center, Aetna, the Engagement Center for Creating Aging, AARP Blacksburg, the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM) and the recreation center.

Silver sponsors are Total Motion Physical Therapy, InnovAge, and New River Osteopathy.

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administrative assistant for the Planning and GIS Department. While working for the county, Hopkins earned a bachelor's degree in geography with a concentration in planning from Radford University. She obtained her Certified Zoning Administrator and Certified Transportation Manager credentials while serving on the executive committee for the Virginia Association of Zoning Officials.

Over her 21-year tenure with Montgomery County, she has held several positions with the most recent being Planning and Zoning Administrator, which she began in February 2021. In January 2022,

Hopkins was named Interim Planning and GIS Director.

"I started my career with Montgomery County over two decades ago, and this has been the best career decision I could have ever made," Hopkins said. "In my tenure with Montgomery County, I have served at nearly every level in the Planning and GIS Department and have been blessed to have the support of so many people. I'm thankful for this new opportunity to lead a terrific staff and to help them grow their own success stories, all while continuing to serve Montgomery County's citizens."

Young, Almeta Kessinger

Almeta Kessinger Young, 81, of Blacksburg, passed away peacefully on Aug. 11, 2022.

She was born in Montgomery County, on Dec. 28, 1940, to the late Roy Kemper and Lucy Smith Kessinger.

She was preceded in death by sisters Fleta Smith, Doris Walters, Lois Green, and Lucy Martin; and brothers Roy D. Kessinger, Harvey Kessinger, Bobby Kessinger, and Dan Kessinger.

She is survived by her loving husband of 50 years, David Young; a son Kevin Young and daughter-in-law

Kelly Young; grandson Kaden Young; granddaughter Kolbie Young; sisters and brothers-in-law Martha Campbell, Patricia McCoy, Sandra Sims, Brenda and Roy Hughes, and Carrie and Derek Lee; brothers and sisters-in-law Larry and Karen Kessinger and Estiol and Brenda Kessinger; and many nieces and nephews.

The family received visitors at McCoy Funeral Home in Blacksburg on Monday, Aug. 15. A private service for the family will be held later at Roselawn Memorial Gardens, Christiansburg.

ONLINE AUCTION

Ends Wednesday, August 24th @ 4 PM
Patio Home for Sale in Christiansburg VA!
125 Windsong Ln, Christiansburg, VA 24073

Bid Now at VaAuctionPro.com



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

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OPINION

Buddy King: Seeing Christiansburg as it once was

I have had the opportunity to return to my old hometown a couple of times in the last few months.

Christiansburg was pretty much my whole world the first 18 years of my life, thereafter my “summer place” for my college years, and the first place I worked after college.

Sadly, since my parents’ passing, I have had fewer occasions and opportunities to return. Since then there have been no Kings left in the area, for the first time in over 200 years.

I have lived a different life than I expected. When I left C’burg after my first job after college (at the old Cambria Bank) to attend law school, pursuing a goal I had set in seventh grade when I saw Cousin Joe graduate and join the profession, I expected to return to my hometown, hang out a shingle, pick up my mail at the quaint old post office on the square like my Dad had done, go to Thompson Hagan Drug Store for coffee around 10, probably own an old house in the

park, and walk to and from my office, which would have been in an old building near the courthouse of course.

I would have raised my family in the same town I was raised in. My daughters would have gone to CHS. They would have grown up with the children of the people I grew up with. I would have continued what would become lifelong friendships with my old pals from CHS. I would have attended St. Paul Methodist, been a member of the Lions or Kiwanis clubs and a Blue Demon booster, and had lunch at my parents’ house once a week. I would have gone to the high school football games on Friday nights and taken my girls to town parades.

But, alas, the economics of the private practice of law led me elsewhere (I like to tell the absolutely true story that when I got my first paycheck at my firm, about 45 days after law school graduation, I had \$7 in the bank. I know my family would not have let me starve, al-

though my Dad had told me when I got married before law school that “when you marry, you’re on your own.” And I was stubborn).

All of this leads to the fact that when you are raised and nurtured in a wonderful small town like Christiansburg but then are gone for over 40 years with only sporadic visits, your perspective is different than that of folks who have lived their whole lives there. I suspect that the changes for people who never moved away are gradual, subtle, insidious. For me, on my sporadic returns, they are stark, dramatic, sobering.

For example, when I am in the small downtown area, rather than monolithic government offices, I still see Hall Brothers Furniture, Angles Market and Lawrence Shelton Drug and Epperly’s Dress Shop and Taylor’s Office Supply and Richardson’s Funeral Home in my mind’s eye. I still see the quaint old fire department with the multitude of windows above the stalls and firetrucks, vintage 1958, and a tiny town office building next door. I still see the original St. Paul church next to the quaint 19th-century courthouse. Instead of the new site of

the Montgomery Museum, I see the old Bank of Christiansburg, 1930’s style, Bonnie and Clyde vintage.

On the other side of the courthouse, I still see the Music House and Leggett’s Department Store and Shelton & Walters Men’s Shop and Miller Drug and Dr. Clarke’s home, which doubled as his office, rather than vape shops (what are those things?) and tattoo parlors and acronyms I can’t translate. Instead of the cute little mid-block mall, I see the old Roses Dime Store (We called it the “5- and 10-cent store,” maybe the precursor to Dollar General, but far cooler, at least to a kid) and Cromer’s Furniture.

I still see Main Street Baptist Church rather than a “venue hall” (not a word we used back then, wedding receptions were for church basements). I look at the corner next to the Presbyterian Church across the street, and I see the old “Montgomery County Regional Library,” an old wood frame structure, where I spent many hours smelling old books and trying to understand something called the Dewey Decimal System and being taught how to whisper.

Instead of a large expanse of empty grass at the corner of North Franklin and Depot Streets, I see the old mill where my grandfather Charlie had worked. Instead of a repair hangar for the county school buses, I see the “only gym in town,” at the old Christiansburg High, a place I spent many, many hours.

Instead of the artsy new quarters of the County School Board, I see the old Blue Ridge Overall Factory, where the mothers of many kids in town labored over sewing machines. Further down Roanoke Road, where there are now several miles of car dealerships and fast food restaurants and motels, I see pasture land and apple orchards, disturbed by only a couple of businesses along “old Route 11.” I see a Stuckey’s, sort of a national 1950’s version of a convenience store, and Grants Tavern, a classy little restaurant owned by family friend Zenie, the closest place for a Tech student to get a beer back then.

I still see Duncan’s Texaco and Jabe Thomas’s Gulf and Ray’s Hamburgers (the first fast food place in town) and High’s Ice Cream and Pharis Cleaners and New Altamont Hospi-

tal, all “down from the high school.” I still see the Palace Theater and the alley where Doug Lester had his great old photography shop. I see the Robinson Brothers’ Barber shop where my Dad took me on Saturday mornings and the V and O (Virginia and Opal?) beauty parlor where my Mom went every Friday.

I still see the only stop light in town, at the square.

The mind’s eye is a wonderful thing.

(Only some readers will remember these long gone places. Any recollection like this is a mere snapshot of a moment in time. But I hope that for readers who don’t remember this era, a little flavor of what the town was like not that long ago is fun. It was heartwarming for me. And for younger readers, you will eventually learn that anything that happened in your lifetime is not that long ago.)

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Financial Focus: What investors can – and can’t – control

As an investor, it’s easy to feel frustrated to see short-term drops in your investment statements. But while you cannot control the market, you may find it helpful to review the factors you can control.

Many forces affect the financial markets, including geopolitical events, corporate profits and interest rate movements – forces beyond the control of most individual investors.

In any case, it’s important to focus on the things you can control, such as these:

- Your ability to define your goals. One area in which you have total control is your ability to define your goals. Like most people, you probably have short-term goals – such as saving for a new car or a dream vacation – and long-term ones, such as a comfortable retirement. Once you identify your goals and estimate how much they will cost, you can create an investment strategy to help achieve them. Over time, some of your personal circumstances will likely change, so you’ll want to review your time horizon and risk tolerance on a regular basis, adjusting your strategy when appropriate. And the same is true for your goals. They

may evolve over time, requiring new responses from you in how you invest.

- Your response to market downturns. When the market drops and the value of your investments declines, you might be tempted to take immediate action in an effort to stop the losses. This is understandable. After all, your investment results can have a big impact on your future. However, acting hastily could work against you. For example, you could sell investments that still have solid fundamentals and are still appropriate for your needs. If you can avoid decisions based on short-term events, you may help yourself in the long run.

- Your commitment to investing. The financial markets are almost always in flux, and their movements are hard to predict. If you can continue investing in all markets – good, bad or sideways – you will likely make much better progress toward your goals than if you periodically were to take a “time out.” Many people head to the investment sidelines when the market tumbles, only to miss out on the beginnings of the next rally. And by steadily invest-

ing, you will increase the number of shares you own in your investments, and the larger your ownership stake, the greater your opportunities for building wealth.

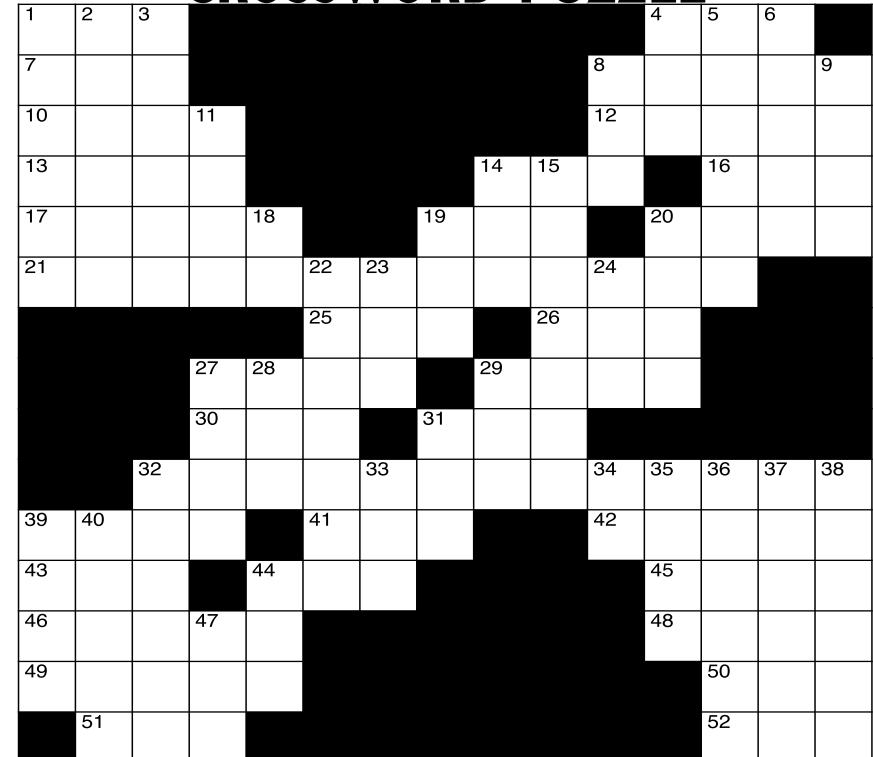
- Your portfolio’s level of diversification. While diversification itself can’t guarantee profits or protect against all losses, it can help greatly reduce the impact of market volatility on your portfolio. Just how you diversify your investments depends on several factors, but the general principle of maintaining a diversified portfolio should govern your approach to investing.

It’s a good idea to periodically review your portfolio to ensure it’s still properly diversified.

The world will always be filled with unpredictable, uncontrollable events, and many of them will affect the financial markets to one degree or another. But within your own investment world, you always have a great deal of control, and with it, you have the power to keep moving toward all your important financial objectives.

Submitted by Marquise Francis, Edward Jones Financial Advisor

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- CLUES ACROSS
1. Midway between east and southeast
4. Sun up in New York
7. Japanese honorific
8. Czech name for Prague
10. Ochocinco’s first name
12. Steep cliffs (Hawaiian)
13. Scots word for “home”
14. Upper class young woman (abbr.)
16. Monetary unit of Albania
17. Raise
19. Drain of resources
20. Uncultured, clumsy persons
21. Hikers use them
25. Retrospective analysis (military)
26. Tibetan form of chanting
27. Influential European statesman
29. Soluble ribonucleic acid
30. Monetary unit of Romania
31. Round green vegetable
32. Well acquainted with
39. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
41. Basics
42. “The Godfather” actress Keaton
43. Snake-like fish
44. Tall deciduous tree
45. Russian river
46. Long Balkans river
48. Ancient Greek coin
49. Senegal’s capital
50. Unwell
51. Snout
52. Low bank or reef of coral
- CLUES DOWN
1. Abstain from
2. Vast desert in North Africa
3. Cover the crown of a tooth
4. A major division of geological time
5. Urban center
6. Crook
8. Parts per billion (abbr.)
9. Questions
11. A pack of 52 playing cards
14. Recording of sound
15. Pithy saying
18. Atomic #22
19. Soviet Socialist Republic
20. Plant with ridged seedpods
22. Innate
23. Investigative body for Congress (abbr.)
24. Soda receptacle
27. Spanish stew: ___ podrida
28. Viet Cong offensive
29. Large body of water
31. Beginning military rank
32. Dissimilar
33. Counteroffensive system (abbr.)
34. Shows who you are
35. Chinese dynasty
36. Type of verse
37. African nation
38. Quire
39. Former Bucks star Michael
40. Showed again
44. Body part
47. Steal

U.S. average gas prices fall below \$4/gal. for first time since March

The U.S. national average price of gas Monday fell back under the \$4 mark to \$3.99 per gallon for the first time since early March, according to GasBuddy.

Gas prices have declined over \$1 per gallon since peaking at \$5.03 on June 14, fueled by falling oil prices over the last month. As of Monday, Aug. 8, Americans spent nearly \$400 million less on gasoline than they did in mid-June.

The year has been a record-breaking one at the pump with a majority of motorists seeing three different handled prices, including \$3, \$4 and \$5. Beginning in March, gas prices in the U.S. rose above \$4 per gallon for the first time since 2008, as Russia launched its invasion of Ukraine. Global supply began to tighten with demand also rising into the summer, causing inventories to tighten to uncomfortable levels.

The previous record-high of \$4.10

per gallon was broken in April, and gas prices soared to a new all-time high average of \$5.03 per gallon in June. Areas of California saw average prices near \$7 per gallon this summer, and diesel prices saw their biggest premium to gasoline prices ever.

“We’ve never seen anything like 2022 at the pump, highlighted by once-in-a-lifetime events including the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, which caused myriad imbalances, exacerbated by Russia’s war on Ukraine,” said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. “As a result, we’ve seen gas prices behave in ways never witnessed before, jumping from \$3 to \$5 and now back to \$3.99. While the recent drop in gas prices has been most welcomed, the issues that led to skyrocketing prices aren’t completely put to bed and still could lead prices to eventually climb back up should something unexpected develop.”

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PETS-OF-THE-WEEK



Simon is a good boy, looking for a good home. He's a younger, energetic pup who will need humans who can devote some time to training and socialization. He enjoys being around other canines. Stop by the Animal Care and Adoption Center to meet Simon.



Rocket has been waiting patiently to head home. He's a special needs cat who has been a resident at the Center for quite a few months but it's a mystery as to why. Rocket is a nice boy with high energy and he's ready to find his purrfect match.

Virginia Tech veterinary college gets funding for research into parasite found in cats

Found in cats, *Toxoplasma gondii* is a human pathogen with serious health ramifications, causing life-threatening illnesses for people with immunodeficiencies, miscarriages in pregnant women, and blindness in newborn children.

A National Institutes of Health grant awarded to the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine will fund a two-year study to understand treatment options better.

Researchers in the Department of Biomedical Sciences and Pathobiology will explore the function of a novel tyrosine kinase-like (TKL) protein in *Toxoplasma* reproduction. The goal is to reveal the role of this parasite protein in cell division and identify its signaling network, which could open doors for new treatments and care. The team is led by principal investigator and Assistant Professor Raj Gaji with assistance from Associate Professors Tom Cecere and Shannon Farris.

"*Toxoplasma gondii* has an interesting life cycle in that it undergoes its sexual reproduction only in cats," Gaji said. "Humans

can pick up the parasite through contaminated water and meat or placental transmission during pregnancy. If farm animals consume the pathogen — such as water contaminated with cat feces — they develop cysts in their muscles.

"If people consume uncooked meat, they can pick up the infection, and if a woman is pregnant, the pathogen can be transmitted to the fetus," Gaji said. "In the U.S. studies show that about 10 to 15 percent of the population (40 million people) are infected with the parasite, but their healthy immune system stops the parasite from causing illness."

When *Toxoplasma gondii* gets into the human body, it replicates and travels through the bloodstream to reach different organs including the brain. The infected person may experience mild symptoms such as fever during initial infection, but once the immune system kicks in, the parasite changes form and forms cysts mainly in the brain.

"So far, although the initial infection can be treated using two drugs,

once the parasite spreads through the blood and into organs, there's nothing we can do," Gaji said. "There's no drug to treat the form that stays in the brain because the parasite isn't responding to any treatment."

This means the person is infected for life. The parasite will stay dormant in the brain with no complications if the individual is healthy and the immune system is functioning well. Unfortunately, the same isn't true for more vulnerable populations.

"If an individual's immune system is compromised, the parasite can reactivate and it's incredibly destructive," Gaji said. "It can cause sudden death in patients with infections like HIV or cancer patients undergoing organ transplants, and it can also lead to miscarriage in pregnant women and blindness in newborns."

The grant will allow Gaji and the team to use mass spectrometry analysis to understand the roles of this TKL protein in *Toxoplasma gondii* development with the goal of developing new treatments.



A grant from the National Institutes of Health to the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine will fund a two-year study to understand treatment options for *Toxoplasma gondii*, a human pathogen found in cats that can cause life-threatening illnesses for people with immunodeficiencies, miscarriages in pregnant women, and blindness in newborn children. The research team is led by Assistant Professor Raj Gaji, pictured above.

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custom-designed destination playground using modern materials. The Town of Blacksburg envisions that this playground will continue to serve ages 2-12 and will include benches and small table tops throughout the playground, along with wood chips (made of engineered wood fiber) as its base.

It is important to Blacksburg that this playground

continues to reflect the imaginations of the town's children while meeting the wants and needs of the community. Therefore, citizen input is invited on the new playground design by Sept. 11, 2022.

Citizens may say what they have enjoyed about the original playground that they want to see included in the new playground. They may also suggest themes for

the new playground and help decide what playground elements should be included in the redesign.

According to the town, kid input is welcome, encouraged, and essential.

Citizens may participate in three ways:

Complete the online playground survey on Let's Talk Blacksburg.

Draw a picture of what the new playground should

look like and upload drawings, pictures, or other ideas for the playground onto the Let's Talk Blacksburg Hand-in-Hand project page.

Participate in the Town's interactive engagement event on Saturday, Aug. 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Blacksburg Recreation Center, 755 Patrick Henry Drive. This event will include fun and interactive activities so children can provide their input

on the new playground.

Leathers & Associates will use all the community input provided to create two conceptual plans for the new playground. Citizens will then have an opportunity in October to select the plan they prefer. The winter of 2023 will be spent finalizing plans, ordering materials, and beginning site work. The town plans to unveil the new playground in May of 2023.

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AUG 20 6:05
MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT - GATES OPEN 5:00 PM

AUG 21 5:05
KIDS RUN THE BASES - GATES OPEN 4:00 PM

Cheers to Tony Wolf: The wine grape expert officially retires

Like a fine Virginia wine, Tony Wolf's career can be described as well-balanced, vibrant, and robust.

Over the past three decades, the Virginia Tech professor has earned the respect of wine aficionados and researchers as well as the reputation as the "go-to grape guy." Earlier this year, Wolf was named one of Wine Industry Advisor's "most inspiring people" for his leadership, innovation, and inspiration in the industry.

What was once a crawling industry of just six wineries in 1980, Virginia's wine-growing industry is now estimated at \$1.73 billion. More than 300 wineries exist throughout the state today, thanks in part to Wolf's influence.

A dedicated educator and leader, Wolf has touched the lives — and palates — of wine lovers across the globe. Closer to home, he has made a lasting impression on his

students and colleagues in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Virginia Cooperative Extension, and the Alson H. Smith Jr. Agricultural Research and Extension Center.

Wolf retired from 36 years of full-time service to the university earlier this year. He has worked part-time for the Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station for the past five months, ending Aug. 24.

Reflecting on his full-bodied career, he rarely references personal accomplishments. Instead, he focuses on those who have inspired him, those who have guided him, and those who have so often called upon him to guide Virginia's wine-growing industry into the future.

"As I look back over my career, maybe some of the most gratifying aspects of my job have been the relationships I've established with stakeholders — with friends, I mean," Wolf said.

The feeling is mutual,

agree his friends, many of whom shared "Tony testimonials" in a wine publication when they learned of his retirement earlier this year.

"Undoubtedly, had Tony chosen another region, had the cards fallen some other way and Virginia was left without Tony Wolf, we would be 15 or 20 years behind where we are now, maybe more," wrote Nate Walsh of Walsh Family Wine in Grape Press, the quarterly publication of the Virginia Vineyards Association.

"Thanks in good measure to Tony, we are now able to grow world-class grapes," wrote Bill Tonkins of Veritas Vineyards and Winery.

"Tony taught us all to be better at what we do," wrote Chris Hill, a vineyard consultant and longtime friend of Wolf's. "He has been our fearless leader, and dang, we will miss him."

By Mary Hardbarger



Viticulturist Tony Wolf has served at Virginia Tech for 36 years, most recently as the director of the Alson H. Smith Jr. Agricultural Research and Extension Center. Virginia Tech photo

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.

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.

ROUTE 615 CULVERT REPLACEMENT – 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 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.

(NEW 7-22-22) * **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 improvements on Route 114 (Peppers Ferry Road) for the construction of a new entrance to Belview Elementary School are underway. Motorists should expect daily lane closures controlled by flagging forces. Work is expected to last through August 2022.

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. Continuing through the 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:

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 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 facility by about 10-13 spaces. Work is expected to be completed in early fall 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. Esti-

mated completion date of the project is summer 2022.

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

LANE CLOSURES:

o A left lane closure will be in place on northbound and southbound I-581 from mile marker 0-1, Monday at 7 a.m. through Wednesday at 7 p.m.

o A right lane closure will be in place on northbound and southbound I-581 from mile marker 0-1, Thursday at 7 a.m. through Saturday at 7 p.m.

o A left and center lane closure will be in place on northbound and southbound I-581 from mile marker 0-1, Saturday at 5 p.m. through Sunday at 2 p.m.

o A right lane closure may be in place on Route 11 northbound between the intersections of Rutherford Avenue and Wells Avenue periodically.

Nighttime left lane closures for both the northbound and southbound directions of Route 11 are possible between the intersections referenced above.

I-581 BRIDGE REPAIRS – Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 581. Right, center and left lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays. Scheduled traffic impacts include:

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

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

o Flagging operations may be in place on Liberty Road NW from

Lukens Street NE to Hunt Avenue NW from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

INTERSTATE 77 (CARROLL COUNTY) I-77 PAVING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, crews will be performing paving operations along Interstate 77 between mile marker 24 and 0. Right and left lane closures may be in place along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours, 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Drivers should watch for moving vehicles and equipment. Expect possible delays.

ROANOKE CITY

13th STREET SE IMPROVEMENTS WITH DETOUR – A project to improve a portion of 13th Street SE in Roanoke is underway. Located in a residential neighborhood just east of downtown Roanoke, this project will improve traffic flow and connectivity along 13th Street SE from Tazewell Avenue to Norfolk Avenue. The project entails reconstructing about 0.2-mile of 13th Street as an improved, two-lane roadway with 10.5-foot-wide travel lane and a raised median. A new roadway will extend 13th Street to Norfolk Avenue and the intersection at 13th Street and Wise Avenue will be reconfigured to include a roundabout. Bike lanes, sidewalks, crosswalks and curb and gutter will also be added. Southbound 13th Street traffic has a detour in place using Norfolk Avenue onto 12th Street to Tazewell Avenue. This detour will be in place throughout the duration of this project. Signs will be posted to designate the detour route. Northbound 13th Street will remain open to traffic. Flaggers may be possible and the speed limit through the work zone is 25 mph. The project is expected to be completed in summer 2023.

SURFACE TREATMENT OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, crews are performing surface treatment operations 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. The road surface may be rough for several weeks after surface treatment is applied. Once it packs down, the road surface will be brushed and re-

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In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated July 21, 2003, in the original principal amount of \$95,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 0306397. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090 on September 12, 2022, at 10:00 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND EASEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO APPERTAINING, LYING AND BEING IN BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE NORTHERLY MARGIN OF STATE ROUTE 647, CORNER TO THE PROPERTY OF ROBERT L. GODSEY (DEED BOOK 324, PAGE 653); THENCE N. 45 DEGREES 18' 02& E. 250.89 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N. 37 DEGREES, 57', 58& W. 191.22 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N. 37 DEGREES 38' 06 W. 45.31 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S. 46 DEGREES 41' 45& W. 210.24 FEET TO A POINT IN THE NORTHERLY MARGIN OF STATE ROUTE 647; THENCE WITH THE SAID MARGIN OF ROUTE 647 ALONG THE ARC OF A CIRCLE TO THE RIGHT WHOSE RADIUS IS 859.91 FEET AND WHOSE CHORD IS S. 29 DEGREES, 34' 29& E. 33.60 FEET, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 33.61 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE CONTINUING WITH THE NORTHERLY MARGIN OF ROUTE 647 THE FOLLOWING TWO COURSE AND DISTANCE: S. 28 DEGREES 27' 15& E. 201.33 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE ALONG THE ARC OF A CIRCLE TO THE LEFT WHOSE RADIUS IS 210.47 FEET AND WHOSE CHORD IS S. 30 DEGREES 27' 24& E. 14.71 FEET, AND ARC DISTANCE 14.71 FEET TO A POINT, THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 1.259 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON PLAT OF SURVEY BY CHARLES R. MCMURRY, CLS, DATED JANUARY 25, 1990, A COPY OF WHICH IS RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN DEED BOOK 370, AT PAGE 123. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A

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bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-314471-3.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Case No. CL21-610 BOTETOURT COUNTY Commonwealth of Virginia, in re. Wilmington Savings Fund FSB, et al vs. Andrew L. Lawson, et al The subject of this suit is to: rescind the September 16, 2020 foreclosure sale of 47 Garfield Lane, Roanoke, Virginia. It is ORDERED that: Any/All Heirs of BILAL NAEEM BOMANI appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before September 6, 2022. Signed: TOMMY L. MOORE, Clerk. 7/19/22

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Virginia Electric & Power Company (VMRC #2022-1365) has applied for a permit from Virginia Marine Resources Commission to install one fiber optics cable to existing overhead transmission poles and within an existing right-of-way, a minimum 41 feet above a 346-foot-wide section of the James River and a minimum 17 feet above 11 sections of North Creek and Jennings Creek as part of the Grid Transformation Telecommunication Program Project near Arcadia, in Botetourt County. Send Comments/ inquiries within 15 days to: Marine Resources Commission, Habitat Management Division, 380 Fenwick Road, Building 96, Fort Monroe, VA 23651 or va.permits@mrc.virginia.gov

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: August 17, 2022 to September 16, 2022 PERMIT NAME: Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit - Wastewater issued by DEQ pursuant to applicable water laws and regulations APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Shenandoah Baptist Church; PO Box 7010, Roanoke, VA 24019; VA0075451 FACILITY NAME AND LOCATION: Camp Eagle Sewage Treatment Plant (STP); 458 Camp Eagle Road, Fincastle, VA 24090 PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Shenandoah Baptist Church

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has applied for reissuance of a permit for the private Camp Eagle STP. The applicant proposes to release treated sewage wastewaters from seasonal and non-season residential domestic activities at a rate of 0.0025 million gallons-per-day into a water body. Septage from the treatment process is hauled by contractor to the Southwestern Virginia Regional Wastewater Pollution Control Plant for further treatment. The facility proposes to release the treated wastewaters into Borden Creek 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: organic matter, chemical properties, solids and bacteria. HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing on the draft permit reissuance by hand-delivery, e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses or email addresses of the commenter/requester and 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 requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit. CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Susan Edwards; Blue Ridge Regional Office, 901 Russell Drive, Salem VA 24153; 540-795-9749; E-mail: Susan.Edwards@deq.virginia.gov. 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 - City of Radford

ORDER OF PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA VA CODE § 8.01-316 Case No. JJ003213-22-00 RADFORD Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, Commonwealth of Virginia, in re PARRIS, ZYAN IMAHAN MILDRED. The object of this suit is to: Approve permanency plan for Zyan Imahan Mildred Parris, a minor. It is ORDERED that DANTE LARRELL HAYES appear at the above-named court and protect his or her interests on or before 09/27/2022 at 9:00 AM.

July 29, 2022
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Order of Publication Commonwealth of Virginia

VA code § 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317.20-104 Montgomery County Circuit Court 55 East Main Street, Suite 1, Christiansburg, VA 24073 Case No. CL22001234-00 Arlecia McBride Johnson and Olivia Adeline Isabel Johnson v. Jonathan Arnold Johnson. The object of this suit is to: Name Change of a Minor. It is ORDERED that Jonathan Arnold Johnson appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interest on or before October 2, 2022

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY Case No. CL22-1 082 COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA, A Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant, v. ELIZABETH MORGAN, ET AL. Respondent(s).

ORDER OF PUBLICATION The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Montgomery, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Montgomery, Virginia, described as follows: Tax Map No. 525-A 16 Account No. 01 3074 All of that certain lot of land, lying near the wester limits, of Christiansburg in Montgomery County Virginia and bounded as follows: Beginning at the line of the Lee Highway at the corner of land owned or formerly owned by William Garnard and running thence; with said Garnard line S. 9° E. 200 feet to a stake; thence two new lines S. 88 1/2° W. 49 feet to the line of a 12 foot alley with same N. 9 1/2° W. 200 feet to the line of said Highway; thence with the line thereof N. 88 1/2° E. 50 Feet to the beginning containing nearly one-fourth (1/4) of an acre more Or less. And being the same real property conveyed to Elizabeth Morgan and John McWeller Morgan from Maggie Morgan and Jack Morgan by Deed dated and recorded on July 3, 1928 in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Montgomery County, Virginia in Deed Book 88, Page 410. This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described. APPEARING that an Affidavit has been made and filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, that the last known addresses for the Respondents herein are as follows: Elizabeth Morgan, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is c/o S. Denise Harry-Martin 4794 Newbury Ct., Riverside, California 92507; John McWeller Morgan aka John Maxwell Morgan, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is c/o S. Denise Harry-Martin 4794 Newbury Ct., Riverside, California 92507; William Henry Hull, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Richard M. Hull, whose last known address is unknown; Elizabeth Moss Brown Hull, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Betty J. Hull Harry, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the Respondent named herein are made parties Respondent to this action individually and/or by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before September 16, 2022 in the Clerk's Office of the County of Montgomery, Virginia,

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and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause. Entered on the 9th day of August ,2022. Signed Robert M.D. Turk, Judge. I asked for this: John A. Rife, Esq (VSB No. 458005)

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Tech basketball player honors mother in 5K

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Wessler was there to support his mother, Colleen, who had battled breast cancer.

Wessler is a freshman on the Virginia Tech basketball team and is originally from Matthews, North Carolina.

Colleen Wessler was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2014 and had a double mastectomy. She underwent five months of chemo treatments and is now in remission.

"I have always tried to give back, and it was special to run today with Patrick and his sister," Colleen said.

Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among American women. The American Cancer Society says about 1 in 8 U.S. women (about 13%) will develop invasive breast cancer over the course of their lifetimes.

Patrick was only 10 years old

when he saw his mother begin her battle with cancer. Now, he said, it was important to run with her in the local race while supporting others going through something similar.

"It was important for me to be here today," he said.

Patrick served as the grand marshal

for the 5K race and then ran himself, winning his age group.

The event was started by Christiansburg's Jennifer Rush, whose mother died of cancer.

All proceeds benefit this year's recipients, Jackie Haynes and Regina Clark.



Virginia Tech basketball player Patrick Wessler (left) joined his mother, Colleen, (middle) and his sister, Gianna, (right) in participating in a 5K race on Saturday that honors individuals battling breast cancer and other similar ailments.

Finish the 5K results.

- 5K run
 First, Colby Burcham, 18:20.46; 2) Derek Scheidt; 3) Ryan Hanrick; 4) Cody Rush; 5) Isaac Nield; 6) Grace Boone; 7) Clint Gault; 8) David Whitfield; 9) Zoiee Williams; 10) Esra Nield; 11) David Kennedy; 12) Ethan Mills; 13) Jeremy Beckner; 14) Whitney Kirtner; 15) Robert McKeown; 16) Derek Specht; 17) Kyle Nield; 18) Kelsey Frey; 19) David Adkins; 20) Danielle Williams; 21) Patrick Wessler; 22) Annalise Howard; 23) Nathan Desper; 24) Shawn Christian; 25) Connie Adkins; 26) Chitra Ranaganathan; 27) Hope Velickovic; 28) Leah Hill; 29) Jennifer Rezac; 30) Gianna Wessler; 31) Brittany Lester; 32) Coleen Wessler; 33) Josh Martin; 34) Kelsey Lester; 35) Jackson Rush; 36) Tiffany Rush; 37) Phil Mia; 38) Jennifer Spencer; 39) Morgan Wills; 40) Jennifer Finney Goad.
- Finish the 5K Walk
 First, Cheryl Cox, 43:23.14; 2) Terri Pecora; 3) Kevin Hosey; 4) Tim Miles; 5) Gwen Million; 6) Linda Merriman; 7) Aundrea Willis; 8) Jordan Haislip; 9) Jennifer Cart; 10) William Bell; 11) Eva Reynolds; 12) Kim Link; 13) Jordan Link; 14) Vanessa Williams; 15) Larissa Reynolds; 16) Cindy Campbell; 17) Tabitha Campbell; 18) Debbie Burdette; 19) Robin Deulio; 20) Kate Turner; 21) Morgan Fenton.

Hokie Fan Day



Families from throughout the state were given a chance on Sunday to show their Hokie spirit during the football program's annual Fan Day.



Youngsters got a chance on Sunday to meet Virginia Tech cheerleaders and football players.

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ROANOKE COUNTY

ROUTE 311 AND ROUTE 419 ROUNDABOUT AT HANGING ROCK - A road project to replace the signalized intersection of Route 311 and Route 419 in Roanoke County at Hanging Rock with a roundabout underway. During the remaining construction, lane closures may be in place. Drivers should expect the following:

Through November: The new roundabout is now open to traffic. Drivers should still expect nighttime lane closures with flaggers between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday around the roundabout for final paving, pavement marking and sign installation.

ROUTE 419 TURN LANE EXTENSION AT COLONIAL AVENUE - Nighttime road work to lengthen the left turn lane from Route 419 onto Colonial Avenue in Roanoke County is underway. Drivers should expect nighttime lane closures, Sunday night through Friday morning between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m., in both directions of Route 419 at Colonial Avenue. In addition, there may be daytime lane closures on Route 419 for paving outside of peak travel times.

ROUTE 628 CULVERT REPLACEMENT - Route 628 (Greenridge Road) is undergoing a culvert replacement located .25 miles east of the road's entrance from Route 780 (Cove Road). Lane closures on Route 628 maintained by utilizing temporary traffic signals will be in place through August 2022. Expected completion is October 2022.

ROUTE 760 (DIUGUIDS LANE) BRIDGE REPLACEMENT & DETOUR - A project to replace the Route 760 (Diuguids Lane) bridge over the Roanoke River is underway with preliminary work. The bridge is located at the Salem city limits near Route 760's intersection with Route 639 (West Riverside Drive). Typical work hours are expected to be Monday through Saturday during daytime hours with occasional work on Sunday. Flagging operations may be in place periodically and occasional night work is possible. Drivers can expect short-term lane closures with flaggers controlling traffic on West Riverside Drive periodically. Access to Green Hill Park, private entrances and businesses will be maintained at all times. Completion is expected in the winter of 2022.

Flagging operations will be in place through the end of September, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.,

on southbound Diuguids Lane as well as the intersection of Harborwood Road/W Riverside Drive. A right lane closure northbound may also be in place, Monday through Friday.

BEDFORD COUNTY

ROUTE 805 CULVERT REPLACEMENT - Effective August 23 at 8 a.m., a section of Route 805 (Stone Mountain Road) will be closed for repair of a substructure and install a concrete slab span. This closure will be located 0.65 mile south of Route 743 (Bold Branch Road) and 0.50 of a mile north of Route 737 (Ayers Road). The road is scheduled to be open on September 23 at 4 p.m.

ROUTE 221 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS - A project to improve safety and operations at three signalized intersections is underway. Two intersections are on Route 221 in Bedford County in the Salem District and one is at Route 460 Business (Timberlake Road) and Route 622 (Waterlick Road) in Campbell County in the Lynchburg District. In Bedford County, this project will improve two adjacent signalized intersections in the Forest area on Route 221 at Route 1425 (Graves Mill Road) and at Route 1426 (Gristmill Drive). Most work will be performed during

nighttime hours, Monday through Friday, 6 p.m. - 7 a.m. the next morning. Drivers may see shoulder and lane closures during daytime hours on the weekends. The project is expected to be completed in spring 2023.

ROUTE 655 INTERSECTION AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS - Construction to improve the intersection and shoulders on Route 655 and various locations from 0.91 mile north of the Route 653 and 655 (Goodview Road and Route 616 (Horseshoe Bend Road) to 0.038 mile north of the Route 655 (Good View Road) and Route 616 (Horseshoe Bend Road) is underway. Flagging operations at the intersection of Goodview Road and Horseshoe Bend will be in place during the week and work hours of 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The expected completion date is the end of September 2022.

ROUTE 623 CULVERT REPLACEMENT - A section of Route 623 (Turkey Foot Road) in Campbell County on the Bedford County line is closed to replace a culvert which carries Buffalo Creek. This structure is located .18 mile north of Route 460 and 0.68 mile south of the Bedford/Campbell County line. There will be signage for a detour. The road has now been rescheduled to open Sept. 9, 2022, due

to recent flooding on the project, additional bedrock removal, and utility work.

ROUTE 619 CULVERT REPLACEMENT - A project to replace a culvert on Route 619 is underway. Route 619 will be reduced to one lane with a temporary signal controlling traffic from Route 1460 to Route 839. Expected completion of the project is the end of September 2022.

ROUTE 715 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT - A bridge replacement project over Norfolk Southern Railroad has closed Route 715 (Lowry Road). The bridge is located 0.085 mile south of Norfolk Southern Railroad to 0.048 mile north of Norfolk Southern Railroad on Route 715. Message boards will alert drivers. This replacement will change the current single lane steel and wooden bridge to a two-lane concrete bridge. A detour will be in place. Travelers will use Route 671 (Timber Ridge Road) to Route 221 (Forrest Road). The detour will remain in place until project completion which is scheduled for Fall 2022.

SURFACE TREATMENT OPERATIONS - Weather permitting, crews will begin surface treatment operations 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. The road surface may be rough for several weeks after surface treatment is applied. Once it packs down, the road surface will be brushed and return to a more smooth surface.

ROUTE 122 UTILITY WORK - MMI will be installing fiber optic along 122 from the Franklin County line to the Town of Bedford line and Route 460 eastbound from the Town of Bedford to Alum Springs Road. This work will be ongoing. Motorists should expect shoulder or lane closures for travel in both directions. Intermittent slow rolls will be required for periods lasting no longer than 15 minutes.

ROUTE 619 CULVERT REPLACEMENT - Crews are replacing a culvert on Route 619 with a road closure in place. The closure is being operated by temporary signals through August 26, not to exceed 90 days. A flagging operation will be used as needed on Route 619 from Route 1460 to Route 839 during the hours of 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Expected completion is the end of September 2022.

BOTETOWN COUNTY

ROUTE 11 BUCHANAN BRIDGE

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PROJECT - A construction project on the Route 11 Bridge in the Town of Buchanan is underway. Water Street will be closed, and drivers should expect lane closures with flagging operations. Message boards are present to alert and update drivers.

ROUTE 817 (OLD RAIL ROAD) BRIDGE WORK - Old Rail Road in Oriskany is closed for repairs to the bridge over Craig's Creek, the historic McCallister Truss Bridge. The bridge is located 0.60 miles from Route 704 (Branchwater Road) and 0.20 miles from Route 770 (Edlo Lane). The bridge will be closed during daytime hours, 8 a.m. through 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday, when the water level is low. Work on this bridge is restricted when water in the creek is high. All traffic between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. will use the Edlo Ford. Signs have been posted to alert drivers. Estimated time for completion is the fall of 2022.

CARROLL COUNTY

ROUTE 645 CULVERT REPLACEMENT - Partial removal and demolition of the existing culvert on Route 645 (Stone Mountain Road) is underway. The road will be closed for removal of existing culvert and installation of a new box culvert. A detour will be in place at the intersections of Route 645 and Route 618 and Route 645 and Route 638. Estimated completion is April 2023.

ROUTE 58 WESTBOUND BRIDGE REPLACEMENT - Work has begun to replace

the bridge on Route 58 westbound over Crooked Creek near the Woodlawn area. The bridge is located between the intersections with Route 822 (Fieldview Road) and Route 887 (Glendale Road). Initially, the project will focus on constructing crossovers between the above-mentioned intersections with intermittent and temporary single lane closures in place. These crossovers are temporary during the bridge replacement with single lanes in each direction until the end of the project. Once the crossovers are complete, Route 58 westbound will be temporarily detoured through the left lane of Route 58 eastbound, limiting travel in each direction to a single lane. A right lane closure will be in place traveling westbound and a left lane closure traveling eastbound. The project is scheduled to be completed in December 2022.

TRAFFIC SHIFT - A traffic shift is in place reducing both directions to one lane near Glendale Drive. It will be in place for approximately 12 months or until fall 2022. All eastbound traffic will use the existing right eastbound lane. All westbound traffic will be shifted to the existing left eastbound lane.

Right lane closures may be in place on Route 58 eastbound between Route 822 (Fieldview Road) and Route 887 (Glendale Road).

CRAIG COUNTY

ROUTE 311 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER MEADOW CREEK - Temporary signals began

controlling traffic across the bridge are in place throughout the project. Construction will begin on the northbound side of the bridge and once completed, work will switch to the southbound side. In addition, a section of Route 646 (Allen Street) between Route 650 and Route 311 will be closed during construction and a signed detour will be in place. All traffic will be detoured to Marshall Street and Kanawha Street to access either 311 or the homes located off Allen Street. Speed limit will be reduced to 35 mph in the work zone with a width restriction of 9 feet. Drivers should expect delays and allow extra travel time through the work zone. Weather permitting, the bridge is expected to be open to traffic by the end of 2022.

FLOYD COUNTY

ROUTE 728 BRIDGE WORK CLOSURE - A section of Route 728 (Reedville Road) is closed for bridge work on the bridge over West Fork Little River. This closure is located 0.4 mile from Route 729 and 0.8 mile from Route 743. The road is scheduled to be completed on August 19.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

ROUTE 865 RURAL RUSTIC PROJECT - Route 865 (Timberline Road) construction is underway for a rural rustic project which begins at 0.24 mile west of Route 781 to 0.38 mile north of Route 781. Drivers can expect intermittent flagging as needed. The scheduled completion date is Oc-

tober 13, 2022.

ROUTE 834 AND 670 ROUNDABOUT PROJECT - The roundabout project at Route 834 (Brooks Mill Road) and Route 670 (Burnt Chimney Road) is underway. Flaggers will be controlling traffic around the intersection of Route 670 (Burnt Chimney Road) and Route 834 (Brooks Mill Road) on weekdays during the spring and summer months. The speed limit will be reduced to 35 mph in the work zone. Drivers should expect traffic shifts and new traffic patterns throughout the duration of the project as turn lanes and portions of the new roundabout are being constructed. The new roundabout with lighting is anticipated to open to traffic in fall 2022. Overall project is expected to be completed in early 2023.

GILES COUNTY

ROUTE 673 ROAD WIDENING AND RESURFACING - The widening, stabilizing, and resurfacing of Route 673 (Penvir Road) is underway. Work begins at the intersection with Route 61 (Wolf Creek Highway) through 1.2 miles south of the intersection. Drivers can expect intermittent single lane closures controlled by flagging operations. Expected completion is September 2022.

HENRY COUNTY

ROUTE 220 BUSINESS NORTHBOUND BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER REED CREEK - The Route 220 Business northbound bridge over Reed Creek is scheduled for a replacement

beginning the end of August or first part of September. It is located on Route 220 Business over Reed Creek approximately 0.4 miles east of the Route 220 and Route 220 Business intersection. The bridge work will require the northbound bridge being restricted to one lane of travel across the bridge throughout the duration of the project. The bridge will have a width restriction in place of 13' 6". Message boards will be in place to alert drivers. Expected completion date is September 2024.

ROUTE 220 SOUTH RIDGEWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

- Construction is underway for safety improvements on Route 220 South from VA/NC State line to Route 688 at mile marker 3.06. There will be a left lane closure in place until the work is complete. Completion is expected in October 2022.

PATRICK COUNTY

ROUTE 58 LOVER'S LEAP PROJECT - Construction is underway on the Lover's Leap area of Route 58. Current work includes clearing and grading activities on the west and east portions of the project. While traffic impacts are limited in the east section, flagging operations may be in place in the west section. While detour signs in a fluorescent

pink color are in place, these do not designate a permanent or scheduled detour. The signed detour route is suitable for all traffic during incidents including tractor-trailers and other large vehicles. These signs are used for incident detours only. Message boards are in place to alert traffic and drivers should expect delays. Estimated completion date is May 2026.

BLASTING

NOTICE: Blasting operations are underway on the project. Intermittent blasting will be scheduled between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on weekdays and continue at various locations on the project through summer of 2025. The first blasting will impact traffic in the vicinity of Dehart Botanical Gardens, approximately 1.7 miles east of the Lovers Leap Mountain overlook and Fred Clifton Park. For blasting that is close to Route 58, traffic in both directions may be blocked for approximately 15-20 minutes at a time. Drivers and residents along the Route 58 corridor should expect loud noise and allow extra travel time. Electronic message boards will be used to inform drivers of scheduled blasting that will impact traffic.

PULASKI COUNTY

None at this time.

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