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Six candidates vie for seat on Radford City Council



Kellie Artrip



Bobby Davis



Jessie Foster



Seth Gillespie



Janiele Hamden



Chad McClanahan

Six candidates have qualified to run for seats on the Radford City Council: Kellie Artrip, Bobby Davis, Jessie Foster, Seth Gillespie, Janiele Hamden, and Chad McClanahan.

David Horton has qualified to run for another term as Mayor.

Kellie Artrip is an RHS graduate who has coordinated the Santa Store Fundraiser at McHarg Elementary and serves on the McHarg PSA Board as treasurer.

Bobby Davis's concerns about Radford's infrastructure and financial situation and its understaffed police department led him to declare for the city council.

Jessie Foster is a veteran

who is running for reelection to the city council. During her 14 years as a Radford resident, she has served on the Radford City School Board and the Radford City Council for 4-year terms each. During her terms, McHarg Elementary School was renovated, Main street was redesigned, and local parks were supported financially including new tennis and basketball courts. As a veteran, she took special interest in Radford's American Legion building and was instrumental in ensuring that the building will stand for generations to come.

Seth Gillespie is a lifelong resident of Radford who is a 2007 graduate of RHS and a 2012 gradu-

ate of RU with a degree in history. He became a small business owner in June 2020 when he purchased Gates Flowers and Gifts in Christiansburg. While he was in college, he worked for the Radford Recreation department. In 2018 he was appointed to the Radford City Planning Commission, and he continues to serve today.

Janiele Hamden grew up in Radford with her dad, Marshall Hamden, who was a small business owner of Lee Ralph's Sporting Goods, Central Market, M & M Realty, and Allegheny Cafe. She attended Radford City Schools, where she graduated in 2001. While working full time, she began her college education at

NRCC and then continued on to Radford University, graduating with both her B.S. (Psychology & Philosophy) and M.S. degrees (Counselor Education). She is the founder and executive director of a local non-profit, the RADical Change Commission, whose mission of initiating and supporting efforts for systemic change are vital for building a better Radford.

Chad McClanahan has been a resident of Radford for over 20 years. If elected, he will seek to secure more business on the west end of Radford and will work to beautify downtown.

David Horton has served as Mayor of Radford for four years. He

quotes those four years as a time of record investment in the community; growth in housing and jobs; and enhancement of recreation, education, and the community's quality of life. His prior service roles include environmental improvement, the Radford Chamber of Commerce, Main Street Radford, and Beautification and Municipal Forestry. "This time spent in service has helped me learn much about what makes our community work and how we, as residents, can move our city forward," the Mayor says. He says his hope is "to continue to lead Radford to even greater success with more 21st century jobs, enhanced spaces throughout the city, ad-



Mayoral Candidate David Horton

ditional investment in our citizens with new sources of money from outside the community, and to protect the resources and revenues of the city to ensure long term sustainability."

— Submitted by Radford Chamber of Commerce

Kiwanis Club of Christiansburg's 2022/2023 officers installed at annual meeting



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY ERNIE WADE, KIWANIS CLUB OF CHRISTIANSBURG
The Kiwanis Club of Christiansburg installed its slate of officers for 2022-23 at its recent annual meeting. The new officers are (left to right) Mark Cox, Treasurer; Gary Morris, President; Dan Fite, Vice President; Kelley Olsen, Immediate Past President; and Bruce Board, Assistant Secretary.

The Kiwanis Club of Christiansburg installed its slate of officers for 2022-23 at its recent annual meeting. Steve Simmons (a member of the Christiansburg Club currently serving as the Lt. Governor for the 16th Division of the Capital District), installed the club's officers and directors.

Directors who were installed and who will serve through 2024 are Jim Vanhoozier, George Silber, Christina Waddell and Leo Scaggs. Other directors remaining on the Board through 2023 are Blaine Kee-see, Fernando Vissani, Alison Gordon, and Bruce Board.

Earlier in the evening Steve Simmons was installed as Division 16's Lt. Governor by Bob Levitt, Trustee of the Capital

District and a member of the Christiansburg Club.

Dan Fite was selected as the Kiwanian of the Year. This award is granted to the club member who demonstrates outstanding service during the year.

The club meets each Thursday evening at 6:30 at the Holiday Inn in Christiansburg.

Kiwanis is a global organization of members, clubs, and partners who are dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time. The Kiwanis Club of Christiansburg has provided service locally since its charter was granted in 1949.

— Ernie Wade, Kiwanis Club of Christiansburg



Montgomery crash kills motorcycle rider

MONTGOMERY Co., Va. — Virginia State Police are investigating a motorcycle crash that occurred Friday (Oct 7) at 6:30 p.m. on Interstate 81, one mile north of North Fork Road in Montgomery County.

76-year-old Joseph Clyde Long of Allentown, Penn., was travel-

ing south on his 2007 Harley Davidson when the motorcycle ran off the left side of the highway, struck a guardrail, and ejected the driver.

Long was wearing his helmet but was pronounced dead at the scene.

The crash remains under investigation.

VT's Vaughn-Oliver Plaza dedicated to family of first-known Black employee

The contributions of Virginia Tech's first-known Black employee and his family are not forgotten.

Virginia Tech formally dedicated the space outside of the Liberal Arts and Human Sciences' building as the Vaughn-Oliver Plaza on Sept. 29, in honor of Andrew Jackson Oliver and his wife, Fannie Vaughn Oliver.

Virginia Tech community members gathered along the concrete walkway on the crisp autumn morning and listened as several speakers paid tribute to the couple and their family.

A plaque placed at See Plaza, page 4



PHOTO COURTESY OF VIRGINIA TECH

A plaque at the front of the Vaughn-Oliver Plaza honors VT's first Black employee, Andrew Jackson Oliver, his wife, Fannie Vaughn Oliver, and the many Black university employees who have failed to receive recognition. Oliver began working at VT as a janitor in the 1870s. At the time, his skin color prevented him from enrolling as a student. He was called "a natural tree artist" for the many trees he planted on campus. In 1887, he became the first Black person to be admitted to the West Virginia bar.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, Oct. 12:

Brown Bag book club
At the Radford Public Library, noon to 1 p.m. This is a casual discussion of Stephen King's "The Shining."

Virginia mortgage relief
At the Radford Public Library from 2 to 7 p.m. Virginia was awarded \$258 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds to support homeowners facing housing instability resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Outreach specialists will be on site to teach about eligibility requirements, qualified expenses, and more. The mobile bus will also be on site. VirginiaMortgageRelief.com.

Candidate forum
In conjunction with the League of Women Voters, the NAACP, and the Radford Chamber of Commerce, a Radford City Council candidate forum will take place at the Radford High School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 13:

Ice cream social, wealth gap discussion
Our Saviour Lutheran Church, 1845 Cambria St., Christiansburg, will host an ice cream social and discussion of the wealth gap in the U.S. from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the church's fellowship hall. Following refreshments, the church will use a Bread for the World's Racial Wealth Gap exercise to guide the conversation. The event is sponsored by the church and LT2 ("Learning to Live Together").

River City Quilt Guild
The River City Quilt Guild will meet at 9:30 a.m. in Grove United Methodist Church, 1020 Tyler Ave., Radford. All skill levels of quilters are welcome. For more information call Anna Handy, 540-320-7791.

Mithila Musings Symposium
The Radford University Art Museum is hosting an international symposium on Mithila art of North India. A morning session will be held at the Floyd Center for the Arts from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Speakers will include Guest Curator John H. Bowles, Dr. Punam Madhok (East Carolina University), Dr. Suchitra Samanta (Virginia Tech), and Dr. Susan Wadley (Syracuse University). An afternoon session will be held at Radford University in Davis Performance Hall in Covington Center for the Arts from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Speakers include Bowles, Prof. Radhika Bordia (Jindal University, India), Dr. Mani Shekhar Singh (Jindal University, India), Artist Urmila Devi and former Director of the Mithila Art Institute Kaushik Kumar Jha, and Prof. Kathryn Myers (University of Connecticut). Attendees can view related art exhibitions. "Mithila Medley" is on view at the Floyd Center for the Arts and "Raja Salhesh's Garden" is on view in Covington in the gallery opposite the Davis Performance Hall at Radford University. "Raja Salhesh's Garden" is the first-ever international group show to focus on Mithila's Dalit artists. All events are free and open to the public.

Friday, Oct. 14:

Cupcake wars
At the Blacksburg Library at 3 p.m. Attendees can put their decorating skills to the test in this spooktacular edition of Cupcake Wars. Supplies will be provided. Registration is required for participation. Recommended for ages 9 and up.

Healthy smoothies
At the Christiansburg Library at 3 p.m. Participants will learn how to make affordable, healthy smoothies and snacks. This program is co-sponsored by the Virginia Cooperative Extension.

Saturday, Oct. 15:

National Paint Your Own Pottery Day at local studio
Paint Your Own Pottery (PYOP) stores around the country will offer special classes and events to celebrate National PYOP Day. Paint 'n Fun Ceramics in Christiansburg will be participating with activities for everyone in the family.

Radford Reads
Mystery author Katharine Schellman will talk about two of her new books, "Death at the Manor" (Lily Adler series, Book 3), and "Last Call at the Nightingale" at the Radford Public Library at 3 p.m. Blacksburg Books will be present to sell copies of Katharine's books. This event was made possible by the Lamplighters.

Caturday
At the Christiansburg Library noon to 1 p.m. Participants may sign up at the front desk for a 15-minute slot to read to a cat from the Montgomery County Animal Care and Adoption Center to practice reading and to socialize shelter cats. Open to all ages. Email spahl@mfrl.org for more information.

Sunday, Oct. 16:

Author Talk with Jane Goette
At the Blacksburg Library at 2 p.m. Jane Goette will talk about her book, "A River Road Memoir," a journey through a young girl's idyllic childhood in the rural South to her restless adolescence when the Civil Rights struggle becomes urgent and personal to her family. This unfolding story is told through the second daughter's eyes. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. For more information, contact Linda Spivey at 540-382-6969, ext. 221.

Monday, Oct. 17:

Candidate forum
In conjunction with the League of Women Voters, the NAACP, and the Radford Chamber of Commerce, a Radford City School Board Candidate forum will take place at the Radford High School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

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

Tuesday, Oct. 18:

Candidates meet and greet
The Radford Heritage Foundation is hosting a meet and greet with the candidates for mayor and the Radford City Council from 5 to 7 p.m. The event is being held at the Glencoe Mansion and is open to the public.

Adverse childhood experiences training with NRVCs
At the Blacksburg Library at noon. New River Valley Community Service's Community Outreach and Wellness Specialists Dee Frith and Caroline Mullins will present a session on adverse childhood experiences (ACEs). This training will focus on trauma and resiliency with a strong message of hope. Attendees are welcome to bring their lunch.

Hallosteam
At the Christiansburg Library at 6 p.m. Participants can learn how things glow in the dark by making spooky glowing crafts. Ages 6 and up.

Wednesday, Oct. 19:

American Business Women's Association October luncheon meeting
The American Business Women's Association will hold its October luncheon meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Christiansburg-Blacksburg Holiday Inn, 99 Bradley Drive, Christiansburg. The speaker will be Dr. Barbara Johnson, who will speak on women's health. The da Blackwood of Theorem is the speaker sponsor for this event. RSVP by Oct. 17, 2022, by contacting Terri Welch at christiansburg@wineanddesign.com.

Art Club: Mexican folk art and Día de los Muertos
At the Christiansburg Library at 2 p.m. Participants will explore Mexican folk art and the art surrounding Día de los Muertos (the Day of the Dead), including creating sugar skulls. For ages 8 and up. Registration is required.

Library Board of Trustees meeting
At the Meadowbrook Public Library; 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 20:

Radford Photo Club meeting
The Radford Photo Club will meet at the Radford Public Library at 6 p.m. Sharon Gilbert of Radford will talk about the different formats she uses to print her photos, such as ceramic tile, wood, slate, and metal. Meetings, events, and outings are open to the public. The photo challenge for October is pets. The club is made up of professional and amateur photographers from throughout the New River Valley.

Legend of Sleepy Hollow
A performance of the classic "Legend of Sleepy Hollow" by Bright Star Theater will be given at the Radford Public Library at 5 p.m. Follow Ichabod Crane as he becomes the schoolmaster in Sleepy Hollow and encounters spooky events he will never forget. Appropriate for ages 4+. Sponsored by the Lamplighters.

Saturday, Oct. 22:

Blacksburg leaf compost pickup
Loose and bagged leaves collected by the Town of Blacksburg are composted into leaf mulch that can be used as a soil additive and for composting. It is available to Blacksburg residents for pickup. Register at: [https://www.blacksburg.gov/Home/Components/News/News/10139/304?backlist=%2fhome%2f-fsited-1#/.](https://www.blacksburg.gov/Home/Components/News/News/10139/304?backlist=%2fhome%2f-fsited-1#/)

Sons of Norway meeting
For all people of Scandinavian/Nordic heritage or those interested in the Nordic countries (Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Iceland), interesting programs, and activities on heritage and culture. The local lodge of the international Sons of Norway organization will meet from 1 to 3 p.m. at College Lutheran Church, 210 South College Ave., Salem. All ages are welcome, men and women, boys and girls. For information, call Joann Barfield, 540-380-2926.

Fall children's consignment sale
Blacksburg United Methodist Church will hold its semi-annual consignment sale of children's items at the Whisner Building of the main church campus, 111 Church St. in Blacksburg, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Great deals will be available on gently used kids' clothes and shoes, toys, books, games, movies, baby gear and accessories, sports equipment, maternity clothing and more. Many items are like-new (some even brand-new). Some items will be half price between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m., so shoppers can come early for the best selection. Proceeds will benefit local charities.

150th Church Anniversary and Homecoming
First Missionary Baptist Church-New River, 7318 Manns Dr., Fairlawn, will celebrate its 150th anniversary with a weekend homecoming. Church pastor the Rev.

Richard A. Goodman, Sr., and Sister Carla Harvey will be the speakers; 3 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 23:

150th Church Anniversary and Homecoming
First Missionary Baptist Church-New River, 7318 Manns Dr., Fairlawn, continues its weekend celebration of its 150th anniversary. Church pastor the Rev. Richard A. Goodman, Sr., and the Rev. Lee Pasha, Pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Roanoke will speak. 3 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 24:

Board of Supervisors meeting
The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors will meet at the Government Center, 755 Roanoke St. in Christiansburg. A closed session begins at 6 p.m. if needed. Open sessions begin at 7:15 p.m. Citizens are invited to attend and are allowed to speak at each meeting. All regular meetings of the Board of Supervisors are rebroadcast on Montgomery County Comcast and Shentel Channels 190 daily.

Radford City Council meeting
The Radford City Council will meet in the Starnes Council Chambers at the Radford Municipal Building, 10 Robertson St. at 7 p.m. The agenda can be found at www.radfordva.gov.

Tuesday, Oct. 25:

Blacksburg Town Council meeting
The Blacksburg Town Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 S. Main St. These meetings are open to the public and are televised live on WTOB Channel 2.

Christiansburg Town Council meeting
The Christiansburg Town Council will meet at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Town Hall (100 E. Main St.).

Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce training
The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce will present "Citizen Response to Active Threats and Personal Safety" training in the community room at the new Blacksburg Police Department, 200 East Clay St., Blacksburg from 10 a.m. to noon. Training is open to all businesses, faith communities, school personnel, and civic organizations and will be conducted by law enforcement personnel from the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, and the Blacksburg Police, Christiansburg Police, and Virginia Tech Police departments. The training is free to members of the chamber and is \$10 for non-members. Register at <https://www.montgomerycc.org/events/details/citizen-response-to-active-threats-and-personal-safety-9023>.

Ongoing:

Stormwater utility credits available
Residents of the Town of Blacksburg who have a stormwater facility on their site may qualify for a credit on their monthly stormwater utility fee. Go to www.blacksburg.gov/stormwater-fund and review the Stormwater Utility Credit Manual to determine eligibility. The deadline for stormwater utility credit applications is Jan. 1, 2023. For questions, contact stormwater@blacksburg.gov or call 540-443-1354.

Halloween costume drive
Through Oct. 15 at the Meadowbrook Public Library, which is collecting new and like-new Halloween Costumes in all sizes. Costumes may be dropped off at the circulation desk during library hours. Costumes are for a free program on Monday, Oct. 17 at the Meadowbrook Library from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. First come first served while costumes last.

Coat drive in memory of Cindy Collins
Underway at the Meadowbrook Public Library. Donations of new and gently used coats sizes 4t-XXL may be dropped off at the library for students in Eastern Montgomery. Contact Cindy Minnick with any questions. (540) 268-1964.

Applications underway for NRV Master Gardener grants
The NRV Master Gardener Association is now accepting grant applications for 2023 gardening projects. Grants are awarded based on merit to educational, caregiving, or community-based organizations seeking to educate, involve, and/or improve quality of life through a gardening-related project. Open to counties of Floyd, Giles, Pulaski, and Montgomery (and towns within) and the City of Radford. Applications must be electronically received (if emailed) or postmarked (if mailed through the USPS) by Oct. 15, 2022. For more information and to submit a project application, contact Carol Trutt at 540-239-9591 or at caroltrutt53@hotmail.com. Email is preferred, but applications may be mailed to Carol at the following address: 95 N Surry Circle, Christiansburg, VA 24073.



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PETS OF THE WEEK



Sweet Pea is ready to head home. This younger pup would enjoy a home where she has room to run. She enjoys being with other dogs but would do best in a home with no children. Sweet Pea likes to play with and chase tennis balls. Stop by the Animal Care and Adoption Center to see if Sweet Pea is the gal for you.



Leroy is a friendly boy who gets along with other dogs as well as younger humans. He enjoys playing with toys, eating delicious treats, and hanging out with his favorite people. Leroy would benefit from some basic doggie manners training.

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Turkey prices double as Thanksgiving approaches

While there are enough turkeys to meet Thanksgiving demand this year, consumers can expect to pay more than double for their holiday bird.

Inflation and avian influenza outbreaks are contributing to the price hikes, according to American Farm Bureau Federation economists. The retail price for fresh boneless, skinless turkey breast reached a record high of \$6.70 per pound in September, 112% higher than the same time in 2021 when prices were \$3.16 per pound. The previous record-high price was \$5.88 per pound in November 2015, during that year's highly pathogenic avian flu outbreak.

Retail food prices in general were 11.4% higher this August compared to the same time last year.

"All of us are feeling the pain of higher prices at the grocery store," said AFBF President Zippy Duvall. "HPAI outbreaks in the

spring and an uptick in cases in the fall are taking a toll, but farmers remain dedicated to ensuring America's food supply remains strong."

A cost hike for feed, fuel, and fertilizer makes raising turkeys more expensive. Record-high production costs increased by 17.8% from 2021.

Louisa County farmer Casey Hoback raises upward of 47,000 turkeys annually at Hoback Farms LLC. While his flocks have remained healthy, supply disruptions associated with avian influenza still affect his operational costs.

"It has knocked out a lot of breeder flocks, so egg production is greatly reduced," Hoback explained. "Supply is quickly drying up in spots, and there's not an overnight replacement. It takes months of growing time."

Avian influenza is re-surfacing in the U.S. this fall due to waterfowl mi-

gration, said Tony Banks, senior assistant director of agriculture, development and, innovation for Virginia Farm Bureau Federation. And turkey production was already down over 13% from pre-pandemic levels in September, further straining supply, he said.

"Turkey processing weights also are down as companies process birds at lighter weights to avoid potential flock losses to avian influenza; however, these lighter birds, at 7% smaller than in September 2021, also limit supplies." Inflation just exacerbates those challenges.

"Fuel is a huge driver of cost increase," Hoback said. "Petroleum is a building block of commercial fertilizer that goes into making feed, which drives up raw feed costs. The cost of fuel also affects the cost of hauling turkeys and feed."

Despite the record high prices, Americans aren't

expected to go cold turkey this year.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates per-capita turkey consumption is forecast to in-

crease 7.7% heading into 2023. Consumers may be seeking turkey as a price-conscious alternative to other meats, which also have increased in price

due to a combination of COVID-related supply chain issues and inflation.

— News Messenger staff



Turkey prices reached a record high in September of 6.70 per pound.

Hurricane Ian leaves positive impression on Virginia farmland



Rarely does good news follow a hurricane. But, in the instance of Hurricane Ian, Virginia farmers said the storm brought beneficial weather for drought-stressed field crops, hay, and pastureland.

Hurricane Ian, the first named storm of the 2022 Atlantic hurricane season to impact Virginia, passed through the state Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. The storm produced at least 3½ inches of rain in some Virginia localities, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service's crop report for the week ending Oct. 2.

The report also revealed that the moisture levels increased dramatically after Ian's arrival. During the week ending Sept. 25, there was a 32% moisture shortage in Virginia's topsoil and a 27% shortage in subsoil.

During the week ending Oct. 2, the moisture shortage in topsoil dipped to 8%, while subsoil lowered to 22%. In all, the moisture of Virginia's topsoil now stands at 91% adequate or better, and subsoil is 77% adequate

or better.

"I hate to use the term 'welcome sight,' but (Hurricane Ian) was a welcome sight," said Augusta County hay, cattle and poultry producer Matt Hickey.

"It was getting pretty dry up here, and we desperately needed the rain," said Hickey, who serves on the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Poultry Advisory Committee. "Now that I have some moisture in the ground, it's a good time to get some cover crops planted too."

Fellow Augusta County farmer Brad Dunsmore noted that Hurricane Ian was "uneventful," and that during the storm, rain fell slowly and steadily with little wind. He also said he hadn't noticed any discernible flood or wind damage to his farm or others nearby.

Although the Oct. 2 National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) crop report indicated pastureland was deteriorating statewide, Dunsmore and Hickey agreed the rain from the storm improved conditions locally.

"In our general area, most people got anything from about 1½ to 3 inches of rain," Dunsmore said. "Our ground soaked it all up, and it was a great rain for us. It's been a great boost."

Following Hurricane Ian, Virginia's cotton crop stands at 78% good-to-excellent condition and 99% fair-or-better condition, and the state's peanut crop is 71% good-to-excellent and 99% is fair-or-better.

"We hate to talk about storms being a benefit," Parish said. "But, when you get into a drought like many of us did, people really were looking for a tropical storm to just barely come through and throw some rain our way."

"We'll take what we got. We definitely benefited from the moisture."

— Virginia Farm Bureau

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Offering # 2 - 0.364 acres just outside the Town of Floyd limits. This property would be an excellent building site for a business, home, etc. The lot has town water and sewer available. There is an easement from Offering 1 through Offering 2 for water & sewer lines.

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OPINION

Financial Focus: What should Alzheimer's caregivers know?

If you have a family member who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or is starting to show symptoms, you will face some real challenges. Navigating the Alzheimer's experience involves a long journey, and there's no easy answer for how you can cope with your emotions.

But you can at least address some of the financial issues involved to help give yourself a greater sense of control.

Here are some moves to consider:

Plan for care costs and identify insurance coverage. The list of Alzheimer's-related medical expenses is long and includes ongoing medical treatment, medical equipment, home safety modifications, prescription drugs and personal care supplies. As a caregiver, you'll

want to know the extent of your loved one's health insurance: Medicare, supplemental policies, veteran's benefits if applicable, and so on.

One big question is how much coverage they might have for adult day care services, in-home care services and full-time residential care services, and other long-term care options. Long-term care is one of the largest health care costs not covered by Medicare, so you'll want to determine if your loved one has a long-term care policy or another insurance policy with a long-term care rider.

Identify assets and debts. You'll need to know your family member's financial position, both what they own — bank accounts, investments, property, etc. — and what they

owe, such as credit card debt, a mortgage, lines of credit, and so on. This knowledge will be essential if you're granted power of attorney to take over your loved one's finances.

Look for tax breaks available to caregivers. If you're a caregiver, you may have to pay for some care costs out of pocket. Consequently, you could receive some tax credits and deductions. These benefits vary by state, so you'll want to consult with your tax advisor to determine your eligibility.

Ensure necessary legal documents are in place. As a caregiver, you may need to ensure some legal documents are in place, such as a durable power of attorney for finances, which lets you make financial decisions for your loved one with Alzheimer's, and a du-

able power of attorney for health care, which lets you make health care and medical decisions on their behalf. It's important to have these and other necessary documents drawn up before someone is diagnosed with Alzheimer's or when they're just starting to exhibit the earliest signs of the disease, so they can understand what documents they are signing. If you wait until they no longer have this cognitive ability, things will get much more challenging. You could apply to become a conservator, which grants decision-making abilities similar to a power of attorney, but the conservatorship process takes time and could involve court procedures. To avoid this potential difficulty, work with your tax and legal professionals to en-

sure all the relevant legal documents are in-force and updated.

Finally, you don't have to go it alone. To help deal with the emotional challenges of caregiving, you can find local Alzheimer's support groups that can offer practical suggestions for coping. As for the financial issues, consider working with a financial professional who can look at your family's overall situation and recommend appropriate actions.

A diagnosis of Alzheimer's will change the lives of everyone in your family. But as a caregiver, you can help ease the burden.

Submitted by local Edward Jones Financial Advisor Meghan Kuczumski (540) 552-1421.

Virginia gas prices soar upward by almost 19 cents per gallon

Average gasoline prices in Virginia rose 18.9 cents per gallon last week, averaging \$3.49/g as of Monday, Oct. 10, according to GasBuddy's survey of 4,081 stations in Virginia.

Prices in Virginia are 1.8 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and 37.2 cents per

gallon higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has increased 18.0 cents in the last week and stands at \$5.04 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Virginia was priced at \$2.59/g Monday while the most expensive was \$4.69/g, a difference of \$2.10/g.

The national average price of gasoline rose 13.8 cents per gallon last week, averaging \$3.92/g Monday. The national average is up 22.5 cents per gallon from a month

ago and stands 67.0 cents per gallon higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

"With OPEC deciding to cut oil production by two million barrels a day, we've seen oil prices surge 20%, which is the primary factor in the national average rising for the third straight week," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "Some of the refinery snags that

have caused prices to surge in the West and Great Lakes appear to be improving with prices in those two regions likely to inch down even with OPEC's decision as the drop in wholesale prices has offset the rise due to the production cut," said De Haan. "But where gas prices didn't jump because of refinery issues, they will rise a total of 10 to 30 cents due to oil's rise, and some areas are certainly seeing the jump already. For now, I don't expect much improvement in prices for most of the country,

with California and the Great Lakes as the exception with downdrafts likely in the days and weeks ahead."

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data. GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country. GasBuddy data are accessible at <http://prices.GasBuddy.com>.

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Plaza

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the front of the plaza acknowledges that the Olivers "embodied the connections between the campus and the local Black community from Virginia Tech's beginnings."

Andrew Oliver began working as a janitor at Virginia Tech in the 1870s. At the time, the university was the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College. Born a slave and emancipated after the Civil War, Oliver helped maintain the campus of the land-grant military institution. The school's agriculturist at the time dubbed Oliver a "natural tree artist" for the many trees that he planted on campus.

By the end of 1880,

the institution hired four additional Black employees to help Oliver, according to Virginia Tech's Black history timeline.

Andrew Oliver married Fannie Vaughn Oliver, who was also born a slave, in 1859. The two had at least seven children, many of whom helped their father plant trees on campus. Their son Andrew "A.J." Oliver Jr. is believed to be Roanoke's first black attorney.

The color of A.J. Oliver's skin prevented him from enrolling at Virginia Tech as a student. He earned an education from Christiansburg Institute (CI) before moving to West Virginia and working as a laborer. There, he trained to become a lawyer and in 1887 became the first Black person admitted to the bar in West Virginia before moving to Roanoke two years later. "When CI first started, it did not matter what age you were," said Kathryn King, president of the Christiansburg Institute Alumni Association Inc. "The school was intended to educate all African Americans that wanted to have higher education to

help them succeed in life. Andrew Oliver Jr. attending Christiansburg Institute certainly makes me proud."

The dedication ceremony, delayed by the pandemic, comes after Virginia Tech's Board of Visitors approved a resolution last year to name the plaza after the Oliver family. The plaza was nominated and sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

"If you look at any Blacksburg census for 1920 to 1930, family after family after family of African Americans literally kept this school working," said Associate Professor of History Daniel Thorp. "They were the ones that made this school function."

Thorp noted that although Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College had no ownership of enslaved African Americans, the school was built on the profits of their labor.

"I think it's wonderful that the university has now begun to acknowledge that," Thorp said.

Other speakers included Shaila Mehra, assistant dean of diversity, equity, and inclusion at

the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; Wendy Halsey, assistant vice president for facilities operations at Virginia Tech; and Jessie Sherman Eaves, first vice president of the Christiansburg Institute Alumni Association Inc.

During her speech, Mehra honored the continued hard work of the university's staff during an unprecedented time.

"Not long after the proposal was submitted, the world shut down due to the COVID-19 pandemic," Mehra said. "But shut down is not accurate. Facilities, janitorial, dining, and grounds-keeping staff at Virginia Tech, at considerable risk, had to keep coming to work in person."

"It is fitting that as we gather in the plaza dedicated to two individuals who are custodial employees of this university, that we acknowledge how current-day staff in similar roles met their professional responsibilities, despite the unprecedented stresses in the past two years."

— Virginia Tech College of liberal arts and human sciences

OBITUARY

Davis, Gretchen "Pooch" Keith

Gretchen "Pooch" Keith Davis, 60, passed away Friday, Oct. 7, 2022, at her home in Dublin.

She was a CNA with Radford Hospital.

Gretchen was preceded in death by her father, Otis E. Keith; and her mother and stepfather, Jim and Margaret Martin.

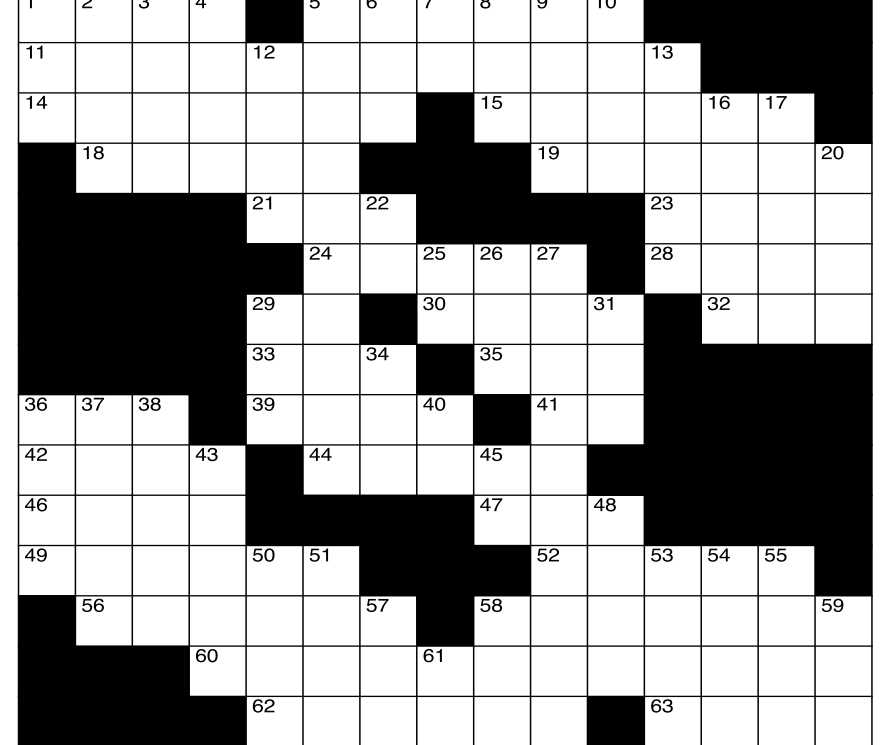
Survivors include her husband, Rodger L. Davis; a daughter, Star Melton; grandchildren Hailey Melton and Cameron

Melton; brothers Kyle, Jerry and Wayne Keith; sisters Deborah "Lois" Dripps and Judy McPeak; a furry friend, Nadia; and many other relatives and friends.

The family received friends on Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2022, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Memorial services followed with the Rev. Marcus Harrison and Delores Shelton officiating.

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

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Flat-topped hill
 - 5. Move upward
 - 11. Admiration
 - 14. It's useful for serving food
 - 15. Kidnap
 - 18. One of the Greek Muses
 - 19. A type of media
 - 21. Sunscreen rating
 - 23. Former Michigan coach Brady
 - 24. German town devastated in WW2
 - 28. Gasteyer and Ortiz are two
 - 29. Leave
 - 30. Forearm bone
 - 32. Very fast airplane
 - 33. Helps little firms
 - 35. Defunct economic organization
 - 36. Science-based students organization (abbr.)
 - 39. Feels ill
 - 41. Indicates position
 - 42. Beverage containers
 - 44. Assists
 - 46. Science accreditation organization (abbr.)
 - 47. Purpose
 - 49. Group of elected officials
 - 52. Hebrew prophet
 - 56. They help you drink
 - 58. Lawmaker
 - 60. Charitable
 - 62. Doctrines
 - 63. Footwear
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Where wrestlers work
 - 2. Dueling sword
 - 3. Practice fight
 - 4. Genus of clams
 - 5. Fear of heights
 - 6. What some tell their dog
 - 7. The Golden State
 - 8. When you expect to get there
 - 9. Pointed ends
 - 10. Extinct flightless bird
 - 12. Feeds
 - 13. Nape of neck
 - 16. Descendant
 - 17. Small boats found in Turkey
 - 20. To avoid the risk of
 - 22. Athlete with no contract (abbr.)
 - 25. 13th letter of the Greek alphabet
 - 26. Brew
 - 27. Feeling of anxiety
 - 29. Young girls group
 - 31. Perform on stage
 - 34. White clerical vestment
 - 36. Popular musical awards show
 - 37. Bumpkins
 - 38. One who acts on another's behalf
 - 40. Direction
 - 43. Look at with fixed eyes
 - 45. One who helps professors (abbr.)
 - 48. A large number of
 - 50. Type of powder
 - 51. Large jug
 - 53. ___ Christian Anderson, children's author
 - 54. American state
 - 55. Muslim inhabitant of the Philippines
 - 57. Witness
 - 58. Landscapers lay it
 - 59. Type of bread
 - 61. Of I

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VDOT ROADWATCH

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. Road is now open. Flagging operations may continue to be in place. Route 615 will be limited to one 10 foot lane. Expected completion is the end of October 2022.

ROUTE 11/460 MAINTENANCE WORK – The right lane is closed on Route 11/460 (Roanoke Road) towards Christiansburg Mountain from Route 641 (Den Hill) to just east of Route 639 (Mt. Pleasant) for shoulder and ditching. This lane closure will be in place throughout the week and is scheduled to reopen on October 14, weather permitting.

ROUTE 622 BRIDGE WORK CLOSURE - Route 622 (Bradshaw Road) will be closed for a bridge maintenance project over Bradshaw Creek beginning on October 17. The location of the bridge is 0.10 mile from the Roanoke County line and 2.0 miles from Route 623. Drivers will need to seek alternate routes and residents on the road will have access to their homes during the closure. The road is expected to re-open on October 20.

ROUTE 8 EVENT TRAFFIC CONGESTION - Route 8 may experience heavy traffic on fall weekends due to congestion related to tourist events at local farms in the area. If possible, motorists should utilize detours to avoid traveling on Route 8 between Christiansburg and Riner during the peak hours of 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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. A 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:

RAMP CLOSURES: Ramp closures at exit 137 are possible during nighttime hours, 12 a.m., to 5 a.m. Drivers should watch for message boards dates and times the ramp will be closed.

LANE CLOSURES: Alternating left and right lane and shoulder closures during nighttime hours between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, are possible. Lane widths will be reduced to 11 feet.

- o Northbound lane closures from I-81 mile marker 136 to 141.
- o Southbound Lane closures from I-81 mile marker 141 to 136.

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

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

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

The project also includes replacing six bridges, widening two bridges, installing approximately 2.6 miles of sound barrier walls along northbound I-81, improving the southbound exit 137 off-ramp intersection at Wildwood

Road and adding interchange lighting at exits 137, 140 and 141 are also included in the project. Expected completion in early 2026.

I-81 TROUTVILLE REST AREA CLOSURE - The Troutville Rest Area located on southbound Interstate 81 near mile marker 158 in Botetourt County will remain closed until before Thanksgiving to support holiday travel. The opening scheduled for the end of September has been rescheduled due to the contractor encountering challenges with a slope on the project.

Signage indicating the closure is posted in the rest area. A temporary concrete barrier wall will remain in place in front of the facility. The rest area facility, ramps and parking lot are 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.

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.

I-81 PAVING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various routes. Lane closures may be in place during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

Botetourt County: Left lane closures on I-81 northbound between mile marker 147 and 149.

Montgomery County: Right lane closures in place for paving of I-81 southbound between mile marker 130 to 128.

Pulaski County: Right lane closures in place for paving of I-81 northbound between mile marker 102 to 104.

Roanoke County: Alternating lane closures on I-81 northbound for milling and paving from mile marker 134.5 to 132.4, 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Periodically, exit 132 northbound may be closed. Message boards will notify drivers.

Roanoke County: The exit 141 on-ramp on southbound I-81 may periodically be closed. Message boards will notify drivers.

I-81 BRIDGE DECK REPAIRS – Weather permitting,

crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 81. Between mile markers 138 to 152, right and left lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

I-81 POTHOLE PATCHING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, crews will patch potholes along southbound and northbound Interstate 81. Mobile right and left lane closures will be in place and moving along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for moving vehicles and equipment. Expect possible delays.

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

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

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

I-581/220 LANE & RAMP CLOSURES FOR PAVING AND MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS IN ROANOKE COUNTY– Weather permitting, crews will be milling and paving along Interstate 81. Right and left lane closures will be in place along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours. Drivers should expect possible delays.

I-77 MOWING, BRUSH REMOVAL & SHOULDER WORK – Weather permitting, crews will remove and clear brush and work on shoulders and slopes along I-77 northbound and southbound from mile marker 0 to 24 during nighttime hours, 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. the following morning. A left lane closure will be in place.

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

area, expect possible delays.

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

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

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

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

INTERSTATE 77 (CARROLL COUNTY)

I-77 BRIDGE DECK AND MAINTENANCE REPAIRS – Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 77. Right and left lane closures may be in place northbound or southbound during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

Right and left lane closures will be in place on I-77 southbound, mile marker 13.5 to 12.5 over Route 702 and I-77 northbound, mile marker 11.5 to 12.7 over Route 702. Height restrictions are in place at 14' 6".

I-77 LANE & RAMP CLOSURES FOR MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS IN CARROLL COUNTY– Weather permitting, crews will be milling, paving and performing maintenance along Interstate 77. Right and left lane closures will be in place along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours. Drivers should expect possible delays.

I-77 MOWING, BRUSH REMOVAL & SHOULDER WORK – Weather permitting, crews will remove and clear brush and work on shoulders and slopes along I-77 northbound and southbound from mile marker 0 to 24 during nighttime hours, 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. the following morning. A left lane closure will be in place.

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13th STREET SE IMPROVEMENTS WITH DETOUR – A project to improve a portion of 13th Street SE in Roanoke is underway. Located in a residential

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ONLINE AUCTION

Ends Thursday October 27th @ 4 PM
Farm Land for Sale in Floyd VA
Laurel Branch Rd, Floyd VA 24091

Bid Now at [VaAuctionPro.com](https://www.VaAuctionPro.com)



Farm Land for sale in Floyd County VA. There are 8 offerings available being sold simultaneously. The tracts are located on Laurel Branch Road just outside the Town of Floyd. Great location convenient to Floyd, Christiansburg VA, Blacksburg VA, Radford VA & Hillsville VA. Land is mostly open farmland with great views and frontage on Dodd's Creek. Properties are great for building country homes or for farming. Bidders desiring multiple tracts will need to be high bidder on all tracts desired. Each offering will stay open until all bidding is complete and all offerings will close simultaneously. Easements for electricity available.

Offerings range from 5 to 65 acres. The 5 acre tract has a 2 BR, 1 BA Home on it.

Terms - 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to final high bid to arrive at contract price. Earnest Money Deposit of \$10,000 per tract required day of sale. Close in 45 days. Subject to seller confirmation. Property sold as is, where is with any and all faults. Buyer is expected to complete their own due diligence. Tracts are being offered individually and if bidder wishes to purchase multiple tracts, bidder will need to be the high/winning bidder on both offerings. Download Bidder Pack at [VaAuctionPro.com](https://www.VaAuctionPro.com)

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ONLINE AUCTION

Ends Tuesday October 25th @ 4 PM
Country Home for Sale in Floyd VA
1165 Floyd Hwy S., Floyd, VA 24091

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Sturdy and well-built Home with 5 bedrooms and 3 full baths. It showcases nearly 2,500 sq. ft. of finished living space and would be great for a family! New roof just completed in August. The home has hardwood flooring and a wood burning fireplace in the living room. The home also has a full basement. Kick back on the covered front porch and take in the peaceful country setting. Utilize the brick and stone fireplace while entertaining friends and family on the weekends. The home is settled on 5.52 +/- acres with a pond in front of the home and wood fencing along the road frontage and around the house. Also includes an 864 square foot pole barn built in 2017. This is the perfect country home located just a few minutes outside the town of Floyd VA.

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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 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.

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 is set to begin. The new roundabout is currently open to traffic. During the remaining construction, lane closures may be in place. Drivers should expect the following:

PAVING: Paving is underway until complete. Drivers should expect lane closures and flagging operations during nighttime hours, 7:30 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning.

THROUGH NOVEMBER: 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 628 CULVERT REPLACEMENT – BRoute 628 (Greenridge Road) is undergoing a culvert replacement located .25 miles east of the road's entrance from Route 780 (Cove Road). Both lanes are open to traffic with flagging operations in place through the end of the project. Expected completion is the end of October 2022.

BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY CLOSURE – The Blue Ridge Parkway will be repairing slope failures and a culvert failure at mile marker 127.9. A 15-mile stretch of the Parkway, mile marker 121.4 to 136, will be closed to all uses including cyclists, pedestrians and drivers. Detour signs to detour traffic around the Bent Mountain section of the Parkway will be in place. Traffic will be rerouted to Route 220 south to Route 419 north to Route 221 south. Traffic traveling north on the Parkway would be reversed. The detour is expected to be in place until 2023.

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.

BEDFORD COUNTY ROUTE 608 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT – A bridge replacement on Route 608 is in progress. The bridge is located 0.20 mi south from Route 793 (Watson Road) to 2.30 miles north from Route 122 (Moneta Road). The road is closed and a detour is in place. The road is scheduled to reopen in November 2023.

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, from 6 p.m. to 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 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 end of December 2022.

ROUTE 24 will have operations in place for paving. Expect pilot trucks, flaggers and alternating lane closures with day and nighttime hours.

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.

BOTETOURT COUNTY ROUTE 11 BUCHANAN BRIDGE PROJECT – A construction project on the Route 11 Bridge in the Town of Buchanan is underway. Water Street is closed for the duration of the project and drivers should expect lane closures with flagging operations. Message boards are present to alert and update drivers.

ROUTE 1095 (HIGHLAND DRIVE) PIPE FAILURE CLOSURE – Route 1095 (Highland Drive) near its intersection with Sanderson Road is closed until further notice due to a pipe failure. The road is currently impassable, and drivers will need to seek alternate routes to avoid the area such as Murray Court to Richardson. Please adhere to closure signs. The road is expected to be closed approximately or at least through Mid-December 2022.

ROUTE 622 CLOSURE – A road closure is in place on Route 622 (Prices Bluff Road) to install a concrete slab span located 0.23 miles from Route 696 (Locust Bottom Road) and 0.40 miles from Route 622 (Bridge Street.) The road is scheduled to re-open by the end of October 2022.

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

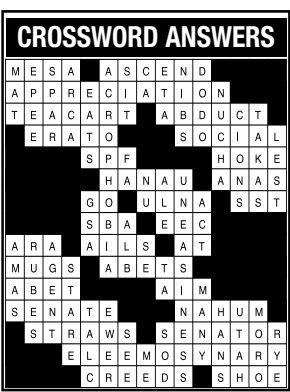
miles from Route 704 (Branchwater Road) and 0.20 miles from Route 770 (Edlo Lane). The bridge will be closed during daytime hours, 8 a.m. through 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday, when the water level is low. Work on this bridge is restricted when water in the creek is high. All traffic between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. will use the Edlo Ford. Signs have been posted to alert drivers. Estimated time for completion Fall 2022.

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

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.

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Case No. 22-409
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Commonwealth of Virginia, in re. KIEU CANH THI PHAM v. TAN DUUY THAI
The object of this suit is to: Obtain a decree of divorce pursuant to Virginia Code Section 20-91(9)(a). It is ORDERED that TAN DUUY THAI appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before November 3, 2022.

Signed: Tommy L. Moore, Clerk on 9/12/22

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TO: STEVEN BUTCHER
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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 3484 DICKS CREEK RD, NEW CASTLE, VA 24127

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$107,100.00, with an annual interest rate of 4.250000% dated April 30, 2014, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the County of Craig as Deed Book 192, Page 584, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction all that property located in the County of Craig, on the courthouse steps at the front of the Circuit Court building for the County of Craig located at 182 Main Street, New Castle, Virginia on November 8, 2022 at 2:00 PM, the property with improvements to wit: LOT 3, BLUE HEALING SPRINGS Tax Map No. 66-1-3 THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price, will be required in cash, certified or cashier's check. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustees may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. Loan type: USDA. Reference Number 21-288873. PROFESSIONAL FORECLOSURE CORPORATION OF VIRGINIA, Substitute Trustees, C/O LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP, 10021 Balls Ford Road, Suite 200, Manassas, Virginia 20109 (703) 449-5800.

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Legals - Montgomery County

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA. The purpose is to receive public comments concerning: 1. Street vacation request by the Town of Christiansburg for an ordinance vacating and relocating an approximate 0.200-acre portion of public rights of way, including 0.198 acres of the Patricks Way, NW right of way and 0.002 acres of the Oak Tree Boulevard, NW right of way, located between and connecting the North Franklin Street right of way to the Oak Tree Boulevard, NW right of way (1400 Block of North Franklin Street). 2. Intent by the Town of Christiansburg to take ownership of said 0.200-acre area of land formerly subject to the vacated rights of way. A copy of the application and associated maps may be reviewed in person in the Town Manager's Office, 100 East Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Andrew Warren, Assistant Town Manager, by phone at (540) 382-6128 ext. 1130 or email at awarren@christiansburg.org with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

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Total Action Against Poverty, Inc. is preparing to carry out the INDOOR PLUMBING REHABILITATION FLEX PROGRAM, through the use in whole or in part of HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM FUNDS. The implementation of this project will require the use of General Contractors, Septic Contractors, and Well Drillers, for housing rehabilitation and the installation of septic systems and wells. These projects may occur in any of the following jurisdictions; Counties of Allegheny, Bath, Bedford, Botetourt, Craig, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Henry, Montgomery, Patrick, Pulaski, Roanoke, and Rockbridge. TAP is soliciting the participation of Minority and Female owned businesses, contractors and suppliers in carrying out this project. Contractors must have at least a Virginia Class B License, proper insurance, and be eligible to work in the designated areas. Such business may be included on appropriate bid and procurement list by submitting a written request within ten (10) days of this notice. Requests should include name, address, product or service and how the firm qualifies as a Minority or Female concern. Such requests should be addressed or faxed to:

Total Action Against Poverty ECHR Department P.O. Box 2868 Roanoke, VA 24001 Attn: Lee Lovern (540) 353-2961 Or Attn: Liz Puckett (540) 283-4882 TTY: Dial "711" (540) 283-4897 Fax: (540) 777-4833

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MONTGOMERY SPORTS

Week 7 previews: Christiansburg readies for homecoming, Blacksburg winless after week 6, going into Pulaski

Marty Gordon
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Christiansburg moved to 4-2 on the season with a 41-0 win over Blacksburg in the annual Battle of the Burgs. Tanner Evans rushed for 126 yards on 11 carries as the Blue Demons will welcome Hidden Valley this week for homecoming.

Blacksburg remains winless with that streak now stretching back three seasons.

Elsewhere, Radford remained unbeaten as quarterback Landon Clark continued his torrid 2022 pace with a nine-of-16 passing night for

215 yards and five touchdowns in the Bobcats' 41-12 win over Carroll County.

The Bobcats will sit out this week and prepare for next week's Three Rivers District matchup with Floyd, which shocked Glenvar this past Friday.

Eastern Montgomery also picked up a Pioneer District win over Craig County.

The Virginia High School League has released its latest points standings. With 21.4 points, Christiansburg is second in Region 3D behind Lord Botetourt's 22.8 points. Bassett is third at 20.4. Then come

Cave Spring 20.333 points, Magna Vista 17.833 points and Staunton River 17.8 points.

Radford leads Region 2C with 25 points to second-place Martinville's 24.4 points. Glenvar and Floyd are third and fourth respectively. Alleghany is in fifth place.

Grayson County leads 1C with 19.6 points, edging out Galax with 18.4 points and George Wythe at 17.6667 points. Narrows is fourth with 15 points.

The AArea Top 5 are 1) Salem 2) Radford 3) Christiansburg 4) Narrows 5) Floyd.

Predictions for the week:

Christiansburg 32, Hidden Valley 20; Pulaski 34, Blacksburg 18.

The Virginia High School League (VHSL) and Truist have announced a new partnership naming Truist as an Official Partner of the VHSL. One of the area's leading banks, Truist offers students support through presenting financial wellness seminars and teaching the importance of financial independence. The partnership will also support students through athletic events and education.

"Truist has a long history of serving communities across Virginia. We welcome them as

a VHSL partner and appreciate their support of our student participants, schools, and families," said John W. (Billy) Haun VHSL's executive director. "Truist also commits to improving financial literacy, and we are happy to support important initiatives like this."

"We are thrilled to partner with the VHSL to support high school athletics and academics," said Thomas Ransom, Truist's Virginia Regional President. "Our purpose at Truist is to inspire and build better lives, and it's partnerships like this that bring our purpose to life."

EastMont Mustangs grab 41-16 homecoming win over Craig County



Angel Ramos-Mendoza and Cymric Woolwine were crowned Eastern Montgomery High School's homecoming king and queen at halftime of the Mustangs' 41-16 defeat of Craig County.



The Eastern Montgomery Corps of Cadets presented the flags at the beginning of the homecoming game.



Freshman Mustang running back Chase Bierman shakes off Craig County defenders to gain yardage in EastMont's 41-16 win.



Sophomore EastMont running back Grayson Caldwell scores a touchdown against the Craig County Rockets.

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Directions – From Narrows – Take Rt 61 – Property on Left by 3135 Wolf Creek Rd Across from – 3140 Wolf Creek Rd.

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Christiansburg takes Battle of Burgs 41-0



Blacksburg's Ethan Walker is taken down by Christiansburg's Nathan Shippee (left) and Jeremiah Thompson during a second half return. Christiansburg rolled to a 41-0 win over Blacksburg in the Battle of the Burgs.



Blacksburg's Addison Bass catches a long pass from quarterback Spencer Campbell as Christiansburg's Brody Blount defends.



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The 2022 Blacksburg Hall of Fame inductees were (l to r): Coach Mickey McGuigan, Tyler Holmes, Yolanda Ervin Bronston, Lanto Griffin, and Elliott Stallings.

Outdoor report: 2022 deer harvest forecast; Chronic Wasting Disease

During the past deer season, 191,731 deer were reported killed by deer hunters in Virginia. This total included 95,665 antlered bucks, 12,219 button bucks, and 83,847 does (44% females).

Archery (including crossbows) accounted for 14% of the deer kill; muzzleloaders, 23%; and firearms, 63%. The numbers above do not include deer taken on out-of-season deer kill permits or those deer hit and killed by vehicles.

What's New For Fall 2022

Deer regulations in Virginia are evaluated and amended on a biennial basis. This is an off-year, hence there are not a lot of new deer regulation changes for fall 2022. Some changes related to Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) noted below have been made, however. Because CWD is a moving target, deer regulations related to CWD management are evaluated and amended annually. Related to the Department of Wildlife Resources' (DWR) CWD management efforts, the following regulatory changes have been made that are now effective with the fall of 2022.

DMA3 (3) (Carroll, Floyd, Montgomery, and Pulaski counties)

Carroll County has been added to Disease Management Area 3, and the firearms deer season has been extended to four weeks on private lands. All four counties in DMA3 will have a late January through March antlerless only deer season on private lands. Mandatory CWD testing will be held in all four DMA3 counties on the first day of the firearms deer season on Nov. 19, 2022.

Virginia deer hunters should be advised that the CWD management changes enacted above and those adopted in the past will not get rid of or "solve" the CWD issue in Virginia. At best, they will hopefully slow the rate of increase in the prevalence rate in established areas (e.g., Frederick and northern Shenandoah counties) and also hopefully will slow the dispersal of CWD from established areas into new areas.

Much remains to be learned about CWD management in white-tailed deer. At this time, there appear to be two major emerging CWD deer population management approaches. First, to reduce deer herd densities by increasing the antlerless deer kill and, second, to increase the buck mortality rate in CWD affected areas.

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)

When the subject is CWD, there is no good news; but the semi-good news in Virginia is that we did not identify any new totally unexpected CWD counties or areas in 2021. Previously, we had identified big unexpected jumps in CWD in Culpeper County in fall 2018 and in Montgomery County in fall 2020. Only one new Virginia CWD positive county, Floyd, was identified/added in 2021.

When discussing CWD in Virginia, it is best to think of the state as two dif-

ferent areas. First are those areas where, or very close to where (<=10 miles), CWD has been found; i.e., the Disease Management Areas and, second, the rest of the state. As of May 1, 2022, 134 CWD-positive deer have been found in 10 counties in Virginia.

The Rest of the State

In addition to the three DMAs noted above which currently comprise about 14% of the land area of Virginia, the Department of Wildlife Resources continues to conduct annual statewide CWD surveillance in the 86% of Virginia located outside of the DMAs using a taxidermist-supported CWD surveillance strategy. Adult males are the sex and age class most likely to have CWD, so a taxidermist-supported approach is an efficient CWD surveillance method. In fall 2021, approximately 2,175 samples from hunter-harvested deer were submitted by participating taxidermists. The good news is that 2021 was the first year outside of the DMAs taxidermist CWD surveillance program did not detect a big jump in CWD.

West of the Blue Ridge Mountains

Deer management in western Virginia has been about the same for the past couple of decades and remains two very different deer management situations.

First, deer herds on private lands over most of western Virginia have been fairly stable over the past two-plus decades (with the exception of Alleghany, Bath, and Highland counties). The last major deer management event west of the Blue Ridge that affected both private and public land was a winter mortality event back in the winter of 2010 due to deep and persistent snow. Relatively stable deer herds are expected on private lands west of the Blue Ridge. If there is a change, hopefully it will be a slight decline.

Second, with the obvious exception of CWD in the northern Shenandoah Valley and now the New River Valley areas, the biggest challenge in deer management in western Virginia over the past 20 to 30 years has been, and continues to be, the public land deer management situation. Over the past 25 plus years there has been an approximately 40% decline in the number of deer hunters on western public lands and a corresponding 66% decline in the deer kill. To address this decline, the number of either-sex deer hunting days on western public lands has been reduced significantly over the past decade or more to conservative levels. These changes have been successful in reducing the female deer kill. The decline in the western public land deer kill has been halted, but the western public land deer population has not and is not expected to recover to past deer population levels unless a significant change/major improvement in deer habitat conditions occurs. HD does not traditionally play a major role in deer management west of the Blue Ridge.

--Matt Knox/DWR Deer Project Leader

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