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## Christiansburg High music department to present 'Breakfast with Santa' Dec. 3

By Ed McMinn  
News Messenger  
Editor

The Christiansburg High School Music Department will again present "Breakfast with Santa" this year on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 8 a.m. until noon in the high school cafeteria.

The cost is \$5 for children 12 and under and \$8 for children and adults 13 and older.

The breakfast will feature pancakes, and the morning will offer holiday fun and games and live music, plus a photo op with Santa Claus for a suggested donation of \$2. Santa's elves and reindeer will also be a part of the fun.



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SUBMITTED BY LYNN SEMONES, BAND BOOSTER PARENT/VOLUNTEER

## Luther Memorial Lutheran Church to host holiday brass concert on Dec. 10



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Luther Memorial Lutheran Church's holiday brass concert on Dec. 10 will feature a performance by the Roanoke Symphony Brass Quintet.

BLACKSBURG – Blacksburg and surrounding communities are invited to attend a holiday brass concert Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, 600 Prices Fork Rd.

The concert will feature a performance by the Roanoke Symphony Brass Quintet, led by Dr. Jay Crone, the principal trombonist with the Roanoke Symphony, a member of Luther Memorial, and a professor of brass music at Virginia Tech.

Performing as part of the brass ensemble are Brian Strawley and Tom Bithell, trumpet; Abigail Pack, horn; Dr. Jay Crone, trombone; and Brandon Smith, tuba. They will be performing a variety of seasonal holiday favorites that the whole family will enjoy.

This is a free concert, but attendees are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry, a joint ministry of over 25 churches in Blacksburg of varying denominations, and a program of New River Community Action, Inc., dedicated to serving families of Blacksburg and McCoy through

donations of cash and food.

The Rev. Monica Weber, pastor at Luther Memorial, said, "We are delighted to offer this free holiday concert to the Blacksburg community and look forward to sharing this beautiful concert with our friends, families, and neighbors."

Luther Memorial Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Founded in 1886, the church serves the Blacksburg community and residents of Southwest Virginia's New River Valley. The Well Campus Ministry, hosted by Luther Memorial, offers regular opportunities for fun, food, and fellowship in Christ for students at Virginia Tech. Luther Memorial offers worship services, faith formation, and Christian education studies throughout the week, and enjoys a long-standing tradition of mission and community service in the New River Valley.

- Submitted by Luther Memorial  
Pastor Monica Weber

## Average price for a Thanksgiving meal in Virginia this season: \$73.91

In a year when inflation has driven up prices of nearly all consumer goods, the price of a Thanksgiving meal also is trending upward.

According to an informal survey conducted by the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation, the average cost to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving meal for 10 adults is \$73.91, or \$7.39 per person.

The survey's menu consists of turkey, ham, stuffing, sweet potatoes, russet potatoes, rolls, carrots, celery, cranberries, green beans, peas, milk, and pumpkin pie with whipped cream.

A meal without ham, russet potatoes and green beans costs \$57.63, or \$5.76 per person.

This year's statewide average increased by \$10.25—16.1%—from the 2021 average of \$63.66 for a 10-person meal. Prices reported by volunteer shoppers around the state do not reflect discounts from promotional sales or coupons, and survey data were collected before most major sales took place.

The survey data were relatively consistent with current Consumer Price Index trends, which reveal shoppers are seeing a 12.4% increase in the cost for food-at-home purchases versus this time last year.

"Virginia's farmers continue to work diligently throughout the year to put food on our tables, which is no small feat considering the challenges they've faced over the last several years," said Virginia Farm Bureau Commodity Specialist Elijah Griles.

"Most of us don't think of farmers while we're at the grocery store, but farmers also feel the effects of rising costs at home," Griles said. "This year, much like every year, Virginia farmers really deserve our thanks for honoring their commitment to produce safe and reliable food for Virginia, the United States, and the rest of the world."

This is the 19th year Virginia Farm Bureau has conducted the survey, which is based on an annual survey organized by American Farm Bureau Federation. Volunteer shoppers checked prices online and in person at 28 grocery stores throughout the state.

The Virginia Farm Bureau survey showed the average cost of a 16-pound turkey was \$28.09 or \$1.76 per pound. This represents a 12.1% increase in price versus the 2021 average of \$1.57 per pound.

In all, Farm Bureau discovered the average price for a 4-pound bone-in ham was \$10.24; a gallon of whole milk was \$3.67; frozen peas, \$1.60; frozen green beans, \$1.67; three pounds of sweet potatoes, \$3.12; a 5-pound bag of russet potatoes, \$4.37; fresh celery, \$1.81; fresh carrots, \$1.06; two pie shells, \$3.33; whipping cream, \$2.26; canned pumpkin pie filling, \$3.68; fresh cranberries, \$2.28; stuffing mix, \$3.13; and a dozen dinner rolls, \$3.62.

All items increased in price versus 2021 values except for cranberries, which were found to be 2 cents cheaper

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## Sarah Cannon Cancer Institute at LewisGale Regional Health System earns accreditation

The American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer has granted three-year accreditation to the Sarah Cannon Cancer Institute at LewisGale Medical Center and to LewisGale Hospital Pulaski.

To earn Commission on Cancer accreditation, a cancer program must meet 34 quality care

standards, be evaluated every three years, and maintain levels of excellence in the delivery of comprehensive patient-centered care. LewisGale Hospital Pulaski has held ASC CoC accreditation since 2004, and LewisGale Medical Center has held accreditation since 1974.

As a part of Sarah

Cannon, LewisGale's integrated cancer network takes a multidisciplinary approach to treating cancer as a complex group of diseases requiring consultation among surgeons, medical and radiation oncologists, diagnostic radiologists, pathologists, and other

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PHOTO COURTESY OF HCA VA

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## C&O historical society releases three fundraising calendars for 2023

The Chesapeake & Ohio Historical Society, the group dedicated to preserving the history of the C&O Railway, has just published its yearly fundraising calendars for sale in support of the 53-year-old non-profit organization.

This 89th edition of the calendar features a selection of vintage C&O Railway advertising art from the 1930s through the 1940s.

The 2023 calendars include a traditional calendar dedicated to Chesapeake & Ohio steam locomotive power, this year focusing on coal trains powered by the later-era steam locomotives of many types. The photographic selections feature a variety of steam locomotive classes including the H-8, H-6, H-7, G-9, T-1, and K-2.

Shown at various locations on the

C&O Railway system, these archival photos were chosen to represent a variety of geographic regions from Ohio to Virginia in typical heavy coal train service.

The C&O Historical Society has, for the second time, published a special calendar dedicated to a specific region along the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway; the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve.

Explaining why the historical society is again publishing a calendar dedicated to this geographic region, the organization's president, Mark Totten, said, "The success of last year's calendar combining the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway with the New River Gorge, as opposed to a purely railroad-specific topic, was a

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Saturday, Nov. 19:

### Family movie fun

At the Radford Public Library; 11 a.m. The minions return in Minions: The Rise of Gru. Rated PG for some action/violence and rude humor.

## Monday, Nov. 21:

### Crafting for the Holiday: Birdseed ornament

At the Radford Public Library; 1 to 2 p.m. Participants can enjoy a simple craft with minimal items and feed birds in their yard with their finished result. Library staff will demonstrate how to create a birdseed ornament for the cool weather. Supplies will be provided while they last.

## Tuesday, Nov. 22:

### Shrink art

At the Blacksburg Library; 4:30 p.m. Shrinking plastic will be used to make key chains, earrings, and more. Registration required for participation.

### NaNoWriMo Event: Create found poetry

At the Blacksburg Library; 6 p.m. Find words in magazines and newspapers to create a found poem. All ages are welcome. Snacks will be provided.

### Chess club for teens & tweens

At the Radford Public Library; 6 to 7 p.m. Youth Services Specialist Dave will be in the community room for a game of chess. For ages 8-17.

## Wednesday, Nov. 23 – Sunday, Nov. 27:

### Radford Public Library closed

Closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.

## Monday, Nov. 28:

### Crafting for the Holiday: Open crafting

At the Radford Public Library; 1 – 2 p.m. Participants

can bring their own needlework, painting, or other projects and work with others. These crafting afternoons are not guided and are at participants' leisure. Some craft items will be supplied. (paper, coloring books for adults, crayons, etc).

## Tuesday, Nov. 29:

### Game On

At the Christiansburg Library; 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Gamers of all ages are welcome to play a variety of Nintendo games. Participants are encouraged to bring their portable device, but it is not required. Snacks will be provided.

### NaNoWriMo Event: We draw what you write

At the Blacksburg Library; 6 p.m. Each group will have an image to write a description about, and the rest of the group will draw the image based on the description. All ages are welcome. Snacks will be provided.

## Wednesday, Nov. 30:

### Sustainable Blacksburg Lunch & Learn: Energy check

At the Blacksburg Library; noon. An introduction to home energy audits. Home owners will learn how you can make their home more comfortable and more energy efficient while maximizing returns from current tax incentives. The speaker represents Blacksburg Home Energy Improvement Company: Energy Check.

## Friday, Dec. 2:

### Blacksburg holiday parade

Registration is now open for Blacksburg's annual holiday parade to be held on Friday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. This year's theme will be "Hometown Holidays." The registration deadline is Friday, Nov. 18, at 5 p.m. For more information, contact David Goodman at degoodman@blacksburg.gov or 540-443-1106.

## Friday, Dec. 2 – Sunday, Dec. 3:

### A Festival of Nativities

Slussers Chapel, located at 1543 Mt. Tabor Rd., Blacksburg, will be displaying over 70 vintage Nativity sets from across the U.S. and around the world. Included in the display will be Waterford crystal figures from Ireland, Fantanini figures from Italy, and Hummel figures from Germany. The children will enjoy seeing the kitten and puppy manger scenes and of course "A Charlie Brown Christmas." The Christmas Crèches will be on display in the fellowship hall Friday, Dec. 2, and Saturday Dec. 3, from 5 to 9 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 4, from 3 to 8 p.m. Admission is free. For more information call 540-951-1757.

## Tuesday, Dec. 6:

### RSVP holiday recognition party

A holiday recognition party for RSVP volunteer is scheduled from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Christiansburg Recreation Center in Multipurpose Room 2. Everyone is asked to sign up by Tuesday, Nov. 22. RSVP will collect Toys for Tots from anyone wishing to donate to this holiday project.

## Thursday, Dec. 8:

### River City Quilt Guild

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

## Ongoing:

### Hand-in-Hand Playground design concepts

The Town of Blacksburg has received design concepts from playground designer Leathers, Inc., for the new Hand-in-Hand playground. Check them out at <https://letstalkblacksburg.org/hand-in-hand>.

### Radford holiday parade registration

Radford's Holiday Parade, themed "Jingle All the Way", will take place on Thursday, Dec. 8, 2022, at 7 p.m. Line-up will begin at 6 p.m. The parade route will

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# Marketplace



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### Positions Wanted

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### Legals - City of Radford

**VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY**  
County of Montgomery, Virginia, a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant, v. CHRISTOPHER ADKINS, ET AL, Respondent(s).  
**Case No. CL22-1194**  
**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. 077-A 26 Account No. 008170 All that certain lot or parcel of land with improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereto, lying and being in the Riner Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia, and further described as follows: All that certain 0.1147 acres, more or less, designated as Parcel "A", containing 4,997 square feet, on a certain plat of survey entitled "Plat Showing Property Surveyed For James T. Harman, Jr. Located in the Riner Magisterial District, Montgomery County, Virginia" dated October 4, 1980, Plan No. L 80-173, as prepared by D.P. Marks, Certified Land Surveyor, a copy of which map is recorded in Deed Book 777, Page 114, and in Deed Book 829, Page 818, and reference is hereby made to said maps for a more accurate description of the property hereby conveyed. And being the same property that was conveyed to Eugene Adkins from Nancy Hash Hale by Deed dated April 17, 2008 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the circuit court of Montgomery County on April 23, 2008, as Instrument Number 2012008621. This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described including but not limited to those recorded in Deed Book 1062 at Page 512, Deed Book 436 at Page 663, Deed Book 300 at Page 481. Tax Map No. 077-A 26A Account No. 023581 All that certain lot or parcel of land with improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereto, lying and being in the Riner Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia, and further described as follows, to-wit: BEGINNING at a point North 83° 39' 5" W117.07

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feet, more or less, from the intersection of Virginia Secondary Route 719 and Virginia Secondary Route 659 to the point of BEGINNING; Thence South 04° 38' 52" W 105.28 feet to a rod; thence North 84° 07' 56" W 119.85 feet to a rod; thence North 07° 30' 55" W 109.43 feet to a rod on the southern side of Virginia Secondary Route 659, thence with the southern side of Virginia Secondary Route 659 South 83° 39' 05" E 142.93 feet to the point of BEGINNING, all of the above containing 13,900 square feet or 0.3191 acres, more or less, as shown on a plat recorded in Deed Book 436 at Page 661 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia. And being the same property conveyed to Arnold Eugene Adkins from Arnold E. Adkins by Deed dated August 9, 1995, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Circuit Court of Montgomery County on October 11, 1995, in Deed Book 892, Page 368. And further being the same property conveyed to Susan Lucas from Matthew N. Lucas by Deed dated October 25, 2021 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia on October 28, 2021 as Instrument Number 2021011450. This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described including but not limited to those recorded in Deed Book 436 at Page 663 and Instrument Number 2004003147. **IT 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: Arnold Eugene Adkins, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown, Christopher Eugene Adkins, whose last known address is 440 Graves Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073; Pamela Dawn Lucas, whose last known address is 222 Allen Avenue #TCH, Radford, Virginia 24141; Susan R. Lucas, whose last known address is 3031 Vicker Switch Road, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, successors in title of the Respondents named herein or any lienholders of any named Respondents or against the aforementioned

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property are made parties Respondent to this actions 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 **December 19, 2022** in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.

Entered on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022.  
Kenneth Fleenor Jr.

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Tripp, Planning Director, at (540) 382-6128, Ext. 1120 or by email at btripp@christiansburg.org, with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

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requester, 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, Phone: (540)795-9749; E-mail: Susan.Edwards@deq.virginia.gov; Fax: (804)698-4178. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above. Additional information about the DEQ water permitting program with oversight of activities and facilities detailed in the project description of this notice is available at <https://www.deq.virginia.gov/permits-regulations/public-notices/water/land-application-virginia-pollution-abatement>

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

The Town of Christiansburg Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, November 28, 2022, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

A. Rezoning request by Town of Christiansburg, Property Owner, to rezone an approximately 50.539 acre portion of the property located on Booker T Washington Pkwy NW; Tax Parcel 435 - ((A)) - 3A, Parcel ID 270079, commonly known as "Christiansburg Huckleberry Park", from Agricultural District (A) to Single-Family Residential District (R-1) and an approximately 12.25 acre portion of the same property from Agricultural District (A) to General Business District (B-3). The property is designated as Business/Commercial and Parks/Open Space on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan. Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comment in-person at the time of this Public Hearing. A copy of the application, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Benjamin

## Public Notice Environmental Permit

**PURPOSE OF NOTICE:** To seek public comment on a proposed permit that will allow the continued land application of water treatment plant residuals in Pulaski County, Virginia. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** November 12, 2022 to December 13, 2022 **PERMIT NAME:** Virginia Pollution Abatement issued by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), pursuant to applicable water laws and regulations **APPLICANT/PERMITTEE NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER:** City of Radford Water Treatment Plant, 20 Forest Ave., Radford VA 24141; VPA02069 NAME AND LOCATION OF PERMITTED ACTIVITY: New River Valley Airport, 5391 C.V. Jackson Road, Dublin, VA 24084 Pulaski County **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** City of Radford Water Treatment Plant has applied for the reissuance of a permit authorizing the land application of water treatment plant residuals to 88.34 acres of agricultural land at the New River Valley Airport located within Pulaski County. The permit will limit the application of nutrients and metals contained in these liquids to amounts that protect water quality and human health. **PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PERMIT DECISION PROCEDURES:** DEQ's preliminary decision is to issue a permit. Based on comments received on the draft permit, DEQ may make a final decision on the permit, or hold a public hearing on the draft permit. **HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING:** DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by hand-delivery, e-mail, or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the name, mailing address or email address of 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



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## Food safety expert provides tips for preserving Thanksgiving foods

Thanksgiving should be a meal that is safely enjoyed with family and friends and Virginia Tech experts have some tips to ensure holiday classics are safely enjoyed in the days and weeks that follow.

"It's important to keep food out of the danger zone, which is the temperature between 41 and 135 degrees," says Alexis Hamilton, a postdoctoral associate and incoming assistant professor of food processing microbiology in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Department of Food Science and Technology. "It's important that foods pass through this range as quickly as possible. Basically, keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold."

Hamilton recommends the following tips to ensure food safety:

"If you are working with foods fresh from the oven or stove, once removed and placed on the table or tray, there are about four hours to consume, store, or reheat. For foods that were kept in the refrigerator, the time increases to six hours. At that point, a decision must be made to eat, store, or throw out the remaining foods.

"For storing hot foods, it's important to let them cool a bit before placing them in either the fridge or freezer," Hamilton said.

"A general rule of thumb, regardless of the type of food, is to toss those leftovers within three to four days of being placed in the fridge. That is, if your leftovers last that long."

While this isn't a lot of time, Hamilton has some methods to maximize leftovers.

"One trick I like to use is to put meals onto plates and place the amount for a few days in the fridge and put the rest in the freezer, where the foods will safely keep for a few months," she said.

"The longer that foods are in the freezer, the more moisture evaporation will occur. While the food is safe to eat

anywhere from one to three months, the taste will not be the same when stored for that length of time.

"If you like Thanksgiving foods the best after a few weeks, I would suggest that you freeze the meal on Thanksgiving Day and defrost it when you want to eat it," Hamilton said.

Here are Hamilton's suggestions for safe storage times of popular Thanksgiving foods when stored and sealed properly with airtight heavy-duty foil, plastic wrap, or freezer paper; or when placed the package inside a plastic storage bag:

**Cooked poultry:** Three to four days in the fridge, four months in the freezer

**Cooked meat:** Three to four days in the fridge, two to three months in the freezer

**Cooked fish:** Three to four days in the fridge, four to six months in the freezer

**Cooked ham:** Three to four days if sliced, a week if whole in the fridge. Cooked ham lasts one to two months in the freezer.

**Cooked bacon:** Lasts up to a week in the fridge and two to three months in the freezer.

**Macaroni and cheese:** Three to four days in the fridge and up to two months in the freezer.

**Casserole-style foods:** Three to four days in the fridge and up to four months in the freezer.

According to Hamilton, "If food has been stored for longer than the FDA-recommended times, there are some warning signs that the food has gone bad:

"Has a weird taste; has a funny texture; smells abnormal; has something growing on it.

"When in doubt, throw it out," Hamilton said.

- Max Esterhuizen, Virginia Tech

## Cambria Station Antiques celebrates its grand re-opening with a ribbon-cutting

CHRISTIANSBURG, VA: - Cambria Station Antiques celebrated its grand re-opening with a ribbon cutting on Friday, Nov. 11.

The historic building at 596 Depot Street, NE became an antique store in 1988 as Cambria Emporium then as Charlotte's Web II Antique Mall in 2018 before becoming Cambria Station Antiques on July 1 2022 when it was purchased by Scott Bandy (of Old New and Primitive Too, handmade custom furniture) and Ken and Heather Vaughan (of Old New River Books).

With years of experience, the partners continue their longstanding tradition as operators of an antique store business. Their vision is to become the best eclectic shopping destination in the New River Valley as well as Christiansburg's biggest used bookstore.

Many changes have already taken place in

the four short months since the trio purchased it. Most obvious is the first-floor renovation that has completely opened it back up to add a 2000-square-foot used bookstore, a dedicated vintage LP section, and an expanded media area while keeping the previous six dealer spaces and glass showcase area. A reconfiguration of the second floor has created space for six new dealers and a year-round Christmas (holiday) room. The attic or third floor has been brightened up with natural light and additional supplemental lighting to showcase the views and early 1900's craftsmanship all while making more organized space for furniture, smalls and art. When visiting the third floor make sure to check out the elevator system which is original to the store (possibly the first elevator in Montgomery County).

Cambria Station

Antiques also utilizes a business model that incorporates many different dealers in one store. "We are grateful for all 18 of the previous store's dealers who stayed with us as we transitioned to Cambria Station Antiques in July," said owner Heather Vaughn. "Having veteran dealers with years of experience is a huge asset for our store." Since then, seven new additional dealers with fresh ideas and products have added to the existing selection.

"A lot of consideration is put into selecting the right dealers," Vaughn said. "We search out unique dealers who have exceptional taste and creative display ideas while having a professional vision that aligns with ours."

- Cambria Station Antiques owner Heather Vaughn

## Alexander Black House to present student collaboration at Blacksburg Museum and Cultural Foundation

The Blacksburg Museum and Cultural Foundation will present Fashion History Moving Forward: Animating the Present, Considering the Past, an exhibit that references bodices, blouses, and more from the late 1890s to the early 1900s, as inspiration for modern-day designs. The exhibit will be on display from Friday, Dec. 2, through Saturday, Feb. 4, at the Alexander Black House, 204 Draper Rd., in Blacksburg.

Virginia Tech fashion merchandising and design students were asked to research garments from the Blacksburg Museum & Cultural Foundation and those from Virginia Tech's Oris Glisson Historic Costume and Textile Collection, to create new designs for their first 2D fashion animation project. This exhibit is the result of their efforts.

Admission is free. Exhibit hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday

through Saturday.

An opening reception will be held on Dec. 2 from 5 to 7 p.m.

The concept of this fashion installation evolved out of a conversation between Virginia Tech's Fashion Merchandising and Design Professor, Sarah Wilmot and the Blacksburg Museum's curator Janean Williams. Upon learning that current fashion designers were now expected to animate their clothing lines, Williams saw the potential for an exhibit incorporating animation and fashion design.

Professor Wilmot envisioned designs based on historic costumes within BMCF's collection, as well as those contained in the Oris Glisson Historic Costume and Textile Collection at Virginia Tech.

For a fall semester Apparel Product Development course, Wilmot assigned students a digital

problem-based learning activity, using fashion history to develop a new collection that would be presented using 2D fashion animation. The students were inspired by the delicate laces, ornate patterns, and ruffle details, and the sustainable silks and cotton fabrics, which have lasted more than 100 years, from the Victorian and Edwardian periods in each institution's Collections.

The installation will showcase 12 original garments, alongside the designs and animations of the 18 students, their teaching assistant, as well as Professor Wilmot. Each animation is a story built upon research, technique, inspiration, and the connectedness of the past to the future in motion.

- Janean Williams, Curator of the Blacksburg Museum & Cultural Foundation

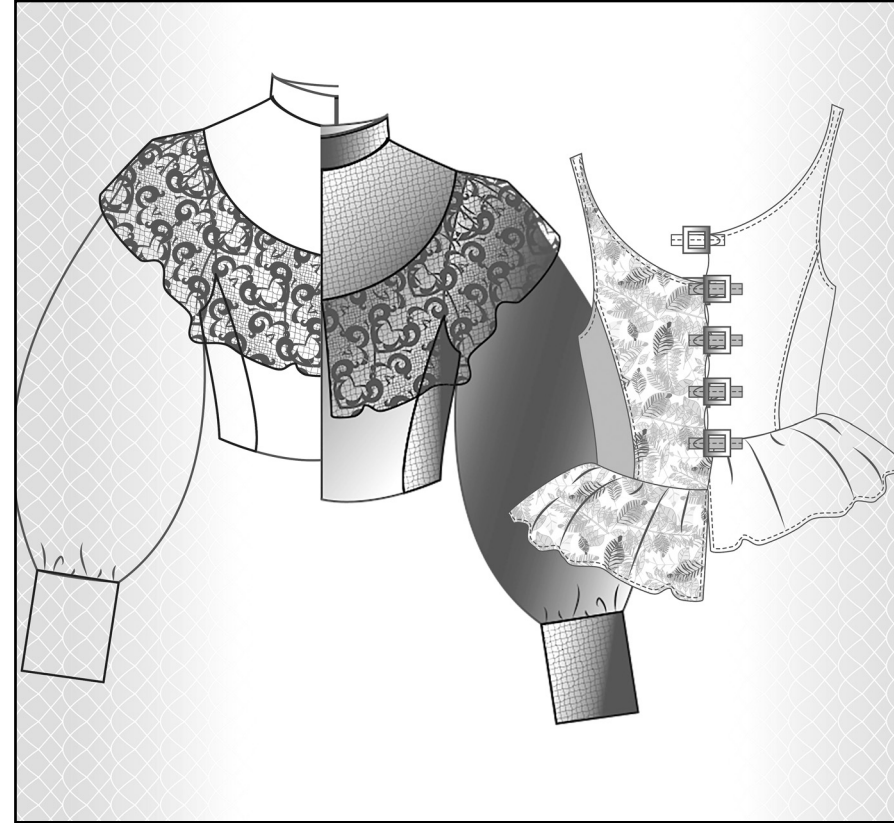


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Ends Thursday, December 1st @ 4 PM  
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2271 Bob White Rd., Stuart, VA 24171

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You have the opportunity to purchase a beautiful recreational retreat for sale in Stuart VA. This property features 20.015 acres in Patrick County VA. It has over 1,000 ft. of Smith River frontage and a pond! There is an older home on the property which has little to no value and needs repair. There is a spring located on the property and electricity is in place. Don't miss out on this beautiful property!

**Directions** - From Howells Grocery in Stuart - Head northeast on 8 N toward Deer Haven Ln 8.6 mi - Turn right onto State Rt 618 1.0 mi - Turn right onto State Rt 708 0.2 mi - Turn left 226 ft Property located across road from 2186 Bob White Rd Stuart, VA 24171

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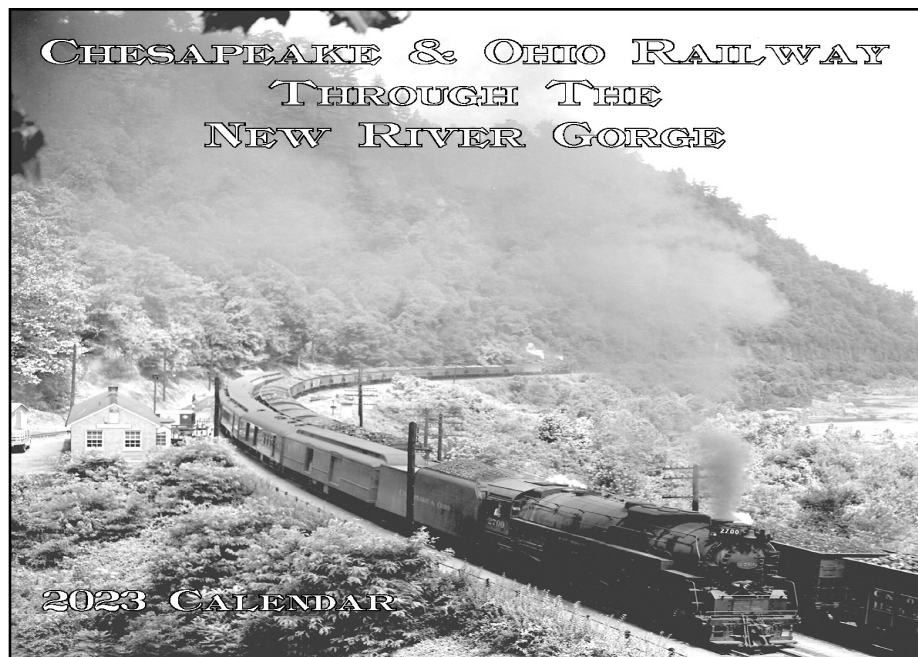
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# Calendars from page 1



The 2022 railway calendars tied the train theme specifically with the New River Gorge National Park and Gorge and was a smashing success, selling nearly 1,000 copies. Thus, the decision was made to again use photographs specific to the park and gorge. Photo courtesy of Brandy Dudley of the C&O Historical society.



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The Chesapeake & Ohio Historical Society's 2023 calendar is traditional in that it features photographs of steam locomotives and focuses on coal trains powered by the late-era steam locomotives of many types.

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tremendous fundraising success, selling nearly 1,000 copies. The appeal of the New River Gorge is just as strong with the public as it

was a year ago, so it was an easy decision to repeat this equation with additional photos selected from our archives."

- Brandy Dudley of the C&O Historical Society

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cancer specialists. This multidisciplinary partnership results in improved patient care.

"It is a great accomplishment for the LewisGale Regional Health System to be granted this accreditation," said Andrew Fintel, MD. "It speaks to the hospitals' focus on quality of care through a multidisciplinary approach. Caring for patients diagnosed with cancer is a team effort and one that takes patience and compassion. Being accredited by the Commission on Cancer is just one way that we can consistently better ourselves in our fight against cancer."

The CoC accreditation program provides the framework for LewisGale Medical Center and LewisGale Pulaski to improve the quality of patient

care through programs that focus on prevention, early diagnosis, cancer staging, optimal treatment, rehabilitation, lifelong follow-up for recurrent disease, and end-of-life care.

When patients receive care at a CoC facility, they also have access to information on clinical trials and new treatments, genetic counseling, and patient-centered services including psycho-social support, a patient navigation process, and a survivorship care plan that documents the care each patient receives and seeks to improve cancer survivors' quality of life.

- HCA Virginia

## Meal from page 1

this year.

The Virginia locality with the highest average cost for a traditional Thanksgiving meal was Henrico County at \$90.51. The Virginia locality with the lowest average cost was Carroll County at \$55.79 for a 10-person meal.

With costs rising so sharply this year, farming organizations such as AFBF and VFBB recognize the average price for a traditional Thanksgiving meal may be prohibitive for some families.

"We never want to see anyone struggling to afford meals, much less during the holiday season," said VFBB President Wayne F. Pryor. "As we come together to celebrate Virginia's agricultural bounty at Thanksgiving, let's not forget about our neighbors in need.

"Farmers are as committed to

serving their communities as they are to producing food for a growing global population, and many Virginia producers donate fresh foods to their local food banks and other hunger-relief organizations," Pryor added. "I'm hopeful many other generous Virginians will follow their example."

Nationally, American Farm Bureau Federation's survey found the average cost of a Thanksgiving meal for 10 was \$64.05, a 20% increase from \$53.31 in 2021. The basic AFBF survey does not include ham, russet potatoes and green beans. With these items included in the AFBF findings, the national average cost for a traditional meal was \$81.30, 10% higher than the cost in Virginia.

Roger Cryan, chief economist for AFBF, noted "general inflation

slashing the purchasing power of consumers" contributed heavily to the increase in the cost of Thanksgiving dinners.

Turkey prices were up 21% nationally to \$28.96 for a 16-pound bird, or \$1.81 per pound, about 4% higher than prices recorded in Virginia. Overall, the item with the largest price increase was the 14-ounce bag of cubed stuffing mix, which rose from \$2.29 in 2021 to \$3.88 this year, a 69% jump.

AFBF also reported that volunteer shoppers checked prices Oct. 18-31, about two weeks before most grocery store chains began featuring whole frozen turkeys at sharply lower prices. Details about the AFBF survey findings are available at fb.org/newsroom.

- News Messenger report

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  - 22. Atomic #22
  - 27. Atomic #18
  - 28. Catholic holiday service
  - 33. Canadian province
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  - 36. Large African antelope
  - 37. Mexican tortilla sandwich
  - 38. Pigmented eye membrane
  - 39. Baby's food protector
  - 40. Winglike structures
  - 41. Sun-dried brick
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  - 30. Social insect
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  - 36. Snaps up
  - 38. *Annona diversifolia*
  - 40. Opera vocal solo
  - 41. Largest continent
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  - 43. Sole
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# OBITUARIES

## Meredith, E. Gay

E. Gay Meredith, 74, passed away Thursday, Nov. 10, 2022, at her home in Snowville.

She retired from Virginia Tech's Computer Science Department.

Gay was preceded in death by her parents, Byron and Florence Meredith; her partner, Bob Steffen; a sister, Mary Byrd Poore; and a brother Barney Meredith.

Gay was born in October 1948 and was raised on her parents' dairy farm in Snowville where her love for plants, animals, and nature began. While she spent much time learning and devoting herself to nature and animals, she also found time for things like reading, quilting, and writing.

Graduating and retiring from



Virginia Tech meant that she was a huge Virginia Tech sports fan, and she often sported her Virginia Tech clothing.

Gay is survived by her sister, Janet (Conley) Dishon of Snowville; her brother, Ernest (Nydia) Meredith of Snowville; a sister-in-law, Charlotte Meredith of Riner; and many nieces, nephews, and special friends.

A visitation and time to share memories will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3 at 1 p.m. at the Snowville Ruritan Building, 4866 Lead Mine Road, Snowville, VA.

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

## Stigger, James Lenwood

James Lenwood Stigger, 64, passed away unexpectedly at his home in Radford on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022.

He was a U. S. Army veteran and was employed at Radford University.

Jimmy enjoyed helping other with "handy man" work and loved family gatherings where he would share stories with the younger family members. At a young age, he joined New Hope United Methodist Church in New River. He also attended Charles Wesley United Methodist Church in Abingdon, where he sang in the Young Adult Choir and later joined Unity Christian Church in Radford.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, William and Lucy Harvey; his paternal grandparents, William Levi and Anna Lucille Stigger; his father, James Elwood Stigger; a brother, Richard T. Stigger; and a



special aunt, Laura Belle Delapp. He leaves to cherish his memory his mother, Frances Lilly Harvey of Radford; a brother, Silas E. Stigger of New River; a sister, Angela S. Connor of Pulaski; and a host of nieces, nephews and other family members and friends.

The family will receive friends from noon until 1 p.m. today, Saturday, Nov. 19, 2022, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services will follow at 1 p.m.

Graveside services with full military honors will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 21, 2022, at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin.

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

### ANGLICAN CATHOLIC

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

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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

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

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

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# Montgomery County WORSHIP DIRECTORY

## I NEED HELP

Read Psalms 11:1 through 18:50

Many of the Psalms are full of praise to God. We sometimes visualize David as peacefully strumming a harp as he quietly watches a flock of sheep grazing on a grassy slope. Psalm 13 presents a different picture.

David apparently had doubts, troubling thoughts, and enemies. Things did not always go well for him. In the first part of this psalm, David, in authentic transparency, expressed some real concerns. He apparently had enemies who were getting a little too close for comfort. The amazing part is how, in spite of the chaos around him, David made a decision to trust God.

But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation (Psalm 13:5).

Everything does not always go well for us either. We face challenges that seem overwhelming, and we do not always see a clear path through the jungle of everyday life. But God is our Source of help, and we can trust Him to get us through!

Prayer Suggestion: Father, I do not feel up to the task that is before me at times, but I have decided that I will trust You.

Quicklook: Psalm 13:1-6

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

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**Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church**, 350 Stafford Drive, Christiansburg, VA 24073, Sunday School 10am, Sunday Worship Service 11am.

### WESLEYAN

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



# Virginia Tech helps farmers meet the demand for all things pumpkin this fall

During the crisp and cool fall season, pumpkins are a hot commodity. The demand for this festive squash is on the rise thanks in part to their delicious taste and decorative traits. Pumpkin spice everything and pumpkins of all colors, shapes, and sizes greet consumers as soon as they enter the supermarket.

In response, Virginia growers produced an estimated 972,000 hundredweight — more than 108 million pounds — of pumpkins in 2020, ranking the state fourth nationally in pumpkin production, according to the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The number of growers is also on the rise, doubling from 200 producers in 2018 to 400 in 2021.

This trend caught the attention of researchers in Virginia Tech's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, who are now using a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to help sustain this growth.

A team of faculty and Virginia Cooperative Extension agents received \$75,000 from the USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant Program to test the growth of specialty pumpkins across Virginia's diverse terrain as well as different methods to extend their shelf life by reducing postharvest diseases.

"Pumpkins are an important crop in the commonwealth with a value of \$17.6 million produced on 5,500 acres in 2020," said Steven Rideout, professor in the School of Plant and Environmental Sciences and principal investigator of the pumpkin grant. "To support this growing enterprise, we have been listening to growers and stakeholders across the state, and these are the most pressing issues with pumpkins they would like addressed."

## Ugly pumpkins prove popular

Sarah Sharpe, a Greene County Extension agent, has seen firsthand the explosion of specialty pumpkin sales. A co-investigator of the grant, she is the owner of Sarah's Pumpkin Patch, located in the central Piedmont region of the state.

Sharpe is quickly winding down her 13th season of growing and selling specialty pumpkins, the kind people most visually recall as the colorful, wart-dotted, odd-shaped squash found jumping off the shelves of grocery stores and pages of lifestyle magazines.

"They are one of the reasons specialty pumpkins have become so popular," she said. "People are using them to decorate all season long, well beyond Halloween and into Thanksgiving. The first two weeks that I was open, people rolled out with wagonloads. They sell out of here like crazy."

Sharpe joins Extension agents from across the state, from the mountains to the beaches, who are either growing specialty pumpkins themselves or marketing them to growers. This effort is a key objective of the grant, spearheaded by Rideout, who specializes in plant pathology.

"The first part of this project is to look for different pumpkin and gourd varieties — types that people have bred for their desired traits — that are suited to production in Virginia," he said.

Virginia is a perfect test bed for specialty pumpkins because of the state's range of elevations and diverse soil and climate types, Rideout said.

About an hour northwest of Sharpe, commercial horticulture Extension agent Jason Cooper in the Shenandoah Valley is having success getting growers interested in testing these new varieties. Southwest Virginia Extension agent Ashley Edwards also is seeing an increased interest.

"I think this grant works out great because we are hitting almost every spot



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of the state, and each part of the state has a different growing season with about four or five different zones," Cooper said. "Hitting all the different spots is beneficial as far as getting information and things that we need for our growers in our own personal coverage areas."

## From Halloween treats to Thanksgiving eats

While specialty pumpkins may be the new craze, the beloved orange jack-o'-lantern remains a holiday staple. What would Halloween be without a spooky carved pumpkin or a Thanksgiving table without pumpkin pie?

Pumpkins were historically targeted for distribution within October, but commercial markets, fall festivals, and consumer demand have shifted this retail window. Earlier sale dates in September have increased the need for pumpkins to have longer shelf lives to ensure fruit quality until Halloween. In addition, many consumers desire pumpkins to retain soundness for fall displays and decorations until Thanksgiving.

"These new trends have stretched the postharvest window for pumpkins, and growers are looking at options to increase fruit longevity," Rideout said. "Unfortunately, little research has examined postharvest treatments to extend pumpkin fruit quality. Research exploring pumpkin cultivars that produce fruit possessing longer shelf lives has not been conducted either."

That is, until now.

As part of the second objective of the pumpkin grant, the research team will

compare postharvest qualities of these different cultivars over the 2023 and 2024 growing seasons. In addition to cultivar comparisons, trials comparing postharvest care of pumpkins will be conducted at Virginia Tech's Homefield Farm.

Once harvested, the pumpkins will be separated and subjected to different treatments or none at all. Different methods include wiping them with water, wiping with bleach and chlorine, and spraying them with a hose.

"We understand that some of these practices may not be feasible for all growers, so their input in this project is going to be critically important," Rideout said. "If you grow 70 acres of pumpkins, you know you're not going to take each individual pumpkin and spray them off. There is some work to be done to exactly figure out this objective and what we can test, but our main goal is to explore what we can feasibly do that would extend their shelf life."

The pumpkin grant funding will stretch over two years, but Rideout said the research team will support Virginia's booming pumpkin production for years to come. The ultimate goal of any successful study is to share the results with growers and stakeholders, he said, and the team plans to do just that at field days, grower meetings, and through Extension publications.

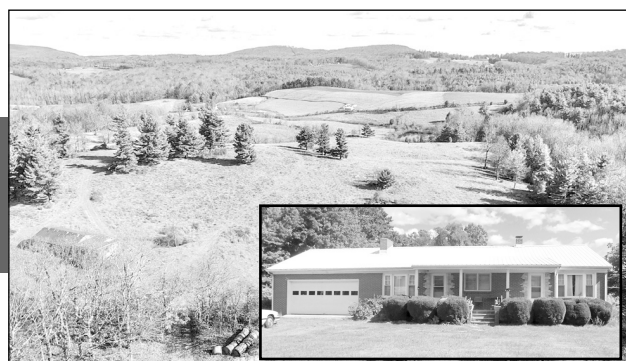
"We are vested in this," Rideout said. "We want to see pumpkin production do well and continue to grow."

— Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

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**OFFERING #3** - 2 BR, 1 BA, 1,276 sq.ft. brick ranch & 12.355 acres. Has a heat pump, newer metal roof and partial basement. Double attached garage and storage building on the property. Has spring water which is located on Offering 5. Acreage consists of mostly open pasture or hay land with some mature hardwood along back boundary.

House address is 707 Fairview Church Rd.

**House Preview: Thursday, December 1st @ 4 PM**

**OFFERING #4** - 47.910 acres. Mostly open land with some wooded areas. Has creek frontage and 1,583 feet of frontage on Spring Dale Rd. Multiple building sites on gentle to level slope with long range views.

**OFFERING #5** - 36.793 acres. Mostly open with some wooded land and long range views. Has a pond and creek frontage. Fronts on Fairview Church Rd and Spring Dale Rd. Spring rights will convey to Offering 3.

**OFFERING #6** - 34.031 acres. Mostly wooded and level with some timber value. Has a small spring branch running along the northern boundary and discontinued State Route 715 along southern boundary. Fronts on Spring Dale Rd. Has an old pole shed on the property.

**Directions** - To Fairview Church Rd - From Floyd Stoplight, take Rt 8 South to right on Rt 717 (Fairview Church Rd) to property on both sides of the road. To Spring Dale Rd - From Floyd Stoplight, take Rt 8 South to right on Rt 714 (Spring Dale Rd) to property on the right.

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## Jessie Peterman Memorial Library schedule of events for Nov. 29-Dec. 2

**Nov. 29** – We Can All Use a Little Help at 3 p.m.

A certified peer recovery specialist from the 401 Peer Center will lead a group meeting every Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. Anyone who would like to add connection and support into their lives, can take part. Certified peer recovery specialists are trained to offer support to individuals who are dealing with substance use disorder and/or mental health challenges. These meetings will provide a safe, non-judgmental space that will promote overall wellness. There is no need to sign up.

**Nov. 30** – Bingo at 2 p.m. It's an afternoon of fun and prizes.

**Dec. 1** – DMV Connect from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed for lunch from 12:30 to 1:30 pm.

**Dec. 2** – True Crime Author Ron Peterson, Jr. at 5 p.m. He will discuss his latest book, Eyes of a Monster, and provide updates on the cases in his previous books, Under the Trestle, and Chasing the Squirrel, both of which are currently in development as a documentary or a television series. This event is free and is open to all.

## Events

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line up on East Main Street between Tyler Avenue and University Drive Bridge and proceed westward along Main Street to the Central Square Shopping Center. Go to [www.radfordva.gov](http://www.radfordva.gov) to register. Deadline to register is Nov. 30.

## Help the veterans with your donations

Meadowbrook Public Library is a collection point for items needed at the VA Medical Center in Salem. Bring donations of the following items to the library through the month of November: deodorant, denture adhesive, 3-in-1 body wash/shampoo/conditioner, body lotion, toothpaste, nail clippers, sweatpants, sweatshirts, t-shirts (size M, L, XL), and new baseball caps. Co-Sponsored by VFW Post 5311 and Montgomery-Floyd Regional libraries.

## Free GED classes

At the Meadowbrook Public Library, 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. New River Community College is offering free GED classes every Tuesday and Thursday until Thursday, Dec. 15. For more information or to sign up, call the Meadowbrook Library at 540-268-1964.

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# MONTGOMERY SPORTS

## Two Blue Demons, one Bruin All-River Ridge

The River Ridge District has announced its 2022 volleyball honors with Christiansburg's Braelyn Williams and Addison Reasor joining Blacksburg's Rylee Sloss on the first-team. Blacksburg's Ella Poff and Avery

VanGilder were named second-team, while teammate Sophia Johnston was named third-team.

Christiansburg's Sierra Carneal and Ela Shepherd were also named to the River Ridge third-team for volleyball.

## Big South tabs Radford's Kenyon Giles as freshman of the week

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Thanks to his breakout performance on the road this week, Radford men's basketball guard Kenyon Giles has been named Big South Freshman of the Week, the conference office announced Monday afternoon.

The Silverado High School product immediately introduced himself to the college basketball world, dropping 15 points on 7-for-11 shooting, grabbing three rebounds, dishing out an assist, and nabbing a steal at Marquette Monday night.

Giles then came back three days later and balled out again, scoring 20 points while shooting 7-for-15 from the floor and 4-for-7 from beyond the arc at Notre Dame. The Chesapeake, Va., native also added two steals, a block, and a rebound in a near upset of the Fighting Irish.

This award marks the first of Giles's career and the first Freshman of the Week honor for Radford since Fa"Mir Ali on Jan. 11, 2021.

- Radford University

## Pulaski River Turtles release 2023 baseball schedule

A new season of Pulaski River Turtles baseball is slated to begin June 6 on the road against the Bluefield Ridge Runners with Opening Night at Calfee Park scheduled for Thursday, June 8 against the Danville Otterbots.

Released Thursday, Nov. 17, the schedule includes 24 home games with 11 home games in June and 13 home games in July. The regular-season finale is scheduled for Monday, July 31. In total, the 2023 schedule boasts 48 dates.

All home games will begin at 7 p.m.. A collection of promotional nights will accentuate the action-packed schedule, headlined by the return of Agriculture Night, Saddle-Up Sunday, and Circus Night.

Information on season ticket packages, box seating, and individual game tickets for the 2023 season is forthcoming.

2023 will mark Pulaski's 57th season fielding teams in the Appalachian League. The River Turtles enjoyed a successful 2021 campaign in the league's first season of collegiate wood-bat play, compiling a regular-season record of 32-22 and earning the East Division championship. The Greeneville Flyboys edged the

River Turtles 9-8, however, to earn the 2021 Appalachian League championship. The River Turtles followed up their maiden season with a solid second-place finish in the East Division in 2022.

### 2023 Pulaski River Turtles Home Dates

- June 8-9: Danville
- June 10-11: Burlington
- June 13-14: Bluefield
- June 20-21: Johnson City
- June 22-23: Bristol
- June 28: Princeton
- July 1-2: Kingsport
- July 3: Princeton
- July 6-7: Danville
- July 13-14: Burlington
- July 15-16: Elizabethton
- July 22-23: Greeneville
- July 30-31: Princeton

Pulaski teams have a combined all-time record of 252-207 (248-199 regular season) in the Appalachian League, and boast five league championships: 1948, 1969, 1986, 1991, and 2013.

- Pulaski River Turtles

## Outdoor report: What's a Saugeye?



PHOTO COURTESY OF VIRGINIA DWR

### First Virginia State Record Saugeye Recorded On September 23, Michael Miller from Nathalie, Virginia, landed a 6.0-pound saugeye from the Staunton River. Miller caught the trophy-sized fish with spinning tackle using a crankbait. The fish measured 26 1/4 inches with a girth of 14 inches.

Saugeye – Sander canadensis x vitreus Saugeye is a member of the perch family. This species is a hybrid created by crossing a female walleye with a male sauger. Saugeye were first stocked in Virginia in 2013.

Saugeye have tannish yellow to gold-colored sides with distinct dark blotches or saddles extending from the dorsal to the ventral side of the fish. Like walleye, saugeye will have a distinct dark blotch on the rear base of the front dorsal fin. Sauger will not have this blotch. Additionally, saugeye have lots of rough scales on their cheek while walleye and sauger only have a few cheek scales. Walleye cheek scales are smooth while sauger cheek scales are rough.

The best way to identify a saugeye is by looking at the dorsal fin. Saugeye will exhibit distinct streaks between dorsal fin spines and can frequently have one to two rows of spots along the base of the dorsal fin. Sauger will have more than two rows of spots while walleye will only exhibit indistinct streaks between dorsal fin spines.

**Where can I find Saugeye in Virginia?**  
Lakes: Lake Chesdin, Lake Anna, Lake Orange, Lake Brittle, Burke Lake, Little Creek Reservoir

Rivers: Appomattox River, Staunton River

**Saugeye Management in Virginia**  
In 2013-2015, 2019, 2021 and 2022 saugeye were stocked into several walleye fisheries in place of walleye. In some locations saugeye performed well and are now established in these waters and are desired by fisheries managers because of the hybrid vigor demonstrated. In waters where saugeye are stocked they will be managed similar to walleye, treated as walleye in the regulatory process and included in the state's walleye management plan. The following conditions will be met in order to stock and manage saugeye in Virginia waters. Saugeye will not be stocked into drainages or waters that have naturally reproducing walleye populations and/or waters that provide walleye brood stock for hatchery production. This will reduce the risk of back crosses

occurring in systems that have natural reproduction and prevent unwanted crosses of saugeye and walleye made at hatcheries if saugeyes are mistaken for walleye during brood stock collections.

The production and stocking of saugeye into various waters within Virginia would not be made possible without the help of the West Virginia DNR and the hatchery staff at Apple Grove Fish Hatchery in Gallipolis, WV. The healthy population of sauger in the Ohio River serves as the annual brood source for hatchery operations.

Nighttime electrofishing effort provides the required number of sauger to be collected and transferred back to the hatchery. Collected sauger are split into holding tanks based on their sex. The collected male sauger are milked of their milt with collected milt being extracted by a syringe. Milt is transferred to vials containing milt extender and then placed on ice overnight. Vials of milt are then delivered to Virginia and DWR's Vic Thomas Hatchery, where hatchery staff fertilize eggs from Staunton River walleye to create the hybrid saugeye.

**Fishing Techniques**  
Similar techniques used to catch walleye will also prove to be productive on saugeye. Additionally, saugeye can sometimes be less finicky than walleye. Bright jig heads with soft plastic swimbaits work really well on rivers during the pre-spawn time frame in late winter/early spring. Crankbaits and jerkbaits will also prove productive in the right conditions. Anglers fishing with bait will have luck on nightcrawlers and live minnows.

Trolling is a popular tactic in the summer months if you can locate fish on flats above the thermocline in large impoundments and lake systems. Trolling anglers have success with night crawler harness rigs or crankbaits in these situations. Vertical jigging with swim baits and blade baits can also be a popular technique to catch both saugeye and walleye on lakes and reservoirs

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## FROM THE SIDELINES

By Marty Gordon

## Hokies start basketball season 3-0, Mutts returns to lineup

The ACC championship banner was unveiled before Sunday's Virginia Tech game with William & Mary, and the team has started the season with three easy wins. While those wins have come against the lower competition of college basketball including Sunday, the Hokies have shown they are getting better every day.

Coach Mike Young has gone up and down the bench, developing a lot of depth as the team was ahead by as many as 34 at several points in those three wins over Delaware State, Lehigh, and William & Mary.

The ACC championship banner hangs beside the 1979 Metro Conference championship banner and the 1996 Atlantic 10 West Division championship banner.

The Lehigh game saw the return of Justin Mutts, who missed the first game because of a one-game suspension.

Mutts participated in a non-NCAA certified event earlier this year when going through the pre-NBA draft process, and the NCAA handed down a one-game suspension.

Mutts recorded the 17th double-double of his career Thursday night, dropping in 16 points and yanking down 11 rebounds.

Mutts was the ACC's Skip Prosser Award winner last season and is embarking on his 11th semester in college. He has already earned a bachelor's degree and two master's degrees. He is currently enrolled in human development, his second undergraduate program. He is also one of an elite group of players in the ACC who have recorded at least 100 career starts.

A lot of optimism surrounds Cassell Coliseum.

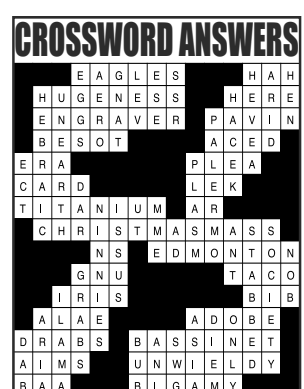
**Facts:**  
• The Hokies are among the nation's leaders in active NCAA Tournament appearances. With the program's record fifth straight in 2022, they own the eighth-longest active streak. It's the second longest among ACC programs. This is a pretty remarkable turnaround, thanks to information

provided by VT Athletics, for a program that prior to 2017 had gone to the NCAA tournament only once (2007) in 20 years.

• Wright State transfer and big-man Grant Basile has already shown he might be the answer to replacing two-time ACC selection Keve Aluma. The 6-9 forward is a threat inside and behind the three-point arc. He dialed up 30 points on 12 Of 16 shooting in his debut, the most points recorded in ACC play on opening night. His 30 points included six three-pointers.

The season has started out well for the Hokies. Now, the competition becomes a little stiffer, and the Hokies will have to step up their play if they hope to continue this streak.

This includes Old Dominion on Thursday.





# Auburn advances to state title game



Gretchen Surface gets the block and the point as Auburn won in three games against Giles. 25-22, 26-24, and 25-14 to advance to the state championship game.

Madison Ketterer sets the ball for a teammate in Tuesday's win. Auburn moved on to the state championship game played at the Salem Civic Center.



Stacy Lewis hits the ball across the net for an Auburn point. Teammate Madison Ketterer finished with 30 assists in the defeat of Giles, and Avery Zuckerwar had 12 kills and 14 digs.

PHOTOS BY ASHLEY AKERS

## 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.

**ROUTE 114 TURN LANE CONSTRUCTION** - Construction is underway on road improvements on Route 114 (Peppers Ferry Road) for a new entrance to Belview Elementary School. Motorists should expect daily lane closures controlled by flagging.

walls, lack of shoulders and lane shifts in various locations, drivers should adhere to posted 60 mph speed limits in the work zone and allow space when following a vehicle.

- **RAMP CLOSURES:** Ramp closures 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.

### 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. Starting in February and continuing into the early summer, work will be performed on the inside and outside shoulders along a five mile section of both northbound and southbound Interstate 81 in Roanoke County and the city of Salem. The shoulders will be built up before barrier walls can be installed for road crews to work behind. Barrier walls 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:

- **WORK ZONE SPEED:** With narrow spacing in lanes due to barrier

### 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 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.

### 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.

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### Saugeye from page 7

in Virginia. For anglers interested in catching saugeye or walleye with a fly rod, the best chance at success is during the spring by throwing streamer patterns on rivers during the pre-spawn time frame.

**Feeding Habits**  
Like walleye, saugeye have a reflective layer of pigment in their eye that allows them to gather light in low light conditions. These fish often stay in deeper water during the day and move into shallower water at night, dawn, and dusk to feed. In tailwaters, you can find these fish in deep holes with cover and woody debris.

Saugeye feed on other fish, aquatic insects, and crustaceans like crayfish. Overcast, cloudy, and rainy days can be great for targeting both saugeye and walleye.

**Habitat**  
In general, saugeye can tolerate warmer water temperature regimes than walleye and can perform better than walleye in more productive and turbid systems.

Saugeye can thrive in both rivers and lakes as long as they provide the right habitat. Impoundments that stratify in the summer months and provide ample cooler water habitat with oxygen will support saugeye populations.

**Spawning Habits**  
As a hybrid, saugeye are purported to have reduced fecundity, however observations of Lake Anna fish suggest they produce viable gametes. Despite this, natural reproduction is highly unlikely due to habitat limitations in addition to biological and behavioral issues from hybridization.

In river systems, saugeye will migrate upriver during spawning season in a similar fashion to walleye and sauger. In tailwater systems, they can be found congregating below dams in late winter and early spring, going through the motions of the spawn.

- Virginia DWR