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News Messenger

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Virginia legislature approves new Blue Ridge Parkway license plate

Submitted by Rita Larkin, Communications Director, Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation

On Friday, Feb. 17, the Virginia General Assembly approved the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation's specialty license plate. Proceeds from sales will support enhancements and programs along the country's most visited national park.

Thanks to Parkway supporters, the Foundation exceeded the 450 pre-orders required to secure approval for the license plate.This will be the only specialty plate in the commonwealth solely dedicated to funding projects and programs along the Parkway.

"We are so grateful to all the Virginians who placed a pre-order for the plate and helped us create a new source of support for the national park in their backyard," said Carolyn Ward, CEO of the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation.

In 2022, the park welcomed more than 15.7 million visitors. Unlike many large national parks, the parkway does not charge an admission fee, making the scenic route more vulnerable to shortfalls in government funding, maintenance backlogs, and building closures.

The plate legislation garnered widespread support, ranging from Augusta County to the Roanoke Regional Chamber to Patrick County.

In a letter of support, Kimberly Davis, executive director of the Friends of Southwest Virginia, wrote: "The Parkway is a significant economic driver for Southwest Virginia. Additionally, the work of the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation has had a tremendous impact in both Virginia and North Carolina, and this license plate project will help the foundation support projects and programs on the parkway for years to come."

PHOTO COURTESY OF BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY FOUNDATION

The Virginia General Assembly recently approved a new license plate supporting enhancements and programs along the Blue Ridge Parkway.

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PHOTO BY MARY DESMOND FOR VIRGINIA TECH

Smyth Hall is located in the ag quad on the Virginia Tech campus in Blacksburg.

Board of Visitors to consider 2023-24 tuition and fees at March 20 meeting; virtual public comment opportunity scheduled for March 2

The Virginia Tech Board of Visitors will meet on Monday, March 20, at 1:15 p.m. in 2100 Torgersen Hall (620 Drillfield Drive, Blacksburg) to consider tuition and mandatory fees for the 2023-24 academic year.

As part of that consideration, Virginia Tech will hold a virtual public comment opportunity on Thursday, March 2, at 1:45 p.m. The link to observe this event or to pre-register to speak will be posted on the Board of Visitors website. Several members of the Board of Visitors will participate virtually as university officials provide an overview of proposed tuition and fees ranges and to receive public comment consistent with guidelines posted to the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors website.

Tuition and fees support the university's strategic plan, The Virginia Tech Difference: Advancing Beyond Boundaries, within the context of the many budget implications of the state's General Assembly actions and other major initiatives that impact university costs.

Over the last several years, the board has prioritized the affordability of a Virginia Tech degree while making targeted investments that enhance the value of a Virginia Tech education to both students and the commonwealth and continue to position the university as a leader in teaching, research, and innovation.

With a heightened focus on student affordability, President Tim Sands and the board have launched an access and affordability initiative that will seek financial strategies to ensure a Virginia Tech education is within reach of all Virginia residents regardless of income.

The university will continue to leverage incremental state funding with cost containment strategies, administrative efficiencies, and internal reallocations to maximize available resources and mitigate tuition increases.

As a result of these continued efforts, the board has been able to limit the average in-state undergraduate tuition increase to just 1.8 percent per year over the last five years, and to keep tuition increases well below inflation for

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Broadband legislation passes Virginia House, Senate, heads to governor's office

Submitted by Marisa Nahem, VMDABC press

Overwhelmingly popular broadband legislation will now head to the governor's office after the Virginia House Tuesday, Feb. 21, passed HB 1752, sponsored by Del. Chris Head after the Senate advanced SB 1029, sponsored by Sen. Bill Stanley, passing it swiftly with bipartisan support. In response to legislators' strong support of the legislation, Del. Chris Head, Sen. Bill Stanley, and Virginia, Maryland, and Delaware Association of Broadband Cooperatives (VMDABC) Chair Casey Logan issued the following statements as the legislation heads to Governor Glenn Youngkin's desk:

Del. Chris Head:

"Growing up in rural Georgia, I know firsthand what life is like without technology. There was no cable TV,

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Conditional Use Permit application filed

Conditional Use Permit #23-0002 has been filed. This is a request to combine previously approved conditional use permits (11-0002, 11-0007, 16-0002, 18-0002, and 21-0001) at Kent Square at 202 and 250 South Main Street (Tax Parcels 256-A 115 and 257-C A 1) to increase the maximum allowed ground-floor medical and general office square footage in DC Downtown Commercial zoning district on behalf of Kent Square LLC.

The following meetings have been scheduled to consider this application:

1. Neighborhood Meeting: Thursday, March 2, 2023, 5:30 p.m. in the Blacksburg Motor Company building; 400 S. Main St.
2. Planning Commission Public Hearing: Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers, Second Floor Municipal Building, 300 S.Main St.
3. Town Council Public Hearing: Tuesday, April 11, 2023, 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers, Second Floor Municipal building, 300 S. Main St.

Virginia Tech Philharmonic curates a space of belonging for student musicians from diverse majors

PHOTO BY LIZ GRAY FOR VIRGINIA TECH

Mathias Elmer conducts the student musicians who comprise the Virginia Tech Philharmonic.

The resident symphony orchestra, the Virginia Tech Philharmonic, met three times per week recently to prepare for its performance at the Moss Arts Center. The concert honored and featured the two students who won the Virginia Tech Soloist Competition earlier this academic year.

The first winner, Mary Wright, will sing

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Grandpa's Coming Out of the Closet....

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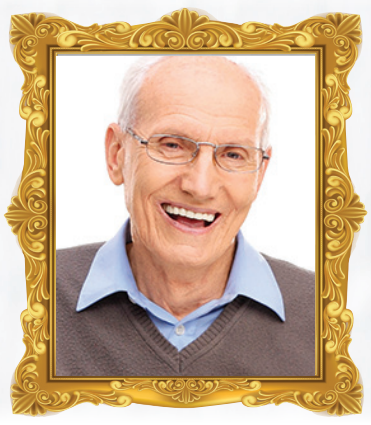

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, Feb. 25:

Retro Gaming
At the Meadowbrook Library; 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Kick it old school at Meadowbrook and try out various retro games and systems (provided). For ages 10 and up. No registration is needed. Drop in at any point during the allotted time to play some retro games.

Monday, Feb. 27:

Radford City Council meeting
The Radford City Council will hold its regularly scheduled meeting at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at the Radford Municipal Building, 10 Robertson St., Radford.

Montgomery County Board of Supervisors meeting
The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors will meet at the Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St. in Christiansburg. Closed sessions begin at 6 p.m. if needed. Open sessions begin at 7:15 p.m. Citizens are invited to attend and will be 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.

Tuesday, Feb. 28:

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 Council Chambers of Town Hall (100 E. Main Street). The public is welcome and is encouraged to attend with a citizen hearing time reserved at each meeting for residents to bring any matter they desire before the entire council.

Lunch and Learn with New River Community College
At the Radford Public Library; 1 to 2 p.m. Adult Career Coach and Community Outreach Specialist Stephanie Addikis of New River Community College will talk about the many resources and support services available for students of all ages at the college. NRCC has something for everyone from teenagers to high school seniors. Stephanie will give a brief presentation, and a financial aid advisor will be present to help with questions about enrollment and affordability. Contact Elizabeth at Elizabeth.sensabaugh@radfordva.gov to place a request for a free lunch (an assortment of sandwiches, chips, apple and a drink).

Wednesday, March 1:

Blacksburg business license renewal forms due
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Thursday, Mar. 2:

Crab Creek Watershed Project kick-off meeting
Attendees at the Crab Creek Watershed Project Kick-Off Meeting will learn about how to get involved and receive funding to install watershed-friendly landscaping on their property. At the Loft at Great Road on Main (100 W Main St. Christiansburg); 6 to 7 p.m.

American Legion meeting
American Legion Harvey-Howe-Carper Post 30 will meet on Thursday, March 2, at 6 p.m. at the VFW Post Home, 102 Watts St. in Radford. If Radford City Public Schools are closed on Thursday or Friday of this week due to weather, the meeting will be canceled. For further information, call 540-250-2253 or 540-239-9864.

Thursday, Mar. 9:

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

Women's leadership conference
At the Inn at Virginia Tech and Skelton Conference Center. The deadline to register is March 2. Register at https://montgomerychamber.chambermaster.com/eventregistration/register/9932.

Friday, March 12:

Luther Memorial Lutheran Church to host Mr. Jefferson's Bones Trombone Quintet
Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, 600 Prices Fork Rd., Blacksburg, is hosting a concert by Mr. Jefferson's Bones, a professional trombone quintet, at 4 p.m. The New River Valley community is invited to attend.

Monday, March 13:

Radford Community Garden sign-ups
Radford Community Garden will begin sign-up for the 2023 season on March 13, 2023, in the City Administration Building. Previous gardeners will have priority for a plot. Plots cost $20 for a 20 x 20-foot plot and $10 for a 10 x 20 plot.

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Tuesday, March 14:

Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting
The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet at 7 p.m. at Aly's Italian Family Restaurant, 3204 Riner Road. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are invited to this meeting. If Montgomery County Public Schools are closed on Tuesday or Wednesday of this week due to weather, the meeting will be canceled. For further information, call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

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New Tuesday night zumba class
Blacksburg Parks and Recreation is now offering a new Tuesday night Zumba class with Jui-Ling. Classes will begin March 14 and will continue through April 25 from 6 to 7 p.m. Passes can be purchased at the Blacksburg Community Center and cost $35 for residents and $45 for non-residents. Passes are good for 13 visits and are interchangeable with morning and evening classes (excluding Yoga Flow). For more information, call 540-443-1142.

Ongoing:

Lifeguard training
The Christiansburg Aquatic Center is hiring high school students aged 16 and above for the summer season. A lifeguard training course will be held March 17 through March 19. If students are hired, the training class is free. Enroll at www.cacpool.com.

Cap and gown drive
The Town of Blacksburg Sustainability Office is partnering with Blacksburg High School and Sustainable Blacksburg to encourage re-use of previous years' graduate gear for the 2023 senior class. Gowns (blue only - from 2018 and later), caps, stoles, and cords are accepted. Donations can be made between 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at the main entrance of Blacksburg High School. To hold costs down, materials may be dry-cleaned, but this is not required. For more information, contact the Town of Blacksburg Sustainability Office at 540-443-1617 or sustainability@blacksburg.gov.

Blacksburg 2023 Citizens Institute
The Town of Blacksburg is sponsoring a citizens institute on Monday evenings

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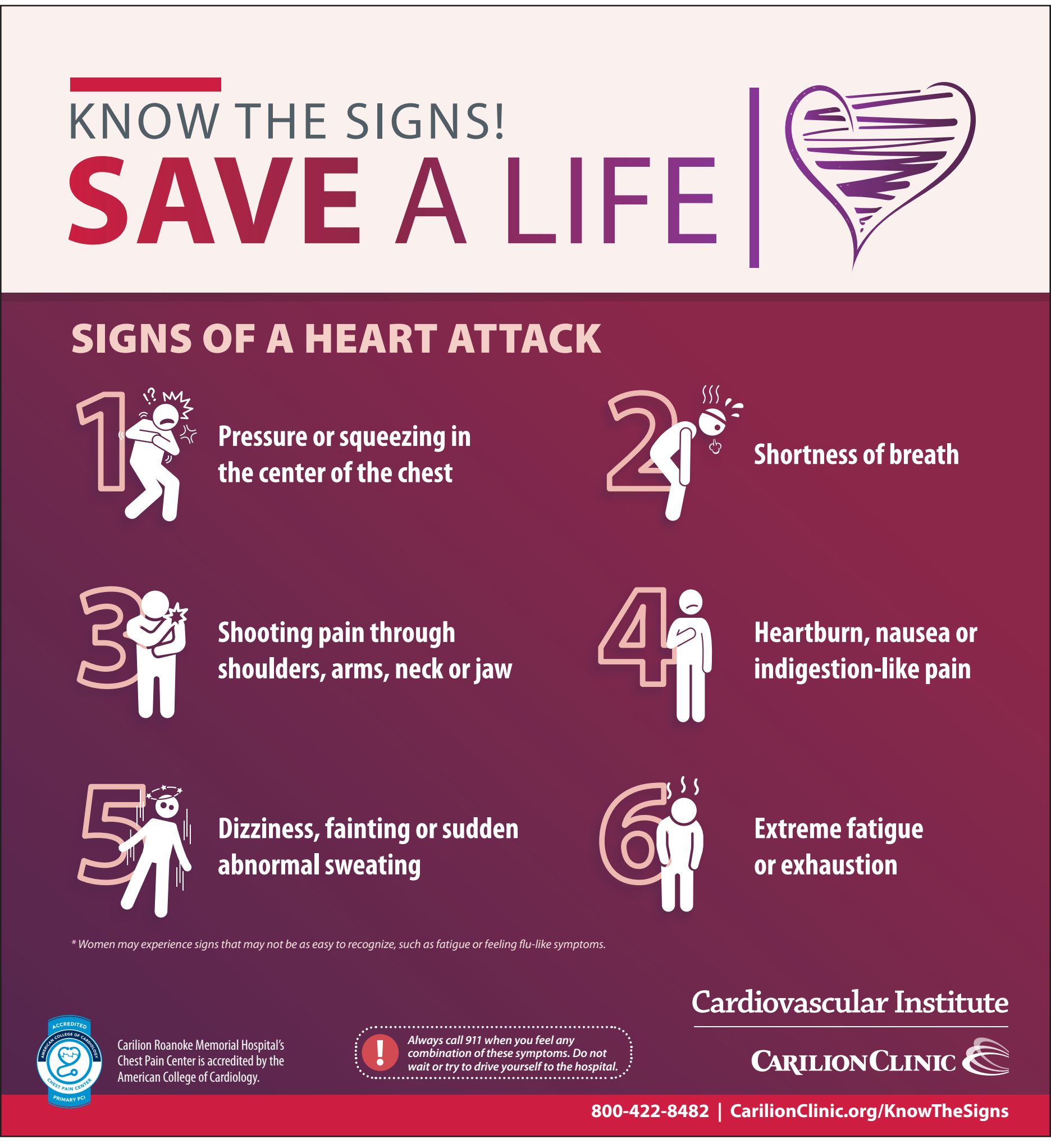

LAND TRANSFERS

The following land transfers were recorded in the Montgomery County Courthouse in January. The names of only one seller and one buyer are listed; others may be involved in the transaction.

• Hesham Rakha to Tariq Hesham Rakha Lot 72, Fiddlers Green, Blacksburg

• Theodore R. Carr III to Raymond Bishop, 0.236 of ac., lot 6, Parcel 1 and 0.099 of ac. Lot 7, Parcel 2, Christiansburg $18,300

• Marie T. Carr to Raymond Bishop, 0.122 ac., Part of Lot 7, Christiansburg, $6,700

• Robert Wayne Bishop to Robert Brian Andeson II, 1.0056 ac., Tract 1 and 1.5612 ac., Tract 2, Riner Magisterial District, $234,500

• Allen Daniel Folta Trust to Margaret H. Folta, 2.771 ac., lot 2A, Blacksburg

• Curtis N. Caldwell to Bruce Nolen Caldwell, 10 Gavins Ct. NW, Christiansburg, Lot 84, Senneca Springs Subdv., Ph III, Christiansburg

• Joellen Walker Trust to Jim Walker Enterprises LLC, 1601 Blacksburg Lane, 0.662 ac., Blacksburg

• Joellen Walker Trust to Jim Walker Enterprises LLC, Grissom Lane, Blacksburg, Three parcels, metes and bounds, See legal, Blacksburg

• Joellen Walker Trust to Joellen Walker, 1502 Greenwood Dr., Blacksburg, Lot 1, Forest Hill, Sec. B, Blacksburg

• Holly Michelle Miller to Karl R. Precoda, Lot 28, Ph 1, Shadowlake Village Subdv., Blacksburg

• Adam122Cascades LLC to Molly G. Larson, Condo unit 122, Bldg 1, Cadcades Condos, Blacksburg, $185,000

• William Roger Cardwell to Lonnie W. Linkous, 1.9 ac., metes and bounds, Prices fork Magisterial District, $110,000

• Kipps Farms LLC to Stateson Homes LLC, Lot 53, Westhill Subdv., Prices Fork Magisterial District $134,750

• Billy Ray Gunter

• Kathryn Muller to Parker Alexander Niccum, 4.579 ac., Portion of Tract 11, Yellow Sulphur Village, Shawsville Magisterial District, $302,000

• Minyong Park to Xiao Ru Chen, Condo unit 3303, Bldg 3, Knollwood Condos, Ph III, Blacksburg, $275,000

• Alexander M. Quinones to Alexander M. Quinones, Condo Unit 1, Bldg. C., Park Place Condos

• Scott W. Hill to Mine Me and US Montessori School, 0.75 ac., Blacksburg, $819,000

• William R. L. Craft III to WRLC3 Investments LC, Northerly side of N. Franklin St., Christiansburg

• Vickie Briggs to Thomas A. Beckett, Lot 3, Walnut Creek, Ph 1, Shawsville Magisterial District, $355,000

• Douglas W. Sink to Jessica D. Apgar, 2 parcels, lots 17-20, Sunset Park Subdv. and Portion 20-ft. Drive, metes and bounds $189,500

• Mona Ghassemi to Jeffrey Briskin, Lot 98, Ph 1, Wyatt Farm PDR, Blacksburg, $700,000

• Thomas Scott Bube to Thomas M. Richardson, 0.4064 ac., metes and bounds, Blacksburg

• Shirley J. Brumfield to Stephen M. Albert, Lots 32, 33, ragan Heights, Christiansburg Magisterial District

• Shirley J. Brumfield to Deborah K. Brumfield, Lot 12 and 25 ft. of South portion of Lot 13, Ragan Heights, Christiansburg Magisterial District

• Erich M. Horner to Aaron J. Keller, Lot 17, Ph II, Robin Hood Estates, Christiansburg, $379,500

• Shah Development LLC to Billy D. Massie Sr., 0.217 ac., Parcel A, and 0.231 ac., Parcel B, Christiansburg, $600,000

• Western Virginia Land and Timber to Red Oak Partners LLC, 28.8920 ac., Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, $83,600

• Amanda J. Nelson to Amanda Nelson Living Trust, Lot 47, Ph II-A, Toms Creek, Blacksburg

• Paul Stuart Metzler to Bradley Gibbons, Lot 19, Christiansburg, $300,000

• Anthony J. Kujawski to Marion J. Packett III, Lot 15, Mt. Tabor Village, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, $330,000

• Edith Smith Akers Administrator to Jonathan Hylton, 1 and ½ ac. Riner Magisterial District, $90,000

• Donna McCall to Mark Construction 1 LLC, lots 8, 9, 10, Blk. 2, Ward Teel Subdv., Christiansburg, $155,000

• Lawrence Carlton Raper to David Cecchini, 20.394 ac., Blacksburg, $156,000

• Robert Edward Martin to Nicole Luvica Wagner Trust, 0.769 ac., Christiansburg

• Michael A. Schulte to Ira Jerome Hill, Lot 34, Staffords Farm Subdv., Christiansburg, $370,000

• Donald David Wimmer to Zachary T. Wimmer, 3.7126 ac., Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, $253,000

• Lucas Construction and Development to Town of Blacksburg, 2021005426, 202100422, $1

• Lucas Construction and Development to Town of Blacksburg, 202100425, 2021005422, $1

• Sue A. Teel to James Neel, 0.941 ac., Riner Magisterial District, $304,000

• Jason Scott Cromer to Philip James Edgecombe, 0.255 ac., lot 136, Ph VI, New River Village, Ph VI, Christiansburg, $272,000

• M&M Land Company LLC to The McCraw Performance Group, 11.3899 ac., Lot 3, Riner Magisterial District $135,000

• David Caulfield Schmauss to Graham Glynn, 0.921 of ac., lot 6 and 1.299 ac., lot 7, Hillcrest at Union Valley, Riner Magisterial District, $600,000

• Rosemary C. Graham to Gary Wayne Graham, 7.73 ac., Riner Magisterial District

• Cynthia Ayers Price to PB and J Investments LLC, 7.886 ac., lot 2, Riner Magisterial District, $20,000

• Tony R. Young to Tony R. Young, 2948 Den Hill Rd., Christiansburg, 2 parcels, Parcel 1, metes and bounds, Parcel 2, 1.28 ac., metes and bounds, Shawsville Magisterial District, $60,000

• Peggy B. Epperly to Victoria Epperly Creed, 360 Clearview Dr., Christiansburg, Lots 15-16, Ragan Heights, Christiansburg Magisterial District

• Milton Manrique Pena to Milton Manrique Pena, Lot 43, Huff Heritage Subdv., Christiansburg

• Patrick L. Landreth to Kevin Gilbarte, 0.3803 ac., Christiansburg, $170,000

• SAS Eagle Givens LLC to Madeline F. Goddard, 0.202 ac., lot 109, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, $684,064

• Aissatou D. Mills to Jay M. Teets, Lot 12, Ph 1, Haymarket Square Townhouses, Sec II, Blacksburg, $329,500

• Andrew Bret Ewin to Hugo E. Medrano Cardona, Lot 30, Blk 5A1, Ph 1, Pheasant Run Townhomes, Blacksburg, $305,000

• Tanner B. Blankenship to Megan A. Elliot, 0.5219 ac., Christiansburg, $530,000

• David Stephens Plumbing & Electrical to Paul Montagna, 4.105 ac., Parcel 2, Riner Magisterial District, $171,000

• BandW Enterprises LLC to Priyam Chibber, metes and bounds, see legal, Prices Fork Magisterial District

• Jonathan D. Linkous to Martin & Martin Investment LLC, Christiansburg, $105,000

• Peter J. McDonald to Peter J. McDonald Trust, Lot 35, Clifton, Ph II, Christiansburg

• Elizabeth B. Kanianthra to Tyler D. Kruszewski, Lot 41, Shenandoah Ph J, Blacksburg, $285,000

• Ricky Howell, Jr., to CJ Burleson, 7.413 ac., North Parcel, Riner Magisterial District, $40,000

• Eric Gordon Noonkester Executor to New River Auto Care LLC, 0.7537 ac., Prices Fork Magisterial District, $200,000

• Karen A. Hudson-Weber to Sasha Rai, Lot 19, Diamond Pointe, Ph 1, Christiansburg, $477,000

• Shaun Cutting to Thomas W. Gimmy, 1647 York Dr., Christiansburg, Lot 14, Henley Place, Ph II, Blacksburg, $220,000

• Linda L. Dorn Trust to Cambridge Investors LLC, 818 Cambridge Rd., Blacksburg, 0.114 ac., Lot 1, Ph 1, Sec 1, Blacksburg

• Linda L. Dorn Trust to Linda L. Dorn, 101 Fincastle Dr., Blacksburg, metes and bounds, see legal, Blacksburg

• Timothy Gerard Vaught Sr., to Akshit Hitesh Shah, Lot 4, Ph IV, Kensington Subdv., Christiansburg, $417,050

• Gary Wayne Graham to Gary Wayne Graham, 7.73 ac., less and except 5.68 ac., Riner Magisterial District

• Corey Dow to Andrew Reddy, 2020007876

• Janelle Marie Anderson Trust to Kevin Daniel Williamson, Lot 2, Knob Hill, Sec. V, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, $597,500

• Thelma S. Albert to Thelma S. Albert, Lot 16, Oak Tree Townhomes, Ph III, Christiansburg

• Jamie Jennell Buck to Jamie Jennell Buck Trust, Lot 159, Village at Toms Creek, Ph III

• Michael K. Wilson to Michael K. Wilson, 85 Sapphire Ave., Christiansburg, Lot 4, Edgement of Diamond Hill Ph 1, Christiansburg

• Doris Huff Elliott to Marianna B. Boucher, 3.728 ac., lot 1, Yellow Hill Farm Subdv., Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, $52,500

• Thomas Lee Thompson to Jeffrey D. Pfleiderer, 0.695 ac., lot 2, Christiansburg, $424,000

• Marianna B. Boucher to Pitonyak Living Trust, 3.728 ac., lot 1, Yellow Hill Farm Subdv., Mt. Tabor Magisterial District

• George Porcha to Bobbi Jo Marshall, 2.388 ac., lot 4, Christiansburg, $580,000

• Heb Smith, Inc., to Debra Lou Bullard, Lot 17, Woods Vista Subdv., Riner Magisterial District, $165,000

• Alicia Marshall to Joshua A. Love, 0.336 a., Christiansburg, $200,000

• Michael Glenn Slate to Kathryn E. Muller, Lots 1-5 metes and bounds, Sullivan Heights, Christiansburg, $194,900

• Leslie O. Carter to 1608 Bold Springs Circle LLC, lot 13, Bold Springs Subdv.

• Patricia Lynn Gallimore to Michael Ryen Gawrys, 2 parcels, see legal, $110,000

• Betsy Naff Davis to Lewis N. Davis, Parcel A, 31.395 ac. and Parcel B, 10.000 ac., Riner, Va.

• Sands Construction LLC to Donald Keith Meade, 1.103 ac., lot 119 Heritage Place, Ph IV-B, Riner Magisterial District, $93,000

• Cindy R. Minnick to Rebecca L. Rose, 0,815 ac., Christiansburg, $36,000

• Paul I. Fitzgerald to Micah Paddock, 10.00 ac., lot 26, Blacksburg, $192,500

• James A. Hardell to Hardell Living Trust, metes and bounds, see legal, Balcksburg

• John P. Tutle to Matthew Marry, Lot 17, Edgemont of Diamond Hill, Ph 1, Christiansburg

• Jim Wainwright Chapter #29 to Disabled American Veterans, 1620 S. Franklin St., Christiansburg, Shawsville Magisterial District, Montgomery Co., NE side of State Rt. No. 615

• Antoinette A. Suc Flory Trust to Bryce W. Reeburgh, 0.230 ac., lot 1, Ackerman Subdv., Blacksburg, $350,000

• Everette Lee McPeak to Andrew Joshua McPeak, 33.25 ac., metes and bounds, see legal, Shawsville Magisterial District, Shawsville $50,000

• Ethan Michael Havens to Niles Harper, Lot 20, Court Dr., Christiansburg, $172,150

• Paul J. Pontier to Paul jeffrey Pontier Trust, 0.417 ac., Lot 30, Ph IV, Blacksburg

• CTR Partnership LP to Christiansburg Residences LLC, 1140 W, Main St., Christiansburg, 1.55 ac. $1,997,304

• Mercymack Inc. to Rental Investment of Virginia, metes and bounds, see legal, Christiansburg, $260,000

• James D. Jachimski Sr., to Douglas White, See legal, Alleghany Magisterial District, $177,000

• Sandy Land of Virginia LLC to Caleb N. Woods, 0.263 ac., Lot 9, Childress Farm, Inc., Blacksburg, $255,000

• Joanne M. Jocz-Kao to William O. Armour, 2.70 ac., lot 19, The Ridges, Ph 3, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, $69,400

• Lauren M. Dulaney to Hunter ross Spahr, lot 13 and a portion of Lot 14, Suburban Hills, Christiansburg, $215,000

• Juanita Snider Aldridge Damewood to Ricardo Bello Marcelino, 2.40 ac., Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, $30,000

• Trustee Services of Virginia LLC to Herb Smith, Inc., 2005003340, $143,000

• Virginia J. Feltner to Virginia J. Feltner Revocable Trust, 6.338 ac., Tract 3, Shawsville Magisterial District

• The Partners III LLC to Stellium LLC, 1.00 ac., Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, $180,000

• Thomas Cox to Brad Eldon Bryson, Lot 18, Ridge at Walnut Creek, $360,000

• Stephen G. Martin to James E. Martin, 3050 Glasgow Rd., Christiansburg; 2 parcels, Riner Magisterial District, $12,000

• Eagle Construction of Virginia LLC to Richard Skelton, Lot 10, The Reserve at Round Meadow, Christiansburg, $500,370

• James B. Hurley to Robert S. Coleman, Lot 14, Woodview Subdv., Riner Magisterial District

• Christine Miller to Billy D. Massie, Sr., 2 parcels, see legal, Christiansburg, $550,000

• Equity Trustees LLC Sub Trust to Derrick R. Lancaster, 2003012907, $73,000

• Michael W. Green to Tyler Hamilton, Lot 11, Lions Gate, Ph II, Christiansburg, $310,000

• Henry M. Guess III to Julia Allison Hull, 0.286 ac., containing an area of 12.467 sq. ft. Christiansburg, $160,000

• Ronald D. Spencer to Ronald S. Spencer, 17.943 ac., Village of Pilot, Shawsville Magisterial District

• Louise G. Thompson to Jacqueline Louise Galyean, 105 Cherry Lane, Christiansburg; Lot 4, Highland Park #2, Christiansburg

• Rita Kay Burnette to Aldershot Holdings LLC, Lot 17, Oak Tree

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Blacksburg Business License Reminder

TOWN OF Blacksburg VIRGINIA

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two arias from Rossini's operas: "L'Italiana in Algeri" and "Il Barbiere di Siviglia." The first movement of E. Séjourné's "Concerto for Marimba and Strings" will be performed by winner Miranda Hughes. The concert also featured the world premiere of a new work "Three Love Letters," written by California-based composer Adam Hochstatter. The piece was commissioned by Mathias Elmer, the Virginia Tech Philharmonic's conductor.

The philharmonic is one of several large music ensembles on campus with more than 60 members, composed of music majors and non-majors. Auditions for the orchestra occur at the beginning of each academic year and are open to every Virginia Tech student as a one-credit class.

"Music brings together people that wouldn't otherwise have an opportunity to meet," said Madeline Deck, a senior civil engineering major and violin player. "Rehearsals with the Virginia Tech Philharmonic are the exclusive time I spend with non-engineering students. … In a world that is growing increasingly more competitive, it is nice to spend time in the VT Philharmonic and work collaboratively to create something beautiful as a group. As a non-music major, I was overjoyed to be able to participate in such an exceptional group throughout my four years at Virginia Tech. It is a nice break from the technical work of my degree."

Other students share Deck's sentiment of finding belonging in the orchestra and have bonded over Elmer's inclusive teaching style. "I love the process and hearing how the orchestra grows, not only musically, but also closer together as a team. VT Philharmonic is a second family to me," said music performance and French double major Jada Braxton.

Senior music education and cello performance double major Josie Chase said, "I love the repertoire that Dr. Elmer picks for each concert. It's so diverse in styles, time periods, and instrumentation."

"Dr. Elmer is not only an amazing educator but an amazing mentor," said Kieran Casey, music education and composition major. "His engagement with his students, his passion for music, and his love for the arts makes him the best director I have ever had."

Wright is a native of Northern Virginia who is completing a Bachelor of Arts in Music degree She is also a young artist at Opera Roanoke and a soloist at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Roanoke.

Hughes is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in percussion performance degree She is an active soloist, chamber musician, and educator specializing in classical and contemporary genres and also has studied West African hand drumming, singing, and dancing.

~ Virginia Tech Communications

Broadband

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no air conditioning, and our telephone was on a party line with three or four other families. And my dad often reminded me that the only reason we had electricity was the efforts of the REA and the service provided by our member-owned electric cooperative. Today, cooperatives' efforts are in leveling the playing field for the far too many families in rural and remote communities that often feel forgotten and left behind by today's technological advancements. Virginians in every corner of our commonwealth not only deserve access to the Internet, it is now a critical need. And it's on us to do all we can to make sure they get it, which is why I'm proud to have sponsored this legislation.

"Cooperatives have always been leaders in stepping up for rural and remote communities, and they are leading the way now in connecting Virginia families to the Internet. This legislation will remove the unnecessary roadblocks of an inadequate and bureaucratic system and will cut exorbitant fees, safeguarding our taxpayers and ensuring Virginia remains a leader in closing the digital divide so that no Virginian is left without access to all the good that broadband enables."

Sen. Bill Stanley:

"Some issues are complicated, this one is simple: Every Virginia family deserves access to all that the Internet enables from telemedicine and remote learning to business growth and so much more. Whether you are a student in Mecklenburg County or Richmond County, a small business owner in Page County or Albemarle County, or a patient trying to access medical care from Franklin County to Roanoke County, you deserve the Internet. This legislation is vital to closing the digital divide and ensuring no Virginia community is left behind or left out of Virginia's future. I'm proud of this legislature's action on both sides of the aisle to swiftly pass our legislation. I am confident that, thanks to cooperatives' efforts, Virginians in every corner of our commonwealth will have access to the Internet."

Casey Logan, Chair of the Virginia, Maryland, and Delaware Association of Broadband Cooperatives (VMDABC)

"I join my brothers and sisters at the cooperatives in applauding legislators of all political affiliations, backgrounds, and geographic regions for their swift action in passing this legislation. Cooperatives will not rest until every Virginian has access to the Internet, and this session, Virginia's leaders sent a strong statement that they share cooperatives' resolve to ensure every Virginia family is connected to broadband. To the Virginians out there waiting for fiber to reach them: we're coming."

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the last 10 years. This was achieved while making a sustained commitment to advancing underserved and underrepresented student enrollment, increasing institutional support for student financial aid, and advancing critical initiatives that enhance Virginia Tech's mission as a leading global land-grant institution.

When the board meets March 20, they will consider a combination of cost containment and revenue enhancement strategies that will address employee compensation and benefit increases (including those for graduate assistants), fixed cost increases, continued investment in academic programs, and the enhancement of high-demand student support services.

To further advance affordability, the university will continue to grow philanthropic support and increase student financial aid programs, including the Funds for the Future program, which offsets the cost of tuition and fee increases for returning students with family incomes up to $100,000.

Decisions made by the board March 20 will be contingent upon the outcome of the General Assembly session, when the total of mandated costs and the level of state support are fully understood by the university.

~ Virginia Tech Communications

New plate

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The specialty plate fee is $25, of which $15 will go toward key improvements along the parkway, including repairs at trails, campgrounds, and picnic areas. Funding will also support projects such as wildlife studies, historic preservation, and educational programs. A personalized plate is available for $35. The specialty plate is available for vehicles and motorcycles.

The DMV will soon begin the steps to get plates into production. The foundation will continue to accept pre-orders for the plate at GetThePlate.org until Friday, March 31. Those who have pre-ordered by that date will be the first group to receive the plate in the mail. Others will have to wait until the plate is listed on the DMV's website this summer. Production of the plate is estimated to take a few months, so plates will likely begin to arrive in July or August.

Since 1997, the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation has provided more than $20 million in support for the parkway, including historical and cultural preservation, environmental protection, visitor amenities, and education and outreach. To improve the health of children and help them connect to the outdoors, the foundation started the Kids in Parks program, which features five TRACK Trails on the parkway in Virginia. The foundation funds music programming at the Blue Ridge Music Center in Galax, which celebrates the musical traditions of the region with bluegrass, old-time, Americana, and country blues performances.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

CLUES ACROSS
1. Iranian village
6. Duct
9. Holds potatoes
13. Plant of the goosefoot family
14. Spoken in Cameroon
15. Students' rights document (abbr.)
16. Skin lesion
17. Went over the airwaves
18. Nestle malt drink
19. Rockets' point guard
21. Developed the polio vaccine
22. Businessmen
23. Animals have it
24. Atomic number 58
25. Cycles/second
28. Japanese classical theater
29. Slow nocturnal primate
31. Used in a play
33. One that breaks apart
36. Yellow-fever mosquitos
38. Bag-like structure in a plant
39. Simple wooden shoe
41. Leeches
44. Tide
45. Fathers
46. Decay
48. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
49. The Golden State (abbr.)
51. Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand
52. Unique garments
54. True firs
56. One who's not on time
60. Angry speech
61. Young children
62. About aviation
63. This (Spanish)
64. Earns a perfect score
65. People of Ghana
66. Founding member of The Grateful Dead
67. Of she
68. Genus of lichens

CLUES DOWN
1. Variety of pear
2. Curved symmetrical structure
3. A demon in some cultures
4. Cricket frogs
5. Atomic #45
6. Abnormal bone joint
7. Cain and __
8. Unhappy
9. Dogooder
10. Most babies need _ __ when they eat
11. Abdominal pain suffered by babies
12. Monetary unit
14. Tendency to suffer from a particular condition
17. Genus of flowering plants
20. It comes up some days
21. Koran chapters
23. In support of
25. One who crunches numbers
26. A type of school
27. Pops
29. Tears
30. Not influenced by drugs
32. Forms a boundary
34. Touch quickly and gently
35. Stray
37. A period between solar and lunar eclipses
40. Third-party access
42. A very large body of water
43. Infections
47. It might be due to nerves
49. Hall of Fame ballplayer Rod
50. Belittle
52. Type of sword
53. Makes very wet
55. One-time Peruvian money
56. A shoe typically has one
57. Not nice
58. Sea eagle
59. Civil Rights figure Parks
61. Humbug
65. A precious metal (abbr.)

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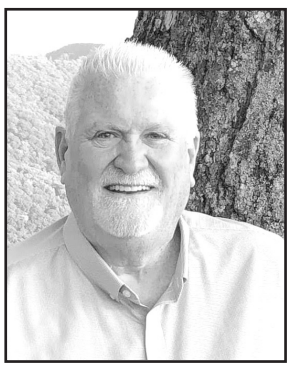
Bishop, Harold Wayne



Harold Wayne Bishop, 70, of Riner, was called home to be with the Lord on Feb. 18, 2023.

Harold "Wayne" was born on Sept. 28, 1952 to Harold Dewey Bishop and Shirley Jean (Lester) Bishop. He attended Auburn High School and New River Community College, and served in the US Army Reserves from 1971 - 1979, where he ended his service as a Staff Sergeant E6. He worked at Federal Mogul as an engineer in Blacksburg for over 30 years, and after retirement enjoyed driving semi's across country.

He never met a stranger, loved hard, and had the craziest sense of humor. He was a dedicated husband, friend, father, brother, son and Poppy. Harold loved traveling the country with Donna in their camper visiting different sites, and absolutely loved eating at new, unique, restaurants he saw on Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives. He was preceded in death by his father, Harold Dewey Bishop; his beloved wife, Donna Barnett Bishop; his son-in-law, Marion R. Phillips; and his sweet baby daughter, Amy Jeanette Bishop.

He is survived by his mother, Shirley; his siblings, David (Sharon) Bishop, Steve (Tammie) Bishop, and Jeanie (Kenny) Compton; his brother and sister-in-law, Michael (Linda) Barnett; and his daughters, Terena (Jeff) Dankof, Tonya Bishop Phillips, Deidre (Jeff McCall) Dalton, and Melanie Bishop. He also leaves behind his beloved grandchildren, Aaron Blaine, Allison (Hunter) Bishop Woods, Addie Blaine, Foster White, Anna Blaine, Evan McCall, Emma McCall and Riley Phillips; great grandson, Baby Boy Blaine; nieces and nephews, Ashley Bishop, Timothy (Tiffany) Bishop, Jasmine (TJ) Frazier, Jason (Cassie) Compton, Derek (Tabitha) Barnett and Josh (Melissa) Barnett; his Aunt Frances (Don) Drury, and multiple cousins, and lifelong friends.

The family received friends at McCoy Funeral Home on Friday, Feb. 24, 2023. A Memorial Service followed the visitation at McCoy Funeral Home.

Duncan, Eva Grace Lytton

Eva Grace Lytton Duncan, 82, of Radford, passed away Monday, Feb. 20, 2023.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert Stanley and Mabel Austin Lytton; sons Ricky Duncan and Dane Duncan; daughter Becky Earles; three brothers, and a sister.

Survivors include her husband of 64 years, Rodna T. Duncan; daughter Tammy Ratliffe (William); 12 grandchildren including two that she raised, Abagail and Hunter Duncan; 26 great-grandchildren; special dog Bullett; and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 24, 2023, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Interment followed in the West View Cemetery in Radford.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the funeral home to help with funeral expenses.

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

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Montgomery County WORSHIP DIRECTORY

YOU ALONE

Read Numbers 18:1 through 19:22

Monte had given his son one job: Shovel the walk. Monte returned to see messy piles of snow haphazardly scattered about. The boy had convinced his younger sister—who could barely lift the shovel—to do it for hims o he could play video games. Monte promptly unplugged the game and sent the boy out to finish the job.

Similarly, God gave Aaron and his sons enormous responsibility. He expected them—and them alone—to follow through.

"But only you and your sons may serve as priests in connection with everything at the altar and inside the curtain. I am giving you the service of the priesthood as a gift. Anyone else who comes near the sanctuary is to be put to death" (Numbers 18:7).

Has God placed a burden on your heart? Is He pointing you toward work that will expand His kingdom? You are uniquely gifted and in just the right place to effect divine change in this world. Don't wait for someone else to do the job the Lord has given you. He wants you, and you alone, to follow through.

Thought for Today: The work of the Kingdom changes our hearts as it changes our world.

Quicklook: Numbers 18:1–7

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ANGLICAN CATHOLIC

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

St. Philip's Anglican Church, 306 Progress Street, NE, Blacksburg, Virginia 24060, (540) 552-1771, www.stphilipsblacksburg.org. Reverend Fr. Wade Miller, Priest. Eucharist Sundays at 11am and Wednesday's at 12pm.

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

BAPTIST

First Baptist Church on 3rd Ave., 215 Third Ave at the corner with Downey St. We nurture meaningful connections to God and others through worship, spiritual growth, and community ministry. We celebrate the dignity and worth of all persons, created in the image of God. Sunday Bible Study Groups - 9:45, Sunday Worship - 11:00. Website: fbcradford.org 540-639-4419. Worship is in-person and live-streamed on Facebook and on our YouTube channel: First Baptist Church Radford.

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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

CHURCH OF GOD

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

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

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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

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

ECKANKAR

Eckankar, the Path of Spiritual Freedom, is a simple teaching that focuses on the Light and Sound of God to help people find more love in their life. The Roanoke Eckankar Center is located at 1420 3rd St. SW, Roanoke, VA 24016. A spiritual event is held on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Since contracting COVID-19 may still be possible, please take the health steps that are best for you. It is appreciated that by attending you are taking responsibility for your own health. Visit www.eck-va.org, www.meetup.com/Roanoke-Spiritual-Experiences * Group* or call 540-353-5365 for other Eckankar programs and for more information about how the teachings of Eckankar can lead you to spiritual freedom.

EPISCOPAL

Grace Episcopal Church, 210 4th Street, Radford, 639-3494. A friendly, mission-oriented spiritual community sharing the Word of God. ALL ARE WELCOME. In person and live-streamed services 10:30AM Sundays. Holy Eucharist twice a month. Morning Prayer twice a month. Fellowship and refreshments follow services. Find us on Facebook: Grace Episcopal Church and www.graceradford.org.

LUTHERAN

Luther Memorial Lutheran Church ELCA, 600 Prices Fork Rd, Blacksburg. Weekly Online Worship at www.lmlc.org. We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation that welcomes and affirms all people just as they are. For information on Bible studies and Wednesday Vespers, email luthermemorialblacksburg@gmail.com, or contact the church office, (540) 951-1000. Rev. Monica Weber, pastor.

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

St. Michael Lutheran Church, 2308 Merrimac Road, Blacksburg, VA 24060. Worship service each Sunday at 10 AM, Sunday School 9 AM. We are a community of God's people where people gather for worship, learning and service. Visitors and new members are always WELCOME! Google comments: "Wonderful, welcoming congregation…A place where all are truly welcome… Nice, friendly, competent staff." You will like our minister, The Rev. Michelle L. Stramiello. Her previous service was as Family Faith Formation Director at Cross and Crown Lutheran Church, Indianapolis, IN, Pastor of St Matthew Lutheran Church, Paducah, KY, and Hospice Chaplain in Largo, Fl. St. Michael started and administers Micah's Backpack which has great community impact, Micah's Soup for Seniors, Micah's Garden, Closet, and Mini Pantry. Also, partnering with Rainbow Riders and Total Action for Progress, we opened open the first Early Childhood Head Start in our community (6 weeks to age 3), and have numerous other programs including a Justice & Mercy Fund providing assistance for those needing emergency assistance with critical bills. Further St. Michael sponsors an awesome Scouting program of Boy & Girl Scout Troops, Venture Scouts for older youth, and a new Cub Pack for girls & boys kindergarten - 5th grade. Directions: From Price's Fork Road, turn onto Merrimac Road and St. Michael is 3/10ths of a mile down on the left. For more information about any of our activities: Phone 540 951-8951. Email hope@stmlc.us or visit our Website www.st-michael-lutheran-church.org

MULTI-CULTURAL NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Christian Growth Center, 1850 Electic Way, Christiansburg, VA 24073 (beside Hubbell Lighting). Sunday Worship: 9:30am Prayer, 10:00am Service *Nursery Available. Lead Pastor: Todd Hallinan. Founding Pastor: Rob Sowell. Mission: Sow, Grow, & Go Sow Faith! Grow in Righteousness! Go into all the world in the authority of the believer! 540-382-2908.

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS

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

Compassion Church, 1820 Second Street, Radford, 639-6287, Our music is passionate, our worship is real, and Pastor Chandler Jones brings relevant messages for everyone at any place on their journey, Sunday Worship Experience at 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM, Wednesday Family Night at 7 PM, Children Ministry provided for all services. Our vision is to see all Saved. Freed. Restored. Fulfilled. Find us on facebook and Instagram

Walton Pentecostal Holiness Church, 4003 Morning Glory Rd., off Walton Rd. on Rt. 114. 731-1755. Lee Sarver, pastor. Sun. School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m. & 6: p.m., Wed., 7 p.m.

UNITED METHODIST

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

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

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 220 W. Main St., C'Burg. Rev. Mike Derflinger (540) 382-2410. Sunday Worship 10 a.m., Sunday School 9 a.m. Live streaming Sunday Service - www.twitch.tv/stpaulumc

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

Obituaries

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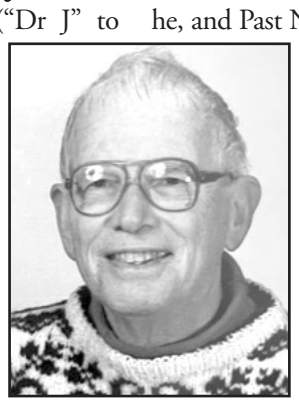
Jervey, Dr. Edward D.



Dr. Edward D. Jervey ("Dr J" to his cherished Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority), passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, Feb. 10, 2023, with his beloved wife Brenda by his side. He was 93 years old.

Ed was born in 1929 in East Orange, N.J. and grew up in Atlanta. He met his first wife of 60 years, Thora Jo Thompson, on a Methodist Church Caravan in Northern Oregon in 1950 and married the following summer. He obtained B.A., M.A., DTH, and PhD degrees from Emory University and Boston University, served as a minister in Lakewood, Calif., and then taught history at Lambuth College in Jackson, Tenn., prior to his 30-year tenure at Radford College and subsequently Radford University from 1961-1991.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Thora Jo, and his eldest son, David. Ed is survived by his beloved wife of five years, Brenda Kay; his son, Warren, a daughter-in-law Jeanne, grandson Brett; son Tom; and granddaughters Katie and Peyton.

After his retirement in 1991, he remained closely involved with the Alpha Sigma Tau sorority, and especially the Alpha Lambda chapter at Radford University, first as a chapter advisor and eventually as a "patron." In the early 2010s, the Jervey Award was created at Radford University to honor the sorority that best promotes the spirit of unity across organizations. In 2022, he, and Past National President Martha DeCamp created the Jervey/DeCamp award to honor the collegiate chapter across the nation exhibiting the highest adherence to the ideals and integrity of the sorority.

As a long-time citizen of Radford, Ed served on the Radford City Council from 1980-1984, volunteered at the Radford Community Hospital, and supported his late wife, Thora, in her creation of the Radford recycling movement, the Radford Clothing Bank, and funding of the current Radford City Library.

Ed loved to travel and visited all seven continents, but especially enjoyed travels to the Caribbean, the Nordic Region, and Australia and New Zealand. After marrying Brenda, the two continued to travel, spending much of their time cruising to various exotic locations throughout the world. They were on a 45-day cruise to the South Pacific when his health began to falter.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that any donations be made to the Alpha Lambda Chapter of Alpha Sigma Tau sorority at Radford University or St Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., in his remembrance.

After a private ceremony at the Drewry Family Cemetery in Capron, Va., a memorial service will be held for Ed in Radford. Details will be provided by his wife, Brenda, at a later date.

Jones, Karen S.

Karen S. Jones, 86, of Blacksburg, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 18, 2023.

Karen was born in Columbus, Ohio, and moved to Blacksburg in her early 20's. She was a beloved kindergarten teacher at Blacksburg United Methodist Church and Gilbert Linkous Elementary School. In the mid-1990's, she completed her masters in elementary counseling and became a school counselor at Auburn Elementary School in Riner.

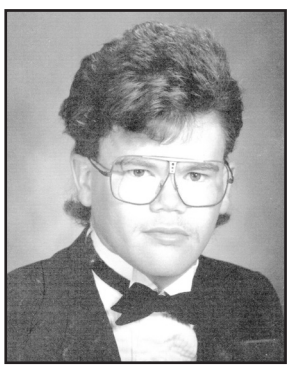
Upon her retirement from Montgomery County Public Schools, she went on to serve in the community in various ways through her affiliation with Blacksburg United Methodist Church, where she was a longtime member. Her contributions include singing in the choir, tutoring, wedding director, and MOPS mentor. Karen was a founding member of PEO Chapter AH and continued to be a member for more than 50 years, earning a Golden Girl Award.

Left to cherish her memory are her loving husband, Posey Jones; her amazing children, Lynn Tupper, Amy Collar (Patrick), and Jill Jones (Joe Frazier); her adoring grandchildren. Danielle and Katie Collar, Grace and Ben Frazier; and all her wonderful friends and caregivers who were like family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to PEO Chapter AH. Please include, " In memory of Karen Jones"(Send checks to: Cathy Stripling 132 3rd St NW, Pulaski, VA 24301) , or to the Music Ministries program at Blacksburg United Methodist Church.

A celebration of life service will be held at 5 p.m. on June 3, 2023 at Blacksburg United Methodist Church.

Link, Jon Darrell



Jon Darrell Link, 52, of Christiansburg, passed away after numerous health issues on Jan. 16, 2023.

He was born on Nov. 24, 1970, to his father, Paul Steven Link, and his late mother, Karen Renee Sheppard Crawford.

Besides his mother, he was also preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Gary Reed and Violet Renea Sheppard; his paternal grandparents, Rheba Light Link and Joseph Conner Link; and his uncles, Barry Sheppard and Marvin Orange.

He is survived by his father, Paul Steven Link; a brother, Timothy 'Timmy' Link (Crystal); nephews T.W. Link, Dakota Link (Kayla); a niece, Sierra Link; aunts Linda Orange, Brenda Lilly, Brenda Sheppard, and Barbara Sheppard; uncles Steven Lilly and Larry Sheppard; and many other nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Jon graduated from Christiansburg High School in the class of 1991. He worked at Jeld-Wen from 1998 until 2014.

Jon was an avid NASCAR fan; his favorite NASCAR driver was Dale Earnhardt. He enjoyed collecting NASCAR items. He was a painter who took pride in every single painting of scenes from the Christiansburg area including, the Starlite Drive-in, Cambria, train stations, and the Blue Ridge Parkway. He also enjoyed painting portraits of his family.

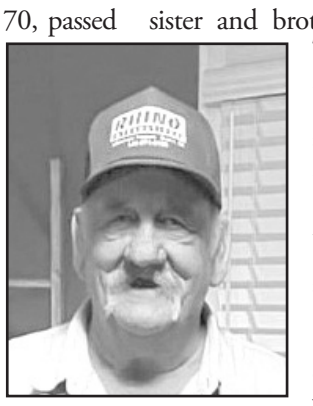
Jon, you are now pain free, you have both legs to run with in Heaven, and you are now reunited with your loved ones who went on before you, whom you so longed to be with again including: your mother, your grandmothers, your grandfathers, and your two uncles.

In Jon's memory, the family asks that you choose someone in your life right now that you haven't spoken to for whatever reason, make peace with them, or simply just do an act of service for either a stranger or someone whom you know is in need, as simple as giving them a hug.

Numerous people deserve thanks for taking care of Jon, including the Christiansburg Rescue Squad and the doctors and nurses at New River Valley Medical Center.

A celebration of Jon's life will be held on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at 6 p.m. at The Harbor of Hope Church in Christiansburg. The family will receive friends an hour prior to the service, from 5 to 6 p.m.

Owens, Sr., David Ricky



David Ricky Owens, Sr., 70, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2023, at his home in Radford.

He was preceded in death by his parents, David and Dorothy Owens; his wife, Doris R. Owens; brothers, Eldon, Richard and Earnest Owens; and sister, Margaret Viers.

Survivors include his sons and daughters-in-law, David, Jr. and Melissa Owens, and Brian and Courtney Owens; special daughter, Robin Hopkins; grandchildren, Allison, Annalee, Andrew, Maggie, Kashton, Tayten, Hunter and Bailee; brother and sister-in-law, Freddie and Diana Owens; sister and brother-in-law, Shirley and Tommy Weaver; sister-in-law, Margaret "Peggy" Owens; many nieces and nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held today at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023 at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford with Rev. Frankie Graham officiating. Interment will follow in Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin.

The family received friends on Friday evening at the funeral home. The Owens family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory in Radford.

Spencer, Kathleen Dickason

Kathleen Dickason Spencer, 78, departed this life on Feb. 17, 2023, to be with the Lord.

Known by many as Kat, Kathleen was born Sept. 5, 1944, to her beloved mother, Carrie Dickason. She was a loving mother to her only son Larry "Pete" Ingram, residing in Christiansburg.

She was honored to have been educated at Christiansburg Institute. She became a devoted and faithful member of Greater Mt. Zion United Holy Church and always kept her faith in God.

Kat was employed at Poly- Scientific in Blacksburg, currently known as Moog, from Feb. 28,1974, until Dec. 31, 2010, retiring as an Electronic Assembler.

Kat was a member of the Christiansburg Ruritan Club and was a strong advocate in their fundraising for scholarships, community projects, and visiting local nursing homes and the Veteran's Hospital. She was engaged in political activities and campaigning; an activist who donated her time volunteering, attending rallies, protests and conventions.

She met Governor Doug Wilder, State Senator Madison Marye, Senator John Edwards, Senator Tim Kaine, and Congressman Rick Voucher. Kat enjoyed photos of them on her family room wall. She was a decorator and used her talents for the weddings of numerous friends and family members.

Kat was preceded in death by her mother, Carrie Dickason; her sisters, Beatrice Morgan and Dorothy Beasley; a brother Spencer Dickason; and her nephew, Godson Ricky Beasley. She leaves behind a host of devoted nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Memorial services will be held today, Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023, at 1 p.m. at Greater Mt. Zion United Holy Church, 385 Depot St., Christiansburg, with Bishop Anthony M Tucker, Sr. officiating. Interment will be private.

Viers, Jr., James Ervin

James Ervin Viers, Jr., 50, of Dublin, passed away at his home on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2023.

He was preceded in death by his father, James Irvin Viers; a brother, Glen Viers; his step-father, Larry Burton; and a son-in-law, Samuel Rush.

Survivors include his fiancée, Lynn Ussery; his mother, Margaret Hope Burton; his daughters, Cassandra Viers, Brittany Moody, and Amber Viers; a step-daughter, Robin Anderson; grandchildren Breena, Skylar, Sia, Ahmya, Evelyn, and Kyler; a sister and brother-in-law, Angie and Roger Clemmons; step-sisters Gay Rudder and Sheila Crowder; and many nieces, nephews, and other family members and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. today, Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023, at the Full Armour Christian Center, 5043 Meadowbrook Drive, Trinity, NC 27370.

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

Williams, Darlene Lynn

Darlene Lynn Williams (Dee), 55, of Christiansburg, was called home to be with the Lord on Feb. 19, 2023.

She was born on March 20, 1967, in Christiansburg. She was preceded in death by her parents, Della Simpkins and Junior Williams and her brothers, Danny Williams and Gary Tickle.

Dee is survived by her seven children, Matthew Reed (Jennifer), Chasity Seale (Tony), Courtney Crawford, Jerry Lee Crawford, Joshua Crawford, Sydney Smith, and Olivia Williams-Potts. She is also survived by her nine grandchildren, Kendal Seale, Madilynn (Grace) Seale, Charley Seale, Raelynn Helms, Jayden Crawford, Hunter Helms, Emberlynn Reed, Oceana Crawford, and Harper Seale. She is also survived by her siblings Linda (Gail) Vaught, Carolyn (Carol) Davis, Teresa (Terri) Booth, Dwane Williams, Leda Hall, June Peatee, Ed Williams, James (Jim) Williams, and Earl Williams. Also left to cherish her memory are many nieces, nephews, cousins and lifelong friends.

Dee was a kind and loving person who touched the lives of everyone she met. Her family, friends, and everyone who knew her will deeply miss her. Dee dedicated her life to working in social services, having worked for over 28 years directly supporting the community. Her work made a profound impact on countless individuals and families in need. However, Dee's influence extended far beyond her professional career. She was known for her kind, compassionate nature and willingness to give everyone a second chance. She believed everyone had the potential for good and she worked tirelessly to help others achieve that potential.

A celebration of life will be held in memory of Dee Williams today from 4 - 6 p.m. at McCoy Funeral Home in Blacksburg. Please come as you are, casual dress is welcome. Dee will forever be remembered and deeply missed by her loved ones. May she rest in peace.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT: 2948 Den Hill Road, Christiansburg, Montgomery County, Virginia 24073

Tax Map# 082-A-41 / Parcel ID: 021649 IN EXECUTION OF A DEED OF TRUST IN THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF $60,000.00, DATED THE 2nd DAY OF AUGUST, 2013, RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 2013007664, DEFAULT HAVING OCCURRED IN THE PAYMENT OF THE NOTE SECURED THEREBY, AND AT THE REQUEST OF THE HOLDER OF THE NOTE, THE UNDERSIGNED SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, WILL OFFER FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, LOCATED AT: 55 EAST MAIN STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA 24073, ON FEBRUARY 28, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M., THE REAL ESTATE WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, LYING AND BEING SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, STATE OF VIRGINIA AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: ALL OF THE FOLLOWING TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE SHAWSVILLE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: BEGINNING at a locust tree on the north side of Virginia Secondary Highway No. 641 located 283 feet west from intersection of Route No. 460 and Route 641; thence a new line thru lands of (now or formerly) Raymond H. Baker, et al in a northwesterly direction 100 feet to a point; thence in a southwesterly direction 150 feet to a point; thence in a southerly direction 100 feet to a point located on said Virginia Secondary Highway No. 641; thence in a northeasterly direction with said road 150 feet to the point of BEGINNING. Tax Map No. 082- A 41 Parcel No. 021649 BEING THE SAME REAL ESTATE CONVEYED ERBIE G. YOUNG AND DOROTHY YOUNG, HUSBAND AND WIFE, TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY WITH SURVIVOR SHIP, FROM RAYMOND H. BAKER AND ROXIE BAKER, HUSBAND AND WIFE, BY DEED DATED SEPTEMBER 13, 1961, AND OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN DEED BOOK 230, PAGE 207, REFERENCE BEING MADE TO SAID DEED. SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS, RESERVATIONS, EASEMENTS, COVENANTS, OIL, GAS OR MINERAL"RIGHTS OF RECORD, IF ANY SALE WILL BE MADE SUBJECT TO ALL EXISTING EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS AS THE SAME MAY LAWFULLY AFFECT THE REAL ESTATE. TERMS OF SALE: CERTIFIED FUNDS OR CASHIER'S CHECK. A BIDDER'S DEPOSIT OF TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE SALES PRICE, WITH FULL SETTLEMENT TO BE MADE WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS FROM DATE OF SALE. ADDITIONAL TERMS MAY BE ANNOUNCED AT THE TIME OF SALE. THIS NOTICE IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLACE OF SALE: FRONT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT 55 EAST MAIN STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA 24073 DATE OF SALE: FEBRUARY 28, 2023 TIME OF SALE: 10:00 A.M. FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel D. Hamrick, Agent for Daniel D. Hamrick, P.C., Trustee 104 South Franklin Street Christiansburg, VA 24073 (540) 382-0131

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL ESTATE

LOCATED AT: 122 Clowers Drive, Elliston, Montgomery County, Virginia
Tax Map No: 060-A-15D / Parcel ID: 130093
IN EXECUTION OF A DEED OF TRUST IN THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF $64,400.00, DATED THE 12 TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020, RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 2020-10776, DEFAULT HAVING OCCURRED IN THE PAYMENT OF THE NOTE SECURED THEREBY, AND AT THE REQUEST OF THE HOLDER OF THE NOTE, THE UNDERSIGNED SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, WILL OFFER FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, LOCATED AT: 55 EAST MAIN STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA 24073, ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M., THE REAL ESTATE WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON KNOWN AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
An improved parcel of land located off Old Roanoke Road, Montgomery County, Virginia, being New Parcel 3, containing 0.501 of an acre, shown on survey dated February 23, 2006, recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, Montgomery County, Virginia, in Plat Book 26, page 47.
TOGETHER WITH an ingress and egress easement over, across and through a private paved drive referred to as Clowers Drive, to and from Old Roanoke Road as shown on plat of survey in Plat Book 26, page 47, and the right to use "New 10" Sanitary Sewer Lateral Easement shown on said plat of survey, and the water line which runs through New Parcel 2 and is adjacent to the said Clowers Drive as more particularly shown on said plat of survey, together with the right of ingress and egress to repair, replace and maintain the said sewer/water lines from time to time, as needed.

Tax Map# 060-A-15D / Parcel ID: 130093
Property Address: 122 Clowers Drive, Elliston, Virginia

SALE WILL BE MADE SUBJECT TO ALL EXISTING EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS AS THE SAME MAY LAWFULLY AFFECT THE REAL ESTATE. TERMS OF SALE: CERTIFIED FUNDS OR CASHIER'S CHECK. A BIDDER'S DEPOSIT OF TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE SALES PRICE, WITH FULL SETTLEMENT TO BE MADE WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS FROM DATE OF SALE. ADDITIONAL TERMS MAY BE ANNOUNCED AT THE TIME OF SALE.
THIS NOTICE IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLACE OF SALE: FRONT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT: 55 EAST MAIN STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073
DATE OF SALE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2023
TIME OF SALE: 10:00 A.M.

Daniel D. Hamrick, PC
Substitute Trustee

By: Daniel D. Hamrick, Agent

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Daniel D. Hamrick, Agent
for Daniel D. Hamrick, P.C.,
Substitute Trustee
104 South Franklin Street
Christiansburg, VA 24073
(540) 382-0131

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 2828 RALEIGH CIRCLE, SHAWSVILLE, VA 24162.

In execution of a

certain Deed of Trust dated August 20, 2003, in the original principal amount of $83,020.59 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 03014311 . The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of

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the Circuit Court building for Montgomery County, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia on April 3, 2023, at 1:15 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH ALL THE APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE SOUTH FORK OF ROANOKE RIVER, WHICH POINT IS N. 2 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 44 SECONDS W. 50 FT.
FROM THE CENTER LINE OF VIRGINIA SECONDARY ROUTE NO. 637, AND BEING THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF PARCEL NO. 2, AS SET FORTH AS SECOND IN DEED TO FERDINAND W. WASKIEWIEZ, JR. AND TERESA A. WASKIEWIEZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE, DATED JUNE 16, 1977, RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 385, PAGE 46, IN THE CLERK`S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA; THENCE LEAVING SAID ROANOKE RIVER, S. 2 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 44 SECONDS W. 513.06 FT.
TO A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY LINE OF THE PROPERTY OF THOMAS F. WOOLWINE (SEE DEED BOOK 380, PAGE 488); THENCE WITH THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID THOMAS E. WOOLWINE PROPERTY, N. 87 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 56 SECONDS W. 177.91 FT. TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE N. 5 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 40 SECONDS W. 102.03 FT. TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE N. 4 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 20 SECONDS E. 99.00 FT. TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE N. 11 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 20 SECONDS E. 333.0 FT. TO THE SOUTH FORK OF ROANOKE RIVER THENCE S. 80 DEGREES 53 MINUTES E. 139.23 FT. TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 2.072 ACRES AS SHOWN ON SURVEY MADE FOR ALFRED T. WHITELOCK BY JACK G. BESS, CERTIFIED LAND SURVEYOR, DATED OCTOBER 17, 1978.
TOGETHER WITH A ONE-HALF INTEREST IN THE WATER LINE AS APPURTENANT TO SAID REAL ESTATE, LEADING FROM SAID HOUSE AND LOT SOUTH ABOUT 560 FEET TO THE SPRING AS SAID PIPE LINE IS NOW LOCATED, TOGETHER WITH NECESSARY EASEMENT FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF SAID WATER LINE FROM THE SAID HOUSE AND LOT TO THE SAID SPRING, WITH THE RIGHT OF INGRESS AND EGRESS UPON THE LANDS OF D.V. AND EFFIE M. JEWELL AS SET FORTH IN DEED FROM JEWELL TO LEWEY OF RECORD IN THE CLERK`S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA IN DEED BOOK 107, PAGE 437, AND ALSO RIGHT TO TAKE WATER FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES FROM THE SPRING AS SET FORTH IN DEED FROM EFFIE JEWELL SISSON AND HUSBAND TO JAMES L. SISSON, DATED FEBRUARY 5, 1958, AND OF RECORD IN SAID CLERK`S OFFICE IN DEED BOOK 208, PAGE 52. THIS IS EXCEPTED FROM THIS CONVEYANCE THAT PART OR THE LAND CONTAINED IN VIRGINIA SECONDARY ROUTE NO. 637, AS CONVEYED TO COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA IN DEED BOOK 171, PAGE 304, IN THE AFORESAID CLERK`S OFFICE. THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO 12 FT. ROAD RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT ALONG THE WESTERLY SIDE OF CAPTION PROPERTY LEADING FROM VIRGINIA SECONDARY ROUTE NO. 637 TO ADJOINING PROPERTY; TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust,

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whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set

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aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a $50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-325893-2.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 2680 MADISON AVE, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073.

In execution of a

certain Deed of Trust dated May 5, 2014, in the original principal amount of $273,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No 2014002921 .
The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Montgomery County, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia on May 1, 2023, at 3:45 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL OF LOT NO. 4, AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF FOX HOLLOW SUBDIVISION, PHASE I, PREPARED BY MARKS & ASSOC., LTD., DATED 19 AUGUST 1988, WHICH MAP IS OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGE 22, AND TO WHICH MAP REFERENCE IS MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY HEREBY CONVEYED. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a $50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any

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6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-362147-1.

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL

The Town of Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on, Tuesday, March 14,2023, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning: A. Conditional Use Permit request by SHAH Development, LLC, Property Owner, to allow a Contractor's Equipment Storage Yard on the property located at 1130 Cambria Street NE; Tax Parcels 497-((2))-A and 497-((2))-B; Parcel IDs 018651 and 120350; zoned General Business District B-3. The property is designated as Downtown/Mixed Use and Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.
Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comment in-person at the time of this Public Hearing. A copy of the application, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Benjamin Tripp, Planning Director, at (540) 382-6128 Ext. 1120 or by email at btripp@christiansburg.org , with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

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, March 6, 2023, 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. Conditional Use Permit request by Rockstep Christiansburg LLC, Property Owner, to allow a Carnival from April 29, 2023 through May 17, 2023 on the property located at 782 New River Road NW, Tax Parcel 435 - ((A)) - 41, Parcel ID 007741, zoned General Business District B-3. The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.
Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comment in-person at the time of this Public Hearing. A copy of the application, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Benjamin Tripp, Planning Director, at (540) 382-6128, Ext. 1120 or by email at btripp@christiansburg.org, with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 & 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Montgomery County Planning Commission hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on March 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg, Virginia, in

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order to hear citizen comments regarding the Planning Commission's intention to act on the following Ordinance:
A request by Derek M. Lytton (Owner) to rezone property identified as Tax Map 07-A 72D (Parcel ID: 032267), totaling 1.228 acres in the Riner Magisterial District. The applicant requests a rezoning with proffered conditions of 1.228 acres from Residential (R1) to Agricultural (A-1) to place a manufactured home on the lot. The subject property is addressed as 3040 Spaulding Road, and is located approximately 0.15 miles off of Walton Road (State Route 663) and 0.47 miles west of Switchback Road (State Route 719). The property lies is an area designated as Rural in the 2025 Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan.
Copies of the proposed plans, applications, ordinances or amendments may be examined at the Department of Planning and GIS Services, County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Suite 2A, Christiansburg, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or at http://www.montgomerycountyva.gov/pendingapplications.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 & 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on March 13, 2023 at 7:15 p.m. in the County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to hear citizen comments regarding the Board of Supervisors' intention to act on the following Ordinance:
A request by Eagle Construction of Virginia (Agent: Foresight Design Services) to rezone property identified as Tax Map 52-A-31 (Parcel ID: 017484), totaling 1.35 acres in the Price's Fork Magisterial District. The applicant requests a rezoning with proffered conditions of 1.35 acres from Agricultural (A-1) to Residential (R3) to support the subdivision of the property into two (2) lots for the construction of single-family dwellings. The subject property is addressed as 3940 Price's Fork Road, and is located approximately 0.27 miles west of the intersection of Price's Fork Road (State Route 685) and Stafford View Drive (State Route 1145) and 0.45 miles east of the intersection of Price's Fork Road and Brooksfield Road (State Route 654). The property lies in an area designated as Village Expansion in the 2025 Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan and is further designated as Low Density Residential in the Price's Fork Village Plan.
Copies of the proposed plans, applications, ordinances or amendments may be examined at the Department of Planning and GIS Services, County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Suite 2A, Christiansburg, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or at http://www.montgomerycountyva.gov/pendingapplications.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 & 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on March 13, 2023 at 7:15 p.m. in the County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to hear citizen comments regarding the Board of Supervisors' intention to act on the following Ordinance:
A request by Lisa W. Pendleton and Tina M. Wells (Agent: CESO, Inc.) to rezone 32.963 total acres from Agricultural (A1) to General Business (GB) to allow the property owner to request a Special Use Permit (SUP) to

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construct a travel center on 32.963 acres.
The property is located at 5241 North Fork Road, Elliston, at the intersection of North Fork Road (State Route 603) and Pedlar Road (State Route 635). The property is further identified as Tax Maps 046-A 10 (Parcel ID: 015768), 1.8 acres, and 046-A 11 (Parcel ID: 015769), 31.163 acres, both zoned A-1 Agricultural in the Shawsville Magisterial District.
The property currently lies in an area designated as Village Expansion in the 2025 Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan, and is further designed as Mixed Use in the Elliston-Lafayette Village Plan. AND
A request by Lisa W. Pendleton and Tina M. Wells (Agent: CESO, Inc.) for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow for the construction of a travel center on 32.963 total acres. The use is defined as "travel center" in the Zoning Ordinance, and is permitted in the General Business (GB) Zoning District only by Special Use Permit. The property is further identified as Tax Maps 046-A 10 (Parcel ID: 015768), 1.8 acres, and 046-A 11 (Parcel ID: 015769), 31.163 acres, both zoned A-1 Agricultural in the Shawsville Magisterial District. The property currently lies in an area designated as Village Expansion in the 2025 Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan, and is further designed as Mixed Use in the Elliston-Lafayette Village Plan. AND
A request by Lisa W. Pendleton and Tina M. Wells (Agent: CESO, Inc.) for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow a comprehensive sign plan pursuant to Section 10-45(a)(3)e of the County Zoning Ordinance for a travel center that exceeds the maximum number of allowed signs, maximum allowed height of signs, and maximum allowed square footage for total signage on the subject property. The comprehensive sign package proposed by the applicant requests the placement of three (3) freestanding signs on the property, exceeding the maximum of two (2) freestanding signs allowed on the subject property. The requested free-standing signs consist of the following: a high-rise sign with a proposed height of one hundred ninety (190) feet, exceeding the maximum allowed height of forty

(40) feet; a street sign with a proposed height of twenty-five (25) feet, exceeding the maximum allowed height of twelve (12) feet; and an additional freestanding sign with a proposed height of twenty (20) feet, exceeding the maximum allowed height of twelve (12) feet. The comprehensive sign package proposed by the applicant would also exceed the maximum allowed square footage for total signage on the subject property. The applicant proposes a high-rise sign consisting of a total of 1167.88 square feet of signage, comprised of 5 individual signs, exceeding the maximum allowed square footage of five-hundred (500) square feet and four (4) individual signs permitted by the Zoning Ordinance. The comprehensive sign package also proposes a total of 1401.23 square feet of signage, consisting of wall, canopy, and other signage, exceeding the maximum allowed square footage of one hundred-eighty (180) square feet on the subject parcel. The property is further identified as Tax Maps 046-A 10 (Parcel ID: 015768), 1.8 acres, and 046-A 11 (Parcel ID: 015769), 31.163 acres, both zoned A-1 Agricultural in the Shawsville Magisterial District. The property currently lies in an area designated as Village Expansion in the 2025 Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan, and is further designed as Mixed Use in the Elliston-Lafayette Village Plan.
Copies of the proposed plans, applications, ordinances or amendments may be examined at the Department of Planning and GIS Services, County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Suite 2A, Christiansburg, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or at http://www.montgomerycountyva.gov/pendingapplications.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Blacksburg's Allen Briggs named to RIT's dean's list

Allen Briggs of Blacksburg (24060) was named to the Dean's List at Rochester Institute of Technology for the fall semester of the 2022-2023 academic year. Briggs is in the game design and development program.

Full-time degree-seeking undergraduate students are eligible for Dean's List if their term GPA is greater than or equal to 3.400; they do not have any grades of "Incomplete", "D" or "F"; and they have registered for, and completed, at least 12 credit hours.

Founded in 1829, Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) enrolls about 19,700 students in more than 200 career-oriented and professional programs, making it among the largest private universities in the U.S.

Radford's Laney Cline named to EMU dean's list

Laney Cline of Radford was named to the Eastern Mennonite University (EMU) Fall 2022 dean's list. Cline is majoring in accounting, business administration, and business analytics.

To qualify for the dean's list, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher and complete a minimum of 30 credit hours.

A leader among faith-based, liberal arts universities since 1917, Eastern Mennonite University (EMU) emphasizes peacebuilding, sustainability, service to others, and social justice to students of diverse religious and cultural backgrounds. EMU educates undergraduate, graduate, professional, and seminary students to serve and lead in a global context from the main campus in Harrisonburg, Va.; the site in Lancaster, Penn.; and online.

Cole Eastwood of Blacksburg named to fall dean's list at Nebraska

Cole Eastwood of Blacksburg has been named to the dean's list at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for the fall semester of the 2022-23 academic year.

A freshman majoring in sports media and communication, Eastwood was named to the deans' list for the College of Journalism and Mass Communications.

Qualification for the dean's list varies among the eight undergraduate colleges and the Explore Center. All qualifying grade-point averages are based on a four-point scale and a minimum number of graded semester hours.

Blacksburg's Jordan Linkous, Christiansburg's Kristina Lundquist receive WGU awards of excellence

Jordan Linkous of Blacksburg and Kristina Lundquist of Christiansburg have earned awards of excellence from Western Governors University (WGU) in Salt Lake City. The award is given to students who perform at a superior level in their coursework.

Western Governors University was established in 1997 by 19 U.S. governors with the mission of expanding access to a high-quality, affordable higher, online, nonprofit education. WGU now serves more than 138,000 students nationwide and has more than 300,000 graduates in all 50 states.

~ News Messenger staff report

LewisGale Hospital Montgomery opens new surgery facility

LewisGale Hospital Montgomery officially opened a new $15.9 million surgery department Monday, Feb. 20, during a ribbon cutting at the facility.

The upgrade added 7,500 square feet of new space next to the existing surgery department. The new area is home to two new, state-of-the-art operating rooms, a 15-bed Post-Anesthesia Care Unit, a sterile storage room, and support space. Renovations will also take place in 4,800 square-feet of the existing surgery department.

Alan Fabian, LewisGale's chief executive officer, said the upgrades and expansion of surgical services total nearly $35 million in capital improvements since 2019, including a planned cardiac cath lab, advanced medical equipment, and new patient safety and quality efforts.

"For nearly 50 years, LewisGale Hospital Montgomery has offered the most technologically advanced quality care in the region," said Fabian. "This expansion is critical in helping us to continue delivering on our commitment as the premier surgical specialty hospital, as well as being recognized as the healthcare provider and the employer of choice in the New River Valley."

LewisGale's Chief of Surgery, Jason Fowlkes, told onlookers that the project has been a long time coming.

"Adding this extra space is going to help us be more of a premiere destination," Fowlkes said.

He added that new robotic surgical equipment will allow for more advanced surgical skills and care.

"I do robotics here, and we've had a little bit of a struggle around access to the system, so adding a second robot really helps other surgeons and I get access to the equipment," Fowlkes said.

~ News Messenger staff report

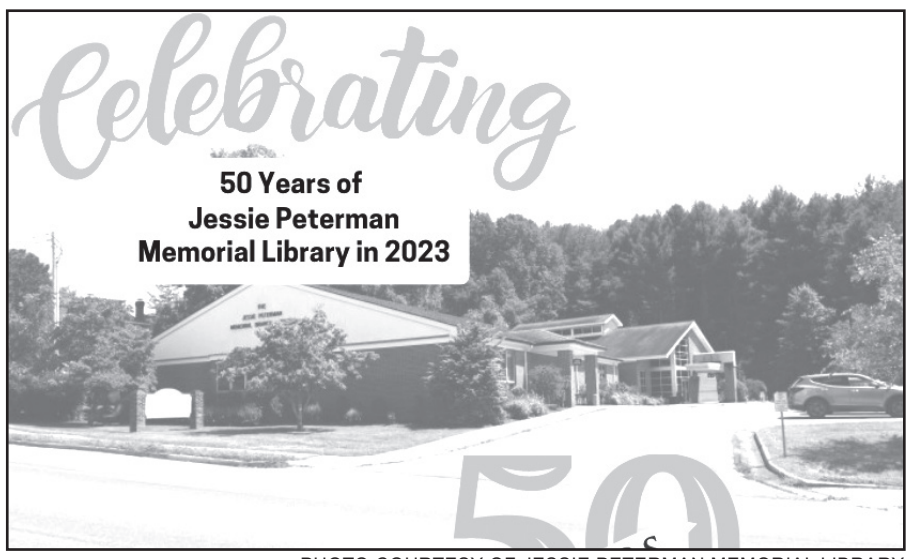

PHOTO COURTESY OF JESSIE PETERMAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Jessie Peterman Library open house to celebrate 50 years of public library service

Submitted by Kerri Copus, Library Program Coordinator, Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library

The Floyd County Library Building Fund, Inc., and the Jessie Peterman Memorial Library will hold an open house to celebrate the 50-year anniversary of the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library's public service in Floyd County at the library, 321 N. Main St., on Friday, March 10, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m..

The open house will feature refreshments, music, and an opportunity to reminisce about the library's history and impact on the community. Several speakers will take part in the event, including a representative from the Floyd County Woman's Club, which initiated the library in 1973, and local historian Judge Gino Williams, who will share some insights about Floyd County's history as it relates to the library.

The library had its beginnings in the Floyd County Woman's Club's first facility before moving to its current home in the Jessie Peterman Memorial Library building.

The open house is a chance to recognize this 50-year milestone and reflect on the library's past and future as a vital institution in Floyd County.

Hokie coach leaves, others receive raises

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Virginia Tech is losing its quarterbacks coach as Brad Glenn has been named the offensive coordinator at the University of Cincinnati. He will rejoin Cincinnati coach Scott Satterfield, with whom he was on the staff at Appalachian State from 2005-2008.

Glenn served as Virginia Tech's quarterbacks coach and passing game coordinator in 2022 and has held offensive coordinator roles at both Western Carolina and Georgia State. He replaces Tom Manning, who recently left Cincinnati to join the Indianapolis Colts in the NFL.

Coach Brent Pry said he wanted to congratulate Glenn on his new opportunity at Cincinnati as offensive coordinator. "I realize the longstanding relationship Brad has with Coach Satterfield from his time at Appalachian State," Pry said. "We are thankful for Brad and support him in this career opportunity. We are appreciative of his family's time as Hokies. I wish them all the best."

On Tuesday, Virginia Tech announced contract extensions for four current coaches: Chugger Adair (women's soccer), Mike Brizendine (men's soccer), Sergio Lopez Miro (swimming and diving) and Tony Robie (wrestling). They have all agreed to terms that will keep them in Blacksburg through 2028.

Athletic Director Whit Babcock said he firmly believes the best days in Blacksburg are ahead, and in a statement said these head coaches are a part of the university's optimism.

"Each of them has built successful programs, while being committed to providing a first-class experience for our student-athletes," Babcock said. "We're proud to call them Hokies and look forward to the continued success of their programs under their respective leadership."

Adair was named Virginia Tech's fourth-ever head coach for women's soccer in 2010, and with an overall record of 148-75-24, he already sits atop the Hokies' all-time wins list in program history. Of the 12 years leading Tech women's soccer, Adair has made the NCAA Tournament nine times.

Headlining that stretch was the Hokies' first-ever College Cup appearance in 2013. Tech has achieved an overall NCAA Tournament record of 11-9-1 with Adair at the helm, having made Sweet 16 appearances in 2011, 2013, 2014, and 2018. In 2021, Emily Gray became the highest all-time National Women's Soccer League draft pick from Tech when she was chosen third overall by the North Carolina Courage.

Gray joined former Tech legends Jazmine Reeves (2014) and Mandy McGlynn (2020) as the only three NWSL draft selections in program history (all developed by Adair). Tech's only three All-Americas have also been under Adair's tutelage: Reeves (First Team, 2013), Murielle Tiernan (Third Team, 2015) and McGlynn (Second Team, 2019). Three of the program's four Academic All-Americans: Katie Yensen (Third Team, 2014), McGlynn (First Team, 2019) and Gray (Third Team, 2021) have also occurred while Adair was the head coach. In 2019, Adair became only the 10th women's soccer head coach in the ACC to reach 100 wins..

Brizendine has arguably led the most promising era of Virginia Tech men's soccer as head coach since 2009.

From 2016-2021, Brizendine set program records in NCAA Tournament appearances (six) and wins (nine), all while progressing past at least the first round each year – a feat accomplished by only two other teams (Indiana and Wake Forest) in that span. In 2016, the Hokies marched to the 'Elite Eight' in a run that

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Townhomes, Ph I, Christiansburg, 4235,500

- Robert p. Chappel, jr., to Mountain 2 Ocean Properties LLC, 170 John Lemley Lane, Christiansburg; Lot 6, Subdv. of Kelseywood, Ph II, Christiansburg
- Yao Huang to Kyle A. Elliott, Condo Unit 823, Ph 1, University Place Condos, Blacksburg, $248,000
- Katherine Cierra Davis to Katherine Cierra Davis, Lot 6, Staffords Farm Subdv.
- Shirley H. Akers to Ricky Bond, Parcel 1, 0.268; Parcel B and Parcel II, 0.412 ac.,; Parcel C, Christiansburg
- William G. Reinhard, Jr., to Marshall Clifford Dowdy, Unit 4-3, Ph II, Christiansburg, $370,600
- Allen K. Williams to BS Investment Properties LLC, 45.3 ac., Parcels F, A; Heavener Tract, Riner Magisterial District, $125,000
- Shah Development LLC to Julia Bailey Ward, 2022004812
- Curtis A. Brown Executor to Ryan Joseph Beck, Lot 5, Ellett Rd., Subdv., Christiansburg, $330,000
- Olivia A. Lemon to Benny H. Hagy, Jr., 0.1684 ac., $84,500
- William G. Smeltzer to Karl Kristian Peter, 1.134 ac., Parcel A, Shawsville Magisterial District, $2,400
- Carol G. Lidgard to Makenna Horne, 0.15 ac., Riner Magisterial District, $135,000
- Jean O. Kirk to Jennifer Lane Kirk, 72 ac., less and except, see legal, Shawsville Magisterial District
- The National Bank of Blacksburg to Alice Gillett Dekker Richardson, Brush Mtn., Prices Fork, Va., 33.750 acres
- R. Fralin Homes LLC to R Fralin Construction, Inc., lot 25, The Villas on North Main, Ph 1, Blacksburg, $65,000
- Hannah P. Rogers to thomas Alan Paredes, 37.458 ac., new lot 2, Shawsville Magisterial District, $338,000
- Jones and Son Excavating Inc., to Carolyn S. Jones, 10.314 ac., lot 5A, Shawsville Magisterial District

DEEDS TRANSFER UPON DEATH

- Curtis N. Caldwell to Bruce Nolen Calwell, 10 Gavins Court NW, Christiansburg, Lot 84, Senneca Springs Subdv., Ph III, Christiansburg
- Shirley J. Brumfield to Stephen M. Albert, Lots 32, 33, Ragan heights, Christiansburg Magisterial District
- Shirley J. Brumfield to Deborah K. Brumfield, Lot 12 and 25 ft. of S. Portion of Lot 13, Ragan heights, Christiansburg Magisterial District
- Amanda J. Nelson to Amanda Nelson Living Trust, Lot 47, Ph II-A, Toms Creek, Blacksburg
- Robert Edward Martin to Nicole Luvica Wagner Trust, 0.769 ac., Christiansburg
- Peggy B. Epperly to Victoria Epperly Creed, 360 Clearview S. Dr., Christiansburg, Lots 15-16 Ragan Heights, Christiansburg Magisterial District
- Marianna B. Boucher to Pitonyak Living Trust, 3.728 ac., lot 1, Yellow Hill Farm Subdv., Mt. Tabor Magisterial District
- James A. Hardell to Hardell Living Trust, metes and bounds, see legal, Blacksburg
- John P. Tutle to Matthew Marry, Lot 17, Edgemont of Diamond Hill, Ph 1, Christiansburg
- Shirley H. Akers to Ricky Bond, Parcel 1, 0.268 ac., Parcel B and Parcel II, 0.412 ac., Parcel C, Christiansburg

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beginning April 6 from 6 to 8 p.m. Citizens will meet town staff and learn about the functions of Blacksburg's government. Participants must be 18 years of age or older, and must be residents of the Town of Blacksburg. To register, call the Community Relations Office at 540-443-1090 or email cro@blacksburg.gov.

Free GED Classes

New River Community College is offering free GED classes at the Meadowbrook Library every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 5 to 8 p.m. through May 11. For more information or to sign up, call the Meadowbrook Library at 540-268-1964.

MONTGOMERY SPORTS

RU coach pleads guilty to DUI charge

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RADFORD - Radford University basketball coach and Radford native Darris Nichols pleaded guilty on Thursday to driving under the influence following his arrest on Feb. 19.

Nichols was charged with DUI and was arrested Sunday night. The second-year coach refused a field sobriety test, and a later blood alcohol level was reported at point-25.

Details about the arrest have not been released.

Radford University was quick to put out a statement that said Darris' brother, Shane, will serve as the acting coach until the matter is examined further.

"This is a personnel matter, and we have no further comment at this time," the Radford University statement reads.

Darris was released early Monday on an unsecured $3,500 bond. He was in court Thursday and, in accordance with his guilty plea, will have his driver's license suspended for 12 months, will pay a $2,500 fine and will be required to have an ignition interlock system put on his vehicle. Nichols also received a 180-day jail sentence, with all but two days suspended.

The Radford native was hired two years ago after serving as an assistant at the University of Florida. During a press conference at his hiring, RU Athletic Director Robert Lineburg praised him for coming back home. Lineburg is also a Radford High School graduate.

Nichols played basketball at West Virginia University and climbed the ranks as an assistant coach all the way to the University of Florida in the SEC.

Nichols helped lead Radford High School to four appearances in the state Group A playoffs, averaging double-figures every season. He coached seven seasons at Florida, helping lead the Gators to a 108-65 record, including four straight 20-win seasons and three consecutive NCAA Tournament bids.

Nichols garnered a spot in ESPN.com's 40 Under 40 in the summer of 2020, rated #17 on the national list that included both head coaches and assistant coaches. He was also rated the #2 assistant coach in the SEC in a poll of league coaches.

FILE PHOTO

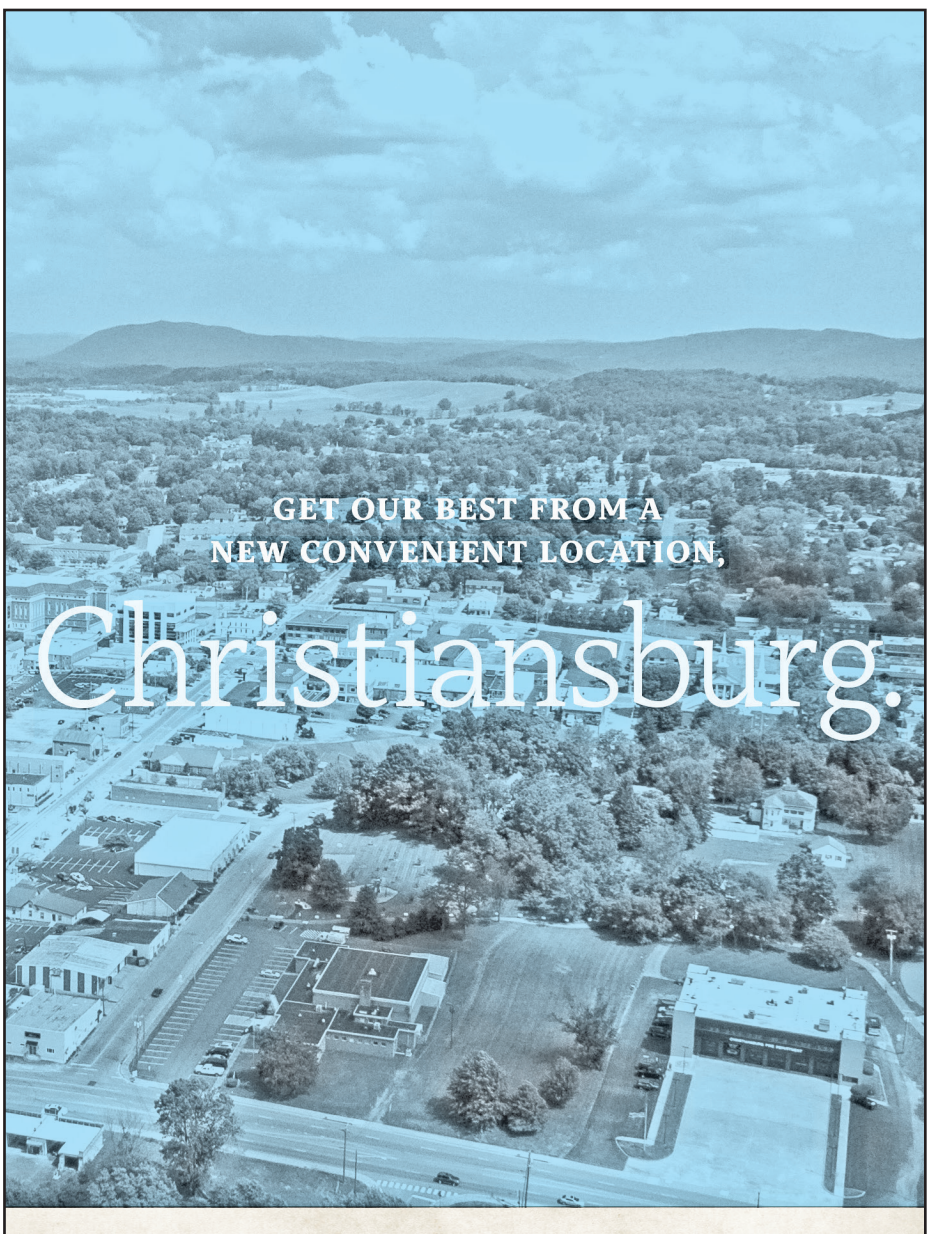
RU basketball coach Darris Nichols has been charged with DUI after his arrest Sunday night.

A four-year letter winner at West Virginia under Bob Huggins and John Beilein, Nichols helped the Mountaineers to a 26-11 record and a trip to the 2008 NCAA Sweet 16 his senior season.

At WVU, Nichols shined as a player in the Big East. He scored 993 career points and handed out 399 assists while shooting at a .375 clip from 3-point range. He averaged 10.7 points per game and 3.2 assists per game as a senior during WVU's Sweet 16 run. He was also a member of the 2007 NIT championship team, the 2006 Sweet 16 team, and the 2005 Elite Eight tea. He finished his collegiate career in the top five of West Virginia players with the most wins. After graduation, he played professionally overseas in the Hungarian League.

His assistant coaching stops have included Louisiana Tech, Northern Kentucky and Wofford, where he coached for now-Virginia Tech head coach Mike Young.

His brother, Shane, joined him in Radford as an assistant.



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Auburn High School's Avery Zuckerwar will play at Emory & Henry College this fall.

Auburn's top volleyball player commits to Emory & Henry College

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Avery Zuckerwar was this past season's Class 1 volleyball Player of the Year, helping lead Auburn High School to another state title. Monday, she announced plans to continue her playing career at Emory & Henry College.

"I committed to Emory & Henry because of the close-knit feel of the campus community," she said. "I'm really looking forward to working with Coach Newberry and the rest of the team. I'm so excited to be able to continue to play the game I love."

Earlier this year, Zuckerwar was named the Mt. Empire District, Region C, and State Class 1 Player of the Year.

As a senior, Zuckerwar had 362 kills, 62 aces, and 340 digs.

Emory & Henry College is a private liberal arts college in Emory, Va. The campus covers 335 acres of Washington County, which is part of the Appalachian highlands of Southwest Virginia. The college was founded in 1836.

The latest enrollment numbers show 943 students on campus.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) announced on July 9, 2021, that Emory & Henry College has officially been accepted as a provisional member of Division II, capping a 48-year run as a charter member of Division III.

Emory & Henry will join the South Atlantic Conference (SAC) for the 2022-23 academic year after accepting an invitation to join the league.

In January, Emory & Henry announced the hiring of Pam Newberry as the college's next head volleyball coach. Newberry joins the Emory & Henry staff after an extremely successful six-year run at nearby Patrick Henry High School.

In her six years leading the Rebels (2017-22), Newberry amassed a 131-31 record, winning the 2018 VHSL Class A State Championship. Her program also made five state appearances. Patrick Henry made the state semifinals in 2019 and in the spring 2021 season. Her 2019 squad won 31 matches.

At Emory & Henry, Zuckerwar plans to major in biology and wants to explore more around the topic of genetics.

Hokies release spring football roster

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Virginia Tech has announced its football roster going into the spring, and it includes several early enrollees and transfers.

Eight quarterbacks dot the roster with Grant Wells, being the only upperclassman. Recent transfer Kyron Drones is listed as a Redshirt-sophomore, while sophomore Tahj Bullock remains in a very crowded quarterback room. Others that will be toting the clipboard at some time this coming season include Devin Farrell, Ben Locklear, and true freshmen Sylan Wittke and William "Pop" Watson III.

The team has added seven transfers: long snapper Griffin Armstrong, defensive back Derrick Canteen, quarterback Kyron Drones, wide receivers Da'Quan Felton, Ali Jennings and Jaylin Lane and running back Bhayshul Tuten.

Drones arrives in Blacksburg following two seasons at Baylor. As a redshirt freshman in 2022, he played in five games off the bench as a reserve quarterback. He was 14-of-23 for a touchdown and 219 yards with one interception. He also rushed eight times for 49 yards and two touchdowns. He rushed for a nine-yard touchdown and was 5-of-7 passing for 100 yards in his collegiate debut in the season opener vs. the University of Albany.

Drones was pressed into service early in the third quarter at West Virginia after an injury to quarterback Blake Shapen, going 7 of 14 for 95 yards and a score and rushing twice for 24 yards, including a career-long of 17 yards He appeared in two games as a freshman in 2021 before being redshirted. Drones was a member of the 2022 Second-Team Academic All-Big 12 team and was named to the Big 12 Commissioner's honor roll.

The Pearland, Texas native prepped at Shadow Creek High School where he passed for 1,239 yards and 16 touchdowns as a senior in six games while rushing for 228 yards and two scores, helping his team to the 2019 state championship and a 16-0 record.

He earned Offensive MVP honors in the championship game and was named as the 10-5A Overall MVP as well as a Third-Team All-State selection. Drones was rated four stars by 247 Sports, the No. 7 dual-threat quarterback, the No. 20 player in Texas and No. 125 nationally. He was the No. 10 dual-threat quarterback earning a four-star rating from ESPN and ranked No. 60 overall in Texas. He had a three-star rating by Rivals, the No. 45 player in Texas and the No. 15 dual-threat quarterback. Drones also played basketball.

Felton (WR, 6-5, 210) comes to Tech from Norfolk State. He appeared in all 11 games and started six times as a redshirt freshman in 2022. Felton ranked second on the team with 28 catches for 492 yards with two

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CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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Radford advances in Region 2C basketball quarterfinals

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The Radford High School boys basketball team netted a double overtime win against Alleghany High School Tuesday to advance to the Region 2C semi-finals.

The Bobcats won 58-57 against Alleghany and will now face Gretna in the Region 2C semi-finals. That game is set for today, Saturday, Feb. 25 at 6:30 p.m. at Radford University's Dedmon Center.

Parker Prioleau dribbles up the court to start the offense as Radford moves to 19-4 on the season.

Gavin Cormany shoots a jumper in the lane over an Alleghany defender for two of his 16 points in Radford's 58-57 double overtime win Tuesday.

PHOTOS BY BRYANT ALTIZER

Radford's Elijah Kelly nails an open jumper in Tuesday's victory as Radford advances to Saturday's Region C semi-finals against Gretna.

RU's Ashlyn Traylor named Freshman of Week for sixth time

RADFORD, VA (02/21/2023)-- The Big South Conference announced Monday afternoon that freshman Ashlyn Traylor of Christiansburg has been named the Big South Freshman of the Week for the sixth time.

She thus made history as the first Radford women's basketball player to win the award six times in one season.

Traylor paced the Highlander offense this past week, leading the team in scoring for the 18th and 19th times this season, her 18th and 19th games with double-digit points, the most among all freshmen in the Big South. Traylor is currently trying to be the first Radford University freshman in more than a decade to serve out 100 assists. Her current total sits at 86.

Traylor and the Highlanders are looking to finish the regular season strong in the final week. This week's slate begins with a crucial meeting against High Point inside the Dedmon Center on Wednesday with tip set for 7 p.m. on ESPN+.

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touchdowns. He ranked seventh in the MEAC in receiving yards per game and 10th in total receptions.

His best outing with the Spartans came at South Carolina State where he racked up nine catches for 163 yards and three touchdowns, all career highs.

The Portsmouth, Va., product played at Churchland High School, garnering first-team All-Region 4A honors as a senior. Hecaught 43 passes for 741 yards and 10 touchdowns while helping the Truckers advance to the regional playoffs.

Jennings (WR, 6-2, 195) comes to the Hokies from Old Dominion where he made the All-Sun Belt first team and earned Phil Steele All-American honors in 2022. He led the team with 54 receptions for 959 yards and nine touchdowns and ranked third in the country, tops in the Sun Belt with 106.6 yards per game. His nine TDs led the conference. Jennings tallied five 100-yard receiving games and had a stretch of seven straight games with a touchdown.

In 2021, Jennings earned Conference USA Honorable Mention accolades after starting all 13 games at wide receiver. He finished second on the team with 62 receptions and led the squad with 1,066 receiving yards.

The Richmond product spent two seasons at West Virginia following a standout career at Highland Springs High School where he earned VHSL All-State First Team honors, All-Richmond Metro Area First Team honors, and All-Class 5A (Region B) First Team Offense honors as a senior.

Jennings helped lead Highland Springs to a perfect 15-0 record and the 2018 VHSL Group 5A State Championship. He was selected to the North roster of the 2018 Virginia Big River Rivalry All-Star Game and was rated as a three-star prospect by ESPN, Rivals, and 247Sports.

Rivals ranked Jennings the No. 19 player in the state of Virginia and the nation's No. 78 receiver. ESPN ranked him No. 28 and 247 in the country.

Armstrong (LS, 5-10, 220) spent two seasons at Louisiana Tech, redshirting in 2021, before playing in all 12 games in 2022. He was named to the Conference USA Commissioner's Honor Roll in 2022. He was born in Fairbanks, Alaska as a member of a military family, before living in Valencia, Spain and eventually South Korea where he graduated from Osan American High School. He played rugby throughout middle school and high school.

Canteen (DB, 5-11, 190) joins the Tech program from Georgia Southern where he played in 30 career games, making 25 starts. Over the course of the past three seasons, Canteen recorded 117 tackles, including 2.5 for loss, one sack, seven interceptions, 22 passes defended, one fumble recovery, and one touchdown.

In 2020, Canteen started all 13 games, recording 48 tackles and tying the FBS lead with six interceptions. He was named a Freshman All-American by the Football Writers Association of America and The Athletic. He was also a first-team All-Sun Belt Conference selection. After playing in just two games the previous season because of an injury, Canteen returned in 2022, making 64 tackles and finishing with 12 passes defended and one interception.

He played at Evans High School in Evans, Georgia, and was ranked as the No. 268 cornerback in the country and the No. 207 player in Georgia by 247Sports. A first-team all-region selection and the Athlete of the Year for the 3-AAAAAA region, Canteen was named the county's defensive player of the year after recording 61 tackles, two interceptions, and eight pass breakups as a senior on defense to go along with 14 catches for 473 yards and four touchdowns, averaging 43 yards per catch on offense. He was selected for the Sixth Annual Border Bowl.

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included wins over No. 10 Charlotte and No. 7 Indiana.

Lopez Miro was named head coach of Virginia Tech's men's and women's swimming and diving program in May of 2018, and he has since helped re-establish the Hokies as a force in the pool.

In 2021, the former Olympic bronze medalist led Tech to a breakout season with the men's squad finishing a program-best 11th at the NCAA championships.

The women's team enjoyed its second-best all-time placement, finishing 21st overall. After a 2022 season that saw five swimmers earn All-American honors between both squads, Lopez Miro's athletes have set 43 school records with 359 top-10 program performances.

The Tech men are coming off a runner-up showing at the 2023 ACC championships, their highest finish since 2014, headlined by Youssef Ramadan's winning the league's most valuable swimmer for the second year in a row.

Robie came to Blacksburg in 2006 and has been an integral part in establishing Virginia Tech as a powerhouse wrestling program, taking over as head coach in 2017.

Upon his head coaching debut, he became the first coach in ACC history to start his career with two consecutive regular-season titles. Robie has led the program to new heights in his six-year career at Tech, capturing five ACC titles (three dual meet and two tournament), and the program's first undefeated season in 2020-21 since 1956-57, finishing at 9-0.

A three-time ACC Coach of the Year recipient, he has cultivated individual accolades on the national landscape as well, developing Mekhi Lewis (165 pounds) into the Hokies' first-ever individual wrestling national champion in 2019.

In 2020-21, the program rose up the ranks to the No. 3 spot in the National Wrestling Coaches of America Coaches Poll, the highest rank under Robie and tied for the highest in program history.

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