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In addition to owning a restaurant together, Dawn Holesa (left) and Renee Goodling are also great friends.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF YOUR PIE, BLACKSBURG
 A pizza is ready to hit the oven at Your Pie in Blacksburg.

Women entrepreneurs open pizza restaurant, discover a new family

Lori Graham
 Contributing writer

BLACKSBURG - When Dawn Holesa, an elementary school teacher, and Renee Goodling, an elementary school nurse, retired after working together at the same school in central Pennsylvania for 25 years, they found themselves starting a new chapter of their lives.

Holesa and Goodling say they are as close as

sisters and love doing things together. Both had previously resided in central Pennsylvania, but when Holesa's son was recruited to the baseball team at Virginia Tech University, she discovered Blacksburg. Goodling soon retired and moved to Blacksburg as well.

The women decided to go in together on a restaurant franchise and Your Pie in Blacksburg was conceived, opening in December 2019 just

three months before covid hit. The business continued to stay open through third-party delivery services, and Holesa says they were thankful to have the third-party delivery set-up before the pandemic began.

One organization that the owners have found support through is referred as SWaM, or Small, Women-Owned, or Minority-Owned

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Blacksburg Town Council considers 2024 funding requests

Lori Graham
 Contributing writer

Blacksburg Town Council received public comment for fiscal year 2024 funding requests during their regular meeting on Tuesday, March 28.

A continued or increased need of funding for many local non-profit organizations was shared by the presenters. As the town and surrounding region that utilizes the town's offerings returns to a post-Covid way of life, so does the need for support, they shared. Blacksburg organizations also shared many triumphs with the town council, including growth in visitors to area entertainment, museums, and educational opportunities, as well as recognizing a large percentage of Blacksburg volunteerism.

Kim Carlson, Chair of the Lyric Council Board of Directors spoke about The Lyric Theater's service to the community in 2022.

The theater "served over 20,000 patrons at over 100 different events; 45 different screenings of films, documentaries, international films, and art films," she said.

Additionally, The Lyric Theater had just signed a lease for another 30 years. Also shared at the meeting is the retirement of Executive Director, Susan Mattingly, who has served the theater for 23 years.

Representatives of local arts and history non-profit organizations, such as the Blacksburg Community Band, The Montgomery Museum of Art and History, The Blacksburg Museum and Cultural Foundation, and Smithfield Plantation said they need continued economic support as they see an increase in visitation following the pandemic. Funds are needed for operating costs and maintenance fees,

they said.

Michael Hudson, the Executive Director of Smithfield expressed an impactful statement to the council members that it's a "bleak time for American museums."

"As you can see programs are being put out," he said.

Community agency representatives also spoke to the Blacksburg Town Council about needed funds to support important health and education organizations that provide increasing support to local citizens.

Ginny Ayers, Executive Director of Literacy Volunteers in the NRV informed council attendees of their need for ongoing economic support of town funds. Money received from the town would support programs like Be Well NRV Literacy, "Tech Bytes", GED preparation classes, and others that are supported by 150 area volunteers, 50 of which reside in Blacksburg.

Director of the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library, Karim Khan, discussed an increasing number of visitors to the library along with additional programs adding to positive growth for the library system.

"We went fine free as of July 2022," said Khan. "This year we took the plunge; revenues didn't go down because of growth in passports and printing from mobile devices."

A successful partnership with Montgomery County Public Schools using their direct access program is also allowing children to use their school library card to borrow materials, putting "over 1,000 books a month in children's hands," according to Khan.

Additional community programs that support healthy fresh food options, such as The Friends of the Blacksburg Farmers Market and Live, Work, Eat, Grow,

a program supporting community gardens in the region, also expressed gratitude and requests for continued support from the Blacksburg Town Council.

The Blacksburg Town Council then heard general comments from citizens with concerns impacting urban development.

Oliver Peacock, a 21-year old Blacksburg native and Virginia Tech student currently studying building construction, as well as the son of a construction business owner in the area, garnered the attention of Mayor Leslie Hager-Smith and council members. His focus of concern is the lengthy process in obtaining a building permit in the town of Blacksburg.

"I understand the process of getting a building permit and it shouldn't take 17 months," said Peacock. "If you are not going to let them be a part of the community, then something other than just ignoring their requests for building permits should be done."

Hager-Smith responded to Peacock for him to give her a call sometime this week.

Several additional comments were presented to the council from concerned citizens pertaining to the Glades Spring Crossing rezoning for a development project that is proposed to bring affordable housing to the Blacksburg area.

Tracy Sterling, Blacksburg resident, shared that the "current proposal does not promote responsible or sustainable development and can be improved upon," and Casey Hodges discussed the standards for variances of curbing gutter and the conflicting issues with the Glades Spring Crossing project. Hodges asked the council members to "consider why are the standards there and hold them to it."

Christiansburg Town Council hears presentation of proposed 2023-24 budget

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Christiansburg Finance Director Valerie Tweedie presented the proposed budget of the 2023-24 fiscal year to the town council in a regular meeting on March 28, 2023.

Due to the economic impact of increasingly high inflation rates, said Tweedie, the meal tax is expected to have a one percent increase in revenue, lodging tax is trending downward 10% as compared to last year, sales taxes are trending downward, and personal property taxes are expected to remain relatively flat for next year. Revenue from real estate tax will see an increase, from both increased construction and assessed property values.

Tweedie explained that with the county's increased property assessment value of 23.55%, the town is proposing a reduction in real estate taxes from 16% to 14% to offset those costs to residents.

"it will result in some increased revenue to help

the town, who is also feeling all the effects in higher inflation," Tweedie said.

Additional revenue may also be garnered in the proposed budget with an increased water rate. Some of these changes would include an increase to over one 1,000 gallons, from \$11 to \$12, which would result in an increase of \$350,000 in revenue for the town. Additionally, an increase for use over 50,000 gallons would see an increase from \$8.25 per thousand to \$9 per thousand gallons.

For staffing and compensation, the town is proposing a 5% cost-of-living-adjustment (COLA) and a 2% merit increase, which is comparable to the town of Blacksburg, which is proposing the same 5% COLA increase and a 2% step adjustment for employees.

Public hearings will be held on the water rate increases and tax increases on May 9th, 2023. On May 23rd, 2023, the council will hear the public response on the budget. A final budget approval must be

made by June 30th, 2023; therefore, adjustments to the proposal must be made prior to this date.

"After the public hearing, you cannot vote on the budget for seven days," Tweedie shared with council, with the goal for a budget to be finalized early in June.

Christiansburg Town Council also heard public response to the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) request by Rockstep Christiansburg LLC, property owner, to allow a carnival from April 29 through May 17, 2023 on the property at the location of 782 New River Road, NW, in Christiansburg. This location is the mall area and the carnival has been permitted at this location in the past.

Justin Cole, Cole Shows Amusement Company from Covington, Va, addressed the council and was available for questions.

"It [the carnival] should be similar size as previous years and similar direction," Cole shared with the council.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF RADFORD UNIVERSITY
 Radford University professor and Department of History chair Sharon Roger Hepburn, Ph.D., at left, and her student, Demiah Smith, of Christiansburg, work on their research.

Professor, student assistant explore history of Civil War Black regiment

John Lovejoy Murray's letters to his mother sat in a box for more than 150 years before a diligent researcher unearthed them from the National Archives and brought his words back to life.

The African American soldier served as a private in Company E, 102nd USCT (United States Colored Troops), and throughout the Civil War, he drafted 56 letters to send back home to his mother, many describing his experiences in the fight.

Radford University professor and Department of History chair Sharon Roger Hepburn, Ph.D., is the researcher who found Murray's letters while combing through the mountains of research she has compiled for more than a decade.

Roger Hepburn more broadly focuses her explorations into the regimental history of the 102nd United State Colored Infantry and its Civil War service, but when she found Murray's

letters, it was a "wow moment," the professor said. Those letters had been undisturbed in the soldier's pension records folder since the 1870s.

"Whenever you put evidence in the pension system, it has to stay there," explained Roger Hepburn, who in 2022 was recognized by the university as a Dalton Eminent Scholar for her teaching and research. "So, the letters were never returned to the soldier's family."

That inactivity proved to be valuable to the professor's research, as well as other historians. "Otherwise, the letters would have been lost," she said, "because he had no siblings, never married and had no children."

Discovering the letters forced Roger Hepburn to slow her broader research to focus on Murray's correspondence and records. That work led to her latest book, "Private No More: The Civil War Letters of John Lovejoy

Murray, 102nd United States Colored Infantry (New Perspectives on the Civil War Era Service)", published by University of Georgia Press and available March 15, 2023.

"The letters represent a perspective distinctly from a Black soldier in the Union army," Roger Hepburn explained. "Although many of his experiences may have been typical, John Lovejoy Murray himself, a literate, freeborn, northern Black man, was atypical among Union Black soldiers."

Roger Hepburn began researching the 102nd United States Colored Infantry in 2011 as a regimental study, "but also a social study after the war," she said.

The regiment mustered and trained in Michigan for seven months before they entered the field.

Through her work, Roger Hepburn has accumulated an extensive number of documents that includes enlistment papers,

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, April 5:

VR Wednesday
At the Radford Public Library; 2 – 3 p.m. Come take a hike, paint a masterpiece, or explore the international space station at the library! Try all these things and more using our new Meta Quest 2 VR headset, or just come spectate and learn about VR.

Coping Techniques for Caregivers
Commonwealth Senior Living at Radford will be hosting seminar titled “Coping Techniques for Caregivers.” Seminar will discuss ways to care for a senior loved one while also caring for yourself.

Spring Eggstravaganza
At the Meadowbrook Library; 4:45 – 5:30 p.m. Children are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt in the courtyard. There will also be take-home crafts and an Easter Basket drawing. Don't forget your basket and camera.

Thursday, April 6:

American Legion meeting
The American Legion, Harvey-Howe-Carper Post 30 will meet at 6 p.m. at the VFW Post Home on 102 Watts St. in Radford. For further information, please call 540-250-2283 or 540-239-9864.

Community Quilting Bee
At the Blacksburg Library; 10 a.m. – noon. Join us for our weekly quilting and sewing group. Bring your supplies and join us for conversation.

Friday, April 7:

Skipper Cannon Firing
Skipper, the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets cannon, will be fired once between 4:30 and 4:45 p.m. on the Drillfield during the opening ceremony for Relay for Life. Relay For Life at Virginia Tech is a student-run yearlong fundraising initiative for the American Cancer Society focused on raising funds for critical research as well as lifesaving patient support programs.

Saturday, April 8:

Spring Plant Swap
At the Blacksburg Library; 2 -3 :30 p.m. Bring plants, bulbs, and seeds to swap. Vegetable plants, house plants, landscape plants, flowers, and empty plant pots all welcome. Bring plants in from 2-2:30 p.m. and the first swap will begin at 2:30 p.m., then 2:45 p.m. for the second round.

NRCC Campus Cruise-in
New River Community College's Campus Cruise-In will be held 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in parking lot H at NRCC in Dublin, featuring classic cars from regional car club members. Event is sponsored by the NRCC automotive technology department. Automotive students will judge the cars. Trophies awarded for the first three places. Event is family-friendly, open to the public and free of charge. Registration will be held on the day of the event and is \$5 per car to enter the competition. Call (540) 674-3600, ext. 4285 for more information.

Monday, April 10:

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

See the agenda at www.radfordva.gov.

Montgomery County Board of Supervisors meeting
Public meetings are the second and fourth Monday of each month 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 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, April 11:

Blacksburg Town Council meeting
Town Council meets in regular session the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month 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 televised live on WTOB Channel 2.

Christiansburg Town Council meeting
Regular Town Council meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month beginning at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers of Town Hall (100 E. Main Street). The public is welcome and encouraged to attend, with a citizen hearing time reserved at each meeting for residents to bring any matter they desire before the entire council.

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 on 3204 Riner Rd. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to attend. Camp Member James Evans will speak on “Life in a Northern Prison Camp”. For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

Kids Cooking Club
At the Radford Public Library; 2- 3 p.m. Join us for our very first program with our mobile kitchen, the Charlie Cart! We will be making Johnnycakes, and kids should be ready to assist in the kitchen! Registration is required, and spots are limited. Please email morgan.esterhuizen@radfordva.gov or call 540-731-3621 to register. For kids ages 7-12.

Wednesday, April 12:

Coping Techniques for Caregivers
Commonwealth Senior Living at Christiansburg will be hosting seminar titled “Coping Techniques for Caregivers.” The seminar will discuss ways to care for a senior loved one while also caring for yourself.

Thursday, April 13:

River City Quilt Guild
The River City Quilt Guild meets the second Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in Grove United Methodist Church, 1020 Tyler Ave., Radford. If you are willing to share your knowledge and learn from others, this guild is for you. We welcome all skill levels of quilters. For more information call Anna Handy, 540 320 7791.

New River Valley Chapter of Virginia Master Naturalists
At the Radford Public Library; 6-7:30 p.m. Join us to learn more about becoming a Virginia Master Naturalist and our upcoming training program which starts in August 2023.

Saturday, April 22:

Montgomery County/ Blacksburg Kiwanis Club Brunswick Stew fundraiser

At Prices Fork Elementary School (PFES), 4021 Prices Fork Rd., Blacksburg; noon – 2 p.m. Fundraiser benefits programming at PFES and local youth charities supported by Kiwanis. Pre-orders are encouraged by calling (540) 951-5834 or emailing pfesstew@gmail.com. Payment accepted by cash or check upon pickup. Kindly make checks payable to PFES. Drive-thru service will be available the day of pickup. Price is \$10/quart or \$9 /quart for five quarts.

Saturday, April 29:

Library of Virginia on-the-go
At the Meadowbrook Library; 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The Library of Virginia is bringing their state-of-the-art equipment and offering their expertise. Join us to explore research resources, discuss regional and family history, enjoy children's activities and much more. Door prizes, Genealogy 101 and help with your questions, tours of the Meadowbrook Museum and the MFRL Mobile Library, special guest Daniel Thorp, and Precious Valley Farms Petting Zoo. All events are free and open to the community.

Sunday, April 30:

Christiansburg Presbyterian Church Spring Concert
Christiansburg Presbyterian Church will offer its annual Spring Concert at 4 p.m. This year's guest artist will be classical guitarist Justin Craig. Justin is a graduate of Radford University with a Master of Music degree in classical guitar performance. He is a busy regional guitarist, jazz performer, recording artist, and teacher. He performs often as a soloist and leads a variety of groups including a modern jazz and Brazilian group. This concert is free and open to the public.

On-going:

Registration open for annual Scrabble tournament for literacy

Registration is now open for the Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley 15th Annual LVNRV Scrabble Tournament, which will be held Thursday, April 27, 2023 at Sinkland Farms in Christiansburg. All proceeds from the fun evening support free tutoring for adults to provide them with the skills they need for personal independence and family self-sufficiency. Programs include one-on-one tutoring, Skill Up NRV and Family READS programs, GED and U.S. Citizenship preparation classes, and Bridge to Digital Learning initiative. Register at www.lvnrv.org or call 540-382-7262.

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. -2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Main Entrance of Blacksburg High School. It is appreciated if materials are dry-cleaned, but not required. For more information, contact the Town of Blacksburg Sustainability Office at 540-443-1617 or sustainability@blacksburg.gov.

Free GED Classes
New River Community College is offering free GED at the Meadowbrook Library every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 5 – 8 p.m. The classes began on Tuesday, Jan. 17 and end on Thursday, May 11. For more information or to sign up please call the Meadowbrook Library at 540-268-1964.

PETS OF THE WEEK



Beau

Beau is ready to sniff out his furever home and he has been a resident at the Animal Care and Adoption Center for a short time. He's a happy dog who loves treats. He will need some lessons in basic doggie manners.

Mocha is an energetic boy who likes to fetch and play with squeaky toys and ropes. He knows some commands and enjoys tasty treats. Mocha will do best in a home where he is the only dog. Stop by the Animal Care and Adoption Center to meet this pawsome dog!

These pets and many others are available for adoption at the Montgomery County Animal Care and Adoption Center, 480 Cinnabar Rd., Christiansburg. Phone: (540) 382-5795.



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LAND TRANSFERS

March 2023 Land Transfers

ALG Trustee LLC Substitute Trustee to Rocket Rentals LLC, 2007000059, \$100,000
 Progress Street Builders Inc. to Melissa D Nipper, Lot 97 Heritage Place PH IV-B Riner Magisterial District, \$643,098
 Kipps Farms LLC to Stateson Homes LLC, Lot 139 Westhill Subdivision Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$118,160
 Kipps Farms LLC to Stateson Homes LLC, Lot 44 Westhill Subdivision Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$134,750
 Bernard A Wojciechowski to Bernard A Wojciechowski, 0.6029 Acres Lot 3 Clark Minor Subdivision Riner Magisterial District
 Frederic Lachance to Steven M Allen, 5.46 Acres Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$775,000
 Madeline Carol Wood Trust to Ernest Duane Adkins, Lot 15 Meadow Hill Metes And Bounds Town of Christiansburg, \$270,000
 Kevin Gilbarte to Justin W Gilbarte, Lot 25 Dundas Heights Town of Blacksburg, \$326,000
 Brian Shabanowitz to Kristopher Burton Williams, Lot 503 Blacksburg Country Club Section 3 Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$900,000
 Darlene F Ratcliff to Justin Michael Boblitt, 14.770 Acre Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$285,000
 Eleanor R Curtis to Eleanor R Curtis Trust, 0.2389 Acres Lot 3 Town of Christiansburg
 Rober Hamilton Ballagh III to Virginia Lee Edwards, 0.759 Acres Lot 1 Prices Fork Magisterial District
 Land of Eden LLC to Brion K Graves Executor, Lots 1-5 Bethany Court Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$1,286,345
 John R Johnson to John R Johnson Trustee, Lot 12-C Silver Leaf Lane Townhomes Town of Blacksburg
 Donna Kennedy Crawford Executor to Abbot Bowman LLC, Metes and Bounds See Legal, \$92,500
 Daniel L Wheeler Jr. to Wheeler Living Trust, Lot N9 and Lot N10 Prices Fork Magisterial District
 Jason B Taylor to Krishnakumar Patel, Lot 5 Hunters Ridge PH 3 Town of Christiansburg, \$212,000
 Laura Evelyn Spafford to Elizabeth Dodrill, 1 Acre and 4.5 Acres Riner Magisterial District, \$45,000
 Oak Creek Capital LLC to NRV Capital LLC, Lot 36 PH 5 Section 2 Oak Manor Townhouses Town of Blacksburg, \$319,999
 Bertie C Sweeney to Diana Bocock Trust, Lot 58 Edgewood Town of Christiansburg
 Lincoln I LLC to Gravity Real Estate Holdings I LLC, Parcel 1 Town of Christiansburg
 Macaneki Holdings LLC to The Hix 411 Property Limited Condo Unit # H Building 1440 Hunters Ridge Condos of Blacksburg Town of Blacksburg, \$242,000
 Michael Hespeneide to Caihong Zhou, Lot 13 Lions Gate Planned Community, \$349,000
 David R Stephens to Darren P Lloyd, 1.342 Acres Lot 1 Riner Magisterial District, \$425,000
 Jack Wilkinson to Louis Kost, 1.65 Acres Tract A Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$49,900
 Carolyn J Zeigler to Carolyn J Zeigler, Lot 78 McBryde Village Section 3 Town of Blacksburg
 Mode A Johnson to Mode A Johnson Trust, Lot 72 PH 2-B The Village at Tom's Creek Town of Blacksburg
 Maria Ann Hamlin to Maria Ann Hamlin, 2 Acres Tract 1C Riner Magisterial District
 Maria Ann Hamlin to Linda Charlene Duncan, 2.065 Acres Tract 1A Riner Magisterial District
 Maria Ann Hamlin to Patrick Hamlin, 1 Acre Tract 1B Riner Magisterial District
 Donald R Robinson to Donald R Robinson; 3 Parcels: 69.95 Acres, 47.1626 Acres, 9.2775 Acres New Parcel 1 Riner Magisterial District; \$0
 Lisa P Galloway to Mark Jason Parks, Family Unit 70-E Building #3-Y Piedmont At Blacksburg PH 3-A Town of Blacksburg, \$52,000
 Bradford C Kirby to Roberta Boyea, 1 Acre Lot 1 Riverside Estates PH 2 Riner Magisterial District, \$490,000
 Everone LLC to Kellen Spencer Campbell, Lot 29 PH 2 Springview Subdivision Riner Magisterial District, \$187,450
 Jeffrey L Riblet to James K Thompson, Condo Unit 1206-J PH 2 University Terrace Condos Town of Blacksburg, \$260,000
 Scot S Farthing Trust to Douglas Sink, 6.21 Acres, \$40,501
 Robert L Pienkowski to Sara Joy Pienkowski, Lot 75 Highland Park Addition Town of Blacksburg
 Rodney D Schnurr to Ryan Rodney Schnurr, Unity 23 PH 5 Vista Pointe Subdivision Town of Blacksburg
 William G Reasor to Designdesk Inc, 3.739 Acres New Lot Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$65,000
 Mark W Tuck to Matthew C Olmstead, Lot 4 PH 1 Haymarket Square Townhouses Section 1 Town of Blacksburg, \$322,500
 Debora Elizabeth Zachary to Timberlake Capital Investment LLC; Lot 18, 19, 20 Snidow Heights Town of Christiansburg; \$180,000
 Angela C Shumate to Bridgette Creed Bradley, 4.857

Acres New Parcel 59-2-8D Shawsville Magisterial District
 Daved Gerard Verbano Jr to Ramit Singh, Lot 6 The Villas on North Main PH 1 Town of Blacksburg, \$415,000
 Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to Pennymac Loan Services LLC, 6.082 Acres Tract C Wilson Run Subdivision, \$10
 Hamilton Mckenzie Garland to Danbury Limited, Lot 600 Preston Forest PH 4 Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$120,000
 Phillip Odom LLC to Christiana Abraham, Lot 4 Oak Tree PH 11 Town of Christiansburg, \$251,000
 R Fralin Construction Inc to Roy W Hilt, Lot 25 The Villas on North Main PH 1 Town of Blacksburg, \$534,950
 Arlene H Cecil to Douglas H Snider, Lot 8 J.S. Phillips Estates Riner Magisterial District
 Christopher Morris to Jones Real Estate Investment Agency, 1.30 Acres Metes and Bounds Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$38,000
 R Bruce Cunningham to George Stewart Burk II, 4.220 Acres Lot 17 Smithcreek Subdivision Riner Magisterial District, \$870,000
 Saurabh Chakravarty to Olalekan Olugbenga Kaka, Lot 61 PH 4 New River Village Town of Christiansburg, \$333,000
 Joe C Parrish to Parrish Living Trust, 3 Parcels
 Lois G Price to Christopher Carroll Price, Lot 3 Section 2 Hardie Hills Subdivision Town of Blacksburg
 Gary Wayne Ratliff to Gary Wayne Ratcliff, 1.75 Acres Metes and Bounds Parcel 1 and 5.42 Acres Tract 1 Less and Except 1.36 Acres Lot 1 Parcel 2
 The Partners III LLC to Daniel L Musselman Jr., 0.256 Acres Town of Christiansburg, \$210,000
 Loula A Broce to Kenneth Dale Smith, 73.902 Acres Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$190,000
 Stanley Mariger to Stanley Mariger Trust, Lot 62 Montgomery Farms Section 6 Prices Fork Magisterial District
 Richard J Beamish V to Gregory A Galford, Lot 2 Highland Park Number 2 and Adjoining Unnumbered 0.093 Acre Lot Town of Christiansburg, \$257,000
 James K Thompson to SKT Properties LLC, Condo Unit 1206-J PH 2 University Terrace Condos
 Pansy F Pickett to Paula S Raines, 0.2649 Acre Northern Portion of Lot 1 Town of Christiansburg, \$174,900
 Douglas A Nixon to Karen J Nixon Stoll, Lot 6 Kipps Farm Subdivision Town of Blacksburg
 Lucinda Campbell to Lucinda Campbell, Lot 26 Town of Christiansburg
 Vera W Sewell to Georges El Abboud, Lot 4 Windmill Hills PH 4 Town of Christiansburg, \$325,000
 Barbara Kay Lockridge to Lockridge Living Trust, Unit 23-3 PH 11 Villas at Peppers Ferry Section 2 Town of Christiansburg, \$1
 Terry D Kingrea to Timothy Bandy, 0.358 Acre Town of Christiansburg, \$153,500
 Curtis Living Trust to Joyce Meek Etter, Unity 34-2 PH 17 Section 2 Town of Christiansburg, \$403,500
 Matthew R Cook to Blaine L McGuire, 0.126 Acre Un-numbered Lot Town of Christiansburg, \$125,000
 Homestate Properties LLC to Big Deal LLC, Unit 101 PH 1 Colony Park Condos Town of Blacksburg, \$225,000
 Walter Curtis Green to Kester Bruce Jarels, 5 Acres Metes and Bounds Mount Tabor Magisterial District
 Woods Rogers PLC Trust to Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, 2007004988; 2011007896, \$107, 540
 Jones Living Trust to Rambler Springs LLC, Three Parcels; 7.0314 Acres Parcel 1, 2 Acres Metes and Bounds Parcel 2, and 4 Acres Metes and Bounds Parcel 3 Mount Tabor Magisterial District
 Ryan Wetzel to Morgan Wetzel, 2.588 Acres Designated as Lot 2 Prices Fork Magisterial District
 Reece David Bedwell to Karen Bedwell Brown, Metes and Bounds, See Legal
 Debra Lou Bullard to Precious Angela Mae Kinsley, Lot 17 Woods Vista Subdivision Riner Magisterial District
 Scott A Souther to RDH LCC, 1.349 Acres Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$40,000
 Joseph F Est Perez to Adam Scott Tripp, 1.324 Acres Lot 3 Duncan Subdivision Riner Magisterial District, \$257,500
 Mary E Shanholtz to Shanholtz Living Trust, Lot 16 Sherwood Forest Section A Town of Christiansburg
 Shah Development LLC to Sean R Hogston, 0.067 Acre Lot 37 Midway Estates Shawsville Magisterial District, \$251,750
 Stafford Real Estate LLC to Caren Bailey, 38.316 Acres Shawsville Magisterial District, \$145,000
 Linda Sayers White to Kelly Clark Shelton, Lot 3 Dundas Heights Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$155,000
 John Wesley Long to Ricochet Rehab LLC, Metes and Bounds Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$170,000
 Kipps Farms LLC to Stateson Homes LLC, Lot 138 Westhill Subdivision Prices Fork Magisterial District,

\$118,160
 Lawrence Charles Sander to Gary Clayton, Lot 7 Town of Blacksburg, \$205,000
 John Tyler Mullins to Karen A Hudson, Lot 15 Kensington PH 2, \$425,000
 Shah Development LLC to Eagle Construction of VA LLC; 0.861 Acre Lot 1, 0.873 Acre Lot 2, 0.0987 Acre Lot 3, 0.868 Acre Lot 4, and 0.415 Acre Lot 5 The Reserve at Round Meadows Town of Christiansburg; \$570,000
 William P Crosier II Trust to Virginia Woodlands LLC, See Legal Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$425,000
 Thomas Barry Weeks II to Zachary Lee Nolen, 4.676 Acres Parcel A Riner Magisterial District, \$32,000
 James E Williams to Sage E Crawford, 8.408 Acres More or Less Consisting of 5 Acres Shawsville Magisterial District, \$392,000
 Erik E Komendera II to Erik E Komendera II, 0.464 Acre Lot 41 PH 4 The Preserve at Walnut Creek Shawsville Magisterial District
 3712 Sunflower VA LLC to Seth Hunter Revell, 4.528 Acres Lot 3 Shawsville Magisterial District, \$235,000
 Sandra E Via to Victoria L Wood; Part of Lots 15, 16, and 17 Spradlin Addition Town of Christiansburg; \$229,900
 Mary Verhulst to Christopher Divita, 0.382 Acres Lot 1 Gardenspring Addition Town of Blacksburg, \$360,000
 Lions Gate Phase 2 Home Owners Association to RWW35 LLC, 0.254 Acre Lot 1 and 0.172 Acre Lot 2
 Michael Stephen Abraham to Michael Stephen Abraham Trust, 1.417 Acres Lot 9 Town of Blacksburg
 Michael B Blow to Michael B Blow Trust, Lot 23 BLK 5A5 Pheasant Run Townhomes
 Virginia Capital Investment LLC to MIRC LLC, Lot 17 Oak Tree Townhomes PH 9 Riner Magisterial District, \$244,000
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 Chang You Lin to Rita K Burnette, Lot 150 Section 3 Pheasant Run Townhomes PH 4, \$235,500
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Your Pie

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business. Certification is acquired by registering with the Virginia Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity (SBSD) organization, which provides small business owners with support in increasing economic business opportunities.

The original Your Pie franchise is 15 years old and was founded by Drew French, who runs the first establishment in Athens, Ga. Holesa shares that if you are in the Athens area, you will find the owner working in his own restaurant. Holesa and Goodling say they have been impressed by the supportive family the franchise chain provides. Fellow Your Pie owners make themselves available and are online daily to answer questions and help each other. Both owners said they found this kind of support invaluable and could not have made it without their franchise family.

Speaking on the topic of their staff, Holesa says

the franchise is all about family and the owners encourage the same philosophy with staff.

We say to our staff “welcome to the family,” said Holesa in a recent interview. “You will be treated as such. We hire a lot of college and high school students and encourage their friends to work here too. We try to accommodate their schedules.”

When asked about getting started in a business so different from their previous background in the school system, Renee shared that it was important to “align yourself with good people.”

Of course, both owners had to learn on the fly too. In terms of previous food experience, Renee was a waitress one or two summers, and Holesa worked at McDonalds for one summer, when both were in college. The owners shared that they were willing to work hard though, and don’t “cower from a challenge.” Starting the business has required both.

The business owners say they have seen growth in their business by making many connections in the Blacksburg community and Virginia Tech University through their catering services. Some of the previous events have included office events, fairs such as one at the VT Inn they were invited to serve, and athletic teams, such as baseball, football, softball, and lacrosse. These athletic organizations have shared their information with visiting teams, and out of state of teams as well, helping to increase the business’ outreach.

Your Pie, located at 608 University City Blvd., Blacksburg, offers a variety of pizza options, pasta, salads, and gelato. The restaurant also provides gluten-free and non-dairy options. Local craft beer and bottled/can drinks, some wine, and non-alcoholic beverages are also available. Check out their website at www.yourpie.com.

Budget

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Council had voted 7 to 0 recommending approval of the conditional use permit request on March 6, 2023, with some conditions that must be met. Specific conditions are listed on the council’s agenda sheet on the www.christiansburg.org website.

The council also heard several resolutions to recognize the following national dates:

March 29, 2023 as National Vietnam War Veterans

Day, April 3 – 9, 2023 as National Public Health Week, April 9 – 15, 2023 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators,

The month of April 2023 as National Child Abuse Prevention Month,

A purchase order for a Caterpillar skid steer loader and accessories for the Huckleberry Park, with a total

cost \$105,530, was then discussed by the town council members. The accessories accompanying the skid steer loader are a brush cutter and a vibratory compactor and would be purchased from Carter Machinery in Salem, Virginia. As the agenda states, this equipment is necessary to maintain the new Huckleberry Park.

Additional task orders were included in the agenda during the meeting as well.

Civil War

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pension files, census records and letters written by and to the 1,642 soldiers in the 102nd regiment. Roger Hepburn found much of her collection in the National Archives, the Michigan state archives and local and county historical societies scattered around the United States.

Boxes of documents are stored in her office, and she has eight terabytes of information on a hard drive at home.

The research alone can be grueling but organizing it all for publication can be exhausting and overwhelming.

“I’m still transcribing documents from pension folders,” said Roger Hepburn, who teaches African American history, American slavery and the American Civil War at Radford. “Most of them are hundreds of pages, and the largest one is 885 pages.”

“It takes a long time,” she said, drawing out the word “long” for emphasis. “Plus, they are 150 years old, and the handwriting is atrocious.”

Luckily for the professor, she has students who share her interests. One in particular is Demiah Smith.

“I sucked her into it,” Roger Hepburn said with a laugh.

Smith enrolled in Roger Hepburn’s digital archives class in the fall of 2021, and “I totally fell in love with it,” said the senior history major from Christiansburg, Virginia. “She’s right; I did get sucked in.”

Her work included taking a “minuscule amount of the pension files,” Smith explained, and transcribing the contents. That work led to two projects of her own making. One involved creating a website that included records of four of the soldiers, while another involved constructing a detailed online map that followed the regiment through the duration of the war, from Detroit to Hilton Head to Savannah to Winnsboro, South Carolina.

“I love this,” Smith said. “I love uncovering history that no one knows about yet. Plus, it makes history more personal, and it makes lectures and textbooks come alive and seem more real. History is often thought of on a grandiose scale, and all of the everyday people who live through history are often forgotten.”

Smith fell head over heels in love with history in second grade while studying ancient Egypt, she explained, sitting in Roger Hepburn’s office in Hemphill Hall.

“It’s always ancient Egypt,” her professor chimed in, with a chuckle, about the topic that sparks many kids’ interest in history.

In about the fourth or fifth grade, Smith made the decision to pursue museums and archives as a college major and career. That decision, and the fact that her parents are Radford alumni, shined a light on her path to Radford University. “My mother (Sarah Smith ’00) was, of course, excited for me to become a Highlander,” Smith said while also explaining that her father, David Smith ’02, passed away in 2005.

“I’m sure he’d be excited for me to be at Radford,” she said.

“Coming to Radford has allowed me to feel closer to both my parents,” she continued, “and it’s the life they wanted to build for my brother and me.”

Similar family bonds helped Smith feel at home at Radford, particularly among the close-knit group of students and faculty in the Department of History. That feeling had a comforting influence on Smith’s decision for her future.

She soon learned Radford is an excellent place for

research opportunities, like her work with Roger Hepburn, and diverse areas of study, like her minors in religious studies and applied history, which delves into such areas as digital archives and GIS mapping.

“I get to nerd out and do one of my favorite things all day, every day,” Smith said.

“Dr. Roger Hepburn was the one who planted the idea of doing my research project,” she continued. “Her faith in me meant the most because I had not been one to believe that research was a strong enough suit for me to take on such a challenge.”

Smith has taken challenges head-on during her nearly four years at Radford, including presenting her research twice in front of Radford President Bret Danilowicz, once at the university’s Board of Visitors meeting in September 2022 and another at Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF) program that same year.

“The second time wasn’t nearly as bad because I was well versed,” she said, smiling.

Smith also guides other Radford students with their projects by serving as an Elevate Research Mentor. “That allows me to show others that anyone, regardless of the field or area of interest, is capable of doing a deeper level of research beyond Google searches.”

All this experience has led Smith to opportunities outside of campus as well. In the spring of 2022, she secured an internship at the Christiansburg Institute, which, thanks to the knowledge and skills she gained working with Roger Hepburn, led to a job at the institute as a scanning technician.

In addition to backing from faculty, Smith has found support in her academic pursuits through scholarships, including the Red and White Scholarship and the Highlander Scholarship.

“Those took the worry away from struggling to cover my education financially, and instead,” she said, “let me focus on reaping the benefits of using every avenue of my education.”

Smith is scheduled to graduate in May and plans to attend graduate school to pursue a master’s degree in library science with a concentration in archival studies.

Through their research, Smith and Roger Hepburn are making extraordinary contributions to their communities and the world around them. Occasionally, someone will hear about the professor’s work and contact her, asking for information about an ancestor. She generously sends any information she has available.

During one of Smith’s presentations, a military veteran approached and thanked her for the work she is doing, preserving the memories of those, like himself and John Lovejoy Murray, who served their country. “This was important to him,” Smith said, reflecting back. “I think the most rewarding part of this work is bringing the identities of these men and their families back to light.”

-Chad Osborne for Radford University

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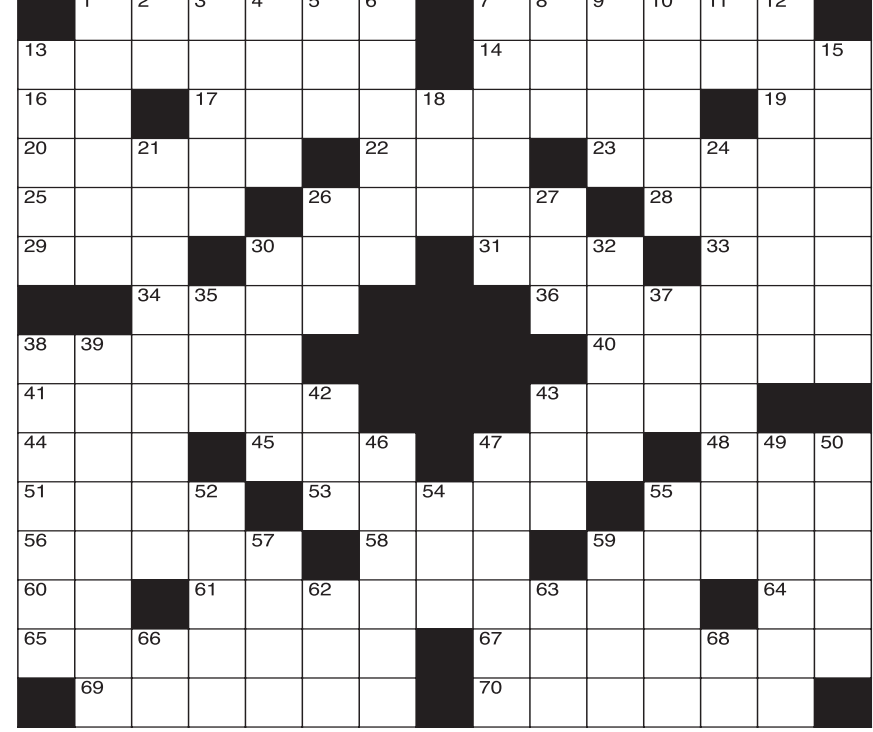
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 - It cools your home
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 - "The First State"
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 - Partner to cheese
 - Type of wrap
 - From a distance
 - Satisfies
 - "Dallas Buyers' Club" actor Jared
 - God of battle (Scandinavian)
 - Cooking utensil
 - Soviet Socialist Republic
 - Able to perform
 - Big man on campus
 - Second epoch of the Tertiary period
 - Porticos
 - Alban and Peter are two
 - Gets up
 - Humble request for help
 - One-thousandth of an inch (abbr.)
 - Unhappy
 - Hint or indication
 - A way to plead
 - Digits
 - Broadway actress Daisy
 - Jewish calendar month
 - Author Gore
 - Peacock network
 - White poplar
 - Promotional material
 - A period of calm
 - Take too much
 - Emit energy
 - Something you can take
 - Mended with yarn
 - Inconsistent

- CLUES DOWN
- Calm down
 - One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
 - One who pretends
 - Hang glide
 - Distinctive practice
 - Mariner
 - Peaks
 - Queens ballplayer
 - Geological times
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 - Unwanted rodent
 - Partly cooked with hot water
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 - Prickly plant
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 Casey I Renolds to Joseph Thompson, BK 1143 PG 170 and 2019000266
 William C Hession to Hession Living Trust, 5.003 Acres Parcel 4 Elenor Heights Town of Blacksburg
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 William C Baldwin to Jetson B Lotz, Lot 31 Fiddlers Green Town of Blacksburg
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 Christopher Lugar to Tiffany L Dawson, 6.785 Acres and Parcel 1 Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$185,000
 Beatrice L Bishop to Victor J Zimbardi, 0.46 Acre Metes and Bounds, \$130,000

Jack D Richmon to Jeff Chase, 0.770 Acre Lot 26 Riner Magisterial District, \$218,000
 David Kevin Heatt to Jeremy Scot Cumbee Jr., 1.205 Acres Lot 81-A-1 Roanoke River Gardens, \$189,900
 Johnie K Graves EST to NRV Getaways LLC, 4 Parcels Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$250,000
 James T Johnson Jr. to Saile Investments LLC, 0.5 Acre Metes And Bounds, 95,000
 Margaret H Folta to Mary C Ginn, 2.771 Acres Lot 2A Town of Blacksburg, \$395,000
 Frankie L Stanley to Truist Bank, 2023000164; 2023000165
 Roberta Blake Greene to Tia Briana Greene, 0.14 Acres Metes and Bounds Town of Christiansburg
 Brian K Graves Executor to IMG Legacy LLC; Lot 1 Bethany Court Parcel 1, Lot 2 Bethany Court Parcel 2, Lot 3 Bethany Court Parcel 3, Lot 4 Bethany Court Parcel 4, and Lot 5 Bethany Court Parcel 5 Prices Fork Magisterial District
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 Arlene H Cecil to Douglas H Snider, Lot 8 J.S. Phillips Estates Riner Magisterial District
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 Michael Stephen Abraham to Michael Stephen Abraham Trust, 1.417 Acres Lot 9 Town of Blacksburg
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OBITUARIES

Phlegar, Archie Guthrie

Archie Guthrie Phlegar, of Blacksburg, passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 30, 2023 with his beloved wife Barbara by his side.

Archie, AG, Arch, Papa Arch were some of the many names for a man of many talents and gifts. He was born May 22, 1930 to Madeline and Archie Phlegar in Pearisburg. He was raised on a beautiful farm where he helped tend the apple orchard, milked cows and fished on Big Walker Creek which ran in front of his family home. Archie loved all things outdoors and was quite an entrepreneur at a young age as he and his brother, Fredrick, would grow corn and then sell as popcorn to local movie theaters. And his younger sister, Mary Catherine, most likely helped with that endeavor.

He loved all sorts of woodworking but most especially making beautiful furniture. Archie also built almost every home he lived in, even his beloved Claytor Lake home. Other passions included playing bridge with good friends, traveling with family, snow and water skiing and attending all things Hokie.

Archie attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1948 enrolled as a member of the corps of cadets and played cornet in the Highty Tights. Upon graduation in 1952 he was honored to proudly serve his country in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. His degree from

VPI was in Engineering and after serving the Air Force he began work with Appalachian Power Company. His tenure with Appalachian came to an end when he was offered a position in the admissions office at Virginia Tech in 1967. He did a complete career change moving his wife and three children to Blacksburg in 1967 which he claimed to be the "best move he ever made!" Archie went on



to earn a master's degree and a PhD (Education Administration) during that time and eventually became the Director of Admissions at Virginia Tech until his retirement.

Archie first married his high school sweetheart, Jean Sublett. They enjoyed 40 years of marriage and raised three children: Archie Jr. (Sharon), Charlie (Karen) and Beth Dixon (Carlton). His kids blessed him with eight grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. Each one adored and cherished time with their Papa Arch.

Archie loved the Lord and raised his children in the church. He would

say his faith was the most important part of his life, constantly on display in his love and care for others. He looked forward to an eternal life with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

After Jean's passing, Archie was blessed when he married Barbara Jean Gates of Blacksburg in 1993. Archie and Barbara enjoyed 30 wonderful years of marriage together. Barbara was pure joy in Archie's eyes as she loved and tenderly cared for him throughout their marriage. They had a rare and beautiful love for one another for which the family is blessed and grateful.

Archie was predeceased in death by his brother, Fredrick, and is survived by his sister, Mary Catherine (Neal) McMillan of Black Mountain, N.C.

Barbara and the family would like to thank Hospice of the New River Valley for their tender care over the past two years and they would also like to thank Traci Burke and her wonderful caregivers whom Archie and Barbara called "their angels." In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Hospice of the New River Valley at 701 Randolph St., Suite #110, Radford, VA. 24141.

A celebration of Archie's life will take place at McCoy's Funeral Home chapel in Blacksburg on Monday, April 10, 2023 at 2 p.m. The family will receive visitors one hour prior to the service. A private family graveside service is planned.

Wright, Branwen

Our sister, Branwen, died peacefully at home March 31, 2023 after two years of courageously facing the challenges of living with a glioblastoma multiforme (GBM) brain tumor. In her 59 years, Branwen lived an independent life, full of adventure and compassion.

She was born in Gainesville, Fla., in 1964 and grew up in Blacksburg. After graduating from Blacksburg High School, she graduated from Virginia Tech with a degree in Horticulture. All her life she loved plants and tended to them with gentleness. She interned at various botanical gardens in Florida before moving to Northern Virginia to work in finance. Branwen took a year off to help her little sister in the Navy with her first child and during that year, obtained her Certified Financial Planner (CFP) certificate.

Branwen then headed off to Western New York where she was charmed by the sweet fragrance of grapes and the quaint rural towns and decided to make this her home. She worked at the historic Athenaeum Hotel at the Chautauqua Institution where she enjoyed meeting presidents, authors and musicians while appreciating the rich cultural experiences on the Chautauqua grounds. She

enjoyed being outdoors hiking, biking and kayaking and savored nature's beauty, often expressing it through art and writing.

Branwen always encouraged family and friends to spend smartly and save. She was passionate about good health, always striving to eat nutritious



food and never missing an opportunity to "use it or lose it," like taking the stairs over the escalator, even when carrying a heavy load. But more than anything else, Branwen enjoyed time with friends and family. She loved to plan trips and excursions at home and abroad. She was spontaneous and always willing to lend a hand, especially if it involved an adventurous challenge.

Branwen is predeceased by her mother, Lydia Roeske Wright, and survived by her father, Reverdy Edmond

Calfee, Odell Wiley

Odell Wiley Calfee, 89, rejoined her favorite Rook partner in Heaven on Wednesday, March 22, 2023. Despite her best efforts, her weary body would not allow her to remain with us any longer, and she left this world peacefully, surrounded by her loving family.

Odell Mae Wiley was born on May 23, 1933, in Mercer County, W.Va. She began a simple, country life growing up on Bent Mountain, until her parents moved the family to Athens. There she finished school, earned her teaching degree from Concord College, and met the love (and laughter) of her life, Jack Baker Calfee. After marriage, she and Jack lived in Parkersburg and Vienna, W.Va., where they were blessed with the arrival of their three boys, and eventually landed in Radford, where they spent the rest of their lives.

Odell led a busy life - as a mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Civics teacher and substitute teacher, a member of The Women's Club, Newcomers Club, and Grove United Methodist Church, and even a budding watercolor artist. She had a wide variety of interests and talents. Odell always took an active interest in current events and politics, and

she felt it was her mission to spark an interest in government in her children, grandchildren, and students. She was also a true "Mother Nature," who loved flowers, gardening, and birds, and found beauty in every season. Odell exemplified the phrase "the more the merrier," and truly loved large family gatherings where she would best



show her love for everyone through cooking, whether it was a big Southern breakfast with eggs, biscuits and sausage gravy, or a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings. She celebrated every holiday with decorations ranging from whimsical to elegant, and eagerly awaited our reactions to them when we arrived. Odell's spirit will surely live on in her family's future holiday gatherings, the landscapes she beautified at each of her residences, and the

students and friends she inspired with her humor and dedication to learning.

Odell Calfee was preceded in death by her parents, Henderson Stewart Wiley and Gladys Kessinger Wiley; siblings James Wiley, Danise Bauguess, and Minnie Blankenship; and her beloved husband, Jack Baker Calfee.

She is survived by her sons, Kent Calfee (Rhea), Scott Calfee (Cindy), and Todd Calfee (Kathy); eight grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and countless other family members who loved her and will miss her larger-than-life personality. The family would also like to thank Amy Coleman and Jeannie Grant for the loving care and companionship they provided Odell the last few years.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, April 23, 2023 at Grove United Methodist Church at 2 p.m. Reception immediately following the service. In lieu of flowers, Odell requested that donations be made to Grove United Methodist Church, 1020 Tyler Avenue, Radford, VA 24141.

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

Hinson, Geneva Mae

Geneva Mae Hinson, 84, of Blacksburg died Wednesday, March 29, 2023.

She was born in Pulaski County, Va. on June 10, 1938 to the late Ebby and Edna Tickle Montgomery. She was also preceded in death by her husbands, Lelon (Coy) Price, Ray Price, and Calvin Hinson; son, Calvin Coy Price; sister, Gertrude Ferrell; brothers, Grant Montgomery, Grover Montgomery, Herbert Montgomery, and Cletus Montgomery; and best

friend, Crystalene Moles.

She is survived by her



daughters and son-in-law, Theresa P. Rupert,

Karen and David Allen; sons and daughter-in-law, Glenn and Denise Price, and Anthony Price; grandchildren, Chris, Coy, Daniel, Amanda, Meghan, Travis, Matthew, Sarah, and Josh; 10 great-grandchildren; and brother, Arland (Whimpy) Montgomery. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 2, 2023, in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Gary Dunford officiating. The family received friends prior to the service at McCoy Funeral Home.

Correction:

A March 29 article in the News Messenger reported that the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors approved a special permit allowing a parcel of land in the Elliston Valley to be rezoned, from agricultural use to general business, in preparation of a ground installed solar array. The Board of Supervisors did not vote on the solar project at their March 27, 2023, meeting. They held a public hearing on the requested project.

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Christiansburg High Sports Hall of Fame to hold first induction ceremony April 16

Evans "Buddy" King Columnist

Kudos to the men and women who worked on this project and brought it to the finish line. To me personally, Christiansburg was a special place to grow up, and as I have written before, the hometown high school was an integral part of the experience.

My Dad was principal at CHS for many years and my Aunt Maggie taught government and English at the school for almost 40 years. Several other of my relatives were also teachers at the old school on the hill. My Dad and all seven of his siblings were graduates, and I had a bunch of cousins who were Blue Demons as well. Most participated in sports to one degree or another. The establishment of a Sports Hall of Fame is a neat event for me obviously.

I was asked by a member of the committee to write a "history" of CHS sports for the inaugural program. Sadly, I am not the person for that task, not a comprehensive history at least. I left Christiansburg more or less for good in the late 70's after college and most of my knowledge was from the 1950's and 60's and early 70's when my dad was principal or when I was in school. Although my mom and dad and aunt kept me abreast of scores and events until they passed, I am not the one to write a full history.

I have written a few columns over the last few years about my memories of CHS football, and I refer folks who are interested to those pieces. But as is usual with my writing, I'm game to give it a try. Facts be damned. I am willing to do an anecdotal account of my knowledge of stars of Blue Demon sports past whom I remember. Forgive the obvious bias for family and teammates and friends. Or don't!

First, I must admit that, not surprisingly, I did not recognize many of the names of the initial class, and I won't give those names away in case there is a "reveal" contemplated. I don't have the list in front of me either.

One name that I did see, and that meant the most to me, and whose name darn well better have been there, was that of my cousin Joe Board, who played football and ran track under legendary CHS coach and administrator James E. "Buddy" Earp (whom I hope is also an inductee).

Cousin Joe scored 40 touchdowns during his football career and single-handedly won the State track championship his senior year of 1958. He held state records in the 100, the 220 and the broad (long) jump when he graduated. He also unofficially set a school record for fouls in basketball, his skills from the gridiron and the track not transitioning smoothly to the court. Joe's accomplishments also gained him a football and track scholarship to UVA, and he went on to a distinguished career as a domestic judge in South Carolina.

Cousin Joe passed in 2016. He and Coach Earp continued their classic "player-coach" relationship to

the very end. I never heard Joe refer to Mr. Earp by anything other than simply "Coach" and "Coach" always referred to Joe as "Board," in his best raspy Marine Corps voice, any hint of affection being well hidden.

Suffice it to say, a CHS Sports Hall of Fame without Joe Board would be like the Louvre without the Mona Lisa, Cooperstown without Babe Ruth, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame without Elvis. You get my point.

I'm going to devote the rest of this piece to the names of some of the athletes I hope are either being inducted or someday will be. This is not intended to be critical of the committee or to second guess anyone. Just some memories and feelings.

First, contemporaries and teammates of Cousin Joe. I remember these names mainly from family oral history. Red Griffith (there better be a bunch of Griffiths in the HOF, including my position coach Mike, who was Red's youngest brother and a Little All-American at Emory & Henry). As I recall, Red was a big (for the day) lineman and earned a football scholarship to Tech. He was a year ahead of Cousin Joe, and they went 8-2 Red's senior year at CHS. There were 4 football playing brothers in the family, Red, Dude, Bobby, and Mike, and they spawned many others over the years. I had the opportunity of coaching two of the "spawned," Blake and Jay ("Fuzz"), in youth basketball right after I finished college.

Jack Sayres, perhaps Cousin Joe's best friend in those years, a multi-sport star at CHS who ran track at Tech as I recall. In later life, Jack went on to become a national level senior Olympian. He ate dinner at our table many times when I was a kid.

Now a few from the years between Cousin Joe's time at CHS and mine. My grade school years. Don Johnson, a stellar running back whom I recall had a younger brother Jere, who was also a star running back. Dickie and/or Mike Byrd, both big, tough lineman. For certain their dad "Mutt" will be inducted. Mutt was the longtime trainer and sideline consultant to CHS coaches and players for many years. Took two weeks of his hard-earned vacation every year to be at August "two a days." Like with the Griffiths, if there isn't at least one Byrd in the HOF, I will tear up my membership card (which I will have had to pay for, my football performances not earning me consideration).

Ronnie Phillips was another great running back on some very weak teams in the mid 1960's. There needs to be at least one Phillips in the Hall (there were four Phillips kids, Patty, Butch, Ronnie and my classmate Peggy, all football stars or head cheerleaders at CHS), given that their father Red gave as much to youth sports in Christiansburg as any human could. If you look up "All-American family" on Wikipedia, the Phillips family photo will be there. Red didn't go to CHS but he deserves a spot in the HOF.

I cannot write this column without thinking of my old "backyard neighbor" Carl King, Class of 1965. Carl epitomized the old baseball phrase "crafty, little left hander," and along with Tommy Barber, Class of '64 and a three-sport athlete who should also be in the Hall, gave CHS two outstanding left handed pitchers. I remember seeing Carl pick guys off first who never even took a step back towards the base. I also remember

watching Carl lose a heartbreaker in the district championship game to Hillsville in 1964. Carl taught me a lot about baseball on the field and helped develop my love of the game.

I also have to put in a plug for Coach Earp and Coach Ross from that era. They turned many a Christiansburg boy into a man, or at least their faces turned blue trying. Tough love days.

Now, a few nominees from guys I played with or from my era. Don Marshall, a Class of 71er like me. A huge lineman who played both ways, pretty much every play from his freshman year through his senior season and went on to Tech on scholarship. As Don likes to say, our junior and senior years there were only about 17 kids on the team that the coaches would even have dreamed of putting on the field. Don was often a man among boys, but a tired one. He never left the field.

Tony Price. As I've said before, in my opinion, Tony was the best athlete in our class of 1971. Quarterback, point guard, centerfielder. Asked to run a few track events during breaks in baseball games. Played freshman basketball at Tech later. Our Tony is not to be confused with the basketball player of the same name who played for that school in the neighboring town a few years later. I understand he was pretty good too. Anyway, our Tony and I were first teammates in sixth grade in Little League Baseball. Last I knew, he was living the good life in Pinehurst now and is quite the golfer. No surprise.

Apologies to my classmates Alan Johnson and Larry Epperly, who were excellent multi-sport athletes too (there will need to be at least one Epperly in the Hall also, probably another Larry Epperly, "Trixie", Class of 1970, who went on to Emory and then a successful coaching and sports administration career. "Super Ep" never met a shot he didn't like!)

Jerry Carter, Class of 1972, star running back on teams I played on. We went 3-7 my senior year, Jerry's junior season, and yet he was back of the year in the New River Valley District. Jerry was a tremendous natural athlete, but his determination and toughness made him special. He received a football scholarship to UVA and played in the defensive backfield for a while. Like a few other families I have mentioned, there must be at least one Carter in the Hall. Jerry's older brothers Earl and Marshall played on the first integrated football team at CHS in 1966, and their younger brother Harold was a stalwart on a couple of the best basketball teams ever at CHS, in the mid-70's.

Finally from my era, and somewhat sadly, I have to nominate Betty Jo Lester, a couple of years behind me in school. I say sadly because the schools of that time didn't have many opportunities for girls. But I remember Betty Jo as a tremendous natural athlete with determination and drive. As I recall, she played volleyball and ran track.

And from more recent years, Brenden Motley (who later played some QB at Tech) and his cousin (whose name I don't recall), who together led CHS to a remarkable run of appearances and deep runs in the football and basketball playoffs about 15 years ago, culminating in a state basketball championship their senior year.

Well, as I said at the outset, this column suffers from whatever you call the opposite of recency bias. And I apologize to many others I could have mentioned. Go Blue Demons. CHS is just the school for me.

P.S. I have to nominate posthumously James Randall "Bo" Simmons, another classmate who left us way too early, who was one of Mutt Byrd's protégées as a student athletic trainer, along with Mike Jenelle, my great friend Bobby Silvers (another 71er) and Bryan Rudolph. They also serve who sit and wait for someone to get hurt, as I used to kid Bo. Injuries ended his playing career when we were freshmen.

P.P.S. A whimsical nomination - Ernie Akers, Johnny Epperly, and Jimmy "Fat Daddy" Kitts, who carried the sideline markers for CHS home games for many years. They did all they could to get the Blue Demons first downs.

Evans "Buddy" King is a proud native of Christiansburg, CHS Class of 1971. He resides in Clarksburg, W.Va., where he has practiced law with the firm of Steptoe & Johnson, PLLC, since 1980. He can be reached at evans.king@steptoe-johnson.com.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SOLID WASTE AND REFUSE DISPOSAL SERVICE RATES, FEES AND CHARGES TO BE IMPOSED BY THE MONTGOMERY REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY

Notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held on April 20, 2023 at 1:30 pm at the Montgomery Regional Solid Waste Authority, 555 Authority Drive, Christiansburg, VA 24073 concerning MRSWA's proposed rates, fees and charges for solid waste and refuse disposal services. Such proposed rates, fees and charges are as follows:

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Municipal solid waste - commercial	\$48.00 per ton (\$2.40 minimum charge up to 100 lbs.)
Sludge	\$72.00 per ton (\$3.60 minimum charge up to 100 lbs.)
White goods/appliances- containing freon and propane tanks containing propane	\$19.00 per unit freon/propane surcharge
Direct Haul - non friable asbestos	Contact NRRRA
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Member clean-up events	\$72.00 per ton

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All interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing.

NOTICE OF RELOCATION MONTGOMERY COUNTY VOTER REGISTRAR OFFICE

The Montgomery County Voter Registrar Office which is currently located at 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Va is moving to 1546 N. Franklin Street, Christiansburg, Va (Food Lion Plaza) effective April 10, 2023.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 164 KELSEY WAY, FINCASTLE, VA 24090. In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated July 30, 2018, in the original principal amount of \$140,900.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 180002806. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090 on June 2, 2023, at 11:30 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT LOT AND PREMISES LOCATED IN BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A FENCE POST ON MELODY LANE; THENCE WITH MELODY LANE SOUTH 82 DEGREES 06' 00" EAST 93.08 FEET TO A PIPE FOUND; THENCE WITH MELODY LANE ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT 189.74 FEET THE CHORD OF WHICH IS SOUTH 72 DEGREES 28' 30" EAST 188.85 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE CONTINUING WITH MELODY LANE SOUTH 62 DEGREES 51' 00" EAST 65.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND; THENCE LEAVING MELODY LANE SOUTH 27 DEGREES 09' 00" WEST 280.92 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND; THENCE NORTH 65 DEGREES 16' 06" WEST 321.63 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND; THENCE SOUTH 64 DEGREES 55' 20" WEST 634.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIN-FOUND; THENCE NORTH 18 DEGREES 00' 25" EAST 356.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND; THENCE NORTH 81 DEGREES 09' 00" EAST 248.08 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 70 DEGREES 58' 00" EAST 327.17 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 5.00 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN AS "PARCEL 1", ON PLAT OF SURVEY DATED NOVEMBER 23, 1993, BY RONALD R. CLARK, L.S., A TRUE COPY OF WHICH IS RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN DEED BOOK 449, PAGE 72. TOGETHER WITH A PERPETUAL RIGHT OF WAY AND EASEMENT OVER THE 50 FT. PRIVATE ROAD AND MELODY LANE FOR THE PURPOSE OF INGRESS AND EGRESS FROM THE LAND HEREIN CONVEYED TO STATE SECONDARY ROUTES NO. 630 AND NO. 638. LESS AND EXCEPTING THAT PARCEL CONTAINING 2.539 ACRES, CONVEYED TO ROBERT D. DYE AND DEIDRE E. MEADOR, BY DEED DATED DECEMBER 15, 2017 AND RECORDED DECEMBER 18, 2017, IN AFORESAID CLERK'S OFFICE AS INSTRUMENT NO. 170004879 AND AS SHOWN ON PLAT OF SURVEY OF RECORD IN THE AFORESAID CLERK'S OFFICE IN PLAT BOOK 61, PAGE 121. 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 Mortgagor or the Mortgagor's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure

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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-358737-2.

INVITATION TO BID

Mountain Castles Soil and Water Conservation District (MCSWCD) is

accepting bids for the mowing and routine maintenance of four flood control dams located in Craig County, VA, until Friday, May 5, 2023, at 5 pm. All four dams are located in the upper Johns Creek valley. The Maintenance Contract for these dams include mowing (once in the spring and once in the fall), woody debris removal, liming and seeding of the dam embankment (as needed), groundhog hole repairs, and trash/debris removal from the trash rack on the dam risers (also includes replacement of trash rack if it's damaged). The successful bidder will enter into a contract with a base term of three years (2023, 2024, 2025) and will include a performance-based contract extension clause for two additional years (2026 and 2027). To receive the complete Bid information Packet, contact Daniel Naff at (540) 580-8373 or daniel.naff@mountaincastle.s.org ALL BIDDERS MUST SUBMIT CURRENT CERTIFICATION OF LIABILITY AND WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE FOR A BID TO BE CONSIDERED. MCSWCD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids received. MCSWCD is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY IN RE: ESTATE OF NEWSOM E. VIA, JR., DECEASED NOTICE

Having been requested to do so by Mark W. Dellinger, attorney for the executrix of the estate of Newsom E. Via, Jr., Deceased, and in accordance with Section 64.2-550 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, all creditors of Newsom E. Via, Jr., and all persons in any way interested in his estate are hereby notified that I have fixed the 3rd day of May, 2023 at 10 o'clock a.m., at my office at 13 South Roanoke Street, Fincastle, Virginia as the time and place for determining an account of the debts and demands against said Newsom E. Via, Jr. or his estate, the priorities among them, and the names of the persons to whom they are due. All creditors of Newsom E. Via, Jr., deceased, and persons interested in his estate should appear at the time and place named, or any other time or place to which the proceedings may be adjourned, and protect their interest. Given under my hand this the 29th day of March, 2023. Malcolm McL. Doubles Commissioner of Accounts

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 4260 Read Mountain Rd., Cloverdale, VA 24077

Tax Map No. 107(4)30 In execution of a Deed of Trust dated October 3, 2007, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Botetourt, Virginia, as Instrument No. 070005965, the Substitute Trustee will offer the above-described property for sale to the highest bidder at public auction on the date and time referenced below. All that certain tract or parcel of land being 1.007

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acres, more or less, as shown on a plat of survey prepared by McMurry Surveyors, Inc., dated March 12, 2003, a copy of which is recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Botetourt, Virginia, in Plat Book 28, page 58. Date of Sale: April 19, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Location: outside the Botetourt County Circuit Court, Courthouse, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090. Terms: CASH; a deposit in the form of certified funds in the amount of \$10,000 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower. Settlement within thirty (30) days of date of sale. Time is of the essence. OPTIONS:

- All costs of conveyance, examination of title, recording charges, etc. will be at cost of purchaser with the exception of the grantor's tax. Neither the Substitute Trustee nor any other party guarantees or covenants to deliver or in any way to obtain possession of the premises for any third party purchaser.
- The Substitute Trustee reserves the right to reject all bids, extend the time to receive bids or withdraw the property from sale at any time. In addition, should the Substitute Trustee be unable, for any reason, in its sole discretion, to convey title, the successful bidder's sole remedy in law or equity shall be the return of his deposit. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect. Additional terms may be announced at the time of the sale. The Substitute Trustee will convey the above-described property to the purchaser(s) by Special Warranty deed at settlement and makes no additional representations or warranties of any kind regarding the title to said property.

John K. Prillaman, Esq. Substitute Trustee For Information Contact: John K. Prillaman, Esq. OPN LAW 3140 Chapparral Drive Roanoke, Virginia 24018 (540) 725-8194

Legals - City of Salem

Notice

is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on April 12, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

- Consider the request of OVB Investments LLC, property owner, to designate the Old Virginia Brick sign located at 2500 West Main Street, Tax Map # 175-2-3, as a landmark sign.
- Consider the requests of Patane, LLP and Walter S. Kearns, Jr. and Laurel P. Kearns, property owners, for rezoning the properties located at 1640 Roanoke Boulevard (Tax Map # 222-2-6) and 1630 Roanoke Boulevard (Tax Map # 222-2-5) from RB Residential Business District to LM Light Manufacturing District. Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia. At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: James E. Taliaferro, II Executive Secretary

Notice

is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on Monday, April 24, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to

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THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: H. Robert Light Clerk of Council

Legals - Craig County

Mowing Bid The Craig County Fairgrounds Association is accepting sealed bids for mowing and weed eating for the 2023 mowing season. Regular mowing services will be May 2023 thru November 2023.

Bid forms can be picked up in the Treasurer's office located in the Craig County Courthouse at 182 Main Street in New Castle, VA. Sealed bids need to be returned to the Treasurer's office by April 19th, 2023.

Legals - Town of Vinton

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.-317-20-104 Case No. CL23000348-00 ROANOKE COUNTY Circuit Court, 305 EAST MAIN STREET, SALEM, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re MAILEIGH MCKENNA REDMOND v. MAILEIGH MCKENNA CULVER The object of this suit is to: NAME CHANGE OF MINOR It is ORDERED that RANDOLPH ALLEN REDMOND JR appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before April 27, 2023 @ 11:00 AM. MARCH 15, 2023 Benjamin Guarrant, DEPUTY CLERK

Order of Publication Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code Ann. §§ 8.01-316.-317 Case No. CL23-344

ROANOKE COUNTY Circuit Court, Commonwealth of Virginia, in re Elizabeth Paige Lyles v. Cody Chandler Lyles The object of this suit is to: obtain a decree of divorce pursuant to Virginia Code Sec. 20-91(9)(A). It is ORDERED that Cody Chandler Lyles appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before MAY 9, 2023. March 15, 2023 Jennifer Vest, Deputy Clerk

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Financial Focus: Time for financial 'spring cleaning'

Now that we've put winter behind us — at least on the calendar — it's time for us to think about sprucing up our homes, inside and out. But it also may be time to do some financial spring cleaning.

Some of the same ideas involved in tidying up your home can also be used to help put your financial house in order. Here are a few suggestions:

Dust off your investment strategy. As you look around your home, you might find that many items — tables, desks, bookshelves, and computer and television screens — could benefit from a good dusting. And, once you've accomplished this, you'll get a clearer view of all these objects. Similarly, your investment strategy needs to be "dusted off" every so often, so you can see if it's still working to help you move toward your financial goals, such as a comfortable retirement. Over time, your personal circumstances and risk tolerance can change, and these changes may lead you to reexamine your future financial and investment decisions.

De-clutter your portfolio. If you took a survey of your home, would you find duplicates or even

triplicates of some things — brooms, vacuum cleaners, toasters, and so on? If so, it may be time to do some de-cluttering. And the same could be true of your portfolio — you might have several identical, or substantially identical, investments taking up space. If so, you might want to replace these redundancies with investments that can improve your diversification. While diversification can't guarantee profits or protect against losses in a declining market, it may help reduce the impact of market volatility on your holdings.

Get organized. If your closets are overstuffed, with clothes and miscellaneous items crammed on shelves and the floor, you may well have trouble finding what you're looking for — but with a little straightening up, your searches will become much easier. And when you're trying to locate financial documents, such as investment statements or insurance policies, you'll also benefit from having everything organized in one central location. Even if you get most of these documents online, you can save what you need and keep them in a file on your desktop, laptop or tablet. (And it's also a good idea to tell your spouse, adult child or another

close relative how these documents can be accessed, just in case something happens to you.)

Protect yourself from dangers. If you look around your garage, shed or other storage area, you may well find some objects — such as gardening tools, paint thinners, engine fluids and leaning ladders — that could be dangerous if they aren't stored properly. As part of your spring cleaning, you'll want to remove these hazards to safeguard yourself and your family. But have you addressed the various financial risks that could threaten your loved ones? For example, if something were to happen to you, could your family members maintain their lifestyle? Could your children still go to college? To guard against this risk, you may want to discuss protection strategies with a financial professional.

Spring cleaning can pay off — in a cleaner, safer home environment and in helping ensure your financial strategy continues to work hard for you.

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MONTGOMERY SPORTS

Looney picks up Ice Out Opener at MMS



Caleb Sewell was declared the Pure-4 Motor Mile winner Saturday night after the #7 did not make weight. This was Sewell's first race ever and he parked it in Victory Lane.

Short track racing returned to the local scene this past weekend when Motor Mile Speedway kicked off the 2023 season with the Ice Out Opener on Saturday evening.

The .416-mile track welcomed racers from four different divisions and hosted six different races for the hundreds of fans in attendance.

The green flag was pushed back to 6 p.m. in hopes of avoiding the rain and that proved to be the right decision. The new season got underway when the Sportsman Series took to the track for the first of two 35-lap twin races. In a dominant race that saw him lead nearly every lap, it was Kyle Barnes that was the first to park his car in Victory Lane this season.

The following race on the track was the first 50-lap twin for the late model stocks. A very talented field that included many accomplished drivers battled for a while, but the top three eventually separated themselves from the rest of the field.

Martinsville 300 winner Mike Looney, last year's Motor Mile Speedway track champion Kyle Dudley and former ARCA Series driver Derrick Lancaster

finished on the podium.

Looney snagged the win after leading over 40 laps before a late caution forced him to outrun Dudley on the restart.

The Pure-4s then competed in a 20-lap dash.

When the checkered flag waved it was Kirby Shipman that crossed the line first. First-timer Caleb Sewell finished second and Javon Parker placed third. Following post-race inspection, Shipman's car failed to make weight so the win went to Sewell in his inaugural race at Motor Mile.

The Sportsman Series returned to the track for its final twin of the night, and it was James Sweeney who avenged a spin in his first race with a win in the second.

The duo of Sweeney and Daryn Cockram got together in the first race and found themselves racing together again, this time up front, during the nightcap. While three cars were racing for the lead, Cockram was sent to the back of the field for aggressive driving and causing a caution.

Sweeney then checked out on the restart, led the final handful of laps and took home the checkered flag.



Mike Looney took the first week of the Late Model checkered flag this past week at Motor Mile Speedway.

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The Super Streets took to the track, and it was Jimmy Mullins who claimed the win in convincing fashion. Mullins got to the front and never looked back.

The man who usually dominates in Franklin County made the drive down to the New River Valley and brought back a trophy with him. The final event of the night was the second late model race and, again, it was Looney that took it to the field. Following the inversion of the field after the first twin, it took the veteran just eight laps to find his way to the front.

Due to a few late-race cautions, he and Dudley continued to battle on restarts, but it was Looney that ultimately pulled the double to begin the new year. As they did in the first twin, Dudley and Lancaster finished in second and third to round out the podium.

Racing returns to Motor Mile Speedway on Saturday, April 8 for the Easter Eggstravaganza. There will be eight races across six divisions and a wide array of Easter activities for kids and families to enjoy. The green flag drops at 3 p.m. and kids 12 and under are free.

-Motor Mile Speedway

CHS girls down Franklin County



Freshman goalie Abbey Sanders (left) scoops up the ball in scoring territory negating a Franklin County attempt.



CHS's senior forward Bridget Miller (right) attempts to hammer a goal in for Christiansburg. Bridget Miller scored one goal for the lady Blue Demons, who is now 4-0 on the season.



Lyla Thurman (center) shoots into the goal for an attempt at scoring for the Blue Demons.



Sophomore Ava Rose scored an unassisted goal off a corner kick in the 5th minute of the first half as Christiansburg took a 2-0 win over Franklin County this past week.

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Kitley returning for one more year at Tech

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Virginia Tech women's basketball standout Liz Kitley is returning for another year.

She made the announcement Sunday afternoon in a Twitter post and 24 hours after the Lady Hokies lost to LSU in the national final Four.

Kitley has been named as a finalist for the Naismith Women's College Player of the Year Award.

The Summerfield, North Carolina native has averaged 18.6 points, 10.5 rebounds

and 2.3 blocks per game this season while shooting 56% from the floor. She owns 17 games of 20+ points and has recorded 21 double-doubles in 2022-23. She was named ACC Player of the Week four times on her way to collecting Player of the Year honors again. She also repeated as the Kay Yow Scholar Athlete of the Year winner.

Kitley owns the program record for points scored, field goals, blocks and double-doubles. She is the only player in program history to earn AP All-America honors twice.

Kitley, the two-time ACC

Player of the Year helped the Hokies to their best regular season in ACC history winning 14 games and she and her teammates lifted the trophy as 2023 ACC Tournament Champions.

In the LSU contest, he had 18 points and 12 rebounds for Virginia Tech (31-5), the ACC champion that was in the Final Four for the first time.

Kitley received the extra year of eligibility because of the COVID-NCAA ruling, which gave anyone that played a partial season during the national shutdown an extra year to play.



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Hokie athletics step up during Big Event

The day started in the team meeting room, as Virginia Tech football head coach Brent Pry spoke to the team about the importance of giving back and putting others before themselves.

He was regarding Virginia Tech's The Big Event, a student-run service that encompasses Virginia Tech students, faculty and staff coming together to complete nearly 1,200 community service projects within the New River Valley.

Following his talk to the team, both players and staff then went to the Drillfield on campus, where Pry spoke to the

whole group, as well as others came on stage and did some programming. Then the groups got their tools and headed to their respective sites.

The football team split up into position groups and went to 10 areas for a few hours, focusing on mulching, raking, planting and the like.

"It was great having the opportunity to go out and connect with and serve the community," linebacker Matt Johnson said. "Much of Southwest Virginia is so supportive of our football program, so it was a blessing to

reciprocate that love back to them."

"The Big Event is just an awesome opportunity," Pry said. "It's an awesome display of what this university is about – putting others first and giving back to this community. It's a way for us to say thank you for the way this community supports Virginia Tech, and it's also a way to give back. So, I couldn't be prouder of our student body."

Next up for the Hokies is their ninth practice of spring ball, which will take place on Tuesday.

-Virginia Tech Athletics



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Hokies enjoy partaking in Virginia Tech's The Big Event this past Saturday.

Four top recipes to foster food security in the NRV

BLACKSBURG – How can we ensure food security in the New River Valley?

The Common Ingredient NRV (TCI-NRV), a digital recipe-sharing website (thecommoningredientnr.com) and advocate for food security, will propose some ideas on Tuesday, April 11, 7 p.m. at the Blacksburg Library.

TCI-NRV is new to the area and a chapter of The Common Ingredient of Columbia, Missouri. TCI-NRV and its partner, the Blacksburg Library, will launch its inaugural community-action program with a panel discussion about hunger in the NRV. How do we tackle this insidious problem?

Anne Deaton, a founding member of NRV-TCI, offers this answer.

"I'm sure people wonder what a digital recipe-sharing website and a program about ending hunger may have in common," she said. "What is the common ingredient? Love. Love for the centrality of food in our lives and love

for our neighbors."

"According to Feeding Southwest Virginia, 1 in 8 people who live in Southwest Virginia suffer from hunger," she continued. "TCI-NRV and the Blacksburg Library have invited professionals with expertise in this area to discuss hunger in the NRV and what we can do about it."

Four professionals with four recipes to foster food security in our valley.

Nina Mukerjee Furstenau, renowned food journalist, cookbook and culinary textbook author, is a founding member of The Common Ingredient (TCI) Columbia, Missouri. Nina will share how a group of women concerned about COVID's effect on food security created a unique recipe to raise awareness of hunger in their community through a digital recipe exchange.

John Galbraith, Virginia Tech professor and founding member of The Glean Team, has a special recipe for fostering food security in the NRV. He will discuss The Glean Team, the bi-annual

Potato Drop, and the many organizations that feed our neighbors in need.

Isabelle Largen, Assistant Director for Food Access Initiatives, Virginia Tech, will share VT's recipe to ensure that university students are food secure.

Meredith Mear, a local high school librarian, has several innovative recipes for engaging young people in the fight to end hunger.

How can the public help? 1. Attend the panel discussion and learn how you can be a part of ensuring food security in our hometowns.

2. Bring your favorite recipes for our database. The more delicious recipes we have, the more people we attract to our website who will see how they can fight hunger in the NRV.

3. Bring canned goods for the food pantries we highlight on our website: Beans and Rice (Radford), Interfaith Food Pantry (Blacksburg), and Agape (Christiansburg).

-Submitted by the Montgomery County Regional Library

CMG Leasing continues VT Athletics NIL agreement

Virginia Tech Athletics and its multimedia rightsholder, LEARFIELD's Virginia Tech Sports Properties, has announced a renewed relationship with CMG Leasing, the exclusive student housing partner of the Hokies.

At its core, the enhanced multi-year sponsorship agreement provides CMG Leasing with category exclusivity as Virginia Tech Athletics' official student housing partner. Additionally, the leasing company with more than 15 student housing properties available, now serves as official sponsor of the Cassell Guard student section in Cassell Coliseum.

To complement its new affinity with the home of Hokie basketball, volleyball and wrestling, CMG enters its first-ever NIL integration as part of its sponsorship, working with four student-athletes representing the three sports: Elizabeth Kitley (basketball); Cara Lewis (volleyball); Mekhi Lewis (wrestling) and Justyn Mutts (basketball). Fans

can see these student-athletes featured on co-branding inside four of the Cassell Coliseum tunnels. CMG Leasing secured the student-athletes' NIL through a partnership with Triumph NIL and have worked with other basketball student-athletes such as Ashley Owusu and Sean Pedulla to record radio ads to help promote the CMG brand.

"We're grateful for CMG Leasing's continued support of our athletics programs and our student-athletes," said Virginia Tech Director of Athletics Whit Babcock. "We appreciate their unwavering commitment to innovate and evolve their sponsorship with our Virginia Tech Sports Properties team, who we work alongside to help our partners navigate the ins and outs of NIL and how to stay involved."

"This is a major step forward for our company, and we couldn't be more excited about what we have planned," said CMG Leasing Owner Jeanne Stosser. "We're excited to extend and grow our

sponsorship with Virginia Tech Athletics, and to continue supporting Hokie student-athletes through NIL."

With its renewed contract, CMG Leasing will be the presenting sponsor of the VIP area adjacent to the student section in Lane Stadium. CMG Leasing will continue to create an enhanced gameday experience for fans by enhancing the student VIP section and providing unique promotional giveaways and contest.

"Incorporating NIL into their sponsorship agreement, like CMG Leasing is doing, can be incredibly valuable for brands, particularly with the student-athletes proudly wearing their uniforms," said Kyler Pilling, general manager for Virginia Tech Sports Properties, which represents Virginia Tech and CMG Leasing, not student-athletes. "The NIL era is new for us all, but we can work with our sponsors in doing NIL the right way, and of course in complete collaboration with the athletics administration."

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Radford University's Jules is unofficial dunk winner

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Radford University senior Shaquan Jules officially finished second in the King's Hawaiian College Slam Dunk Championship held Thursday in Houston, Texas. But unofficially, he won.

His final dunk went sideways, causing him to miss the overall dunk. He still had 26 seconds left on the clock and completed a massive dunk that left judges scratching their heads. Jules had scored two perfect scores heading into the finals. When judges met, they ruled the layup counted, meaning the second attempt did not.

Georgia Southern men's basketball fifth-year senior Kamari Brown earned the title of highest flyer in college basketball, winning the King's Hawaiian Slam Dunk Championship Thursday night in the Bayou Music Center. Brown recorded a 47 on his final dunk.

Jules had been

selected to the King's Hawaiian Slam Dunk Championship roster for the 34th annual State Farm College Slam Dunk & 3-Point Championships at the Bayou Music Center in downtown Houston on March 30. Jules is one of just eight players selected for the event.

Having wrapped up his third and final season as a Highlander at the CBI this past month, Jules is the program's all-time leader in career field goal percentage at the Division I level, shooting an incredible 67.7% on 371 attempts. The Orlando, Fla. native posted numerous career highs during the 2022-23 campaign, including 7.7 points and 6.0 rebounds per game on a 70.0% shooting clip.

Jules ranks T-41st out of all players in the nation with 42 thunderous made dunks on the season, going 42-for-45 (93.3%) on his attempts. That number leads the Big South Conference, besting High Point's Zach Austin (39) and UNC Asheville's Drew

Pember (37).

The State Farm College Slam Dunk & 3-Point Championships invites the nation's elite men's and women's college basketball players to compete for slam dunk and 3-point shooting bragging rights. The night features the King's Hawaiian Slam Dunk Championship, the TaxAct Men's 3-Point Championship, the Celsius Women's 3-Point Championship and the Applebee's Team Shootout. The winners of the men's and women's 3-Point competitions will then compete in the Rocket Mortgage Battle of the Champions.

For nearly 35 years, several of the top players in college basketball have competed in the State Farm College Slam Dunk & 3-Point Championships including Gary Payton, Steve Nash, Jason Terry, Kyle Korver, Bobby Hurley, Michael Finley, Denzel Valentine, Cappie Pondexter, Katie Gearlds, Kristi Toliver, Tiffany Hayes and Ariel Atkins.

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