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Christiansburg Farmers Market connects local farmers and vendors to area residents. The market season begins tomorrow, Thursday May 18.

Christiansburg Farmers Market kicks-off 2023 season

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Contributing writer

CHRISTIANSBURG - The Christiansburg Farmers Market will begin this year's season tomorrow, Thursday, May 18, bringing local food and products every Thursday to area community members.

The location at the Christiansburg Parks and Recreation Center, 1600 N. Franklin St., has provided more accessibility and parking for people to come to the market, according to the Assistant Events Coordinator for the Parks and Recreation Center and the Market Manager, Austin Gilmore. A New River Valley native, he was very excited about

taking on the role of managing the market and helping local farmers and vendors connect with area residents.

Shopping hours for the market are Thursdays from 3-7 p.m. and will include music to enhance the experience while visiting the market. Every third Thursday of the month, live musicians will also perform, with opening day's performer Jimmy Bohon from the band Jimothy appearing.

"It's more like a farmer's market, and you can have fun while walking around," said Gilmore. "We've had people stop and dance or sit and listen. We want our vendors to sell and do well but also make the market fun and people want to come."

Gilmore said diversifying offerings from the vendor is important to having a robust market, but the goal is also to offer a venue that provides residents an opportunity to buy fresh food while supporting local businesses and farmers.

"It's good to meet a person face-to-face that grew or made a product you are purchasing," Gilmore said. "There is just a sense of pride with supporting your local farmer."

Every week, the market plans to have Space Rabbit Coffee Company, which is a popular vendor at the market. Many other returning vendors that residents will be happy to

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Blacksburg Town Council votes to approve Glade Springs Crossing project

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BLACKSBURG - In the Blacksburg Town Council's May 9 meeting, an ordinance to rezone a tract of land and support the development agreement of mixed-income housing along Glade Spring Road, and along Toms Creek and Shadowlake Roads, were both approved by a 7-0 vote from council members.

Ordinance 2007, a rezoning of 44.85+ acres of land at 1006 Glade Road from rural residential to planned residential, which has been under much public scrutiny over the past several months, will allow for 176 single- and attached-family dwellings. The housing development will also neighbor the area subdivision called Village Way South, to the north.

Robin Jones, a member of the Toms Creek Sustainability Coalition and resident of Village Way South, was the first to address the council during the citizen comments section of the meeting. Jones expressed some of the positive communication she has shared with several council members but also wished to hear more about the reasoning behind the council's decisions.

"Tonight, my neighbors will share their thoughts," said Jones. "Some of them will tell you how they think the development

will be experienced by future residents. Some will have questions. Some will have more input. If you are able in your comments and deliberations, let us know what you've heard and what you've considered to help make your decision."

Residents, wearing green clothing to signify their unification, spoke on issues of concern such as environmental impact, safety, and density.

Jarrod Leland of Blacksburg spoke of his experience as a local resident living near the proposed development, raising his children on Shadowlake Road, riding his bicycle on Glade Road, and walking his dog along Toms Creek. Leland echoed concerns that other citizens shared about contamination and stormwater management that could impact Toms Creek, as well as the density the dwellings would present.

"The impression I have is that it seems like a steep piece of property going right into the headwaters of Toms Creek to have a lot of pavement on," said Leland. "I wonder if that density could be elsewhere."

In a different perspective to the rezoning from rural to planned residential, one citizen felt it was a good housing project, much needed by the community.

"It makes sense to me" John Steman said. "How

else are you going to get affordable housing that work on density, to be quite honest with ya, and with the value of land? I think this land trust is a win/win situation for the town and for the people who will be moving into some of these houses."

Representatives of the developer said the density of the housing is necessary to keep the houses affordable, given the cost of infrastructure and related expenses.

In deliberation, prior to the vote, council members expressed their appreciation for citizens' involvement throughout the planning process, while also showing a deep desire to support housing needs for the workforce and students living in and around Blacksburg.

"I do want to thank everyone for their positive and respectful engagement in this process. Dare I say, your grit and your stick-to-it-ness," Council Member Jerry Ford, Jr. said. "I always think it is my job to try to voice your concerns, I think all of us do."

Ford went on to explain that his prior concerns with the connectivity road, which has now been removed from the project's plan, allowed him to feel better about the development moving forward.

In other business, Blacksburg Town Council voted 7-0 in approval of

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Bikesburg 2023: a week-long celebration of bicycles in Blacksburg

Bicycles will be front and center in Blacksburg May 19 to May 26

BLACKSBURG - Bicycles will be celebrated and elevated during the week of May 19 - 26 all around Blacksburg.

A community partnership is teaming up to create the first annual Bikesburg week, inviting residents and visitors to get on their bikes, have fun, and explore our community in a new way.

The weeklong celebration starts on Friday, May 19 with a kick-off gathering for the Bike to Work Week Challenge on Draper Road. The following day, Saturday, May 20, Mayor Leslie Hager-Smith will lead an all-ages/all abilities bike parade down Main Street, followed by a downtown festival on College Avenue.

Highlights of the festival will include a kids' bike rodeo, vendors, e-bike demonstrations, art-making, story time, and a film at the Lyric. Events are scheduled for each day of Bikesburg including: garden tours, a bike-themed book discussion at Blacksburg Books, bike yoga, a bike commuting class, a bike-themed book display at the library, a trail-building service opportunity, social rides, a bike gear swap, and a celebration/awards ceremony for the Bike to Work Week Challenge. Some

events require registration; check the website for details and additional event descriptions at downtownblacksburg.com/events/bikesburg.

Also during the week of Bikesburg 2023, participating businesses will be offering a passport and stamps for cyclists who visit their stores by bike (no purchase required). Completed passports can be entered for several prize drawings! #bikesburg.

The Bikesburg 2023 partnership includes Downtown Blacksburg, Inc. (DBI), New River Valley Bicycle Association (NRVBA), Town of Blacksburg, VT Sustainable Transportation, Sustainable Blacksburg,



COURTESY IMAGE

Lyric Theatre, Blacksburg Farmers Market, Regional Commission/Ride Solutions, Poverty Creek Trails Coalition, and Friends of the Huckleberry.

-Submitted by the Town of Blacksburg

Balance and Brews, an "all-level" yoga experience, hosted by Iron Tree Brewing Company in Christiansburg



PHOTO COURTESY OF LAUREN LUCAS

Yoga participants stretch and pose at Iron Tree Brewing Company.

Lori Graham
Contributing writer

CHRISTIANSBURG - Iron Tree Brewing Company in Christiansburg is hosting Balance and Brews, a yoga class that meets the second Saturday of each month for an "all-level" experience of healthy movement and ending with a beverage of the participant's choice.

Lauren Lucas, a yoga instructor and a licensed social worker in the New River Valley, has joined up with Iron Tree Brewing Company to teach yoga classes. A

combining her two passions.

Classes are beginner-friendly but also cater to people who have yoga practices of their own or want a bit more of a challenge. Lucas offers a variety of poses with modifications for participants as needed so that everyone can walk away from the session feeling a sense of accomplishment.

"I want to encourage people to do what feels good for their bodies and be able to do this when they go home as well," said Lucas.

Sessions begin at 10:45 a.m. and are typically about

an hour. Attendees are encouraged to stick around after class is over though, as the brewery opens at noon. The cost of the one-hour session is \$20 and includes a rewarding yoga class and a beverage choice of the brewery's craft beer or a non-alcoholic beverage.

What does one typically bring to a yoga session? Lucas says that participants can bring their own yoga mat if they wish or use one that she provides at the event. The instructor says she also provides blocks to support participants in some of the poses.

"Blocks are made from cork or foam and are shaped like a large brick. They are helpful to assist yoga participants that need to bring the earth closer," said Lucas. "If you are reaching down, and your legs are straight and you can't reach your toes, you can use the block for stability or added support."

Registration or sign-up is currently not required for the event. Participants should plan to show up approximately 10-15 minutes ahead of time to sign a waiver and find their space. Contact information for any additional questions can be found on the event's Facebook page titled Balance and Brews. Iron Tree Brewing Company is located at 5 Roanoke St., Christiansburg.

All abilities are invited to attend, with the next event on Saturday, May 13 at 10:45 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, May 17:

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. If that's not a good time for you, email duncan.hall@radfordva.gov to schedule a time for a 30 minute demo!

Thursday, May 18:

Community Quilting Bee
At the Blacksburg Library; 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Join us for our weekly quilting and sewing group. Bring your supplies and join us for conversation.

Meadowbrook Quilters
At the Meadowbrook Library; 6:30 – 8 p.m. All age groups and skill levels are encouraged to participate in this informal gathering of individuals who love quilting or just want to learn the craft. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month, in the Studio Room of the Meadowbrook Center.

Sons of Confederate Veterans
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 are also invited to this meeting. For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

DIY Visual Stories & Schedules
At the Christiansburg Library; 4:30- 5:30 p.m. Visual stories are a great tool to help kids and adults understand routines and processes in our daily lives. Join us to make and laminate your own visual stories for common routines. Email acarpenter@mfrl.org for requests on pictures of a specific topic. All ages.

Waffles Club: A Young Writers' Meeting
At the Radford Public Library; 4- 5 p.m. Join us for a gently guided writing club for kids, aka the Waffles Club (Writing Association for Fun Loving Enthusiastic Students)! Together, we will work on responding to writing prompts, have some quiet writing time, and the opportunity to share work! Geared toward 8-12 year olds. Contact Morgan for more information at morgan.esterhuizen@radfordva.gov. Please bring your favorite writing materials!

Radford Photo Club - Gene Dalton
At the Radford Public Library; 6- 7:30 p.m. Join Radford Photo Club for their monthly meeting! This month, Gene Dalton, photojournalist retired from the Roanoke Times, will talk about taking a picture that tells a story, with examples from his career.

Friday, May 19:

Toy Swap
At the Blacksburg Library; 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Do you have toys your kids no longer play with, that you'd like to pass along to a new friend? Are you looking for new toys to engage your little one? Bring clean items to the library to swap. The event is free and open to everyone, even if you don't have supplies to swap. All leftovers will go to benefit organizations that support our local youth.

Saturday, May 20:

Music on the Lawn: Root 2 Music
At the Christiansburg Library; 6 -7:30 p.m. First

show of Music on the Lawn concert series. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. This free concert is rain or shine. Root 2 Music draw on two of American music, Celtic and Deep South Country Blues. The duo consists of David Frank (guitar, slide guitar, harmonica, vocals) and Mary Beth Coffey (fiddle, percussion, vocals). You can visit them at <https://www.facebook.com/American-Roots-260081600850582/>.

Radford Reads with Angela Clevinger
At the Radford Public Library; 2- 3 p.m. Angela Clevinger, author of The Lady of the Lake Had Bouffant Hair, will provide a brief reading of her book followed by a signing and visiting session. Don't miss this entertaining and kind souled Appalachian artist, as she shares her life in poetic form. Books will be available for purchase at a cost of \$16.00 for one, \$30.00 for two, and \$45.00 for three books (check or cash)

Virtual Author Talk with Courtney Summers
Virtual, hosted by the Radford Public Library; 2- 3 p.m. Please join us for an exhilarating Saturday as we chat with New York Times bestselling YA Author Courtney Summers about her newest book, I'm the Girl. Thrill on every page, I'm the Girl follows sixteen-year-old Georgia Avis after she discovers the dead body of thirteen-year-old Ashley James and teams up with Ashley's older sister, Nora, to find and bring the killer to justice before he strikes again. I'm the Girl is a masterfully written, and unflinching account of how one young woman feels in her body as she struggles to navigate a deadly and predatory power structure while asking readers one question: if this is the way the world is, do you accept it? Register now! <https://libraryc.org/radfordlibrar>

Sunday, May 21:

Community Quilting Bee - Piece a Four Patch
At the Blacksburg Library; 1 – 3 p.m. Do your points not come together nor seams match? Come to learn tips for accurate hand or machine piecing. You may bring your own project to work on. All are welcome.

Chess Club
At the Blacksburg Library; 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Come learn chess with US Federation member Rishi. Ages 8+ all skill levels welcome. Supplies provided.

Monday, May 22:

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, May 23:

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 the 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.

On-going:

Glencoe Mansion announces call for art for Mary Draper Ingles Show
Glencoe Mansion is calling for art for its July-August 2023 Gallery Exhibit, "A Journey For All," a multi-artist show themed on the life and times of Mary Draper Ingles. Accepted artwork should reflect the life and times of Ingles (Colonial times). Can include depictions of local landmarks (Ingles Farm, the Cultural and Heritage Park, Ingles Tavern and other connected sites in the region), and Colonial style art. Painting, plein air, illustration, digital media, textiles, mixed media and photography will be considered - up to three works per artist. Applications will be accepted through 5 p.m. on June 13. Open to artists in and around the NRVA area. Entry forms at www.glencoe mansion.org or by contacting arts@glencoe mansion.org.

Blacksburg Farmers Market
Hours now through October: Wednesdays 2 – 6 p.m. and Saturdays 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Located at Market Square Park, on the corner of Roanoke Street and Draper Road in downtown Blacksburg. Features growers of locally grown produce and meats, alongside artisans of baked goods, prepared foods, cheese, handmade crafts, and more.

Christiansburg Farmers Market
Thursdays; 3 – 7 p.m. Located in the Recreation Center parking lot. Features local farmers and vendors. Seasonal produce, plants, fresh baked goods, crafts, fresh flowers, handmade jewelry and more. Items for purchase vary week-to-week. Check our Facebook page for details about weekly themes, prizes, vendors, and live music.

Radford Farmers Market
2023 season of the Radford Farmers Market kicked off Saturday, April 22 on the grounds of Glencoe Mansion, Museum and Gallery, located just off West Main Street, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. each Saturday until October 14. Features produce, plants, baked goods, artisans, fresh squeezed lemonade, eggs, meats, cheeses and more.

Radford Field of Honor
Field of Honor on the grounds of Glencoe Mansion, Museum and Gallery- displayed until the Fourth of July by the Radford Noon Rotary Club. Sponsor flags to honor a veteran, first responder, family member, teacher, associate, etc. Individual flags - \$50. Blue sponsorship - \$500, includes five flags plus signage. White sponsorship - \$1,000, includes 10 flags plus signage. Red sponsorship - \$2,500, includes 10 flags plus premium signage. Money raised benefits scholarships to RHS students attending Radford University, polio eradication, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Glencoe Mansion, Radford-Fairlawn Daily Bread, Elf Shelf, the Women's Resource Center, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Vittles for Vets, Beans and Rice, the Wheelchair Foundation, Wonder Universe Children's Museum, Shelterbox and Sunset Garden. Contact Tom Alston with Radford Noon Rotary at rotary.club.of.radford.noon@gmail.com or register at: <https://registrations.dacdb.com/Register/index.cfm>.

PETS OF THE WEEK



Rambo



Artie

NOTICE RADFORD RESIDENTS

The deadline for paying **REAL ESTATE TAXES** (first installment) for **2023** is **JUNE 5, 2023**.

All taxes must be paid no later than June 6, 2023 to avoid additional fees, penalty, and interest starting June 6, 2023. All payments made by mail must bear a postmark no later than June 5, 2023 to avoid penalty and interest. Taxes may be paid in person, online or by mail:

Treasurer's Office
619 Second Street, Rm 164
Radford, VA
8:30 a.m. -5:00 p.m.
Monday-Friday

Authorized by:
Janet H. Jones, Treasurer
City of Radford, Virginia

Looking for a Snuggle Buddy? Artie may be your guy. He's a friendly dog who has a goofy side and has a never met a stranger! He will need some training to get the most out of walking with a leash and he will gladly sit for a tasty treat.

Rambo is a good boy who is ready to be with his forever family. He is a smart doggo—knowing multiple commands—and is housetrained. Rambo would do best in a home where he is the only dog. Stop by the Animal Care and Adoption Center to meet him.

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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VDOT Virginia Department of Transportation

Route 8 (West Main Street) at Interstate 81 Exit 114 Park and Ride Lot Town of Christiansburg

Find out about a project to construct a new park and ride lot on Route 8 (West Main Street) just off Interstate 81 at exit 114 (Christiansburg). The 1.5-acre facility will be located about 0.2 mile north of the exit 114 interchange and be accessed from Route 666 (Mud Pike). The new park and ride will include approximately 80 parking spaces, a bus shelter, bike racks and lighting. Sidewalks and a crosswalk across Route 8 to tie into the existing pedestrian facilities also will be constructed.

Review the project information and National Environmental Policy Act document in the form of a Categorical Exclusion at VDOT's Salem District Office located at 731 Harrison Avenue in Salem, 540-387-5353 1-800-FOR-ROAD, or TTY/TDD 711. Please call ahead to ensure the availability of appropriate personnel to answer your questions.

If your concerns cannot be satisfied, VDOT is willing to hold a public hearing. You may request that a public hearing be held by sending a written request to Mr. Chris Eggleston, Virginia Department of Transportation, 731 Harrison Avenue, Salem, VA 24153, on or prior to **May 25, 2023**. If a request for a public hearing is received, notice of date, time and place of the hearing will be posted.

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you have questions or concerns about your civil rights in regards to this project or need special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact Chris Eggleston at the phone numbers listed above.

UPC: 119469
State Project: 0081-154-871, M501, P101, R201
From: 0.105 mile west of Moose Drive
To: 0.005 mile west of Moose Drive

NRVHBA celebrates 2022 Excellence in Building Awards

CHRISTIANSBURG — The New River Valley Home Builders Association (NRVHBA) presented the Excellence in Building Awards at their annual Gala event on Friday, April 28.

Justin Boyle, CFO of Green Valley Builders and President of the NRVHBA, announced the winners in eight different categories.

Nominees are required to submit design plans, client letters of satisfaction, and before/after photography. Winners are chosen by their peers among the 170 members of the New River Valley Home Builders Association. Among the Design Excellence Awards, White Builders, Inc. won the Best Kitchen category, Slate Creek Builders was awarded the Best Remodeled Home, and Back to Nature Landscaping & Construction took home the Best Outdoor Living award for the sixth year in a row. Tyris Homes won the Best Bath category and was awarded the Best New Home for the second year in a row.

Stephanie Bell of Foresight Design Services was awarded the 2022 Association Service Award for her outstanding committee and volunteer work throughout 2022. Brown Insurance was recognized as the NRVHBA Associate Member of the Year, awarded each year to a non-Builder member of the NRVHBA for outstanding service and contributions to the industry and association.

Tyris Homes won the coveted Builder of the Year for building and operating with quality and integrity in mind, their consideration of community impact when planning and building, and having a high customer satisfaction rating. "On behalf of our Tyris family, I would like to thank everyone from the NRVHBA for this honor. It would not be possible without the hard work of our dedicated partners, our vendors, subcontractors, and the collaborative efforts with our clients," said Cat White, Vice President of Tyris Homes.

At the 2023 event, the NRVHBA debuted the NRVHBA Legacy Award, which is awarded to a member of the association for long-term outstanding service and meaningful contributions to the industry. The 2023 Legacy Award was awarded to Ed Tuchler, Owner of Shelter Alternatives. "Ed Tuchler and Shelter Alternatives have been an integral part of the NRVHBA and the New



PHOTO BY KRISTIE LEA PHOTOGRAPHY

2022 Excellence in Building Award Winners: from left: Ed Tuchler (Shelter Alternatives); Jeff Nosenzo (Brown Insurance); Stephanie Bell (Foresight Design Services); Sara Purpura (White Builders, Inc.); Cat White (Tyris Homes); James Ulmer (Back to Nature Landscaping and Construction); Sean Beliveau (Slate Creek Builders); Cassidy Jones (Slate Creek Builders); and Isaiah Baker (Slate Creek Builders).

River Valley building industry. We are so grateful for his service and guidance over the last 20 years," said Justin Boyle, 2023 NRVHBA President. "We are also so proud of all of our award nominees and winners from the 2022 Excellence in Building Awards. It goes without saying

that we have some truly talented people and companies that represent the best of the NRV in construction."

To see a full list of nominees and winners, please visit the NRVHBA website: www.nrvhba.com/awards.

-Submitted by The NRV Home Builders Association

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Christopher Willey graduates from University of the Cumberland

WILLIAMSBURG, KY - Christopher Willey, of Radford, recently graduated from University of the Cumberland. It was another joyful graduation weekend at University of the Cumberland as the campus hosted annual commencement ceremonies. More than 2,100 graduates celebrated the completion of their undergraduate or graduate degrees from Cumberland this spring. Many graduates attended commencement ceremonies in person on the university's Williamsburg campus the first weekend in May to celebrate their accomplishments.

"Graduates, today marks a significant milestone in your lives," said Dr. Larry L. Cockrum, university president, during the ceremonies. "You have persevered through years of hard work and dedication and now stand here, ready to take on the world. I am honored to congratulate each and every one of you on your outstanding achievements."

Cockrum offered heartfelt advice to the newest graduates - in short, to dream big, work hard, make mistakes, and always be kind. He said those were the lessons that have gotten him through his life and made all the difference and encouraged graduates to try it for themselves.

Owen Embree, of Blacksburg, completes semester abroad

IRVING, TEXAS - With the school year coming to a close, Blacksburg's Owen Embree, a student at the University of Dallas, has completed a semester to remember.

Embree spent the Spring semester studying abroad at UD's campus in Italy. During the Rome trip, a fundamental part of the UD undergraduate experience, "Romers" see for themselves the settings of the classic texts they've read. Embree and other students lodged at UD's Due Santi campus for the semester, intermittently traveling around the Mediterranean to recite Sophocles in the theaters where his tragedies were performed, admire Michelangelo in St. Peter's Basilica and follow in the footsteps of Aeneas carrying his heritage from Troy.

By the time they embarked on this trip, Embree and the other sophomores had already read the masterworks of Homer, Plato, Aristotle, Vergil, Augustine, Aquinas and Dante. Now, as they prepare to begin their junior year at the University of Dallas, they can confidently say they have lived these texts as well.

Caitlin Williams, of Christiansburg, graduates from the University of Georgia

ATHENS, GA - Caitlin Marianna Williams is among the more than 7,000 candidates for graduation in the University of Georgia's Class of 2023 who were celebrated during Commencement exercises. Williams, of Christiansburg, VA, is a candidate for a PHARMD Pharmacy.

"We are delighted to celebrate the incredible achievements of our University of Georgia students in the Class of 2023," said President Jere W. Morehead. "Commencement offers students, friends and families an opportunity to recognize the tireless dedication UGA students have shown during their time on campus. We look forward to seeing all the great things these students will go on to do as alumni of the University of Georgia."

Skylar Miles, of Radford, graduates from Bridgewater College

BRIDGEWATER, VA - Skylar Miles of Radford, graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in health and exercise science from Bridgewater College during the April 29, 2023 commencement exercises.

Approximately 315 undergraduate and 25 graduate students from the Class of 2023 received degrees. Dr. David W. Bushman, president of Bridgewater College, conferred the degrees.

Rev. Dr. Robbie Miller '79, college chaplain, served as the Commencement speaker for 2023. In his address, "The Measure of Success," he said, "The measure of success in our brief span of life-represented by that little 'dash' between the year we're born and the year we die-is not the money we earn or the things we accumulate or the degrees we acquire or the recognition we receive, but the love we share and the difference we make."

Teagan Danilowicz initiated into Omicron Delta Kappa

LEXINGTON, VA - Teagan Danilowicz, a native of Radford, was recently initiated into the Florida State University Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society. The Society welcomed 787 new initiates from 32 universities during March 2023.

Students initiated into the Society must be sophomores, juniors, seniors, or graduate/professional students in the top 35% of their class, demonstrate leadership experience in at least one of the five pillars, and embrace the ODK ideals. Fewer than five percent of students on a campus are invited to join each year.

Omicron Delta Kappa Society, the National Leadership Honor Society, was founded in Lexington, Virginia, on December 3, 1914. A group of 15 students and faculty members established the Society to recognize and encourage leadership at the collegiate level. The founders established the ODK Idea-the concept that individuals representing all phases of collegiate life should collaborate with faculty and others to support the campus and community. ODK's mission is to honor and develop leaders; encourage collaboration among students, faculty, staff, and alumni; and promote ODK's leadership values of collaboration, inclusivity, integrity, scholarship, and service on college and university campuses throughout North America.

Blacksburg High School student wins National Merit scholarship

Samuel C. Woolsey, of Blacksburg High School, has been named a National Merit \$2500 Scholarship winner.

The 2,500 Merit Scholar designees were chosen from a talent pool of more than 15,000 outstanding Finalists in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program. National Merit \$2500 Scholarship winners are the finalists in each state judged to have the strongest combination of accomplishments, skills, and potential for success in rigorous college studies. These scholars were selected by a committee of college admissions officers and high school counselors, who appraised a substantial amount of information submitted by both the finalists and their high schools: the academic record, including difficulty level of subjects studied and grades earned; scores from the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test; contributions and leadership in school and community activities; an essay written by the finalist; and a recommendation written by a high school official.

Woolsey plans to study Engineering.

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi Inducts New Members

BATON ROUGE, LA - The following people recently were initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.

From Radford University:

Brynlee Azevedo of Blacksburg

From The Citadel:

Sarah Harvey of Christiansburg

From Virginia Tech:

John Akanbi of Blacksburg, Enoch Akli of Blacksburg, Asma Al Qahtani of Blacksburg, Younes Alkhallaqi of Blacksburg, Micaela Applebaum of Christiansburg, Caitlin Armstrong of Christiansburg, Giorgia Cannici of Blacksburg, Chelsea Cereghino of Christiansburg, Cherelle Connor of Blacksburg, Jon Dance of Christiansburg, Nicholas Dize of Blacksburg, Haley Fore of Christiansburg, Ajinkya Fotedar of Blacksburg, Darwin Gomez of Blacksburg, Chloe Guenette of Blacksburg, Alaina Helm of Blacksburg, Md Sifat Hossain of Blacksburg, Shafquat Islam of Blacksburg, Zhengjie Ji of Blacksburg, Bhavna Joshi of Blacksburg, Sarah Juster of Blacksburg, Shashank Karki of Blacksburg, Samuel Kirsch of Blacksburg, Edward Lai of Blacksburg, Cherith Lavissety of Blacksburg, Yan Liang of Blacksburg, Shaheer Malik of Blacksburg, Grace Mardrossian of Blacksburg, Ian McKellips of Christiansburg, Zhe Meng of Blacksburg, Amir Mortazavigazar of Blacksburg, Temitope Ojedele of Blacksburg, Rama Krishna Pinnimty of Blacksburg, Tongyuan Qian of Blacksburg, Jessica Russell of Blacksburg,

Antorip Sahu of Blacksburg, Rohit Sathye of Blacksburg, Rhea Saxena of Blacksburg, Kaleena Smith of Blacksburg, Keri Swaby of Blacksburg, Mari Tarantino of Blacksburg, Sunday Ubur of Blacksburg, Daniel Udekwe of Blacksburg, Alexandru Vilsan of Blacksburg, Emily Wilcox of Blacksburg, and Anthony Yusuf of Blacksburg.

They are among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.



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Phyllis Durham

Beta Sigma Phi names 22-23 Woman of the Year

CHRISTIANSBURG - The Alpha Mu Master Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority of Christiansburg has named Phyllis Durham it's 2022-23 Woman of the Year.

"To be chosen as Woman of the Year is one of the greatest honors a chapter can pay to a member," Carolyn Sowers, the chapter's Publicity Chair, wrote in a chapter announcement, "and Durham exemplifies the characteristics that are known to Beta Sigma Phi's world over. Durham participated in all chapter activities and worked for the good of the organization and the community," Sowers wrote. "She served as the Chapter President this year."

Durham pledged to Beta Delta Chapter in Christiansburg in 1970 and has served in a variety of offices, including Recording Secretary several years, and on numerous committees. She has previously been honored as Woman of the Year and as Valentine Queen. She has received the Order of the Rose Ritual, the Silver Circle Ritual, and the Golden Circle Ritual, which recognized 50 years of active chapter membership.

She retired from Montgomery County Public Schools and resides in Christiansburg with her husband, Larry. They have two children and seven grandchildren.

The presentation took place at the Beta Sigma Phi Founder's Day Banquet, hosted by Alpha Mu Master Chapter, at The Holiday Inn in Christiansburg, on April 29. This event was the 91st observance of Beta Sigma Phi's founding and was observed with Xi Tau Chapter of Radford in attendance. The presentation was made by last year's Woman of the Year recipient, Sue Warden. Durham received an engraved trophy and a Woman of the Year charm to commemorate the honor.

-Submitted by Alpha Mu Master Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority

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See this year are Sun & Spruce Soaps, Squeeze'um and Skake'um Refreshment, Heavenly Hill Honey, Cavalier Farms, Deer Park Farm, and Afternoon Delight for baked goods, among many other vendors. Scallywag Letter Press, making screen printed and other printed design products, will be back at the market too. Mountain Valley Scones, with fresh baked goods, is among the new vendors that will be coming to the market this year.

The Facebook page is the best place to get up-to-date information, according to Gilmore. Social media

calendars, different posts and interactions throughout the week, images of the market's new baseball hats, and planned giveaways will be starting the week of the market's opening and can all be found on the market's social media pages. A full list of vendors will also be released on the market's Facebook page, with additional information on their website at farmersmarket@christiansburg.org.

Rusty the Scarecrow, the mascot for the Christiansburg Farmers Market, will also be returning this year. A fun part of the market is searching for

Rusty and there are prizes for finding him. Several themes will be highlighted throughout the market's seasons as well.

Patrons visiting the market may use cash for purchases, with some vendors taking electronic payment. However, if customers come to the market and forget to bring cash, tokens may be purchased at the market's customer service tent. Another great program offered by the market is the option of approved participants to pay with SNAP benefits. The market will match up to \$20 of SNAP money spent.

Council from page 1

Ordinance 2022 to amend the zoning ordinance that would allow updating the Accessory Apartment Permit Program to permit detached accessory apartments.

Public hearings have been scheduled for June 13, 2023, to hear additional ordinances. Ordinance 2018 is to amend Town Code Section 14-107, Civil Penalties for Inoperable Vehicle Violations, and Ordinance 2024, which is to amend Town Code Section 12-606

for Residential Parking Permits. Additionally, a public hearing for a resolution granting a special exception relating to parking at 1284 North Main Street will be held on June 13, 2023.

The Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 2023 Annual Action Plan was given a unanimous approval with the exception of council member Michael Sutphin abstaining from the vote due to his employment with

the Community Housing Partners, which receives HUD funding.

In final agenda items during the council meeting, Deputy Town Manager Christopher Lawrence has been reappointed to the Onward New River Valley Executive Committee and Town Manager Marc Verniel has been reappointed to the New River Valley Regional Water Authority.

Nikki Giovanni receives Ut Prosim Scholar Award

BLACKSBURG - There is a lot more to poetry than pretty words on a page. Great poetry is an inspiration. It is a call to action and a balm during the most difficult of times.

Renowned author, activist, and University Distinguished Professor Emerita Nikki Giovanni has proven this through her words and her life. Now, she is the fifth recipient of a top award for Virginia Tech faculty.

Giovanni is among a select few faculty to receive the Ut Prosim Scholar Award. The Virginia Tech Board of Visitors passed a resolution to honor Giovanni with the award at its March meeting.

Giovanni retired from the university in 2022 after 35 years as a professor in the Department of English.

The award was established in 2016 to recognize the application of scholarship in extraordinary service to humanity.

"Throughout her career Nikki Giovanni has served the university community with distinction, inspired her students, and uplifted the Black experience everywhere through her relentless commitment to diversity and equity," said Virginia Tech President Tim Sands. "She embodies the spirit of Ut Prosim, and we are proud to honor her extraordinary legacy at Virginia Tech with this award."

Narrowing down Giovanni's contributions to society isn't easy. With accolades and achievements as numerous as the stars in the night sky, she continues to be a prominent voice, using written words to delve into social issues regarding race and gender.

Throughout her life, she has proven herself a fierce advocate of inclusion and equality, uplifted the Black experience in America, advocated for other Black writers, and used her creative talents to help the university in times of tragedy.

Yet, Giovanni said she was surprised when she answered a phone call from Sands telling her that she would receive the Ut Prosim award.

"I was trying to think, 'Well, what have I done that President Sands is calling,'" Giovanni joked. "I'm thrilled, because I believe in service."

Before coming to Virginia Tech, she established herself as a prominent figure in the Black Arts Movement, which was a response to the Civil Rights and Black Power movements. She threads these events and themes throughout her life's work.

A strong proponent of the liberal arts, Giovanni is proud of her work, and proud of the work of her colleagues and students at Virginia Tech.

"We are the ones who have the dreams," she said. "I'm

thrilled that the liberal arts are being acknowledged. And I think in not just this country, but around the globe, the liberal arts need to be acknowledged more."

During her tenure at Virginia Tech, she created unique opportunities for her students, such as the times she brought literary legends Maya Angelou, Toni Morrison, and Rita Dove to campus.

The Giovanni-Steger poetry prize, which Giovanni founded in 2006 with late Virginia Tech President Charles W. Steger, gives students across the university an opportunity to share their love of poetry and put their work before an audience. The competition, one of the most revered in the nation, offers the largest-known monetary prize of any undergraduate poetry competition in the Western Hemisphere.

"Poets taught science," said Giovanni, discussing the importance of the liberal arts. "To teach poetry, we are the ones who ask the questions that the scientists begin to find the answers to. But it was the poets who looked up in the stars and said, 'Well, this star keeps coming back. I wonder what its meaning is. I wonder what this relationship is. I wonder if it's actually a star or a planet.'"

Giovanni has published more than 40 pieces of work throughout her career, including New York Times and Los Angeles Times bestsellers. Her most recent children's book, "The Library," recalls her childhood visits to a segregated library near her home.

Giovanni is a native of Knoxville, Tennessee, and grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio. She graduated from Fisk University, with honors in history. Giovanni credits her grandparents for instilling in her a sense of service.

"I do try to do what I am asked to do, and if I can, if there's any way that I can do it, I do," Giovanni said. "That I may serve — it's what I was taught."

-Jenny Kincaid Boone for Virginia Tech

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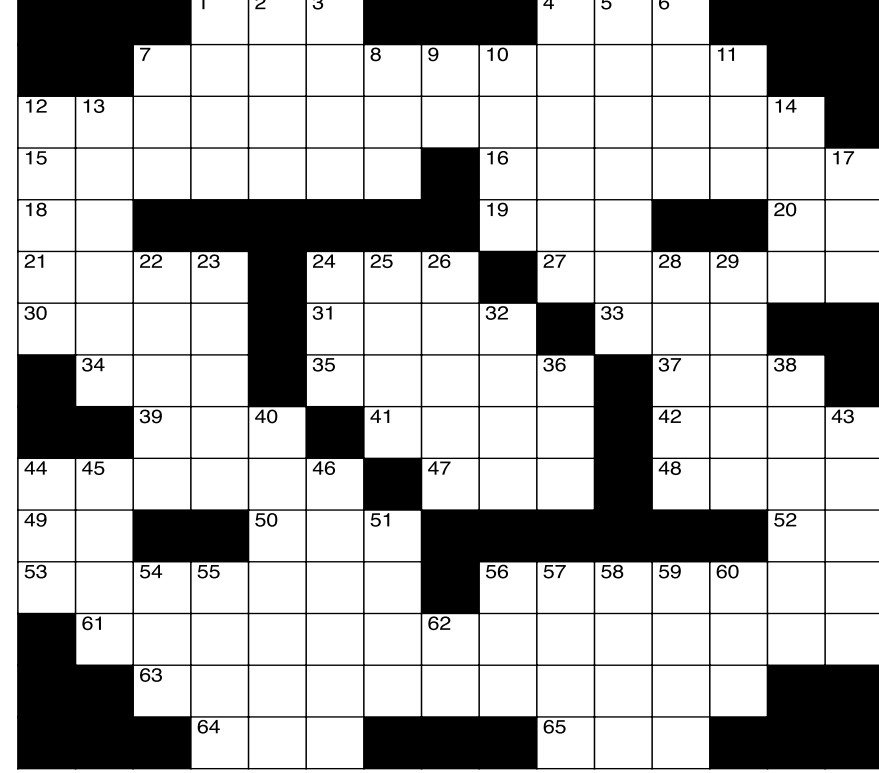
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Nikki Giovanni speaks during this year's Giovanni-Steger Poetry Prize ceremony at Moss Arts Center in February.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Small lump
 - 4. Helps little firms
 - 7. A way of performing
 - 12. Lawyers
 - 15. Stirred up
 - 16. Believed in
 - 18. The Bay State (abbr.)
 - 19. Makes computers
 - 20. Sodium
 - 21. As fast as can be done (abbr.)
 - 24. Institute legal proceedings against
 - 27. More compact
 - 30. Ethiopian river
 - 31. Quantitative fact
 - 33. No (Scottish)
 - 34. A concession of no great value
 - 35. Tony-winning actress Daisy
 - 37. More (Spanish)
 - 39. Russian space station
 - 41. Helicopter
 - 42. At the peak
 - 44. Makes ecstatically happy
 - 47. Excellent
 - 48. Material body
 - 49. The Golden State (abbr.)
 - 50. A unit of plane angle
 - 52. Argon
 - 53. Fancy
 - 56. Fried mixture of meat & spices
 - 61. How green plants use sunlight
 - 63. Without wills
 - 64. Unhappy
 - 65. Meat from a pig's leg
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Mentor
 - 2. Lyric poems
 - 3. A dry cold north wind in Switzerland
 - 4. Trapped
 - 5. Used for road surfacing
 - 6. Cuckoos
 - 7. Prefix "away from"
 - 8. Seth McFarlane comedy
 - 9. Not out
 - 10. "The Simpsons" bus driver
 - 11. Popular HBO drama (abbr.)
 - 12. Acclaimed Indian physicist
 - 13. Removes
 - 14. One-name NBA player
 - 17. Revolutionary women
 - 22. Small
 - 23. Ground-dwelling songbird
 - 24. Midway between south and southeast
 - 25. American state
 - 26. Keen
 - 28. Khoikhoi peoples
 - 29. Int'l defense organization
 - 32. Samoan money
 - 36. A sign of assent
 - 38. One from Somalia
 - 40. Boat race
 - 43. Trims
 - 44. French coins
 - 45. Indigenous Scandinavian
 - 46. Flew alone
 - 51. Loch where a "monster" lives
 - 54. Japanese title
 - 55. Pros and
 - 56. Present in all living cells
 - 57. Something to scratch
 - 58. Branch of Islam
 - 59. Appear
 - 60. Former CIA
 - 62. Yukon Territory

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OBITUARIES

Cabbage, Julia “Judy” Ann Kidd

Julia “Judy” Ann Kidd Cabbage, 82, of Radford, passed away on Thursday, May 11, 2023.

Judy was best known for her love of babysitting, often filling her home with numerous children each day. She also enjoyed traveling, and baking cookies during the holidays.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Austin Cabbage; her parents, Earl Hamilton and Constance Marie Kidd; and her brother, Earl Kidd.

Survivors include her sons and daughter-in-law,



Michael C. and Sondra

Cabbage, and Dr. Brian W. Cabbage; grandchildren, Max and Sofia Cabbage; many other family members and friends.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Christiansburg.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

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

Davis, Mildred “Nanny”

Mildred “Nanny” Davis, 91, of Pulaski, joined her husband in heaven at her home on Wednesday, May 10, 2023.

She was born on January 19, 1932. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ranold L. Davis; son, Joel Davis; daughters, Janie Marunich and Melanie Davis; parents, Thomas Jefferson and Annie Banes Leeson; brothers, Vance Leeson, Garnett Leeson, and Harold Thomas Leeson; and sisters, Freida Leeson

Nelson, Violet Leeson, and Aleen Leeson Lyons.

She is survived by



her sons, Steve Davis, Rodney Davis, Sheldon Davis, and Justin

Davis; grandchildren, Coltrane Marunich, Louie Marunich, Misty Carter, Felix Davis, Heather Davis, Blake Davis, Noah Davis, Jovanna Davis, and Joel Davis, Jr.; 12 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and numerous other family members and friends.

Per her request, a private family memorial service will be held at a later date.

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

McCormick, Christopher Scott

Christopher Scott McCormick, 54, of Radford, passed away on Monday, May 8, 2023.

Christopher served in the Army Reserves as an Army MP, Civilian Police Officer, and he specialized in Army Safety. He previously served as a dedicated police officer for the City of Radford, as well as Virginia Tech. Christopher was preceded in death by his grandparents, James and Gladys McCormick and Claude and Helen Matthews.

Survivors include his loving wife, Angel McCormick; son,

Christopher Scott McCormick, II; his



parents, Jim and Ann McCormick; brother and sister-in-law, Bill

and Denise McCormick; nieces, Haley, Mallory and Kendall McCormick; his wife's family; and numerous other family members and close friends.

A graveside service and celebration of life will be held in August of this year. Specifics will be announced as they become available.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the American Red Cross, PO Box 37839, Boone, IA 50037-0839.

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

Turpin, Jessie “Jay” Albert

Jessie “Jay” Albert Turpin, 52, passed away on May 10, 2023. He was preceded in death by his father, William Ray Turpin, Sr.

Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, Chance and Haelan Turpin; special daughter and her husband, Morgan and Chris Gee; grandchildren, Adalia Jo Turpin, Rylan Gee, and Payton Gee; mother, Thelma G. Turpin; brothers and sisters-in-law, William Ray Jr. and Lisa Turpin, Ronald and

Tina Turpin, Jeffrey and Cindy Turpin; sister and brother-in-law, Debra and



Ricky Vaughn; special friend, Brenda Horton;

wife, Angel Turpin; and numerous other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

The family received friends at the Power of Deliverance Holiness Church, 6545 Lee Hwy, Fairlawn, on Tuesday, May 16, 2023. Funeral services followed with Rev. Delores Caldwell officiating. Interment followed in the Thornspring Cemetery in Pulaski.

The Turpin family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Virginia.

Conrad, Judge Glen E.

Judge Glen E. Conrad, of Roanoke, died May 20, 2021. Graveside memorial services will be held at 11

a.m. on Saturday, May 20, 2023, in the West View Cemetery in Radford, Virginia.

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

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Collins, Gary Wayne

Gary Wayne Collins, 72, passed away on Thursday, May 4, 2023.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Warren Bruce and Dorothy Dalton Collins; daughter, Jennifer Collins; nephew, Stephen; and his special cousins, JoAnn and Russel Cleak.

Survivors include his daughters, Crystal Collins and Sarah Collins (Julian Simmons); stepdaughter, Jessica Wall (Christopher Eastridge); fiancé, Carolyn

Alger; grandchildren, Dorothy Martin, James Atkinson, Mckayla Martin, Timothy Martin, Dezaray Atkinson, Christopher Long, Junior Atkinson, Dalton Atkinson, Corey Long, Elijah Drayton, James Bennett, Aubrey Simmons, Carter Simmons, and Leland Eastridge; great-grandchildren, Amythyst Straley-Martin, Luke Straley-Martin, and Jordan Wickline-Atkinson; sister, Tammie Rupe (Bobby);

niece, Corey; nephew, Parker; former wife and special friend, Phoebe Collins; and many other relatives and friends.

A graveside service with full military honors will be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin.

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

Lyon, Sara

Sara Lyon, 72, of Blacksburg, went to her heavenly home Thursday, May 11, 2023.

Funeral services were held at McCoy Funeral Home on Tuesday, May 16, 2023. Visitation was held prior to the service. Sara was born in Jacksonville, Fla. She was the daughter of the late Sara Carter and Charleston Carter.

Sara came to Blacksburg with her husband, Frank

Lyon. His friends fast became her friends, and they continued making treasured relationships with the people of Blacksburg.

Sara is survived by Frank and their two beagles Tucker and Shadow. She is also survived by two sons, Mike Mims and Chris Mims; treasured grandchildren Keegan, Tyler, and Caroline Mims; daughter, Christina Gardner, of Blacksburg;

stepdaughter, Katherine Luft; stepson, Frank Lyon, Jr.; sister, Kathy (Terry) Johnson; and two brothers Joe (Sandy) Carter, and Bobby (Kay) Carter. She also had two special nieces, Sally and Holly, and four great-nephews, whom she thought of as her own grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Christian Appalachian Project or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Looking into the lingering horrors of Lyme disease

BLACKSBURG — Deep inside a lab in Virginia Tech's Steger Hall lingers a relic to 1990s horror movies.

“It's terrible,” Brandon Jutras said of his lab's poster from the 1993 films “Ticks.” “It's one of those where it's so bad it's good.”

An associate professor of biochemistry, Jutras and the Jutras Lab have been working to mitigate the real-life horrors of the arthropods known for clinging to humans and transmitting disease for almost five years. They were recently awarded a National Institutes of Health R01 grant of more than \$2 million to investigate why symptoms of Lyme disease linger long after the initial infection in some people.

“Basically, many, but not all, Lyme arthritis patients have massively swollen knees, generally only on one side, that will be debilitating and last for weeks or months, even when we can no longer detect an active infection,” Jutras said.

Jutras believes a key to finding answers lies in the unique molecule, peptidoglycan, which he discovered is shed inside the infected by the Lyme disease-causing bacterium, *Borrelia burgdorferi*, in 2019. The unique nature of the molecule has allowed Jutras and his lab to detect it inside patients' joints weeks and months after their initial treatments.

“Peptidoglycan is known to be inflammatory,” Jutras said. “Inflammation is good in some situations, like wound repair, but perpetual inflammation can cause damage and lead to many disorders. It looks like this molecule is driving perpetual inflammation because for whatever reason, it continues to persist. The

reason(s) for persistence are one of the foci of this new grant.”

While pinpointing the reason for this occurrence remains a work in progress, the discovery of the lingering pest in joints is an important milestone in the field of Lyme research.

“I think that the work he has done showing the persistence of peptidoglycan for prolonged periods after antibiotic therapy is likely to be the most clinically impactful research that has come out in the field in the last decade,” said Linden Hu, professor of immunology at Tufts University's School of Medicine.

May is recognized annually as National Lyme Disease Awareness month, according to the advocacy group, LymeDisease.org.

Jutras originally came to the United States from Canada to play golf at Eastern Illinois University after injuries side-tracked a promising young hockey career. During his undergraduate journey, however, he came to realize his future was in investigating the pests that often live in the tall grass, rather than trying to avoid it.

“I was solid, but there are a lot of good golfers out there and I didn't think it was a viable career option,” Jutras said. “I started studying spiders because I was interested in spider silk production — it has incredible strength to weight ratios — and then I realized what was happening on the inside of organisms was what I am really interested in.”

“Ticks' abilities to transmit bacteria eventually won him over and his desire to better understand how Lyme disease works, inside both them and humans, and led him to shift his focus from entomology to microbiology.

“Then I just stuck with Lyme disease because it's such a weird and fascinating microorganism,” said Jutras, an affiliated faculty member of Virginia Tech's Center for Emerging, Zoonotic, and Arthropod-borne Pathogens, housed within the Fralin Life Sciences Institute. “At first, I wanted to go the medical school route, but I just became way more interested in the research. And hopefully I can help millions of people this way, instead of just one at a time.”

After his undergraduate degree, Jutras headed to the University of Kentucky, where he earned a Ph.D. in microbiology and molecular genetics,

then to a Howard Hughes Medical Institute postdoctoral fellowship at Yale University. During that span, he met Hu, who said Jutras was an impressive researcher from their earliest encounters.

“He was quite memorable even back then,” Hu said. “He had no fear and was always willing to ask tough questions, both of his own work and of others.”

Jutras came to Blacksburg in April 2018 as an assistant professor in Virginia Tech's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. In 2021, he received an Emerging Leader Award from the Bay Area Lyme Foundation, the leading not-for-profit sponsor of Lyme disease research in the United States and a partner of the American Junior Golf Association, a tour on which Jutras used to play.

Today, the Jutras Lab is made up of 12 people, including eight graduate students, two undergraduate students, and two staff. Along with investigating the prolonged effects of Lyme disease, the lab is also working on creating a rapid test for the disease, which was just recently funded by a \$1.2 million Department of Defense grant.

Jutras credits the lab's success obtaining grants, achieving breakthroughs, and publishing research to the team's camaraderie. And he said his younger part is helping the founder researchers experience their own breakthroughs.

“Research is 90 percent troubleshooting, but those instances when it works and you know something that nobody else does, you get the feeling that this may change everything. Those moments are what make this career fantastic,” Jutras said. “We've had a few of those so far and it's all because of the outstanding junior scientist in the lab. They're working their tails off.”

One of those graduate students is Mecailla McClune, who is working toward a Ph.D. in biochemistry. Jutras credits McClune with playing a key role in the lab's work to better understand how peptidoglycan moves through organisms by developing a fluorescent tracer system that could highlight the molecule as it moves in mice.

“I couldn't believe it worked,” Jutras said. “Mecailla is an exceptional scientist and a gifted problem solver. Her work

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OPINION

Financial Focus: Are you protected from disability risk?

Like many people, you may try to stay healthy by exercising regularly, following a good diet and avoiding dangerous activities. But as we all know, life is unpredictable, and despite your best efforts, you may encounter an injury or illness that can leave you unable to work for several months — or longer. If this happened, would you have difficulty paying your bills? Or would you be forced to dip into investments meant to help you achieve long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement?

To help prevent these outcomes, you may want to protect yourself against the possibility of a disability. One good move is to build an emergency fund containing up to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid account. Even if you never need this fund for a disability, it's hardly a wasted effort, because you could use the funds for other unexpected costs, such as a major repair to your home or car.

But to feel truly prepared for a disability that could threaten your financial situation, you may also need to consider disability insurance. If you work for a mid-size or large company, your employer may offer group coverage as an employee benefit. This coverage

can be valuable, but it may not be sufficient. For one thing, many employer-sponsored disability policies won't fully replace your lost income. Also, some group policies may make you wait longer than you'd like before your benefits kick in. And these policies aren't always "portable," either — if you leave your job, you might also be leaving behind your disability plan.

For these reasons, you may want to consider purchasing a long-term disability insurance policy. However, the features of these policies vary greatly, so you'll want to be diligent in choosing the policy that's right for you.

What are the key features to compare among policies? For starters, look at the type of policy — is it noncancelable or guaranteed renewable? With a noncancelable policy, the terms and premiums can't be changed, but a guaranteed renewable policy can increase premiums.

Here are some other features to consider:
 Coverage amount — How much will you receive in benefits? You may be able to replace up to 100% of your after-tax income.
 Waiting period — How much time must pass from the

onset of your disability until you start receiving benefits?

Benefit duration — How long will you receive benefits? To protect against a

long-term disability, you might want a policy that replaces income until your planned retirement age.

Inflation coverage — How much will your benefits increase each year? Ideally, you'd like your benefits to keep pace with inflation and keep up with what you might receive from future salary increases or promotions.

Definition of disability — If you choose an "Own Occupation" policy, you'll receive benefits if you can't work at the job you had when you became disabled. With an "Any Occupation" policy, you'll receive benefits if you can't work at any job based on your qualifications.

Clearly, there's much to consider when choosing a disability policy. You might want to consult with a financial professional, who can help you pick a policy that fits within your overall financial strategy. But don't wait too long — you may never need to use this protection, but you might like having it available.

-This article was written by Edward Jones, Member SIPC and submitted by local Edward Jones financial advisor Meghan Kuczmariski (540)552-1241.

Gas prices down 2.5 cents from last week

Average gasoline prices in Virginia have fallen 2.5 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.31/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 4,081 stations in Virginia. Prices in Virginia are 22.2 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 99.8 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has fallen 4.0 cents in the last week and stands at \$3.97 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Virginia was priced at \$2.79/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$4.29/g, a difference of \$1.50/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$2.79/g while the highest was \$4.29/g, a difference of \$1.50/g.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 0.4 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.51/g today. The national average is down 14.9 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 95.6 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the

country. Historical gasoline prices in Virginia and the national average going back ten years:

May 15, 2022: \$4.31/g (U.S. Average: \$4.46/g)
 May 15, 2021: \$2.96/g (U.S. Average: \$3.04/g)
 May 15, 2020: \$1.72/g (U.S. Average: \$1.86/g)
 May 15, 2019: \$2.60/g (U.S. Average: \$2.86/g)
 May 15, 2018: \$2.68/g (U.S. Average: \$2.89/g)
 May 15, 2017: \$2.15/g (U.S. Average: \$2.33/g)
 May 15, 2016: \$2.06/g (U.S. Average: \$2.22/g)
 May 15, 2015: \$2.46/g (U.S. Average: \$2.70/g)
 May 15, 2014: \$3.46/g (U.S. Average: \$3.64/g)
 May 15, 2013: \$3.37/g (U.S. Average: \$3.59/g)
 Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:
 Roanoke- \$3.23/g, down 4.4 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.28/g.
 Richmond- \$3.28/g, down 1.2 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.29/g.
 West Virginia- \$3.39/g, down 3.6 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.43/g.

"With oil prices bouncing back over \$70 per barrel after reaching as low as \$66 in early May, we've seen gasoline prices move higher in some states, while others have continued to decline- the national average has seen little change as a result, but overall, gasoline prices continue to see significant relief from year ago levels," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "We're likely to soon see gasoline prices slip to their largest year on year deficit since Covid hit, when prices fell over \$1 per gallon from 2019- so the relief at the pump as been significant, and even though the gas price decline hit pause last week, it's looking more likely that barring a major hurricane or series of refinery outages, the national average may not end up hitting the \$4 per gallon mark- something that will make most motorists very happy. For those in Arizona that have seen gas prices spike during the spring, significant relief is starting and should even accelerate over the weeks ahead."

-Submitted by Gas Buddy

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
 As we recognize National Law Enforcement Week 2023, I commend and give a heartfelt thank you to the brave men and women of law enforcement that serve our communities with dedication, commitment, valor, and sacrifice. I thank their families for the sacrifices, for although the oath is of that of the officer, it is also requiring the support and great sacrifices for the family as well.

I thank law enforcement for their professionalism, for their sworn oath to preserve and protect life, liberty, and property. For their courage to safeguard democracy. To safeguard our democracy at any cost, including the ultimate sacrifice.

Lyme

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has allowed us to track peptidoglycan in real time. This breakthrough gives us a system to understand peptidoglycan persistence, which could lead to new ways to treat patients."

McClune said having the opportunity to work on a project with such real-life implications has helped her build resiliency as a researcher.

"With any project you're going to have setbacks. Some aspects need to be optimized at the beginning and others you have to figure out as you go," McClune said. "Knowing how directly my work could impact human health makes it that much more motivating to overcome setbacks."

She said being able to work with Jutras had not only made her a more well-rounded researcher, but also showed her the importance of taking joy in your work.

"He's very passionate about the research being done in our lab. His excitement is contagious and helps the lab stay focused on the bigger picture of our work. It's a special experience when others are just as excited as you about the work that you're doing," McClune said. "It's good to remember the importance of having passion for your work."

While the National Institutes of Health grant, which is administered through its National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, is focused on Lyme, Hu believes the Jutras Lab's work could also help mitigate all kinds of other bacteria-related horrors.

"He took advantage of something unique about B. burgdorferi to show that these components can persist, but if it also occurs for other bacteria, where it is more difficult to trace, it may help explain some of the long-term symptoms we see in patients after other infections," Hu said. "It really helps us to understand

I am grateful and appreciate our community of law enforcement that serve tirelessly in collaboration with each other, to best serve and make a positive difference, whether on duty or off. These heroes are leaders, our neighbors, who volunteer as fire and rescue squad members. Police Officers that invest in our youth as coaches, mentoring and serving in organizations such as YOVASO, Help Save The Next Girl, EFFORT, Younglife and many more. Officers that serve in churches, schools, courts, and hospitals. Police Officers that work with our business owners to strengthen economic wellness and growth through safety and protection.

As we honor all those that serve and have served,

may we never forget to pay tribute and remember our fallen officers. Since the first recorded death in 1786, and according to the Officer Down Memorial Page, more than 26,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty. In Montgomery County, we remember Officer Terry Griffith, Officer Scott Hylton, Security Guard Derrick McFarland, Corporal Eric Sutphin, and Officer Deriek Crouse for their ultimate sacrifice.

I encourage all citizens to reflect upon our freedoms, and to remember and honor our law enforcement and their families.

-Sherri Blevins

why it might be possible that people continue to have symptoms of inflammation after the bacteria has been treated."

Tick talk

As a person who enjoys the outdoors and the owner of two dogs — a black lab mix, Fiona, and a golden retriever, Fred - Jutras is no stranger to ticks outside of work hours.

"Since moving to Southwest Virginia, I've pulled ticks off of them every month of the year," Jutras said.

In the region, blacklegged ticks, commonly called deer ticks, are the only ones able to transmit the bacteria that causes Lyme disease, and they can only do so as nymphs or as adults. Nymphs are about the size of a pencil tip.

Unlike mosquitoes, some ticks don't seek hosts as much as they simply sense carbon dioxide expelled by other organisms during breathing. They then crawl to the highest possible point, reach out their Velcro-like arms, and hopefully cling on. They also secrete antihistamines, along with a glue-like material called cementin, when they latch onto a person or animal, Jutras said.

"So your body cannot sense it's being pierced, you don't feel them at all, and they're extremely hard to remove. Together, those features create a big problem," Jutras said. "They're little beasts."

Jutras suggested a handful of tips to avoid the horrors of these beasts:

Check often and always

"The prompt removal is the most important thing," Jutras said. "Once the tick bites, it can take anywhere from 12 to 72 hours to transmit the Lyme disease-causing bacterium. They like to hang out in inconspicuous

areas. They like warm and moist environment, so you can imagine where those might be. If you're outside in a high-risk area, such as anywhere with high grass, a wooded property, golf course, etc., a good way to check is to have a good shower afterward."

Lighten up

"Wear light-colored clothing while enjoying the outdoors and treat these clothes with DEET, or N,N-diethyl-meta-toluamide, containing bug spray. This does work well at repelling ticks, and light-colored clothing will allow you to spot the ticks more easily. When in high-risk areas check yourself often, initial tick contact almost always occurs below your thigh."

Protect your pets

"Our furry friends are wonderful companions, but they are tick magnets. Commercial tick treatments do not prevent attachment and will usually kill the ticks if they do start feeding, but they do not prevent contact. What happens? Often the ticks are brought inside from the outdoors by our pets and they are then able to bite us. So, check your pets often. It is not only good practice because the commercial treatments work well, but are not 100 percent effective, and it can help you and your family stay safe. Another important mitigation strategy is vaccination; the Lyme disease vaccine works well for companion animals."

Don't skip the dryer

"Spring and summer weather encourages many people to hang their clothes to dry. However, ticks survive the washer and can remain on clean clothes. They do not, however, survive the dryer. If you have returned from a high-risk activity, like hiking or camping, be sure to use the dryer on all articles of clothing."

Lindsey Haugh for Virginia Tech

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Employment

Town of Troutville

The town of Troutville is seeking a new Park Manager. This position is responsible for overseeing and performing duties necessary to operate and maintain the Town Park of the Town of Troutville. This is a part-time position with a schedule that is both flexible and will have some variations from time to time. The following are duties and responsibilities but are not limited to other tasks as needed: Keep the park safe Mow Grass Weed eating Trimming bushes Weeding flower beds Clean shelters Clean bathrooms Empty trash Open/Closed Park Visual inspection Perform and log routine maintenance Provide a monthly report to Town Council General maintenance Please forward a resume to: Email: Laura.bumgarner@gmail.com

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General Information

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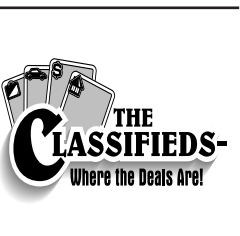
ABC NOTICE

SHREE HARE RAM LLC., trading as ROADSIDE MARKET, 10761 W LYNCHBURG SALEM TURNPIKE, MONTVALE, VA. 24122.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a WINE AND BEER OFF PREMISES license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

SAI KRISHNA CHEERANJEEVI, OWNER

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.



Legals - City of Radford

ABC NOTICE

RIVER CITY DISTILLERY, LLC., trading as RIVER CITY DISTILLERY, 92 HARVEY ST. RADFORD VA 24141.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a DISTILLERY license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

CHARLES COSMATO, Managing/Member

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

Legals - City of Salem

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316-317, 20-104 Case No. CL23000084-00 CITY OF SALEM CIRCUIT COURT, 2 EAST CALHOUN STREET, SALEM, VA 24153 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re GABRIEL SENTINELLAR SALAZAR V. MAY ANNE SALAZAR The object of this suit is to: OBTAIN A DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that MAY ANNE SALAZAR appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before MAY 31, 2023. APRIL 11, 2023 STACY L. OWEN, DEPUTY CLERK

NORTH CAROLINA ALAMANCE COUNTY IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK
23 SP 74
23 SP 73

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

IN RE CHANGE OF NAME OF BRANDON JOSUE ZUNIGA JUANES, A Minor Child. And **IN RE CHANGE OF NAME OF BRITNEY ZUNIGA JUANEZ**, A Minor Child.

TO: WILMER FRANCISCO ZUNIGA, Respondent

TAKE NOTICE that pleadings seeking relief against you have been filed in the above entitled Proceedings pending before the Alamance County Clerk of Superior Court. **The nature of the relief being sought in these Proceedings are Petitions for the Name Change of the minor children, Brandon Josue Zuniga Juanes and Britney Zuniga Juanez to change the last names of the children to "Jimenez Juanez"**.

You are required to make defense to such pleadings not later than the 5th day of July, 2023, said date being more than forty (40) days from the first publication of this Notice and upon your failure to do so the Party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought herein.

TAKE NOTICE that you are further notified that in connection with this Action the following hearings are scheduled for hearing by the Court following the publication of this Notice: **July 13, 2023 at 2:00 PM:** Hearing by the Clerk of the pending issues at the Alamance County Historic Courthouse, 1 Court Square, Graham, NC 27253. This the 4th day of May, 2023. FREDERICK J. STERNBERG Attorney for the Petitioner NC State Bar No. 4155

OF COUNSEL: FREDERICK J. STERNBERG, P.A. 38 S.W. Court Square Graham, NC 27253-2878 Telephone: (336) 228-0273 Fax: (336) 228-1932 E-Mail: efredrickjst@trial.rr.com

Legals - City of Salem

ABC NOTICE

DBH Salem Concessions, LLC, trading as DBH Salem Concessions, 1004 Texas St. Salem VA, 24153.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Wine and Beer ON and OFF Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Chirag Mithani, VP/Secretary

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Salem, Virginia will hold a public hearing, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2309 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, on May 25, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, to consider the following applications. The request of Boone Thomas LLC, property owners, for a variance from Section 106-208.3(B)(1) of the City of Salem Zoning Ordinance pertaining to site development regulations, for the property located at 100 block Richfield Avenue, Tax Map # 120-1-3. The petitioners are requesting a 13 foot rear-yard setback variance to allow for the construction of a house and deck. Section 106-208.3(B)(1) states that single-family dwellings shall conform with the setback requirements of Section 106-202.3(B)(1), which requires a 25 foot rear-yard setback. At this hearing, all parties in interest will be given an opportunity to be heard, present evidence, and show cause why such requests should or should not be granted. For additional information, contact the Office of the Zoning Administrator, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia (Phone 3753032).

THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF SALEM

BY: Mary Ellen H. Wines, CZA, CFM Planning & Zoning Administrator

PUBLIC NOTICE

Celco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) proposes to collocate wireless communications antennas at a centerline height of 82 feet on the rooftop of a building with an overall height of 90 feet at the approx. vicinity of 220 E Main St., Salem, City of Salem, VA 24153. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Trileaf Corp, Elsie.e.boone@trileaf.com, 8600 LaSalle Road, Suite 301, Towson, MD 21286, 410-853-7128.

Order of Publication

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF SALEM CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA, complainant, vs. GEORGE W. WELCH, et al, Respondents. Case No. CL 23-102 TO: THE RESPONDENTS: The object of this suit is to enforce the lien for taxes assessed by the City of Salem, Virginia against certain real property designated as Tax Map Parcel No. 39-2-5 An affidavit having been made and filed that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of George W. Welch and Mary Elizabeth Welch and that there are or may be persons with an interest in the subject property, including heirs,

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devises, and successors in title of George W. Welch and Mary Elizabeth Welch, who may be deceased, whose names and addresses are unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that each of the parties appear on or before the 5th of June, 2023, and do whatever is necessary to protect their interest in said land. It is further ORDERED, pursuant to Va. Code Ann. §8.01-321, that this Order of Publication be published for two successive weeks in the Salem Times Register, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Salem, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the courthouse in the City of Salem, Virginia. Entered this 4th day of May, 2023. Chance Crawford, Clerk I ask for this: Mark D. Kidd, Esquire-VSB#24149 OPN Law 3140Chapparral Drive, Suite 200-C Roanoke VA 24018 Phone: (540) 725-4700 Fax:(540)772-0126 E-Mail: mikidd@opnlaw.com Counsel for Complainant

Order of Publication VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF SALEM

CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA, complainant, vs. MARY LUE GRAVES, et al, Respondents. Case No. CL 23-103 TO: THE RESPONDENTS: The object of this suit is to enforce the lien for taxes assessed by the City of Salem, Virginia against certain real property designated as Tax Map Parcel No. 160-3-4 An affidavit having been made and filed that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of Mary Lue Graves and that there are or may be persons with an interest in the subject property, including heirs, devisees, and successors in title of Mary Lue Graves, who may be deceased, whose names and addresses are unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that each of the parties on or before the 5th of June, 2023, and do whatever is necessary to protect their interest in said land. It is further ORDERED, pursuant to Va. Code Ann §8.01-321, that this Order of Publication be published for two successive weeks in the Salem Times Register, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Salem, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the courthouse in the City of Salem, Virginia. Entered this 4th day of May, 2023. Chance Crawford, Clerk I ask for this: Mark D. Kidd, Esquire-VSB#24149 OPN Law 3140Chapparral Drive, Suite 200-C Roanoke VA 24018 Phone: (540) 725-4700 Fax:(540)772-0126 E-Mail: mikidd@opnlaw.com Counsel for Complainant

Notice of Initiation of the Section 106 Process: Public Participation

T-Mobile proposes the upgrade of a rooftop telecommunications facility at 220 E. Main St., Salem, VA. Members of the public interested in submitting comments on the possible effects on historic properties included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places may send their comments to Andrew Smith, RESCOM Environmental Corp., PO Box 361 Petoskey, MI 49770 or call 260-385-6999.

Legals - Montgomery County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 5070 GOLD RUSH ROAD, PILOT, VA 24138.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated February 12, 2007, in the original principal amount of \$324,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 07001815. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Montgomery County, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia on June 23, 2023, at 12:30 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as

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follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIGINIA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A 1" IRON PIPE FIFTEEN (15) FEET SOUTH OF A THREE (3) FOOT MAPLE TREE WHICH IS 502.5 FEET SOUTH OF STATE ROUTE 726 AND AT CORNER OF MRS. A. P. NAFF'S PROPERTY; THENCE S 04 DEG. 18' 18" E 585.50 FEET TO A 1" PIPE; THENCE IN A EASTERLY DIRECTION 122.83 FEET TO A 1/2" PIPE, THENCE CONTINUING IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION 210.66 FEET TO A 1" PIPE; THENCE IN A NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION 84.87 FEET TO A 9" HICKORY; THENCE CONTINUING IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION 79.58 FEET TO A 14" WILD CHERRY; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY 151.00 FEET TO A PIPE; THENCE CONTINUING IN A NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION 200.00 FEET TO A 1" PIPE; THENCE CONTINUING IN A NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION 34.17 FEET TO THE EAST CORNER OF A CONCRETE CATTLE GUARD; THENCE WEST 46.2 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. TOGETHER WITH A RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM THE HEREIN CONVEYED PROPERTY TO STATE ROAD 726 FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT TO ERECT OR PLACE UPON THE PROPERTY ALL UTILITIES NECESSARY FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF SAID PROPERTY TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT TO MAINTAIN, REPAIR, REPLACE AND IMPROVE ANY AFORESAID FACILITIES. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwvsales.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: BWV Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsales.com. VA-208631-2

Order of Publication VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF SALEM

CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA, complainant, vs. MARY LUE GRAVES, et al, Respondents. Case No. CL 23-103 TO: THE RESPONDENTS: The object of this suit is to enforce the lien for taxes assessed by the City of Salem, Virginia against certain real property designated as Tax Map Parcel No. 160-3-4 An affidavit having been made and filed that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of Mary Lue Graves and that there are or may be persons with an interest in the subject property, including heirs, devisees, and successors in title of Mary Lue Graves, who may be deceased, whose names and addresses are unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that each of the parties on or before the 5th of June, 2023, and do whatever is necessary to protect their interest in said land. It is further ORDERED, pursuant to Va. Code Ann §8.01-321, that this Order of Publication be published for two successive weeks in the Salem Times Register, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Salem, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the courthouse in the City of Salem, Virginia. Entered this 4th day of May, 2023. Chance Crawford, Clerk I ask for this: Mark D. Kidd, Esquire-VSB#24149 OPN Law 3140Chapparral Drive, Suite 200-C Roanoke VA 24018 Phone: (540) 725-4700 Fax:(540)772-0126 E-Mail: mikidd@opnlaw.com Counsel for Complainant

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Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, 20-104 Case No. CL23000646-00 MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re ALVARO ALEJANDRO LIMON PEREZ v. MARIA GUADALUPE MORALES MENDOZA. The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that MARIA GUADALUPE MORALES MENDOZA appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JUNE 19, 2023. APRIL 19, 2023 K MIKE FLEENOR, Jr., JUDGE. TIFFANY M. COUCH, CLERK

PUBLIC NOTICE

The contents of the listed unit will be sold at Public Auction May 26, 2023 at 11am at 1st Security Self Storage 5 Midway Plaza Dr. Christiansburg, VA. D020 D025 F40 1st Security reserves the right to refuse any bid. Terms: CASH OR CREDIT CARD AT SALE.

Legals - Town of Vinton

ABC NOTICE

MARUTINANDAN VA LLC., trading as FRANKLIN MARKET, 3001 FRANKLIN RD SW, ROANOKE VA. 24014, ROANOKE CITY VIRGINIA

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Wine and Beer, OFF Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

SAI KRISHNA CHEERANJEEVI, OWNER

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Planning Commission of Town of Vinton, Virginia, hereby gives notice of a dinner work session to be held on Thursday, May 23, 2023, at 5:30 p.m., or shortly thereafter. The purpose of the work session is to discuss Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Improvement Projects (CIP). The dinner work session will be held in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia. Further information concerning this notice may be obtained by calling (540) 983-0605. NOTICE OF INTENT TO COMPLY WITH DISABILITIES ACT. Reasonable efforts will be made to provide assistance or special arrangements to qualified individuals with disabilities in order to participate in or attend the meetings. Please call (540) 983-0605 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting so that proper arrangements may be made.

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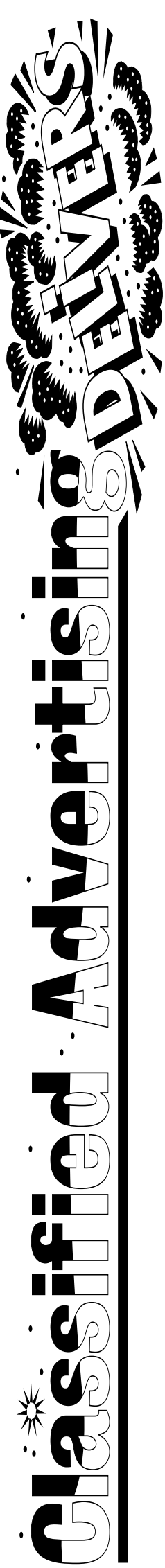
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MONTGOMERY SPORTS



Blackburg's Erin Bishop advances the ball down the sideline against Christiansburg during Friday night's match. Bishop and teammate Amalia Moore scored in a 2-0 win over the Blue Demons.

Blackburg girls down Christiansburg



Christiansburg's Jasmyn Charlton and Blacksburg's Isabel Vikesland vie for possession during the first half.



Christiansburg's Bridget Miller makes a pass near midfield against Blacksburg.



Christiansburg keeper Abigail Sanders makes a save ahead of Blacksburg's Kallan Malabad.

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Tech second in women's ACC outdoor meet

Victoria Gorlova of Virginia Tech made her back to the podium on the final day of the ACC Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Raleigh, N.C. receiving the women's most valuable performer award in the field.

Gorlova scored 10 points in the women's triple jump winning the event with a mark of 43' 5" (13.23m). She placed seventh in the long jump with a distance of 19' 11.5" (6.08m) adding two points to the team's score. Gorlova won her first ACC MVP honors at the 2022 indoor championships placing first in the jump and sixth in the long jump.

The women's team ended the three-day meet with their highest team finish since 2018 placing second with 84.5 points. Duke claimed first scoring 145.5 points, and Miami took third with 83 points. On the men's side, the team scores came down to final heat of the championships the 4x400m relay. The Clemson men took home the team title with 92 points finishing first in relay. Florida State finished second with 91 points, Louisville and Virginia tied for third with 89.5 points. Hokies finished closely behind in fifth with 84.5 points.

Senior Antonio Lopez Segura navigated his way into first place in the final homestretch of the men's 5000-meters crossing the line with a time of 13:49.02. Freshman Nick Plant turned on the afterburners in the final 50m to walk away with the men's 800m title. Plant clocked a time of 1:47.41, followed by teammate Ben Nagel in third with a time of 1:48.18. Plant ranks 13th in the NCAA clocking a personal-best time of 1:47.14 in the prelims, Nagel ranks 24th (1.47.53).

In the women's 800m, Linsley Butler and Star Price fought their way to the finish line placing second and third. Butler led the Hokies in the race clocking a season-best time of 2:02.20, Price finished closely behind in third with a time of 2:02.50. Butler and Price move into the NCAA top 15 rankings with Butler in 10th and Price in 12th.

Viktor Idhammar added four points to the men's score finishing fifth in the 1500m with a time of 3:41.40.

Kahleje Tillmon, Torrence Walker, Judson Lincoln IV, and Cole Beck started the day for the Hokies in the men's 4x100m relay finishing fourth with a season-best time of 39.04. The men's 4x400m team of Amir Green, Kahleje Tillmon, Nick Plant, Maximus James placed seventh clocking a time of 3:10.24.

Beck also placed fourth in the 100m finals crossing the finish line at 10.17. Lincoln IV finished the men's 200m finals in seventh with a time of 21.59.

Barbora Malikova competed in the women's 400m finals clocking a time of 53.26 placing eighth.

High jumpers Aidan Clark and EJ Bell placed fourth and seventh in the field of 13 athletes. Clark took fourth clearing a height of 7'1" (2.16m) on his first attempt, Bell ended the day clearing 6'6.75" (2.00m).

-Virginia Tech Athletics

Tech part of elite field in Orlando

Virginia Tech men's basketball has been selected as one of eight teams to compete in the 2023 ESPN Events Invitational, Nov. 23, 24 and 26, as announced by ESPN Events on Thursday.

The eight-team tournament is held Thanksgiving weekend at the State Farm Field House at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex near Orlando, Fla. With the official tournament announcement, Orlando native Hunter Cattoor will have the opportunity to play in front of a hometown crowd in his fifth year of eligibility.

The Hokies will be joined in the Sunshine State by Boise State, Butler, Florida Atlantic, Iowa State, Penn State, Texas A&M and VCU. Six of those teams competed in the 2023 NCAA Tournament. Tech concluded its 2022-23 season at 19-15 and return three starters in Cattoor, point guard Sean Pedulla and guard MJ Collins.

Each team will compete in one game per day, advancing through a bracket-tournament format. The two teams that remain undefeated throughout will face off in the championship game Sunday, Nov. 26. All games will air on the ESPN family of networks.

This will be the 17th year of the tournament, one of 10 college basketball events on the ESPN Events roster of 32 college athletic competitions. Tech will be making its second appearance in the tournament, going 1-2 in 2006.

Opponents, game times and ticket information will be announced later this summer.

Field Highlights

Six of the eight teams played in the 2023 NCAA Tournament: FAU (Final Four), Penn State (second round) as well as Boise State, Iowa State, Texas A&M and VCU.

FAU is the first ESPN Events Invitational team coming off a Final Four appearance since Villanova in 2018. The Owls are currently ranked No. 9 in ESPN.com's Way-Too-Early Top 25.

Texas A&M is ranked No. 18 in ESPN.com's Way-Too-Early Top 25.

Virginia Tech played in the 2023 NIT.

Boise State, FAU and VCU are all making their first appearance at the ESPN Events Invitational.

Three schools in the field - Butler (2010), FAU (2023) and VCU (2011) - have made Final Four appearances since 2010.

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Brody Shull gets away from a Glenvar defender to lead the Bobcats' offense. Radford was up 4-3 over Glenvar, but Radford was called for a handball inside the box with under two minutes to go. The penalty kick tied the score, and both teams went scoreless in the two 5-minute overtimes, resulting in a 4-4 tie.

Radford, Glenvar boys tie



Radford's Elijah Kelly charges toward the goal looking for an open teammate.



Fernando Martinez goes up high for a header and scored on the play to put Radford up 4-3 with 12 minutes to go.



Goal keeper Charlie Davis battles for the ball and breaks up the Highlanders' attack.

PHOTOS BY BRYANT ALTIZER

Breaking down the Athens softball bracket

Making the NCAA Tournament for the fourth season in a row, Virginia Tech softball will head to Athens, Georgia this weekend to begin its run to OKC.

The Hokies (37-18, 14-10 ACC), who are the No. 2 seed in the Athens Regional, will face three-seeded Boston University (51-8, 17-1 Patriot League) on Friday at 2 p.m. ET on ACC Network at Jack Turner Softball Stadium.

Georgia (39-13, 16-7 SEC), which was the No. 14 overall seed, will play host to North Carolina Central (19-33, 12-7 MEAC) on Friday following the Tech-Boston U game at approximately 4:30 p.m. on ESPN+.

Regionals are double elimination, with the lone team advancing having to win three games to get to Super Regionals. The winner of the Athens Regional will advance to the NCAA Super Regional round against the winner of the Tallahassee Regional, featuring No. 3 overall Florida State, South Carolina, UCF and Marist.

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GEORGIA

The Bulldogs are currently on a three-game losing streak, losing their final series of the regular season to then-No. 15 LSU in Baton Rouge and then losing in their first game of the SEC Tournament to South Carolina in the quarterfinals. But, this team has been steady all

season long and owns an impressive 26-6 record at home.

Led by six All-SEC picks, marking its most since 2016, UGA finished second in the SEC standings, boasting 16 wins. A big reason for those wins is the Bulldogs' ability to tally extra-base hits at a high rate, ranking third nationally in slugging percentage (.576%). With that, they rank sixth in the country in home runs (1.56 homers per game). For reference, like Beth Mowins said last night during the NCAA Tournament Selection Show, the Hokies can hit the long ball, too, ranking first in homers (97). So, expect a lot of balls over the fence at Jack Turner this weekend.

This matchup has taken place in the Pete D'Amour era, with going back to 2019 - his first season. The two squads faced off twice that weekend and the first contest was quite memorable. An hour 1/2 weather delay, the lights going out momentarily and D'Amour picking up his first ranked win as head coach, just to name a few. A clutch RBI single by Darby Trull up the middle in extras propelled the Hokies to 7-6 victory over then-No. 8 Georgia. However, UGA would respond the next day with a run-rule victory. The Bulldogs lead the all-time series 5-2.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Owning the second-most wins in the nation (51), the Terriers have been a force to be reckoned with this season, including already owning four Power Five wins (then-No. 12 Baylor, Georgia Tech, Penn State 2x).

Boston U is currently on a three-game winning streak after winning its conference tournament, outscoring its opponents 15-4 on its home turf as it hosted.

The Terriers tied a program record with 10 All-Patriot League selections and won all five conference awards for player of the year, pitcher of the year, rookie of the

year, defensive player of the year and coach of the year.

Two strengths for Boston U are its ability to play fundamentally sound defense (.981% fielding percentage, 5th nationally) and hitting at a high clip (.328 batting average, 8th nationally).

Tech leads the all-time series 3-0. The two haven't played since 2010, a 3-1 win for the Hokies in Clearwater, Florida.

NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL

Getting hot at the right time, the Eagles found their groove at the MEAC Tournament, winning 4 of 5 games in Norfolk to claim the title over Coppin State. With the win, it marked NC Central's first-ever MEAC softball title and its first-ever appearance in the NCAA Tournament.

Earlier this year, the Eagles faced NC State in Raleigh and came away with a victory, marking the squad's first Power Five win in four years. In conference play, they were able to go 12-7.

Statistically, NC Central is solid at producing home runs, averaging 0.74 per game. Then Makiya Graves ranks fourth nationally for being the toughest to strikeout, averaging one strikeout every 38 at bats.

Graves is special, earning MEAC Rookie of the Year and was also named first-team All-MEAC, joining five others to be named all-conference. Cat Tarvin, who is in her second year at the helm, earned MEAC Coach of the Year.

The Eagles and Hokies have never faced off previously.

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