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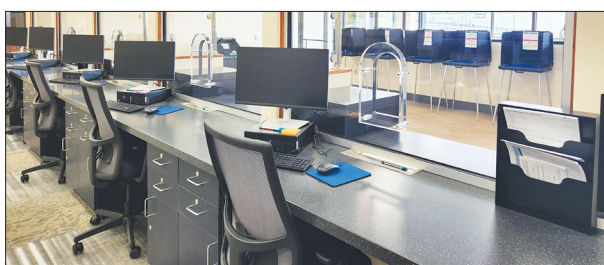


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The Montgomery County Voter Registrar's office has officially moved from the county's administration building to a new site at 1546 N. Franklin St.



STAFF PHOTOS

The new site ups the registrar's space to over 8,000 sq. ft. making it one of the largest in southwest Virginia and maybe the state.

Voter registrar's office completes move to new digs

The Montgomery County Voter Registrar's office has officially made its move to new spacious offices on N. Franklin Street in Christiansburg.

This month, the site at 1546 North Franklin St. near the Christiansburg Recreation Center opened to local residents.

The facility includes a large lobby where voter machines are available for early voting. On a tour, registrar staff pointed to the centralized of voting machines, which had been stored somewhere else for the past five years. The office had been originally located in the county's administration building on Roanoke Street.

The renovation of the former Aaron's Rental store cost \$598,709, and the county is renting the location. The move took the registrar's space from 1,850 sq. ft. to 8,470 sq. ft.

-News Messenger staff reports

Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley selected for Buzz4Good tv episode

Lori Graham

Contributing writer

Buzz4Good is a monthly show on PBS that highlights non-profit organizations making a difference in their communities.

By providing an episode about Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley (LVNRV), Buzz4Good makes a 'buzz' that helps increase awareness about the work they are doing and sharing the resources to those who might need them.

Ginny Ayers, LVNRV Executive Director, said they were all very excited to be chosen by Buzz4Good to create an episode about their non-profit organization. They requested permission from those in the episode, both students and staff, and everyone had a lot of fun and were equally moved by the results.

"What aired was just a fraction of the film time," Ayers said.

The Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley is a non-profit organization that strives to meet the New River Valley's need for supporting citizens in all facets of literacy. Reading and writing, math, GED preparation, English Speaking or Other Languages (ESOL), computer skills, and health-related reading and comprehension, and financial skills are all components that the literacy volunteers may provide to students at the center.

"The people that make it to us as students are just incredible...brave," Ayers said. "Just walking in the doors is a huge hurdle."

Students seeking to complete their GED requirements can choose to attend New River Community College if they wish to take the comprehensive course, and they offer a very thorough program. However, individual needs can vary and that is where the literacy volunteers can help.

"We fill in the time that is flexible and in a closer location as well as meeting the needs of specific gaps of instruction" Ayers said.

GED to Go is a new program that can also allow the student to access the GED program on the internet, depending on their level of digital literacy.

Through the outreach the organization does in



PHOTO COURTESY OF LVNRV

Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley tutor Nikki Pynn instructs student Freda Ferguson.

the community, adults can find work opportunities that were unavailable previously, adapt better to their current work environment through increasing their digital literacy, read to their children and grandchildren, have a better understanding medical terminology and insurance forms, and even feel less anxious calling the doctor to make an appointment.

"If you can teach someone how to navigate a computer or browse the internet, that is life-changing for them. It literally opens up the world for them," Ayers said about their digital literacy instruction programs.

Interested in becoming a literacy volunteer and not sure if you have the experience necessary to be a tutor? According to Ayers, all you need is a desire to help someone in your community and a willingness to invest your time and energy to the organization.

"We teach the volunteers everything they need to know, based on what they will teach. You also do not need to know a second language to tutor someone," Ayers said.

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Vittles for Vets fundraiser golf tournament highlights first-round Vikings pick Christian Darrisaw

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Vittles for Vets, an organization that raises funds to feed veterans in the region, is hosting a golf tournament on July 18 at the Pete Dye Golf Course with the Minnesota Vikings Christian Darrisaw competing for the cause.

Christian Darrisaw, 2021 first-round draft pick for the Vikings from Virginia Tech, will be playing in the golfing tournament and fundraiser. Darrisaw started the Christian Darrisaw Foundation which supporting women, children, and veteran charities. Ed and Ethel's Fine Jewelry, Christiansburg, will be the title sponsor and will be teaming up with Darrisaw on the golf course. Darrisaw is also expected to bring some fellow Viking players to join the team.

Vittles for Vets is seeking additional teams to play and

sponsorships to make this event "their best fundraiser yet." Information on how to get involved can be found on Vittles for Vets Facebook page. The event will also be covered by WDBJ7 television and Q99 Radio station.

Vittles for Vets was founded in 2014 in Rhode Island by Bill McCann, a Vietnam veteran and purple heart recipient, McCann, previously a resident of Rhode Island, met a veteran, who was homeless and without enough food to eat. McCann shared a meal with him and then gave him a gift card to buy groceries. The idea of Vittles for Vets was born. In 2015, McCann moved the charity to the New River Valley.

Vittles for Vets Director of Operations, January Gerow, shares that the organization has raised over \$600,000 to feed veterans since the non-profit organization began.

"Bill has done a really great job building it into what

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Volunteer Montgomery celebrates 50th Anniversary



COURTESY PHOTO

(L-R) Angie Hill, Deputy County Administrator/CFO; Supervisor Steve Fijalkowski; Supervisor Sara Bohn; Supervisor Todd King; Vice Chair Mary Biggs; Volunteer Sally Anna Stapleton; Chair Sherri Blevins; Volunteer Brenda Arnold; Volunteer Shirley Mullins; Volunteer Annette Calhoun; Mandy Hayes, Volunteer Montgomery Coordinator; Volunteer Carol Trutt; Ava Stilwell, Volunteer Montgomery; Tonia Winn, Director of Human Resources; Supervisor April DeMotts; Supervisor Darrell Sheppard; and Craig Meadows, County Administrator, celebrate Volunteer Montgomery's 50th anniversary.

Volunteer Montgomery, formerly known as RSVP, celebrated its 50th Anniversary this year.

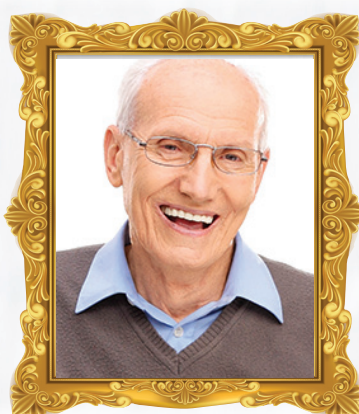
To commemorate the anniversary, a 50th Anniversary video was shared both at a luncheon on May 19 and at the May 22, 2023, Montgomery County Board of Supervisors meeting. The Board of Supervisors also unanimously approved a proclamation, recognizing the RSVP Program at their May 8 meeting as well.

The anniversary celebration luncheon was on May 19 at the Inn at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg with approximately 90 attending. Sherri Blevins, Chair of the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors, and County Administrator Craig Meadows were in attendance to present volunteers with Years of Service

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, June 8:

Waffles Club! A Young Writer's Group
At the Radford Public Library; 4 – 5 p.m.
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.

Saturday, June 10:

Fish Fry
Mount Tabor Ruritan Club will hold its June Fish Fry, 5 to 7 p.m. at Slusser's Chapel Picnic Shelter, 1543 Mount Tabor Rd, Blacksburg. Serving fish, fries and slaw; homemade desserts; and beverages. Adults-\$12, children under 12-\$6, under 3-free, carry-outs-\$12. This month, the Blacksburg Community Band will be playing. Held rain or shine. Call or text 540-449-6178 for further information. On Facebook at MtTaborRuritan.

Meadowbrook Library Ocean Bash
Splash into the Meadowbrook Library Summer Reading Ocean Bash, a wet and wild event to kick off another fantastic summer reading program. The celebration will take place 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the library, located at 267 Alleghany Spring Rd. in Shawsville. Attendees will discover an exciting array of activities, including the popular Bubble Brigade, which brings safe, fun, and mountains of foam to welcome the summer with laughter and joy. Cool refreshments will be available, and cruise the cool games and activities and win prizes! Event is completely free and everyone is invited to join in. Also, don't forget to sign up for the Summer Reading Program, where readers of all ages can dive into books, complete activities, and win prizes! For more information about the Summer Reading Ocean Bash, please visit the Library's website at www.mfml.org or contact the library at (540) 268-1964.

Expedition: Dino Squad
At the Radford Public Library; 11 a.m. – noon. Dinosaurs at the library! It's time for Expedition: Dino Squad, our travelling dinosaur museum. We'll have exhibits on four different dinosaurs - the T. rex, Triceratops, Diplodocus, and the Velicoraptor, which will include models, books, and yes...FOSSILS! The children's section will be transformed into a small museum, and we'll have a craft available for kids to do in the community room.

Page to Screen Movies: Psycho
At the Radford Public Library; noon. Come see Alfred Hitchcock's classic film adaptation of Robert Bloch's novel Psycho. Gourmet popcorn from Lil'Bit Corny LLC will be available while supplies last. Rated R; 109 minutes.

Monday, June 12:

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, June 13:

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.

Tuesday Night Trivia
At the Radford Public Library; 6 – 7 p.m. Adults and teens are invited to come try their hand at Jeopardy style trivia against their friends

Thursday, June 15:

Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting
The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet at 7 p.m. at Aly's Italian Family Restaurant at 3204 Riner Rd. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to attend this meeting. Mr. Chris McCloud, Third Brigade Commander, will be the guest speaker. For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

On-going:

Blacksburg Hydrant Flushing Work
The Town of Blacksburg will be flushing fire hydrants in the northwest section of town during May and June. Hydrant flushing can cause temporary pressure fluctuations and discolored water. These conditions will subside after the flushing is completed. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Town of Blacksburg Engineering Department at (540) 443-1300.

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 Galley, 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.

OBITUARIES

Lucas, Wanda Wingate

Wanda Wingate Lucas, of Blacksburg, born August 5, 1943, entered her eternal home June 1, 2023, surrounded by her family.

Wanda married the love of her life Joe Morris Lucas and they spent 58 wonderful years together. They raised three loving children, David Lucas (Pam); Timmy Lucas (Katie Reuss) and Amy Williams (Keith), all of Blacksburg. Wanda loved her children more than anything, but her greatest blessings were her grandchildren; Joe Lucas II, Matthew Lucas, Madelyn Williams, and Tanner Williams. Even with dementia, her face would always light up in their presence. There were so many special kids that helped on the farm and were friends of her children that she adopted and loved as her own as

well.

Wanda was preceded in death by her parents, Kyle and Wilma Wingate and her brother Eddie



Nickels (Henry) Tazewell, Va.; and Harriet Albert (Jerry) Blacksburg, Va. Many nieces and nephews will also have glorious memories of their Aunt Wanda.

Wanda was loved by so many but remained lifelong friends with Gale Stowers, Helen Salmon, Gail and Doug Williams and Louis Walters.

As Wanda struggled with her health, she was so blessed to have been cared for and loved by Cinda McCoy, Phyllis Martin and Pam Lucas.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 11 a.m. at McCoy Funeral Home with Michael Hill and Robert Hill, Jr. officiating. Interment will follow in the Roselawn Memorial Garden. The family will receive friends from 10 - 11 a.m. prior to the service.

Wingate. Wanda was also survived by a sister, Margaret Dutton (James) Botetourt. Wanda was so blessed to have an extended family that loved her as their own, including Eugene Lucas ,Galveston, Texas; Norma Hill, Blacksburg; Peggy

Mullins, Kathleen June

Kathleen June Mullins, 76, of Blacksburg, passed away May 30, 2023 surrounded by family.

She was the daughter of the late Walter and Martha Tooke, cherished wife of Donald Mullins, adored mother of Heather Crislip (Andrew), of Richmond, and Aaron Mullins (Kara), of Fort Lauderdale, and grandmother of Grace Crislip, Renna Crislip, Fox Mullins and Hart Mullins.

June was born in Pueblo, Colo., on August 30, 1946, the daughter of a father who was an engineer and a mother who was a social worker. She shared her upbringing with her surviving twin sister Katherine Joan Harris of Eagle River, Alaska. Both sisters possessed a boundless artistic talent and June explored and employed that talent in all aspects of her life.

Upon graduating from Colorado State with a degree in physical sciences and chemistry she married Don after a long courtship that originated in their high school church youth group. They built a life together in Blacksburg as partners in many aspects of their lives for nearly 55 years.

Her artistic life embraced three themes: scientific and natural science illustration, humorous entomological caricature work, and in more recent years realism with a spiritual touch. She produced numerous scientific illustrations which appeared in published works and several textbooks. Her artwork was

exhibited in local venues through several regional art associations. Two notable exhibitions were "Cows, Inside and Out" and "32 Butterflies." She labored over 32 Butterflies for a year as therapy following the April 16, 2007 tragic shooting at Virginia Tech, and the ambitious piece has been utilized in many commemorations of the community heartbreak.

In addition to the art



that anchored her life, her vocation was science. She earned a master's degree in Dairy Science at Virginia Tech where she served as a laboratory specialist for over 20 years, specializing in microscopic and tissue culture techniques. She contributed in similar capacities at the Veterinary School, PPL Therapeutics, and the Virginia Bioinformatics Institute. She was a Master Naturalist, a member of Sigma XI and an early member of the Guild for Natural Science Illustrators.

In her home, a love for animals offered an open invitation to dozens

of rabbits, a 15-pound iguana, abundant home aquaria, and numerous cats and canines. Her favorites were Golden Retrievers and Corgis, and with her children raised one litter of each.

She participated as an active member in many community organizations, including the Blacksburg United Methodist Church, P.E.O. Chapter AH, Torch International, Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry, Montgomery County 4-H, and the Montgomery County Christmas Store.

June had a keen sense of observation and was committed to untangling and resolving problems of all sizes. An active member of her book club, she pursued learning new perspectives and she was a bright spirit and tremendously warm person. She took great joy in her family, walking her dogs, canoeing and camping.

Memorial service plans will be announced at a later time.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to PEO Chapter AH. Please include "In memory of June Mullins" (Send checks to: Cathy Stripling 132 3rd St NW, Pulaski, VA 24301), or to the Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry. Please include: "In memory of June Mullins" send checks to: Blacksburg United Methodist Church POB 931, Blacksburg, VA 24060) or online donations at <https://newrivercommunityaction.org/IFP/donate/>.

NRCC announces new dean of health sciences

New River Community College recently announced Helen Wolfe as the new dean of health sciences.

"Helen brings an array of knowledge, skills, and professionalism to lead a dynamic, student-focused division of talented faculty and staff," said NRCC Vice President of Instruction and Student Services Peter Anderson.

Currently NRCC's interim coordinator of nursing, Wolfe will officially begin in her new position on July 1.

Wolfe holds a master of nursing education degree and a bachelor's degree in nursing from Western Governor's University, an associate degree in nursing from Wytheville Community College, and a certificate in practical nursing from



Helen Wolfe

New River Community College. She has over 40 years of full-time

experience at various levels of nursing.

-Submitted by NRCC

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LAND TRANSFERS

April Land Transfers

Zero Dollar Considerations:
John Gemmill Hutchins to Lora Ann McKenzie, 1.5515 Acres Shawsville Magisterial District
Daniel L McLaughlin to Daniel L McLaughlin, Lot 21 PH II Preston Forest Mount Tabor Magisterial District
John Phillip Dean Derosset to John Phillip Dean Derosset, Metes and Bounds See Legal Town of Christiansburg
Joshua R Williamson to JC Cornerstone Builders Inc., Lot 6 Maple Ridge Village 4 Town of Blacksburg
Iain James Clelland to Iain Clelland Living Trust, Lot 3 Living Hope Subdivision Town of Blacksburg
Amanda G Spain to Graham T Fisher, 1.017 Acres Shawsville Magisterial District
Monica Powers to Mad Real Estate Holdings LLC, Shawsville Magisterial District
Robert Lewis Creed to Jeffrey L Creed, Parcel A Shawsville Magisterial District
Virginia Cataldo to Nicholas R Cataldo, Lot 10 Auburn Acres PH I
Robert A Petrie Executor to Robert A Petrie Trust, 50 Acres Metes and Bounds Less And Except Parcel 1 and 1 Acre Less and Except
Diana C Schaffer to Raymond A Schaffer, 65 Acres More or Less Shawsville Magisterial District
Raymond A Schaffer to Raymond A Schaffer, 65 Acres More or Less Shawsville Magisterial District
Danjo LLC to Hojo Investments LLC, Lot 15 and 16 Shawsville Magisterial District
Bryce W Reeburgh to Bryce W Reeburgh, 0.230 Acres Lot 1 Town of Blacksburg
Crystal T Leech to Sydney Morgan Rector, Lot 4 and 5 Westerly Side of Lee Highway Roanoke River Gardens Shawsville Magisterial District
Brian Kipps to Alicia Kipps, 930 Montgomery Street City of Christiansburg
James T Rogers to Rogers Family Trust, Lot 38 Rutherford Townhomes PH III Town of Blacksburg
F&B Land LP to R Fralin Construction Inc., 0.159 Acre Lot 34 Kensington PH X Town of Christiansburg
Craig B Stuard to Craig B Stuard Trust, 5.3886 Acres Lot 1 Prices Fork Magisterial District
Karen Bolt to Karen Bolt, Lot 19 Suburban Hills Town of Christiansburg
Barbara M Phillips to Stephen M Albert, Lot 160 Belmont Farms Unit 7 Parcel I And Lot 159 Belmont Farms Unit 7 Parcel II
Michael Wheatley to Vistavia Properties LLC, Lot 24 Vistavia Subdivision PH I Town of Christiansburg
Fred Doyle Lavergne to Lavergne Family Trust, Two Parcels Pilot
Paul T Muncy Jr. to Kevin Scott Muncy, 1.28 Acres Riner Magisterial District
Carolyn Basham Muncy to Kevin Scott Muncy, 2.5449 Acres Parcel 3 and 3.1829 Acres Parcel 3A Shawsville Magisterial District
Mary R Howard to Phillip M Howard, Metes and Bounds See Legal Town of Christiansburg
Gregory W Keeler to Red Oak Trustee LLC Trust, 20230011886
Duane Michael Mills Executor to Jennifer Mills Cater, Tract 33 Section I and Tract 20 Section I Laurel Ridge Subdivision Prices Fork Magisterial District
Timothy L Smith to Timothy Michael Smith, Lot 68 Senneca Springs PH III Subdivision Town of Christiansburg
Gloria M Heath to Gloria M K Heath Living Trust, Lot 14 Parcel 1 and Lot 15 Parcel 2 Russel Linkous Circle
Stephen B Whitfield to Whitfield Living Trust, Lot 16 Coal Bank Ridge Mount Tabor Magisterial District
Alma Louise Flandreau to John Forest Redd, 0.223 Acre Riner Magisterial District
Land Development RVI LLC to R Fralin Construction Inc., 0.501 Acre Lot 2 PH II-A Cloverleaf Subdivision Riner Magisterial District
Jamie Allison Synpiewski to Jamie Allison Synpiewski Revocable Trust, Lot 115 PH III Village at Tom's Creek Town of Blacksburg
Donna Sue Hurst to Dennie Rae Hurst, Two Parcels; 2.27 Acres Metes and Bounds Tract 1 Parcel 1 and 0.5 Acre Metes and Bounds
Daniel Jarrod Hines to Daniel Jarrod Hines, See Exhibit A
Benjamin T Bower to Benjamin T Bower Trust, Lot 2 Section D Airport Acres Blacksburg
Betty Geraldine Evans Brammer to Christa Fisher, Lot 117 Belmont Farms Units 3 and 5 Town of Christiansburg
Erma H Lawrence to David Andrew Lawrence, 0.474 Acre Lot 13 Riner Magisterial District
Rachel Sharon Yoder to Jonathan Yoder, Lot 9 Woodbine PDR Subdivision Section VI Town of Blacksburg
Susan E Carver to Al Serene Homes LLC, Lot 9 Hubbard Haven Subdivision Town of Blacksburg
William Lee Hanks Executor to William Lee Hanks, 0.1845 Acre Town of Christiansburg
John O Rucker to John O Rucker Trust, Lot 13 PH 1 Hans Meadow Subdivision Town of Christiansburg
Paul Robert Finamore Jr. to Larkin M Martini, 2022003896
CFNA Receivables TX LLC to Citi Financial Credit Company, 20160004054
Citi Financial Credit Company to Bayview Loan Servicing LLC, 20160005955
Robert Alton Phillips to Anthony Jason Phillips, 147 Acres Metes and Bounds Riner Magisterial District
Robert Alton Phillips to Anthony Jason Phillips, 177 Acres Metes and Bounds Riner

Magisterial District
Robert Alton Phillips to Anthony Jason Phillips, 66 Acres Simmons Place Riner Magisterial District
Charles W Austin to Michael William Austin, 3.740 Acres Lot 7AA Riner Magisterial District
Michael Alan Hart to Hart Family Investments LLC, 1.275 Acres Lot 3 Dogwood Ridge Subdivision Blacksburg
Georgia Anne Snyder Falkinham Trust to Blake M Edwards Jr. Trust, 2019000531
Georgia Anne Snyder Falkinham Trust to Skyline National Bank, 2018008921
Georgia Anne Snyder Falkinham Trust to Skyline National Bank, 2018008922
Willie Wayne Quesenberry to Benjamin K Whitaker, 0.808 Acre Lot 9D Shawsville Magisterial District
Monetary Considerations:
Dazed and Confused LLC to Rusty James Holt, Lot 9 Mountain Top Estates PH I Town of Blacksburg, \$405,000
Kalveer Rai to Courtney Swanson, 0.236 Acre, \$195,000
Rosalind Properties LLC to Michael B Arthur, Lot 29 Stroubles Mill Section III, \$560,000
Mohammad Amjad to John Brian Horn, Lot 21 Cedar Orchard PH IV-B, \$875,000
Frederick J Cobb to Fonseca Azevedo LLC, Condo Unit 103 Clay Court Condos Town of Blacksburg, \$325,000
Patricia G Owens to Callie Nicole Dean, Metes and Bounds See Legal Village of Riner Riner Magisterial District, \$270,000
Steven R Hesse Trust to David Marshall Youngman, Lot 87 Belmont Estates Section 4 Town of Christiansburg, \$320,500
Christopher Adam Hernandez to Wesley Snider IV, Lot 23 Walnut Grove Section 3 Town of Christiansburg, \$307,000
Stateson Homes LLC to Amr Sayed Issa, Lot 391 Westhill Subdivision Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$390,895
Jordan Christie Wicks to Eddie D Rowe, 0.556 Acre Part of Lot 38 Metes and Bounds See Legal Town of Christiansburg, \$210,000
Judith Amy Mattox to Bernardo A Castellanos, Lot 19 Carriage Hill Townhouses Section II Town of Blacksburg, \$275,000
Emily R Greenhalgh to Hannah Ruark, Lot 19 Edgemont of Diamond Hill Section II Town of Christiansburg, \$445,000
Austin Ford Ramsey to James C Dunstan III, 4.741 Acres Lot 91 Deercroft PH V Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$132,000
Erica Giosa to Lynne Taylor Knox, Lot 52 The Orchards PH III-B Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$375,000
Rodney Duane Lawson to BCP Development LLC, 0.537 Acre Lot 9 Skycrest Subdivision Town of Christiansburg, \$95,000
Al Serene Homes LLC to John V Stefaniak, Lot 23 Sturgill Estates Town of Christiansburg, \$377,000
Ruth J Hale to William David Perks, Lot 28 Falling Branch Subdivision PH I Town of Christiansburg, \$359,900
Logan E Parker to Virginia Cataldo, Lot 10 Auburn Acres PH I, \$366,000
Shah Development LLC to Black Diamond Resources LLC, 65.6 Acres Town of Christiansburg, \$575,000
Lee Catherine to 2931 Peppers Ferry LLC, Metes and Bounds See Legal Riner Magisterial District, \$242,000
Sas Eagle Midtown LLC to France Belanger, Unit 101B Building A PH 1 Midtown Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$628,505
Benny H Hagy Jr. to Oren Lee Price, Lot 8 Shawsville Magisterial District. \$165,000
Absolute Construction LLC to Sheryl C Sutphin, Lot 39 Highland Park #7 Town of Christiansburg, \$381,000
Tyler S Copeland to Jared Keith Tuxill, Condo Unit 301 Building #A Sundance Village Condominium of Blacksburg Town of Blacksburg, \$160,000
Susan R Hord Trust to Arnold Schuetz, Condo Unit 59 PH V G Woods Edge at Warm Heart Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$415,000
Stateson Homes LLC to Keith Garrison, 390 Westhill Subdivision Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$379,430
Charles S Obenchain to Gregory W Keeler, Lot 25 Lions Gate Planned Community, \$355,000
Zandra Pollander to Kevin Gilberte, Lot 13 Vistavia Subdivision PH I Town of Christiansburg, \$125, 000
Matthew S Cain to Linda Gail Shanock, 0.115 Acre Lot 4 Caldwell Manor Town of Christiansburg, \$280,000
James Cooper to Margaret A Lawrence, 17.6969 Acres Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$408,000
RCBB Developers LLC to Tyler Knox Bridges, 0.191 Acre Lot 13 Town of Christiansburg, \$416,300
Elizabeth Layman Krivsky to Rachel Montgomery Layman, Lot 8 Block 1 Section 1 Westover Hills Town of Blacksburg, \$240,000
Sas Eagle Midtown LLC to David Zier, Unit 101A Building A PH 1 Midtown Condominium Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$443,006
Catherine C Padis Revocable Trust to Siglam Properties LLC, 0.5502 Acre Metes and Bounds See Legal Town of Blacksburg, \$470,000
Robert A Petrie Trust to Benjamin Faull, 50 Acres Metes and Bounds Less and Except Parcel 1 and 1 Acre Less and Except Parcel 2, \$255,000
Douglas W Sink to Nicholas Chandler Anderson, 9.49 Acre New Tract B Shawsville Magisterial District, \$167,000
Ted S Owens to Mara Emily Jones, 6.217 Acres Tract 4 Wade Farm Riner Magisterial District, \$480,000
R Fralin Construction Inc. to James

Christopher Stinson, 0.159 Acre Lot 34 Kensington PH X Town of Christiansburg, \$436,950
Samuel H Nixon III Executor to George E Thomas, 2 Parcels Metes and Bounds See Legal Town of Christiansburg, \$462,000
Kasandra J Church to Molly A Upthegrove, Lot 63A Highland Park #2 Town of Blacksburg, \$515,000
Roderick A Hall to Thomas J Beckett, 4.099 Acres Lot 4 Riner Magisterial District, \$325,001
Sas Eagle Midtown LLC to John Henderson, Unit 102 B Building A PH 1 Midtown Condominium Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$623,991
William Roy Flythe Jr. Executor to Jolene Kayla Zahraee, 2 Acres Metes and Bounds Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$275,000
Ryan D Wiesjahn to Haldre Rogers, Lot 54 Shenandoah PH IV Town of Blacksburg, \$492,000
CB Smith Construction Inc. to Alaina S Cain, Lot 24 Section 1 Harman Forest, \$285,000
Omar Alejandro Chavez Machuca to Coogan B Thompson, Lot 18 Kelseywood PH II Town of Christiansburg, \$360,000
Diane T Duncan to Timothy D Price, Metes and Bounds See Legal Shawsville Magisterial District, \$80,000
Thomas V Oddo to Nicholas T Romantini, 7 Parcels The Cascades Condominium Town of Blacksburg, \$1,225,000
Charles W Vest to Rebecca Vest-Earrest, 0.191 Acre Lot 8 Auburn Hills Villas PH VII Riner Magisterial District, \$320,000
Brian T Meinhardt to Tanner Blankenship, 6.160 Acres More or Less Riner Magisterial District, \$115,000
Sas Eagle Midtown LLC to Austin Cummings, Unit 102A Building A PH 1 Midtown Condos Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$466,200
Gunter W Gass to Ricardo Bello Marcelino; 1.370 Acres Lots 19, 32, 18, 31, 21, 20, 33, and 34 Shawsville Magisterial District, \$60,000
Sheryl C Sutphin to Thomas M Hood, 0.5 Acre More or Less Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$279,950
Michael B Albert to Edward Langford, Lot 4 Lawrence PH II Riner Magisterial District, \$500,000
Jeremy J White to Terence J Hong, Lot 39 Oak Tree Townhomes PH VI Town of Blacksburg, \$321,500
Katherine Miheve to Brian S Wolf, Metes and Bounds See Legal Town of Christiansburg, \$87,000
Dennis O Shelton to Steven T Coley, Lot 2 Sweet Springs Estates Section I, \$310,000
Thomas Spencer Lubnow Jr. to Gregory W Miller Trust, 0.241 Acre Preston Avenue Metes and Bounds Town of Blacksburg, \$725,000
David B Weaver to Michael D Wilson, Lot 50 Riner Magisterial District, \$180,500
Jeffrey Guy Downs to James D Lovern, 2 Parcels 0.205 Acre Parcel 2 and 0.0650 Acre Parcel B Less and Except 0.175 Acre 5' Strip Shawsville Magisterial District, \$2,000
Russel C Comb to Joe M Davis, 3 Parcels; 24.5735 Acres Parcel I, 38.6 Acres Elmer Underwood Farm Parcel II, and Metes and Bounds Parcel III Riner Magisterial District, \$765,000
Linda M Creed to Dennis Shelton, 10.392 Acres Revised Tract 1A Shawsville Magisterial District, \$490,000
Nancy Elaine West Trust to Sarah Spille, 2.281 Acres More or Less Shawsville Magisterial District, \$256,800
Gary D Lerch to Benjamin T Powell, Unit 7-2 PH IV Parcels 1 and 2 Villas at Peppers Ferry Town of Christiansburg, \$315,000
Shelby Jean Quesenberry to Chen-Chi Shing, 0.806 Acre Parcel A Riner Magisterial District, \$65,000
Bonna Lawrence to Jennifer Polanco, 1.3131 Acres Bethel Woods Riner Magisterial District, \$380,000
Paul E Marek to Susan Bemis, Lot 56 Highland Park #2 Town of Blacksburg, \$485,000
Virginia H Roop to Rodney Alan Galloway, Lot 60 Huff Akers Town of Christiansburg, \$225,500
Joseph Straub to Kayla C Edwards, 1.67 Acres Metes and Bounds Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$180,000

RCBB Developers LLC to Zhiping Chen, 0.189 Acre Lot 14 Town of Christiansburg, \$415,000
C Theodoe Koebel to Christopher A Rippel, Lot 23 Countryside Estates PH II Town of Blacksburg, \$710,000
Robert E Jordan Executor to Kent Square North LLC, 0.455 Acre Town of Blacksburg, \$266,666
Betty Mattice to Drema Green, Lot 37 Lions Gate Planned Community Town of Christiansburg, \$345,000
Carla E Mdevitt Revocable Trust to Kent Square North LLC, 0.455 Acre Town of Blacksburg, \$266,666
Aljo Properties LLC to Brooke Elizabeth Emge to 0.1733 Acre New Lot 4A, Falling Branch Estates Section 1 Town of Christiansburg, \$204,900
Gary Nuckolls to American Eagle Enterprise LLC, Lots 52, 53, 54, 55, and 56 Victory Heights Ext Town of Christiansburg, \$50,000
Christopher Almond to Graham Living Trust Agreement, Lot 34 Clifton PH II Town of Christiansburg, \$637,500
Kevin Hynes to Jennifer Lee Maccarty, 2.863 Acres Lot 32 Mosey Springs PH V Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$720,000
Barbara B Kelley to Elliston Land LLC, 14.75 Acres Metes and Bounds See Legal, \$12,000
Kipps Farms LLC to Stateson Homes LLC; Lots 160, 161, 162, 163, and 164 Westhill Subdivision Prices Fork Magisterial District; \$448,250
Anna C Nelson to Soheil Jahed, Lot 27 Senneca Springs PH I Town of Christiansburg, \$370,000
R Fralin Construction Inc. to Craig A Gelbert, 0.501 Acre Lot 2 PH II-A Cloverlea Subdivision Riner Magisterial District, \$536,040
Stateson Homes LLC to Eva L Copeland, Lot 409 Westhill Subdivision Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$461,960
Steven Tyler Cardenas to Grant Wesley Hamming, Lot 31 Montgomery Farms Section V, \$415,000
Sas Eagle Givens LLC to Lu Zhang, 0.202 Acre Lot 99 Northside Park Section XII Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$754,053
Sanford J Ritchey Trust to Michael Richard Edwards, Lot 15 Town of Blacksburg, \$410,000
Frances Cox to Charlotte Nyblade, Lot 4 PH III Franklin Park Townhouses Town of Christiansburg, \$225,500
James Michael Moyer to Christopher Berger, Lot 1 Block 3 Westover Hills Section 2 Town of Blacksburg, \$380,000
Bradley Gene De Wet to David John Kessner, 0.3 Acre Town of Christiansburg, \$185,000
Stephen Keffer to High Noon Yellow LLC, Lot 31 Oak Tree Townhomes PH III Town of Christiansburg, \$240,000
Susan E Carver to Al Serene Homes LLC, Lot 9 Hubbard Haven Subdivision Section 2 Town of Blacksburg, \$290,000
Melissa Dawn Lephew to Cross Properties Inc., See Legal Shawsville Magisterial District, \$45,000
Janice M Listchert to Christopher Yang, Lot 9 Cedar Orchard PH II Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$703,000
Kevin Scott Muncy to Brantley Thomas, 3.1829 Acres Parcel 3 and 3.1829 Acres Parcel 3A, \$87,800
Croy Family Trust to Landsbrook LLC, 2 Parcels, Lot 1 Parcel I and Lot 2 Parcel II Town of Blacksburg, \$580,000
Brush Mountain Estates LLC to Joseph F Query, 3.0015 Acres Lot 69 Brush Mountain PH 8 Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$21,000
Kipps Farms LLC to Stateson Homes LLC, Lot 45 Westhill Subdivision Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$134,750
Kipps Farms LLC to Stateson Homes LLC, Lot 46 Westhill Subdivision Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$134,750
ALG Trustee LLC Sub Trust, REO 2023-NR1 LLC, 2006012165, \$92,005
DJ-MT LLC to Jennifer West, 1.5 Acres Lot 5C Riner Magisterial District, \$350,000
Mark A Hoover to Mary Ann Beneski, Lot 15 North Side Park Section 1 town of Blacksburg, \$408,000

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OPINION

Dear Editor,

Each year, two cycling events are held in the New River Valley. One is the Wilderness Road Ride, a scenic and historic adventure that follows part of Daniel Boone's Wilderness Road. This year over 200 cyclists participated in this recreational ride on paved roads. The other event is the Ride of Silence - NRV, an 8-mile, Radford City Police escorted ride through the City of Radford and on The Riverway bikeway / walkway. The purpose of the Ride of Silence is to honor and remember

those killed or injured on public roadways while cycling. So far this year, there have been 160 bicycle-involved crashes on Virginia roads which has led to the death of nine cyclists. That is more than twice as many, a 125% increase, as at the same time one year ago. How frightening and infuriating, therefore, to have an individual post on a public site that he would "give 10 points for every cyclist run off the road." Thankfully, the post was reported as promoting violence and it has subsequently removed. Given that 52 million people in the U.S. ride

bicycles, mostly for recreation but with an increasing number for bike commuting, it is imperative that we raise awareness, follow the laws, and share the road. It is also imperative that we call out folks that promote this type of behavior. Never forget that it could be your loved who is injured or killed. Whether friend or stranger, any death on the road is a tragedy.

Laurie Buchwald
Radford

Financial Focus: Four ways to use cash wisely

There has been a lot of talk about a "cashless" society, but it's not here yet. In fact, cash can still be a valuable element of your overall financial picture – if you employ it wisely. But how?

Consider these four key uses of cash:

Everyday spending – Of course, you need sufficient cash on hand to pay for your cost of living – mortgage, debt payments, utilities, groceries, etc. You'll likely rely on your savings or checking accounts to pay for these needs.

Unexpected expenses and emergencies – It's never a bad idea to establish a monthly budget. But, as you know, life is unpredictable – and sometimes you may encounter "budget-busting" expenses, such as a major home repair or a large medical bill. If you haven't planned for these costs, you might be forced to dip into your long-term investments, such as your IRA and 401(k), which can result in taxes, penalties and less money for your retirement. A better alternative is to prepare in advance by building an emergency fund containing up to six months' worth of living expenses in cash, or at least in a highly liquid account, held separately from your regular checking or savings account so you won't inadvertently spend the money.

Short-term savings goal – When you are investing for a long-term goal – especially retirement – you will likely

need to own a reasonable percentage of growth-oriented vehicles, such as stocks and stock-based mutual funds. The value of these investments will fluctuate, so, if it's possible, you'll want to avoid selling them when their price is down – which may make them unsuitable for short-term goals. But if you're aiming for a goal that you want to achieve in a year or so – a wedding, a long vacation, and so on – you'll want to be sure a specific amount of money is there for you when you need it. Consequently, you'll want to put away cash for this type of goal, possibly in a short-term savings or investment vehicle that might pay somewhat higher interest than a regular checking/savings account.

Source of investment – In regard to your longer-term investment strategy, cash can play two important roles. First, it can serve as its own asset class, alongside other classes, such as stocks and fixed-income vehicles. Unlike these other classes – especially stocks and stock-based mutual funds – cash won't fluctuate in value, so it can potentially help lessen the impact of market volatility on your portfolio. And second, having the cash available in your portfolio

gives you the opportunity to quickly take advantage of other investment opportunities that may occur. And you may be able to use your existing investments to help replenish the cash in your portfolio. For example, if you choose to take stock dividends in cash, these dividends can be "swept" into your brokerage account and held there until you're ready to invest them. (However, depending on your comprehensive financial strategy, it may be a good move to simply reinvest the dividends into the same stocks or stock funds.) Keep in mind that you won't want your investment accounts to contain too much cash, as its purchasing power can erode due to inflation.

By managing your cash efficiently, and putting it to work in different ways, you can gain some key benefits – and you'll help yourself to keep moving toward your short- and long-term goals.

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

AARP Virginia Fraud Alert: Scams in the age of AI

Scammers are adept at manipulating the latest technological advances to commit their crimes. These days it's happening in the world of artificial intelligence – commonly known as AI.

AI voice cloning is already bringing a new twist to scams that have been around forever. For instance, the grandparent scam calls now can feature the actual voice of the loved one the criminal is impersonating. These tactics are startling, but the ways we protect ourselves haven't changed.

The first sign of any fraud attempt is when an unexpected contact causes an immediate emotional reaction – often fear, panic, or excitement. Maybe training our brains to disengage when we feel that

emotional surge could be the best way to disrupt the criminal act.

Otherwise, stay updated on the latest fraud tactics by bookmarking www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork. And know that anytime you are asked to address some urgent financial matter with a gift card, cryptocurrency or peer-to-peer payment app, it's a scam.

Be a fraud fighter! If you can spot a scam, you can stop a scam.

Visit the AARP Fraud Watch Network at www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork or call the AARP Fraud Watch Helpline at 1-877-908-3360.

-Submitted by AARP

Bicycle-involved crashes on the rise in Virginia National Bicycle Safety Month is a reminder to look out for each other on Virginia's roads

RICHMOND – In recognition of National Bicycle Safety Month, the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is reminding Virginians, both bicyclists and motorists, to look out for each other on the road.

So far this year, there have been 160 bicycle-involved crashes on Virginia's roadways, resulting in the deaths of nine bicyclists and injuries to 156 others. This is an 125% increase in bicyclist-related fatalities compared to four last year at this time.

"Cyclists are some of our most vulnerable road users. We all share the responsibility of keeping them safe," said DMV Commissioner Gerald Lackey, the Governor's Highway Safety Representative. "Looking out for each other is key. Be visible and predictable as a cyclist, and respect bike lanes and pass with care as a motorist."

Tips for bicyclists:

Always wear a properly-fitted helmet.

Check your bike equipment before heading out.

Ride in the same direction as traffic.

Obey traffic signs, signals, and lane markings.

Wear equipment to protect you and make you more visible to others.

Tips for motorists:

Pass bicyclists on the road with care; allow at least three feet clearance.

Look for cyclists before opening a car door or pulling out from a parking space.

Yield to bicyclists at intersections and as directed by signs and signals.

Look for bicyclists before making turns, either left or right.

Respect designated bicycle lanes; don't use them for parking, passing or turning.

Both cyclists and drivers should practice defensive driving by staying focused and alert to the road and all surrounding traffic. Anticipating what others may do, before they do it, allows you to better avoid a potential crash.

-Submitted by the DMV

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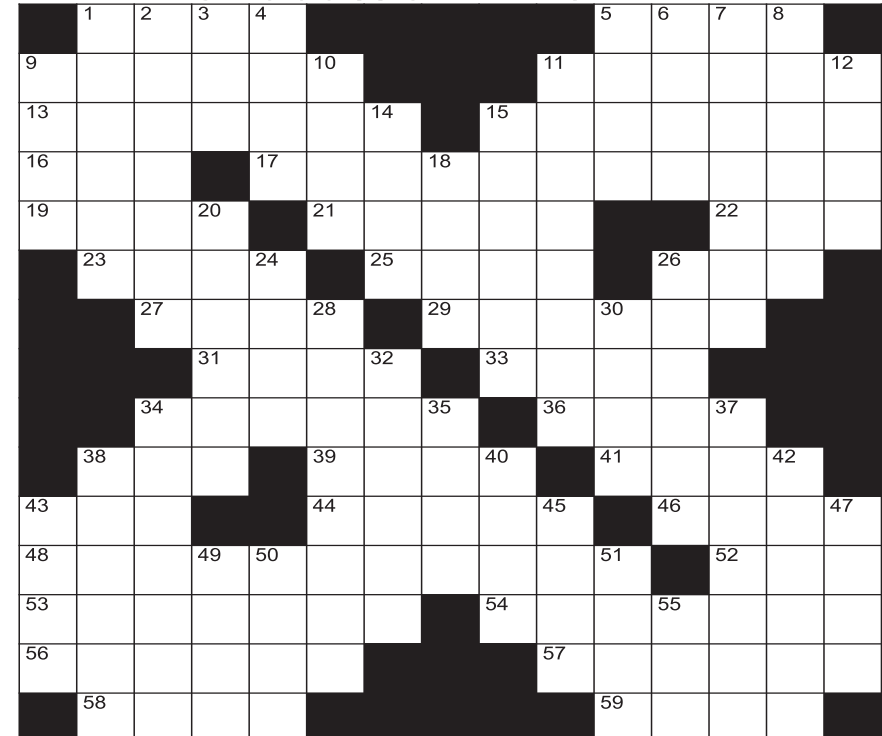
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- CLUES ACROSS

 - 1. Slovenian mountain
 - 5. Growl
 - 9. Where things stand
 - 11. Made a sharp sound
 - 13. Female spirit in Irish folklore
 - 15. Deteriorate with age
 - 16. A way to save for retirement
 - 17. The Big Apple
 - 19. Intestinal pouches
 - 21. City in New Hampshire
 - 22. Giving a bad impression
 - 23. Samsung laptops
 - 25. Without (French)
 - 26. Scientist's tool (abbr.)
 - 27. System of one more computers
 - 29. Captures
 - 31. Authentic
 - 33. Female mammal's
- nipple

 - 34. Pandemonium
 - 36. Satisfy
 - 38. Arrived extinct
 - 39. Shipborne radar (abbr.)
 - 41. Network of nerves
 - 43. Monetary unit
 - 44. Showed old TV show
 - 46. They help you hear
 - 48. One who eliminates
 - 52. Congress' investigative arm
 - 53. Parties
 - 54. Most supernatural
 - 56. Takes illegally
 - 57. Breathes while asleep
 - 58. Sea eagles
 - 59. German surname
- CLUES DOWN

 - 1. Looks at for a long time
 - 2. Solution for diseases
 - 3. Belonging to a thing
 - 4. Former Packers fullback
 - 5. Contemptible person
 - 6. One billionth of a second (abbr.)
 - 7. Helps
 - 8. Final section of the large intestine
 - 9. Invests in little enterprises
 - 10. Look for
 - 11. Unbeliefs
 - 12. Susan and Tom are two
 - 14. Female sheep
 - 15. A poet writes it
 - 18. Affirmatives
 - 20. "Full House" actress Barber
 - 24. Traveled rapidly
 - 26. Long upholstered seat
 - 28. Set wages
 - 30. Peter Gabriel song
 - 32. Sides of a jacket
 - 34. More beautiful
 - 35. Actress Kate
 - 37. Furniture with open shelves
 - 38. Indicate
 - 40. The cost of a room
 - 42. Gets rid of something
 - 43. Impudence
 - 45. No No No
 - 47. Drunkards
 - 49. Middle eastern country (abbr.)
 - 50. High energy lasers
 - 51. Primary component of ribosomes
 - 55. An informal debt instrument

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Blue Sky Homes LLC to Laura K Pucket, 1.001 Acres More or Less Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$299,900

Gran Apartments LLC to Benny Hagy Jr. 0.366 Acre Lot 10 Alleghany Park Addition, \$60,000

Douglas W Sink to Clara Paige Beheler, 2 Parcels Metes and Bounds See Legal, \$209,000

Stateson Homes LLC to Sheima Khatib, Lot 411 Westhill Subdivision Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$412,055

Douglas E Crouse to Dustin Wolfe, 0.2 Acre Lot 6 Springview Subdivision PH 5 Riner Magisterial District, \$170,000

Stuart Hunter Rowan to William Clivie Cranwell II Trust, 19.977 Acres Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$55,000

Teresa Oak LLC to Mirc LLC, 6 Parcels Lots 33-38 Oak Tree PH XIII Oak Tree Townhomes Subdivision Town of Christiansburg, \$1,430,500

David R Hodgson to Oliver Schabengerger, 2 Parcels Lot 60 Deercroft PH IV Parcel 1 and 20.88 Acres More or Less Metes and Bounds Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$995,000

Paige A Olshefski to Ricardo Barajas, Lot 45 PH III New River Village Town Christiansburg, \$352,000

RFS LLC to RYE LLC, 2.257 Acres, \$250,000

Linda Reed to John Claire Burrus, 0.181 Acres Lot 11 Wynwood Estates Town of Christiansburg, \$360,000

Sas Eagle Given LLC to Rishi S Jaitly, 0.202 Acre Lot 103 Northside Park Section XII Town of Blacksburg, \$809,487

DA2 Properties LLC to David Paul Reilly, Lot 40 PH 5 Oak Manor Townhouses Section II Town of Blacksburg, \$371,000

Walter L Hearn to Alan Vincent Pryor, Lot 9 Deerfield PDP PH II Town of Blacksburg, \$660,000

William Lee Hanks Executor to James Lee Rook, 5.172 Acres Parcel 1 and Parcel 3 Town of Christiansburg, \$300,000

Richard Arden Whitehurst to Ankur Gautam, Lot 31 Charleston Place Town of Christiansburg, \$235,000

Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance Inc. to Dawn A Fitzsimmons, 0.632 Acre Tract B Willis Hollow Shawsville Magisterial District, \$129,900

Stateson Homes LLC to Rini Rajan, Lot 4 Westhill Subdivision Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$829,320

Buzz4Good

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The organization is a non-profit and therefore relies on donations through community and local government financial support to continue their work. LVNVR has two in-person fundraisers each year as well. Sinkland Farms was the location for the Scrabble tournament fundraiser that occurred on April 27th this year. Additionally, the organization will be hosting a Tri-Wizard Tri-Mile Race and Costume Contest on August 26, 2023, at Bisset Park in Radford, Virginia. Event details can be found at <http://www.lvnrv.org/potterinthepark>. Their biggest

fundraiser of the year begins on June 1, 2023, with the beginning of their early giving of donations. The actual giving day is June 28, 12 p.m., to June 29th, 12 pm. Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley currently receives some level of financial support from the local town and county municipalities, but currently does not receive state or federal funding. The organization partners with United Way, and also appreciates any donations from the community's citizens. One of the additional programs that LVNRV is excited to be involved in is the Financial

Literacy program in partnership with the drug court. Run by the county, this program offers an alternative to incarceration for some drug convictions. A judge may have the option of placing an individual in this structured eight-week program called Moneywise, where literacy volunteers can work with their students to learn how to manage money, build and use their credit, and other facets of financial management. The full episode featuring Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley can be found at www.buzz4good.com/episodes/.




PHOTO COURTESY OF LVNRV

GED graduates (left to right, back row): Nicole Allen, Kisha Jones, Tim Frank and (front) Jasmine Herrera celebrate their accomplishment.

Vets

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it is today,” Gerow said. Currently, the organization has approximately 90 veterans in the program. Unfortunately, due to a dramatic decrease in donations of 52% since 2022, they have recently had to adjust the income requirements and place additional applicants on a waiting list. However, they are hopeful that fundraising this year will help them provide more financial support to veterans in need. The organization also partners with Heritage Food Bank in Pulaski County, an organization that collects and distributes food to community members. There are many other ways Vittles for Vets provide support to veterans and their families in the area.

Around the holidays, the Vittles for Vets Littles program raises funds to provide clothing for the children of veterans. The organization also holds gun raffles and hosts car shows at various locations in the region. A smaller golf tournament is also scheduled for July 15 at Thornspring Golf course in Pulaski. Lonesome Heart band will be entertaining folks at various locations as well and is a great supporter of Vittles for Vets. On July 22, they will be performing at the Little River Bluegrass Barn in Radford, Virginia. “We are actively working all the time to find ways to raise awareness and bring in new funds,” Gerow said. “I just finished my fourth grant application.” With the money the organization obtains through fundraising and donations, they are able to mail a gift card to veterans. The amount each veteran receives depends on the number of people in their household. The gift card is only to be used for the purchase of healthy food, no alcohol or tobacco is permitted to be bought with the funds. A recommended food list of fresh or frozen healthy fruits and vegetables is provided. Cleaning and personal care products are also permitted for purchase. When a veteran has completed their shopping with the gift card, they send the receipt back to Vittles for Vets. Individuals interested in making a donation can text FEEDAVET to 44321 or may find out more information at www.vittlesforvetsradfordva.com.

Volunteer Montgomery

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Awards. Guest speakers included Volunteer Rosemary Jones and Lt. Mark Hollandsworth of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office. Entertainment was provided by Erin Krug of the Virginia Tech Music Department. Volunteer Montgomery extends a special thanks to the 2023 Volunteer Celebration Planning Committee: Carol Cornish, Rosemary Jones, Deborah Lovelace, Kathy Mills, Jill Songer, and Tonia Winn. Photography was provided by Whitescarver Photography, LLC. Thirty volunteers were recognized at the luncheon to include: 20 Years: Barbara Scott, Lois Wade, and Mazie Wimmer; 15 Years: Sarah Carter, William Chrisman, Dorothy Finch, Erma Jones, Marjorie Vitale, and Susan Walton; 10 Years: Tamara Bean, Sharon Brown, Betty Conary, Ronald Flanary, Joyce Griffin, Ila Groseclose, Roberta Hall, Polly Myers, Nancy Norton, Lou Reynolds, James Wilson, and Spencer Winfrey; and 5 Years: Nancy Collins, Don Conner, Irene Dowdy, Barbara Parrish, Diane Rencsok, Brian Sanchez, Robert Stimson, Patricia Traynor, and Claude Wimmer. Learn more about Volunteer Montgomery at montva.com/rsvp.

LewisGale Hospital Montgomery reverified as Level III Trauma Center

BLACKSBURG — LewisGale Hospital Montgomery announced today the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) recently reverified the facility as a Level III Trauma Center for another three years after a rigorous on-site survey with zero deficiencies. For more than 31 years, LewisGale Hospital Montgomery has been one of 19 state-recognized trauma centers in Virginia. Reverification validates that hospital trauma centers continue meeting stringent state standards to care for some of the most critically injured patients. “When severe traumatic injuries happen, it’s vital for patients to receive care as quickly so having trauma centers close to home is critical,” said Lauren Dudley, chief executive officer of LewisGale Hospital Montgomery. “The reverification is a reflection of our ability to provide prompt assessment, resuscitation, surgery, intensive care and stabilization of injured patients, and emergency operations for the community.” The hospital’s trauma program provides highly-trained physicians, specialists, critical care nurses, and support staff 24/7. In a letter received from VDH’s acting state health commissioner, Parham Jaberri, MD, said, “I commend your continued commitment to establishing your hospital as a Level III Trauma Center and providing excellent care to the citizens of the Commonwealth.” -Submitted by LewisGale Montgomery Hospital




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LewisGale Montgomery staff celebrates the hospital's reverification as a Level III Trauma Center.



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Albert Brogan joins CHCNRV as CFO

Albert Brogan, CPA, has joined The Community Health Center of the New River Valley (CHCNRV) as the new Chief Financial Officer (CFO). “With an impressive background in finance and extensive experience in executive leadership roles, Brogan brings wide-ranging and diverse expertise to the growing organization. As controller at Cogar Manufacturing, Brogan demonstrated exceptional leadership by overseeing accounting, financial planning and analysis, information technology, and human resources functions for multiple physical and remote sites. He played a vital role in establishing and maintaining internal controls and implemented lean accounting principles. Brogan received his Bachelor of Arts from Roanoke College and earned a Master’s in Business Administration from William & Mary. “The Board of Directors and I are thrilled to have Albert join our team as the new CFO,” said Michelle Brauns, MS, APR, CEO of The Community Health Center of the New River Valley. “His diverse skillset and comprehensive knowledge of financial management make him an ideal fit for the CHC.” The Community Health Center of the New River Valley provides affordable and high-quality family medical, dental, behavioral, and preventive health care services to people of all ages, regardless of ability to pay. For more information about the Community Health Center’s services and programs in Dublin, Christiansburg, and Pearisburg, visit our website at www.chcnrv.org or call 540-381-0820. Submitted by CHCNRV

Habitat for Humanity of the New River Valley launches Give Local 2023 campaign

CHRISTIANSBURG - Habitat for Humanity of the New River Valley is excited to announce their Give Local 2023 initiative: 15 Ramps for 15 Homes in the New River Valley.

All funds donated through Give Local between June 1- 29 will be used to build ramps for those in need across the NRV, giving homeowners the opportunity to safely age in place.

“Fifty percent of housing stock in the NRV is over 40 years old and in dire need of retrofitting

for homeowners with declining mobility. As leaders in the housing community, we have a responsibility to help our community members by providing safe access to their homes,” explained Jim Drader, Executive Director.

Habitat aims to raise \$20,000 during the month of June to build ramps for the community.

Individuals interested in donating can do so at the ReStore, located at 1675 N. Franklin St. or online at mighitycause.com/organization/habitatnrvalley.

Businesses interested in sponsoring a ramp should reach directly out to Mr. Drader by e-mailing jdrader@habitatnrvalley.org. Those in need of a ramp for their home should fill out a Home Repair Request at habitatnrvalley.org.

Habitat for Humanity of the New River Valley has built more than 65 houses in the area since 1987. To learn more, visit: <https://www.habitatnrvalley.org>.

Gas prices dip slightly last week

Average gasoline prices in Virginia have fallen 2.8 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 3.7 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 132.9 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has fallen 3.4 cents in the last week and stands at \$3.88 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Virginia was priced at \$2.96/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$4.05/g, a difference of \$1.09/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$2.96/g while the highest was \$4.05/g, a difference of \$1.09/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 3.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.51/g today. The national average is down 1.7 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 134.5 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 10 years:

June 5, 2022: \$4.64/g (U.S. Average: \$4.85/g)
June 5, 2021: \$2.94/g (U.S. Average: \$3.05/g)
June 5, 2020: \$1.81/g (U.S. Average: \$2.01/g)
June 5, 2019: \$2.53/g (U.S. Average: \$2.78/g)
June 5, 2018: \$2.73/g (U.S. Average: \$2.94/g)
June 5, 2017: \$2.15/g (U.S. Average: \$2.37/g)
June 5, 2016: \$2.20/g (U.S. Average: \$2.36/g)
June 5, 2015: \$2.54/g (U.S. Average: \$2.76/g)
June 5, 2014: \$3.46/g (U.S. Average: \$3.66/g)
June 5, 2013: \$3.36/g (U.S. Average: \$3.62/g)

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:
Roanoke- \$3.22/g, up 1 cent per gallon from last week’s \$3.21/g.

Richmond- \$3.27/g, down 6.0 cents per gallon from last week’s \$3.33/g.

West Virginia- \$3.41/g, up 3.2 cents per gallon from last week’s \$3.38/g.

“While the national average drifted lower last week as oil prices cooled off, the drop may be temporary. OPEC+ agreed Sunday to additional

production cuts, while Saudi Arabia is going above and beyond and cutting July production. As a result, oil prices are likely to see upward pressure as global supplies, which have remained tight, promise to become even tighter as a result,” said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. “Last time OPEC+ agreed to cut production, it led to a temporarily rally in the price of oil, but as global oil demand hasn’t been as strong as expected, the cut failed to hold oil prices up. OPEC+ and Saudi Arabia are likely hoping that the rise in oil prices will stick longer this time, as the Saudi economy relies on oil prices north of \$81 per barrel. It’s likely that as a result of the production cut, oil prices could rally this week, pushing gasoline prices higher as early as mid-week. How long any rise in gas prices lasts is up in the air, but I do not yet believe motorists need to be worried. Any rise in average prices should be fairly small, and we’re still extremely unlikely to make a run at record prices anytime soon.”

For chatbots and beyond Improving lives with data starts with improving machine learning

BLACKSBURG - You’d be hard pressed to find an industry today that doesn’t use data in some capacity. Whether it’s health care workers using data to report the rate of flu infections in a certain state, manufacturers using data to better understand average production times, or even a small coffee shop owner flipping through sales data to learn about the previous month’s bestselling latte, data can reveal patterns and offer insights into our everyday behavior.

All of this data plays a critical role in artificial intelligence (AI) decision-making. Further, it creates a serious need for people to understand the value of data in the first place. By understanding how individual data sources contribute to technology-based decision-making processes, we can create a more effective and improved experience for all AI users.

For instance, studies have shown that prevalent facial recognition software performs less reliably in identifying women and people of color compared with white men, reflecting imbalances in facial data representing diverse populations. Measuring the value of data enables us to eliminate inputs that might contribute to biased models. Furthermore, understanding the value of data allows us to assign appropriate pricing to data sources, thereby facilitating data sharing. This is particularly important to industries where certain data is difficult to obtain or for small businesses grappling with limited data access.

Assistant Professor Ruoxi Jia in the Bradley Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Virginia Tech has received a National Science Foundation (NSF) Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) award to investigate fundamental theories and computational tools needed to measure the value of data.

The five-year \$500,000 grant will allow Jia and her team to develop scalable and reliable data valuation techniques that support strategic data acquisition and improve machine learning based data analytics.

“Right now, there is a lot of excitement about machine learning and AI, especially after the emergence of ChatGPT,” said Jia. “But what’s under the hood is a lot of data. That’s what enables this kind of machine, and that’s what we’re aiming to improve.”

ChatGPT, an AI chatbot launched this fall, allows users to ask for help with things such as writing essays, drafting business plans, generating code, and even composing music. As of Dec. 4, ChatGPT already had over 1 million users.

Open AI built its auto-generative system on a model called GPT 3, which is trained on billions of tokens. These tokens, used for natural language processing, are similar to words in a paragraph. For comparison’s sake, the novel “Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix” has about 250,000 words and 185,000 tokens. Essentially, ChatGPT has been trained on billions of

data points, making this kind of intelligent machine possible.

Jia noted the importance of data quality and how it can impact machine learning results.

“If you have bad data feeding into machine learning, you will get bad results,” said Jia. “We call that ‘garbage in, garbage out.’ We want to get an understanding, especially a quantitative understanding, of which data is more valuable and which is less valuable for the purpose of data selection.”

The importance of more quality-based data has been noticed by ChatGPT developers as they just announced the release of GPT-4. The latest technology is “multimodal,” meaning images as well as text prompts can spur it to generate content.

A large amount of data is required to develop this type of machine intelligence, but not all data is open sourced or public. Some data sets are owned by private entities and there is privacy involved. Jia hopes that in the future, monetary incentives can be introduced to help acquire these types of data sets and improve the machine learning algorithms that are needed in all industries.

The University of California-Berkeley grad has had conversations with Google Research and Sony AI Research, among others, who are interested in the research benefits. Jia hopes these companies will adopt the technology developed and serve as advocates for data sharing. Sharing data and adopting improved machine learning algorithms will greatly benefit not only industries but individual consumers as well. For instance, if you’ve ever had a bad experience with a customer service chatbot, you’ve experienced low-quality data and poor machine learning algorithm design.

Jia hopes to use her background and area expertise to improve these web-based interactions for all. As a school-aged child, Jia always enjoyed math and science, but her decision to enter the electrical and computer engineering field stemmed from her desire to help people.

“Both of my parents are doctors. It was amazing to grow up seeing them help patients with some kind of medical formula,” said Jia. “That’s why I chose to study math and science. You can have a concrete impact. I’m



PHOTO BY CHELSEA SEEGER FOR VIRGINIA TECH.
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using a different kind of formula to help, but I like that pursuing this career has made me feel like I can make a difference in someone’s life.”

The CAREER award is the National Science Foundation’s most prestigious award for early-career faculty with the potential to serve as academic role models in research and education and to lead advances in their organization’s mission. Throughout this project, Jia has demonstrated her desire to serve as an academic role model for graduate, undergraduate, and even K-12 students.

She is a core faculty in the Sanghani Center for Artificial Intelligence and Data Analytics, formerly known as the Discovery Analytics Center. The center has more than 20 faculty members and 120 graduate students, two of whom are working directly with Jia to conduct the planned research.

Jia plans to implement an education plan that equips students with the skills to harness data to improve decision-making impacting society. This educational plan will start with new machine learning courses for undergraduate students in the first two years of the project and focus on K-12 engagement in years three through five.

“There was a famous statistician named John Tukey,” Jia said. “He had a saying that the best thing about being a statistician is that you get to play in everyone’s backyard. Machine learning is very much the same. It touches many areas of my colleagues’ work, so it is easy for me to build connections and collaborate with other people. I really feel that my research is a privilege. It’s a privilege to work in this area that many people care about.”

-Suzanne Miller for Virginia Tech

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LewisGale Hospital Montgomery names new chief nursing officer

BLACKSBURG — LewisGale Hospital Montgomery has appointed Tim Layman as chief nursing officer for the 146-bed medical and surgical facility.

Layman brings 17 years of experience and is a board-certified nurse executive whose expertise spans tax-paying, private, and university-based healthcare systems in operations, business, clinical medicine, and finance.

Layman has had a long career within HCA Healthcare, most recently at Terre Haute Regional Hospital, a 278-bed facility in Terre Haute, Indiana, where he served as chief nursing officer. Additionally, his HCA Healthcare career includes leadership roles with HealthTrust Workforce Solutions (HWS) and the Director of Hospital Clinical Operations at Angel Medical Center.

“Tim has extensive clinical and leadership experience and will be instrumental in elevating our continued journey to excellence in care experience as well as the recruitment and retention

of top talent,” said Lauren Dudley, chief executive officer. “His dedication to patient experience, quality healthcare, and nursing engagement will prove extremely valuable to our hospital’s commitment to providing the highest level of care to our community.”

In addition to his career experience, Layman served as Adjunct Faculty at LaRoche University and Thomas Jefferson University as well as Faculty Lecturer at Yale University.

Layman completed his Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Penn State University, Master of Science in Nursing Administration at LaRoche University, and Master of Business Administration at Western Governors University. In addition, he completed his Doctorate of Nursing Practice at Yale University.

His first day with LewisGale Hospital Montgomery will be July 10, 2023.

-Submitted by LewisGale



Tim Layman

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Legals - Botetourt County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 201 CULPEPPER AVE, BUCHANAN, VA 24066.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated January 5, 2011, in the original principal amount of \$92,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 110000138. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090 on July 3, 2023, at 12:00 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, STATE OF VIRGINIA: BEING LOT NO. 4 AND THE WESTERN ONE-HALF OF LOT NO. 5, BLOCK 204, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP OF THE BUCHANAN REALTY COMPANY, INC., RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK NO. 2, AT PAGE 11. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-208643-6.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 17 KNOLLWOOD DRIVE, TROUTVILLE, VA 24175.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated August 1, 2003, in the original principal amount of \$111,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia, in Book 0000 at Page 0167 as Instrument No. 0307051. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090 on July 3, 2023, at 12:00 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, STATE OF VIRGINIA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: LOT 1, BLOCK 1, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OF SECTION 1, KNOLLWOOD, MADE BY T.P. PARKER AND SON, ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS, DATED FEBRUARY 2, 1973, OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 76. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-208643-6.

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TRUSTEES SALE OF

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In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$61,128.90, with an annual interest rate of 7.590000% dated April 23, 2002, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the County of Botetourt as Deed Instrument Number 0203585, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction all that property located in the County of Botetourt, at the front of the Circuit Court building for the County of Botetourt located on Main Street, Fincastle, Virginia on July 12, 2023 at 3:00 PM, the property with improvements to wit: FORREST ADD 5 THRU 8 IN C Tax Map No. 103B(1) BK C 5-8 THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price, will be required in cash, certified or cashier's check. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustees may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. Loan type: Conventional. Reference Number 23-293531. PROFESSIONAL FORECLOSURE CORPORATION OF VIRGINIA, Substitute Trustees, C/O LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP, 10021 Balls Ford Road, Suite 200, Manassas, Virginia 20109 (703) 449-5800.

Publishing Dates: May 10, 2023, June 7, 2023, and June 14, 2023

Legals - City of Salem

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No. **CL23000635-00**
ROANOKE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, 305 EAST MAIN ST, SALEM VIRGINIA 24153
Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* OLDSON,HUDSON LEE DAVID v. LOVE, HUDSON LEE DAVID
The object of this suit is to: NAME CHANGE OF MINOR. It is ORDERED that MICHAEL LEE OLDSON appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JULY 6,2023 @ 11:00 AM.
MAY 16, 2023
BENJAMIN GUERRANT, DEPUTY CLERK

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons

that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on Monday, June 26, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

- 1.The request of Joshua Davis, lessee, and Dallas Scaggs, Jr., and Paul Walrond, property owners, for the issuance of a special exception permit to allow for a pawn shop on the property located at 1617 West Main Street (Tax Map # 139 – 3 - 4).
- 2.The request of Terry Steele, lessee, and Kieu Thi Thuy Do, property owner, for the issuance of a special exception permit to allow for personal service (barber shop) on the property located at 514 West Main Street (Tax Map # 123 – 3 - 5).
- 3.The request of J S Salem LLC, contract purchaser, and the Trustees Faith Assembly of God, property owner, for rezoning the property of 500 block of White Street (Tax Map # 161 - 4 - 2) from RSF Residential Single-Family District to CBD Community Business District.

Legals - City of Salem

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia.

At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

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

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons

that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on June 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

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

PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Salem School Board will hold a public hearing for comment on the Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services Plan on Tuesday, June 13, 2023. The hearing will begin at 7:00 PM at the School Administrative Office, 510 South College Avenue, Salem. The updated plan is currently posted on the division website for public review. Any citizen of Salem who wishes to address the Board should contact Susan E. Young, Clerk of the Board, at 389-0130 by Monday, June 12, 2023, in order to be placed on the agenda. Individuals who plan to address the Board are requested to bring copies of their remarks for the record. In accordance with Board Policy KD, Public Participation in Board Meetings, individuals who plan to address the Board are requested to:

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- be prepared to answer questions from the Board,
- In unusual cases or cases of emergency, the Board, by consensus, may allow an individual or organization to speak if not on the agenda.

Legals - City of Salem

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 June 22, 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. Request of Jeffrey M. & Kathleen A. Shelton, property owners, for a variance from Section 106-202.3(B)(1), minimum setback requirements, of the Code of the City of Salem, to allow the construction of a pergola/future sunroom addition in the rear yard of 2113 Mountain Avenue (Tax Map # 213-3-1). Section 106-202.3(B)(1) states that the rear setback shall be twenty-five feet (25'). The petitioner is therefore requesting a variance of five (5) feet of rear 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

Legals - Montgomery County

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No. **CL23000949-00**
MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073
Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* MAKALA ANN POFF v. COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
The object of this suit is to: NAME CHANGE OF A MINOR: CAIDEN LEE HAMBRICK It is ORDERED that BRANDON SCOTT appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JULY 24, 2023.
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MONTGOMERY SPORTS

State track: Auburn girls take Class 2 title



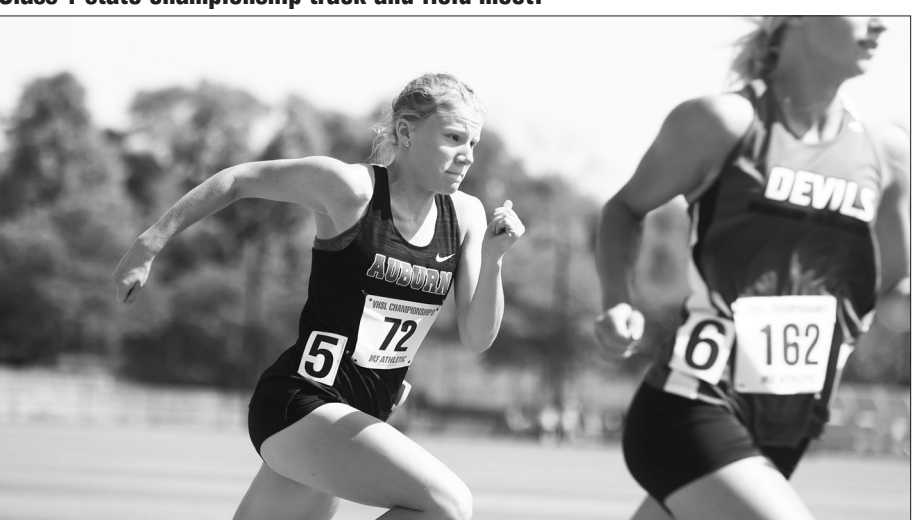
Grayson Richardson anchored East Mont’s 4x800 team to an 11th place finish at the Class 1 meet.



Auburn’s Bryce DeHart placed 4th in both the 100m and 200m dash events at the Class 1 state championship track and field meet.



Auburn’s Drew Royal placed 3rd in the high jump at the state championship meet, clearing 6-00.



Auburn’s Stacy Lewis won the 400m dash and placed 7th in the 200m dash final at the Class 1 state championship. The Eagles would win the state team title with 70 points in a tight battle with Northampton.

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Stacy Lewis ran away from the 400-meter competition Saturday in the Class 1 state championships Saturday in Harrisburg as Auburn took the girls’ team title. Kasey Rosenbaum gave Auburn another individual title in the 3,200, and the school’s 4X400 relay team also scored gold.

Rosenbaum was also second in the 1,600 meters. Auburn outdueled Northampton 70 to 66.5 with

Cumberland in third with 59

points. Eastern Montgomery finished 19th.

On the boys’ side of the track, Auburn finished eighth as Lancaster claimed the team-title.

Auburn’s Talan Mower finished second in the pole vault competition, and teammates Bryce DeHart was third in the 200 and Drew Royal third in the high jump.

In Class 2, Parker Prioleau gave Radford its lone individual title in the long jump with a 23-00.25 mark.

Christiansburg’s Madelyn Moles defended her pole vault title with a 12-06 leap. Leia Haley was third in the 200 meters as the Blue Demons finished out of the Top

10 on team scores.

Lawson Meacom finished third in the 3,200 meters for Christiansburg in the boys’ competition.

In Class 4, Connor Rutherford scored Blacksburg’s lone title with a win in the 3,200. The boys’ 4X800 relay team also crossed the line in first place.

Will Harrison was third in the 110 hurdles and Eli Sterling fourth in the 800 meters.

Anna Serfc was second in the high jump for the Bruins.

Blacksburg finished third in the team competition, while the girls’ squad was fourth.

ACC announces football schedule

The Atlantic Coast Conference and its television partners on Wednesday announced the kickoff times and networks for most ACC football games during the first three weeks of the 2023 football season. The ACC’s early-season schedule features a pair of games over the first three weeks on ABC’s “Saturday Night Football” as well as 11 appearances on ABC, ESPN and ESPN2.

The announcement also includes the times and networks for the league’s Thursday and Friday night matchups throughout the 2023 campaign.

“The 2023 ACC Football season has no shortage of incredible matchups – including our new conference schedule – and we are thrilled to have our teams significantly highlighted on ABC, ESPN and ESPN2,” said ACC Commissioner Jim Phillips, Ph.D. “Our league will once again open with five consecutive games over Labor Day weekend, while continuing to arguably play the toughest non-conference schedule in the country. We appreciate our partners in Disney, ESPN and ACC Network and we all look forward to the upcoming season with great anticipation.”

Seven ACC contests are scheduled for national ABC broadcasts over the first three weeks of the season. ABC’s “Saturday Night Football” will feature ACC teams in two of the first three weeks. On Sept. 2, North Carolina and Heisman Trophy candidate Drake Maye take on South Carolina in the Duke’s Mayo Classic at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, North Carolina. On Sept. 16, Pitt travels to face off with rival West Virginia in the latest edition of the Backyard Brawl.

ACC teams will play in the Noon ABC window each of the first three weeks, with Virginia vs. Tennessee (in Nashville) on Sept. 2, Notre Dame at NC State on Sept. 9 and Florida State at Boston College on Sept. 16.

The ACC will be featured throughout the Labor Day Weekend (Aug. 31-Sept. 4) with a dozen games over a five-day span. No other league plays across all five days in Week One. This is the fifth time in the last seven years the ACC has played over five consecutive days in Week One.

The Labor Day weekend opens on Thursday, Aug. 31, as Wake Forest entertains Elon at 7 p.m. on ACC Network and NC State visits UConn on CBS Sports Network. On Friday, Sept. 1, Miami plays host to Miami (Ohio) at 7 p.m. on ACC Network and Georgia Tech takes on Louisville at 7:30 p.m. at Atlanta’s Mercedes-Benz Stadium on ESPN in the first conference game of the season.

The first Saturday slate of the 2023 season features seven games: Virginia vs. Tennessee in Nashville (noon, ABC), Northern Illinois at Boston College (noon, ACCN), Wofford at Pitt (3:30 p.m., ACCN), Colgate at Syracuse (4 p.m., ACCNX/ESPN+), North Carolina vs. South Carolina in Charlotte (7:30 p.m., ABC) and Old Dominion at Virginia Tech (ACCN, 8 p.m.).

On Sunday, Sept. 3, Florida State plays LSU at 7:30 p.m. on ABC in the Camping World Kickoff in Orlando, Florida, in a rematch of the 2022 season opener in New Orleans, won by the Seminoles, 24-23. The opening weekend concludes at 8 p.m. on Labor Day (Sept. 4), with Clemson playing at Duke on ESPN.

Week Two features all 14 ACC teams competing at home in non-conference action. ABC will broadcast an ACC doubleheader with Notre Dame at NC State at noon and Texas A&M at Miami at 3:30 p.m. ACC Network will showcase a quadruple-header, beginning at 11 a.m. with Vanderbilt at

Wake Forest and continuing with Charleston Southern at Clemson (2:15 p.m.), Appalachian State at North Carolina (5:15 p.m.) and Southern Miss at Florida State (8:30 p.m.).

Week Three consists of 13 matchups, including a pair of national broadcasts on ABC, with FSU at BC at noon and Pitt at WVU at 7:30 p.m. Six of the 12 non-conference games feature ACC teams on the road against Power Five opponents.

The ACC Football Championship game on Dec. 2 will air at 8 p.m. on ABC, featuring the top two teams based on winning percentage. Charlotte’s Bank of America Stadium once again will play host to the championship game. The ACC and the Charlotte Sports Foundation have an agreement in place to keep the championship game in Charlotte through the 2030 season.

The ACC and ESPN also announced information for nine additional Thursday and Friday games later in the season. Listed in the schedule below are the games that have been selected for television as of May 31.

The 71st season of ACC Football is the first under a 3-5-5 scheduling model announced last June that covers the 2023-26 seasons. Each team will play three primary opponents annually and face the other 10 league teams twice during the four-year cycle, once at home and once on the road. The schedule allows for each team to face all 13 conference opponents home and away at least once over the four-year period.

The ACC’s non-conference schedule continues to be the most difficult in the country. In addition to 25 games against Power 5 opponents, the ACC will play 11 non-conference games against teams ranked in the final 2022 Associated Press Top 25 poll. Eight schools – Clemson, Duke, Florida State, Georgia Tech, North Carolina, Virginia, Virginia Tech and Wake Forest – play two Power 5 conference opponents (including Notre Dame). Louisville and Pitt each play three. ACC teams will play 27 games against opponents that appeared in a bowl game last year and 11 non-conference games against teams in ESPN’s 2023 Way-Too-Early Top 25.

Thursday, Aug. 31
Elon at Wake Forest, 7 p.m., ACCN
NC State at UConn, TBD, CBS Sports Network
Friday, Sept. 1
Miami (Ohio) at Miami, 7 p.m., ACCN
Louisville vs. Georgia Tech (at Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta), 7:30 PM, ESPN
Saturday, Sept. 2
Virginia vs. Tennessee (in Nashville), Noon, ABC
Northern Illinois at Boston College, Noon, ACCN
Wofford at Pitt, 3:30 p.m., ACCN
Colgate at Syracuse, 4 p.m., ACCNX/ESPN+
North Carolina vs. South Carolina (in Charlotte), 7:30 p.m., ABC
Old Dominion at Virginia Tech, 8 p.m., ACCN
Sunday, Sept. 3
LSU vs. Florida State (in Orlando), 7:30 p.m., ABC
Monday, Sept. 4
Clemson at Duke, 8 p.m., ESPN
Thursday, Sept. 7
Murray State at Louisville, 7:30 p.m., ACCN
Saturday, Sept. 9
Vanderbilt at Wake Forest, 11 a.m., ACCN
Notre Dame at NC State, Noon, ABC
Purdue at Virginia Tech, Noon, ESPN2
James Madison at Virginia, Noon, ESPN2

Holy Cross at Boston College, Noon, ACCNX/ESPN+
South Carolina State at Georgia Tech, 1 p.m., ACCNX/ESPN+
Charleston Southern at Clemson, 2:15 p.m., ACCN
Texas A&M at Miami, 3:30 p.m., ABC
Appalachian State at North Carolina, 5:15 p.m., ACCN
Lafayette vs. Indiana (in Indianapolis), Noon, BTN
Minnesota at North Carolina, 3:30 p.m., ESPN or ESPN2
Northwestern at Duke, 3:30 p.m., ACCN
Virginia Tech at Rutgers, 3:30 p.m., BTN
Georgia Tech at Mississippi, 7:30 p.m., SEC Network
Florida Atlantic at Clemson, 8 p.m., ACCN
Pitt at West Virginia, 7:30 p.m., ABC
Syracuse at Purdue, 7:30 p.m., NBC
VMI at NC State, TBD time/network
Friday, Sept. 22
NC State at Virginia, 7:30 p.m., ESPN
Louisville at NC State, 7 p.m., ESPN
Thursday, Oct. 26
Syracuse at Virginia Tech, 7:30 p.m., ESPN
Thursday, Nov. 2
Wake Forest at Duke, 7:30 p.m., ESPN
Friday, Nov. 3
Boston College at Syracuse, 7:30 p.m., ESPN2
Saturday, Nov. 4
Notre Dame at Clemson, time TBD, ABC
Thursday, Nov. 9
Virginia at Louisville, 7:30 p.m., ESPN
Thursday, Nov. 16
Boston College at Pitt, 7 p.m., ESPN
Friday, Nov. 24
Miami at Boston College, Noon, ABC
Saturday, Dec. 2
ACC Football Championship Game, 8 p.m., ABC
ACC Bowl Game Affiliations
Union Home Mortgage Gasparilla Bowl, Dec. 22, 6:30 p.m., ESPN, or TicketSmarter Birmingham Bowl, Dec. 23, Noon, ABC
Military Bowl, Dec. 27, 2 p.m., ESPN
Duke’s Mayo Bowl Dec. 27, 5:30 p.m., ESPN
Wasabi Fenway Bowl, Dec. 28, 11 a.m., ESPN
Bad Boy Mowers Pinstripe Bowl, Dec. 28, 2:15 p.m., ESPN
Pop-Tarts Bowl (formerly Cheez-It Bowl), Dec. 28, 5:45 p.m., ESPN
TaxSlayer Gator Bowl, Dec. 29, Noon, ESPN
Tony The Tiger Sun Bowl, Dec. 29, 2 p.m., CBS
Capital One Orange Bowl, Dec. 30, 4 p.m., ESPN
Reliaquest Bowl, Jan. 1, Noon, ESPN2
SDCCU Holiday Bowl, TBD

-Atlantic Coast Conference

Blacksburg and Christiansburg shine at Class 3 and 4 state meet



With a big last lap kick, Blacksburg's Conner Rutherford won the Class 4 3200m championship in a time of 9:07.13.



Blacksburg's Ana Szeft placed second in the high jump with a clearance of 5-00.



Lauren Logwood takes the baton from teammate Madelyn Moles in the 4x100m at the Class 3 championship meet. Along with Nataliah Bishop and Leila Haley, the team placed eighth overall (51.09).



PHOTOS BY JON FLEMING
Christiansburg senior Lawson Mecom ran strong from the first heat to place a close third overall in the 3A state championship 3200m race.

Southwest Va. native returns to River Turtles

After spending the 2022 season with the River Turtles, pitcher Avery Mabe and outfielder Connor Fuhrman will return to Calfee Park for the 2023 campaign.

Mabe, a graduate of George Wythe High School, enjoyed the added benefit of playing close to home last season.

"It was great to be close to home," Mabe said. "It felt like every night I pitched, there were a ton of people from back home that came out to support me and I saw a lot of familiar faces... it was pretty comforting to see."

In eight starts for the Turtles last season, Mabe posted a 4.91 ERA in 40.1 innings pitched, accounting for the most innings pitched in the Pulaski rotation.

"The biggest thing for me was getting reps," Mabe said. "I missed my first year at college with an injury and didn't get to play much my second year... so getting reps was a big focus for me."

Mabe is in his third year with the University

of Virginia and looks to further his development this season with the River Turtles.

Connor Fuhrman, a Botetourt native, returns to the Turtles as well and is excited to play in front of the passionate fanbase that fills the seats of Calfee Park.

"I loved playing in Pulaski," Fuhrman said. "We had some of the better and more consistent fans of most of the teams in the Appalachian League... it was really fun and I'm looking forward to getting back there this summer."

While committed to play at South Carolina the following Spring, Fuhrman, a recent graduate of Lord Botetourt High School, had not seen any collegiate action upon arriving in Pulaski one season ago. His time in the Appalachian League further prepared him for the challenges that lay ahead.

"Something that Pulaski really helped me with was preparing for college baseball," Fuhrman said. "The long days, the rain delays, playing late

at night, traveling... that really helped me. I've really realized the similarities between college baseball and summer ball."

Following a spring season full of growth, Fuhrman looks to bring the momentum he has built this season in Columbia with the Gamecocks back to Pulaski.

"I did a lot of work on my swing," Fuhrman said. "I had a really good Spring...I'm excited to carry that over and continue to keep improving in Pulaski."

Fuhrman is also excited to be reunited with manager Clark Crist.

"He's a pretty laid-back coach," Fuhrman said. "He taught me how to bring a calm demeanor to the game and that was a valuable lesson."

Mabe, Fuhrman and plenty of new faces will trot out onto Motor Mile Field at Calfee Park on June 8, when the Turtles play their home opener against the Danville Otterbots.

-Ryan Wilkes, Pulaski River Turtles

Sports notes: Roanoke College adding football

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Roanoke College is adding football for 2024. Last month, the school's board of trustees voted on a proposal by President Frank Shushok Jr. to reinstate football as a varsity sport and add varsity cheerleading. A marching band program was also listed in the proposal.

Roanoke College has not had a football team since 1942, when it was discontinued because of constraints of WWII. The three new programs will launch only if the school can raise \$1.2 million needed.

Former RU coach to Bluefield

Maggie White has recently been named the new softball coach at Bluefield University.

White comes to Bluefield University from Ferrum College, where she was Assistant Director

of Athletics, Senior Women's Administrator, and Associate Head Softball Coach.

White served at Ferrum the past eight season and helped facilitate the softball program's transition from the USA South Conference into the Division III powerhouse Old Dominion Athletic Conference.

Prior to Ferrum, White held Head Coach positions at Georgia Southern University (2009-11) and Radford University (2013-15).

RU signee honored

Little Kanawha Conference (WVa.) softball coaches have named Wahama catcher Amber Wolfe to their first team. A Radford University signee, Wolfe belted 19 home runs, carried a .520 average with two triples, 14 two-baggers and 56 RBIs.

Outstanding student-athletes

In one of the best academic semesters the

Radford University Athletics Department has ever seen, 86% of Highlander student-athletes achieved a 3.0 grade point average of better during the Spring 2023 semester.

An astonishing 243 out of 281 student-athletes reached the 3.0 mark, helping 15 out of the 16 Highlanders' varsity athletics programs report a team GPA of 3.0 or better as well.

Beyond that, 193 Highlanders earned a 3.40 GPA or higher, placing them on the Radford University Dean's List, while 62 of those student-athletes achieved a perfect 4.0.

Commissioner honored

Retiring Big South Commissioner Kyle Kallander has been inducted into the Big South Conference Hall of Fame as he concludes his 27-year leading the conference. He was the sole member of the 2023 Hall of Fame Class, and the 78th enshrinee in league history.

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