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Detour planned for I-81 north at Exit 118 July 16-18

Drivers should expect detouring to Route 11, day and night

Lori Graham

Contributing writer

CHRISTIANSBURG - Virginia Transportation Department of (VDOT) Residency Administrator for Montgomery County David Clarke shared important information with the supervisors during their meeting on July 10 concerning the Interstate 81-project in the Salem area of Roanoke County

Drivers should be aware that bridge work off this exit will require the closure of a lane of I-81 north for a few days.

"We are going to do a lot of signing for detours," Clarke said. "It's going to be like a suggested detour. The problem is, we're going to try to get as many people off 128 and maybe 118, and maybe use route 11 as possible. You can't really put them back on at Dixie Caverns, that's 132."

The closure is proposed to start Sunday, July 16 through Tuesday, July 18, with workers on the job day and

Clarke also updated the supervisors on road maintenance in Montgomery County. According to Clarke, work completed fully expended the budget for the previous fiscal year and included the machining of roads, with patching along the roads of: Meadows Creek, George's Run, Alleghany Springs, Mount Pleasant, and Pilot Road. Ditch work was also conducted along Old Rough Road, Catawba, and Little Camp roads and on Chestnut Ridge.

Brush-cutting and work along 615 and along Huffville Road is additionally part of the work VDOT has or will be

"We did a project down on Mossy Springs Road out to Catawba Road that was a sight distance problem, took a large bank off the side. That was with some safety funds, and we had to do a little bit of patchwork on that, so there's also some shoulder work there on Catawba Road," Clarke said.

The transportation department also plans to complete the six-year plan project this summer, which includes an unpaved section of Craig Mountain

Supervisor Steve Fijalkowski shared citizen complaints concerning brush on the roads of Willis Hollow and Mount

"I was on my way to the Blacksburg parade for Fourth of July and I went down Den Hill. I guess it's been a while since I've been down there. That is scary, how much that has grown into the road," Fijalkowski said.

The other citizen complaint stated by Fijalkowski is some patching work along Alleghany Springs Road.

Right at the south end of Strawberry Circle," Fijalkowski said.

Board of Supervisors' Chair, Sherri Blevins reminded citizens of the expansion of the Slow Down, Move Over law, which took effect on July 1.

"Currently, that's any for red, white, blue, or amber flashing lights, we slow down and move over," Blevins said. "But, as of July 1, that will also include any disabled vehicles with amber flashing emergency lights or flare set up

as well, we will need to slow down and move over."

In items of consent, the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County unanimously appointed Deanna Cox to the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library Board effective July 1, 2023, and expiring June 30, 2027 and Kelly Edmonson to the New River Valley Community Services Board effective July 1, 2023 and expiring June 30,

Additionally, supervisors approved the employment contract between Montgomery County and Angela M. Hill, appointing Hill as the new County Administrator, effective November 1,

As another item of discussion in new business, a total FY 24 budget increase of \$427,000 was approved in a 7-0 vote by the supervisors, apart from an amount of \$138,728 that was amended for EMS one-time costs. This particular line item will be discussed again at a later date after more information is obtained for the supervisors' clarification.

Christiansburg Town Council approves placing SROs back in town schools

Lori Graham

Contributing writer

CHRISTIANSBURG The Christiansburg Town Council has agreed to fund SROs for town schools after a backand-forth standoff with Montgomery Board of Supervisors.

The Town Council had previously requested the Board of Supervisors cover the costs of the school resource otticers but were not met with approval. On January 10, 2023, according to the town's agenda during the Tuesday, July 11 meeting, the council members stated that they would

resign the officers from the school system and put them on patrol, effective July 1, 2023.

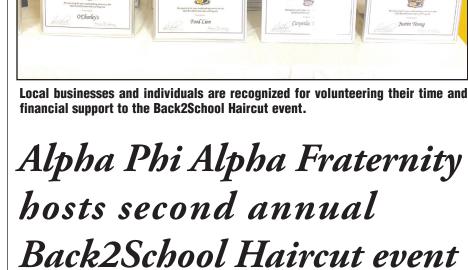
The Board Supervisors did not meet with Council to discuss paying an additional \$203,000, the cost of supporting three officers that the council members had asked for. However, the Supervisors did budget for three school resource officers to be provided for the county schools in Christiansburg.

"There's no animosity or hard feelings amongst this Council to any of those board members," Mayor Mike Barber said during the meeting. "It's

a matter of fact that we're willing to pay for the safety of our children and they're not.'

Cooperative Agreement for School Resource Officers was also approved in a 6-0 vote by Council which states the purpose of inclusive and mutual work between Chief of Christiansburg Police Mark Sisson and Montgomery County's Sheriff Hank Partin and their departments. This cooperation of police departments will allow for a resource officer to be placed in each of the six Christiansburg schools.

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Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated is back for their second year in giving the children of the New River Valley a new look, and hopefully a bit more confidence on their first

The purpose of the program is to provide haircuts to the youth in the local elementary, middle, and high schools their local communities.

This event is in its Christiansburg Institute and cheese, and other tasty

The Alpha Kappa is one of the sponsors along with several local businesses participating," Dr. Treymane Waller said, who serves as the Fundraising Chair and a member for the fraternity's local chapter, Alpha Kappa Lambda.

Local barbers and day back to school this stylists will be available for the two-day event to provide haircut and style services to both boys and girls who are preparing for their new school year. Like last year's event, food that are underserved in will also be provided with hotdogs, chips, and drinks. This year, O'Charleys will second year with the also support the event with plan to do it annually. chicken tenders, macaroni

treats for the participants. said many Waller businesses are donating prizes, such as the NRV Superbowl who has donated laser tag and free

bowling gift certificates. Other companies have donated to the barbers, who will be volunteering their time to help local children start their year off feeling confident and ready with a fresh new

look. "Last year, we had over 130 participants," Waller said. "Our goal for this year is also reaching out to colleges in the area, such as Radford University and

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Visitors learn about life on an 18th-century farm at the reconstructed Mary Draper Ingles cabin, located at the historic Ingles Farm in Radford.

Mary Draper Ingles Festival celebrates colonial heroine in weekend of events

RADFORD —Colonial interpreters, dancers, musicians and a wide range of performers and history experts will highlight this year's Mary Draper Ingles Festival July 28-30 in Radford and Pulaski County.

The festival shares the story of the

capture, escape and return journey of one of Virginia's most famous colonial heroines and allows visitors to tour her family's farm, tavern and ferry her family operated for over a century.

More than 75 activities are planned during the weekend, including old-time crafts and skills, art exhibits and many children's activities, including a petting zoo as well as inflatables provided by Radford University Athletics. The historic Ingles Farm, which showcases a replica of Mary's cabin, will be open for tours and

talks by interpreters. Long Way Brewing, a craft beer company whose name is a take on the frontierswoman's journey, will also feature live music, food trucks, a children's play zone and a living history performance by West Virginia actress Karen Vuranch. Visitors also can make reservations to float the New River with the region's newest outfitter-Radford

Headlining Saturday's literary activities will be award-winning Southern writer Sharyn McCrumb, best known for her Appalachian "Ballad" novels, including the New York Times best seller, "She Walks These Hills," and Eve Watters, storyteller and musician who will discuss Irish culture as well as tell stories of

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, July 15:

Rotary Club blood screenina

The Rotary Club of Christiansburg-Blacksburg and LewisGale Hospital Montgomery biannual blood screening; 6:30 -10 a.m. in the hospital's lobby. The fasting blood test screens over 25 different markers including cholesterol and red blood indices at a significantly reduced cost. New this year, the test will include Hemoglobin A1C. Cost is \$50. Results are sent to participants and their physician of choice. A portion of the proceeds is used to fund a service project in the community.

Pre-register for the blood screening at https://www.rotary7570.org/blood or call 540-951-8988. Walk-in registration is available the day of the blood screening.

Precious Valley Farms Petting Zoo

At the Radford Public Library; 11 a.m. noon. Goats and rabbits and mini-pigs, oh my! Precious Valley Farms Petting Zoo will be setting up outside in the children's garden with all their cute animal friends, and we can't wait to see what special animals join us!

Summer Time Bingo

At the Meadowbrook Public Library; 1:30 2:30 p.m. Come out for an afternoon of summer-time fun. For all ages, but children must be accompanied by an adult.

Tuesday, July 18:

Stream Exploration with New River Land Trust

Meet at the Radford Public Library; 6 p.m.The New River Land Trust is coming for a stream exploration! Learn about the interconnectness of nature while getting your feet wet (literally.) Rain or shine, we're heading out to the stream in Wildwood Park! We will start at the library and head over as a group. Caregivers, please plan on joining your children.

Wednesday, July

Mingle at the Market

Join the Blacksburg Farmer's Market for Mingle at the Market, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., at Market Square Park. This event will feature live music, locally brewed beverages, local

Thursday, July 20:

Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting

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

Wildwood Park Nature Lecture Series

The Wildwood Park Nature Lecture Series takes place in the heart of Wildwood Park at the Outdoor Classroom (pavilion). To get to the site, attendees can park at the Sundell Drive parking lot for Wildwood Park and take the walkway into the center of the park. All of the talks start at 7:30 p.m. and are held rain or shine unless there are thunderstorms. July 20: Salamanders (Frank Taylor, Nature at Your Door)

Monday, July 24:

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.

ONLINE AUCTION

Ends Thursday, July 27th at 3 PM **Commercial Property for Sale in Christiansburg VA!** Radford Rd (Route 11), Christiansburg, VA 24073

Bid Now at VAAuctionPro.com





Check out these 3 remarkable commercial investment opportunities in the heart of Christiansburg, Virginia! We present these 3 parcels that are zoned B3, and are located along Route 11. With frontage on both Radford Rd (Route 11) and Silver Lake Rd, these properties have excellent accessibility and offer an ideal canvas for small business development. The B3 Zoning provides investors with countless development avenues. Whether you aspire to open a convenience store, establish a thriving bank branch, launch a vibrant retail store, or establish a dynamic office space, the possibilities are endless. These parcels are connected to the town water and sewer systems. Properties have an undeveloped road along the backside. Do not miss your opportunity to own and develop this commercial property in the heart of Christiansburg VA.

Property is offered in 3 Tracts described below. Download Bidder Pack for Online Bidder's Agreement, Maps, Sample Contracts, and Property Information at VAAuctionPro.com

Offering #1: +/- .93 Acres

This parcel is wooded and has 126' of road frontage on Radford Rd and 126' of road frontage on the undeveloped street.

Offering #2: +/- 1.10 Acres

This parcel is wooded and has 165' of road frontage on Radford Rd and 134' of road frontage on the undeveloped street. This parcel also has 2 buildings on the property.

Offering #3: +/- 1.00 Acres

This parcel is wooded and has 175' of road frontage on Radford Rd, 336' of road frontage on Silver Lake Rd, and 99' of road frontage on the undeveloped

Terms - 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to final high bid to arrive at contract price. Earnest Money Deposit of \$20,000 per tract required on day of sale. Close on or before September 11th, 2023. Subject to seller confirmation. Property sold as is, where is with any and all faults. Buyer is expected to complete their own due diligence. Tracts are being offered individually and if bidder wishes to purchase multiple tracts, bidder will need to be the high/winning bidder on both offerings. Please note that during the last two minutes of bidding, if a new bid is placed, the clock is automatically extended an additional two minutes. Download Bidder Information Pack for complete terms and conditions, purchase contract and maps at VAAuctionPro.com

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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 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. July 25:

Blacksburg Town Council meeting

Town Council meets in regular session the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 S. Main St. These meetings are open to the public and televised live on WTOB Channel 2.

Christiansburg Town Council meeting

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

On-going:

Registration open for Race for ACCE

The Race for ACCE is set for Saturday, August 5, at 9 a.m. at the Blacksburg High Cross Country Track. It will begin with a Children's Fun Run, followed by regular 5K Run/Walk. Participants can run, walk or just hang out. Door prizes and sponsorships are needed by July 15. Contact Martha Ann Stallings at mstallin@vt.edu. To have a t-shirt for the race day, please register by July 15.

Market Square Jam

Held Wednesdays, June through September, in Blacksburg on the corner

of Draper Road and Roanoke Street; 7 -9 p.m. Catering to traditional Old-Time music, Blacksburg's Market Square Jam brings musicians together to pick a tune, enjoy fun times with friends and family, and take in all that downtown Blacksburg has to offer. Blacksburg's Market Square Jam is an official Crooked Road affiliated venue that provides fun and entertainment.

Blacksburg Farmers Market

October: Hours now through 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

Held 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

Registration open for Potter in the Park race

Calling all wizards of Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw, and Slytherin! Have you signed up for the TriWizard TriMile Potter in the Park Race yet? It's time to venture out from the cupboard under the stairs, get your wizard robes ready, and join us for this annual family-fun event on Saturday, August 26th at 8:30 a.m. Register at www.lvnrv.org. Also, if you know a local business or individual who would like to be a sponsor, please send them our way! From door prizes to sponsorships, we rely on our supporters to make this a truly impactful and entertaining event.

ONLINE AUCTION

Ends Wednesday, July 19th at 4 PM **Townhouse for Sale at Auction in Christiansburg VA** 1043 Elk Drive, Christiansburg, VA 24073

Bid Now at VAAuctionPro.com



Check out this charming townhome in Christiansburg VA. This immaculate townhome features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths on 2 levels. The main level boasts a spacious living room with gas logs, which create a cozy ambiance during the cooler months. The kitchen is equipped with a range, microwave, refrigerator, dishwasher, and disposal, making meal preparation and cleanup a breeze. Main level also features ceiling fans and recessed lighting. The kitchen and baths have durable linoleum flooring. Home also a has front load washer and dryer that convey. Storage should never be an issue with the easily accessible attic! Home is equipped with central air conditioning allowing for year-round comfort.

In addition to the interior amenities, the townhome provides a 9x12 patio providing a private outdoor space for relaxation and entertaining guests. There is an attached 1 car garage, which also gives you ample space for storage.

The home is well-appointed and offers comfortable living in a convenient location. It's within a few miles of all the restaurants, shopping centers, and family attractions that Christiansburg VA has to offer. Also located less than 10 miles from Virginia Tech. Don't miss out on your opportunity to make this townhouse your own!

Terms - 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to the final high bid to arrive at the contract price. Earnest Money Deposit of \$5,000 is required by 5 pm on July 20th, 2023. Close on or before September 4th, 2023. Subject to seller confirmation. Property sold "as is, where is, with any and all faults." Buyer is expected to complete their own due diligence. If confirmed Buyer will be expected to sign a Real Estate Purchase Agreement. Please note that during the last two minutes of bidding, if a new bid is placed, the clock is automatically extended an additional two minutes. Be sure to register to bid early to ensure you receive notifications regarding any changes to the Auction, Bidder Packet, and/or Pre-Auction offers received. Download Bidder Information Pack for complete terms and conditions, purchase contract, and maps at VAAuctionPro.com

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Virginia Tech's sustainability efforts earn global recognition

Virginia Tech's commitment to sustainability continues to receive international acclaim, as the university was again ranked among the top 100 universities globally in the Times Higher Education 2023 Impact Rankings released Thursday.

The Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings are the only global performance tables that assess universities against the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). THE rankings use calibrated indicators to compare universities across four areas: research, stewardship, outreach, and

Virginia Tech received an overall score of 89 and an impact ranking of No. 92 out of nearly 1,600 universities. Last year, the university was ranked No. 98 out of 1,406 universities.

Of the United Nation's 17 SDGs, Virginia Tech participated in 11 of those and registered top-100 marks globally in six. The university's top mark came in the SDG of Zero Hunger, a category that considers a university's research on hunger, its teaching of food sustainability, a commitment to tackling food waste, and a commitment to addressing hunger on campus and locally.

The university finished 17th globally out of 647 institutions ranked in this

The Center for Food Systems and Community Transformation played an important role in Virginia Tech's success in this category. As an Extension and Outreach Center in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, the center leads multi-institutional and community-based grant-funded projects focused on ecological, cultural, and societal elements of regenerative agriculture, local foodways, and regional food systems.

Examples of these projects include the Roanoke Foodshed Network that aims to explore and build capacity for a regional

food system in the Roanoke area of Southwest Virginia; Soil Conservation, and Place that talks to farmers about conserving soil and water resources; 4 the Soil: A Conversation that consists of a podcast that focuses on soil health; Agroforestry in Virginia that trains growers and educators in establishing and maintaining agroforestry systems; and Stories of Community Food Work in Appalachia that shares narratives of people working for food systems change.

"We not only make an impact through our programming and projects, but we offer backbone support to a number of initiatives that emphasize a commitment to addressing food access and availability from a critical and systems perspective, Kim Niewolny, director of the center, said. "Through our events and more, our center team and community are well positioned to continue to support the university in serving as a leader in addressing the UN's SDGs as a result of high impact teaching, research, and outreach."

SDG of Responsible Consumption and Production measures universities' research on responsible consumption and their approach to the sustainable use of resources. The SDG of Sustainable Cities and Communities measures universities' research on sustainability, their role as custodians of arts and heritage, and their internal approaches to sustainability.

Virginia Tech's Office of Sustainability works daily to meet the university's goals stated in its Climate Action Commitment, which seeks to move the campus toward becoming a more sustainable community. Much of their work contributed to these high SDG scores in the Impact rankings.

Some examples of the Office of Sustainability's efforts in these SDG categories include offering individuals the opportunity to participate in a bike census each fall and soliciting green continually look forward to harnessing



PHOTO BY SARAH MYERS FOR VIRGINIA TECH

The Game Day Green Team educates about recycling efforts at athletics events and is one of several programs in place to help the university with its zero-waste efforts.

request for proposals from students to make the campus more sustainable proposals that may receiving funding and be implemented within the following academic year.

Other examples include campus officials working with a zero-waste consultant - Reduction in Motion - to develop pathways for the university's goal of becoming a zero-waste campus by 2030 and the Game Day Green Team, which helps improve recycling rates at athletics events. Also, a Climate Action, Sustainability, and Energy Committee pushes forward sustainability policies and priorities.

'One of the mottos we often use in sustainability is 'think globally and act locally," Nathan King, campus sustainability manager, said. "I believe that Virginia Tech has been able to put a special spotlight on its sustainability efforts through THE Impact rankings and our dedication to supporting the UN SDGs. We are proud of the fact that we have a myriad of faculty and staff experts at the university working alongside our committed students to advance our Climate Action Commitment and our campus Sustainability Plan. We

Virginia Tech's spirit of innovation and service to better our local and global community.'

Other top marks for Virginia Tech came in the SDGs of Reduced Inequalities, Life on Land, and Climate Action. The SDG of Reduced Inequalities considers universities' research on social inequalities, their policies on discrimination, and their commitment to recruiting staff and students from underrepresented groups. The SDG of Life on Land measures universities' research on life on land and their education on and support for land ecosystems. The SDG of Climate Action factors universities' research on climate change, their use of energy and their preparations for dealing with the consequences of climate change.

Virginia Tech was ranked No. 63 globally out of 901 universities in Reduced Inequalities, No. 73 globally out of 586 institutions in Life on Land, and No. 80 in Climate Action out of 735 universities.

More information about Virginia Tech's rankings can be found online.

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CADEMIC AC CHIEVEMENTS

Iowa State University announces spring semester 2023 Dean's List

AMES, Iowa - More than 9,800 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the spring semester Dean's List including, Leah May Greiner, Animal Science, and Tiffany Norman, Event Management, both of Christiansburg. Students named to the Dean's List must have earned a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

Local student graduates from

Blacksburg. The class represents over 60

majors across Bucknell's three colleges (Arts & Sciences, Engineering and the Freeman College of Management). These students hail from 33 U.S. states and 25 nations. Bucknell University is founded in 1846 and located along the banks of the Susquehanna River in historic Lewisburg, Pa.

Local residents named to William & Mary Dean's List

local residents were recently named to

Christianburg; and Michael Wojdak of Radford.

In order to achieve Dean's List status, a full-time degree seeking undergraduate student must take at least 12 credit hours and earn a 3.6 quality point average during the semester. William & Mary is the second oldest institution of higher learning in the United States.

Local residents graduate from William & Mary WILLIAMSBURG - The following

residents recently graduated from the College of William & Mary:

Andrew Babcock, Bachelor of Business Administration, Jacob Baker, Bachelor of Arts, Samuel Freeman, Bachelor of Science and Dorothy Gilmer, Bachelor of Arts, of Blacksburg; Michael Hurst, Bachelor of Science, Kaylee Pelkey, Bachelor of Science, and Kira Quintin,

Bachelor of Arts, of Christiansburg; and Thomas Sproule, Bachelor of Arts, of Radford.

William & Mary is currently ranked among the nation's top 10 public universities and has been designated a "Public Ivy."

Olyssa Harris awarded by Emory &

EMORY, VA - Olyssa Harris of Blacksburg has been awarded by Emory & Henry College for their outstanding academic achievement.

Emory & Henry College has devoted itself since 1836 to the belief that education can have a transformative effect on an individual, a place and ultimately the wider world.

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Bucknell University

LEWISBURG, Pa. - Bucknell University celebrated over 800 graduates from the Class of 2023 on Sunday, May 14, 2023, including Anna Kender of

WILLIAMSBURG - The following

the Dean's List at the College of William & Mary for the spring 2023 semester: Julie Anderson, Struan Baker, Dory Gilmer, Ella Goldschmidt, Maegen Herring, Helena Huber, Jenna Massey, Grace McGehee, Amy Menegay, Oliver Miller, Lexi Nussbaum, Daniel Salom and Ellie St. Martin, of Blacksburg; Tristan Hurst and Kaylee Pelkey, of

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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BOARD OF

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 & amp; 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on July 24, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to hear citizen comments regarding the Planning Commission intention to act on the following Special Use Permit request: A request by Thomas Benjamin Sears for a Special Use Permit (SUP) on property to allow a Short-Term Tourist Rental within an existing structure allowing the dwelling to be rented for

compensation to short term

transient guests. The

property is located at

Blacksburg (St. Rt. 824),

1950 Oilwell Road,

and is located

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approximately 1.7 miles West of Merrimac Road (St. Rt. 657). The property is further identified as Tax Map 066-9 2 (Parcel ID: 036193), 2.162 acres zoned Residential (R-1) in the Prices Fork Magisterial District. The property currently lies in an area designated as Residential Transition in the 2025 Comprehensive Plan. Copies of the proposed plans, applications, ordinances or amendments

may be examined at the Department of Planning and GIS Services, County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Suite 2A, Christiansburg, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 http://www.montgomerycou ntyva.gov/pendingapplicatio

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors hereby schedules a public hearing for Monday, July 24, 2023 at 7:15 pm or as soon thereafter, at the Montgomery County Government Center, 755

Roanoke Street

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Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to receive citizen comments on the Board of Supervisors intent to adopt a resolution amending the FY 2023-2024 budget by more than one percent of the total expenditures shown in the currently adopted budget by adding carryover funding appropriated in FY 23 for various county capital and operating funds and various school capital funds that were not completed at year end, not to exceed \$120 million. BY ORDER OF THE

SUPERVISORS F. Craig Meadows

County Administrator

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LEGAL NOTICE OF **PUBLIC HEARING**

OF THE TOWN OF **CHRISTIANSBURG PLANNING**

COMMISSION The Town of Christiansburg

Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 31, 2023, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning: A. Conditional Use Permit request by NRV Marketplace LLC, Property Owner, and Balzer and

Associates, Applicant, to allow a revision of the Comprehensive Sign Plan, approved September 24, 2019, and associated with addresses 2505 - 2785 Market St. NE. The current CUP request is to allow building signage larger than 200 sq. ft. for a new tenant in Marketplace. The current

CUP request is associated

with properties located at

2505 - 2580 and 2700 ·

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2785 Market St. NE, identified as Tax Parcels 436 - (5) - 1, 406 - (7) - E 406 – (7) – K, 436 – (5) – F, 436 – (5) – M, 436 – (5) – I; and Parcel IDs 027970, 250259, 250260, 250261, 250262, 250263; zoned General Business District B-3. The property is designated as Business/ Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan. Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comment in-person at the time of this Public Hearing. A copy of the application, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Andrew Warren, Assistant Town Manager, at (540) 382-6128, Ext. 1130 or by email at awarren@christiansburg.or g, with any questions or if vou require reasonable accommodations





Blacksburg students honored at annual SkillsUSA Workforce Development event

A team from Blacksburg High School was among the career and technical students in Virginia who were recognized for excellence at the 2023 SkillsUSA Championships, held in Atlanta, on June 21-22.

More than 6,000 students competed at the national showcase of career and technical education. The SkillsUSA Championships is the largest skill competition in the world and covers 1.79 million square feet, equivalent to 31 football fields or 41 acres.

Skill Point Certificates were awarded to all national contestants who met a threshold contest score. The Skill Point Certificate represents workplace readiness in the occupational specialty and students can add the certificate to their employment portfolio as an indicator of proficiency.

Students were invited to the event to demonstrate their technical skills, workplace skills and personal skills in 110 hands-on competitions including robotics, automotive technology, drafting, criminal justice, aviation maintenance and public speaking. Industry leaders from 650 businesses, corporations, trade associations and unions planned and evaluated the contestants against their standards for entry-level workers. Industry support of the SkillsUSA Championships is valued at over \$36 million in donated time, equipment, cash and material. More than 1,200 industry judges and technical committee members participated this year. All SkillsUSA Championships competitors were honored in June at the SkillsUSA Awards Session at State

Team H (consisting of Ramsey Wondersek, Thomas Jackson), from Blacksburg High School (Blacksburg), was awarded a Skill Point Certificate in Commercial sUAS Drone. "More than 6,000 students from

every state in the nation participated in the 2023 SkillsUSA Championships," said SkillsUSA Executive Director Chelle Travis. "This showcase of career and technical education demonstrates SkillsUSA at its finest. Our students,

instructors and industry partners work together to ensure that every student excels. This program expands learning and career opportunities for our members."

The SkillsUSA Championships event is held annually for students in middle school, high school or college/ postsecondary programs as part of the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference. The national, nonprofit partnership of students, instructors and industry is a verified talent pipeline for America's skilled workforce that is working to help solve the skills gap.

- News Messenger staff report

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the Shawnee nation, one of the indigenous tribes that over hundreds of miles through the Ohio and Kentucky

periodically inhabited southwest Virginia.

Born in 1732 to Irish immigrants in Philadelphia, Ingles became part of the great westward migration of been the subject of numerous books, including "Follow Europeans who pressed on through Virginia in search the River," a "New York Times" bestseller, and several of a better future, eventually settling in the New River Valley. In July 1755 a group of Shawnees staged an attack sister-in-law. What followed was a month-long march

regions until Mary escaped. The story of Mary's undeniable determination has

outdoor dramas and movies.

Friday evening kicks off with art shows at Glencoe

on the settlement abducting Mary, her two children and Mansion and the Radford University Museum on Tyler. Long Way Brewing will begin its celebration with the reintroduction of a craft beer named in honor of Mary. Saturday's activities will run most of the day at

Glencoe, Long Way and the Ingles Farm.

On Sunday, the festival continues at Wilderness Road Regional Museum in Dublin and features interpreters, live music and tours of the historic Ingles Tavern located on the banks of the New River in Pulaski County.

For an event schedule, go to www.glencoemansion. org or phone (540) 731-5031. Restaurant and lodging lists available at www.visitradford.com. The festival is funded in part by grants from the Virginia Tourism Corporation, the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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Haircut from page 1 Virginia Tech. The WARE

lab from Virginia Tech University will be bringing vehicles and will be there for one day," Waller said.

According to the VT Engineering's website at www.eng.vt.edu, the WARE Lab is a designated space for undergraduate to engineers work together, within multiple disciplines, in the building and design of projects. Some of the previous and current projects in the WARE Lab are a concrete canoe, a hybrid electric vehicle, an autonomous sailboat, and an electric racing motorcycle, just to

name a few.

"Our goal is to put a smile on their face" Waller said, "and to build an Alpha Academy; teach some soft skills that parents can select to maybe come back to in the future."

In addition to haircuts, Waller hopes to see the event expand into other areas of need that children may have. When he asked the parents and their children what other things they might like to see added to the program, they responded that some new shoes would be nice to have.

"My grandmother

helped to raise me, and she said, 'it is always good to have clean shoes and a haircut' and she was right, it did have an impact on how I felt," Waller said.

Community members that wish to help with the growth of this annual event or providing support to underserved students in the area, please reach out to Dr. Treymane Waller, or other fraternity members, through their email at alpha.akl@gmail. com or their Facebook

Alpha Kappa Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. has been serving the Roanoke and New River Valley regions for over 95 years. Their work has focused on seeing a brighter future for children through supporting education, good citizenship, and personal empowerment for our leaders of tomorrow.

There is no registration necessary for this event. Interested participants should come to 225 Depot Christiansburg at the St. Paul's Lodge, which is located on the right across from the Rosa Peters Park. The event will be held on August 6 and 7, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Council from page 1

"There is value in that part, where our students will be protected in every school that they go to," Council Member Henry Showalter said. Also at Tuesday's meeting, the

Street Committee addressed two requests for road closures. One concerns Water Street with a request for a two-week closure and the other is Church Street at North Franklin for a period of about two months. 'It's just closing the entrances

to those trees or where those connect to North Franklin for Water Street and North Franklin

for Church Street," said Council Member Tanya Hockett. "The reason is because Atmos Energy is repairing or replacing some gas line in that area and in order to do that they need to stage their equipment.' Hockett said the closures are for

staging rather large equipment, and once that equipment is staged, the roads can be reopened. Town Manager Randy

Wingfield said the closure for Church Street would be this coming week with the Water Street closure coming later. Council voted in approval

of the two street closures with the understanding that citizens will be

notified of detours in place. Christiansburg Town Council also certified the appointment of the Fire Department Officers for 2023 per election results. A complete list of the officers can be found on the town council's agenda at www.

Street closures on East Main Street, from Franklin to Pepper Street, were announced by council for August 19, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. for the annual Heritage Day Festival event. The hours of the festival will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

christiansburg.org.



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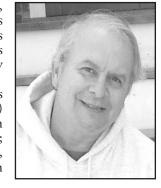
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Evink, Gregory Scott

Gregory Scott Evink, 61, passed away at his home in Dublin. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph Swinney and Harriet Evink.

Survivors include his daughters, Ashley (Kevin) Bausch, and Lauren Evink; son, Casey Evink; grandchildren, Amelia, and Mason



Bausch; brother, Jason Swinney; and many other relatives and friends.

A celebration of life will be held at a later

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

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Hayes, Charles L. (Chuck)

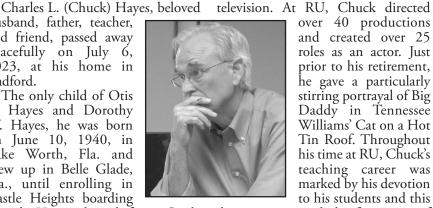
husband, father, teacher, and friend, passed away peacefully on July 6, 2023, at his home in Radford.

The only child of Otis L. Hayes and Dorothy W. Hayes, he was born on June 10, 1940, in

Lake Worth, Fla. and grew up in Belle Glade, Fla., until enrolling in Castle Heights boarding school. He graduated from Castle Heights and earned his undergraduate

degree from Troy State College and his master's degree from Indiana University. Chuck met Betsy L. Robinson while doing summer theatre in her hometown of Danville, Ky. They married in 1962 and have three grown children and three grown grandchildren.

Professor Emeritus Charles L. Hayes taught at Radford University for 40 years. He primarily taught acting, directing, theatre history and literature and cinema. He directed theatre, opera, film, radio, and



devotion nurtured the formation of friendships that remained strong for the rest of his life.

While at Radford University, he worked with the Virginia Governor's School for the Arts for four years and served as its director in 1987 and 1988. As coordinator of the university's exchange program with Middlesex University in London, he frequently traveled between the two schools. Over the years, he adjudicated for the American College Theatre Festival, judged innumerable play

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ANGLICAN CATHOLIC

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

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

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

BAPTIST

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

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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

CHURCH OF GOD

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

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

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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

(DOC - DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) Snowville Christian Church, 5436 Lead Mine Rd., Hi-

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

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

EPISCOPAL

Grace Episcopal Church, 210 Fourth Street Radford. Welcoming and accepting, we have been a part of the Radford community for more than 130 years. ALL ARE WELCOME. Grace offers an 8:00am Contemplative EuMontgomery County WORSHIP DIRECTORY

Honor in Work

Read Proverbs 5:1 through 8:36

In past generations, parents taught their children the value of hard work and faithfulness to their families. People had at least one job. When a person lost a job, he worked very hard to get a new one as soon as possible. He knew hard work honored his family and God.

Maybe times and values have changed, but today it seems like more and more young adults would rather not work at all. An entire generation of young people have been lured away by different types of leisure activities. Scripture warns against neglecting one's work:

A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest-and poverty will come on you like a thief and scarcity like an armed man (Proverbs6:10-11).

God created people to work hard with the giftedness and talents He gave us. Like no other generation in the world, we have access to education and job training to prepare us for our work. It is good for parents to provide for the needs of their family through the work God has provided.

Prayer Suggestion: Thank God for your talents and abilities and for the work He has placed before you.

Quicklook: Proverbs 6:6-11

If your church is not listed and if you are interested, call Randy Thompson at 540-389-9355 or email at advertise@ourvalley.org

West Radford Church of God, 1824 West Main Street, charist and a 10:30am Eucharist with organ music and a choir, with refreshments served afterwards. The 10:30am service is also available on YouTube for those unable to leave their house. Find us on Facebook and www.graceradford.org.

LUTHERAN

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

1845 Cambria St NE, Christiansburg. Worship each Sunday at 10 am, in person and online at https://www.youtube.com/ channel/UCMsB-gbyjmV5ce9mr43db-Cw. Please visit our website at www. oslc-cburg.org and our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/oslcchristiansburg to learn more about us. Little Free Pantry and Little Free Library located in our parking lot. Pastor Joshua L. Copeland; church office 540-382-2223.

St. Michael Lutheran Church, 2308 Merrimac Road, Blacksburg, VA 24060. Worship service each Sunday at 10 AM, Sunday School 9 AM. We are a community of God's people where people gather for worship, learning and service. Visitors and new members are always WEL-COME! Google comments: "Wonderful, welcoming congregation...A place where all are truly welcome... Nice, friendly, competent staff." You will like our minister, The Rev. Michelle L. Stramiello. Her previous service was as Family Faith

Formation Director at Cross and Crown

Lutheran Church, Indianapolis, IN, Pastor

of St Matthew Lutheran Church, Paducah, KY, and Hospice Chaplain in Largo, Fl. St. Michael started and administers Micah's Backpack which has great community impact, Micah's Soup for Seniors, Micah's Garden, Closet, and Mini Pantry. Also, partnering with Rainbow Riders and Total Action for Progress, we opened open the first Early Childhood Head Start in our community (6 weeks to age 3), and have numerous other programs including a Justice & Mercy Fund providing assistance for those needing emergency assistance with critical bills. Further St. Michael sponsors an awesome Scouting program of Boy & Girl Scout Troops, Venture Scouts for older youth, and a new Cub Pack for girls & boys kindergarten - 5th grade. Directions: From Price's Fork Road, turn onto Merrimac Road and St. Michael is 3/10ths of a mile down on the left. For more information about any of our activities: Phone 540 951-8951. Email hope@ stmlc.us or visit our Website www.st-michael-lutheran-church.org **MULTI-CULTURAL**

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

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS Compassion Church, 1820 Second Street, Radford, 639-6287, Our music is passionate, our worship is real, and Pastor

Chandler Jones brings relevant messages

for everyone at any place on their journey,

Sunday Worship Experience at 9:30 AM

& 11:00 AM, Wednesday Family Night

at 7 PM, Children Ministry provided for all services. Our vision is to see all Saved. Freed. Restored. Fulfilled. Find us on

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

Piedmont Pentecostal Holiness Church, 5007 Jewell Dr., Shawsville Va. Sunday morning service 11am. Pastor Tim Clyburn. 8 miles from Shawsville Rt 460, on Alleghany Spring Rd.

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

UNITED METHODIST

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

Central Church, 803 Wadsworth Street, Radford. 639-3529. 8:30 a.m. Sunday Services: 8:30am; 9:45am Sunday School; and 11:00a.m. Child care is provided. www.centralmethodistchurch.com.

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

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

festivals, consulted on theatre projects throughout the Commonwealth and conducted a wide range of workshops for a variety of theatre conferences and professional organizations.

In addition to his teaching and administrative duties, Chuck served as Radford University's Faculty Athletics Representative to the NCAA for 13 years. He chaired the university's committee on athletics, the Hall of Fame Selection Committee, and various committees for the Big South Conference.

He is the published author of plays, poems, and short fiction. His plays have been performed in Florida and Virginia. He served as the editor of Virginia Film Notes. Chuck published in and was editor for The New River Review and served as consulting editor to The Film A devoted and faithful Catholic,

Chuck was a joyful and engaged member of St. Jude Catholic Church in Radford. He was an active member of the Knights of Columbus and deeply involved in the Catholic community of the New River Valley.

Chuck is survived by his beloved wife, Betsy and their three grown children and three grown grandchildren: their oldest child, Dr. Paige Horst, resides in Newport, Va. and is married to Randall Horst. Chuck and Betsy's son Hunt Hayes lives in Chapel Hill, N.C. Anthony Hayes, their youngest, is married to Korena Hayes and they reside in Christiansburg. Their oldest grandchild, Tallis Horst lives in Blacksburg with his wife Kimberly and their four children. Carlie-Rose Zepp lives in Richmond, Va. with her husband Ben. Their youngest grandchild Jed Horst resides in Newport, Va.

Friends were invited to visit the family on Friday, July 14, at Mullins Funeral Home, 120 W. Main St., Radford. The funeral service will be held at St. Jude Catholic Church, 1740 Tyler Rd., Christiansburg today, Saturday, July 15, 2023, at 11 a.m.

The Hayes family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory

Jessie, Michael Jay

passed away on Thursday, June 29, 2023. He was preceded in death by his parents, William Calup and Virginia Pearl Cook Jessie; and his sister, Sandy Blankenship.

Survivors include his daughter, Natalie Jessie Etzel; son and daughterin-law, Jason Michael Jennifer Jessie; grandchildren, Connor and Blake; brothers and sisters-in-law,

Roger and Janice Jessie, and William "Don" and Margaret "Peggy" Jessie; sister and brother-in-law, Teresa and John Ososki; and many other relatives and friends. Those close to Mike knew that

he did not want to have a viewing, so a celebration of life will be held instead. The event will be held on Saturday, August 19, 2023, beginning at 3:33 p.m., at the UAW Local 2069, 5110 Ĉougar Trail Road, Dublin,

Michael Jay Jessie, 63, of Pulaski, VA, 24084 (if you know Mike, you

understand the starting In lieu of flowers or

donations, and if you are unable to attend the celebration, the family asks that you go to your favorite hangout and buy a random person a Water Moccasin Shot. When you buy them the shot, make sure to say it is from MJ.

They say there is a reason, they say time will heal. Neither time nor reason will change the way we feel. Gone are the days we used to share, but in our hearts, you will always be there. The gates of memories will never close, we miss you more than anybody knows. We love and miss you every day. Till we meet again, always & forever. The Jessie family is in the care of

Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory

Roberts, Velma Gaye Stewart

Velma Gaye Stewart Roberts, 81, (Dwayne) and Melissa Smith (Robert);

passed away Monday, July 10, 2023, at her home in Bland. She was retired from the Radford Ammunitions Plant and was a member of Fairlawn Church of God. She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Sylvia Stewart; sister, Ellajane Stepp; brother, Randall Stewart; grandsons, Jacob Akers and Christopher Roberts; nephew, Matthew Stewart; and niece,

Stephanie Bailey. Survivors include her sons, William

Marc Roberts and Rabon Jeffrey Roberts; daughters, Angela Akers



The family will receive friends from 12 until 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 15, 2023, at the Fairlawn Church

grandchildren, Justin

Victoria Akers (Skylar),

Noah Roberts, and

Aiden Roberts; and

many other relatives

(Anna), Lane

(Sydney),

of God. Memorial services will begin at 1 p.m. with Pastor Marcus Harrison officiating.

and friends.

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Smith

The Roberts family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory

Wyrick, Sr., Delmer Ray

Delmer Ray Wyrick, Sr., 76, Katherine; went to his heavenly home on Sunday, July 9, 2023, after a long, hard fight with health issues. He was born on November 27, 1946, to James H. Wyrick and Edna Caldwell of Speedway, W.Va. Delmer was employed at Pulaski Furniture in Dublin for 29 years. He was a dedicated member of Gethsemane Baptist

Church in Radford. He was preceded in death by his parents; and his brothers, Darlow, James and Michael Wyrick. He is survived by his loving

wife of 55 years, Vada Wyrick; daughter and son-in-law, Teena Smith (Donnie); son, Delmer "Del" Wyrick, Jr,; grandchildren, Randall Smith (Rachel), Sharon Maltby (Keir), Kimberlee Hunnicut (Trevor), Kellsie Stump (Michael), and Kristal Smith; great-grandchildren, Elizabeth, Zelda, Hope



family members and special friends. The family will receive friends 3 -5 p.m. on Sunday, July 16, 2023, at

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, July 17, 2023, at Gethsemane Baptist Church in Radford with Pastor Brent Strouf

officiating. A second visitation will be held 4 - 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at the Memorial Funeral Directory in Princeton, W.Va. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the Lilly Family Cemetery in Jumping Branch, W.Va.

The Wyrick family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford, Virginia and Memorial Funeral Directory in Princeton, W.Va.

Achievements

& 2023 Dean's List

EMORY, VA - Sariah Buchinsky, of Fairlawn, independent has been named to the arts university offering Emory & Henry College undergraduate spring 2023 Dean's list. arts education for women To be named to the Dean's and selected graduate list, students must be full- programs for women and time students and receive a men. 3.6 GPA for the semester.

University announces Presidents List Spring 2023 President's, Dean's Lists

Freed-Hardeman University Alabama Presidents List has released the names of for fall semester 2022. students who made the Lists for the Spring 2023 Fall Semester 2022 at The semester. To be on the University of Alabama must be full-time and list with an academic have a 4.0 grade point record of 3.5 (or above) minimum 3.4 grade point (all A's). average for the semester.

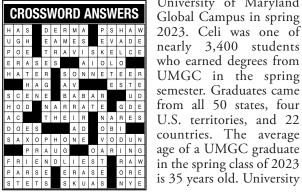
The following students from the local area have 181st commencement Jessica Musselman, of ROAN received this honor:

Riner, has been named Hollins Biochemistry.

Kenna Christiansburg, has been Wilson, of Blacksburg; named to the Dean's Josie Pifer of Hiwassee; List. Smith is earning a and Nicole Robinson of Bachelor of Science in Christiansburg. Biology Environmental Science.

graduate degree from Campus Hollins

Chien, of Christiansburg, earned a Bachelor of received the MALS in Science Magna Cum Humanities, on October 1, Laude in Computer 2022, and was recognized Networks during Hollins University's



Henry 181st commencement College announces spring ceremony on May 21, 2023. Hollins

liberal liberal

Chase Beams of Freed-Hardeman Blacksburg named to UA

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. -Chase Beams was named HENDERSON, Tenn. - to The University of

A total of 12,791 President's and Dean's students enrolled during President's List, a student were named to the dean's average. Students on the or the president's list with Dean's List have earned a an academic record of 4.0

Hollins University's

ROANOKE University to the President's List. congratulates students Musselman is earning a who graduated during Bachelor of Science in the 181st commencement ceremony on May 21, Smith, of 2023, including Courtney

degree from University August Chien earns of Maryland Global

Juan

ADELPHI, Md. - Juan ROANOKE - August Celi, of Christiansburg, Cybersecurity from University of Maryland Global Campus in spring 2023. Celi was one of nearly 3,400 students who earned degrees from UMGC in the spring semester. Graduates came from all 50 states, four U.S. territories, and 22 countries. The average age of a UMGC graduate

Maryland Global Campus was founded more than 75 years ago specifically to serve the higher education needs of working adults and military servicemembers.

Emory & Henry congratulates graduates from Spring 2023 EMORY, Va. - Emory &

Henry College celebrates and congratulates all of its graduates from spring 2023, including Brandon McGuire, of Christiansburg, Dylan Owens, of Shawsville, Quesenberry, of Christiansburg, and Emily Scaggs, of Riner.

Chase Beams named to University of Alabama Presidents List

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. -Chase Beams was named to The University of Alabama Presidents List for spring semester 2023.

A total of 12,487 students enrolled during spring semester 2023 at The University of Alabama were named to the dean's list with an academic record of 3.5 (or above) or the president's list with an academic record of 4.0 (all A's). These driven students are making waves across UA's more than 70 undergraduate programs and 12 colleges and schools.

Shenandoah University announces graduates WINCHESTER, Va.

Shenandoah University had 1,143 graduates receive their degrees and/ or certificate during the 2022-23 academic year.

Those graduates include: Tayler Lewis of Elliston, who earned a Doctor of Physical Therapy; and Kaitlyn Olsen-Schoch Blacksburg, who earned a Doctor of Physical

Therapy. Shenandoah had 200 August 2022 graduates, 295 December 2022 graduates, and 648

May 2023 graduates.

Shenandoah's 2023 commencement ceremony took place on May 20 in the James R. Wilkins, Jr. Athletics Center. and Events Shenandoah University was established in 1875, and is headquartered in Winchester.

Ethan McDowell of Blacksburg graduates from Emerson College BOSTON, Mass.

Emerson College awarded approximately 1,058 undergraduate degrees during the 143rd Commencement Agganis Arena in Boston, Mass. on Sunday, May 14, 2023. Ethan McDowell, of Blacksburg, received a BS in Journalism.

"Members of the Class of 2023, I have long been inspired by your individual and collective focus and passion, and by your commitment and desire to make this world a better, kinder, more equitable place." said Interim President William Gilligan during the Presidential Address.

Rebekah Mui inducted into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi BATON ROUGE,

La. - Rebekah Mui, of Blacksburg, was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective alldiscipline collegiate honor society. Mui was initiated at Virginia Tech. Mui is among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter.

Allen Briggs of Blacksburg makes dean's list at RIT

ROCHESTER, N.Y. - Allen Briggs, of Blacksburg, was named to the Dean's List at Rochester Institute of

Technology for the spring

semester of the 2022-2023 academic year. Briggs is in the game design and development program. Full-time degree-seeking undergraduate students are eligible for Dean's List if their term GPA is greater than or equal to

W&L announces Class of 2027 Johnson Scholarship recipients

Lexington, Va. Washington and Lee University has announced the students who will receive a Johnson Scholarship as members of the incoming Class of

Nathanael Seife of Christiansburg High School has been awarded a Johnson Scholarship and is one of 50 students in W&L's Class of 2027 to receive the prestigious merit-based scholarship.

Cole Eastwood of Blacksburg named to Deans' List at Nebraska LINCOLN,

Cole Eastwood of Blacksburg has been named to the Deans' List at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for the spring semester of the 2022-23 academic year.

Eastwood, a freshman majoring in sports media communication, was named to the Dean's List for the College of Journalism and Mass Communications. Local Emerson College

students earn Dean's List BOSTON, Mass. -

The following students are named to Emerson College's Dean's List for the Spring 2023 semester. The requirement to make Dean's List is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher for that semester.

Diego Centeno of Blacksburg. Centeno is majoring in Media Arts Production and is a member of the Class of

Aryssa Guerrero of Blacksburg. Guerrero

is majoring in Media Arts Production and is a member of the Class of

Wenda Xu receives degree From Georgia

ATLANTA, Wenda Xu, of Blacksburg, has earned a Master of Science in Computer Science from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta. Xu was among more than 5,300 undergraduate and graduate students to be presented Georgia Tech degrees during the Institute's 264th Commencement exercises May 5 - 6, 2023, at Bobby

Hollins University announces Dean's List

Dodd Stadium.

ROANOKE - Hollins University congratulates students who earned Dean's List honors during the spring 2023 semester. To attain this distinction, students must earn at least a 3.5 average on a 4.0 grading scale. Congratulations to these distinguished scholars on earning this academic achievement, including Courtney Wilson of Blacksburg, Nicole Robinson of Christiansburg, Mya Weil of Blacksburg, Alaya Lewis of Blacksburg, Isabella Bartee of Bent Mountain, Ameena Alsmadi of Blacksburg, and Andrea Gomez Munza of Christiansburg.

Western Carolina University Chancellor's CULLOWHEE, N.C.

Western Carolina University congratulates more than 2,000 students named to the Chancellor's List for Spring 2023, including Brian Bush and Callia Addikis, both of Blacksburg. To qualify for this honor, students must achieve a GPA of 3.8 or higher while completing 12 or more credit hours.

MONTGOMERY SPORTS

CHS grad, VT pitcher drafted by N.Y. Mets

Marty Gordon

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Kirtner heard his name called late Tuesday in the Major League Baseball draft, when he got a call from the New York Mets.

Kirtner earned three varsity letters playing for coach Dale Nelson at Christiansburg. As a junior in 2019, posted an 8-1 record with a 1.56 ERA and 91 strikeouts in 58 innings and added a 1.08 WHIP and opponents batted just .152 against him. He attended the WWBA Perfect Game showcase in Jupiter, Florida in fall 2019.

Kirtner, who was a redshirt sophomore this past season at Tech, made 18 relief appearances ... Recorded a 7.31 ERA across 16 innings. He earned his first Virginia Tech win against Marshall (April 5) after striking out one batter and not allowing any hits and only allowed two hits across 2.2 innings and struck out a careerhigh four batters against James Madison (April 27).

Leading the Virginia Tech baseball team's 2023 MLB Draft class at Lumen Field in Seattle on Sunday night, sophomore right-hand pitcher Drue Hackenberg was proudly taken during the second round at No. 59 overall by the Atlanta Braves, becoming the program's ninth highest all-time draft pick (eighth highest by

Entering as the No. 200 prospect (according to mlb.com), Hackenberg witnessed the second approximately five rounds.

At No. 59 overall, Hackenberg's selection was paired with a pick value of approximately \$1.37 million, to which Atlanta pool (\$8.34 million) among the league's 30 clubs in this year's draft. The Braves scooped up the 2022 All-American hurler with their second of three picks (all pitchers) during the first and second rounds, sandwiching him between Florida's Hurston Waldrep (No. 24 overall) and Campbell's Cade

Kuehler (No. 70). Considering head coach John Szefc's six seasons at Virginia Tech, Hackenberg became the Hokies' fourth player since 2020 to earn selection inside the top 75 picks of the draft, joining outfielder Gavin Cross (No. 9 overall, 2022), pitcher Ian Seymour (No. 57 overall, 2020) and shortstop Tanner Schobel (No. 68 overall, 2022). He is also the fifth player from Tech's 2022 NCAA Blacksburg Super Regional team to be chosen during the draft's opening five

Former Christiansburg a 10-2 record and a 3.30 High School ace Brady ERA while making 17 appearances (16 starts). Behind his All-American honors, he was a consensus Freshman All-American, placed onto the All-ACC First Team and received ABCA/Rawlings NCAA Division I Atlantic All-Region Team praise.

Despite pitching to more contact as a sophomore, Hackenberg managed to post the highest single-season strikeout count (99) by a Virginia Tech pitcher since 2010 (Justin Wright). Spanning his two seasons in Blacksburg, the right-hander recorded 186 career strikeouts across 178 innings pitched, laying claim to 15 victories, 14 quality starts and one complete game win.

Like each of his three older brothers, Hackenberg is the fourth son to parents Erick and Nicole who has been drafted professionally in his respective sport. His oldest brother, Christian, was selected during the second round of the 2016 NFL Draft by the New York Jets (No. 51 overall), Brandon was selected during the first round of the 2021 MLS Draft by Orlando City SC (No. 22 overall) and Adam was roll (by name). selected during the 18th round of the 2021 MLB First Team and two-time Draft by the Chicago White Sox.

also headed to the next slugged .603 and recorded

come off the board during appearances while mashing Monday's second day of the 2023 MLB Draft, Virginia and 37 home runs. As a Tech junior outfielder sophomore in 2022, he largest improvement in Jack Hurley and junior ranked fifth among ACC draft position among the pitcher Christian Worley hitters in batting average opening 70 selections, earned selection during the (.375), having opened the bettering his forecast by third and ninth rounds, season with a 26-game hitting streak – the longest respectively, affirming another robust draft class by the baseball program.

Considered one of the draft's best steals, Hurley the 2022 USA Baseball – the No. 36 prospect has the ninth lowest bonus according to mlb.com overall by the Arizona Diamondbacks, selected a player from the Hokies for the first time during their franchise history. The 2022 All-American ranks as the third RBIs, sporting a .411 highest outfielder to have been drafted from Virginia Tech all-time, trailing his former teammate, Gavin Cross (No. 9 overall, 2022), as well as Milwaukee callup Kevin Barker (No. 73 overall, 1996). Worley was selected at No. 275 overall by the St. Louis Cardinals, who during recent years have gone to the Blacksburg well to draft Tech pitchers in 2018 (Connor Coward) and 2021 (Chris Gerard). The Hokies' right-hand reliever was the fifth pitcher to have been taken this year ERA and 15 strikeouts by St. Louis and the fourth in a row between the sixth and ninth rounds.

pitcher Hackenberg took the Hackenberg - who was 2023 season due to injury ACC by storm during chosen at No. 59 overall following his March 17 the 2022 season, toeing during Sunday's second outing at Miami.



PHOTO COURTESY OF VT ATHLETICS Christiansburg High School ace Brady Kirtner has been chosen in the Major League Baseball

round - Virginia Tech has now produced three or more draft picks annually since 2019 with the exception of the shortened 2020 MLB Draft. The Hokies' streak of generating multiple draft picks has also been extended to 17 consecutive seasons dating back to 2008.

Under the leadership of head coach John Szefc, Tech has observed 11 of its 19 prospects earn selection within the draft's opening 10 rounds, including eight picks who have placed inside the top five rounds. Considering Hackenberg and Hurley, the Hokies have now celebrated five top-100 selections under Szefc, accounting for more than a third of the program's all-time honor

A two-time All-ACC ABCA/Rawlings Atlantic All-Region outfielder, Several other Hokies are Hurley batted .321, a 1.014 OPS during his Observing their names 154 career collegiate 48 doubles, three triples hitting streak – the longest by a Tech player during the program's ACC era.

Coming off a tour with Collegiate National Team, Hurley returned to the – was chosen at No. 80 Hokies in 2023 to swing 17 home runs and lead the who ACC in conference-only slugging percentage (.743). Through his three seasons in Blacksburg, he scored 145 runs and totaled 129

career on-base percentage. Worley showed rising potential during Virginia Tech career, despite being limited by opportunity and injury to 36 and two-thirds career innings across three seasons. During the 2022 campaign, he made eight of his 14 appearances after April 27, beginning the aforementioned with 14 and one-third consecutive

This spring, Worley had been 2-0 with a 2.70 (two walks) during his first five appearances that spanned 10 innings of Together with right- relief. However, he missed Drue the remainder of the



Crowder honored at District 10 tourney

Keith Crowder was a longtime employee of the Radford Recreation Department, who passed away in December. He was remembered during opening ceremonies of last week's District 10 Cal Ripken baseball tournament in Radford. Pictured are: (from left) District 10 Commissioner Chris Frazier, Crowder's wife, Judy, his son, Curtis and Radford Recreation Director Greg Holbrook. Curtis threw out the ceremonial pitch to start the tournament.

Great Oaks hosts latest Junior Golf Tour in Floyd

Great Oaks Country Club in Floyd hosted the Blue Ridge Junior Golf Tour on Monday in the 25th season of the popular junior tour. Under beautiful sunny skies and perfect course conditions, 68 young players tested their skills on the challenging course.

Here is a recap of the results: 17-18 Age Group Par 72 6437

Local Floyd County High School product McKenzie Weddle won in a play-off over Walker Gillespie of Pearisburg. The Radford University signee made six birdies enroute to her score of one over par 73. She made par on the first playoff hole to capture the victory. Gillespie's scorecard showed four birdies including three on par 5s. Blake Hogan of Forest finished third with a score of 75 followed by Ryne Bond of Floyd at 77.

15-16 Age Group Par 72 6173

Peyton Mason of Willis shot 73 and won the age group. Mason made 13 pars along with two birdies to post the score of one over par. Rocky Frye of Bramwell, WV shot 75 and finished second. Isaiah Cantrell also of Floyd shot 76 and finished third.

13-14 Age Group Par 72 4998

Only two strokes separated the top

four players in the age group as Mike Bateman of Salem shot 80 and took home the winning prize. Bateman made two birdies allowing him to edge Mikey Gonzalez of Radford and Evan Singleton of Pulaski by a single shot. Tyler Stover of Beckley, WV finished fourth with a score of

10-12 Age Group Par 36 2326

Only 2 four strokes separated the top five players in the age group. Marco Beato of Blacksburg made a birdie on the par 3 eighth hole to gain a one shot victory over Gavn Horn, also of Blacksburg. JJ Robertson of Blacksburg and Liam Smith of Elliston tied for third with scores of 41. Adrian Wallace of Floyd was fifth with a score of 43.

9 and Under Age Group Par 36

1752 Yards

Coulton Caudill of Wytheville shot 43 to win the age group. Michael Brown of Blacksburg and Silas Edmonds of Wytheville shared the second place spot with scores of 47. Tillman Evans of Radford posted a score of 49 and finished fourth.

The Tour wraps up next week with the two-day Tour Championship at Pipestem Resort State Park on Tuesday-Wednesday July 18-19.

Blue Ridge Golf

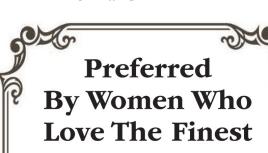


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Gandee lands hole-in- one

Auburn Hills Golf Club pro Jeff Gandee scored his first hole-in-one on his home course this past week on

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E&H takes next step for athletics

Hundreds of Emory & Henry College students thousands of middle and high school students will soon be playing sports including lacrosse, track and field and soccer at the new MultiSport Complex at exit 26 just off the I-81 Emory & Henry Education Corridor.

Emory & Henry spans facilities from Marion to Bristol in Virginia serving more than 1,400 students. It is estimated that the new complex will be ready for use by fall 2024.

The \$15 million facility will feature yearround game action, adding a boon to economic development in the region including Abingdon lodging and restaurants specifically.

"This is a collaborative vision to build a highcaliber sports facility at Emory & Henry College. The MultiSport Complex is not only for our DII studentathletes but to support the youth in Southwest Virginia and those coming into Abingdon

at the Meadows Sports Complex," said John W. Wells, president of Emory & Henry. "We envision opportunities to support one another and to host large tournaments and events engine for economic impact and growth by C. Smith, Food City

project with a lead gift worked or interned at of \$4 million is locally- our Corporate Support owned Food City. Center, Distribution Food City continues to Center and stores while support initiatives that attending college. We're help market and grow honored to work with the region with an eye Dr. Wells and see his on family engagement outstanding stewardship and healthy lifestyles. of the University, as well The gift is part of the as the many other great Collective Connections individuals at Emory Campaign underway at & Henry. We're excited the College to support to welcome families student success and from all over the globe experiences.

at Emory & Henry to multi-sports complex. help make this project Not only will this project possible," said Steven benefit the students of



PHOTO COURTESY OF E&H ATHLETICS

throughout the seasons. Burwil Construction has been retained to build the complex that will feature a Mondo track and turf playing field, This will also be an stadium seats, concessions, game day locker rooms, restrooms and ample parking.

increasing the number president and chief of visitors to our region executive officer. "We've who will enjoy lodging, been very fortunate dining, transportation, to hire a number and recreation in of Emory & Henry Washington County." graduates and former Leading off the athletes, many of whom to Emory & Henry's Food City is proud to campus to compete at partner with our friends this state-of-the-art

Emory & Henry and the surrounding areas, but it will also be a huge economic engine for Washington County."

K-VĂ-T Food Stores (Food City's company), parent headquartered Abingdon, Virginia, operates 150 retail throughout outlets Kentucky, southeast southwest Virginia, east Tennessee, north Georgia, and Alabama.

The new complex, to be named the Food City Sports Complex at Emory & Henry, will be managed by Synergy Sports Global. According Boudrie, Jason founder and CEO with Synergy, working with Emory & Henry College to develop a sports complex is an exciting opportunity for several reasons.

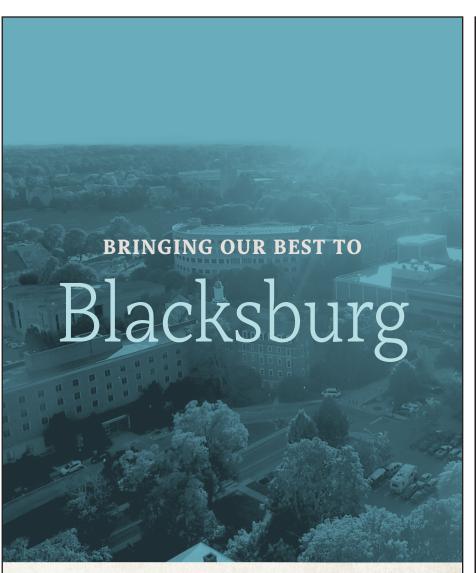
"Developing a sports complex in alignment with the move NCAA Division demonstrates college's commitment to providing their studentathletes with top-notch facilities and resources. Being part of this growth and expansion journey is exhilarating, as it allows us to contribute to the development of a high-caliber athletic program," said Boudrie. "The opportunity to play a role in shaping spaces the where athletes will compete, train, and excel is truly exciting and rewarding. A well-designed sports complex can give them a competitive edge by

aligns with the standards and expectations of their new division."

"This is an amazing opportunity for our athletics department, student-athletes and Emory & Henry College," said Anne Crutchfield, Vice President for Athletics. "The complex will attract future students and youth teams to our campus and the region. We hope their families explore the area to take advantage of the recreational amenities we offer in Southwest Virginia and enjoy coming out to support E&H events and other

Leah Prater, E&H

events on our campus."



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