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## Annual Eastmont Tomato Festival draws a record crowd this year

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A tomato talent show, tomato eating contest, TomatOlympics, and of course, fried green tomatoes were just some of the highlights of the Eastmont Tomato Festival, held Aug. 19 at the Meadowbrook Center in Shawsville.

Celebrating their 16th anniversary this year with a record number of attendees, Eastmont Community Foundation along with Red Sun Farms and the Meadowbrook Library sponsored and supported the event. Along with the sponsors, the ACCE students and The Hokie Way athletes from Virginia Tech University also volunteered their time and energy in making the event spectacular.

Ellen Ryan, Treasurer of Eastmont Community Foundation, shared how the event had developed over the years.

"It just kind of grew out of the farmer's market and they ran it for a little while," Ryan said.

Then, Eastmont Community Foundation took over the organization of the tomato festival. With tomatoes being center stage at the event, freshness was important too.

Volunteers from the organization could be found picking green tomatoes, fresh from the vine, as volunteers stood ready at stations to serve up hot fried green tomatoes. Branch Manager of Meadowbrook Library Cindy Minnick has served up the delicious fried treats every year as one of the volunteers.

The tomato tasting was open to attendees as well and showcased many varieties of tomatoes, 27 in fact. Participants could vote for their favorite after tasting each one.

"My hope is that we'll grow some that are the favorite and use them next year,"

Ryan said.

Festival goers could purchase tickets for food that included options for homemade pizza, fried green tomatoes, tomato sandwiches, and hot dogs, as well as drinks.

The pizza maker that had previously baked for the event was not available this year, so Ellen Ryan's son Adam Ryan stepped up. Adam Ryan had just moved back from New Orleans and provided a tasty homemade pizza with a variety of toppings, including of course, delicious fresh tomatoes. Volunteers worked steadily in the kitchen, at the stations, and even outside at the grill to keep the food moving for participants.

The Meadowbrook Community Center, that once was a retirement home, holds a large kitchen equipped with lots of space for a large event. However, some equipment is showing its age.

"We are babying our Hobart dishwasher," Ryan said. "We will quit when the dishwasher quits."

Families joined together also in making the event special for everyone. Ellen Ryan's other son, Givens Ryan, stayed busy at the outdoor grill to be sure everyone had a chance to savor the fresh fried green tomatoes at the event.

A local celebrity that appears every year to offer his volunteer services is the "Boogie Woogie Man," Jimmy Valiant, a World Wrestling Federation wrestler who began his career in the 1960s. Valiant still runs a wrestling camp in Shawsville and is a supporter and volunteer for the Eastmont Tomato Festival.

"Every year he comes, and he is so sweet," Ryan said. "We all have our little niche'. Robert Pilkington has run the

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**Jake Yoder wins the Tomato Eating Contest, Adult Division, at the Eastmont Tomato Festival.**



**Owen Lafon is the 2023 Tomato Eating Champion in the Children's Division.**

PHOTOS COURTESY OF LAUREN TATE, PRESIDENT OF EASTMONT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

## U.S. Representative supports Franklin for 41st District in Blacksburg canvass kickoff



**Lily Franklin is the democratic candidate for the newly drawn 41st District.**

PHOTO COURTESY OF LILY FRANKLIN

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BLACKSBURG - Lily Franklin, democratic candidate for the newly drawn Virginia House of Delegates District 41, kicked off her canvassing campaign on Aug. 19 in Blacksburg. U.S. Representative Abigail Spanberger and Paul Bradfield, Southern Regional Director for Run for Something, provided remarks at the event.

Run for Something is a political organization that is dedicated to "recruiting and supporting young progressives" in running for political offices, according to their website at runforsomething.net.

This will be the first election with the newly drawn district lines, establishing the 41st district for the Virginia House of Delegates. According to the website www.maps/montva.com, Montgomery County's boundaries have been divided between districts 41 and 42. In December 2021, the Virginia Supreme Court approved new redistricting of maps for Virginia's Congressional, House of Delegates, and State Senate Districts. District 41 encompasses parts of Montgomery County (including Blacksburg, Shawsville and Riner) and Roanoke County (including parts of Catawba, Glenvar, Windsor Hills and Cave Spring).

Franklin was nominated for the 41st House of Delegates District as the Democratic candidate in early April. Since then, Franklin and her

committee have been working to set up a local campaign office in Blacksburg, canvas neighborhoods and announce her candidacy through marketing advertisements and yard signs.

Franklin's campaign focuses on the economic needs of the family at different stages of life and regardless of class level.

"Our economy should allow everyone to build a sustainable future for their families, regardless of their background or zip code," Franklin's webpage states at lilyfordelegate.com.

Other issues that Franklin wishes to address if chosen as the House of Delegates representative are the ongoing mental health crisis, education, access to affordable healthcare, and environmental issues including a focus on chemicals in Roanoke's drinking water.

Chris Obenshain, a republican, will be opposing Franklin. Obenshain's priorities are addressing issues of economic growth with preserving the Virginia's Right to Work status, supporting parent's true choice to schools, addressing environmental issues, and focusing on cost of living for Virginians. More information about Obenshain's political campaign and platform can be found at obenshainfordelegate.com.

Franklin will continue knocking on doors to speak to 41st District voters on Aug. 26 and 27 in Blacksburg and in Roanoke on the 27, meeting at the South County Library Parking lot. Supporters that wish to join Franklin in her mission should visit her webpage for more information.



**The bank vault is a highlight for museum visitors with bank artifacts, news clippings, and images of the region's past.**

PHOTO BY LORI GRAHAM

## Heritage Day brings community members together in a celebration of the past

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The Montgomery Museum of Art and History's Annual Heritage Day Festival provided food, art, crafts, music, and lots of history in downtown Christiansburg on Saturday, Aug. 19.

Arts and crafts vendors, food trucks, music, and organizations lined a

portion of Main Street. In addition to the events outside, the museum offered attendees the chance to see cultural and historical artifacts and exhibits from the Montgomery County region as well as local artwork and crafts that could be purchased.

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## NAACP and League of Women Voters announce 2023 candidate forums

CHRISTIANSBURG - The NAACP Montgomery Co.-Radford City-Floyd Co. Branch (MRF NAACP) and the League of Women Voters - Montgomery County (LWV-MC) are hosting a series of candidate forums.

Candidates for each office are invited to participate. Forums will be held on Thursdays beginning at 7 p.m. Voters, residents, and community organizations are invited to attend.

Candidate forums will be held on the following days:

Thursday, Aug. 24: House of Delegates Districts 41 and 42 and Senate Districts 4 and 5 at the Lyric Theater, Blacksburg.

Thursday, Sept. 7: Montgomery County School Board at the Montgomery County Government Building, Christiansburg.

Thursday, Sept. 14: Montgomery County Board of Supervisors at the Montgomery County Government Building.

Thursday, Sept. 21: Montgomery County Clerk of Court, Treasurer, and Commissioner of Revenue at the Montgomery County Government Building.

Thursday, Sept. 28: Montgomery County Commonwealth's Attorney and Sheriff at the Montgomery County Government Building.

Thursday, Oct. 5: Blacksburg Town Council in the Blacksburg Council Chamber.

Thursday, Oct. 12: Christiansburg Town Council in the Christiansburg Council Chamber.

The NAACP MRF and LWV-MC are nonpartisan organizations whose missions include educating voters. The candidate forums are designed to provide voters and residents the opportunity to hear from and ask questions of candidates. For more information about the forums, visit www.mrfnaacp.org or my.lwv.org.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Wednesday, August 23:

### Grownup Mario Kart Tournament

At the Radford Public Library; 6- 7:30 p.m. Adults are invited to race in a friendly Mario-Kart tournament using the library's Nintendo Switch on the huge TV in the Teen section.

### Ice Cream Social and Bingo

Beat the heat and join Blacksburg Parks and Recreation for a fun afternoon of ice cream followed by a game of Bingo, 1- 2:30 p.m., at the Blacksburg Community Center. Ice Cream and drinks provided; you bring a topping to share. If you want to play bingo, bring \$1 in quarters for bingo prizes. Event is co-sponsored with Warm Hearth Village. The event cost \$3 for residents and \$6 for non-residents. To register, click the link listed above or call 540-443-1100.

## Saturday, August 26:

### Music on the Lawn

LP Kelly. Join the Christiansburg Library for the final show in the Music on the Lawn concert series at 6 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. This free concert is rain or shine. The sound of LP Kelly comes broadly from the early days of American roots music. From his base of operations in Blacksburg, VA, Kelly has worked tirelessly to encourage a renaissance in music that has a history and a place. It's original music that still sounds familiar. A couple of guitars, a banjo or two, a suitcase of harmonicas, and a whole lot of guts.

### Blacksburg Town Council meeting

The 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.

## Monday, August 28:

### 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.

## Wednesday, August 30:

### Virtual Author Talk with Jeffrey Selingo

Virtual event at 2 p.m. Spend an hour with bestselling author Jeff Selingo, who immersed himself in the world of admissions for a year to answer the question on the minds of teenagers and their parents: how do colleges select their freshman class? The result is his most recent book, *Who Gets In and Why: A Year Inside College Admissions*, named one of the 100 Notable Books of 2020 by the New York Times. For the book, Jeff was embedded in three admissions offices — the University of Washington, Emory University, and Davidson College — and follows a group of high-school seniors through the process and players behind the scenes, including the marketers, the financial-aid consultants, and the rankers. In this conversation, Jeff will dispel the entrenched notions of how to compete and win at the admissions game, reveal why families have much to gain by broadening their notion of what qualifies

as a "good" college, and explain how the pandemic impacts admissions. Register now! <https://library.org/radfordlibrary>

## On-going:

### 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

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

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 and more.

### 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? The annual family-fun event is on Saturday, Aug. 26 at 8:30 a.m. Register at [www.lvnrv.org](http://www.lvnrv.org).

## Tuesday, August 29:

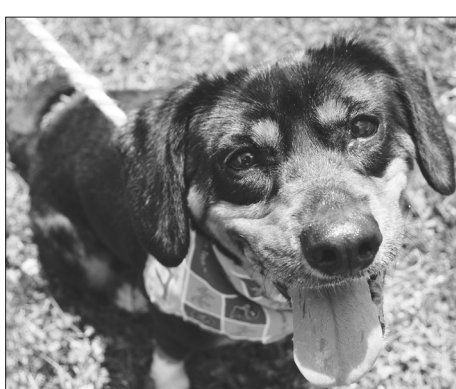
# PETS OF THE WEEK

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

*Emma Mae is a sweet, friendly gal. She is an older puppy who is ready to head home! She knows how to "sit" and will gladly attempt to learn other commands when treats are involved. Stop by the Animal Care and Adoption Center to meet her!*



*Mixie is capital-A Adorable! She came to the Center with some skin issues but is now healthy and happy. She likes tasty treats and playing with stuffed toys. Mixie is curious about other dogs and likes to meet new humans.*



## Tomato

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Olympics for the kids for years. He's so awesome to do that."

Pilkington was also the center of attention as children gathered around him for a chance to throw tomatoes at the brave soul wearing a red target on his bright yellow T-shirt. Pilkington, standing inside of a hula hoop and wearing a helmet, was surrounded by rows of children with bright red and yellow tomatoes at the ready. When the timer was started, children began to release a barrage of tomatoes at Pilkington. The children laughed and squealed as they tossed the tomatoes at Pilkington, who was doing his best to stay inside the hula hoop circle.

Children found lots of other activities to see and do at the family event as well. Seven-year-old Evie Fisher, wearing a tomato festival t-shirt, waited in line for her caricature to be drawn. Magician Mark Fuller, sponsored by Meadowbrook Library, entertained the children with his magic tricks. There was also the chance to compete in the children's tomato eating contest, an obstacle course, and the TomatOlympics event.

"The obstacles are my favorite," Fisher said.

For the obstacle course, children carried a bowl of tomatoes while traversing over, under, and through obstacles as quickly as they could.

The last event of the day was the tomato eating contest. Tables were set up in front of the bandstand. Organizers of the contest began setting out large bowls of chopped tomatoes and tomato juice as anxious participants sized up their opponents.

In the children's contest, the competition was fierce, but one child named Owen Lafon would prove to be the quickest tomato-eater, taking home first place. Jake Yoder was the winner of the 2023 Eastmont Tomato Festival Adult Tomato Eating contest.



PHOTO BY LORI GRAHAM

Evie Fisher enjoyed the obstacle course at the 16th Annual Tomato Festival.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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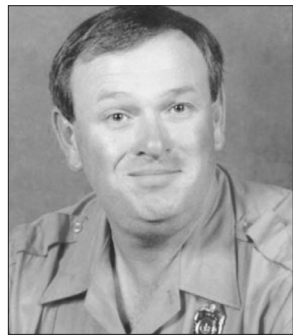
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# OBITUARIES

## Higgins, Mack C.

Mack C. Higgins passed away on Aug. 6 at the age of 77 in Blacksburg. Born in Christiansburg on Dec. 4, 1945, Mac was a loving and protective father, brother, and husband, a devoted firefighter, a car enthusiast, and race car driver.



Mac was a car and racing fanatic. Taking the driving skills he learned as a rebellious teenager running moonshine, he became a pioneer of professional truck racing. He was one of the first and only drivers to race Ford trucks when racing legend Buck Baker started the first pickup truck racing series that would eventually become today's NASCAR Truck Series. In his later years, he maintained his love of cars, taking his "hot rods" out for a spin and going to local cruise-ins.

A proud Christiansburg High School Blue Demon, Mac maintained close friendships with his Class of 1964 classmates through his entire life. In adulthood, he carried on his family legacy, running the family-owned Higgins Oil Company for many years. Dedicated to public service, Mac

was a lifetime member of the Galax Volunteer Fire Department. He took pride in serving the community and shared those values with his children, taking them along on fire calls and involving them in GVFD activities. Throughout his entire life, Mac loved spending time at his family farm at Cripple Creek, or as he liked to call it, "My Montana." There, he spent quality time fishing, riding four-wheelers through "Sugar Hollow," and enjoying the fresh mountain air and beautiful scenery. Cripple Creek is where he will be laid to rest so his family will know he is there with them always.

Mac is survived by three children and sons-in-law, Leslie Lundy and David

Lundy, James Higgins and Scot Bearden, and Josh Higgins and Tyler Kraus; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Sandra Mohney, Andy Mohney, Debra McLafferty and Charles McLafferty; two grandchildren, Aaron Lundy and Kelly Lundy; and two nieces, Jennifer Mohney and Clair McLafferty. He was preceded in death by his parents, E. Garland Higgins and Alice Lou Henderson Kjeldsen, formerly of Galax.

The Higgins family thanks the wonderful staff at English Meadows Senior Living in Blacksburg who helped Mac feel safe and at home — especially his "good buddies" Brittney, Jennifer, LaDonna, Robin, and Larry. The Higgins family would also like to extend a heartfelt deep thank you to Medi home health and hospice, specifically, Dads primary nurse, Britney Back, for the kind, gentle and compassionate handling of our dad in his last hours.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023, at 11 a.m. at the Galax Fire Department.

## Lytton, Judy Lee

Judy Lee Lytton, 75, of Christiansburg, passed away on Thursday, Aug. 17, 2023. She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Eugene Lytton; her parents, Grover Lee and Lucy Long Hamilton; and her siblings, Johnnie Tuck and Robin Blackburn.



Survivors include her sons, Timothy, Thomas and Johnny Lytton; daughters, Melissa Blevins and Lissa Lytton; 11 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; sister and brother-in-law, Penny and Tommy Sullivan; and many other relatives and friends.

Per Judy's request, a private memorial service will be held at a later date.

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

## Williams, Frances

Frances "Shorty" Williams, 96, of Radford went to begin her new journey with her Heavenly Father on Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2023.



Shorty was a lifetime member of Central Church Radford, previously known as Central United Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by her parents, David Lacy and Dolie Graham Moses; and 9 brothers and sisters.

Survivors include her daughter, Anne Turpin; son, Larry Williams; granddaughters, Natalie Dalton and Jessica Williams; great-grandsons, Kevin and Gaven Aldridge;

Center for the care and love given to Shorty.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2023, 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services will begin at 7 p.m. with Pastor Mark A. Miller and Doug Levy officiating. Burial will take place at 10 a.m. on Thurs., August 24, 2023, in Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to a charity of your choice.

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

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According to the museum's website at montgomerymuseum.org, the Montgomery Museum of Art and History was previously located in the circa 1852 Christiansburg Presbyterian Church manse. In June of 2022, the museum reopened in its new location in the old bank building on Main Street, Christiansburg. The bank vault makes for an interesting exhibit that museum attendees can walk into and observe the old bank deposit boxes along with artifacts from the region's past.

The 300 Peppers St. location is the Montgomery Museum Garden. Many children's activities, additional food options, and a petting zoo could be reached via a hayride. Emerald Downs Farm provided animals for viewing and petting as well.

"We have two buff Orpington hens, a bunny from the pound of mysterious origins, three Nigerian Dwarf goats, and my Haflinger horse who loved all of the attention," Melissa Downs said.

A big event that was also a great fundraiser for the museum was the silent auction held inside the museum. Paintings, baskets of wine, books, and other items were up for bid. As the auction was ending at 3 p.m., anxious bidders held their breath to see if their offering would win or be outbid. It was all great fun with money going to support the museum.

Museum Curator, Sherry Wyatt, could be seen behind the old teller counter collecting money for the gift shop and helping to coordinate the day's events. The funds collected by those visiting the museum's gift shop and the silent auction will help to continue the

community programs such as educational programming and maintaining and curating historical and cultural artifacts.

"Just looking to expand our programming and continue with the work we've been doing to offer history and art for the community," Wyatt said. "Except for 2020, we have been doing this event for many years."

Many organizations were present to support their community in a variety of ways. The New River Valley Quilts of Valor Quilters are a group of members who come together to create patriotic quilts that will eventually be presented to a veteran who has been nominated in honor of their military service.

"We're part of a national organization and what we do is, we are a group of volunteers, we make quilts," said Gloria Smith, NRV Group Leader. "We're here today, just to get the word out. We're looking for veterans to give them the information, but we're also looking for quilters who would like to support the cause by making quilts, or making quilt tops and we will get it quilted."

Another local business, providing editing, promotion, and publishing services for local writers is Pocahontas Press. The company, founded by Virginia Tech professor Mary Holliman, has served the region since 1985. Upon Holliman's death, Michael and Jane Abraham took over the business, according to their website at pocahontaspress.com. Deborah Warren now manages the company, as well as promoting one of her own published works, Listen to the River. Books may be purchased online at the Pocahontas Press website.



PHOTO BY LORI GRAHAM

The art gallery provides natural scenes and local artwork with admission free to the public.

## Villas at Peppers Ferry host annual brunch



PHOTO COURTESY OF KATHRYN DOWLING

The Villas at Peppers Ferry, a 148-unit condominium community in Christiansburg, held their Annual Hello & Goodbye Brunch on Saturday, Aug. 19 at

their clubhouse. The Social Committee hosts a brunch annually to welcome new residents and say goodbye to those that have moved away in the last year. A varied

and delicious brunch enables all to meet and visit while enjoying delicious food.

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# Virginia gas prices increase slightly in past week

Average gasoline prices in Virginia have risen 0.8 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.66/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 4,081 stations in Virginia. Prices in Virginia are 24.4 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 1.8 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has risen 2.1 cents in the last week and stands at \$4.297 per gallon. According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Virginia was priced at \$3.09/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$4.49/g, a difference of \$1.40/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$3.09/g while the highest was \$4.49/g, a difference of \$1.40/g. The national average price of gasoline is unchanged in the last week, averaging \$3.82/g today. The national average is up 26.0 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 4.5 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 ten years:  
 August 21, 2022: \$3.68/g (U.S. Average: \$3.86/g)  
 August 21, 2021: \$2.98/g (U.S. Average: \$3.16/g)  
 August 21, 2020: \$2.05/g (U.S. Average: \$2.18/g)  
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 August 21, 2017: \$2.15/g (U.S. Average: \$2.33/g)  
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 August 21, 2015: \$2.32/g (U.S. Average: \$2.63/g)  
 August 21, 2014: \$3.21/g (U.S. Average: \$3.43/g)  
 August 21, 2013: \$3.37/g (U.S. Average: \$3.52/g)  
 Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:  
 Roanoke- \$3.54/g, up 0.3 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.54/g.

Richmond- \$3.62/g, up 0.9 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.61/g.  
 West Virginia- \$3.68/g, up 11.7 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.56/g.  
 "The national average price of gasoline eked out a small decline over the last week, with some states seeing a drop of 5-10 cents per gallon, while new issues in some states, like Arizona, have caused prices to jump notably in others," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "With California facing a deluge of water from Tropical Storm Hilary, some level of refinery problems that could impact gasoline prices could arise, and with eyes on a more active Atlantic, the next few weeks will bring additional volatility to what motorists can expect at the pump."

Submitted by GasBuddy

# Raise a glass to the recipients of the Fightin' Hokies Lager Scholarship



PHOTO BY SAM DEAN FOR VIRGINIA TECH

**Brian Wiersema, Department of Food Science and Technology pilot plant manager and Fightin' Hokies Lager co-creator, evaluates beer ingredients in the Virginia Tech's on-campus brewery.**

Every purchase of a Fightin' Hokies beer helps a Hokie taste success. That's because a portion of the proceeds from each sale of the popular beer, created by Hardywood Park Craft Brewery under license with Virginia Tech, goes to fund scholarships, study abroad, and research opportunities for Virginia Tech students.

This year, three undergraduate students in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences' Department of Food Science and Technology received Fightin' Hokies Lager Scholarships toward tuition, room, and board. They are pursuing degrees in food science and technology with the food and beverage fermentation option, one of only seven four-year degrees in the nation recognized by the Master Brewers Association of the Americas.

Scholarship recipient Sofia Palacios, a sophomore from Falls Church, Virginia, is the first member of her family to attend college.

"This scholarship will help me greatly in being able to afford to attend college and lessen the burden on my family," Palacios said. "The Department of Food Science and Technology has introduced me to numerous careers in food and beverages and opened many doors for me in pursuing fermentation. I ultimately hope to have my own bar or bakery where I can make alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages and bake bread, all while experimenting with different flavors."

Sam Steele, a sophomore from Maryville, Tennessee, said he was "honored and humbled" by the scholarship.

"The knowledge that support for my educational pursuit goes beyond my family and encompasses faculty, alumni, and even just casual consumers of a really good beer is inspirational," he said. "I have had the opportunity to see the practical application of academic excellence both through my class work at Virginia Tech and by visiting the West Creek location of Hardywood. I hope to honor the privilege provided by this unique cooperation between the academic and business community."

The scholarship was also awarded to Shannon Hacker, a junior from Alexandria, Virginia.

"This scholarship is a huge help because I am an independent student with the responsibility of all my financial needs," Hacker said. "Fermentation has been a great interest of mine ever since a family member worked at a winery. I would go after school and help in the vineyard picking grapes. It was an amazing experience and ignited a passion in me. I hope to work with a brewery or winery, whether it's working behind

the scenes in labs or on site. It's a truly unique and wonderful atmosphere around this industry and I can't wait to be a part of it."

Made by Hokies for Hokies, Fightin' Hokies Lager hit the market in 2021 and emerged as Virginia's best-selling new craft beer during its first year. It followed up that success by earning a silver medal in the Munich-style helles category at the 2022 Australian Beer Awards – the largest annual beer competition of its kind. Virginia Tech and Hardywood are working to expand the beer's distribution nationally and to unveil more specialty beers in the future.

Virginia Tech's partnership with Hardywood, along with its more recent collaboration with Homestead Creamery, brings innovative food science research to market and also shares the proceeds with students in the form of scholarships, experiential learning, and research opportunities.

"One hundred percent of everything we are bringing back to our department goes toward our students," said Herbert Bruce, master brewer and assistant professor of practice for undergraduate education, who serves on the Fightin' Hokies Lager Scholarship committee. Bruce is also co-creator of Fightin' Hokies Lager with colleagues Brian Wiersema, manager of Virginia Tech's food processing pilot plant, and Sean O'Keefe, professor of food science and technology.

"Through our industry collaborations like Fightin' Hokies Lager and Hokie Tracks, we've found another way of serving students by sharing some of the proceeds of our research and innovation," Bruce said.

The Department of Food Science and Technology is recognized as one of the top food science programs in the country. Students enjoy a near-100 percent job placement rate and average starting salaries of \$77,000. Notable alumni include the current president of Kansas State University, the director of the Panamanian Food Agency, and the former U.S. Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food Safety.

Bruce said the demand for food scientists is at an all-time high, making it more important than ever to help students succeed in the field.

"We look at these scholarships as part of Virginia Tech's legacy of Ut Prosim, That I May Serve," he said, referring to the university's motto. "It's a way to give back to our students that ultimately makes their lives easier and more successful, so they have the chance to give back down the road."

Max Esterhuizen for Virginia Tech

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## Legals - City of Salem

020003402 in the Clerk's Office for the City of Salem Virginia Circuit Court, Virginia, securing a loan which was originally \$87,400.00. The appointed SUBSTITUTION TRUSTEE, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps for the Circuit Court for the City of Salem located at 2 E Calhoun Street, Salem, VA 24153-7933. September 28, 2023 at 10:00 AM improved real property, with an abbreviated legal description of the following described property, to wit: BEGINNING at a point on the south side of Elizabeth Avenue, said point being N. 82 degs. 58' E. 339.50 feet from the intersection of Arch Street and Elizabeth Avenue; thence N. 82 degs. 58' E. 62.50 feet to an iron; thence S. 7 degs. 02' E. 158.05 feet to an iron; thence S. 87 degs. 37' W. 62.71 feet to an iron; thence N. 7 degs. 02' W. 152.96 feet to the place of BEGINNING, and being part of Lots 7 and 8, Section 3, Map of Puckett Addition; and BEING the same property conveyed unto the Grantor herein by deed dated July 30, 2002 from James M. George and Buddy D. Mason and recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office immediately prior hereto. AND as more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. TERMS OF SALE: The property will be sold "AS IS," WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND AND SUBJECT TO conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, rights of way, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust to be announced at the time of sale. A deposit of \$20,000 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required at the time of sale, in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price, with interest at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date said funds are received in the office of the SUBSTITUTION TRUSTEE, will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale. In the event of default by the successful bidder, the entire deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs and expenses of sale and Substitute Trustee's fee. All other public charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, whether incurred prior to or after the sale, and all other costs incident to settlement to be paid by the purchaser. In the event taxes, any other public charges have been advanced, a credit will be due to the seller, to be adjusted from the date of sale at the time of settlement. Purchaser agrees to pay the seller's attorneys at settlement, a fee of \$470.00 for review of the settlement documents. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustees a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT Rosenberg & Associates, LLC (Attorney for the Secured Party) 4340 East West Highway, Suite 600 Bethesda, MD 20814 301-907-8000 www.rosenberg-assoc.com

## Trustee's Sale

## 1442 Filson St, Salem, VA 24153

(Parcel ID: 239-6-1)

Default having been made in the terms of a certain Deed of Trust dated October 18, 2004, in the original principal amount of \$74,000.00 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Salem, Virginia on November 15, 2004, as Instrument Number 040004736, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction on September 29, 2023 at 10:00 AM, in front of the building housing the City of Salem Circuit Court, 2 East Calhoun Street, Salem, VA 24153, the property designated as Lot 10, Block 6, according to the Map of Section 3, South Side Hills, made by

## Legals - City of Salem

Raymond E. Robertson, SCE, February 26, 1955, of record in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Roanoke County, Virginia, in Plat Book 6, page 43. Sale is subject to all prior liens, easements, restrictions, covenants, and conditions, if any, of record, or other matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the premises. TERMS: CASH. A deposit of \$7,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required of the successful bidder at time of sale. Prior to the sale, interested bidders will be required to register with and must present a bid deposit which may be held during the sale by the trustee. The bid deposit must be certified funds and/or cash, but no more than \$9,900.00 of cash will be accepted. The successful bidder's deposit will be retained at the sale and applied to the sale price. If held by the trustee, all other bid deposits will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. Settlement is to be made within 15 days. The successful bidder will be responsible for obtaining possession of the property, and for all costs and fees related to recording the Trustee's Deed, including the grantors tax. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Trustee's Sale, available for review upon request before the sale, outlining additional terms of sale and settlement. A Trustee's Deed will be prepared by Trustee's attorney at high bidder's expense. This is a communication from a debt collector. Tromberg, Morris & Poulin, PLLC on behalf of Southeast Equity Trustees, LLC and/or Auction.com-VA, LLC, Substitute Trustee(s), 413 Stuart Circle, Suite 314, Richmond, VA 23220, File No. 22-001096, Tel: 804-525-1570.

## Notice is hereby given to all interested persons

that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on Monday, August 28th, 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. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Jesse Spence, property owner, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow a two family dwelling on the property located at 128 Bellevue Avenue (Tax Map # 78-1-1).

2. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Helm Building Enterprises Ltd., property owner, for rezoning the property located at 105 St. John Road (Tax Map # 155-3-2) from HBD Highway Business District to HM Heavy Manufacturing.

3. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Doyle Properties, LLC, property owner, for rezoning the property located at 2005 East Main Street (Tax Map # 78-2-2.11) from RSF Residential Single Family to HBD Highway Business District.

4. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Neal Wall, property owner, for rezoning the properties located at 1139, 1133, and 1127 Highland Road (Tax Map # 230-2-7, 230-2-6, and 230-2-5) from RSF Residential Single Family to HBD Highway Business District.

If approved, Salem City Council intends to adopt the ordinance(s) associated with the above item(s) on first reading, with a second reading of those ordinance(s) at a subsequent meeting. 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

## Legals - City of Salem

## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

## FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

## Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for the City of Salem, Roanoke County, Virginia, and Case No. 23-03-0152P.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held before Salem City Council, in Council Chambers, Salem City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, Salem, Virginia, on August 28, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. to consider the following amendment to The Code of the City of Salem, Virginia, pertaining to a change in voting places:

Section 26-41 (b) to change the voting place of Precinct D or West Salem Precinct from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Social Hall, located at 314 Turner Road, to the Salem Civic Center, located at 1001 Roanoke Boulevard, Salem, Virginia 24153; and Section 26-47 (b) to change the voting place of Precinct J or Beverly Heights Precinct from Fort Lewis Christian Church, Fellowship Hall, 2931 West Main Street, to the Salem Civic Center located at 1001 Roanoke Boulevard, Salem, Virginia 24153.

Maps and other documents pertaining to these changes may be viewed in the City Manager's Office, 114 North Broad Street, Salem, Virginia. Interested parties may appear at the public hearing and be heard by City Council.

CITY OF SALEM

H. Robert Light Clerk of Salem City Council

## Legals - Montgomery County

## TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 1155 KING STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated October 18, 2013, in the original principal amount of \$133,257.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 13010149. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Montgomery County, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court on September 18, 2023, at 12:30 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THOSE CERTAIN TRACTS OR PARCELS OF LAND WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE SHAWSVILLE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AND BEING ALL OF TWO (2) TRACTS OR PARCELS OF LAND, AS SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SURVEY STYLED "PLAT OF PROPERTY TO BE ACQUIRED BY NELL T. JEFFERSON", DATED JUNE 21, 1988, PREPARED BY CLEAN WATER ENGINEERS,

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Judges of the Circuit Court on September 18, 2023, at 12:30 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL OF LOT 2, BRUMFIELD HEIGHTS CONTAINING 0.581 ACRE, AS SHOWN AND DESCRIBED ON A MAP ENTITLED, "MAP OF SURVEY OF 0.518 ACRES IN CAMBRIA TO BE ACQUIRED BY KENT R. CARLSON AND LORRAINE H. LANDIS FROM LEIGH C. GARRISON, TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA," PREPARED BY ANDERSON AND ASSOCIATES, INC., DATED JULY 29, 1993, DESIGNATED AS DOCUMENT NO. 10645002. A COPY OF WHICH MAP IS RECORDED IN THE CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN DEED BOOK 801, AT PAGE 31. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at [www.bwvsales.com](http://www.bwvsales.com). Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWV Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: [www.bwvsales.com](http://www.bwvsales.com). VA-307497-2.

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Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316  
Case No. JJ00376703-03  
RADOFRD CITY JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* Miranda Sue Simpkins. Toney Lee Martin, Christopher and Christa Simpkins, Tammy Sue Davidson *v.* Karen Sue Webb  
The object of this suit is to: DETERMINE CUSTODY AND VISITATION OF THE MINOR CHILD. It is ORDERED that TONY LEE MARTIN appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before September 22, 2023.  
July 21, 2023  
Sally Davis, CLERK

## ABC NOTICE

THE BLUE HEN LLC., trading as THE BLUE HEN, 1465 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Montgomery County, VA. 24073

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Retail restaurant or caterer Application- Restaurant, Wine, Beer, Mixed Beverages, Consumed On and Off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

MAGDY GHALLY, OWNER.

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

## ABC NOTICE

NOT YOUR MAMA'S PASTA LLC., trading as Not Your Mama's Pasta LLC, 301 S. Main Street, Blacksburg, Montgomery County, Virginia 24060.

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## Legals - Montgomery County

consumed On and Off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Chris Cirenza, Owner

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

## TRUSTEE'S SALE OF PROPERTY 201 S. Main Street and 105 Lee Street, Blacksburg, VA 24060

Tax Map Nos. 257-A 47 and 257-A 48  
Parcel ID Nos. 002611 and 002612

In execution of a Credit Line Deed of Trust dated February 20, 2020, in the principal amount of \$2,109,000.00, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, of record as Instrument Number 2020001260, Woods Rogers Vandeventer Black PLC, Substitute Trustee, will offer for sale at public auction outside the main entrance of the Montgomery County Circuit Court, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, on September 8, 2023 at 12:00 noon, the property described in said Deed of Trust lying in Montgomery County, Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

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## Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, 20-104  
Case No. CL23000992-00  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* NANNIE FAY LONG, THOMAS LONG AND EDWARD LONG *v.* NONE  
It is ORDERED that GAIL LONG, BETHANY LONG, SABRINA LONG, SCOTTY W. LONG, BILLY W. LONG appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before OCTOBER 20, 2023 AT 8:30 AM..  
AUGUST 9, 2023  
TIFFANY M. COUCH, CLERK

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# MONTGOMERY SPORTS

## Glenvar downs Blacksburg in benefit game



Blacksburg's David Oliver tackles Glenvar's Shane Gibson during the first half of Friday's preseason scrimmage. Glenvar's varsity group took a 34-0 first half win.



Blacksburg's Javier Waldron cuts up field along the sideline against Glenvar during a Friday preseason scrimmage.

PHOTOS BY JON FLEMING

## Christiansburg downs Giles 21-0



Christiansburg's Donovan Richardson (left) stops a Giles wide receiver where he caught the ball in Friday's benefit game in Pearisburg.



Ben Evans scores the second touchdown of the evening for the Blue Demons in Friday's game.

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## 2023 high school season kicks off this Friday

Marty Gordon

NRVsports@ourvalley.org

High school football kicks off this Friday night with several interesting games to start the 2023 season.

One of the biggest changes in the Virginia High School football this year was seen during Friday night's scrimmage between Christiansburg and Giles. Officials enforced pants below the knee. At least 18 times, players were sent off the field because their pants legs were not over their knees.

Here are other rule changes:

Clarification that towels do not have to be the same solid color for each player — Player towels may contain one manufacturer's logo and/or one school logo neither exceeding 2¼ square inches. Towels must be a solid color but now do not have to be the same solid color for each player. Towels may not be ball- or penalty-flag colored.

Clarification when a player is inbounds after being out of bounds — This change clarifies when a player

is inbounds after being out of bounds. There is no change to any foul or subsequent penalty provisions, or any rules related to illegal participation or the provisions regarding eligibility to catch a pass.

Addition of a list of criteria to help identify players who should be defined as defenseless receivers — This change adds to the list of criteria to help identify players who should be defined as defenseless receivers related to application of unnecessary or excessive contact. This clarification should help game officials and coaches by defining allowable contact against defenseless receivers.

Intentional grounding exception changed — This change permits the exception for intentional grounding to the first and only player to possess the ball after the snap ends.

Removed "intentional" from pass interference — By removing "intentional" from pass interference, this change puts the rule in line with how it is already enforced which is a 15-yard penalty.

Changes in basic spot penalty enforcement — This change restructures and clarifies the amendments to Rule 10 to eliminate the excessive penalty enforcements for offensive fouls that occur behind the line of scrimmage. This revision stipulates the basic spot for enforcement of fouls behind the line of scrimmage is the previous spot rather than the spot of the foul unless otherwise specified by rule. Current penalties for illegal kicking, batting and participation fouls, and provisions for offensive fouls occurring in the end zone that may result in a safety, remain intact.

Clarification on the ball being handed forward on a running play — The change allows the ball to be handed forward on a running play, including to the guards/ends, while prohibiting handing the ball to the snapper provided both players are behind the neutral zone.

In a move to achieve one of the committee's fundamental tasks of maintaining a balance between offense and defense, this revision stipulates the basic spot for enforcement of fouls

behind the line of scrimmage is the previous spot rather than the spot of the foul. Current penalties for illegal kicking, batting and participation fouls, as well as provisions for offensive fouls occurring in the end zone that may result in a safety, remain intact.

As an example, with the change in Rule 10-4, a team on offense at its own 40-yard line that is called for holding 10 yards behind the line of scrimmage at its own 30-yard line, would be faced with first and 20 from its 30-yard line rather than the almost insurmountable task of first and 30 from its own 20-yard line.

"This is an excellent rule change that the majority of game officials and coaches requested and that our NFHS Football Rules Committee members approved unanimously," said Richard McWhirter, chair of the NFHS Football Rules Committee and assistant executive director of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA). "I believe this change will make the rule clearer for coaches and

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## Hokies announce support staff changes

Virginia Tech head football Coach Brent Pry has announced two support staff promotions along with a new equipment room hire.

Alex Jones moves from his role as assistant director of player personnel to director of player personnel, while Joe Joe Headen goes from assistant director of player engagement to assistant director of player personnel. VanDyke Jones has been hired as assistant director of equipment.

Alex Jones (Charleston, West Virginia, George Washington HS) begins his second season in Blacksburg after serving as assistant director of player personnel for the Hokies in 2022. He previously served in that same capacity at Marshall for three seasons. Alex joined the Thundering Herd after spending the 2018 season as the director of football operations at Fairmont State University in Fairmont, West Virginia.

He began his career as a football operations intern with the NFL's Cleveland Browns in 2016 after earning a bachelor's degree in sport management and a Baldwin Wallace University and a master's degree in sport management from West Virginia.

Jones will continue to work alongside senior director of player personnel, Mike Villagrana, to play a major role in the Hokies' recruiting and roster management efforts. He will head up the day-to-day scouting operations of the department which include film evaluations, portal monitoring, assisting in the recruitment of prospective athletes, helping build and keep track of recruiting boards for all classes and other duties as assigned.

Joseph "Joe Joe" Headen (Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Bishop McDevitt HS) spent the 2022 season as the assistant director of player engagement at Tech. In this role, Headen assisted Carrie Lynne Wolford in the holistic development of football

student-athletes, centered around personal, professional, academic and athletic growth. Additionally, he played an integral part in the football program's community outreach efforts.

Headen played collegiately at Old Dominion from 2016-21. On the field, he played in 49 games, starting 32 times in the secondary. While with the Monarchs, Headen earned two degrees, a bachelor's in business administration and finance and a Master's of public administration. He will assist in every aspect of the Hokies' recruiting efforts, including overseeing campus visits while hosting prospects, families, and guests. He will have a hand in any and all scouting tasks/assignments while also handling both the walk-on program and assisting with all pro scouts who set foot on campus.

VanDyke Jones (Norfolk, Virginia, Indian River HS) joins the Hokies after serving one season as equipment manager for the D.C. Defenders of the XFL. Prior to that, he was director of equipment at Howard University from 2021 to 2023. Jones also spent eight seasons at Wofford College, including four as the Terriers' head football equipment manager.

The Virginia native played running back at The Citadel from 2009 to 2012 rushing for 249 yards and six touchdowns on 41 carries as a senior. A 2013 graduate, he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and marketing. Jones will assist Tech's director of football equipment services, Stewart Carter, participating in all activities related to the purchasing, issuing, fitting and repairing of athletic equipment and athletic equipment and uniforms.

Virginia Tech Athletics

2023-24 NON-CONFERENCE SCHEDULE	
ROANOKE COLLEGE (EXH.) OCTOBER 30 - RADFORD, VA	NOTRE DAME OF MARYLAND NOVEMBER 26 - RADFORD, VA
NORTH CAROLINA NOVEMBER 12 - CHAPEL HILL, N.C.	OLD DOMINION NOVEMBER 28 - NORFOLK, VA
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MORGAN STATE NOVEMBER 21 - CANCUN, MEXICO	WEST VIRGINIA DECEMBER 20 - MORGANTOWN, W.VA.
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## RU out of conference schedule stacked

The 2023-24 Radford University men's basketball non-conference schedule features 16 games, including one preseason exhibition, five home contests, a trio of neutral site games, and seven high-profile clashes on the road, Head Coach Darris Nichols recently announced.

Roanoke College makes its way down I-81 to play in an exhibition inside the Dedmon Center on Oct. 30 and then the regular season begins on Nov. 6 away at North Carolina.

Kicking off a brand-new partnership between the Greenbrier Resort and Intersport, the Highlanders and Marshall Thundering Herd will face off inside Colonial Hall at The Greenbrier on Nov. 10.

Radford then has its regular season home opener on Nov. 12 when Eastern Mennonite comes to town, followed by a return trip to Richmond, Va. to play VCU for the second consecutive season on Nov. 15.

The 2023 Cancun Challenge begins

with a game at JMU on Nov. 17 and then the team travels to Cancun, Mexico for neutral site contests with Morgan State (Nov. 21) and either Northern Colorado or Chicago State (Nov. 22).

Once the Thanksgiving holiday passes by, Radford returns home where it will welcome Notre Dame of Maryland on Nov. 26. Another in-state road game then arrives when the Highlanders go head-to-head with Old Dominion in Norfolk on Nov. 29.

With the month of December brings three straight home games against Division I opponents, the first time it's happened since 2003. Elon (Dec. 3), N.C. Central (Dec. 9) and VMI (Dec. 12) will all make their way to the New River Valley this time around.

Non-conference play then closes out with three consecutive road games — at Bucknell (Dec. 16), at West Virginia (Dec. 20) and at Clemson (Dec. 29).

Radford University Athletics

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easier for game officials to administer.”

In a change that addresses another goal of every NFHS rules committee – risk minimization—additional criteria were approved

to help identify players who should be defined as defenseless receivers related to application of unnecessary or excessive contact.

An addition (d) to Rule 2-32-16 states

that another example of a defenseless player includes a receiver, as previously defined in the rule, including the person intercepting the pass, who is forcefully contacted by an opponent that is not

1) incidental contact as a result of making a play on the ball, 2) initiated with open hands, or 3) an attempt to tackle by wrapping arm(s) around the receiver.

The committee also approved a clarification to the intentional grounding rule change implemented last year. The change in Rule 7-5-2 EXCEPTION permits the exception for intentional grounding to the first and only player to possess the ball after the snap ends.

A revision in Rule 2-29-1 clarifies when a player is inbounds after being out of bounds. While the committee approved additional language for clarification, there is no change to any foul or subsequent penalty provisions, or any rules related to illegal participation or the provisions regarding eligibility to catch a pass.

One change was approved in Rule 1-5-3 regarding player equipment, specifically player towels, which now may contain one manufacturer’s logo and/ or one school logo, neither exceeding 2¼ square

inches. Towels must be a solid color, but now do not have to be the same color for each player. Towels may not, however, be the color of the ball or penalty flag.

Games this week: Floyd at Christiansburg  
 Interesting that current Christiansburg coach Alex Wilkens once played for Floyd coach Winfred Beale. Christiansburg downed Giles in last week’s benefit contest. Senior QB Tanner Evans sat out the contest with a concussion. He is expected to play this week against Floyd.

Prediction: Christiansburg 33, Floyd 20.

Blacksburg at Giles  
 Blacksburg hopes to start the season on a high note against Giles, who continues to run the dreaded Single-Wing offense. Giles did manage to have 101 yards against Christiansburg in last week’s benefit game.

Prediction: Blacksburg 21, Giles 20.

Narrows at Auburn  
 Narrows is the favorite to win another Pioneer District and make a run into the playoffs. Auburn hopes avoid injuries in the

season opener with depth remaining a big question as they take the field after only playing nine games in the past three years.

Prediction: Narrows 38, Auburn 7.

George Wythe at Radford

This matchup is important for both teams to start the 2023 season in a rivalry, which dates to the old New River District days. GW is coming off a state title loss to Riverheads.

Prediction: Radford 34, George Wythe 32.

Rural Retreat at Eastern Montgomery

The two schools will find wins hard to come by this season, thus making the Week One opener even more interesting. Prediction: Rural Retreat 27, Eastern Montgomery 14.

Season record predictions: Radford 8-2, Christiansburg 8-2, Blacksburg 5-5, Eastern Montgomery 6-4, Auburn 2-8.

Preseason players of the year: QB Landon Clarke of Radford and Tanner Evans of Christiansburg. Who knows what position, Evans will play, and Clarke was recognized this summer as the MVP at the Virginia Tech 7-on-7 competition.

Maybe Christiansburg can line Evans up at right guard to provide the team some extra blocking up front. Expect both he and Clarke to be the offensive leaders for their teams this season.

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