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Christiansburg native realizes dream with newly released Charles Schultz animated film In 2015, Brown completed his Bachelor Lori Graham In 2015, Brown completed his Bachelor

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Contributing writer

Animator Ryan Brown is finding himself in a whole new world; the world of Charles Shultz who created the comic strip called Peanuts more than 70 years ago. The recent Aug. 18 release of the animated film on Apple TV+ hit a milestone for Brown, accomplishing something he had dreamed of doing his entire life. A life that began over 30 years ago in the small town of Christiansburg.

Brown grew up in Christiansburg and did what a lot of kids do in high school. He attended classes, played football, and worked at a local grocery store. During his senior year, he also found an interest in theater, but art class was always his favorite. East Tennessee State University drew Brown in, and it is where he attended for his undergraduate studies.

In a News Messenger article when Brown was in high school, the paper covered Brown when he was selected for an internship at Cartoon Network in Burbank, Calif. As he stated in the previous interview, he had applied for the internship "not thinking he had a realistic chance to get the job. His confidence grew as network contacts continued to ask for more of his work."

Brown has also given back to the community by helping to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. At the event sponsored by Kroger, the grocery store he had previously worked at as a high school student, he drew caricatures for donations to the cause while volunteers sold hot dogs and Kroger customers could also purchase paper shamrocks. The newspaper shows Brown drawing a caricature of his grandmother.

In 2015, Brown completed his Bachelor of Science degree in Digital Media with a concentration in Animation.

Brown has created many cartoon characters and comic strips over the years. While working for QuaverEd, an animated musical curriculum for school-aged children, Brown was part of the production for an animated theme song introducing children to instructional characters for math, counting, health, and other subjects. The company is based in Nashville, Tenn. and located on music row.

Phyllis Harless, Brown's grandmother, holds a treasured collection of Brown's artworks that she carefully keeps protected in clear, plastic sleeves. Each item in her collection has been signed by her grandson. On display in her kitchen is a painting Brown completed and had been displayed in the Montgomery Museum of Art and History. As she pulls each item out and tells its story, you can see the pride beaming from her face.

"He knew from the time of five or six years old what he wanted to do," Phyllis Harless, Brown's grandmother said.

Harless and family gathered to view the recently released Peanuts film, Snoopy Presents: One-of-a-Kind Marcie. WildBrain Studios, located in Vancouver, Canada, is where Brown was called to exclusively work on the Peanuts series for Apple TV. His family was very excited to watch the film upon its release from the comfort of their

'We paused the credits showing Ryan's

name and cheered," Harless said.

The animated film is entertaining for children and adults, but also has a lesson



See Animated, page 2 Balzy the Bear is one of Ryan Brown's many cartoon creations.

arrested after standoff with police

CHRISTIANSBURG Nathan Penn, 34, of Christiansburg, has been arrested following a standoff with Christiansburg Police and the U.S. Marshall's office, who were trying to serve him with an arrest warrant.

"On Friday Sept. 1, 2023 at approximately 2:20 p.m., Christiansburg Police received a call from the U.S.

Joseph Marshall's Task Force after an individual barricaded himself in a residence," the Town of Christiansburg announced. "The U.S. Marshall's Task Force was attempting to serve an arrest warrant to [Penn] when Penn immediately locked himself inside a residence on the 100 block of Hunter's Ridge Rd."

"Law enforcement attempted to

negotiate with Penn for more than two hours but he refused to surrender and broke off communication with law enforcement," the announcement continued. "At approximately 4:52 p.m. officers administered a chemical irritant. Penn came out of his barricaded position three minutes later and was immediately taken into custody. There were no injuries

to Penn or officers."

"The original arrest warrant was issued for capias that required Penn to return to Court to re-instate a previously suspended sentence on a previously adjudicated felony. Additional charges may be forthcoming.

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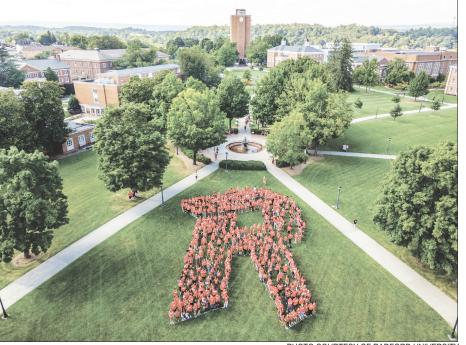


PHOTO COURTESY OF RADFORD UNIVERSITY

The incoming class at Radford University has the highest GPA of any class entering the university

Radford University freshman Class of 2027 achieves highest high school GPA

RADFORD - Radford University's reputation for academic excellence reaches new heights as the Class of 2027 achieves a remarkable milestone: attaining the highest GPA in the university's history.

This class had an average high school GPA of 3.47 on a 4.0 scale, an increase from the 3.41 average GPA of last year's

This accomplishment is accompanied by a surge in retention rates, painting a picture of an academic community that is not only attracting top students but also

nurturing an environment where they can thrive. "High-achieving students are selecting Radford University as they learn of the rich learning environment that we offer," said President Bret Danilowicz. "The university has seen significant growth

within our Honors College, a living-

learning community that has reached

its largest total headcount this fall by enrolling a record-setting new student cohort. High-performing students are also attracted to our widely available research experiences, which are typically only offered to graduate students at other institutions. And in recent years, top students have been offered distinguished excellent students."

scholarship awards, making a Radford University degree more affordable for Among these exceptional students is Alexis Perkins, a former valedictorian from Lakeland High School in Suffolk, Virginia, who embodies the spirit of achievement and ambition that defines this freshman class. Her decision to

attend Radford University was fueled

by a genuine connection to the campus

Virginia Tech student dies in single vehicle crash

BLACKSBURG - David Gudiel, a 20-year-old resident of Springfield, Va. and a Virginia Tech junior majoring in robotics and mechatronics in the College of Engineering, died early Saturday

morning after a single vehicle crash. On Sept. 2 at 3:40 a.m., Virginia Tech Police and Blacksburg Police responded to a single vehicle crash on Research Center Drive near Pratt Drive," Virginia Tech announced Sunday. "Arriving officers found one individual, believed to be the driver, on scene but out of the vehicle.

Life-saving measures were immediately initiated by emergency personnel but were unsuccessful. The individual was pronounced deceased at the scene. There

were no other individuals in the vehicle." The crash is being investigated by the Virginia Tech Police Crash Investigation Team. Research Center Drive was closed for several hours between Pratt Drive and Kraft Drive while officers completed the on-scene portion of the investigation.

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journey through the pages of his latest

Join author Jim Minick for discussions of his latest book

book, "Without Warning: The Tornado Literature enthusiasts and history buffs alike are invited to join author Jim of Udall, Kansas". Minick as he takes the audience on a

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PCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, Sept. 6:

Radford Army Ammunition Plant community

The Radford Army Ammunition Plant (RFAAP) will hold the next Commander's Community Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Christiansburg Library at 125 Sheltman St. The meeting will also be broadcast on Facebook Live from the Radford Army Ammunition Plant Facebook page. These meetings are open to the public and are an opportunity to learn about RFAAP Modernization and Environmental Projects. Our commitment to responding to your questions extends beyond the community meeting. You can reach out to us for questions or to conduct research on your own through several resources, including: Facebook: https:// www.facebook.com/RadfordArmyAmmunitionPlant/; http://www.jmc.army.mil/Radford/ RadfordDefault.aspx; or Email: USARMY.RIA.JMC. MBX.AMSJM-PA@ARMY.MIL.

Thursday, Sept. 7:

Central Church, 803 Wadsworth Street in Radford, is sponsoring a Blood Drive, 1-5 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Walk ins are welcome but in order to be seen more quickly, please call 1(800) RedCross to schedule an appointment.

American Legion meeting The American Legion, Harvey Howe Carper Post

30, will meet at 6 p.m. at the VFW Post Home located at 102 Watts St. in Radford. For further information, please call 540-250-2283 or 540-239-9864. Community Quilting Bee

At the Blacksburg Library; 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Join us for our weekly quilting and sewing group. Bring your supplies and join us for conversation.

Saturday, Sept. 9:

Mount Tabor Ruritan Club September Fish Fry, 5 to 7 p.m. at Slusser's Chapel Picnic Shelter, 1543 Mount Tabor Rd, Blacksburg. Serving fish, fries and slaw; homemade desserts; and beverages. Adults-\$12, children under 12-\$6, (under 3)-free, carry-outs-\$12. Entertainment by Simple Gifts of the Blue Ridge. The fish fry is a fundraiser for the Ruritan Club's community service projects and scholarships. Held rain or shine. Call or text 540-449-6178 for further information. This is the last fish fry in 2023. On Facebook at MtTaborRuritan.

Monday, Sept. 11:

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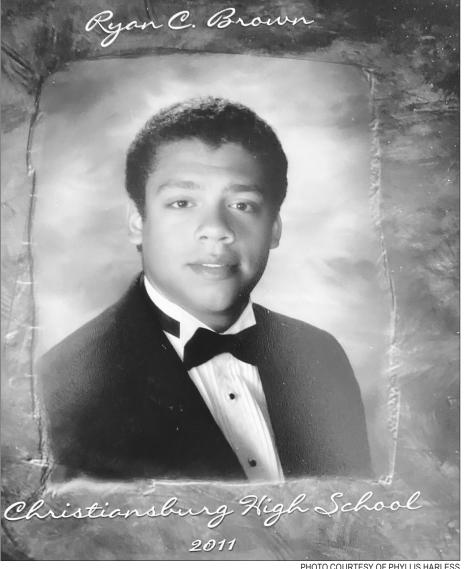


PHOTO COURTESY OF PHYLLIS HARLESS

These days, he is staying

busy with work and thrilled

to be doing what he loves as

aggressive about what I

wanted to do, but I didn't

know how it all worked until

later," Brown said. "I worked

at Bento Box Entertainment,

advertising for the game."

Brown lives in Nashville

now but continues to keep

in touch with family back

home. Additional animation

and artwork can be viewed

on Brown's website at www.

fro-bro.com.

always

his resume grows.

"I've

Ryan Brown, Christiansburg High School graduate of 2011, always dreamed of being an artist and animator.

be seen in the 39-minute-

long film. Franklin, the

first black character to be

introduced to the Peanuts

gang, will appear in another

feature animated film that

Brown has also worked on. Snoopy Presents: Welcome

Home Franklin, which can

be found on Apple TV+ as

moment for Brown was

the opportunity to work

animating some short segments for the long-

running children's television

incredible

Dreams,

well.

show.

Another

for Magnetic

about a quiet girl that makes a difference in her school in her own way. The same great Peanut characters that many people grew up with can all

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"I worked in postproduction for Sesame Street, I did one last year and this year I am doing another one," Brown said. Radford City Council meeting

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

Montgomery County Board of Supervisors meeting

Public meetings are the second and fourth Monday of each month at the Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St. in Christiansburg. Closed sessions begin at 6 p.m. if needed. Open sessions begin at 7:15 p.m. Citizens are invited to attend and allowed to speak at each meeting. All regular meetings of the Board of Supervisors are rebroadcast on Montgomery County Comcast and Shentel Channels 190 daily.

Tuesday, Sept. 12:

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.

Saturday, Sept. 16:

Wilderness Trail Festival

The 50th annual Kiwanis Wilderness Trail Festival will take place in downtown Christiansburg, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Location of vendors will extend on Main Street all the way from Town Hall to Burger King. A record number of vendors have registered this year.

The event will include the usual local arts and crafts vendors, craft demonstrations, an enhanced children's area, two stages, an emergency services location, great food all day, classic cars, raffles, a silent auction, and

Ladies Night Out Workshop

At First Missionary Baptist Church, 7318 Manns Dr., Fairlawn, Va., 5 p.m. Speaker will be Ruth Wolford New Mount Olive UMC-Radford. Sponsored by Deaconess Ministry—FMBC. Refreshments will be

Shred-A-Thon

Town of Blacksburg Shred-A-Thon; 9 a.m. - noon, 725 Patrick Henry Dr. Free event is a great opportunity to recycle unneeded household documents, records, etc. Please bring documents in a box, tote or paper bag and observe the limit of five containers per vehicle. Items that cannot be shredded include metal, three-ring binders, composition notebooks, hardback books, and nonpaper materials. This is a drive-thru event only. Remain in your vehicle during drop off. For more information, call the Town of Blacksburg Recycling office at 540-

Thursday, Sept. 21:

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 located at 3204 Riner Road. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to attend. For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

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

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.

Free GED classes

New River Community College is offering free GED at the Meadowbrook Library every Monday and Tuesday through Tuesday, Dec. 12. For more information or to sign up please call the Library at 540-268-1964.

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atmosphere and a deep appreciation for the uplifting environment it offers.

"I chose this college because I fell in love with the campus, and the environment seemed very positive and uplifting. I felt like a perfect fit at that school," she shared with the Suffolk News-Herald earlier this month. "I also fell in love with Radford's nursing program and decided that that's what I wanted to commit to."

Students like Perkins shine as

examples of ambition and achievement. The Class of 2027 cements its place in Radford University's history as the institution stands ready to continue its legacy of excellence. The exceptional academic performance, paired with the increased retention rates, serves as inspiration for all members of the university community.

Justin Ward for Radford University

First Bank and Trust Co. announces new VP



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"continue to be an agent of change." By providing customers with support and guidance, Julie's financial expertise will lend toward the growth of business, the creation of local jobs, and the development of the hometowns we serve. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Julie Tollison McMichael. We are excited to have her join our Commercial Division."

Submitted by First Bank and Trust Co.

and quite a few animations CHRISTIANSBURG - First Bank for Netflix: Farzar, Paradise Petey, and Koala Man for and Trust Co. recently announced Julie Hulu. Also, worked on Best Tollison McMichael as its new VP/ Commercial Lender in Christiansburg. Fiends app series of shorts for "With an impressive 30 years of YouTube, promoting it and

experience in the financial industry, Julie has remained dedicated to helping businesses achieve their financial goals for growth and sustainability," the bank announced. "Inspired by her father, Sam Tollison, Julie's career in banking has been driven by her goal to serve her community and her philosophy to

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Zero Dollar Considerations:

Ruth A Akers to Larry Justin Akers, Lot 6 Section I McCoy Estates Parcel 1 and 0.760 Acre 30 Feet Right of Way Parcel Prices Fork Magisterial District

Clayton B Perdue to Cheryl Kramer Perdue Trust, Lot 93 Windmill Hills Section 11 2A Town of Christiansburg

Carolyn Grace Rude to Jonathan

Geoffrey Rude, Lot 8 Shelor Farms PH II Mount Tabor Magisterial District

Katheryn K Moody to George Edward Moody, Lots 3 and 4 Section 13 Miller Addition Town of Blacksburg

Brenda Carol Roberts to Garrett T

Town of Christiansburg George M Harvey to George M Harvey Sr. Trust, 175.906 Acres Meadow

Burch, Franklin Street or the Floyd Road

Community Housing Partners to New River Home Trust, Metes and Bounds

See Legal Town of Blacksburg

Community Housing Partners to New River Home Trust, Lot 9 Cedar Top

Community Housing Partners to New River Home Trust, 0.082 Acre Lot 1B Town of Blacksburg

Community Housing Partners to New River Home Trust, 0.3474 Acre Metes and Bounds

Community Housing Partners to New River Home Trust, 0.118 Acre Lot 1A Town of Blacksburg

Drive LLC, Lot 95 PH V Deercroft Mount Tabor Magisterial District

E Duane Shealor to 235 Deercroft

Emma Dudley Simpkins to Daniel Gordon Simpkins, 4.758 Acres Riner Magisterial District

Holly Wimmer Dunaway to Holly Wimmer Dunaway, 14.09 Acres Tract 1 Mount Tabor Magisterial District

Thomas Joseph McMurray to Thomas McMurray Trust, 0.4832 Acre More or Less Prices Fork Magisterial District

Robert H Rue to Carolyn H Rue, Two

Parcels; 5.428 Acres Metes and Bounds and 0.20 Acre Metes and Bounds Parcel II Shawsville Magisterial District

Reginald W Stuart to Stephanie L Stuart, 0.7534 Acre Metes and Bounds Shawsville Magisterial District

Pamela R Miller to Brandon W Miller, Lot 31 Windsong Heights Section 1 Town of Christiansburg

Pamela R Miller to Kevin D Poole, 26530 Square Feet Parcel 1 and 0.248 Acre Lot 1 Parcel 2 Town of Christiansburg

Arthur C Ballas to Madeleine True Ballas, 50.83 Acres More or Less Parcel 1 and Metes and Bounds Parcel 2 Mount Tabor Magisterial District

Stephanie Ann Kidwell to Robert Stephan Reisinger, Metes and Bounds See Legal Town of Blacksburg

David G Rhudy to David H Rhudy, 0.502 Acre Town of Christiansburg

Teresa A Burton to Teresa A Burton,

0.5 Acre Metes and Bounds See Legal Min Wang to Eric Xie, Lot 32 Block

5A1 Pheasant Run Townhomes

Min Wang to Eric Xie, Lot 43

Brookfield Village PH I

Min Wang to Eric Xie, Condo Unit 20 Building B Cascade Point Condominiums Town of Blacksburg

Laura Flick Trust to Laura Flick, Two Parcels; Metes and Bounds Parcel 1 and Lot 10 Blue Ridge Heights Parcel 2

Laura Flick Trust to Laura Flick, Two Parcels; Metes and Bounds Parcel 1 and Lot 10 Blue Ridge Heights Parcel 2

Adam K Shoemaker to Four Elves Realty 330 LLC, Lot 38 Oak Tree Townhomes Town of Christiansburg

Adam K Shoemaker to Four Elves Realty 1525 LLC, Lot 20 Oak Tree Townhomes PH III Town of Christiansburg

Adam K Shoemaker to Four Elves Realty 420 LLC, Lot 42 Oak Tree Townhomes PH X Town of Christiansburg

Adam K Shoemaker to Four Elves Realty 305 LLC, Lot 15 Oak Tree Phase

X Town of Christiansburg

Building S Cascade Condominiums

Adam K Shoemaker to Four Elves Realty 307 LLC, Condo Unit 531

Adam K Shoemaker to Four Elves Realty 2211 LLC, Lot 14 Knollwood Phase II Town of Blacksburg

Justin Currie Shepherd to Justin Currie Shepherd, 3.001 Acres Lot 2 Riner Magisterial District

Leslie B Jackson to Ted Jackson, 33.5416 Acres Riner Magisterial District

Ashley Nicole Durrbeck to Ashley Nicole Durrbeck, Tract 14 Mount Tabor Magisterial District

Brandon Wesley Cox to Zane F Christian, 0.868 Acre Lot 6 Kelseywood Blacksburg, \$685,000 PH I Town of Christiansburg

Robert Stephan Reisinger to 201 Wall

Street LLC, Metes and Bounds See Legal

Town of Blacksburg Dolly S Moore Trust to Dolly S Moore, Lot 31 Mount Tabor Village Subdivision

Mount Tabor Magisterial District

DTT LC to Lyn F Davidson, Lot 83 PH II-B Village at Tom's Creek Town of Blacksburg

Galloway, Lot 60 Huff Akers Subdivision Rebecca Glander Trust to Rebecca Langhauser, Lot 18 PH V-A Walnut

Virginia H Roop to Rodney Alan

Glander, Two Parcels; Metes and Bounds Parcel 1 and Lot 10 Blue Ridge Heights District, \$500,000 Parcel 2 James Trust, Neighbors, 0.721 Acre Lot 8 Lilly R Montgomery

Kelli M Linkous to Matthew L Shepherd, 2023004106

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Jay S Mirlohi to Soheilla Mirlohi, New Lot 2 Cedar Ruin Mount Tabor

John Brian Saari to Brian John Saari, Family Unit 50 Building 7 PH III Piedmont at Blacksburg Town of

Joyce G Akers to Mark Anderson Akers, 111-1/2 Acres More or Less Parcel q and 1.97 Acres Parcel II Mount Tabor Magisterial District

C Rogers, 1.171 Acres Less and Except 0.241 Acre in Area Ashley C Mothena to Mothena Living

Catherine R Rogers to Christopher

Trust, Lot 8 Block 2 Section 1 Westover Hills Town of Blacksburg AKM1 LLC to AKM3 LLC, Lot

7 Vista Pointe Subdivision Town of Blacksburg Barbara Jean Absher Phlegar to Barbara

Jean Absher Phlegar, 2.08 Acres Mount Tabor Magisterial District Carmen E Recupero to Virginia

Capital Investment LLC, Lot 49 Čedar Orchards Subdivision PH III Block A and B Mount Tabor Magisterial District Land Development RVI LLC to R

Magisterial District Regina Francis Rougeot Bonds to

Regina F Bonds Trust Under Agreement, 9.823 Acres Riner Magisterial District

Juanita Ann Carroll to Andrea Lynn Powell, 1 Acre Brush Mountain

Juanita Ann Carroll to Warren Owen Wells, 1.19 Acres Brush Mountain Town of Blacksburg

Brian J Gathright to Robert Scott Wallace, 2023003502

Christine Burton Simmons Christine Burton Simmons, 7.797 Acres Metes and Bounds See Legal

Kellie Collida Grove to Kellie Collida Grove, 0.173 Acre Lot 168 PH IVA-1 The Village at Tom's Creek Town of Blacksburg

David Nelson Ford to David Nelson Ford, Lot 612 Section III Blacksburg Country Club Estates Mount Tabor Magisterial District

McCalla, 19.644 Acres More or Less Prices Fork Magisterial District Ernest Fulop to Erno Fulop, 1.128

McCalla Family LLC to John Patrick

Acres Lot 81 Heritage Place PH IV-A Riner Magisterial District James P Elliot to Matthew Blankenship,

0.334 Acre More or Less Prices Fork Magisterial District Valeria F Ortiz to Valeria F Ortiz

Trust, Lot 26 Section 4 Pheasant Run

Crossing PH 1 Monetary Considerations:

NRV Marketplace LLC to Maverick Decatur Georgia LLC, 0.611 Acre New Parcel M Shawsville Magisterial District,

\$1,495,454

Angela Woolwine Oneil to Benny Lee Wirt Jr., 1.048 Acre Riner Magisterial District, \$33,845

Berryfield 402J LLC to Mark P Sullivan, Unit J Building 3 Berryfield Town of Blacksburg, \$275,000

Eagle Construction of VA LLC to Phillip Floyd Moore, Lot 11 The Reserve at Round Meadows Town of Christiansburg, \$552,687

Elizabeth C Risen to Paul R Gohlke, Lot 3 and part of Lot 2 Town of Jones Real Estate Investment to

Timothy D Rohs, 3.040 Acres New Parcel

C Subject to 20' New Ingress/Egress

Right of Way Shawsville Magisterial

District, \$525,000 Brenda Barnett Dowdy to Ricardo Anibal Burdisso, Lot 32 and Lot 33 Virginia Davidson Land Town of

Blacksburg, \$350,000

Jeffrey B Bowling to Elizabeth C Risen, Lot 10 Vista Pointe Subdivision Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$447,000

Andrew C Budwin to Keith P

Creek Subdivision Shawsville Magisterial Alan J Cook to Sherry Elizabeth

\$225,000 Karen D Biggs to Randal S Wingfield, Metes and Bounds See Legal Town of Christiansburg, \$370,000

Subdivision Riner Magisterial District,

Kipps Farms LLC to Stateson Homes LLC, Lot 128 Westhill Subdivision Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$118,160

Dean J Shaw to Legacy Builders NRV Inc., Lot 20 Countryside Estates PH II Town of Blacksburg, \$159,000 Don Michael Cromer to Conner E

Alleghany Park Addition, \$26,000 Samuel Joseph Damiano to Hunter Wright, 2023003823, \$88,500

Hale, 0.250 Acre New Revised Lot 5-B

HQ Investments LLC to Masterpeace LLC, 12,300 Square Feet Metes and Bounds See Legal Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$236,000

Lee R Matthis to Crystal Lei S Priddy, Two Parcels Town of Christiansburg,

David C Steyer to Daniel Johnson, Lot 19 Countryside Estates PH II Town of Blacksburg, \$713,000

Kipps Farms LLC to Stateson Homes LLC, Lot 49 Westhill Subdivision Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$134,750

Kipps Farms LLC to Stateson Homes Fralin Construction Inc., 0.490 Acre Lot LLC, Lot 128 Westhill Subdivision Prices 5 PH II-A Cloverlea Subdivision Riner Fork Magisterial District, \$118,160

> Stateson Homes LLC to Gemma M Booth, Lot 44 Westhill Subdivision Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$704,329

> Stateson Homes LLC to Rajiv Ramachandran Nair, Lot 159 Westhill Subdivision Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$539,834

> Stine Marvi D to Don Michael Cromer, 0.363 Acre Lot 5A Town of Christiansburg, \$315,000

> Craig Arnold to Vinit Patankar, Condo Unit 211 Building 2 Cascades Condos Town of Blacksburg, \$181,500

> > MORTGAGE

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Loan Application

Cameron Hamden to Mark David Espigh, Lot 44 Oak Manor PH 6 Section II Town of Blacksburg, \$332,000

Jonathan Ramirez to ANB Investments LLC, Lots 18, 19, and Eastern Half of Lot 20 See Legal Town of Christiansburg,

Monica R Walters to Alan D Auckland, Lot 6 Forest Hill Section B Town of Blacksburg, \$637,000 Shah Development LLC to David

L Hagan, 64.223 Acres Lot 7 Riner Magisterial District, \$220,000 Dean A Joyner Executor to Justin

Shayne Schroader, For Parcels See Legal Town of Blacksburg, \$285,500 Layne Terry Watson to Delara Blair, Lot 167 PH IV A-1 The Village at Tom's

BCP Development LLC to Emilyne Danielson, 0.537 Acre Lot 9 Shawsville Magisterial District, \$209,000

Creek Prices Fork Magisterial District,

\$425,000

Steven J McKitttrick to Baylee Annmadison Short, 0.412 Acre Town of Christiansburg, \$216,000

Joel C Daniel to Cameron Hamden, Lot 23 Cedar Hill Subdivision Town of

Blacksburg, \$375,000 William H Lawrence to Andrew M Sinnes, 0.7853 Acre Prices Fork

New River Family Shelter Inc. to Robert James Dunay, 0.172 Acre Town of

Magisterial District, \$250,000

Blacksburg. \$258,500

\$320,000

Chiang, Lot 102 PH II-B Village at Tom's Creek Town of Blacksburg, \$455,000 Roben Leslie Dunkin to Jaeyong Yoo,

Geovani R Ramirez to Pamela T

Lot 1 Stroubles Mill Section VIII Town of Blacksburg, \$605,000 Andrew J Porter to Michael N Porter, Lot 3 Highland Park Number 2 and

1/4 of a Lot Metes and Bounds Town of Christiansburg, \$324,000 Sarah Bess White to Robert William

Meyer, Lot 4 Town of Christiansburg,

Sara M Cella to Wei Sun, Condo Unit B Building 1470 Hunters Ridge Condos of Blacksburg Town of Blacksburg, \$250,000

Capital Property Acquisitions LLC to Matthew A Hicks, 3 Parcels; 15 Feet Wide Alley Parcels I and II and 0.737 Acre Parcel III Town of Christiansburg, \$75,000

Yalong Yang to Micah A Fairchild, Lot 2B Town of Blacksburg, \$425,000

David E Hubbard to Christopher David Smith, Two Parcels; 0.02 Acre Parcel 1 and 1.582 Acres Parcel 2 Riner Magisterial District, \$95,000

Progress Street Builders Inc. to Marmar Haghighi, Lot 5 Coal Bank Ridge Subdivision Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$125,000

Fork Magisterial District, \$118,160 Kipps Farms LLC to Stateson Homes

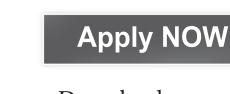
Kipps Farms LLC to Stateson Homes LLC, Lot 140 Westhill Subdivision Prices

LLC, Lot 137 Westhill Subdivision Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$118,160

Kipps Farms LLC to Stateson Homes

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Financial Focus: Help get your teen started with a Roth IRA

To be successful in most endeavors, it's important to develop good habits — and that's certainly the case for investors. And the earlier one develops these habits, the better. So, if you have teenagers who may be starting to work at part-time jobs, now may be a great time to introduce them to investing — and one place to begin might be a Roth IRA. As you may know, a Roth IRA is a popular retirement

savings vehicle — its earnings can grow federally taxfree, provided withdrawals aren't taken until the investor is at least 59½ and has had the account five or more years. But because a Roth IRA is funded with after-tax dollars, contributions can be withdrawn at any time, penalty-free, to pay for any expenses - including college. Roth IRA earnings can also be used to help pay for college, although these withdrawals will be taxable. However, if a child is the account owner, a lower tax bracket will likely apply.

In 2023, up to \$6,500 per year can go into your teenager's Roth IRA, as long as the

amount contributed doesn't exceed the amount of

their taxable compensation for the year. And your child

doesn't have to put all the money in — you and the child's grandparents can also contribute. In fact, you might want to "match" your child's contributions up to the limit to provide an incentive for them to continue investing in the Roth IRA. Not only will your matching contribution help build the Roth IRA's assets, but it can also instill in your child's mind the benefit of earning a match - which can prove valuable later on, when your child is in the workforce full time and has a chance to receive an employer's matching contributions in a 401(k) or similar plan.

Your child may well find a job at a local restaurant or shop, as these businesses have experienced a shortage of workers in the past couple of years. But if you have a family business, you can employ your teen to provide income that can go into a Roth IRA. Furthermore, if the business is one parent's sole proprietorship, or it's a partnership in which each partner is the parent, the payments for a child younger than 18 are not subject to Social Security and Medicare taxes. As an employee, your child must perform reasonable tasks necessary for the business and be paid reasonable wages — that is,

wages comparable to what you'd pay a regular employee for the same work.

But wherever your child's wages come from, using some of them to help fund a Roth IRA can be a good move. For one thing, it gives you a chance to explain the value of putting time on your side when you invest – simply put, the more years you invest, the greater your chances of accumulating the resources you need to meet your goals. And by helping your teen open a Roth IRA, which holds stocks, mutual funds or virtually any other type of security, you can discuss the different risk/ reward characteristics of various types of investments the kind of basic knowledge that all investors should

Once your teen's first paychecks start coming in, consider bringing up the idea of opening a Roth IRA you may well be opening the door to a lifetime of consistent and informed investing.

This article was written by Edward Jones, Member SIPC, and submitted by Edward Jones Financial Advisor Meghan Kuczmarski, 540-944-1511.

Dear Editor,

Penny Franklin is a champion of public

Montgomery County citizens in District B have the right and responsibility to elect Penny Franklin to the School Board of Montgomery County. As a parent of three successful graduates from Christiansburg High School, I am excited to vote for Penny this November. Every vote

Penny effectively advocates for and supports the achievement of quality education for all students. As a parent and a community leader, Penny understands the value of compromise and works to establish standards that value diversity The current climate that encourages harmful

discord between some parents and the school board brings attention to divisive expectations about education. We fail to recognize positive contributions from students and teachers. Penny Franklin actively confronts untruths that harm quality education. She understands how dedicated teachers, administrators, support personnel, and safety resource officers contribute to the learning environments in our schools. The reelection of Penny Franklin contributes

to and stabilizes a vibrant school board. A board that must allow the dedication and experience of thoughtful educators to collaborate in shaping an accepting, encouraging, disciplined climate in our schools. Montgomery County fosters beautiful communities populated by a

continuum from life-time residents to individuals and families who recently moved here. The

resul6ng diversity of lifestyles, traditions, and expectations must work toward a common goal the productive education of our children.

Penny Franklin, a resilient citizen of the county, knows what steps are necessary to achieve common expectations of education: learning skills, gaining knowledge, experiencing the frustrations and support of a social network, and accepting the strengths and vulnerabilities of

each other. Penny Franklin has a depth of experience, which contributes to her unique capacity to support, and challenge when necessary, the decisions of the School Board as it strives to educate our diverse population of students.

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AARP Virginia Fraud Alert: Medicare Data Breach Last month Medicare announced two years of free credit monitoring. regularly for suspicious activity (www.

that one of their contractors had been hacked and the personal information of 612,000 Medicare beneficiaries were stolen. The security breach put Social Security numbers, birth dates, driver's license numbers, health insurance claims, medical history notes, prescription information and other personally identifiable information at Anyone whose information was

compromised in the breach will be notified by Medicare and offered However, even if your data weren't stolen, this incident reminds us all of one stark reality – we have little control over much of our personal data. many companies

government entities have our personal data and so many have been hacked in the past that the most practical thing for people to do is assume that your information is out there and take the necessary precautions. Two things you can do to protect against ID fraud are to check your credit reports

annualcreditreport.com), and be sure that you are using strong and unique passwords for all websites and storing them securely.

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

Report scams to local law enforcement. For help from AARP, call 1-877-908-3360 or visit the AARP Fraud Watch Network at www.aarp. org/fraudwatchnetwork.

Submitted by AARP

Virginia Tech awarded grant to study lingering Lyme disease symptoms An estimated 1,200 Americans, on average, are diagnosed in the Department of Biochemistry and an affiliate faculty

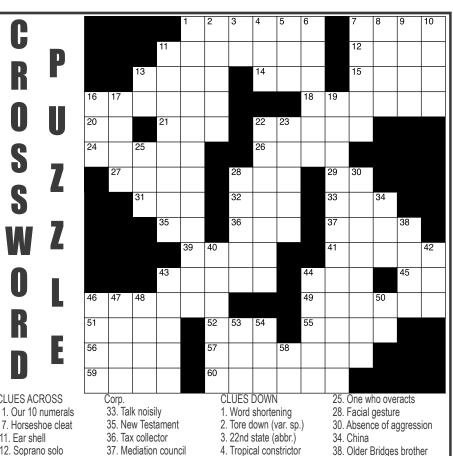
with Lyme disease each day. Some of those patients continue. to experience negative effects, even after treatment. Lyme disease researcher Brandon Jutras, associate professor

in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and affiliated faculty of the Fralin Life Sciences Institute, recently received a \$2.7 million grant from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, part of the National Institutes of Health, to study what causes the disease to linger long after treatment. "Using a series of sophisticated molecular techniques,

in combination with both bacterial and host genetics, we're working to understand why and how some patients respond to therapy, while others do not," said Jutras, the lead investigator member in the Center for Emerging, Zoonotic Arthropod-borne Pathogens. "Our two-pronged approach looks at this problem from both sides: What unique chemical features of the bacterium's cell wall are responsible for causing symptoms and what genetic factors from the host-response side play a role in sustained pathology". Previously, Jutras discovered that:

The disease-causing agent sheds part of its cell wall into its environment. This molecule can be detected in patients' months after

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43. Oral polio vaccine 9. Infestation of head louse developer

altitude 11. An orange-red crystalline 46. Hyperbolic cosecant 48. An aromatic salve

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UBITUARIES

Carter, Danny Mark

Danny Mark Carter, 69, of Salem, passed away Thursday, Aug. 31, 2023.

He was a carpenter and plumber. Danny was preceded in death by his parents, Glee and Wilma Carter; brother, Robert Samuel Carter; sisters, Barbara Flo Melvin and Phyllis Jean Bessler.

Survivors include his brother, Roy Carter, Sr.; niece, Faith Kobrehel

(Michael); Elizabeth Hamblin; Sandi (Brian) nieces, Cantel, Wilma (Warren) Melvin, Linda Shoemaker, Sherry Graham, and Kim Bessler; nephews, Ron (Stacey) Melvin, Andy (Sheila) Hamblin, Mike Hamblin, Jeff Carter, Rick (Kathleen) Bessler, Ray Bessler, Roy (Angel) Carter, Jr., and Shannon (Ammie Jo) Carter; many

great nieces and nephews; and many other relatives and friends.

The family would like to thank the staff at Salem Health and Rehab.

Per Danny's request, services will be held at a later date.

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

Rogers, Henry Litchfield

Henry "Litch" Rogers, 72, of Dublin, passed away on Thursday, Aug. 31, 2023.

He was preceded in death by his parents, DeWitt Ted and Dorrice Litchfield Rogers; and his granddaughter, Tess

Carrington Rogers. include Survivors his sons, Hank Rogers

(Hannah) and Joseph daughter, Rogers; Marie Rogers; Jean grandchildren, Katlyn Marie, Nicole Ritamarie, James David "J.J.", Daisy Zachary, and Gracelyn; a brother; and many other relatives and

The family will receive friends 10 - 11 a.m. Friday,

Sept. 8, 2023, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. A graveside service will follow at 11:30 a.m. in Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin with Bob Peek officiating.

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

Breeden, Roberta L.

Roberta L. Breeden, 78, passed away on Friday, Sept. 1, 2023.

She was born April 19, 1945, in Montgomery County to Ethel and Elijah Collins. She retired from Radford University where she enjoyed serving food to all the students and staff. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Doug Breeden; parents, Ethel and Elijah Collins; son, Breeden; daughter-inlaw, Susan Breeden; brothers, Tater, Russell Collins; Bud sisters, Pauline Booth and Rosemary Gathercole.

She was a loving mother and mawmaw children, her grandchildren and especially great grandchildren. She loved watching her great grandchildren playing in their sports events



and was always there cheering them from the

include Survivors her children, Junior Breeden, David Breeden, Judy Breeden, Pam McManus, Kaleigh McManus, and Amanda Kitchner (Carl); sister and brother-in-law, Lulu and Charlie Moore; brother, Buck Collins; grandchildren, great Christian Kitchner, and Daryl Danny Stanley, Bubbie and Trenton Ramirez; and many other relatives and

The family received Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2023, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2023, at the funeral home with Pastor T. Michael Bond officiating. Interment will follow in the Centennial Christian Church Cemetery in

In lieu of flowers, consider contributions to the Blue Ridge Cancer Center.

The family would like to thank Blue Ridge Cancer Center (Dr. Mock), Deetta Ray, Dr. Ringold, Dr. Skewes, and all of the Intrepid Hospice family.

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

Groseclose, Ila Catherine Linkous Ila Catherine Linkous

Groseclose, Christiansburg, walked into the arms of Jesus and gained her Heavenly home on Aug. 31, 2023, after a brief battle with lung cancer. She was surrounded by beloved family in her home at the time of her passing. Ila was born in February

of 1938 in McComas, W.Va., but spent most of her early childhood in the Christiansburg area. Her parents moved to Speedwell, Va. in Wythe County her first year of high school. As the second oldest child, and all of her brothers being younger than her, Ila began working on the farm alongside her daddy, and later, her brothers too. Ila always preferred to be outside, which carried over into her enjoyment of growing beautiful roses, her love of camping, and caring for her many flowers around her home in her retirement years. After graduating from Speedwell High School in 1954, Ila completed business school. She was a career woman before that phrase was ever coined. Ila worked for many years as a legal secretary. It is rumored that her typing speeds were lightningfast. Ila began a career at Virginia DMV in 1976, where she was loved and respected by coworkers and customers alike, especially dealerships and trucking companies because of her expertise professionalism. She retired from DMV after over 30 years of dedicated, loyal service

After Ila's retirement, she continued to serve the community volunteering with Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of County. Montgomery During Ila's retirement years, she enjoyed camping with many of her family and friends. Family was important to Ila and she loved spending time with her brothers and sisters, her children, her grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and many other beloved family members too numerous to mention. Ila and her brothers and sisters have always been an example of how close a family should be during all the joys and trials of life. Ila especially enjoyed the time she was

to the Commonwealth of

Virginia.



able to spend with her 18 grandchildren. During her working years, she was not able to spend as much time with her older grandchildren as she would have liked, but she loved on them in the ways she was able to at the time. After retirement, she got so much enjoyment from helping care for the younger grandchildren. She loved all 18 so very much! Ila's best friend over the last 12 years of her life was Spice, her faithful dog, that she raised from a puppy and loved so much. She also had close friendships with many special neighbors and friends. Ila's belief and faith in

Jesus was important to her and she prayed constantly for her family members to have that same faith, and for God to take care of each and every one of them. She attended various churches over the years, but her most recent regularly attended church was Alleghany Church of Christ in Christiansburg. In recent years she was not able to attend church regularly, but she spent all day on Sundays watching or listening to church services on TV and was enthusiastic to share what she heard and learned with others.

Ila was preceded in death by her husband of 19 years, Harry Clayton Groseclose, Jr.; her parents Frank J. Linkous, Jr. and Nina Bell Shepherd Linkous; her brother Larry Linkous; beloved brothers-in-law Ronnie Meadows and Ronald Williams; and by many other loved ones.

Ila is survived by her children, son and daughter, Dennis and Brenda Bartee of Fincastle, Va.; son, Jeff Groseclose Christiansburg; daughter and son, Lori and Joe Linkous of Pilot, Va.; and daughter, Cyndi Groseclose of She Christiansburg. is also survived by her grandchildren Sara Lowe (and B.J.), Heather Rogers (and Shawn),

Kayla Groseclose, Amber Sisson Adam), Linkous (and Tanner Kayla), Lexi Moore, and Kelsie Groseclose; greatgrandchildren Brittany, Maddie, Brianna, Matthew, Jackson, Owen, Ellie, Bryce, and Liona; and great-great grandchildren Beau and Easton. Ila is survived her stepdaughter Wilma Nidifer Jim) and stepson Keith Groseclose, as well as stepgrandchildren Michelle Cassell, Mandy Cassell, Matthew Nidifer, Chelci Groseclose Bolton, and Makenzi Groseclose Witchley. Ila is also survived by her siblings, sister Shirley Linkous Williams, brother Nelson Linkous (and Barbara), brother Jimmy Linkous (and Brenda), sister Mellie Linkous Meadows, special aunt, Barbara (Speckles) Shepherd Ratliff, and so many other beloved family members.

The family would like to thank the healthcare providers at Lewis Gale Hospital Montgomery, Lewis Gale Medical Center Salem, Valley Ridge Home Health, Blue Ridge Cancer Care, Good Samaritan Hospice, and Christiansburg Rescue Squad, who provided such amazing care for Ila during her brief illness. Ila's children also wish to thank special family members, granddaughter and nurse Amber Sisson, sister and retired nurse Shirley Williams, and niece Jana Testerman, who helped ensure she had wonderful care at home, and made it possible for Ila to have her wish to stay at home during the last

The family will receive friends at McCoy Funeral Home at 150 Country Club Dr. SW, Blacksburg on Thursday, Sept. 7, 2023, noon- 1 p.m. A funeral service will follow at 1 p.m., immediately followed by a graveside Roselawn service at Memorial Gardens at 2880 North Franklin Street, Christiansburg. Pastor, and special nephew, Derek Cowan will be officiating the services and taking care of the family's spiritual needs during this time. Memorial donations may be sent in lieu of flowers, if preferred, to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

weeks of her life.

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.

RB is a shy cat who may open up with his purrfect match! This handsome guy typically spends his time in a community cat room with other felines at the ACAC, so a home with a buddy would likely work well for this guy.





Rosemary is ready to meet you! She is a rambunctious puppy with a lot of energy and curiosity. She would benefit from some training and daily exercise. Stop by the Animal Care and Adoption Center to meet this happy gal.

Forbes names Carilion among America's best employers by state

Carilion Clinic has been named to Forbes fifth annual list of America's Best Employers by State.

According to its website, Forbes worked with market research firm Statista to survey 70,000 workers at companies with at least 500 workers in all 50 states, asking participants to assess their employers. These aren't the best large or midsize

employers nationally, but a deeper look at which companies are closer-to-home options for every American worker," according to Forbes.

Participants were asked if they would recommend their employer to others, and to evaluate their employer based on working conditions, diversity, compensation packages, potential for development, company image and more. Participants also assessed employers

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beyond their own, Forbes said.

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LLC, Lot 10 Westhill Subdivision Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$134,750

Paul E Sensmeier to Brad E Bizzel Unit 10-4 PH VI Villas at Peppers Ferry Town of Christiansburg, \$410,000

Frank A Tait to Isabelle Grace Porter, Lots 16 and 17 Town of Christiansburg, \$215,000

Teresa Woolwine Trust to Eric Joel Patterson, Metes and Bounds See Legal

Riner Magisterial District, \$40,500 Carolyn A Sink to Valerie Jean Vaught, Lot 36 Cedar Hill Subdivision Town of

Blacksburg, \$357,000 Ronald Edwin Smith to Sebastien Bellinger, 8.033 Acre Tract 6 and 10.149 Acres Tract 7 Shawsville Magisterial

Stateson Homes LLC to Linda Y Chen, Lot 1 Westhill Subdivision Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$927,179

District, \$15,200

Lynette D Martin to Dean Coleman, Condo Unit 6204 Building 6 Knollwood Condos PH IV Town of Blacksburg, \$295,000

PH II Knollwood Condominiums Town of Blacksburg, \$252,900 William G Marmagas to Rachel

Town

Abayomi O Akinyemi to Susan W

O'connell, Condo Unit 2306 Building 2

Kostelac, 3.253 Acres Blacksburg, \$495,000 Melody M Seay to Hoki Land Flipper

LLC, 2 Acres parcel 1 Riner Magisterial District, \$45,000 Aaron Avrom Betsky to Michael Richard Gilmore, 1.704 Acres Lot 88

District, \$800,500 Marvin Duane Lytton to ANB Investments LLC, Lot 3 Riner Magisterial

Deercroft PH V Mount Tabor Magisterial

Cornerstone Investment Properties to Raman Deep Matiana, Condo Unit 1206-B PH II Town of Blacksburg,

District, \$75,000

\$250,000

Donald D Todora to Michael Burgiss, Lot 15 Highland Park Addition Town of Blacksburg, \$312,000

Peggy D Heslep to Thomas J Whitney, 29.173 Acres Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$593,000

Blue Ridge Real Estate Group LLC to Anthony R Robie, Lot 38 Section 2 PH 2 Pheasant Run Townhomes Town of Blacksburg, \$305,000

Christine R Brehm to Jonathan P Oskinosky, Condo Unit 202 Piedmont at Blacksburg PH II Town of Blacksburg,

Brennan Altizer Dorber to Logan Edwin Lovern, 5.213 Acres Tract 6 Riner Magisterial District, \$150,000

Bello Marcelino, 0.8048 Acre Shawsville Magisterial District, \$69,000

Bessie G Cheatham to Juan Carlos

Amy Hines Horne to ANB Investments LLC, 10.631 Acres Riner Magisterial District, \$412,500

Aleksandra Marcovic Graff to Linette Kerr, Lot 11 Block 2 Westover Hills Town of Blacksburg, \$405,000

SAS Eagle Midtown LLC to Gregory Hale, Unit 107 Building D PH 3 Midtown Condominium Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$770,568

Shah Development LLC to Kevin D Conner, 1.506 Acres Lot 4 Riner Magisterial District, \$633,122

Eagle Construction of Virginia LLC to Crystal L Wolfe, Lot 22 The Reserve at Round Meadows Town of Christiansburg, \$812,987

Daniel C Darvalics to Nicholas

A Irhin, Lot 6 Section 14 Town of Christiansburg, \$435,000 Carpendale Investments LLC to Shah

Development LLC, Metes and Bounds Town of Christiansburg,\$325,000 Jianmin Wang to Le Wang, Lot

52 Kipps Farm Subdivision Town of

Blacksburg, \$887,000 216 Pheasant Run Drive LLC to James K Thompson, Lot 33 Block 5A4 PH I Pheasant Run Townhomes Town of

Blacksburg, \$30,000

District, \$168,000

\$100,000

314 Pheasant Run Court LLC to MMNV LLC, Lot 56 Block 5B1 Pheasant Run Townhomes Town of Blacksburg, \$320,000

Brett R Spencer to Barbara Louise Slater, Unit 209 Heights Condominium Town of Blacksburg, \$408,000

545 Montgomery Street LLC to

of Christiansburg, \$326,000 Kyle Jackson Bishop to Ezra Kyle Altizer, 10.4587 Acres Riner Magisterial

Sanford Rentals LLĆ, 0.260 Acre Town

Kelli M Linkous to NRV Regional Water Authority, Parcel A 0.226 Acres Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$6,500

Yangs Realty LLC to Dana Kachae Guthrie, 2023001028, \$2,898

Iris B Tucker to Edward D Poe Sr., Two

\$175,000 Iris B Tucker to Edward D Poe Sr., Lot

Lots 0.71 Acre Town of Christiansburg,

8 PH II Falling Branch Subdivision Town of Christiansburg, \$50,000 Richard K Bishop to Jefferey Lynn

Dean, Tract 1 Riner Magisterial District,

Elizabeth L Cassell to BCP Development LLC, 0.15 Acre Town of Christiansburg, \$133,000

Donna Palmer to Ricky Lee Hughes, 7.517 Acres Tract A Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$90,000

Nelva C Coleman to Vera Caldwell,

Magisterial District, \$238,000 Kipps Farms LLC to Stateson Homes

Lots 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 Mount Tabor

LLC, Lot 130 Westhill Subdivision Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$118,160

William B Dyer to Jeremy D Hart, Lot

4 Town of Blacksburg, \$205,000 Dale Roger Akers to Patricia Ann Akers

Bugg, 0.427 Acres Parcel 18, \$14,000

Timothy D Price to Kelly Duane Dalton, 0.6556 Acres Riner Magisterial District, \$179,000

Jessie J Richardson Jr. to Richard D Meyer, Lot 44 Shenandoah PH III Town of Blacksburg, \$460,000

Stateson Homes LLC to Michael Epperly, Lot 197 Westhill Subdivision Prices Fork Magisterial \$440,550

James W Helms to Courtney Snead, 0.2041 Acre Lot E-1 Towns of Christiansburg, \$245,000

Jason Blevins to Lindsey P Dobbins, 0.2463 Lot 16 Blue Ridge Court Subdivision Section V, \$272,000

SAS Eagle Givens LLC to Kevin C Lingle, 0.187 Acre Lot 115 Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$916,531

Steven Rowson to Thomas Powers, 0.344 Acre Lot 65 Highland Park Town of Blacksburg, \$415,000

John Francis Peterson

Montgomery Regional Hospital, 0.274 Acre Metes and Bounds Town of Christiansburg, \$295,000 Shah Development LLC to Graham

Farm and Rentals LLC, 0.4591 Acre Shawsville Magisterial District, \$7,000 Shah Development LLC to Howard

E Sawyers Trust, 0.152 Acre Area A & 0.128 Acre Area B Shawsville Magisterial District, \$36,591 RCBB Developers LLC to Carol

Rule, 0.194 Acre Lot 11 Town of

Christiansburg, \$419,900

Danny R Keith to Diane Clarkson, Lot 23 Belmont Estates Section I Town of Christiansburg, \$325,000

Juanita Nystrom to Ethan T Margherio, Tract 40 Section I Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$500,000

Stateson Homes LLC to Rosalba Caro, Lot 198 Westhill Subdivision Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$412,150

Greg M Lewis to Jesse John Miner,

Subdivision Town of Blacksburg, \$735,000 James P Viers to Greg M Lewis, 7.32

Lot 2 PH 1 Mount Tabor Meadows

\$540,000 Harold Jackson Wimmer Jr. to Donald Ray Wimmer Jr., 34.284 Acres Shawsville

Acres Prices Fork Magisterial District,

Magisterial District, \$562,000 Michael K Jones to Carrie J Fearer, 0.55 Acres Lot 515 Blacksburg Country

David Hericks to Anna L Wehr, Lot 54 Oak Tree Townhomes PH VII Town of Christiansburg, \$235,000

Club Estates, \$860,000

Brian D Squibb to Jennie D Tylec, Lot 26 PH I Vistavia Subdivision Town of Christiansburg, \$289,900

Michael R Jones to Mei Lin, Lot 20

Ridgeview Subdivision Section II Town of Christiansburg, \$396,000

Frederick S Smith to Casey Allen Dillow, 11.477 Acres Riner Magisterial District, \$150,000

William D Huber Executor to Carmen E Recupero, Lot 49 Cedar Orchards Subdivision PH III Bloc A and B Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$473,000

Investments

Inc.

Ecodynamic

Lot 24 Kelseywood PH II Town of Christiansburg, \$39,000

to Goldsmith Design Build LLC,

Jennifer L Renshaw to Mike Perry, 0.193 Acre Town of Christiansburg, \$190,000

R Fralin Construction Inc. t Courtney Loan, 0.49 Acre Lot 5 PH II-A Cloverlea Subdivision Riner Magisterial District, \$445,000

Kipps Farms LLC to Stateson Homes LLC, Lot 6 Westhill Subdivision Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$136,097

Janice B Litschert to Jacqueline P Read, Lot 3 Cedar Orchard PH IV-A Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$135,000

Vera J Wall to Vera J Wall Family Trust, Two Parcels; 73.04 Acres Parcel I and 1.521 Acres Parcel II Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$10 Stateson Homes LLC to Logan

Winters, Lot 199 Westhill Subdivision Fork Magisterial District, Prices \$390,900 Chin-Cheng Yang to Patrick Ray Messer, 0.141 Acre Lot 47—B PH

IIA Village at Tom's Creek Town of Blacksburg, \$414,400 LJCJ LLC to Lud Eng, 19.220 Acres More or Less Metes and Bounds Mount

Adel Eltawansy to Alison G Cronk, Lot 7 Section 1 Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$325,000

Tabor Magisterial District, \$133,000

Stateson Homes LLC to William J Adams, Lot 200 Westhill Subdivision prices Fork Magisterial District, \$419,850

Jennifer Meagan West to Richard T Crane, Lot 34 Sturgill Estates Town of Christiansburg, \$650,000 Phyllis G Schmidt to Young Cao,

Lot 48 Shenandoah PH III Town of Blacksburg, \$530,000 Reed S Nagel to Ekaraj Paudel, Lot 17

Echols Village PH I Town of Blacksburg, \$408,000 Xtream Springz LLC to Spencer Christian Wilhelm, Two Parcels; 2.816

Acres Lot 6A and 1.368 Acres Lot 6B

Midway Plaza Town of Christiansburg,

Jon David Byers to Benjamin J Freeland, Lot 85 Cambria Crossing PH

II Town of Christiansburg, \$420,000 Jill M Sundie to Emton LLC, Lot 11 Stroubles Mill Section IX Town of

Henry H Fann to Aditya Chavan, Lot 21 Block 5A5 PH I Pheasant Run Townhomes Town of Christiansburg,

Blacksburg, \$295,500

\$318,000

William D Hartley II to Yemu Zheng, Condo Unit 434 Building 4 Cascades Condos Town of Blacksburg, \$175,000

John J Charonko to Georgia H

Doremus, Family Unit 40E Building 9 PH II Piedmont at Blacksburg Town of Blacksburg, \$234,800 Andrew R W Buckwalter Fairfield

to Anita Jo Chaves, 0.985 Acre Lot 1B Thurman Oaks Subdivision Town of Christiansburg, \$225,000

William W King to Eric S Gwynn, Family Unit 38F Building 9 Piedmont at Blacksburg PH II Town of Blacksburg, \$152,000

Thomas James Pingel to Kyle W White, Lot 13 Section I Murphy Subdivision Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$635,000

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Cheryl's Book Club at the museum



The ladies of Cheryl's Book Club recently attended a special program at the Edith Bolling Wilson Birthplace

With their copy of "Untold Power" in hand, the group eagerly listened as "Mrs. Wilson," portrayed by Betsy Ely, recounted her journey from "Wytheville to the White House." After the program, the group toured the Bolling Home. The close-knit group of readers came from

Christiansburg, Blacksburg, and Pulaski.

The group was formed in memory of

Cheryl Blackwell, an avid reader and mutual friend, who formed the group. Thank you to Donia Eley for organizing the tour. Following the museum tour, the ladies enjoyed dinner at the Bolling Wilson Hotel's restaurant, Graze on Main. A good time was had by all. If you have a group and would like to arrange a special visit, call: 276-223-3484 or email info@edithbollingwilson.org.

Submitted by the Edith Bolling Wilson Birthplace Museum

Lyme Disease from page 4



PHOTO BY TIM SKILES FOR VIRGINIA TECH Mecaila McClune (at right) looks into a test tube in Brandon Jutras' lab.

antibiotic treatment. The bacterium that causes Lyme disease

has a highly unusual modification in its protective molecular bag that allows it to And that the cell wall alone is capable

of causing symptoms similar to those experience by patients. This research builds upon the previous

discoveries and will determine what about the cell wall makes patients sick and define new strategies, such as monoclonal antibody therapy, to improve Lyme disease patient health when previous treatments have failed.

We recognize this is an issue and that patients have these long-term symptoms, but we don't know why," said Mecaila

research team and a graduate student in the Jutras lab. "This is what my research is trying to determine what's going on and how we can treat the persistent effects of the disease, which will improve quality of life going forward." These new studies were facilitated by

McClune, who is a key member of the

earlier support from the Global Lyme Alliance and Bay Area Lyme Foundation and continue an active collaboration with GlycoMIP, and both the University of Virginia and the Medical College of Wisconsin.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA

H. Robert Light Clerk of Salem City Council

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Board of Appeals (Building) of the City of Salem, Virginia will hold a public hearing, in accordance with the provisions of Section 18-38 Code of City of Salem, Virginia, on September 21, 2023, at 4:00pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia. The purpose of the meeting and hearing shall be to determine if a certain structure is dangerous to the inhabitants of the City and whether such structures

structures are located as follows: (1) A dilapidated structure located at 702 Front Avenue, Salem, Virginia (Tax Map # 201

should be ordered to be

repaired or demolished. The

-10-2); and (2) Dilapidated structures located at 2500 West Main

Street, Salem, Virginia (Tax Map #175-2-3). All parties in interest at the public hearings will be given an opportunity to be heard, present evidence, and show cause why action by the

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Building Official's Office, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia (Phone 375-3036) THE BOARD OF BUILDING APPEALS OF THE CITY

OF SALEM BY Troy D. Loving Troy D. Loving, Building Official

Legals -Montgomery County

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,

TOWN OF BLACKSBURG -**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

CLERK

BLACKSBURG

September 12, 2023

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Ordinance 2023:

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item above may appear and present their views. After each public hearing, Town Council will consider action on the item. Copies of materials related to the above items are on file and can be obtained in the Office of the Town Clerk, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. For land use matters, copies of applications and all related items may also be found online at www.blacksburg.gov/public hearings or reviewed in person at the Blacksburg Planning and Building Department, 400 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia. Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance to attend and participate in this meeting should contact

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CLERK

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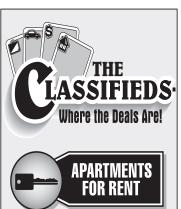
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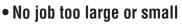






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Thomas Boyd (left) and Aydian Eldridge (right) lead the Bruins onto the field for their home opener against Lord Botetourt, who took an 83-6 win.

Botetourt routs Blacksburg



Blacksburg's Luke Poff makes a fingertip catch against Lord Botetourt. Poff would have the Bruins lone score on a long catch and run in the second quarter.



Blacksburg senior quarterback Ethan Karpa passes against Lord Botetourt during Friday night's game.



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Blacksburg's Addison Bass makes a sideline tackle against a Lord Botetourt

Hokie's track and field legend to retire

Virginia Tech director of track and field and cross country Dave Cianelli announced Thursday his intention to retire upon the conclusion of the 2024 outdoor season, marking the end of one of the most illustrious careers in school history.

"I would like to thank Jim Weaver and Tom Gabbard for giving me the opportunity to come to Virginia Tech back in 2001," Cianelli said. "Thank you to Whit Babcock and Chris Helms for supporting our program during the past nine years. Our program would not have attained the level of success it has enjoyed without these four individuals.

"A huge debt of gratitude to all of the coaches and staff who worked so hard throughout the past 22 years and contributed so much of themselves to this program. To our Virginia Tech alumni and donors, thank you for your loyalty, financial gifts and faith in our program as we move forward. Most of all, thank you to the hundreds of student-athletes who chose to attend Virginia Tech and help build this program.

"To my family, Ellen, Mariah and Sebastain, thank you for your love and patience during this journey."

Cianelli's legacy as one of the sport's most influential coaches is marked by his 74 NCAA Champions, 490 All-America honors, 373 individual conference champions, 32 World Championship qualifiers, and 22 Olympic qualifiers. At Tech alone, Cianelli has overseen the success of 20 NCAA individual champions, 13 top-10 team finishes at the NCAA Championships, 242 ACC individual champions, and 21 ACC team titles. The 19-time ACC Coach of the Year and 18-time USTFCCCA Southeast Region Coach of the Year enters his 23rd season directing the Hokies.

"Coach Cianelli is one of the most successful coaches in the history of Virginia Tech Athletics," director of athletics Whit Babcock noted. "He is the consummate professional and his leadership ushered in an era of sustained excellence for our track and field programs. Dave's illustrious career is filled with championships and national honors. However, he would be the first to tell you the relationships he builds with his student-athletes and coaches is what he cherishes the most.

"Dave is a model leader, who managed his programs the right way. He was also a great resource to our other head coaches, mentoring them along the way. We look forward to celebrating Coach Cianelli and our programs as he takes a final lap over the 2023-24 seasons."

In 2007, Cianelli claimed the program's first-ever ACC indoor championship title. Nearly two months later, the Hokies' captured their first outdoor title proving Tech was a force to be reckoned with in track and field. The men's team won their first ACC title at the 2011 indoor championships becoming the first host school since 1979 to win the conference title.

The Hokies backed their indoor success with an outdoor conference title in 2012. Flash forward, a few months later, and the Virginia Tech cross country team brought home their first-ever ACC title in a 55-49 defeat of second-place Virginia at Tech's Buford Meredith Cross Country Course in Blacksburg. By 2016, Cianelli was already reaching

new heights after racking up 10 conference championships. Tech went on to win six additional team titles before the success was shortly paused during the pandemicriddled 2020-21 season. The next season, the Hokies came back stronger than ever winning the 2021 ACC Indoor Track and Field Championships with the largest margin of victory in the modern era of the ACC 136-81 over second-place North Carolina.

Coming back from a second-place finish at the 2022 ACC Outdoor Championships, the Hokies were ready to continue their indoor dominance by winning the 2022 ACC Indoor Championships 105-72 over secondplace Florida State. The women's team tied for first with Duke scoring 86 points.

The Virginia Tech dynasty continued in 2023 with the men's and women's teams winning both ACC Indoor Track and Field Championship titles. The men's team picked up their third-straight team title with 110.5 points, and the women claimed their second-straight title with 93 points.

In 2018, Cianelli led the charge in the \$18 million renovation of Rector Field House - the home of the Virginia Tech track and field program. With the addition of the new east wing, Rector created increased storage for track along with other further enhancements such as a new roof, new lighting and a new surface for the track. Altogether, the enhancements to Rector added approximately 32,000 square feet to the structure.

At the end of the 2024 outdoor track and field season, Cianelli will hand the program over to the Hokies' new head track and field coach Ben Thomas.

"Coach Dave Cianelli has written one of the greatest rags to riches stories in NCAA track and field history in his 22 years at Virginia Tech," said Thomas. "I was fortunate to be on his first staff at Tech. We had a few scholarships, not many resources, and some young talented assistant coaches. To be part of the program's 21 ACC Championship team titles, countless ACC individual titles, national champions, and All-American performances, has been one of the greatest joys of my professional career.

"To take the reins from Coach Cianelli, I will truly be walking in the shadows of a giant in the history of track and field coaching. I am grateful for Virginia Tech's trust in me to be the next director of track and field and cross country.'

Thomas returns to Blacksburg as a three-time USTFCCCA National Assistant Coach of the Year, having most recently won back-to-back indoor honors for the Oregon Ducks' incredible success during the 2020 and 2021 seasons. He earned his first national award during his time at Virginia Tech following the 2017 season, becoming the first ACC assistant to ever win the award. Thomas is also a 10-time USTFCCCA Regional Assistant Coach of the Year.

Thomas graduated from Virginia Tech ('92) with a bachelor's degree in English. He and his wife, Ann, have three children: Reilly, Seamus and Roisin.

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Radford, Christiansburg move to 2-0

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Week number two on the grid iron saw both Christiansburg and Radford pick up easy wins, while Eastern Montgomery and Blacksburg are still looking for their first win of the season.

Games this week:

William Byrd at Christiansburg

This week is a battle from two offensive teams. Byrd beat Hidden Valley 47-7 contest. Meanwhile, Christiansburg rolled on the road with a 45-7 win at Abingdon.

Byrd is 2-0 for the first time since 2018 and rushed for 171 yards on Friday night as QB Israel Hairston completed 6 of 11 passes for 48 yards and ran for 78 yards on seven carries with two touchdowns. Brayden Andrews added 73 yards.

Tanner Evans was five of nine through the air for 136 yards with a 33- and 73-yard touchdowns. Jacob Evans and JT

Thompson, each had a score through the air. Evans also was five of 74 on the ground with touchdown runs of 40 and five. Matt Annis had the other score for Christiansburg, who is now

Annis rushed nine times for 107 yards. Max Fernandez had 32 yards and Izaiah Cotto had three rushes for 12 yards.

Prediction: Christiansburg 34, William Byrd 28.

Blacksburg at Floyd

Floyd is coming off a 20-12 loss to Ft. Chiswell to fall to 0-2 on the 2023 season. Floyd's Joseph March ran 13 times for 91 yards and Eion McPeak caught seven passes for 61 yards.

This past week is a game Blacksburg wants to forget. Lord Botetourt rolled in an 83-6 win as Blacksburg lost its 29th straight game. Prediction: Floyd 28, Blacksburg 14.

Radford at Virginia High

Radford remained unbeaten on the season in a 35-0

shutout of Giles. Landen Clark threw for 273 yards and three

touchdowns in a 14-of-22 night. Virginia High is now 1-1 after a 13-6 win over John Battle.

Prediction: Radford 34, Virginia High 14.

Northwood at Eastern Montgomery

Northwood is 0-2 after losses to Twin Springs and Rye Cove. Last week, they were on the losing end of a 42-0 game at Rye Cove. They finished 3-7 in 2022 and included a 20-6 win over this week's opponents. Eastern Montgomery fell to 0-2 last week in a 40-0 loss to

Prediction: Eastern Montgomery 21, Northwood 20. Players of Week: Sincere Taylor caught five passes for 154

yards for Radford in a big win over Giles.

Area Top Five: 1) Christiansburg, 2) Radford, 3) Salem, 4) Glenvar, 5) Narrows.

Notables from Hokies win over

Winning its season opener and first home game of the year, Virginia Tech football defeated Old Dominion 36-17 Saturday at Lane Stadium, setting a good benchmark of performance statistics to build upon for the season.

For a deeper look at the numbers: Stats with Salas

Safety Dance

Tech opened the scoring in the game thanks to a bad snap from ODU's center

that went over its punter and through the back of the endzone for a safety. The 2-0 score to start the game for Tech was the first time since Stephan Virgil blocked a Nebraska punt that went through the back of the end zone in the first quarter at Memorial Stadium on Sept. 27, 2008. TDs in Debut

Ali Jennings made his dream of being a Hokie a big one Saturday night. He became the first wide receiver to score a

touchdown in their first game in maroon and orange since Tayvion Robinson scored on a 20-yard pass from Ryan Willis at Boston College to open the 2019 season. It's just the third time since 1987 that it's happened. Bryan Still made his Hokie debut in the seventh game of the 1992 season at Miami. Still made his first catch with 1:50 to go in the game, a 7-yard pass from Maurice DeShazo. In fact, Jennings, Robinson and Still's first

career catches were for a touchdown. Transfers Leading the Way

The transfer portal is proving itself so far this season with four new faces on the team having big impacts for the Hokies. Bhayshul Tuten (NC A&T) leads all rushers with 55 yards and had a 21-yard kick return, Ali Jennings (ODU) leads all receivers with 72 yards and

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two touchdowns. Jaylin Lane (Middle Tennessee) tops the all-purpose yards list with 107 including 20 punt return yards. Defensively, Antwaun Powell-Ryland (Florida) picked up 6 tackles (4 solo, 2 assists), 2.0 sacks for 9 yards and forced a fumble.

Brotherly Love We had to dig deep into the stats archives, which go back to 1985, for this one. We found just six prior games where two players with the same last name had a reception in the game. Allan and Kent Thomas against West Virginia in 1985, Cornelius and Ranall White against Rutgers and Virginia in 1993, Emmett and Richard Johnson against UConn and Miami in 2001 and again against Rutgers in 2002. Despite the Hokies having 34 sets of brothers on the team since 1987, including 17 sets of brothers on the team at the same time, none of them were related. Enter Benji and Stephen Gosnell, the brothers from North Carolina became the first pair of brothers since at least 1985 to both have a reception in the same game, getting it done last night versus ODU.

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and that comes down to being efficient on third down offensively. Saturday, the Hokies did just that, recording an 8 for-16 clip (50%) on money downs, marking just the second time in the Brent Pry era that they've converted on at least half of their thirddown tries (Wofford; 7-for-13; 53.8%). Of their eight conversions versus the Monarchs, it was an even split of passing (4) and rushing (4). However, three of the four passing plays ended up being chunk plays caught by Jennings (44 yards) and Lane twice (34 yards, 20 yards), including his touchdown. Tech's average on third down was 7.4 yards to the first-down

Uniform Tracker

marker.

The Hokies wore white helmets, maroon jerseys and white pants to open the season. It was the first time the Hokies opened the season in that combination and are now 11-2 since 1987.

Tech Playmakers

Third Phase Executes When Called Upon

Tech's return units showcased the possibility of being a crucial cog in shifting momentum during games when a spark is needed. In his lone punt return, sophomore Tucker Holloway ripped off a 66-yard return late in the

Dominion's final offensive possession. Overall, special teams executed well in the opener, with kicker John Love knocking both of his field goal attempts through uprights and captain Peter Moore booting the longest punt of the day for 57 vards. Finding success on special teams is crucial to maximizing opportunities, and the player wearing No.

fourth quarter after Old

25 sets that tone. No. 25 Shows Up in a Big Way

Peoples performed at a very high level as the first player to wear Beamer's iconic number this season. The Abington, Pennsylvania native made plays all over the field, tying for second on the team in tackles (7), forcing a fumble late in the third and recovering a fumble earlier in the quarter. Peoples was named a defensive captain for the season and set a high standard for the remainder of the defense.

Creating takeaways

Turnovers were hard to come by for the defense in 2022, finishing with only nine on the season. Tech's 'Lunch Pail' defense was reminiscent of its past, creating three takeaways and amassing a third of last year's production in a single outing. Under the guidance of defensive coordinator Marve, the team forced fumbles and added an interception by cornerback Dorian Generating more opportunities for the offense by creating takeaways is a formula that the defense could thrive

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WARNING THE TORNADO OF UDALL, KANSAS

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Jim Minick

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Minick will be discussing his latest book, "Without Warning: The Tornado of Udall, Kansas."

The author will appear at two upcoming library events: Thursday, Sept. 7, at 7 p.m., at the Blacksburg Library, located at 200 Miller St. Blacksburg, and at the Jessie Peterman Memorial Library, at 321 W. Main St. Floyd, on Thursday, Sept. 14, at 6 p.m. These free events provide the public with an opportunity to engage with the author and gain a deeper understanding of the catastrophic events that unfolded on May 25, 1955, when an F5 tornado struck Udall, Kansas, without any forewarning.

Minick will read from "Without Warning: The Tornado of Udall, Kansas", which narrates the story of the Udall tornado—the most devastating tornado in Kansas' history and one of the worst in the annals of the United States. Minick's book is more than a historical account; it serves as a poignant reflection on the past and an urgent call to reckon with the realities of our changing climate. The harrowing tale of Udall's devastation and subsequent rebirth offers pertinent lessons as society

navigates an uncertain future.

During both events, attendees will have the opportunity to purchase their own copies of "Without Warning: The Tornado of Udall, Kansas", and the author will be available to sign them.

Jim Minick is an accomplished author or editor of eight books, including "The Intimacy of Spoons" (poetry, forthcoming), "Fire Is Your Water", (novel), and "The Blueberry Years: A Memoir of Farm and Family". Minick's work has appeared in many publications including The New York Times, Poets & Writers, Oxford American, Orion, Shenandoah, The Sun, Conversations with Wendell Berry, Appalachian Journal, Wind, and The Sun. He serves as co-editor of the literary magazine Pine Mountain Sand & Gravel.

For more information about these events and the author, please visit https://jim-minick.com/ or contact Kerri Copus, Library Program Coordinator at (540) 382-6969 ext. 215 or email kcopus@mfrl.org.

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