

Citizens call foul on Riner Park's proposed plans



PHOTO BY LORI GRAHAM

This sign designates the future site of Riner Park.

Lori Graham
Contributing writer

Local community members addressed the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors during the citizens comment session of Monday night's Sept. 25 regular meeting, asking for a different outcome with the new Riner Park.

The projected Riner Park made possible through land from the Teel family, will provide four baseball/softball fields, two multipurpose football/soccer fields, picnic shelters and additional amenities according to the Montgomery County Parks and Recreation Athletics Facebook page. However, the field is not currently proposed to be able to support 10U and up baseball players, causing those age divisions to travel further away for practice and games.

Seann Gaynor, of Christiansburg, who was hired into the Auburn schools

25 years ago, said, "As we can see, the fields will benefit players of all ages that will continue through high school for the girls' sports but will stop once the boys are of age to move past 60-foot bases, which is 10U baseball."

Eric Altizer, of Riner, previous Athletic Director and currently an Auburn baseball coach discussed how having regulation fields that would fully accommodate all ages of children in the community would pull in additional income and provide a venue for tournaments in the future.

"For including a regulation field at this point demonstrates a long-term investment in the Riner community. A regulation field being included at Teel Fields can benefit current and future generations of Riner athletes and residents," Altizer said.

"I'm thrilled about the new parks

See **Riner Park**, page 8



Former chief operating officer of NRV pain clinics indicted

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. – A federal grand jury returned an indictment this week charging the former chief operating officer of area pain clinics with three conspiracy counts for her alleged involvement in health care fraud and illegal drug distribution.

Jennifer Ann "Jen" Adams, 50, of Mount Pleasant, S.C., is charged with one count of conspiring to commit health care fraud, one count of conspiring to distribute medically illegitimate Schedule II controlled substances, and one count of conspiring to use the DEA registration number of another.

According to court documents, Adams served as the chief operating officer (COO) and practice manager for several pain clinics throughout Central and Southwest Virginia. These clinics were located in Blacksburg, Christiansburg, Lynchburg, Madison Heights and Woodlawn. The clinics represented themselves as largely focused on pain management, which involved the prescribing of Schedule II opioids, as well as opioid addiction treatment, which involved prescribing Suboxone and other drugs.

See **Pain Clinics**, page 8

Auburn High School crowns Homecoming court



PHOTO BY ASHLEY AKERS

Congratulations to the Auburn High School 2023 Homecoming court, including (left to right) Prince Bryce Gill, Princess Kristen Pack, Queen Katie Light and King Kenny Wade.

County drug problem worsen as long as borders remain wide open, Partin says at forum

Lori Graham
Contributing writer

MONTGOMERY COUNTY - Crime relating to illegal drug use was a primary topic at the Thursday, Sept. 28 candidate forum in Montgomery County.

Incumbents Sheriff Hank Partin and Commonwealth Attorney Mary Petit, both running unopposed, were present at the candidate forum, which has been part of a series hosted by the NAACP and League of Women Voters to introduce political candidates running for offices on this year's November election ballots.

Candidates began the evening by introducing themselves and their offices to the community they serve and providing some background information on their experience.

"We prosecute criminal cases in Montgomery County," Petit said. "I have been in this office for 17 years. Prior to that, I was in two other commonwealth attorneys' offices; I was in Roanoke County for a while and I was in Gloucester County which is my hometown, down near Yorktown and Williamsburg area."

Sheriff Hank Partin has served Montgomery

County since 2016 and is seeking his third term of office.

"On January 1st of '24, I will enter my 38th year in law enforcement, the last 30 of which have been with the Montgomery County Sheriff's office" Partin said. "I'm also a proud veteran with over 22 years of service in the United States Army, Army Reserve and National Guard. I deployed and served under numerous operations after 9/11 and retired in

See **Drugs**, page 8

Christiansburg citizens will see personal property tax relief decrease for 2023

Lori Graham
Contributing writer

Christiansburg Town Council members have approved the Personal Property Tax Relief Act (PPTRA) percentage for the 2023 tax year at 25.16%.

The measure was approved on a five-to-zero vote with one member absent. Last year's rate was 25.52%.

According to the Council's agenda meeting, "each year the town receives \$228,552.85 in funds from the state to provide relief on personal property tax bills for its citizens with

qualifying vehicles pursuant to the Personal Property Tax Relief Act. The change is due primarily to an increase in the number of qualifying vehicles and the increased values for those vehicles. Vehicles increased by almost 250 and the values increased by \$5 million this spreads the fixed \$228,552 in relief we [citizens] receive over a larger base resulting in a slightly lower percentage of relief."

"Vehicles under \$20,000 get tax relief, vehicles over \$20,000 do not get tax relief. All vehicles that are \$1,000 or less in value are 100% relief," Valerie Tweedie, Finance Director, Treasurer said. "That is primarily because there is an increase in the number

of qualifying vehicles and the values have increased a bit from last year. Not a huge amount, its more than just the vehicles themselves are a higher number than before."

Two public hearings were also held during the Council's regular meeting on Sept. 26, 2023. The first public hearing was held to hear comment about vacating the "paper street" of Alma Street in its entirety from Simmons Road, S.E. to the VDOT Park and Ride, 370 feet in length. A paper street is typically a road that exists only on paper, and for whatever reason was not built out into completion.

"As a result of Carter's enthusiastic desire to acquire this property, redevelop it, and use

it as a rental facility, due to its location and proximity to route 11, to 460, and to I-81, we would hope that Council would be inclined to agree with our assessment of the circumstances here and to approve the application to vacate on the street and allow Carter to develop the entire property," Max Wiegard, attorney with Gentry Locke representing Carter Machinery said.

The request was later approved with a 4-1 vote, with Councilman Samuel Bishop voting no.

See **Tax Relief**, page 3

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, Oct. 4:

COMMUNITY yoga for self-care for adults

At the Radford Public Library; 5:45- 6:45 p.m. Join Kelly McCoy of The Whole You for an all-level yoga class for adults. Learn poses to help strengthen and lengthen your muscles as well as some breathing and meditation techniques to help calm the nervous system. This class is free to the public and is funded by grant money through the Virginia Department of Health.

Thursday, Oct. 5:

NRV Tree Rescuers Program launches

Did you know invasive vines like English Ivy and Bittersweet can strangle, smother and eventually kill trees? The Town of Blacksburg and Sustainable Blacksburg have collaborated to create a volunteer-driven program that gives homeowners the information they need to rescue their trees. Join Carol Davis, the Town of Blacksburg's Sustainability Manager, and Ann Raridon, the President of Sustainable Blacksburg, for a volunteer training session 4-6 p.m. Held at the Blacksburg Library, followed by a hands-on invasive vine removal tutorial/service project on the Huckleberry Trail. Wear closed-toe shoes and bring gloves, hand clippers and loppers if you have them. Park on the street or the Kent Square parking garage. Light snacks and water will be provided. Questions? Contact Carol Davis at sustainability@blacksburg.gov.

American Legion meeting

The American Legion, Harvey Howe Carper Post 30 will meet at 6 p.m. at the

VFW Post Home, 102 Watts St., Radford. Radford High School's Boys and Girls State representatives will be recognized at this meeting. For further information, please call 540-250-2283 or 540-239-9864.

Saturday, Oct. 7:

National Solar Event at Warm Hearth Village

At the Warm Hearth Village Center, 2387 Warm Hearth Dr.; 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Organized by village residents in cooperation with Sustainable Blacksburg. Showcase of solar technologies, home energy efficiency improvements and electric powered vehicles, bikes, trikes and scooters. Practical applications and advice in solar technology. Learn how you can save money and help the environment at the same time. Exhibitors include local solar installers, homeowners, energy efficiency evaluation and building experts, electric vehicle owners and community organizations working to encourage the use of these technologies. In addition to exhibitors at the WHV Village Center, a home will also be on the tour and attendees will be able to see solar panels, battery electric vehicle (BEV) charger and energy monitoring system as well as plans for energy storage.

Sunday, Oct. 8:

Fire Prevention Week Open House

Fire Prevention Week is October 8 - 14, 2023. Join the Blacksburg Volunteer Fire Department for an Open House on October 8 from 1 - 4pm. See fire trucks and equipment displays and learn about fire safety and

prevention. This Open House will be held at Fire Station #3, located at 407 Hubbard St., Blacksburg.

Monday, Oct. 9:

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, Oct. 10:

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.

Tuesday, Oct. 17:

Central Business Committee Meeting

The Christiansburg Central Business District Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room of Christiansburg Town Hall.

Thursday, Oct. 19:

Blood Drive

The New River Health District will be hosting a blood drive on in the Community Room at the Montgomery Co. Health Department from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. We have set a goal of having 20 donors for the day and need your assistance. Donors of all blood types are urgently needed now to ensure patients at hospitals across the country continue to receive critical medical care. Each donor for this drive

will receive a \$15 Amazon gift card as a thank you for your donation. Register at www.redcrossblood.org.

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

On-going:

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.

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.

NRV Master Gardener Assoc. accepting grant applications for 2024

NRV Master Gardener Assoc., a volunteer organization of the Virginia Cooperative Extension, is accepting grant applications for 2024 gardening projects. Grants awarded based on merit to educational, care-giving or community organization seeking to educate, involve, and/or improve quality of life through a gardening-related project. Organizations in the counties of Floyd, Giles, Pulaski and Montgomery (and towns within), and the City of Radford, are eligible. Applications must be electronically received (if emailed) or postmarked (if mailed through the USPS) by Oct. 15, 2023. Extra pages may be used for plan images/ illustrations. For more information and to submit your project application, contact Carol Trutt: nrvmastergardenerassoc@gmail.com email is preferred or mail to Carol Trutt: 95 N Surry Circle, Christiansburg, VA 24073.

ONLINE AUCTION

Ends Thursday, October 26th at 3 PM
Recreational Lots for Sale on the Little River
TBD Laurel Ridge Mill Rd., Riner, VA 24149

Bid Now at VAAuctionPro.com



OFFERING #1



OFFERING #2



OFFERING #3



OFFERING #4

Discover the perfect blend of nature and tranquility in these 4 tracts of land that are being sold at auction. Located in a prime location near Floyd, Riner, Christiansburg, Blacksburg, and Radford VA, these properties offer the best of both worlds, the serenity of wooded land and a riverfront haven with easy access to the essential amenities.

OFFERING #1 - +/- 6.015 ac

This 6.015 acre cleared lot would be a prime building spot, especially for a recreational getaway. Property has been perked and awaits your new home! It features 600+ ft of frontage on the Little River. With easy access to the river, you can enjoy all the kayaking, fishing, and swimming you wish! Property also has +/- 735 ft of frontage on Laurel Ridge Mill Rd.

OFFERING #2 - +/- 5.44 ac

This 5.44 acre cleared lot would be a prime building spot. Property has been perked and awaits your new home or recreational getaway! It features 500+ ft of frontage on the Little River. With easy access to the river, you can enjoy all the kayaking, fishing, and swimming you wish! It also has +/- 507 ft of frontage on Laurel Ridge Mill Rd.

OFFERING #3 - +/- 17.727 ac

This 17.727 ac property boasts abundant woodland, which creates a serene and private environment. There are several building spots and the surrounding views of the countryside are unbeatable! Property would be ideal for the construction of your new home.

OFFERING #4 - +/- 17.614 ac

This 17.614 ac property boasts abundant woodland, which creates a serene and private environment. There is a small creek meandering throughout the property. The woodland ensures privacy and seclusion. Property holds several building spots and the surrounding views of the countryside are unbeatable! Property would be ideal for the construction of your new home. There is over +/- 771 ft of frontage on Laurel Ridge Mill Rd.

Terms: 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to final high bid to arrive at contract price. Earnest Money Deposit of \$10,000 per offering required on the day of the sale. Close on or before November 27th, 2023. Subject to seller confirmation. Property sold as is, where is with any and all faults. Buyer is expected to complete their own due diligence. Tracts are being offered individually and if bidder wishes to purchase multiple tracts, bidder will need to be the high/ winning bidder on both offerings. Please note that during the last two minutes of bidding, if a new bid is placed, the clock is automatically extended an additional two minutes. Be sure to register to bid early to ensure you receive notifications regarding any changes to the Auction, Bidder Packet, and/or Pre-Auction offers received. Download Bidder Information Pack for complete terms and conditions, property information, purchase contract and maps at VAAuctionPro.com.

CONTACT - Auctioneer Matt Gallimore at 540-239-2585 or email gallimore.matt@gmail.com. You can also contact Realtor Boogie DeHart at 276-952-5061 or email boodied@yahoo.com

102 S. Locust Street,
Floyd, VA 24091
(540) 745-2005
VAAuctionPro.com
Lic# 2907004059

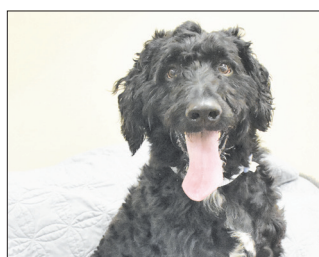


Blue Ridge Land & Auction Co., Inc.

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.

Meet Mika! In a previous home, he was primarily an outdoor dog and came into the house at night. He's good with children. Mika is selective with other dogs and does not get along with cats. He could benefit from doggie manners training.



Noodle is a friendly boy who is ready to head home. He enjoys meeting people, taking walks, and playing with toys. He knows some basic commands but may need additional training. Stop by the Animal Care and Adoption Center to meet him!

ANDERSON AUDIOLOGY
Hearing Aid Sales & Service, Inc.
Locally Owned and Operated Since 1963

Hear Better ||||| *Live Better*

♥ Complete Hearing Evaluation ♥ Video Otoscopic Exam ♥ Risk-Free Trial

We have Four Offices to serve you!

BLACKSBURG, VA - 3607 S. MAIN ST - (540) 381-6967
WYTHEVILLE, VA (276) 228-0866 **DUBLIN, VA (540) 674-4889** **GALAX, VA (276) 236-0778**

WIDEX
HIGH DEFINITION HEARING

Open Mon thru Fri, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm - anderson-audiology.com

Tax Relief

from page 1

Also, as part of the public hearing session of the meeting, an ordinance amending Chapter 26 "Public Safety" to add Section 26-136, Cost Reimbursement for Fire Services, to the Christiansburg Town Code along with an effective date was presented and approved. This addition to the code came as a recommendation for the Emergency Services Committee.

The amendment to the town code would allow the council to pass reasonable fees to be charged for fire services provided by all fire services personnel, whether provided by town employees or volunteers. The schedule of rates for services is proposed to be established by resolution of the town council. The funds received from the payment of these fees will be used to aid in defraying the cost of providing fire services.

"We wouldn't pursue it with collections or anything like that," Randy Wingfield, Town Manager said. "We bill insurance and if possible, you know, Medicaid and Medicare... that's the bulk of the collections with rescue revenue recovery and we look along the same lines with this."

Considering town council will not be conducting a regular meeting on their next scheduled time of Oct. 10, which would delay a vote on the two agenda items until October 24, member Tim Wilson made a motion to move both public hearings to discussion and action by Mayor and Council. Councilman Casey Jenkins seconded the motion.

Councilwoman Tanya Hockett made a recommendation to schedule a special meeting the following week, postponing a vote on the two agenda items until citizens had more time to come forward with any considerations.

Mayor Mike Barber said, "In the past when we've had controversy in some of these public hearings, when there's people for and against, we've been waiting for a few weeks but

apparently there was no one tonight expressed any interest in opposing either one of them, so, I think it's a legitimate request and particularly in the case of Carter Machinery. I mean they're in the process of doing due diligence, and to delay that action, for a month could actually affect their final decision on what they want to do."

Hockett went on to say that having a special meeting next week would both allow a quicker decision to be returned to Carter Machinery while giving people in the neighborhood potentially impacted by Carter's request to vacate that street and respond at a special meeting.

Bishop agreed with Hockett that he preferred not to act on an item that was presented at a public hearing in the same night.

Council took a vote on moving the two public hearing items to the Discussions and Actions portion of the meeting, with a result of 3-2, Hockett and Bishop voting nay, and the Mayor making the final determination to vote on the public hearing items that night.

Under consent items in the council's agenda for Sept. 26, 2023, three public hearings have been established for Oct. 24, 2023.

The public hearings are an acquisition for public property for the College Street Stormwater project, Amendment #1 of the FY 2023-24 Budget, and the 2022 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

Citizens came forward to address town concerns with council members as well during the meeting on Tuesday night. Concerns included an increase in signage, specifically campaign and business advertisements.

"As a citizen, I've experienced the pitfalls of overregulation in stopping and hindering my ability to reach out to my fellow citizens while using my signs," Jeff Akers said. "And as a candidate for office, the sign ordinance is hamstringing as it is for businesses also, to get their message to their customers and grow their businesses. So, those listening to the sound of my voice, I ask for your vote to help us make Christiansburg business friendly."

Dan Mederick also commented on the signage issue in Christiansburg.

"There are just so many out there, it's unsightly," Mederick said.

Donald Wright, of Christiansburg, also spoke about the new park and how much he and his wife have enjoyed the new park that neighbors their property. Wright was addressing the council in particular; however, about the pavilion at the park and some concerns with parking issues.

"To some of the neighbors it's been a concern now because, for the most part, the traffic right now. We're not seeing traffic but we're seeing parking issues. I am concerned about the unlawful parking at that entrance and the lack of a no parking sign as opposed as to what went up today, I think," Wright said. "They're no trees there yet, from what I understand they are to be planted, but the trees have been planted on the north side."

The mayor followed up with Wright's comments to say that six seven-foot Cypress trees have been purchased and should be planted by the end of the year. Hicks added that additional fencing and security cameras will help to mitigate issues of security and aesthetics.

Join the 12th annual Hokie BugFest on Oct. 7



PHOTO BY WHITNEY WEAVER FOR VIRGINIA TECH
A giant vinegaroon is one of the many insects at the Hokie BugFest.

BLACKSBURG - Hokie BugFest is a free, one-day festival that celebrates the exciting science of

entomology with science, technology, engineering, art, and math activities for all ages.

Highlights include more than 30 exhibits from Virginia Tech labs, local museums, and community groups as well as live arthropods, hands-on science activities, and the Dan Capps Insect Collection. It will be held Saturday, Oct. 7, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a special pre-opening from 9 to 10 a.m. for anyone with special needs at Squires Student Center, Virginia Tech's Blacksburg campus.

What's on display:
Dan Capps Insect Collection: One of the largest private insect collection

in the country, featuring hundreds of pinned specimens from across the globe including walking sticks that measure over 2 feet; goliath, Hercules, and other massive beetles; vibrant butterflies and moths; and more. Several new frames of specimens will be premiered at the event.

Live arthropods from the Hokie BugZoo: View and touch arthropods such as tarantulas, scorpions that glow, blue death feigning beetles, giant hissing cockroaches, whip spiders, vinegaroons, and more.

3D insect images: Attendees will use iPads to manipulate 360-degree views of real insects created by the

University Libraries.

4-H Insect Collection Contest: See insect collections entered by young entomologists from around the region. Winners will be announced and ribbons and prizes will be given.

This year's sponsors are the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences through Virginia Cooperative Extension, Virginia Tech Department of Entomology, Virginia Tech Pesticide Programs, and the W.B. Alwood Entomological Society, as well as many community partners.

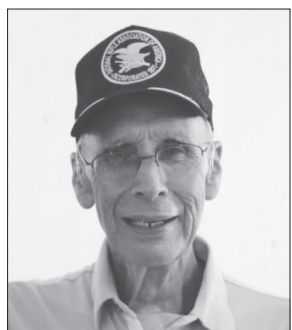
Virginia Tech

OBITUARIES

VanHoy, Robert "Bobby" Lyons

Robert "Bobby" Lyons VanHoy, 80, passed away Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023, at his home in Dublin surrounded by his family. He was a well-known drywall contractor. Bobby was preceded in death by his parents, James and Elsie VanHoy; and sisters, Wanda Reid and Janie Nichols.

Survivors include his loving wife of 58 years, Norma F. VanHoy; son, Bobby Lee VanHoy (Tammy Ramsey); daughter, Angie Bentley (James); grandchildren, Andy VanHoy (Mallory), Aaron VanHoy, and Logan Bentley; six great



grandchildren; and many other nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The family would like to thank all of his doctors and Candice, Jessica and LeaAnn of Intrepid Hospice for their excellent

care of Bobby.

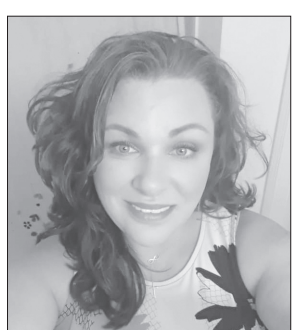
The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2023, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services will begin at 1 p.m. with Pastor Kelly Howlett officiating. Interment will follow in Newbern Cemetery in Dublin.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations in his name to Open Door Baptist Church, PO Box 936, Pulaski, VA 24301.

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

Martinez, Stashia Steffani

Stashia Steffani Martinez, 42, of Dublin, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023. She was a faithful Christian who loved traveling, especially to the beach, shopping, trying new restaurants, but more than anything else, her husband Bobby. Stashia was also very proud of her involvement in multiple support groups, where she was always looking to help others in their time of need. She was preceded in death by her parents, Noel Steffani and Tamara



Wingo.

Survivors include her husband, Bobby Martinez; her sister, Cady Farmer; caregiver and her fiancé, Mary Eanes and Brandon

Riffe; special dog, Bailey; and many other relatives and friends.

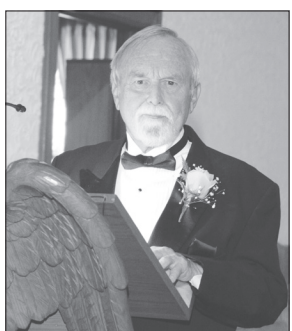
The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 12, 2023 at the Compassion Church in Radford at 1820 Second St. Radford, Va 24141. A memorial service will begin at 6 p.m. with her special friend and Pastor Chandler Jones officiating.

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

Cluver, Michael Albert

Michael Albert Cluver, 81, of Radford, passed away Friday, Sept. 29, 2023. He was a member of Grace Episcopal Church and a tool salesman for over 40 years. Michael was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Ursula Cluver.

Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Crystal Cluver of Christiansburg; daughters and sons-in-law, Georgie and Adam Mejia of Houston, Texas, and Johanna and William Montague of Arlington,



Va.; grandchildren, Olivia, Sarah, Mikee, Charlotte, Hattie, Elanor, and Steven; great grandchild, Klaus; and many other relatives and

friends.

The family would like to thank the Hospice Team at LewisGale Montgomery Hospital for the wonderful care given to Michael.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023, at Grace Episcopal Church in Radford with The Rev. William Yagel officiating. A reception will follow the service.

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

Sifford, Darrell Eugene

Darrell Eugene Sifford was born July 15, 1971 and passed away unexpectedly Saturday Sept. 23, 2023 at his home in Parrott.

He is preceded in death by his father, Walter Douglas 'Doug' Sifford; his brother, David Wayne Sifford; and his grandparents, Walter and Ethel Sifford and Wagner and Larrina Wyrick.

Those left to cherish his memory are his daughter, Kayla Sifford; his grandchildren, Annabelle and Logan Bailey, and Madison 'Viar' Moulton and Olivia Viar, whom he helped raise and thought



of as his own daughters; his mother Patsy Sifford; his brother Brian Sifford; his nieces Taylor and Alyssa Sifford; his nephews Brandon and Jon Sifford and Michael Hannah; his step mother Brenda

Bainbridge; his step sisters Angel Bainbridge and Michelle Thompson; his step brother Brian Bainbridge; step nieces Katie and Nikki Liddle, Jessie Adams, and Amy Bainbridge; his aunts, cousins and special friends Bryant and Roger Gravley; and many other friends.

Darrell had a heart of gold and was a kind and gentle soul. He loved fishing and hunting and on the river or in the mountains is where you'd find him if not at home.

He is so loved and so deeply missed.

Morrison, James Edward

James Edward Morrison, 85, of Christiansburg, passed away Sunday, Oct. 1, 2023.

He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. Jim was a member of Gethsemane Baptist Church and retired

from Volvo Trucks. He was a member of and Past Master of VA May Lodge #38 A.F.&A.M. and Snowville Lodge #159 A.F.&A.M., past District Deputy Grand Master and a Shriner.

Jim was preceded in

death by his parents, William and Mary Sue Morrison; his wife, Erlene C. Morrison; and daughter, Karen Adkins.

Survivors include his son, Mike Morrison and Vanessa; daughter, Tracey Cater and Terry; grandchildren, Chris Morrison, Nikki Gearheart (Jeremiah), James Morrison (Chassidy), Matt Morrison (Caitlin), and Katie Cater; great grandchildren, Grayson, Caleb, Cara and Kingston; sister, Carole Gerald.

The family would like to thank the staff at Warm Hearth - Kroontje Center for all the tender care they provided Jim.

The family will receive friends 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 5, 2023, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Graveside services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Shriner's Hospital for Children.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

MONTGOMERY COUNTY LAND USE ASSESSMENT

In accordance with an ordinance providing for special assessments for Agricultural, Horticultural and Forest real estate in Montgomery County, Virginia, your land may be eligible for special valuation and assessments for the tax year 2024 providing it meets certain criteria. **Applications will be accepted October 1, 2023 thru October 31, 2023.**

Information and applications for the taxable year 2024 may be obtained at the Montgomery County Commissioner of the Revenue office.

Location:

Montgomery County Government Center
755 Roanoke St suite 1-A
Christiansburg, VA 24073
Hours: 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. M-F
Phone 540-382-5710

VIRGINIA IS FOR PAWPAW LOVERS

Discover the Vineyard's Paw Paw patch; Sip excellent wine along the way!

4th Annual Paw Paw Festival

OCTOBER 7TH
12 - 5 PM

Music by the
FORK MOUNTAIN RAMBLERS

OCTOBER 8TH
1 - 5 PM

Music by
LESLIE BROOKS

Discounts at Eggleston Campground and Karios Resort; discount for dinner at The Palisades Restaurant.

NO ADMISSION FEE!

JBR Vineyards, LLC
1360 Springdale Rd., Pearisburg, VA
540-250-7291
<https://www.facebook.com/jbrwine>

OPINION

Sometimes a special pair of shoes is about more than the shoes

Evans "Buddy" King
Columnist

If you've watched college football lately you've noticed a significant change in the uniforms. A lot of the "skilled players" (i.e., running backs, wide receivers, defensive backs, quarterbacks) are wearing shorts! Yes, pants that are cut off above the knee, thus no knee pads. Presumably this allows for more mobility, more speed. I can understand it. I like it.

But let's be honest. Part of this current fad is about being "cool", or whatever the cool kids call cool now. Football players like wearing equipment that makes them look good and makes them confident. They want to look cool. It's a tough game to play without swagger. Always has been, hopefully always will be. It evokes a great memory for me.

When I was grade school age, my parents took me to pretty much every football game Christiansburg High played. I grew up under the Friday Night Lights. Even before, when I was four years old and my dad was principal, I sat on the bench with the town doctors.

Most of the kids my age played tackle under the bleachers with wadded up paper cups as the football, or ran around and never watched the field. It was such a safe time and place that parents didn't worry. But my folks didn't let me get in the "under the bleacher games" and truthfully, I enjoyed watching what was happening on the field. I was fascinated by the action. I loved the game.

For some reason I remember that

Charles Blount and Butch Phillips of the mid-60's Blue Demons teams wore "horse collars" on their shoulder pads. I thought they were the coolest guys ever. And several of my favorite players at Tech during that time wore the same things around their necks and also had little hooks on their helmets above the eyes instead of a full cage face mask. Cool!

I knew that when I got to high school I wanted the horse collar and the hook when I played for the Blue Demons. I eventually got the hook when I was a defensive starter but never the horse collar. The school only had a couple and as I recall my friend Jimmy Dangerfield got one. He deserved it. Not many got the hook and I was happy that I got mine.

But this column is about shoes, low cut football shoes. And about my wonderful father. It's a wonderful and apocryphal memory.

It was my eighth grade year. In that era, CHS, like most of the high schools west of Roanoke, consisted of grades 8 through 12, so we had eighth grade sports teams. We played other schools in the same district as the varsity (the New River Valley District then) - I remember we played Blacksburg, Radford, Dublin, Giles, Narrows, and Floyd my eighth grade year, on Thursday nights right before the jayvee games.

I had lived to get to eighth grade and to have the chance to play in those games. I sat in church and daydreamed of the Friday Night Lights. I came from a "football family", my dad and two of his brothers and several of my cousins

had all played at CHS. On the same field I eventually played on. I was also the only child of older parents and an aggressively overly protective mother. I was spoiled and pampered by my mom and her sisters. But when I got to seventh grade (sandlot), my dad won out and I finally got to play, but I'm sure it cost him political capital with my mom.

So, the next year I am on the eighth grade team. It is a wonderful memory - it was the first year of full desegregation of the schools, and we had a great contingent of black kids on the team. We had Omar Ross as our volunteer coach, an excellent head varsity coach just the year before, helping a hapless new teacher Wally Flinchum who didn't know football from badminton. Wally had been hired to coach varsity baseball and to teach world history and was handed eighth grade football on the side. Coach Ross ended up by far the best coach I ever played for (see previous column).

Now back to football equipment and trying to be cool. As eighth graders we were issued the hand me downs - pads and helmets and shoes that were left over after the varsity and jayvee had been outfitted. The shoes I ended up with were "high tops" - the kind made famous by Johnny Unitas (google his image) in the 1950's. All the kids got high tops, the "low cuts" not being affordable for the school. But they were ugly and clunky and decidedly "uncool". They were called combat boots. They looked like them.

A few parents bought their kids their own shoes, trendy "low cuts", and I all

but begged my dad for a pair. I'm not sure if it was attributable to the Scots-Irish blood that coursed through his veins or a concern that my mother's apron strings had made me too "soft" and I wouldn't stick it out, but my dad's response was "we'll see."

The story ends with our first game that long ago eighth grade season. We opened with our biggest rival, the hated Blacksburg Indians, as we always did, with me wearing the high tops I detested so much. I played every play but one, we won 8 - 6, and I accounted for myself reasonably well. Only on carry as a running back (we had Alan Johnson and Spencer Flippens and Larry Epperly and Tony Price and Cortez McDaniel in the backfield, so there was no reason to give me the ball) and I had several tackles on defense. Coach Ross had made me captain. Blacksburg's captain was David Claiborne, the son of Jerry Claiborne (then the head coach at Tech).

I guess my dad was satisfied after that game that I would be a football player, that I would "stick it out." Early the next Saturday morning, he got me up and told me to get dressed and get in the car. We drove down Christiansburg Mountain to Roanoke, to a wonderful sporting goods warehouse called Graves-Humphries near the long gone Victory Stadium, and he bought me a pair of low cut football shoes. Riddell. I wore them until I could no longer get them on. Still one of the proudest possessions I have ever had.

This story really isn't about football shoes. Or looking cool. It's about my dad.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

News Messenger

Established 1869

(540) 389-9355

P.O. Box 1125 • Salem, VA 24153

USPS 016-490 Online: www.ourvalley.org

Michael Showell, *Publisher*

Heather Bell, *Editor*

communitynews@ourvalley.org

Aila Boyd, *Executive Editor*

aboyd@ourvalley.org

Wendi Craig, *Advertising Consultant*

advertise@ourvalley.org

Give us your view:

editor@ourvalley.org

The News Messenger is a newspaper of, by and for the people of Montgomery County. We encourage letters from our readers on topics of general interest to the community and responses to our articles and columns. Letters must be signed and have a telephone number where you can be reached for verification. All letters will be verified before publication. We reserve the right to deny publication of any letter and edit letters for length, content and style.

The News Messenger (USPS 016-490) is published twice a week for \$46 a year in Montgomery County, \$55 elsewhere in Virginia, and \$59 out of state by Virginia Media Inc., P.O. Box 429, Lewisburg, WV 24901. Periodical postage paid at Christiansburg, VA. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to NEWS MESSENGER 1633 W. Main St., Salem, VA 24153.

Dear Editor,

Climate change is a hot topic. The political noise generated by the topic overwhelms all of us. But conservation of energy and resources is always a winning strategy.

Let's invest in energy alternatives and efficiencies. What we can do here in southwest Virginia:

Encourage and build more renewable power generation. Roof-top solar doesn't involve the permitting problems of utility-scale solar arrays. Schools, shopping complexes and other large buildings are good places, as well as private homes.

Replace conventional light bulbs with LED light bulbs. LED bulbs use 75 percent less electricity and can

last up to 10 times longer.

Weatherize our homes to stay warmer in winter and cooler in summer. We tend to focus on electricity rates. Concentrate on lowering usage to have a better hedge against future rate increases.

Support local businesses and jobs to save time and gas. For every \$100 spent at locally-owned businesses, \$45 stays in the community. Whereas, for every \$100 spent at chain stores, \$13 stays in the community.

Energy efficiency simply makes good sense. It is money in our pockets.

Robert Beckman

Candidate for Virginia State Senate District Five

Dear Editor,

The Council of Citizens for Blacksburg (CCB) endorses Rick Johnson for Blacksburg Town Council.

Rick Johnson is an independent candidate who will represent the interests of Blacksburg citizens, not the interests or positions of any established political party.

His platform is, first and foremost, the support of neighbors and neighborhoods, and his plan is to build community through positive change. CCB supports positive change, not the status quo, and for this reason we support Rick Johnson.

Rick's platform includes supporting neighbors and neighborhoods, respecting all citizens, creating smart affordable housing, and creating an equal

partnership with Virginia Tech. Please see Rick's website <https://www.rickjohnson2023.com/> with all his goals and motivation for running as a candidate for Blacksburg Town Council.

Rick is an experienced professional and retired university administrator having served as Director of Housing and Dining Services at Virginia Tech, and, most recently, he served as Associate Vice President of Student Affairs at Duke University. His community service includes serving on the Montgomery County School Board, Vice President of the Villas at Fiddlers Green Homeowners Association, and a member of the Blacksburg United Methodist Church.

Politically, Rick is an independent, with friends and neighbors that are both liberal and conservative.

He will filter all decisions through his top priority of "Supporting Neighbors and Neighborhoods".

Rick Johnson is the only candidate the CCB endorses. Although you can vote for three candidates, to ensure Rick Johnson is elected, we recommend voting only for write-in candidate Rick Johnson, and no others.

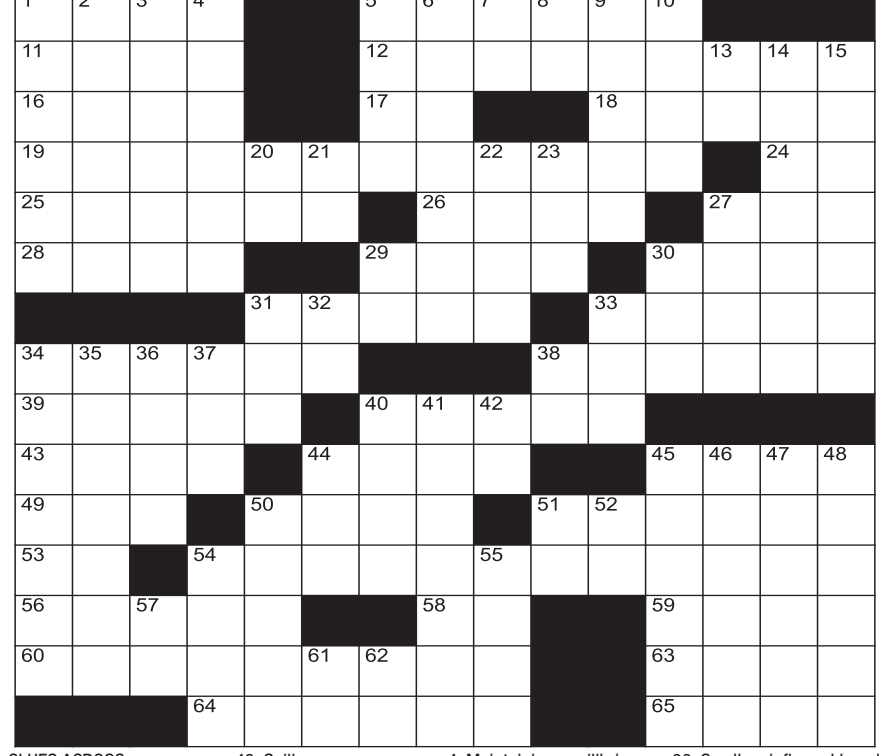
Remember, the candidates receiving the most votes will win the town council seats. With Rick Johnson winning one of those seats a strong message will be sent to the Town Council that the citizens of Blacksburg want change, not the status quo.

Ed Hokanson

Rebekah Paulson

Council of Citizens for Blacksburg

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- CLUES ACROSS
- Leg shank
 - A way to recognize
 - "VeggieTales" character
 - Getting out of by cunning
 - Mythological mountain
 - Atomic #18
 - Viscous liquid
 - 2010 Denzel film
 - 12th star in a constellation
 - Made better
 - Pouches
 - Nervous twitch
 - This (Spanish)
 - Tennis legend Bjorn
 - Hand (Spanish)
 - Afrikaans
 - Int'l interpreters organization (abbr.)
 - Treated with kid gloves
 - Leaseholder
 - Frogs, toads, tree toads
 - Popular dance

- Sailing maneuver: tack & _
- Indicates speed of rotation (abbr.)
- Mark
- Health insurance
- Custom clothing brand
- One who makes suits
- Execute or perform
- Degree of pleasantness when tasting
- Equal to roughly 5.6 bushels
- Blood group
- Imaginary line
- Hopeless
- Darken
- Spoke
- Work units

CLUES DOWN

- A way to fit out
- Football carries
- Force out

- Maintaining equilibrium
- Sealed with a kiss
- Type of container
- Hollywood
- We
- Small freshwater ducks
- Norse personification of old age
- Says who you are
- Candidate
- Sugar found in honey and sweet fruits
- Defunct language (abbr.)
- Take too much
- Iranian province
- Records electric currents
- __ and feathers
- Beloved Mr. T character
- More (Spanish)
- Beverage
- Promotional material
- Green vegetable
- National capital
- To any further extent

- Swollen, inflamed lymph node
- Pound
- Popular Yugo
- Salt of acetic acid
- Milliheny
- Israeli city __ Aviv
- Make wider
- Drink containing medicine
- Acknowledging
- Private, romantic rendezvous
- Calvary sword
- Disease of the lungs
- 2001 Spielberg film
- Fleshy, watery fruit
- In one's chambers
- Set of information (abbr.)
- Dorm employee
- Indicates position

YOUR LOCAL NEWS

JUST THE WAY YOU LIKE IT!

News Messenger

Serving Montgomery County Since 1869

DIGITAL ONLY
One Year Digital Subscription \$29.00

DIGITAL & PRINT
Yearly Print & Digital Subscription \$72.00

PRINT ONLY
Yearly Print Only Subscription \$46.00 Radford \$55.00 Virginia \$59.00 Out of State

Subscribe online at montcova.com or mail to address below

SUBSCRIPTION TO NEWS MESSENGER

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Check Enclosed _____ or call (304) 647-5724 to pay by credit card

Mail to: Circulation Department, NEWS MESSENGER, P.O. BOX 429, Lewisburg, WV 24901 or call us at (304) 647-5724.



THE FINCASTLE HERALD The Vinton Messenger THE NEW CASTLE RECORD SALEM TIMES REGISTER News Messenger RADFORD News Journal

Auctions



Online Only Estate Auction of Bob and Reddie Waid

35 E. Main Street, Fincastle, Va 24090

Bid on Sterling Silver, Coins, Confederate Currency, Antiques, Furniture, and Much More!

Bidding Ends Thursday, October 12th @ 7:30pm

Preview Wednesday, October 11th from 3-6pm

Pick-up Friday, October 13th from 2-6pm

Visit www.CircleCAuction.com to register and bid.

Contact Cody Manspile, Auctioneer at 540-784-9254 with any questions.

VA AF# 2908001046

Wanted - To Buy

WANTED 78 RPM Phonograph Records. Local Collector large and small collections bought. (814) 979-3621

Storage Facilities

Affordable Mini Storage, LLC

1250 Lee Highway Roanoke, VA 24019 Date: Saturday, October 14, 2023 Time: 10:00 a.m. Units: E04, I04, J28, A14, CCW 37, G04 Cash only. Buyer has 24 hours to remove items from unit. Cody Manspile, Auctioneer, VAL# 2907004430

Help Wanted - General

Flex Support Engineer, Roanoke, VA.

Provide customer-facing support for deployments of Twilio Flex Contact Center Program. Develop/debug apps & utilities on Twilio platform incl. Twilio Flex plugins, serverless functions, Studio flows, & other apps. Interested applicants may apply online with Vision Point Systems at https://www.visionpoint.com/

WANTED

Models needed for life drawing class, male and female, \$60 for 3 hour session. Call David 540-473-3713

Legals - Botetourt County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 164 KELSEY WAY, FINCASTLE, VA 24090.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated July 30, 2018, in the original principal amount of \$140,900.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 180002806. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090 or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court on October 30, 2023, at 1:45 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT LOT AND PREMISES LOCATED IN BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A FENCE POST ON MELODY LANE; THENCE WITH MELODY LANE SOUTH 82 DEGREES 06' 00" EAST 93.08 FEET TO A PIPE FOUND; THENCE WITH MELODY LANE ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT 189.74 FEET THE

Legals - Botetourt County

CHORD OF WHICH IS SOUTH 72 DEGREES 28' 30" EAST 188.85 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE CONTINUING WITH MELODY LANE SOUTH 62 DEGREES 51' 00" EAST 65.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND; THENCE LEAVING MELODY LANE SOUTH 27 DEGREES 09' 00" WEST 280.92 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND; THENCE NORTH 65 DEGREES 16' 06" WEST 248.08 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND; THENCE SOUTH 64 DEGREES 55; 20; WEST 634.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND; THENCE SOUTH 18 DEGREES 00' 25 EAST 356.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND; THENCE NORTH 81 DEGREES 09' 00; EAST 327.17 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 70 DEGREES 58' 00" EAST 327.17 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 5.00 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN AS PARCEL 1, ON PLAT OF SURVEY DATED NOVEMBER 23, 1993, BY RONALD R. CLARK, L.S., A TRUE COPY OF WHICH IS RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN DEED BOOK 449, PAGE 72. TOGETHER WITH A PERPETUAL RIGHT OF WAY AND EASEMENT OVER THE 50 FT. PRIVATE ROAD AND MELODY LANE FOR THE PURPOSE OF INGRESS AND EGRESS FROM THE LAND HEREIN CONVEYED TO STATE SECONDARY ROUTES NO. 630 AND NO. 638. LESS AND EXCEPTING THAT PARCEL CONTAINING 2.539 ACRES, CONVEYED TO ROBERT D. DYE AND DEIRDRE E. MEADOR, BY DEED DATED DECEMBER 15, 2017 AND RECORDED DECEMBER 18, 2017, IN AFORESAID CLERK'S OFFICE AS INSTRUMENT NO. 170004879 AND AS SHOWN ON PLAT OF SURVEY OF RECORD IN THE AFORESAID CLERK'S OFFICE IN PLAT BOOK 61, PAGE 121. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwvsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsales.com. VA-358737-2.

Legals - City of Salem

Notice is hereby given

to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on October 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA: 1. Consider the request of Bruce Maxey, property owner, for the issuance of a Special Exception permit to allow a 1,200 square foot detached garage on the property located at 1862 Murrell Avenue (Tax Map # 128-1-4). 2. Consider the request of Crystal Lowery, property owner, for rezoning the property located at 1000 Blk Ohio Ave (Tax Map # 197-1-15) from HM Heavy Manufacturing District to RSF Residential Single Family District.

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

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, CHRISTIANBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re NANNIE FAY LONG, THOMAS LONG AND EDWARD LONG v. NONE It is ORDERED that CATHY HUGHES appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before OCTOBER 20, 2023 @ 8:30 AM. SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 ROBERT M.D. TURK, JUDGE TIFFANY M. COUCH, CLERK

TOWN OF BLACKSBURG - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS BLACKSBURG TOWN COUNCIL will hold public hearings on Tuesday, October 10, 2023

beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, regarding the following items:

Ordinance 2035: An Ordinance Rezoning 1.10± Acres of Land at 1200 Block of Airport Road from R-4 Residential to Planned Residential Zoning. This is a request to rezone approximately 1.1 acres of land from R-4 Low Density Residential to Planned Residential zoning for the development of 11 income-restricted townhomes with 33 bedrooms total in the 1200-block of Airport Road. Upon sale, the lots will become part of the community land trust to ensure permanent affordability. Also included in the development is surface parking and outdoor recreation amenities. The Future Land Use Designation for this parcel is Medium-Density Residential, which allows up to 10 units per acre, or up to 20 bedrooms per acre for multifamily uses. The request to construct 11 units/33 bedrooms (10 units/acre or 30 bedrooms per acre) represents an increase in the allowable

Legals - Montgomery County

bedroom density above the Future Land Use density of 20 bedrooms per acre.

Ordinance 2033: An Ordinance Vacating Portion of Public Rights-of-Way located at Airport Road. This request is related to Ordinance 2035. The request is to vacate approximately 0.22 acres of unbuild Town-owned Right-of-Way, adjacent to land known as unbuild Airport Drive and unbuild Virginia Street. The land to be vacated would be included in the proposed Habitat for Humanity townhome development as driveway and rear yard space.

Ordinance 2036: An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Public Right-of-Way Located at Rimrock Road. This is a request to vacate approximately 0.47 acres of Town-owned Right-of-Way known as Rimrock Drive from Research Center Drive to its termination at the Route 460 Bypass. The vacated property will be used as a private driveway to access the Blue Ridge Cancer Center.

Ordinance 2037: An Ordinance Vacating a Public Utility and Sidewalk Easement on Land Located at 2600 Research Center Drive. This request accompanies Ordinance 2036 and would vacate active public utility and sidewalk easements that currently exist adjacent to the Rimrock Drive Right-of-Way. The existing sidewalk will become private serving only this parcel and the existing fire hydrant will be removed. The ordinance will require these areas to be vacated prior to the approval of the site plan for the building and parking expansion.

CUP 23-0003: Conditional Use Permit Request for hotel use and additional height in the Downtown Commercial Zoning District at 501 South Main Street. This Conditional Use Permit request for is for a hotel use and increased height above 60 feet in the Midtown Development at 501 South Main Street. The request is for a 144-room hotel in the Downtown Commercial (DC) zoning district. It is proposed to be located on the parcel known as Midtown DC Parcel 2. The height of the hotel building is proposed to be a maximum of 75 feet.

A Hotel/Motel use is permitted as a Conditional Use in the DC zoning district. The Future Land Use (FLU) is Downtown Commercial, and the proposed use is consistent with this designation.

All persons affected by or interested in the proposed items 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 Lorraine Spaulding, Town Clerk at (540) 443-1025 or 443-1000 (voice or TDD).

TOWN OF CHRISTIANBURG, VIRGINIA THE CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER)

The Town of Christiansburg, as a recipient of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to prepare the 2022 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The CAPER is an evaluation and

Legals - Montgomery County

performance report detailing accomplishments toward meeting the goals outlined in the 5-year Consolidated Plan. The CAPER compares the actual performance measures with those measures listed in the 2022 Annual Action Plan. Public Comments will be received through Monday, November 6, 2023.

PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING

Town Staff will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 5:30 PM in the Admin Conference Room, Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street to provide an opportunity for any interested citizens to discuss the plan with Staff. Town Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room, Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street to receive comments on Council's intention to adopt the 2022 CDBG CAPER.

A draft copy of the 2022 CDBG CAPER is available for review and may be viewed in the Office of the Town Manager, Town of Christiansburg, 100 E. Main Street during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. In addition, a draft electronic copy is available on the Town's Web Site. A copy is also available for review at the Christiansburg branch of the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library located at 125 Shelman Street. Any interested party whose participation in this meeting would require reasonable accommodation of a handicap or language services should contact Andrew Warren at (540) 382-6128 ext. 1130 or by e-Mail at awaren@christiansburg.org.

Legals - Town of Vinton

TOWN OF VINTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-1800 (B), of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, the Town Council of the Town of Vinton, Virginia, gives notice of a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, October 17, at 6:00 p.m., or immediately thereafter, in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning the proposed granting of a lease to The Vinton Historical Society of certain Town property located at 210 East Jackson Avenue, identified as 060.16-03-15.00-0000 (Vinton History Museum) in the Town of Vinton, Virginia, said lease to be for one eight (8) month period with the option to renew the lease for up to four (4) additional one (1) year renewal terms. A complete copy of the proposed Lease, Resolution, and additional information concerning this public meeting is available in the Town Manager's Office, located in the Vinton Municipal Building, (540) 983-0607. Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate at this public meeting should contact the Town Manager's office at (540) 983-0607.

Antonia Arias-Magallon Town Clerk

MAKE AN "A" IN ADVERTISING!

To place your ad, call 389-9355



STATEWIDE ADS

Call today and receive a FREE SHOWER PACKAGE PLUS \$1600 OFF SAFE STEP WALK-IN TUB 1-877-591-9950

Make the smart and ONLY CHOICE when tackling your roof! ERIE Metal Roofs FREE ESTIMATE 1.844.902.4611

PROTECT WHAT MATTERS MOST Whether you are home or away, protect what matters most from unexpected power outages with a Generac Home Standby Generator. REQUEST A FREE QUOTE CALL NOW BEFORE THE NEXT POWER OUTAGE (844) 947-1479

Jacuzzi BATH REMODEL YOUR BATHROOM. YOUR WAY. IN AS LITTLE AS ONE DAY CALL NOW 877.460.5348

LeafFilter CLOG-FREE GUTTERS FOREVER EXCLUSIVE LIMITED TIME OFFER! 15% OFF + 10% OFF + 0% OFF

BAG A GREAT DEAL IN THE CLASSIFIEDS! To place your ad, call 389-9355

THE CLASSIFIEDS Where the Deals Are! To place your ad, call 389-9355

STATEWIDE ADS

STATEWIDE ADS

STATEWIDE ADS

STATEWIDE ADS

STATEWIDE ADS

STATEWIDE ADS

AUCTIONS
ATTN. AUCTIONEERS: Advertise your upcoming auctions statewide and in other states. Affordable Print and Digital Solutions reaching your target audiences. Call this paper or Landon Clark at Virginia Press Services 804-521-7576, landonc@vpa.net

Jacuzzi Bath Remodel can install a new, custom bath or shower in as little as one day. For a limited time, we're waiving all installation costs! (Additional terms apply. Subject to change and vary by dealer. Offer ends 9/30/23) Call 1-877-460-5348

Roofs! Three styles and multiple colors available. Guaranteed to last a lifetime! Limited Time Offer – up to 50% off installation + Additional 10% off install (for military, health workers & 1st responders.) Call Erie Metal Roofs: 1-844-902-4611

& Shower. Many options available. Quality materials & professional installation. Senior & Military Discounts Available. Limited Time Offer - FREE virtual in-home consultation now and SAVE 15%! Call today! 1-844-945-1631

ed, \$475+\$86 court cost. WILLS-\$295.00. No court appearance. Estimated completion time twenty-one days. Hilton Oliver, Attorney (Facebook). 757-490-0126. Se Habla Espanol. BBB Member. https://hiltonoliverattorneyva.com.

of select programs incl. Medicaid, SNAP, Housing Assistance, WIC, Veterans Pension, Survivor Benefits, Lifeline, Tribal. 15 GB internet service. Bonus offer: Android tablet FREE with one-time \$20 copay. Free shipping & handling. Call Maxsip Telecom today! 1-855-970-1995

HOME IMPROVEMENT
 Now Offering Financing! Ronnie Jenkins II Windows, Siding, Roofing and Gutters! FREE Estimates! Call 804-739-8207 for More Details! American Made Products!

Prepare for power outages today with a GENERAC home standby generator. \$0 Money Down + Low Monthly Payment Options. Request a FREE Quote. Call now before the next power outage: 1-844-947-1479

Eliminate gutter cleaning forever! LeafFilter, the most advanced debris-blocking gutter protection. Schedule a FREE LeafFilter estimate today. 20% off Entire Purchase. Plus 10% Senior & Military Discounts. Call 1-877-614-6667

Safe Step. North America's #1 Walk-In Tub. Comprehensive lifetime warranty. Top-of-the-line installation and service. Now featuring our FREE shower package and \$1600 Off for a limited time! Call today! Financing available. Call Safe Step 1-877-591-9950

Portable Oxygen Concentrator May Be Covered by Medicare! Reclaim independence and mobility with the compact design and long-lasting battery of Inogen One. Free information kit! Call 888-608-4974

DENTAL INSURANCE from Physicians Mutual Insurance Company. Coverage for 350 plus procedures. Real dental insurance - NOT just a discount plan. Do not wait! Call now! Get your FREE Dental Information Kit with all the details! 1-888-550-3083 www.dental50plus.com/virginia #6258

SERVICES
DIVORCE-Uncontested

Replace your roof with the best looking and longest lasting material steel from Erie Metal

The bathroom of your dreams for as little as \$149/month! BCI Bath



BUSINESS SERVICES DIRECTORY

DR FAME
ALLERGY
ASTHMA

540 404-9598
 1002 APPERSON DR • SALEM, VIRGINIA 24153
 WWW.DRTOMFAME.COM

FOX RADIO 910
 Roanoke and 104.3 FM
CBS SPORTS RADIO

ROANOKE'S #2 NEWS TALK AND SPORTS RADIO STATION
 (Nielsen Fall 2022 book)
 www.foxradioroanoke.com
 (540) 343-7109

Lisa Martin, REALTOR®
 Serving the industry for 30+ years
 Roanoke Valley & Blue Ridge Mountains
Premier, REALTORS
 (540) 597-0480
 Lisa@Lisa2buy.com • www.Lisa2buy.com
 1638 Roanoke Road, Suite 101
 Daleville, VA 24083

BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY HomeServices
 A member of the franchise system of BHH Affiliates, LLC

MHC
 Monroe Health Center

Craig County Health Center
 226 Market Street - New Castle, VA
 Phone: (540) 864-6390 Fax: (540) 864-6356

- *Physical Exams * X-ray Services
- * Laboratory Services * Acute Care
- *Mental Health Services * Well Baby Checks

ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS

CARPET RE-STRETCHING!
STEVEN W. DURRANCE FLOORS

Repairs • New Sales • Expert
540-776-9591
Cell: 540-353-7908
 Licensed & Insured
 carpetroanoke.com

Sunflooring Inc.
STEVE SMITH

With over 40 years of experience

Specializing in Hardwood Floors, Hardwood Refinishing, Laminate Flooring, Engineered Floors, Ceramic Tile, Carpet and Luxury Vinyl Plank

540-556-3100

ADVERTISE HERE!

To place your ad, call 540-389-9355

WE BUY COIN COLLECTIONS

Top money paid
 FREE estimates

EADES & LOWER INSURANCE
 5007 Carriage Dr., Suite 100
 P.O. Box 21483
 Roanoke, VA 24018

SHERRI STINETTE HOLT
 INSURANCE AGENT

Cell (540)819-9179 • Office (540)981-1124
 Fax (540) 981-1266
 sherri@eadesandlower.com
 www.eadesandlower.com

AUTO | HOME BUSINESS | LIFE

Residential and Commercial Construction

540-966-0688
 PO Box 630
 Daleville, VA 24083

www.southerntracellc.com

Contact us at
540-988-2420

Windy Ridge Tree & Mulching Service

Contact us today for a free quote!
540-473-5176
 fincastletreedr@gmail.com
 windyridgetreedr.com

Colonial Title and Settlement

Serving the Greater Botetourt & Roanoke Valley communities with all your real estate needs for residential, commercial, construction with MLA services, Assist with 1031 Real Estate Exchanges, Purchases, Refinances and More!!!!

Call Loretta, Debbie or Kristi for your next move!

540-966-1260
 1215 Roanoke Road, Daleville

SENIOR FOR SENIORS
PAINTING & RESIDENTIAL MAINTENANCE

Cell: **540-293-4271**

BAG
 A GREAT DEAL IN THE CLASSIFIEDS!
 To place your ad, call 389-9355

ADVERTISE With us

Place your ad here, call 276-340-2445

Want to keep up with local news, sports and events?
 SUBSCRIBE TODAY • Call (540) 389-9355

MONTGOMERY SPORTS

From the gridiron: Radford only area unbeaten after win over Glenvar

Marty Gordon
NRVsports@ourvalley.org

Radford High School continued its dominance and remained unbeaten with a 36-3 win on Friday over Glenvar.

Landon Clark was 16 of 20 through the air for 149 yards and two touchdowns. He also rushed for another score.

J.D. Grubb rushed 11 times for 105 yards, while Clark added 41 yards on the ground.

Max Kanipe caught four passes for 71 yards with a touchdown as Clark connected with two others for touchdowns.

But it was on the defensive side of the ball that Clark proved to be the difference, intercepting two Glenvar passes. Luke Woodard also picked off another for the defense.

The win pushed Radford to 6-0 and probably secures the top seed in Region 2D as the points standings were set to be released this week.

The story was a little different for the area's other unbeaten.

Riverheads (4-1) kicked a 27-yard field goal with no time on the clock to pull out a 24-21 victory Friday night over Christiansburg (5-1). Zac Burton nailed the kick straight between the posts as Riverheads rallied from 21-7 halftime deficit. The defending Class 2 state champion, Riverheads, rushed for 264 yards with none through the air.

QB Tanner Evans led Christiansburg with 20 carries for 139 yards. Matt Annis added 63 yards on nine carries, while Issaih Cotto rushed six times for 23 yards. Evans was six of nine on passing for 58 yards and an interception.

Evans rushed twice for scores from 49 and 10 yards, both in the first half, while throwing another one to Donovan Robinson for a 27-yard touchdown.

The Virginia High School League will release its first points standings on Tuesday, and Radford should be the leader in the region. Christiansburg will be in the Top 4 in Region 3D.

A note from the Riverheads game: Christiansburg isn't the only school having problems with lights in the stadium. Riverheads lost a bank of lights shortly before the start of the game in the left corner of an endzone. School officials allowed the lights to remain out for the entire length of the contest.

Three weeks ago, Christiansburg lost a visitor's side light pole go black and had to bring in extra mobile lights.

Riverheads (4-1) kicked a 27-yard field goal with no time on the clock to pull out a 24-21 victory Friday night over Christiansburg (5-1). Zac Burton nailed the kick straight between the posts as Riverheads rallied from 21-7 halftime deficit, scoring on a 11-yard run by Cade Cook-Cash and a 5-yard run by QB Ethan Mulcahy. The Riverheads defense held Christiansburg to 36 yards through the air and 44 yards on the ground in the second half.

The defending Class 2 state champion, Riverheads, rushed for 264 yards with none through the air.

QB Tanner Evans led Christiansburg with 20 carries for 139 yards. Matt Annis added 63 yards on nine carries, while Issaih Cotto rushed six times for 23 yards. Evans was six of nine on passing for 58 yards and an interception.

Evans rushed twice for scores from 49 and 10 yards,

both in the first half, while throwing another one to Donovan Robinson for a 27-yard touchdown.

Cade Cook-Cash, who was playing for the first-time in three weeks, rushed 21 times for 112 yards. Austin Roberts added 12 carries for 58 yards, and Jonathan Talbot rushed 14 times for 95 yards.

Player of week: Radford QB Landon Clark who played well on both sides of the ball this week in a win over Glenvar.

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

Games this week:

Blacksburg at Christiansburg

Blacksburg, who had an open date this past week, has won two games this season, which is more than the past two years combined.

Prediction: Christiansburg 38, Blacksburg 20.

Auburn at Bath

Auburn is hoping to stay healthy at the midway point of the season. Bath come into the contest 5-0 with its latest win being 63-28 over Roanoke Catholic.

Prediction: Bath 38, Auburn 16.

James River at Radford

James River is coming off 14-0 loss to Carroll County and fell to 3-3 on the season. The team has allowed an average of 24 points per game this season. Radford is averaging 43 points on the offensive side of the ball while only giving up eight points.

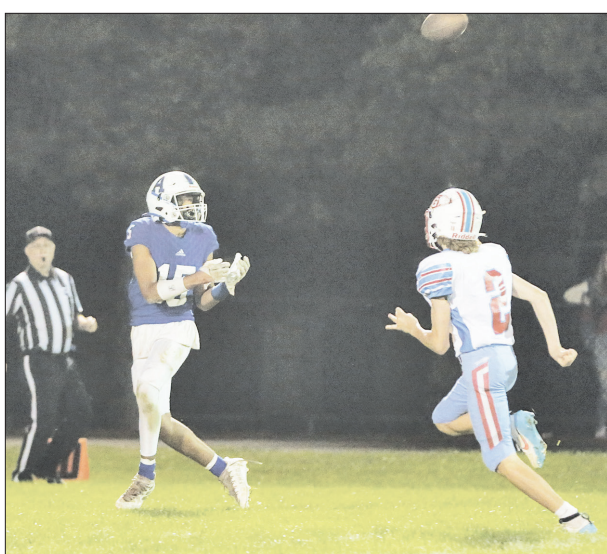
Prediction: Radford 34, James River 7.

Eastern Montgomery at Craig

Craig is 2-2 including a 54-18 loss to Auburn, while Eastern Montgomery is 1-4.

Prediction: Eastern Montgomery 20, Craig 14.

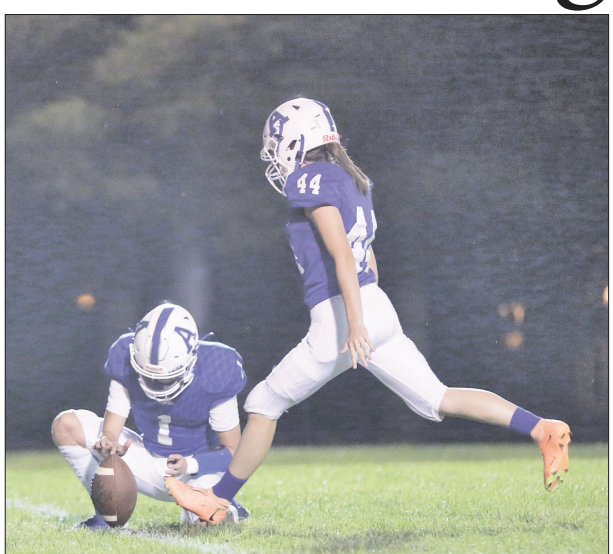
Auburn falls to Giles on Homecoming



Issac Wayne brings in the catch that would give Auburn their first score of the night, but Giles would take the 63-21 Friday night win.



Austin Stump runs up the middle for Auburn during Friday night's Homecoming contest against Giles. He also threw a half back pass to Issac Wayne for a 50-yard touchdown.



Talon Mower holds the ball for Auburn kicker Katie Light.

PHOTOS BY ASHLEY AKERS



FILE PHOTO

Fresh off a win in Houston on the American Junior Golf Association tour, Blacksburg's Jake Albert recorded a 64 at Blacksburg Country Club to lead the Bruins to a team win in a district tournament in September.

Albert to Auburn University for golf, Blacksburg wins sub-region tourney

Marty Gordon
NRVsports@ourvalley.org

Blacksburg High School golfer Jake Albert has announced plans to continue his career at Auburn University.

Albert, who is only a junior, is currently ranked 17th in the American Junior Golf Association after picking up a win at the recent Jack Burke Jr. Invitational and 18th at the Junior Players Championship presented by Rolex. The 16-year-old also finished third earlier this year at the Will Lowery Junior Championship.

His biggest accolade was last year as the national champion at a high school golf national invitational at Pinehurst, N.C. Albert's 10-under for the three-day, 54-hole event was the lowest score in the tournament's history. He finished the event with 16 pars.

The invitation-only tournament field featured more than 330 of the top high school boys' golfers from across the country. They had each won their respective state championships as a team or as individuals.

Albert would also finish one-hole out in the 2023 VSGA Amateur Championship for second place.

In 2022, Blacksburg was led by Albert, who shot a 4 under par 68 to finish as the

State Individual Runner-up as the Bruins took the state title.

This past season was one of the best in the 75-year history of the Auburn University men's golf program as the Tigers finished 10th at the NCAA Championships. This is the school's third top-10 national placement of the last five championships. Auburn will be looking to reload as six golfers will leave the program this Spring.

Last week, the team, which is ranked #4 in the country, captured its second consecutive tournament title with a 3-2 defeat of No. 7 Vanderbilt at the SEC Fall Preview.

Albert's team, Blacksburg High School, took a Class 4D sub-region competition on Saturday and advanced to the overall region match slated for Tuesday and are primed to defend their state title.

In other region high school golf action from this past week:

Christiansburg's Josh Cummins shot a 69 to finished tied for medalist honors in Region 3D but lost in a playoff round to Richard Hearp of Hidden Valley. Christiansburg finished fifth in the team standings.

Auburn would finish in the runner up position in Region 1C and Eastern Montgomery was third. Galax took the team title.

Hokies excel at 19th Asian Games

The 19th Asian Games took place from Sept. 24-29 at the Hangzhou Olympic Sports Centre Aquatic Sports Arena with two Hokies competing. Alumnus Ian Ho represented Hong Kong and current Tech sophomore Tanish George Mathew represented India.

With a stellar performance in the 50 freestyle, Ho clinched his first international podium finish. He placed second with a time of 21.87.

George Mathew left the Asian Games with two Indian national records. The first one was in the 4x100 freestyle relay. The team placed sixth with a time of 3:21.22; George Mathew's split time was

49.97. The second Indian national record was in the 800-freestyle relay. The team placed seventh with a time of 7:29.04; George Mathew's split time was 1:51.13. In his other events, George Mathew placed fifth in the 400-medley relay and 12th in the 100 freestyle.

The Asian Games is a multi-sport event that is held every four years with athletes across Asia. There are over 60 events competed throughout the event. In addition to swimming and diving, other events include archery, baseball, chess, karate, sailing and table tennis.

Virginia Tech Athletics

Hokies volunteer to help feed children



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE HOKIE WAY

In early August, baseball's Carson DeMartini, women's soccer's Victoria Haugen, Tori Powell, Lauren Gogel, and Alia Skinner, and wrestling's Bryce Andonian of Virginia Tech participated in the Kid's Farmers Market. The event was a collaboration between Feeding Southwest Virginia and Boys and Girls Clubs of Southwest Virginia. The Kids' Farmers Market Program (KFM), a pop-up interactive experience organized by Feeding Southwest Virginia, provides free produce and vital nutrition education to children from families facing financial constraints or limited access to fresh produce.

Drugs

from page 1

November of 2004 at the rank of Sergeant Major.”

Many of the crimes that occur in Montgomery County have a component of substance abuse according to Petit. These offenses can vary from possession, domestic abuse, drug dealing, burglary, or vehicle-related infractions.

“One of the things that we do is we certainly prosecute people. We prosecute the drug dealers,” Petit said. “For the drug users, we prosecute them but it’s a little bit more maybe of carrot with a little stick behind it as well.”

Petit said one program that was implemented in 2017 was the Drug Court program. The program requires at least two years to graduate, requires 100 hours of community service, and participants must maintain a job or enroll in an education program at a higher education institution.

“We’ve saved about \$200,000 for our county, that’s not on the state level,” Petit said.

The community service also provides some cost savings as well, but the most successful part of the program would be the benefit to the families.

Partin pointed out his history with the sheriff’s office and how that has helped him to know what changes needed to be made when he took office. The sheriff holds the unique power of being able to hire or fire as needed to maintain a cohesive and well-functioning group of officers and staff.

The Sheriff also took office in 2016 at a time

of transition when the new sheriff’s office and Regional 911 Center opened.

“The sheriff’s office is a well-oiled machine right now,” Partin said.

The sheriff also discussed the continued assault on the county of illegal drug substances such as narcotics and opioids.

“We are fighting as hard as we can,” said Partin. “Obviously, there is a drug problem in Montgomery County and having said that, as bad as that sounds, there is a drug problem all across this nation.”

Open borders are feeding this problem, according to Partin.

“I can tell you and you can talk to any DEA agent, including our Secretary of Public Safety at the state level, who is a DEA agent or former, any of them will tell you as long as our border remains wide open, it’s just going to get worse,” Partin said.

Partin also pointed out that all the public schools in Montgomery County have school resource officers. He gave thanks to the Board of Supervisors, especially for the elementary schools’ coverage, which he had a primary goal of supporting.

The school resource officers (SROs) have been an area of conflict for the County and town of Christiansburg. Providing SROs to each school involves funding but also selection of the right officer for the job. Partin says that the difficult task of finding the right person for each school starts with the person having a love for the job.

“It starts in the heart; they got to want to do it,” Partin said. “That’s why it is hard to hire SROs and that’s why we have two openings right now.”

Extensive training is also a large part of becoming an SRO, with some schools offering available courses at

limited times of the year.

Petit responded to a question concerning the use of social workers in domestic abuse cases. Although, the hope is that counseling will be beneficial in helping to garner understanding and healing, Petit says that in the situation of domestic violence, there is an unequal level of power, and a social worker should not be called initially to the scene.

“What usually happens on the first time that there is a domestic violence situation is that it is brought to court but then counseling and some probation is ordered for the person that was the defendant in the case, the abuser in the case,” Petit said. “People are hurt in these situations and that’s not really appropriate to put social services in the middle of that.”

Partin agreed that social services should absolutely not be called to situations of domestic violence.

This was the fourth candidate forum in the series with two more events happening. On Oct. 5, Blacksburg Town Council candidates will meet in Blacksburg Council Chamber and on Oct. 12, Christiansburg Town Council candidates will meet in the Christiansburg Council Chamber.

“The League of Women Voters, Lifelong Learning Institute, and the NAACP will be sponsoring a community forum Wednesday, Oct. 4, on rank choice voting. The forum will be at 7 p.m. at the Blacksburg Town Council Chambers and we encourage you all to attend that forum,” said Karen Jones, NAACP Director of Administration.

Early voting began on Sept. 22. The Registrar’s Office has moved to beside the Food Lion on Franklin Street.

Riner Park

from page 1

going to the Riner community,” Jamie Bond, Montgomery County Public Schools board member and citizen of Christiansburg said. “I know and understand that you make the best decisions and do the most cost efficient possible for our county, I appreciate that, appreciate everything you do, but let this be one of those decisions that we rethink.”

A list of legislative priorities were also approved in a 5-2 vote with Mary Biggs and April DeMotts voting against them. The primary line item of contention being the approval of vouchers and tax credits paid for with public funds for students taught through homeschooling or private education.

“There are 23 priorities on this list, and I have support for 22 of them, but as you know, I cannot support public money going for school vouchers or tuition tax credits when I’ve advocated all this time that this state is not an equal partner in funding public education in the first place,” Biggs said.

Biggs said she would lobby for the 22 items on the list when she goes to Richmond. DeMotts echoed Biggs comments for the same reasons, voting no.

Supervisors Mary Biggs and Sherri Blevins both commented on the importance of the 911 Dispatchers being included as first responders in the legislative priorities.

“I’m also very proud and glad to have line of duty for our private police officers to be added upon this priority list as well” Blevins said. “You guys can remember earlier this year Christopher Wagner lost his life, a Wintergreen police officer that was killed in a line of duty.”

Under the current policies, private officers like Wagner are fully accredited police officers, but would not receive benefits as a full law enforcement officer, Blevins explained.

In other Board of Supervisors’ resolutions, Craig Meadows will officially retire from his position as County Administrator on Nov. 1, 2023. Meadows has served a total of more than 34 years in the public sector of North Carolina and Virginia, with 14 years of that time spent in Montgomery County, according to the resolution provided in the Board of Supervisors’ agenda.

Supervisors congratulated Meadows on his retirement, expressing how much he will be missed in their department.

Darrell Sheppard shared that, following his own election to the board, Meadows had been the first one to call him and make him feel welcome.

Chair Sherri Blevins said, “We are very blessed in this community to have your leadership. You’ve served with great integrity. You’ve been the calm in the storm and even though challenges, it has been a pleasure.”

Pain Clinics

from page 1

“We face a moment in our country where more than 100,000 of our fellow Americans die each year from drug overdoses,” United States Attorney Christopher R. Kavanaugh said. “We must do all we can to support those battling addiction disorders and prosecute those who prey on this disease.”

“My office’s commitment to holding bad actors accountable for their role in exacerbating the opioid epidemic remains unyielding. With the support of our federal partners, Virginia will continue to prosecute those who take advantage of their fellow citizens for their own selfish benefit, decimating lives in the process,” said Attorney General Jason Miyares.

“Our top priority is combatting the current fentanyl-fueled poisoning crisis and related violence in our communities, especially because many of the people who died from fentanyl had no idea they have even taken it. Healthcare providers are responsible for prescribing and dispensing medications to meet the health needs of our citizens, while being vigilant for any signs of controlled substance diversion or misuse. Our team is committed to protecting all Americans’ safety and health, including ensuring that all licensed professionals comply with the law and report dangerous behaviors,” said Jarod Forget, Special Agent in Charge of the DEA Washington Division.

“Health care professionals who exploit opioid addiction for their own financial gain do so at the risk of endangering their patients as well as undermining federal health care programs and public health efforts to address the opioid epidemic,” said Maureen Dixon, Special Agent in Charge with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General. “We will continue

working with our law enforcement partners to ensure that bad actors are held accountable for such egregious disregard for patient safety and well-being.”

The indictment alleges that Adams permitted medical providers who lacked DEA registration numbers to use the registration numbers of others. She did so by instructing employees to continue to use the registration numbers of doctors who were not present and by assisting in making payments to doctors who were not present for the use of their registration numbers.

Adams was aware when clinic employees knowingly wrote prescriptions for Schedule II and Schedule III controlled substances to patients who exhibited warning signs of drug abuse, drug addiction, and drug diversion.

In addition, Adams allowed employees who lacked medical training, experience, and licensing to provide medical treatment and to make and influence medical decisions.

Adams was initially arrested in South Carolina in early September on a criminal complaint.

The Drug Enforcement Administration, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services – Office of the Inspector General, the Virginia State Police, and the Virginia Attorney General’s Office - Medicaid Fraud Control Unit are investigating the case. Assistant U.S. Attorneys S. Cagle Juhan and Jason M. Scheff, and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Janine M. Myatt, Assistant Attorney General with the Virginia Attorney General’s Office, are prosecuting the case.

United States Attorney’s Office, Western District of Virginia

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

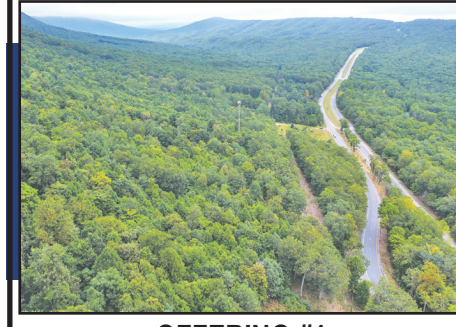
C	R	U	S	S	A	L	U	T	E				
L	U	N	T	W	E	A	S	E	L	I	N	G	
O	S	S	A	A	R	A	L	D	O	L			
T	H	E	B	O	O	K	O	F	E	L	I	M	U
H	E	A	L	E	D	S	A	C	S	T	I	C	
E	S	T	E	B	O	R	G	M	A	N	O		
T	A	A	L	S	P	A	R	E	S				
B	A	B	I	E	D	L	E	S	S	E	E		
A	N	U	R	A	S	A	M	B	A				
G	Y	B	E	T	A	C	H	D	E	N	T		
H	M	O	S	E	N	E	T	A	I	L	O	R	
D	O	P	A	L	A	T	A	B	I	L	I	T	Y
A	R	D	E	B	A	B	A	X	I	S			
D	E	S	P	E	R	A	T	E	T	I	N	T	
O	R	A	T	E	D	E	R	G	S				

ONLINE AUCTION

Ends Wednesday, October 18th @ 3 PM

Wooded Land for Sale at Auction in Blacksburg VA
4262 & 4180 Pandapas Pond Rd., Blacksburg, VA 24060

Bid Now at VAAuctionPro.com



OFFERING #1



OFFERING #2

Discover an exceptional real estate opportunity! We present 2 distinct tracts of land available for purchase through online auction. The properties are located along Route 460 between Blacksburg and Pembroke VA. Whether you are seeking a commercial venture or recreational escape, these properties have it all!

OFFERING #1 – +/- 35 acres

This offering boasts a generous 35 acres of all wooded land. Property provides a canvas for your vision and great visibility from Route 460. This spacious tract offers versatility for various land uses, from commercial development to recreational activities. Its proximity to the bustling community of Blacksburg makes it an enticing choice for businesses looking to be near Virginia Tech.

OFFERING #2 – +/- 52.5 acres

This offering boasts a remarkable 52.5 acre parcel of mostly wooded land. There is a small cleared section that fronts on Pandapas Pond Rd. Property has great visibility from Route 460. The wooded acreage provides privacy and tranquil environment. It adjoins the Jefferson National Forest. The property features a well, which provides suitability for various purposes, including potential commercial development or a secluded recreational retreat. There is a cellular tower on this offering. Refer to survey in Bidder Packet for exact location on easement to cell tower.

CONTACT – Auctioneer Matt Gallimore at 540-239-2585 or email gallimore.matt@gmail.com.

You can also contact Realtor Booie DeHart at 276-952-5061 or email booied@yahoo.com

102 S. Locust Street,
Floyd, VA 24091
(540) 745-2005
VAAuctionPro.com
Lic# 2907004059



Blue Ridge Land & Auction Co., Inc.

ONLINE AUCTION

Ends Thursday, October 26th at 4 PM

Wooded Tract of Land for Sale in Christiansburg VA
TBD Mud Pike Rd., Christiansburg, VA 24073

Bid Now at VAAuctionPro.com



Check out this great opportunity to own a large tract of land just outside the Town of Christiansburg in Montgomery County. This +/- 5.13 acre property features public utilities and a newly completed survey. It has over 485’ of frontage on Mud Pike Rd. The tract is mostly wooded. A1 zoning gives property multiple potential uses.

Terms - 10% Buyer’s Premium will be added to final high bid to arrive at contract price. Earnest Money Deposit of \$5,000 required on day of sale. Close on or before December 11th, 2023. Subject to seller confirmation. Property sold as is, where is with any and all faults. Buyer is expected to complete their own due diligence placing a bid. Please note that during the last two minutes of bidding, if a new bid is placed, the clock is automatically extended an additional two minutes. Be sure to register to bid early to ensure you receive notifications regarding any changes to the Auction, Bidder Packet and/or Pre-Auction offers received. Download Bidder Information Pack for complete terms and conditions, purchase contract and maps at VAAuctionPro.com.

CONTACT - Auctioneer Matt Gallimore at 540-239-2585 or email gallimore.matt@gmail.com

102 S. Locust Street,
Floyd, VA 24091
(540) 745-2005
VAAuctionPro.com
Lic# 2907004059



Blue Ridge Land & Auction Co., Inc.