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## Local attorney, also a nurse, to vie for U.S. Congress Ninth District seat

FLOYD - A Floyd woman who is both an attorney and registered nurse has launched her campaign for U.S. Congress.

Karen G.H. Baker served her country for 30 years as a federal employee, and now is running for Congress in Virginia's 9th House District against Rep. Morgan

Griffith (R). "Voters throughout the sprawling Southwest Virginia district are circulating petitions to get her on the ballot as a challenger to the Republican who has held the seat since 2011," according to her campaign. The Ninth District includes the counties of Montgomery, Pulaski, Lee, Wise, Dickenson, Buchanan, Scott, Russell, Tazewell,

Washington, Smyth, Bland, Giles,

Grayson, Wythe, Carroll, Craig, Floyd and Patrick, as well as portions of Alleghany, Roanoke and Henry. It also includes the cities of Radford, Bluefield, Bristol, Covington, Galax, Martinsville, Norton and Salem.

"Southwest Virginia literally fueled the industrial growth and electrification of America," Baker said. "We have earned an investment in well-paying 21st century jobs, a robust rural healthcare system, improved housing, great schools, and protection of our land, water, and air. I will fight for the fighting 9th because we deserve the nation's

Baker worked as a trial lawyer in the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and eventually as the agency's assistant general counsel

for systemic litigation. Later she served 17 years as an administrative law judge for the Social Security Administration. Since moving to Floyd County in 2014 she has continued her legal career by providing pro bono assistance to individuals seeking disability benefits.

Baker's late husband, Richard Kimm, was a 20-year Navy pilot who continued his aviation career with Eastern Airlines and other companies. At their farm in South Carolina, they raised horses and fostered rescue border collies.

With her husband's health declining, Baker entered nursing school at Greenville Technical

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Karen G.H. Baker is launching a campaign for Congress in Virginia's 9th House District.

## Bull & Bones named winner of YMCA at Virginia Tech Try Y's Pi contest

The 4th annual YMCA at Virginia Tech Try Y's Pi contest was a huge success selling more tickets than ever and offering an amazingly delicious five pie sampler from four local restaurants and the Y Meals On Main Cooks.

participating The bakeries were Our Daily Bread, Blacksburg Bagels, Next Door Bake Shop, Bull & Bones, Christiansburg and Seth and Connor- the Y Mobile Kitchen Crew.

The pies were consumed and the votes were cast and we are pleased to announce the winning pie was created by Kayla from Bull and Bones, Christiansburg - a delightful Coconut and Strawberry Curd Pie. Congratulations Kayla!

Bones in July of last year Cream Pie has always

and has been a fantastic addition to our team," said Bull and Bones manager Robbie Hockett. "Not only is she an excellent server and bartender, but it turns out she's a wonderful baker as well. She has a side business called Riddle's Cakes where she makes cakes for weddings, birthdays other special occasions, as well as many delicious holiday themed treats."

inspiration for her pie from one of her favorite winning pie for this year's bar drinks.

"The combination came from being a bartender there at been a childhood favorite "Kayla joined Bull & strawberry syrup. Coconut



PHOTO COURTESY OF YMCA AT VIRGINIA TECH

Kayla says she got the Kayla from Bull &Bones **Christiansburg baked the** YMCA at Virginia Tech Try flavor Y's Pi contest.

BnB," she said. "One of and I played around with my favorite drinks I make multiple recipes before I is a coconut cocktail with settled on one that I loved.

See **Contest**, page 3



PHOTO COURTESY OF KIWANIS CLUB OF MONT. CO

Volunteers with the Kiwanis Club of Montgomery Co.-Blacksburg make some of the more than 600 quarts of Brunswick stew at a previous year's fundraiser.

## Prices Fork Brunswick Stew Fundraiser serves up a delicious dish from the Kiwanis Club

BLACKSBURG - Community members are in for a treat while providing necessary funding to support Prices Fork Elementary School, local youth charities and other Montgomery Blacksburg Kiwanis Club. County programs.

The Kiwanis Club of Montgomery County is preparing to serve up their locally-famous Brunswick Stew for the annual fundraiser, says Jerry Jones, the Long Range Planning Committee Chairperson for Montgomery County-

This is the clubs signature project

See **Stew**, page 2



## **University Libraries Prototyping Studio** resurrects dinosaur cousin skeletons bone by bone

BLACKSBURG - Skeletons thought lost to history are being recreated one fragile fossil at a time in

University Libraries' Prototyping Studio. 3D scanners and printers are constructing strikingly realistic replicas of the extinct Teleocrater rhadinus using ancient fossils from more than 240 million years ago. Funded through an Institute for Creativity, Arts, and Technology grant, University Libraries is showing how technology can illuminate the past and bring longextinct organisms face to face with the present.

The team, led by Sterling Nesbitt and Michelle Stocker of the Department of Geosciences, had about 80 percent of the skeleton from the collections of five individuals from two fossil sites in Tanzania to use to

See **Dinosaur**, page 6

## 4th Annual Alleghany Springs Road clean-up set for April 6

Lori Graham

Contributing writer

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – Alleghany Springs Road Čleanup in Shawsville is an early participant in Montgomery County's 41st annual Broomin and Bloomin event.

Organizer and longtime Shawsville resident, Billy Rakes, began organizing an early event to clean up the Alleghany Springs Road area four

"I always try to do it on the first Saturday, before the weeds and things start to grow," Rakes said. "The more the people that come out, and if everyone does a little, a lot gets done."

Alleghany Springs community members and others that want to give their time to the clean-up can come between 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. to Wyatt's Country Store on Alleghany Springs Road. Volunteers should

come by the store and sign

are given trash bags and Christiansburg donated further instructions.

Rakes said notification signs will be placed at both ends of the road, starting at the entrance of Kirk Hollow Road just past the Floyd Fitness Center and then also where Alleghany Springs meets the Floyd County line, warning drivers that groups will be working to clean up the

in for the event where they said, Ballpark Signs in that can be seen along informational

Alleghany Springs Road and at Wyatts Country

Store announcing the See Clean-up, page 3



Broomin & Bloomin began in 1983 and is a way for community members to volunteer New this year, Rakes their time to clean up the County in celebration of Earth Day on April 22

## PCOMING EVENTS

## **Saturday, Mar.**

Skipper cannon firing

In celebration of the Virginia Tech Ring Dance, the Corps of Cadets cannon, Skipper, is scheduled to fire twice between 10 and 11 p.m. on the Drillfield.

## **Monday, Mar. 25:**

**Radford City Council** meetina

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.

#### **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 St.). 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.

## **Wednesday, Mar.**

## **Hahn Horticulture Garden**

What is a policy anyway and how do they shape the invasive species landscape? with Todd Schenk & David Haak. The talk is at the Hahn Horticulture Garden, 200 Garden Lane, Blacksburg, at noon. You do not need to register for these talks, just show up and attend. Parking passes for these educational events will be provided by the HHG thanks to supplementary funding provided by the School of Plant and Environmental Design.

### **Saturday, Mar. 30:**

**Easter Egg Hunt** 

Come join Pilot Community Center for its first annual Easter Egg Hunt; 2 -3 p.m.! Kids 10 years old and under are invited to search for candy and prizefilled eggs. There will be refreshments for parents and kids of all ages. So come and join in the fun! This event will be held weather permitting. If there is rain or snow, the event will be cancelled and cannot be rescheduled. For more information: Call Brenda Eanes at 540-

#### **Red Cross blood drive**

At St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 103 E. Main St., Christiansburg; 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

https://www. Appointments: redcrossblood.org.

#### Blacksburg leaf compost giveaway

Loose and bagged leaves collected by the town are composted into leaf mulch, which can be used as a soil additive for composting. This is an important service as composted leaf mulch keeps leaves out of the landfill. Leaves can take up valuable landfill space and produce harmful greenhouse gases. This year, leaf mulch compost will be available for pickup at Glade Road Growing 8 a.m.-12 p.m. To arrange pickup, residents must register and follow these guidelines: Register for a 30-minute time slot starting at 8 a.m. Limit two cubic yards per truck or trailer, loaded by town staff. The process of loading leaves may cause scratches or dents to trucks or trailers as well as possible suspension damage due to the weight.

By participating in this program, those accepting loads of mulch assume the risk inherent with loading leaves into

### On-going:

#### **Radford Noon Rotary** Club's Field of Honor

The Field of Honor will be installed on the grounds of Glencoe Mansion, Museum and Gallery prior to Memorial Day and will be displayed until the Fourth of July. The Radford Noon Rotary Club is looking for people to sponsor flags. Individual flags are \$50. Corporate Sponsorship is: Bronze -\$250; Silver - \$500; Gold - \$1000; and Platinum - \$2500. Money raised through the project will benefit scholarships to Radford High School students attending Radford University, and other Rotary initiatives. All flags are made in the USA. For further questions, and to register, contact rotary. club.of.radford.noon@gmail.com.

#### **NRV Virginia Passenger Rail Survey**

The Virginia Passenger Rail Authority is conducting a survey seeking input on planning, designing, and constructing rail infrastructure improvements to extend passenger rail service to the New River Valley. To participate in the survey, please visit https://form. jotform.com/240044027996054. For more information on the New River Valley passenger rail expansion, please visit the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority's website at https:// vapassengerrailauthority.org/

## **Tuesday, Mar. 26:**

### **ONLINE AUCTION**

Ends Thursday, April 11th at 3 PM **Income Producing Homes for Sale Near Radford University** Fairfax St., Radford, VA 24141

#### Bid Now at VAAuctionPro.com













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Looking to expand your real estate portfolio with high-income properties? We have an unmissable opportunity for you! Presenting 5 homes that are currently used for student housing which are in the vibrant city of Radford, VA. They are just a short walk away from Radford University. These properties are perfectly situated for consistent rental demand and substantial returns on investment. Don't let this chance slip away!

**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 is required on day of sale. Close on or before May 28th, 2024. Subject to seller confirmation. Property sold as is, where is with any and all faults. Buyer is expected to complete their own due diligence before placing a bid. Auction starts ending at 3 PM on April 11th, 2024. 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 or Realtor Dari Cupp at 540-250-1839. Auction is in cooperation with Realtor Stephanie Carfagna with Long & Foster; contact Stephanie at 540-230-9357 or email stephanie.carfagna@gmail.com

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**Blue Ridge Land** 

## Doctor at L5 Pain Clinic sentenced to 18 months in prison, ordered to pay over \$200,000

A doctor from North Carolina, who was assigned to several pain clinics in Virginia but was rarely physically on-site at any of them, was sentenced this week to 18 months in prison for conspiring with others to use a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) registration number issued to another person, and also ordered to pay \$205,000 in fines and forfeiture.

Wendell Lewis Randall, 71, of Millers Creek, N.C., pled guilty in Nov. 2023 to conspiring to use, in the course of dispensing and distributing controlled substances, a DEA registration number issued to another person. DEA registration numbers are unique identifiers issued to medical providers in order to track who issues drug prescriptions and to ensure only qualified providers prescribe controlled substances.

According to court documents, between 2017 and 2020, Randall—a medical doctor who operated his own practice in North Carolina—was affiliated with L5 Medical Holdings, an LLC which was doing business as Pain Care Center, a line of pain clinics operating

in Woodlawn, Lynchburg, Madison Heights, Blacksburg, and Christiansburg.

Randall was nominally assigned to the Woodlawn clinic, but he was only occasionally ever on-site. He was also absent from the Christiansburg and Madison Heights clinics, but Randall allowed other, unqualified medical providers to use his DEA registration number to prescribe Suboxone (buprenorphine) in his name, even though he had never actually seen the patients who received the drugs.

documents, including text messages, show L5 paid Randall in exchange for being able to use his DEA registration number. Randall acknowledged in these messages that he was not seeing patients at L5's clinics and that he was aware his arrangement with L5 was illegal.

Court documents also revealed Randall's colleagues repeatedly warned him that his prescribing practices for Schedule II opioids were improper. Randall received over \$300,000 in

See **Doctor**, page 4

## Stew from page 1

which began 17 years ago," said Jones. "Signature projects are recurring, have significant impact on youth, and involve many volunteers. Brunswick stew is a joint effort with Price's Fork Elementary school teachers, staff and parents, and most Kiwanis Club members and spouses. We make over 600 quarts of stew and usually sell out early Saturday morning.'

Chartered in 1946, the organization meets weekly on Thursdays noon- 1 p.m. at Warm Hearth Village Center in Blacksburg.

The club supports many youth programs throughout the county,

including "supply[ing] parents of newborn and young children with ID kits, purchasing books for preschool children at 10 schools, purchasing gifts for 40-45 Christmas angels (estimated cost over \$4,000), donating to Scouting BSA, Boys & Girls Club, and Boys/Girls State, assisting with Special Olympics area basketball tournament, contributing to Montgomery County Social Services child abuse and foster care, the Salvation Army and volunteering as Bell Ringers, the Montgomery County Christmas Store, Women's Resource Center, and Sleep in Heavenly Peace beds.'

Anyone wishing to volunteer time to the Kiwanis Club in supporting County youth and other programs can contact Jerry Jones at Kiwanis Club of Montgomery Co.-Blacksburg kiwanismontgomeryva@ gmail.com, Jerry Jones, PR Chair (540) 320-9296 gmjones@vt.edu.

Pre-orders for the Brunswick stew are encouraged and can made via phone (540-981-5834) or by email at pfesstew@ gmail.com. There will also be a drive-through option to pick up orders.

- Kiwanis Club of Montgomery County

### Baker from page 1

College, became a registered nurse in 2011, and was able to help care for him. Kimm died in 2014 with Lewy body

Baker says health "will be a key focus" in her campaign.

homes.'

"We improved healthcare," she said, "with emphasis on homegrown, community care, support for RN's to become nurse practitioners, comprehensive women's healthcare, and a plan to let our seniors age in their

Baker says she also sees a need in the district for jobs and for skills training, so young people needn't leave the area to find work.

"Any comprehensive plan for job creation also requires a plan to provide broadband for all, more housing, and equity for our public schools," she said. There's more about her campaign at

https://bakerforva9th.com. Staff report

## Blacksburg considers small lot residential zoning district ordinance

Blacksburg is considering Zoning Ordinance amendment to address the need for additional single-family residential development.

This amendment aims to provide a framework for small lot residential development to fill a market need for smaller homes and the "missing middle" housing market.

proposed Small Lot Residential (SLR) Zoning District would be designed to create small, walkable Talk Blacksburg. neighborhoods with A public meeting a denser development will be held Wednesday,



GRAPHIC COURTESY OF THE TOWN OF BLACKSBURG

To learn more about the proposed ordinance amendment and submit questions and comments visit Let's

pattern than the current Mar. 27 at 5:30 p.m. R-4 zoning allows, while at the Blacksburg Motor requiring high-quality Company. Town staff will present an overview

of the zoning ordinance amendment for small lot development. Following presentation, questions and comments from the public are

Town of Blacksburg



GRAPHIC COURTESY OF CROOKED ROAD

### The Crooked Road celebrates 20 years of heritage music in Southwest Virginia

The Crooked Road is proud to celebrate two decades of contributing to the creative economy in Southwest Virginia. The Crooked Road was designated as Virginia's Heritage Music Trail by the General Assembly in 2004.

The Crooked Road is a roughly 330mile driving trail that follows U.S. Route 58 to connect 10 major venues and more than 50 affiliate venues throughout Southwest Virginia that feature and celebrate the region's traditional musical heritage. The organization offers marketing, live music, and educational programs to 19 counties and four cities in the Southwest Virginia footprint.

The Crooked Road's marketing and musician promotion supports Southwest Virginia communities as an economic driver, promoting domestic and international travel to the region. In 2022, visitor spending across the region topped \$1.3 billion.

"I am so proud of The Crooked Road's

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### Clean-up

"That was awesome too, once he found out that we are volunteering to pick up trash," Rakes said.

In the past, they have collected 55-65 bags on average and hope to cover even more area this year. "It's a way for anyone to give something

back to the community. If you can't do anything financially, at least you can give something back in this way," Rakes said. Rakes would love to see more groups

and individuals come out to clean up not only the Alleghany Springs area, but their own communities as well in connection to the Broomin & Bloomin event. He encourages anyone to organize a group, whether it is friends, family, church groups or other organizations, to preserve the beauty of our communities. If someone is not sure how to get

started, and can't participate in the April events, you may contact Billy Rakes at bhrakes2058@gmail.com, and he would be happy to provide tips and ideas on how to get a group organized.

"I want to say kudos to the volunteers

makes this thing happen," Rakes said.

Wiliam Long, Sustainability Manager with Montgomery County is also a great resource, Rakes said. The Alleghany Springs group gives prior notification to Long and then crews pick up the trash bags and weigh them as part of the total collection for Broomin & Bloomin.

"The event started way back in 1983, this will be the 41st year," Bill Long said. "Kind of help clean up the County a

Broomin & Bloomin will officially happen on Saturday, April 20 this year.

We traditionally try to do it around Earth Day, which is on April 22," Long said. The event this year will be from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine. If that Saturday will be rainy, some groups go out early on Friday."

Even if you don't have a road in mind, they can help with that. The clean-up crews go out to parks, along creeks and roads, but wherever they choose to work, safety is always important.

'We have a lot of people come forward

that come out. The people are what with already a place in mind and also have people that are open to going wherever and we help them find a place. We work with them to find a place for all parties involved. We do bright neon t-shirts for visibility and get them to them early. We do trash bags and provide the clothes as well. Every year we have some goodies to give folks as well as a thank you for them

taking their time out of their day as well

to pick up litter," Long said.

In 2023, thanks to the many participating volunteers donating their time to the county-wide event, volunteers collected 1.3 tons of trash, according to the www.montva.com website.

Registration for participants can be found on the Montgomery County website and has a deadline of April 12 for the 2024 event.

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA **FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025** TAX LEVIES AND BUDGET

Pursuant to Section 58.1-3007 of the Code of Virginia, notice is hereby given that a public hearing be scheduled for 6:30 P.M. April 4, 2024 on the proposed intention to address the below listed local tax levies for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 upon which matter citizens will have the opportunity to be heard. Said hearing will be held at the Montgomery County Government Center Board Room, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia.

FURTHER, notice is given of the Board's intention to propose the following tax levies for Fiscal Year 2024-2025:

Real Estate Property tax levy increased from \$0.70 to \$0.75 per \$100 of assessed

Personal Property tax levy remains at \$2.55 per \$100 of assessed value. Machinery & Tools tax levy remains at \$1.82 per \$100 of assessed value. Mobile Homes tax levy increased from \$0.70 to \$0.75 per \$100 of assessed value. Aircraft tax levy remains at \$1.23 per \$100 of assessed value.

Notice is also given that the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County scheduled a public hearing for 6:45 P.M. or as soon thereafter, April 4, 2024 on the Advertised Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget in the amount of \$254,607,161. Said hearing will be held at the Montgomery County Government Center Board Room, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia.

BY THE ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ANGELA M. HILL, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

## Contest from page 1

The eight pies for the contest took about six hours to make. I made the crust first and let it chill over night before I baked it. The coconut cream and strawberry curd are both cooked over the stove and nce everything is cooled I put the pies together."

The Coconut & Strawberry Curd Pie from Bull & Bones joins the past winning pies Apple Crumb Pie from Bollo's in 2021, a Kenafa Pistachio Cream Pie from

Halwa in 2022, and a Mango Coconut Key Lime Pie from Next Door Bake Shop in 2023 in the Y Pi "Hall of Fame." Congratulations Kayla and Bull

& Bones and thank you to all who purchased tickets and participated in this fundraising event for the YMCA at Virginia Tech Food Insecurity Programs.

YMCA at Virginia Tech



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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING** 

OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** 

Pursuant to the provisions

of Section 15.2-2204 &

15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on March 25, 2023 at 7:15 p.m. in the County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to hear citizen comments regarding the Board of Supervisors' intention to act on the

to allow a dog grooming business as a Home Business. The property is located at the intersection of Shilo Way (State Route 1106) and

following Special Use Permit request: A request by Sara Jones for a Special Use Permit (SUP)

Mount Tabor Road (State Route 624). The property is further identified as 1723 Mount Tabor Road, Tax

Map 028-1 45,46,49 (Parcel

ID: 007792), 2.292 acres,

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the Mount Tabor Magisterial District. The property currently lies in an area designated as Residential Transition in the 2025 Comprehensive Plan. Copies of the proposed

zoned Agricultural (A-1) in

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

> **Notice of Public** Hearing Town of **Blacksburg**

**Planning** Commission Tuesday, April 2, 2024 Notice is hereby given that

the Planning Commission of the Town of Blacksburg will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 during its meeting beginning at 6:30 PM in the Roger E Hedgepeth Council Chamber, 300 South Main

St, Blacksburg, VA on the

following item:

#### Legals -Montgomery County

Crossing Major Subdivision Preliminary Plat Review for 176 lots on 45 acres at 1006 Glade Road (Tax Map Nos. 225-(A)-3,4 & 224-(A)-57) for Glade Spring Crossing, LLC (owner).

PLAT-23-20-Glade Spring

This is the preliminary plat approval process for the Glade Spring Crossing major subdivision of 176 units on 45 acres at 1006 Glade Road. A rezoning request was approved for the property in May 2023 (RZN 22-0004/ORD 2007) that rezoned the property from RR-1 Rural Residential 1 to PR Planned Residential. As part of this

process, the applicant has requested two variances to the Town of Blacksburg Subdivision Ordinance standards: Section 5-503 (e) Bikeways to permit landings of no greater than 5% grade, rather than 2% on the emergency access connection from Glade

Spring Drive and Village Way South; and Section 5-901 Public Utility Easements to permit construction of a retaining wall on lots 169-175 within a

public utility easements (PUE). Persons affected by or interested in this major subdivision plat review may

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the request and all related items may be found online www.blacksburg.gov/public

hearings or reviewed in person at the Blacksburg Planning and Building Department, 400 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia. You may also call the office at (540) 443-1300 for more information. Individuals with disabilities

who require special assistance to attend and participate in the public hearing on the above should contact the Planning & Building Department at (540) 443-1300, or (540)-443-1000-TDD.

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**PUBLIC HEARING** OF THE TOWN OF

**LEGAL NOTICE OF** 

**CHRISTIANSBURG PLANNING** 

COMMISSION The Town of Christiansburg

Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 1, 2024, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning: A. Conditional Use Permit request by Howard M. Thornton, Jr. and Gayle W. Thornton, Property Owners, and PCKK Partners, LLC, Applicant, to allow for a Contractors Equipment Storage Yard in the General Business District B-3 zoning district on property located

at 520 and 540 Depot St. NE, identified as Tax Parcel 497- ((A))-40; (Parcel ID 007903), and consisting of approximately of 2.409

acres. The property is

Downtown/Mixed Use on

the Future Land Use Map of

designated as

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the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan. B. Rezoning request by Johnny C. Martin, Jr. and Amelia F. Martin, Property Owners and Applicants, to rezone property identified as all of Tax Parcel 502-(9) 6. (Parcel ID 007453), and consisting of approximately of 1.595 acres located at 3345 Roanoke Street; and an approximate 5.955 acre portion of property located at 3301 Roanoke Street, identified as a portion of Tax Parcel 502-(9)-5C. (Parcel ID 090517) from Agricultural District (A) to General Business District (B-3). The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan C. Conditional Use Permit request by Johnny C. Martin, Jr. and Amelia F. Martin, Property Owners and Applicants, to allow for an amendment of an existing Conditional Use

Permit (CUP) for the expansion of a Contractors Equipment Storage Yard on property located at 3345 Roanoke Street and a portion of property located at 3301 Roanoke Street, identified as all of Tax Parcel 502-(9)-6, (Parcel ID 007453), consisting of approximately of 1.595 acres, and a

portion of Tax Parcel 502-

(9)-5C, (Parcel ID 090517)

consisting of approximately 5.955 acres. The property is

#### Legals -Montgomery

County

designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan. A copy of the applications, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Retta Jackson, Planning Director, at (540) 382-6128, ext. 1120 or by email at rjackson@christiansburg.or g, with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.



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## **BITUARIES**

#### Dresser, Dr. David

with the Lord Mar. 14, 2024, in Knoxville, Tenn.

He was born Nov. 4,1938, in Baltimore, Md., to James Leland and Elizabeth Jenkins Dresser and was a longtime resident of Ovid, N.Y. David was educated at the Gilman school in Baltimore and attended Cornell University for his undergraduate studies

where he was an All-American lacrosse player and member of Cornell's Hall of Fame. He participated in the ROTC program and served as a pilot in the Vietnam war. He later pursued his Ph.D. in Higher Education at Syracuse University. He spent the majority of his career as "Dean Dresser" serving students at Eisenhower college and later at Ithaca College.

David was known for his service to others and leadership in community affairs. He was school board president, town supervisor, and member of numerous boards. He was instrumental

Dr. David Dresser, 85, went to be in establishing the STEPS program to provide transportation for needy citizens and volunteered with the Red Cross and United

David was devoted to his family and cherished spending time with his loved ones. He especially valued family reunions at his home on Cayuga lake. These were filled with spirited

tennis matches, sailing, swings on the hammock, and abundant ice cream treats. David modeled the important values of hard work, generosity, and integrity to his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

David was preceded in death by his wife Judy, and his siblings Herbert Dresser (Robin) and Lisa Stewart. He is survived by his children; Lynn Schmitt (Steve), Lee Dresser (Laurie), Cindy Woodford (Craig), stepdaughter Sarah Myer, and his siblings; Ellie Duram (Mike), Anne Kocur (Frank) and brother-in-law, Michael Stewart, along with 10 grandchildren and 12 greatgrandchildren. He will remain forever in the hearts of his family, friends, and colleagues.

A celebration of life is planned for Aug. 10 at the Ovid Federated Church in Ovid, N.Y., where David worshipped and served for many years. May God's love and faithfulness to David always be remembered. Donations in his memory may be made to the Red Cross.

#### Holland, Lisa Dare

Lisa Dare Holland, of Christiansburg, a caregiver for many in their time of ent to her reward in need. She was active in went to her reward in

Heaven Tuesday, Mar. 19, 2024.

Lisa was born in Rocky Mount, Va. and was preceded in death by her parents, Silas and Sylvia Holland, and a brother, Mark Holland. Lisa was a Special

Education teacher at Christiansburg High School. She also worked at Radford University's TTAC program and was currently employed with VCU in their

RRTC-Center for Transition Innovations Department. She was always an advocate for children and young adults with special needs. This was her life's work.

Lisa had a kind heart and every person she met became her friend. She was

her church, and was very much involved in several community nonprofits for which she had a passion. Among those

was the Montgomery County Christmas Store. Lisa loved to travel and always made the most of every trip, but her greatest love was for her family and friends.

Lisa is survived by her sister, Peggy Smith (Ronnie); brother, Keith Holland (Ellen); niece, Heather Trail (Jeremy); nephew, Matt Holland; two great nieces, Presley and Makenna Trail; and one great nephew, Luke Corn. Also left to

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### **News Messenger**

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work to foster community and economic development around Southwest Virginia's cultural music scene. We've shown the world that we can build a new economy while not sacrificing our heritage and identity," said Tyler Hughes, executive director of The Crooked Road. "As an old-time musician and Southwest Virginia native, I know firsthand the impact this organization's support has on venues, artists, and communities.

The tribute to the musical legacy has been acknowledged and promoted statewide and nationally after Governor Youngkin's proclamation of the 'Year of Country Music' in the Commonwealth. In addition to the organization's major milestone celebrations, several major venues are celebrating anniversaries

of their own. The Carter Family Fold, which pays tribute to 'the first family of country music' turns 50 in 2024. The Floyd Country Store is celebrating 40 years of their Friday Night Jamboree, which Appalachian combines traditions of dance and old-time music. The Ralph Stanley Museum, located in Dickenson County, will commemorate 20 years honoring the legendary bluegrass musician. Finally, the Birthplace of Country Music Museum in Bristol observes 10 years of operation in 2024.

"The Crooked Road has been doing incredible work for the past 20 years to strengthen Southwest Virginia communities and deepen connections to the music and dance traditions. We are so grateful to have spent these years getting to know the people and traditions of our Southwest Virginia communities," said Dylan Locke, co-owner of the Floyd Country Store and the current chairman of The Crooked Road Board of Directors. The Crooked Road

will partner with several accomplished music venues throughout the region to commemorate the anniversary year. Some of the dates include: April 27: Appalachia

Rising, The Carter Family Fold May 25: Gathering in the

Gap, Big Stone Gap June 15: The Crooked Road's 20th Anniversary Celebration, Country Cabin

July 12: Celebrating 20 Years of The Crooked Road, Moss Arts Center

Aug. 2: The Crooked Road's 20th Anniversary Celebration, Rex Theatre Aug. 3: The Carter Family Fold Festival, The Carter Family Fold

Sept. 13-15: Rhythm & Roots Reunion Festival,

The Crooked Road staff and leadership, while in the middle of celebration, look forward to continuing the vision of making Southwest

Virginia a world-class

tourism destination through

musical experiences at

iconic and legendary venues throughout the region beyond this anniversary year. For more information, details on The Crooked Road's 20th anniversary celebration can be located at https://thecrookedroadva.

The Crooked Road

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exchange for renting out his DEA credentials and for his supposed supervision of nurses who, in truth, Randall failed to supervise. Randall is the third defendant

sentenced in connection with L5's operation of pain clinics in western Virginia. Charles Wilson Adams, Jr., is currently serving a two-year prison sentence, and former nurse practitioner Debra Kay Shaffer was sentenced to a term of imprisonment and a fine. Three other defendants—L5 owner Greg Barnes, former doctor Duane Dixon, and L5 itself—have pled guilty and are awaiting sentencing. A seventh defendant has pled not guilty to drug conspiracy, health care fraud, wire fraud, and false statement charges and is awaiting United States Attorney

Christopher R. Kavanaugh, Special Agent in Charge Jared Forget of the DEA's Washington Division, Special Agent in Charge Maureen Dixon of HHS-OIG's Philadelphia Region, Colonel Gary Settle, Superintendent of the Virginia State Police, and Virginia Attorney General Jason Miyares made the announcement. Drug Enforcement The

Administration,

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 investigated the case.

Assistant U.S. Attorneys S. Cagle Juhan, Jason M. Scheff, and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Janine M. Myatt, Assistant Attorney General with the Virginia Attorney General's Office, prosecuted the case.

Office of the Virginia Attorney General



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ping block 22. Fed 23. Hall of Fame DJ Rick 24. Most loathsome

27. Farewell (Spanish)

29. Plant germination

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vessel

37. Raised meeting platform 38. Oral polio vaccine developer 39. Yield to another's wish 40. A country's entry

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3. Obstruct 4. Fixes firmly in Indian frocks 8. More deceitful

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Mail to: Circulation Department, NEWS MESSENGER, P.O. BOX 429, Lewisburg, WV 24901 or call us at (304) 647-5724. cherish Lisa's memory are her very special friends, Norma Cox, Sandy Mills, Mollie Prillaman, and Regina Meredith whom the family cannot thank enough for their love and support.

In lieu of flowers Lisa requested that memorials be made to Flint Hill Community Church 2831 Booker T. Washington Highway Rocky Mount, VA 24151.

A celebration of Lisa's life was held Friday, Mar. 22, 2024 at Simpson Funeral Home with the Rev. Anthony Budzik officiating. Private interment will be in the family cemetery at a later date. The family received friends Thursday, Mar. 21, 2024 at Simpson

#### Cox, Mike Willard

Mike Willard Cox, 66, passed away Wednesday, Mar. 20, 2024.

Born Sept. 25, 1957, he was preceded in death by his parents, Jack Willard and Iris Colleen Duncan Cox; and brother, Andrew Cox.

Survivors include his brothers, Arthur (Wanita) Cox, David (Dianne) Cox, Joe

(Teresa) Cox, and Sam (Dana) Cox; sister, Faye Holdren; many nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Mar. 25, 2024, in Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Floyd.

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

#### Foley, Deidre Ione Hutchinson Deidre Ione Hutchinson Foley, Hutchinson.

66, passed away Friday,

Mar. 1, 2024, at her home in Pulaski. Born Mar. 27, 1957, Deidre was a

retired nurse. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ernest Charles and Muriel Anne Hutchinson; and brother, Chipper



Survivors include her husband, Robert C. Foley; son, Charles (Desiree); grandson, Conner Foley; sister, Robin Turner (Dave); niece and nephews, Jessica, Jeb, and Will; 10 great nieces and nephews; special friends, Teresa

and Charles "Dink" Andrews; and many other relatives and friends. Services will be private.

Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory, Radford, is honored to be caring for the Foley family.

#### Foster, Bronté Charles

Bronté Charles Foster, 90, of "Missie" Radford, passed away Mar. 14, 2024.

Born Sept. 19, 1933, Bronté was born and raised in Grundy, Va., a graduate of Radford College and member lifelong of Unity Christian Church (formerly First Christian Church). She was a devoted wife, mother, homemaker, and considered a mother by many.

She was preceded in death by her parents Roy and Amanda Rife Charles; husband, Robert Lee Foster, Jr.; daughter, Augusta "Gussie" Foster Kennedy; sister, Mona Charles Black; and her brother, Ransom Gale Charles.

She is survived by her daughters and son-in-law, Vanessa Abbott (Douglas), and Mona Melissa

George grandchildren, Matthew (Holly), Kennedy, Laura Abbott and Allyn Abbott; great-grandchildren, Jack and Bishop Kennedy; and many

> and special friends. A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m.

> other family members

son-in-law,

Kennedy;

Kennedy

Sarah

on Monday, June 3, 2024, at Unity Christian Church with Rev. Wendy Wilson officiating. A reception will follow in the church fellowship hall.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Unity Christian Church, 400 Tyler Avenue, Radford,

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

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#### ANGLICAN CATHOLIC

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

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

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

#### **BAPTIST**

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

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

#### CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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

#### **CHURCH OF GOD**

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

West Radford Church of God, 1824 West Main Street, Radford, VA 24141, Sunday School–10:00A.M. Morning Worship- 11:00A.M., Children's Church 11:00A.M. Sunday Evening - 6:00P.M., Wednesday Night - 7:00P.M., Pastor Danny Newman, Church Office - 540-639-6562 or 804- 921-0828.

#### **CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**

Christiansburg Church of the Brethren, 310 South Franklin Street. Pastor: Hal Sonafrank, 1-336-583-4822. Morning Worship 11 a.m.; Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Wednesdays. Website: www.christiansburgcob.org. A loving family, fueled by the Holy Spirit, grounded in God's Word, and delivering Jesus forgiveness and love to all people. Come as you are... you are welcomed!

#### (DOC - DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) Snowville Christian Church, 5436 Lead Mine

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

#### Eckankar, the Path of Spiritual Freedom, is a simple

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

#### **EPISCOPAL**

Grace Episcopal Church, 210 Fourth Street Radford. Welcoming and accepting, we have been a part of the Radford community for more than 130 years. ALL ARE

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#### CITIES OF REFUGE

Read Joshua 18:1 through 20:9

Once the Children of Israel entered the Promised Land, it had to be divided amongst the tribes. Joshua asked for a survey to be done, and with that information he carefully assigned each tribe their por-

Chapter 20 addresses an interesting issue that reflects God's passion for justice. The "eye for an eye" principle was in vogue in those days, and God wanted justice for those who killed someone accidentally.

"Tell the Israelites to designate the cities of refuge, as I instructed you through Moses, so that anyone who kills a person accidentally and unintentionally may flee there and find protection from the avenger of blood." (Joshua 20:2-3).

What a great picture of Jesus and His compassion for us. Our sins can be accidental or unintentional, but sadly we sometimes disobey on purpose. Yet in either case, Jesus invites us to come to Him, confessing our sin. He promises to forgive us and cleanse us (1 John 1:9). He provides us the ultimate refuge from our mistakes.

Prayer for Today: Lord, when my thoughts, words, or actions are not pleasing to You, I will run to You because I know You are my "city of refuge."

Quicklook: Joshua 20:1-9

If your church is not listed and if you are interested, call Wendi Craig at 276-340-2445 or email at advertise@mainstreetnewspapers.com

WELCOME. Grace offers an 8:00am Contemplative Eucharist and a 10:30am Eucharist with organ music and a choir, with refreshments served afterwards. The 10:30am service is also available on YouTube for those unable to leave their house. Find us on Facebook and www. graceradford.org.

St Thomas Episcopal Church, 103 East Main Street, Christiansburg VA, 24073. Worship and communion at 10:00 a.m., each Sunday, followed by hospitality coffee and Adult Sunday Adult Seminar. Our service is also streamed. Contact for more info: mystthomasoffice@yahoo. com. http://www.stthomaschristiansburg. **LUTHERAN** 

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

1845 Cambria St NE, Christiansburg. Worship each Sunday at 10 am, in person and online at https://www. youtube.com/channel/UCMsBgbyjmV5ce9mr43dbCw. Please visit our website at www.oslc-cburg.org and our Facebook page at https://www.facebook. com/oslcchristiansburg to learn more about us. Little Free Pantry and Little Free Library located in our parking lot. Pastor Joshua L. Copeland; church office 540-382-2223.

St. Michael Lutheran Church, 2308 Merrimac Road, Blacksburg, 24060. Worship service each Sunday at 10 AM, Sunday School 9 AM. We are a community of God's people where we gather for worship, learning and

service. Visitors and new members are

always WELCOME! Google comments: "Wonderful, welcoming congregation." A place where all are truly welcome." You'll love our minister, The Rev. Dr. Wes Jamison, who engages us in God's word. St. Michael started and administers Micah's Caring Initiative which includes Micah's Backpack, Soup for Seniors, Garden, Closet, and Mini Pantry, with tremendous community impact. Partnering with Rainbow Riders and Total Action for Progress, we opened the first Early Childhood Head Start in our community (6 weeks to age 3). We sponsor an awesome Scouting program of Scouts Boy & Girl Troop, Venture Scouts for older youth, and a Cub Pack for girls & boys kindergarten - 5th grade, amongst many other programs. Directions: From Price's Fork Road, turn onto Merrimac Road. St. Michael is ~quarter mile on the left. For more information: Phone 540.951.8951; Email hope@stmlc. us;Website www.st-michael-lutheranchurch.org **MULTI-CULTURAL** 

#### NON-DENOMINATIONAL Central Church, 803 Wadsworth Street,

Radford. 639-3529. 8:30 a.m. Sunday Services: 8:30am; 9:45am Sunday School; and 11:00a.m. Child care is provided. www.centralmethodistchurch. Christian Growth Center, 1850 Electic

Way, Christiansburg, VA 24073 (beside Hubbell Lighting). Sunday Worship: 9:30am Prayer, 10:00am Service \*Nursery Available. Lead Pastor: Todd Hallinan. Founding Pastor: Rob Sowell. Mission:

Sow, Grow, & Go Sow Faith! Grow in Righteousness! Go into all the world in the authority of the believer! 540-382-PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS Compassion Church, 1820 Second

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passionate, our worship is real, and Pastor

Chandler Jones brings relevant messages

for everyone at any place on their journey, Sunday Worship Experience at 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM, Wednesday Family Night at 7 PM, Children Ministry provided for all services. Our vision is to see all Saved. Freed. Restored. Fulfilled. Find us on

facebook and Instagram Merrimac Pentecostal Church, Rev. Richard Hall (540) 552-7194. pastorhall29@gmail.com. Sunday School at 10 a.m. and morning worship is 11 a.m. Evening service at 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

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

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

#### UNITED METHODIST

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

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 220 West Main Street, Christiansburg. Rev. Mike Derflinger (540) 382-2410. Sunday Worship at 10a.m. with Children's Church at the same time, Sunday School at 9 a.m. Worship is in-person and Livestreamed on our YouTube Channel: StPaulUMCChristiansburgVA. All are welcome. Website: www.stpaulvaumc.

#### WESLEYAN

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

#### Stanley, Alecia Larew Apperson

Alecia Larew Apperson Stanley, 83, of Dublin, died Mar. 19, 2024, at her home. She was born at Stevens Clinic in Welch, W.Va., on July 2, 1940, and

lived in Keystone, W.Va., and Newbern and Dublin. She was a proud 1958 graduate of Dublin High School. She studied piano under Benjamin Medford at Radford College.

She was preceded in death by her husband, David C. Stanley, and her parents, C.T. and Aldah Apperson.

In the summer of 1957, she met David Stanley at church. David and Alecia were married in the Dublin Methodist Church on Sunday, May 17, 1959, and for 59 years they built a life grounded in faith in God and unconditional love for each other. They had five children: Tal (Susan), Tim (Shally), Amy (Yoshiya), Meg (Doug) and Tom (Karen). For Alecia, there were no in-laws, only another child to love. She was Granny to David (Molly), Alecia Ann (Ryan), Sarah (fiancé, Patrick), Lainey, Calvin (Deanna), Blaine, Mark, Dan, Junko, Kiyo, Leiko, Roman, Luke and Finn. She was great-Granny to Lizzie, Tucker, and Nora.

"Miss Alecia," was an active part of the Dublin United Methodist Church for 74 years. She served as pianist and choir director for more than 40 years. She and her mother helped start the church's first choir, and Alecia went on to direct the adult, youth, and children's choirs. She led music at bible schools, Christmas programs, and

Easter events. She served

on committees, helped plan special observances and celebrations, helped to raise money to build a new church, and worked in the kitchen, always looking for ways to be creative and welcoming in all of the church's life. Alecia was the organizer and song leader for numerous countywide Great Day of Methodist Singing events. She was active in the Women's Society of Christian Service and then the United Methodist Women, holding local, district, and annual conference offices.

The Dublin UMC was for Alecia but one way she lived her faith and

calling to love. She was a founding board member for the Pulaski Adult Day Services and Fall Prevention Center. Alecia helped to establish and organize the Dublin United Methodist Learning Circle Preschool, serving on its board of directors for many years. She volunteered at Pulaski Daily Bread and served on its board of directors. Using

skills perfected in decades of cooking three meals a day for a "small army," Alecia delivered pound cakes, pies, cookies, and entire meals as a means of bringing comfort and care to hundreds of people. Teaching piano lessons in her home, through her love of music, and by personal encouragement, she taught hundreds of young people to 'let their little light shine. Above all else, Alecia's happiest

moments were when all of her family was together at home in Dublin. Her vision and love made possible the annual Camp Stanley, a week-long, grandchildren-only event at Granny and Grandaddy's house. Through all of this, her family can sing with her, "blest be the tie that binds" and its echoes and ripples go out over the

Our family is so very grateful to the congregation of the Dublin United Methodist Church, and to the members of the Mary Breese Circle and the Christians Under Construction Sunday School Class, for all of its love and support. We are also grateful to John Goodall, Mike Cox, Carl Wilburn, Eddie Brown, and Robin Martin for helping to sustain Granny at home.

The family received friends at Dublin United Methodist Church Friday, Mar. 22 and will gather for a Service of Worship Celebrating her life on Saturday, Mar. 23, at 11 a.m. at the church.

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

#### LEGAL NOTICE **County of Montgomery, Virginia** Synopsis of Advertised Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025

This budget synopsis is prepared and published pursuant to Section 15.2-2506 of Code of Virginia, for information and fiscal planning purposes only.

A hearing will be held by the Board of Supervisors on April 4, 2024 at 6:45 P.M. at the County Government Center Board Room, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia at which time any citizen of the County shall have the opportunity to attend and state his or her views on the advertised budget.

A copy of the Advertised Budget is available for inspection at the County Government Center, in the County Administrator's Office, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg; the Blacksburg Library, 200 Miller St., Blacksburg; the Christiansburg Library, 125 Sheltman St., Christiansburg; the Meadowbrook Library, 267 Alleghany Springs Road, Shawsville; the Blacksburg Community Center, 725 Patrick Henry Dr., Blacksburg; the Christiansburg Recreation Center, 1600 N. Franklin St., Christiansburg; the Blacksburg Municipal Building, in the Town Manager's Office, 300 S. Main St., Blacksburg; and the Christiansburg Town Hall, in the Town Manager's Office, 100 E. Main St., Christiansburg. EXPENDITURES:

County Administration         \$ 4,934,863         \$ 2,708,371         \$ (2,226,4)           County Attorney         \$ 462,310         \$ 449,995         \$ (12,3)           Finance         \$ 1,249,007         \$ 1,394,049         \$ 144,9           Insurance         \$ 237,226         \$ 250,156         \$ 129,00           Information Technology         \$ 2,463,808         \$ 2,653,847         \$ 190,0           Commissioner of the Revenue-State         \$ 788,181         \$ 935,258         \$ 147,00           Assessment-100% County         \$ 539,502         \$ 802,658         \$ 263,1           Collections-100% County         \$ 539,502         \$ 802,658         \$ 263,1           Collections-100% County         \$ 1,766,388         \$ 1,910,409         \$ 146,00           Commonwealth Attorney         \$ 1,766,388         \$ 1,910,409         \$ 144,0           Courts         \$ 297,118         \$ 19,222         \$ 22,1           Clerk of the Circuit Court         \$ 86,332         \$ 956,166         \$ 58,8           Sheriff-100% County         \$ 86,332         \$ 956,166         \$ 88,4           Sheriff-100% County         \$ 86,332         \$ 956,166         \$ 88,4           Sheriff-100% County         \$ 8,76,933         \$ 1,450,196         \$ 163,5 </th <th>EXPENDITURES:</th> <th colspan="5">FY 2025</th> <th></th>	EXPENDITURES:	FY 2025						
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County Administration         \$ 4,934,863         \$ 2,708,371         \$ (2,226,4)           County Attorney         \$ 462,310         \$ 449,995         \$ (12,3)           Finance         \$ 1,249,007         \$ 1,394,049         \$ 144,9           Insurance         \$ 237,226         \$ 250,156         \$ 129,00           Information Technology         \$ 2,463,808         \$ 2,653,847         \$ 190,0           Commissioner of the Revenue-State         \$ 788,181         \$ 935,258         \$ 147,00           Assessment-100% County         \$ 539,502         \$ 802,658         \$ 263,1           Collections-100% County         \$ 539,502         \$ 802,658         \$ 263,1           Collections-100% County         \$ 1,766,388         \$ 1,910,409         \$ 146,00           Commonwealth Attorney         \$ 1,766,388         \$ 1,910,409         \$ 144,0           Courts         \$ 297,118         \$ 19,222         \$ 22,1           Clerk of the Circuit Court         \$ 86,332         \$ 956,166         \$ 58,8           Sheriff-100% County         \$ 86,332         \$ 956,166         \$ 88,4           Sheriff-100% County         \$ 86,332         \$ 956,166         \$ 88,4           Sheriff-100% County         \$ 8,76,933         \$ 1,450,196         \$ 163,5 </th <th>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</th> <th></th> <th>Budget</th> <th></th> <th>Budget</th> <th></th> <th>(Decrease)</th>	GENERAL GOVERNMENT:		Budget		Budget		(Decrease)	
County Attorney         \$ 462,310 s         \$ 449,995 s         \$ 112,49,007 s         \$ 1,394,049 s         \$ 144,9 insurance           Insurance         \$ 1,249,007 s         \$ 1,394,049 s         \$ 144,9 insurance         \$ 277,256 s         \$ 250,156 s         \$ 149,9 insurance         \$ 237,256 s         \$ 250,156 s         \$ 149,9 insurance         \$ 149,0 insurance         \$ 144,0 insurance	Board of Supervisors	\$	283,793	\$	282,248	\$	(1,545)	
Finance	County Administration	\$	4,934,863	\$	2,708,371	\$	(2,226,492)	
Insurance	County Attorney	\$	462,310	\$	449,995	\$	(12,315)	
Information Technology	Finance	\$	1,249,087	\$	1,394,049	\$	144,962	
Commissioner of the Revenue-State         788,181         935,258         \$ 147,0           Assessment-100% County         \$ 469,732         \$ 457,334         \$ (12,3)           Treasurer-State         \$ 539,502         \$ 802,658         \$ (23),1           Collections-100% County         \$ 532,960         \$ 301,544         \$ (23),4           Electoral Board/Director of Elections         \$ 616,381         \$ 779,524         \$ (23),4           Courts         \$ 1,766,388         \$ 1,910,409         \$ 144,0           Courts         \$ 297,118         \$ 319,223         \$ 22,1           Clerk of the Circuit Court         \$ 896,332         \$ 9586,166         \$ 59.8           Sheriff-100% County         \$ 1,576,049         \$ 9,596,696         \$ 89.4           Sheriff-100% County         \$ 1,576,049         \$ 9,244,608         \$ 686,5           Fire and EMS         \$ 1,651,969         \$ 1,465,993         \$ 1,465,1969         \$ 1,465,1969         \$ 1,651,969         \$ 1,651,969         \$ 1,651,969         \$ 1,651,969         \$ 1,651,969         \$ 1,651,969         \$ 1,651,969         \$ 1,651,969         \$ 1,651,969         \$ 1,651,969         \$ 1,651,969         \$ 1,651,969         \$ 1,651,969         \$ 1,651,969         \$ 1,651,969         \$ 1,651,969         \$ 1,651,969         \$ 1,66	Insurance	\$	237,256	\$	250,156	\$	12,900	
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Collections-100% County	Assessment-100% County	\$	469,732	\$	457,334	\$	(12,398)	
Electoral Board/Director of Elections	Treasurer-State	\$	539,502	\$	802,658	\$	263,156	
Commonwealth Attorney         \$ 1,766,388 \$ 1,910,409 \$ 144,0           Courts         \$ 297,118 \$ 319,223 \$ 22,1           Clerk of the Circuit Court         \$ 896,332 \$ 956,166 \$ 558,8           Sheriff-State         \$ 9,507,276 \$ 9,596,696 \$ 80,4           Sheriff-100% County         \$ 5,576,049 \$ 9,244,608 \$ 686,5           Fire Departments and Rescue Squads         \$ 1,465,993 \$ 1,450,196 \$ (15,7)           Fire and EMS         \$ - \$ 2,646,198 \$ 2,646,1           Animal Care and Adoption Center         \$ 853,330 \$ 931,550 \$ 76,2           General Services         \$ 8,255,609 \$ 8,786,969 \$ 531,3           Children's Services Act         \$ 1,651,969 \$ 1,65	Collections-100% County	\$	532,966	\$	301,544	\$	(231,422)	
Courts	Electoral Board/Director of Elections	\$	616,381	\$	779,524	\$	163,143	
Clerk of the Circuit Court	Commonwealth Attorney	\$	1,766,388	\$	1,910,409	\$	144,021	
Sheriff-100% County	Courts	\$	297,118	\$	319,223	\$	22,105	
Sheriff-100% County   \$ 8,576,049 \$ 9,244,608 \$ 668,5	Clerk of the Circuit Court	\$	896,332	\$	956,166	\$	59,834	
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Human Services	General Services	\$	8,255,609	\$	8,786,969	\$	531,360	
Human Services	Children's Services Act	\$	1,651,969	\$	1,651,969	\$	· -	
Public Health Department         \$ 629,014         \$ 631,661         \$ 2,6           Social Services         \$ 7,461,588         \$ 7,293,243         \$ (168,3)           Parks & Recreation         \$ 1,649,015         \$ 1,679,419         \$ 30,4           Regional Library         \$ 2,590,167         \$ 2,548,896         \$ (41,2)           Planning & GIS         \$ 934,450         \$ 1,180,545         \$ 246,0           Economic Development         \$ 586,838         \$ 652,892         \$ 66,0           Other Agencies         \$ 3,080,357         \$ 3,201,537         \$ 121,1           Contingencies-General         \$ 651,307         \$ 700,307         \$ 49,0           Contingencies-Special         \$ 144,395         \$ 2,542,845         \$ 2,398,4           Revenue Refunds         \$ 227,000         \$ 22,007,000         \$ 227,000         \$ 22,007,000         \$ 22,007,000         \$ 22,007,000         \$ 22,007,000         \$ 22,007,000	Human Services			\$			86,627	
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Angela M. Hill, County Administrator County of Montgomery, Virginia

By Order of the Board of Supervisors

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## Dinosaur

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specimen was found in the 1930s and housed in the Natural History Museum in London. paleontologist and professor, was still missing pieces, so he was part of a team that trekked to Tanzania to the area where the first specimen was found and unearthed more bones from a rich fossil deposit. All of the original bones

except for the ones in London are temporarily on loan to Virginia Tech for study and will be returned to Tanzania in perpetuity.

At nine feet long and two feet tall at the hips, the Teleocrater was first named in 2017 and is a dinosaur cousin that is closer to birds and dinosaurs than crocodiles. "Teleocrater is the perfect specimen for first look at how dinosaurs inherit their features," said Nesbitt. "The smaller size also makes it easier to print."

"By harnessing the power of 3D printing rather than relying on traditional immersive casting methods, we can the cost and weight and make it accessible to the world via digital files," said Max Ofsa, manager of the Prototyping and 3D Scanning Studios. "A museum-grade exhibit of cast fossils of this size would likely get into the hundreds of thousands of dollars in cost to develop and fabricate whereas the printed fossils are only in the hundreds."

"Using an iterative process while developing the final printed model has allowed us to remove the need for most of the external support structures and instead design a model that interlocks and self supports the fossil structure," said Ofsa.

Prototyping Studio Specialist Rob Jackson used the skeleton's 3D render to prepare it for printing. "This was done by

converting individual fossil pieces provided larger segments with additional supports and interlockings," said Jackson. "This way, parts can be manufactured in

easy-to-assemble large segments instead The first incomplete a weaker and tedious piecemeal process."

Nesbitt modeling of the skull and much of the body.

"I worked meticulously using relatives of the Teleocrater and other reptiles to fill in the gaps where pieces were missing and then created a digital sculpture," said Nesbitt. The first skeleton is

going to the Natural History Museum in Dar es Salaam, the capital of Tanzania. The second replica will be on display in the Virginia Tech Museum of Geosciences.

These skeletons are accompanied innovative app built by students and staff in the Applied Research in Experiences Immersive and Simulations program in University Libraries this project as it gives us a and Jonathan Bradley, assistant director of studios innovative technologies, using technologies that animate the creature and provide insightful information, as a centerpiece of an educational Wandering experience. bring extinct species back among the towering to life for a fraction of skeletal constructs on museum floors, visitors will be transported back millions of years to when these majestic creatures roamed the earth. The app will feature a translation in Swahili in honor of where the original bones were

> "It's about bringing content to people who aren't exposed to it," said Nesbitt. "You can walk into a museum and see a skeleton, it's neat and a part of the history of our planet, but you only have a small panel to describe the details. This project brings technology to tell the stories of what extinct animals represent - its history, biology, how it was collected, how it was made and printed, the entire process it went through. The app plus the skeleton brings it all together. These are gateways into our past and our present."

> In addition to Nesbitt, Stocker, Ofsa and Bradley project team members include Thomas Tucker, Fralin, Phyllis Scott Newbill and Todd Ogle. "This project has united

> a massive group of great thinkers across campus," said Nesbitt. "The library, scientists, engineers, the School of Visual Arts - the list goes on. It's a huge collaborative project at many different levels, unraveling the mysteries of the dinosaur age."

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# Montgomery Sports

## Clemson joins FSU in suit against ACC

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The life of the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) continues to take twist and turns. This week, Clemson joined Florida State in a lawsuit against the conference on its exit fees.

In its lawsuit, Clemson seeks confirmation of the plain language found in the Grant of Rights agreements and the related media agreements between the ACC and ESPN - that these agreements, when read together, plainly state that Clemson controls its media rights for games played if it is no longer a member of the ACC. Clemson also seeks a ruling regarding the unenforceability of the severe penalty the ACC is seeking to impose upon exiting members and confirmation that it does not owe a fiduciary duty to the conference as alleged by the ACC.

In the filing, Clemson said the ACC's position regarding the Grant of Rights, the exit penalty, and obligations owed by members to the conference, as detailed in its public statements and other court filings, leaves Clemson with no choice but to move forward with this lawsuit. Late last year, FSU also seemed to

question the Grant of Rights and what could happen if it decided to leave the Earlier in the year, reports were leaked

that as many as seven schools, including Virginia Tech, had held meetings to discuss an exit plan from the ACC. But no one admitted the discussions had taken place until FSU dropped the news of the first suit. The schools say the current ACC-

ESPN television deal puts the league at a disadvantage in comparison to others like the Southeastern and Big Ten

The Atlantic Coast Conference issued the following statement:

"The ACC remains confident that its agreements with all its members will be affirmed by the courts. Clemson, along with all ACC members, voluntarily signed and re-signed the 2013 and 2016 Grant of Rights, which is binding through 2036. In addition, Clemson agreed to the process and procedures for withdrawal. The Conference's legal counsel will vigorously enforce the agreement and bylaws in the best interest of the ACC's current and incoming members," said the statement signed by ACC Board of Directors chair Jim Ryan and conference commissioner Jim Phillips.

Clemson says the ACC does not, in fact, control its broadcasting rights if the university leaves the conference as it, apparently and cannot enforce a \$140 million exit fee if/when Clemson leaves the conference.

A new deal with the SEC shows each school will individual payouts of nearly \$23 million more than in the past years. ACC schools will receive about \$7 million to \$10 million less annually than those in the SEC and Big Ten. The question is whether those two

other conferences would be willing to accept FSU and/or Clemson as they would see their percentage of the bank

Questions to Virginia Tech have gone unanswered on whether they are considering anything close to the two other schools.

Despite the lawsuit, the ACC points out Clemson has not given notice that it is exiting the ACC and remains a member of the conference. Florida State has not also made any announcement on a plan to leave the conference. But it could be evident and looming on the

## CHS, BHS seeking new athletic directors

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Two of the area high

schools will need athletic directors this coming fall. Peter Lyell at Blacksburg and Tim Cromer at Christiansburg are both leaving. Cromer was named

head football coach this past month at Floyd County High School. He will leave Christiansburg post at the end of the school year. A search committee has been conducting interviews for his replacement over the past two weeks. An announcement of the new A.D. is pending.

He took over as athletic director in 2017. Meanwhile, Lyell, who has spent the past 10 years at Blacksburg, has stepped down effective at the end of this school

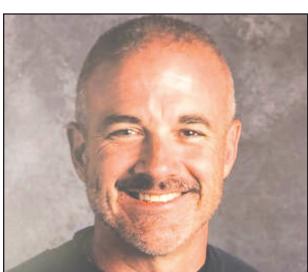
The Montgomery County school board has begun advertising the Blacksburg position with hopes of conducting interviews before the end of the school year.

football coach, while the Montgomery both need Duncan has done the new volleyball coaches. same after three years

Blacksburg is also



**Tim Cromer** 



FILE PHOTOS

Dalton seeking an assistant stepped away from Christiansburg Christiansburg program at the end of Eastern this past season. Haley

at the helm at Eastern Montgomery.

Christiansburg is also in need of a competition varsity and sideline cheer

## Kitley named first-team by Sporting News

Virginia Tech Center Kitley has earned another first team recognition thanks to

Kitley was named a Sporting News average in program history, score the first team All-American the publication most field goals and come within six announced Tuesday morning.

Kitley was named the ACC's Player of the Year for the third consecutive season earlier this month, becoming the third woman in ACC history to win the award in three consecutive seasons, joining Alana Beard (Duke) and Alyssa Thomas (Maryland).

The Summerfield, North Carolina native ranks second in the conference in scoring (22.79), second in field goal percentage (55.6%), first in rebounds (11.38), second in blocks (2.07), first in double-doubles (19) and first in 30-point games with eight.

She won ACC Player of the Week six times, the most of any athlete, including a stretch of four consecutive weeks in February. The six POW honors ties Beard for the most in any single season in conference history.

With her Player of the Year Award comes a fourth first team All-ACC nod, just the second player in conference history to accomplish the feat (Duke's Elizabeth Williams). Kitley was also recognized as an All-Defensive Team member for the third consecutive

Nationally, Kitley ranks third in field goals. She is sixth in points per game and eight in rebounds per game and double-doubles.

She has claimed the top spot in several categories in the Virginia Tech annals this season including: starts, minutes played, double figure games, 30-point games and rebounds, which is also an ACC watermark.

In terms of single-season achievements, the 2023-24 season has

Virginia Tech center Elizabeth seen Kitley produce the highest scoring points of the record for single season

PHOTO COURTESY OF VT ATHLETICS

Additionally, she was named the Kay Yow Scholar Athlete of the Year for the third time this season.

Elizabeth Kitley was named a second team All-American the USBWA announced Tuesday afternoon. Point guard Georgia Amoore was placed on the third team.

Amoore was sixth in the conference in scoring (18.71), second in 3's per game (2.79), second in assist to turnover ratio (2.10) and led the ACC in assists (7.29) earning her first team All-ACC honors for the second consecutive season.

The Australia native owns two 30-point games, 14 20-point games and recorded nine double-doubles, a figure that was fifth in the conference. She was the only athlete to record more than five 10-assist games in the ACC.

Her 39-point performance on the final day of the regular season, was the highest scoring single-game output in conference play this season.

Amoore, who was named one of five finalists for the Nancy Lieberman Award, is third nationally in assists per game and also ranks in the top 20 of 3-point shooters.

The senior became the program's all-time leader in assists this season and has also climbed to second in 3's and fourth in scoring. This season, she has produced the third-highest singleseason total of assists and the seventhmost 3's.

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## UTDOOR REPORT

**Peter Lyell** 

The Virginia Birding Classic is a statewide birding competition in which teams of birders search the public lands of Virginia every spring for as many species as they can find in 24 hours.

All registration proceeds will benefit the Virginia Wildlife Grant Program, which awards annual grants to non-profit programs focused on connecting youth to the outdoors.

Registration closes April 1, 2024. Don't delay—register now!

How does it work?

Pick a team name and register online: Your team of a least three or up to six people register online through GoOutdoorsVirginia.com by April 2024. Registration includes a swag bag and free access to available Wildlife Management Areas, State Forests, and Natural Area Preserves on the day your team has chosen to go birding for the competition. Virginia DWR customers with an active license and/or permit will receive a discount on their registration. Youth under 16 years old can register for free but must be accompanied by a registered adult.

Pick when your team goes birding: Your team chooses a consecutive 24-hour period between April 15 and May 15 to go birding on federal, state, county, and municipal parks in the Commonwealth to identify as many species of birds as

Share your team's results: Your team

submits one official team eBird trip report for their tournament day to Virginia eBird. Final eBird trip reports must be submitted to the official Virginia Birding Classic eBird account by 11:59 p.m. on May 17, 2024.

The Virginia Birding Classic Grand Prize goes to the team that finishes their 24-hours of birding with the most species. This year, we are excited to announce that the Grand Prize will consist of the Each member of the winning team

will get to choose from a list of DWR Wildlife Experiences that only we can offer. The list may include opportunities accompanying our biologists as they band and survey raptors, waterfowl,

woodpeckers, or seabirds; visiting important habitat conservation areas that are not open to the public; viewing wildlife on a tour with knowledgeable members of our staff; and other exciting experiences only DWR can offer. Each team will also get the opportunity

to choose a library in the Commonwealth to be the recipient of three Birding Backpacks that will be available for checkout by members of the community! Each backpack will include: a pair of adult binoculars, a pair of children's binoculars, a field guide to birds of eastern North America, a kids field guide to backyard

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## Montgomery Sports

## Virtuous cycle for women's **March Madness**

As March Madness tips off this week, the men's NCAA Tournament is not the only game in town drawing big interest, ratings, and betting.

Jadrian Wooten, a Virginia Tech collegiate associate professor in the Department of Economics, explains how investment and interest in women's basketball has created a "virtuous cycle" spurring growth in one another to help close the gender equity gap.

"If there's an increase in financial support, that can be reinvested in improving the sport's quality," says Wooten. "As quality increases, so does viewership, which attracts more advertising and sponsorship. It creates a self-reinforcing loop, where each element of success builds on and magnifies the others, leading to a brighter future for women's college basketball."

In recent years, the women's Tournament has made major strides to close the gap, with last year's national championship game averaging million viewers topping out at 12.6 million (the men's final averaged 14.69 million). That led to a new television deal with ESPN this year, with a substantial increase in rights fees. "This deal not only

reflects the growing marketability of the sport, but also actively contributes to its future growth," says Wooten. "Schools can reinvest these funds into the sport, improving everything from facilities to recruitment and marketing efforts, competitive landscape. ... deals. More visibility not only also elevates the profile of force

of the most prominent players, teams, men's players, and are associated brands.'



For the second straight season, all-session tickets for the first and second round of the Women's NCAA **Tournament in Blacksburg have sold out.** 

directly benefiting the commanding seven-figure athletes and enhancing the name, image, and likeness

"Social media exposure draws in more fans, but can be an important the sport, making it more attention toward college attractive to potential basketball," says Wooten. sponsors and advertisers." "Social media allows Stars like Angel Reese, athletes to engage directly with 2.7 million Instagram with fans, creating followers, and Caitlin personal connections that Clark, with 1.1 million, traditional media can't have built their popularity replicate. This boosts by staying in school for visibility and creates a fan several years, unlike many base willing to support

The rise in interest in the women's game has also been reflected in huge booms in sports betting, up 14 times from last year's regular season on DraftKings.

"This is another strong indicator of rising interest and exposure. Betting activity often reflects engagement levels," says Wooten. "As more people bet on women's basketball, it naturally attracts even more attention. This isn't just from bettors themselves but also from

sports media outlets and platforms that cover betting trends and game analyses. This increased visibility draws new fans to the sport, which makes women's basketball a more attractive platform for advertisers. Advertisers are more inclined to invest when they know that the audience is more

Wooten is a collegiate professor associate Virginia Department Tech of Economics and is

the author of "Parks and Recreation and Economics." Read more about Wooten's takeaway on the economic impact of the Canadian wildfire crisis and climate change in his Monday Morning Economist newsletter. Wooten has been featured in USA Today, Inside Higher Ed, WJLA ABC 7 Washington, D.C., and NBC News, among scores

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of other media outlets.

## Hokies wrestling takes on big KC this weekend

for the 2024 NCAA Wrestling Championships, Saturday night. Thursday, Mar. 21 – Saturday, Mar. 23 live on ESPNU

The Hokies are one of seven teams to send a full lineup – one of three to send all starters in back-to-back championships – and field three top-ten seeds along with four All-Americans, a national champion, and a battle-tested squad ready to make a statement at the

Tech boasts four wrestlers with a total of eight All-American honors led by national champion Mekhi Lewis, two-time All-Americans Bryce Andonian and Sam Latona, and 2023 All-American Caleb Henson.

mat for this fourth postseason appearance. A staple in second-ever Hokie to claim the top seed as he enters his the Hokies' lineup, the two-time All-American will once fifth and final NCAA Championship. again look to do his best wrestling when it matters most and become Tech's sixth three-time All-American. Still with another year of eligibility, the Alabaster, AL native enters as the 12-seed with sights set on climbing the curtain call. Lewis holds a 15-0 record with Entering as

Caleb Henson took the country by storm as a freshman phenom last season en route to ACC Champion, a fifthplace All-American finish, and ACC Freshman of the Year honors and has continued to look the part in orange and maroon. The Cartersville, GA product has put together a strong year two campaign to the tune of 25-2 record and the number four seed when action begins in the T-Mobile Center. The sophomore sensation looks to

Virginia Tech wrestling takes to Kansas City, Missouri navigate 149-pound bracket and wrestle for a title come

At 157-pounds, the nation's most exciting wrestler, Bryce Andonian, competes in his final NCAA Championship after five years donning the orange and maroon. The two-time All-American hailing from Kirtland, OH looks to end his highlight-filled career on top of the podium after third-place (2022, 149-pounds) and seventh-place (2023, 157-pounds) in his previous championship trips. A five-time NCAA Qualifier, fourtime ACC finalist, Andonian takes the mat in Kansas City as the 12-seed in a loaded weight class that features 10 All-Americans.

More history made by the most accomplished wrestler At 133-pounds, the veteran Sam Latona takes the in program history as Mekhi Lewis became just the

The first national champion and two-time finalist in program history will look to become the first four-time NCAA All-American in program history in his career the No. 1 seed, Lewis will have to navigate his side of the bracket that features 2021 national champion Shane Griffith (Stanford, now at Michigan) and Lewis' rival, three-time national champion Carter Starocci (Penn State) as the Hokie looks to end his legendary career the way he started: on top.

Making their NCAA Championship debuts this weekend are Cooper Flynn and Thomas Stewart, Jr. at 125-pounds and 184-pounds, respectively.

Flynn takes the mat after entering the lineup in late January for the Hokies after an injury sidelined returning All-American Eddie Ventresca. Flynn made the most of his opportunity in a highly volatile weight class that saw multiple top-five rankings change throughout

the season. Flynn has inserted his name into podium contention with three wins over top-five opponents since entering the lineup and an ACC finals appearance. The redshirt sophomore from Seymour, TN begins his first NCAA competition as the 11 seed in Kansas City.

Stewart enters the season finale as the seven seed at 184-pounds after a stellar backend of the season after starting at 197-pounds. Stewart won the starting job for the Hokies in a crowded room that saw both Sam Fisher and Dakota Howard ranked at points during the season. The Triangle, VA native holds a 10-1 record including three-top ten wins on the season with adding an ACC title to his resume. The redshirt freshman looks to continue his blazing run in his debut season in the

A quadruplet of Hokies return to the championships hoping to improve on their previous trips. Tom Crook will take to his second NCAA championship as the No. 20 seed at 141-pounds. The sophomore from Tampa complied a 18-7 record in his second season for the Hokies including a top-five win and multiple top-20 wins to boost his resume.

Connor Brady makes his fourth championship appearance for the Hokies, claiming the 18-seed at 165-pounds. The two-time ACC finalist from Powell, OH looks to have a breakthrough performance in what could be his last season.

Tech will see the two upper weights as both the No. 26 seed in two-time qualifier Andy Smith and threetime NCAA qualifier Hunter Catka at 197-pounds and 285-pounds, respectively.

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#### THE NRV MPO SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT FOR TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

The New River Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is developing its 2024-25 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The UPWP provides an annual schedule

of activities, lists planning tasks and studies, and identifies funding sources. A draft plan is available

for review at the offices of the Towns of Blacksburg and Christiansburg, the City of Radford, and the Montgomery and Pulaski County offices. It is also available on the MPO website:

www.nrvmpo.org

Deadline for written comments: 5:00 PM April 17, 2024

Oral comments will also be taken at the MPO Policy Board meeting at 2:00 PM on May 2, 2024 at the Montgomery County Government Center.

Comments can also address transit projects for which Federal operating and capital assistance will be sought under 49 USC Section 5303, as well as other transportation modes.

The NRV MPO ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need more information or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact Dan Brugh at: brughjd@ montgomerycountyva.gov

or 540-394-2145, TTY/TTD 711.

## Throwing Shade VA' program offers incentives for planting native trees

statewide initiative, Virginians can help improve the ecosystems, meet a variety of landscaping goals, and

save money. Virginia Department of Forestry has teamed up with retail nurseries across the state to launch the "Throwing Shade VA" program this spring. Now through May 1, or while supplies last, shoppers at participating nurseries can access customer discounts of \$25 on eligible native trees and shrubs valued at \$50 or more. Nurseries are reimbursed for discounts with allocated state water quality improvement funds.

"We wanted folks to get a discount for taking the initiative to plant native," explained Molly O'Liddy, DOF urban and community forestry partnership coordinator, who is managing the

By lowering the cost for purchasing native species, DOF officials hope to spread awareness of their environmental benefits and expand biodiversity in the state.

"The overall goal is to get more trees and shrubs in the Virginia landscape, which, in turn, provides so many benefits for water and air quality, wildlife and pollinators," remarked Delaney Long, DOF urban and community forestry project coordinator, who is helping manage the program.

Trees improve water filtering quality bу out pollutants, storing harmful greenhouse gases and reducing erosion. Native trees and shrubs that evolved in Virginia's ecosystems also are more adapted to their natural environment ornamental species, and more likely to thrive. They also provide essential food and habitat for wildlife.

"Whether it's meeting aesthetic goals, attracting more wildlife or providing shade, you're bound to find something that will fill your need just by learning more about Virginia's native species," Long said.

She added that expert participating at nurseries can help identify the right species and growing conditions for meeting specific landscaping goals. "It's always good to ask

a lot of questions to make sure you're planting the right tree in the right place," Long noted.

Customers can receive a \$25 discount on their purchase at a participating nursery by selecting a native tree or shrub with a "Throwing Shade VA" tag, scanning the QR code on the tag to record where the tree will be planted, and showing the cashier that the information on the QR

code was collected. Information collected from the QR codes will help track water quality improvement goals and allocate funding additional planting projects across Virginia.

Project officials hope to continue the program and open applications to interested nurseries this fall for next spring.

For a list of participating and nurseries more information, visit bit. ly/49TH7GW.

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birds, bird coloring sheets and crayons, one field journal to record sightings, maps and guides to area birding locations, and helpful tips

and apps to make the most of their

gift of birding.

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birding adventures. This is an excellent way to give back by giving the community the

Resources