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## NRV Chapter of Virginia Organizing seeks county funds for low-income housing repairs

Blacksburg

Lori Graham Contributing writer

Virginia Panbecker, representative of New River Valley's Chapter of Virginia Organizing addressed the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors March 25, 2024, with a request for funding for a program that is proposed to improve lowincome community members' housing

"We are a community-led non-partisan organization that focuses on addressing issues in our community," Panbecker said. "Everyone needs safe, healthy, and affordable housing. Unfortunately, this is not a reality for all NRV residents. According to the Housing and Urban Development, 14% of Virginians lived

in inadequate housing between 2014 and 2018, which is defined as housing having three or four maintenance issues such as water leaks, mold, holes in the floor, inadequate heating, non-functional plumbing or major appliances and faulty wiring.'

"Many families in the NRV face just such living conditions in the only homes they can secure, over 4,000 of whom spend more than 50% of their monthly income on housing and cannot afford needed repairs increasing the risk of severe health consequences."

Panbecker said critical funding is necessary to combat these housing issues.

"We are asking for the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors to support establishing a whole home repair

program to grant money to low-income homeowners and also to landlords with low-income renters for needed repairs," Panbecker said. "In this program, for landlords to be eligible they must keep renters in their homes for at least three years. This helps with housing security and holds landlords accountable so that if they get money for repairs, the residents have the opportunity to stay for at least three years before they raise rates."

According to the organization's website at virginia-organizing.org, Organizing is a non-partisan statewide grassroots organization dedicated to challenging injustice by empowering people in local communities to address issues that affect the quality of their lives."



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The NRV Chapter of Virginia Organizing was established in April of 2017.



PHOTO BY RYAN ANDERSON FOR VIRGINIA TECH

Sen. Mark Warner (at left) started a conversation with biotechnology industry leaders for a roundtable conversation on research, innovation, and economic development this week at the Fralin Biomedical Research Institute at VTC in Roanoke.

## Sen. Mark Warner convenes biotech leaders in Roanoke and New River valleys

Fralin Biomedical Research Institute

The Research, Innovation, and Economic Development in Biotech event highlighted progress and potential as well as Virginia's proposed research triangle, which primarily includes Virginia Tech and the research institute, the University of Virginia, and Virginia Commonwealth University.

biotechnology ecosystem in the and this group of stakeholders the biotechnology enterprise in the region occurred this week when U.S. Sen. Mark Warner convened many of its tech sector leaders at the goals and interests," said Michael to sense that he has a lot of insights Friedlander, executive director of the research institute and Virginia Tech's vice president for health sciences and technology. "With such a well-informed, influential, and supportive person as a Sen. Warner sharing a dialogue with us, I think great things are going to come out of this meeting.

"It was a wonderful opportunity to get all of our partners together

"To have Sen. Warner here, across these sectors that all support at the federal level and certainly in Virginia," Sands said. "Having all these people who represent different parts of the ecosystem on hand to hear the same messages really knits everyone together. It was fantastic."

As the chairman of the U.S. Senate's intelligence committee, Warner sees the kind of research

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## Kiwanis Club of Christiansburg provides gift cards to schools

Aspartofitscontinuing program of supporting local schools' need for clothing and supplies, the Kiwanis Club of Christiansburg recently delivered Walmart gift cards to Montgomery Central, Falling Elementary, Branch Christians burgand elementary schools.

The cards, for \$550, \$500 from the Kiwanis Club and \$50 from Walmart, were delivered to schools with a low balance on their cards and had requested additional funds. This program was started several years ago for the seven schools in Christiansburg, and cards are replenished

Before this program was introduced, often teachers and staff members would personally pay for the needed items that the children could not afford.

The cards were delivered by Kiwanis member Ernie Wade.

Kiwanis is a global organization of members, clubs, and partners who are dedicated to changing the world, one child at a time. The Kiwanis Club of Christiansburg has served the local community since its charter was granted in 1949 and will be its celebrating anniversary this year.

Kiwanis Club



Left to right: Ann Lawson, counselor, Montgomery Central School and Ernie Wade, Kiwanis member.

Left to right: Jessica Jones, principal of Christiansburg Primary School and Ernie Wade,



PHOTOS COURTESY OF KIWANIS CLUB OF CHRISTIANSBURG Left to right: Ann Mitchell, principal of Falling

**Branch Elementary School and Ernie Wade, Kiwanis** 

member.

## Tax assessments, post-employment benefits under discussion at the Montgomery County BOS meeting

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A Tax Assessment Impact Rate schedule was shared with the public during the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors meeting March 26, 2024, reflecting effective increases from \$0.01 to \$0.05 on taxes per \$100 in property valuation due to reassessment values.

Last year, the county did not see an increase in real estate taxes, but property assessments did go up.

"I appreciate staff getting this together but also you remember, too, I know last year we lowered the tax rate, but the majority of people still pay more where it was reassessed," Supervisor Todd King said. Supervisor Sara Bohn asked County Administrator

Angie Hill to clarify King's comment applying the revenue neutral concept in relation to real estate taxes. "If people's, the value of their property increased

more than the average rate their taxes went up and if their property values increased less than the average rate, their tax would go down," Hill said. "Blacksburg homes increased more than the county

in Christiansburg, which means Blacksburg residents did have more taxes than they had to pay on average... but, I can't say that 50% were more and less, but it all averaged to be the same," Bohn said.

The Tax Assessment Impact Rate chart can be found in the agenda of the Board Docs section at www. montva.com.

The Board of Supervisors also discussed proposed insurance plans for county employee retirees including an Other Post-Employee Benefits (OPEB) impact

There were previously two options, Plan A and Plan B, but an additional Plan C had been added "providing a 60% contribution for individuals that have either 25 or 30 years of service depending on what kind of duty they performed for the county and assuming that they could meet the other criteria," Hill said. "We also calculated the impact of switching to Plan C, which is



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60%, so you can see in the far-right column of both of these charts, these are the cost estimates for the liability and also the per year cash impact."

According to the chart, which can be found also at www.montva.com, Hill said that 60% supplement applied to all plans for a family would be result in an approximately \$419 premium and for a retiree and family it would be approximately \$1,000. The impact chart also shows the 60% supplement costs applied for everyone at all levels of benefits, resulting in approximately \$419 for all beneficiaries across the board whether single or family.

The Board of Supervisors made the final decision to have the numbers run again by the actuaries as the retirement insurance would be in effect immediately since those employees planning to retire in the next

couple of months would need the final figures. The full policy would be applied, however, in the next fiscal year. In other announcements, the Auburn Park bid contract was supposed to go out on March 28 but has

been pushed back to April 4 due to a needed change for design. Also, the Magistrate and Support Services building is moving along, Hill said.

'The demolition is complete and they're going to work on the building pads to grade those this week,"

## UPCOMING EVENTS

## Thursday, April 4:

American Legion meeting

The American Legion, Harvey Howe Carper Post 30 will meet at 6 p.m. at the VFW Post Home on 102 Watts St. in Radford. For further information, please call 540-250-2283 or 540-239-9864.

### Southwest Virginia College and University Pop-up

New event brings together Bluefield University, Emory & Henry College, Ferrum College, New River Community College, Radford University and Roanoke College, giving future students a chance to meet college representatives in the New River Valley. Free event will occur at New River Valley Community Colleges' Christiansburg mall location in Christiansburg, 6 to 8:30 p.m., with representatives from different colleges sharing insights about educational opportunities.

## **Saturday, April 6:**

Skipper Cannon Firing

Skipper, the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets cannon, will be fired once on Saturday, April 6 at 10:30 a.m. on the Drillfield as part of the opening celebration for The Big Event at Virginia Tech. The Big Event is a studentrun day of service. Thousands of students and university employees come together to complete nearly 1,200 community service projects throughout Blacksburg, Christiansburg, and the New River Valley.

NRCC offering free computer tune up

On Cyber Day anyone can bring their laptops, desktops, tablets and phones for a free tune up and virus scan. The NRCC Computer Club is hosting the event 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in 133 & 134 Godbey Hall at NRCC in Dublin. Several students and Dr. David Filer, NRCC information systems technology professor, will be working on the systems at the event. Any Windows or Android device is welcome. The NRCC Computer Club focuses on the skills of repairing and creating computers for campus and community use. For more

information about Cyber Day, contact Filer at dfiler@ nr.edu or (540) 674-3600, ext. 4272.

NRCC Family Fun Festival and Campus Cruise In

New River Community College's Campus Cruise In will be held 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. in parking lot E at NRCC in Dublin.The Campus Cruise In will feature classic cars from regional car club members. The event is sponsored by the automotive technology department, is family-friendly, open to the public and free of charge. The Family Fun Festival and NRCC's Cyber Day event will also be going on during the Cruise In. The Family Fun Festival will include a variety of activities for adults and children.

### **Monday, April 8:**

Radford City Council meeting

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

Montgomery County Board of Supervisors

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

## Tuesday, April 9:

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.

Radford City School Board meeting

The Radford City School Board will convene for its regular meeting at 6 p.m. at the School Administration Building. The agenda for the meeting can be viewed at www.rcps.org.

## **Saturday, April 13:**

Mount Tabor Ruritan Biscuit Breakfast

Mount Tabor Ruritan Club will be serving up hot biscuits topped with delicious sausage gravy, or with the latest batch of our "world-famous" apple butter, with scrambled eggs, orange juice and coffee; 8 to 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Slusser's Chapel, 1543 Mount Tabor Rd, Blacksburg.

It is fundraiser for our club to help us as we serve our community, and donations will be accepted for the breakfast. There will be sign-up information available for our newest community initiative -- Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. This is the last breakfast until

## **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. For further questions, and to register, contact rotary.club.of.radford. noon@gmail.com.

## ETS OF THE WEEK

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

Rango is a sweet boy with a laid-back personality. He gladly follows a "sit" or "down" command for a yummy treat. Rango also appears to get along with other dogs. Stop by the Animal Care and Adoption Center to meet this pawsome dog!





Happy boy Frank has a zest for life! He's a younger dog who is energetic and friendly towards his fellow pups as well as humans. He enjoys playing with toys, including things that squeak and things that bounce. As for treats? Yes, Frank loves those, too.

### <u>Biotech</u>

going on at Virginia Tech with partners at Carilion Clinic and the Children's National Research & Innovation Campus in Washington, D.C., as potentially fitting into the national security envelope.

"National security is no longer simply who has the most tanks and guns and ships and plans, it's who's going to dominate in a variety of technology domains [such as] synthetic biology, bio-manufacturing, and the next generation of biotech," Warner said. "In so many ways, what is happening at Fralin Biomedical Research Institute and at the medical school is really cutting edge. The next generation of bio is something I'd love to be an advocate for."

"What we're building together is attracting the brightest minds in health care, technology, and research who are putting their ideas to work here," said Carilion Clinic CEO Nancy Agee. "It's exciting to think about the cures, therapies, and medications of tomorrow that will be developed here and benefit patients everywhere."

The roundtable included than two dozen biotech, health care, economic, and academic leaders from the region and the state, including Joe Benevento, Virginia's deputy secretary of commerce and trade and interim CEO of the Virginia Innovation Partnership Corp., and Heywood Fralin, Roanoke businessman, economic development proponent and the namesake benefactor of the Fralin Biomedical Research Institute. Fralin noted that the broad region of the Roanoke and New River valleys and the area around Martinsville and Danville to the south was the fastest growing economically in the last year, according to Virginia data.

Friedlander cited the research institute's growth from its opening 14 years ago to more than 40 faculty-led research teams this year. The research institute, with over 500 employees and students, holds more than \$220 million in current active outside funding. Its funding per faculty member rivals some of the country's larger and more established research centers. He also noted the globally rich talent pool that the research institute draws upon is a major contributor to its success and that is at least party attributable to the welcoming environment provided by the Roanoke community, consistent with Warner's assessment of the impact on our nation's global competitiveness.

A panel discussion featured Erin Burcham, president of Verge Alliance and executive director of the Roanoke-Blacksburg Technology Council; Tony Seupaul, executive vice president and chief physician executive at Carilion Clinic; Sarah Snider, CEO and cofounder of BEAM Diagnostics, a company founded from research at Fralin Biomedical Research Institute that develops technology to support behavioral health care; and Rob Gourdie, a research institute professor and founder of the Tiny Cargo Co., which is developing a therapeutic drug delivery system.

Moderated by Virginia Tech Associate Vice President for Innovation and Partnerships Brandy Salmon, panelists extolled the support from Virginia Tech, the research institute, state and local governments, and RAMP, Roanoke's start-up business accelerator program. Multiple attendees also noted that Roanoke's natural beauty, outdoor amenities, and vibrant arts scene are valuable assets for drawing the people needed to grow the biotech sector.

Leigh Anne Kelley and John Pastor for Virginia Tech

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Notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held on April 18, 2024 at 1:30 pm at the Montgomery Regional Solid Waste Authority, 555 Authority Drive, Christiansburg, VA 24073 concerning MRSWA's proposed rates, fees and charges for solid waste and refuse disposal services. Such proposed rates, fees and charges are as follows:

### **SOLID WASTE SERVICES**

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and propane tanks containing propane Direct Haul – non friable asbestos Mulch sold to public Untarped/unsecured loads

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Contact NRRA \$22.00 per ton

\$10.00 per load (in addition to the per ton material fee) \$74.00 per ton

Special waste: Must be of a type allowed by law and acceptable to the Montgomery Regional Solid Waste Authority. Rate charged will be a rate set by the New River Resource Authority plus cost of transportation and handling.

### **RECYCLING SERVICES**

Member clean-up events

Tires

\$0.20 per pound (\$4.00 minimum charge up to 20 pounds)

Single Stream recycling processing fee: \$74.00 per ton charge for loads of single stream recyclables unless contaminated and rejected then the processing fee is \$79.00 per ton.

All interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing.

## Virginia National History Day district contest draws more than 200 young competitors to campus



PHOTO COURTESY OF RADFORD UNIVERSITY

Radford University recently hosted Virginia History Day's District 3 contest, and students from a dozen local schools came to present their research projects and have them evaluated by judges.

By its very nature, the Virginia History Day competition focuses on the past, but in the New River Valley, its present and future seem to be gaining traction

On March 15, as it has done since 1996, Radford University hosted Virginia History Day's District 3 contest, and students from a dozen local schools came to present their research projects and have them evaluated

In reviewing the entry list, one of the event's organizers noticed an encouraging trend.

Three years ago, the number of students attending was in the 50s," said Ann Roberts of the School of Teacher Education and Leadership (STEL), which oversees the event for the College of Education and Human Development.

"Last year, it was 153 students," Roberts said. "This year, it's over 200."

Indeed, even prior to 2020 - when the District 3 competition had to be held completely virtually – attendance generally averaged between 50 and 70 contestants, so this current spike represents historical growth, so much so that at the event's awards ceremony in the Bonnie Auditorium of the Hurlburt Student Center, university officials said adjustments would need to be made going forward.

"I have got to say that it looks like next year we will not be in this room because we will be in a bigger room," STEL Director Amanda Bozack told a capacity crowd, sparking applause.

The competitors spanned grades five through 12 and presented projects across numerous formats – exhibits, performances, documentaries, papers and websites with each addressing this year's theme: historic turning

Just as impressive as the spike in attendance, perhaps, was the sheer range of subjects and interests the young students chose to tackle - the attack on Pearl Harbor, Jane Goodall, the Italian Renaissance, Kristallnacht, the U.S.S. Monitor, the women's suffrage movement, the Loving v. Virginia court case, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, Hurricane Katrina, the Treaty of Versailles and Martha Graham were just some of the dozens and dozens of research topics.

Participants who took third through first place will now advance to compete at the state level April 27-28 at the Virginia Museum of History and Culture in Richmond, Virginia. The national phase of the competition will be held June 9-13 at the University of Maryland in College Park, Maryland.

Within District 3, one dozen local institutions were represented, including Blacksburg and Pulaski middle schools; Check, Critzer, Floyd, Indian Valley, Snowville and Willis elementary schools; Cave Spring High School; Blacksburg New School; North Cross School and St. John Neumann Academy.

During the awards ceremony, Virginia History Day Coordinator Sam Florer thanked the faculty organizers

 including Moore, Bozack, Associate Professor of Social Studies and Special Education Darren Minarik, and more than 40 judges – as well as the students who spent weeks or even months preparing.

"It's a lot of work to do this, so no matter if you win or if you lose, you should be really proud of creating a project and being here and sharing your love of history,'

Florer told the crowd. "Hopefully, you'll want to keep coming back and doing this year after year."

Afterward, Florer, who has been the Virginia History Day coordinator since 2019, said he noticed another promising thread in 2024.

"A lot of the participants' teachers are former students at Radford," he said. "They went through the teacher licensure program at Radford, and so many of them were exposed to this program as students. Many were taught by Ann Roberts ... and so that has been a great

pipeline for getting folks interested. 'Radford also always encourages their current prelicensure students who are currently in that program to judge at the local contest, so I would say there were probably 10 to 15 of those Radford students who served

as judges," Florer continued. That's another great strategy for getting future teachers interested in wanting to get their students involved, once they have a classroom of their own."

Neil Harvey for Radford University



Rock band Atlanta Rhythm Section will perform Friday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m. at New River Community College

## Atlanta Rhythm Section coming to NRCC

checks only for in-person sales).

Rock band Atlanta Rhythm Section will perform Friday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m. at New River Community College in Dublin. The event is part of the NRCC 2023-2024 Concert Series.

Tickets for the show are on sale now. Reserved seating tickets are \$40 in advance and available for purchase online only at www. nr.edu/concerts. General seating tickets are \$30 in advance and available online or in-person at the NRCC Business Office, 23

Godbey Hall, Dublin (cash and

General seating tickets will be \$35, and reserved seating tickets will be \$45 when purchased at the door. The Atlanta Rhythm Section

(ARS) came together in 1970 after working on a Roy Orbison

recording session. Keyboardist Dean Daughtry and drummer Robert Nix had been members of Orbison's backing group, the Candymen,

and Daughtry and guitarist J.R.

Cobb had been members of the

Top 40 hitmakers Classics IV.

Rounding out the original ARS lineup were vocalist Rodney Justo (replaced after the first album by Ronnie Hammond), guitarist Barry Bailey, and bassist Paul Goddard.

In 1977, "So In To You" became the band's breakthrough single, reaching the U.S. Top 10, and the album from which it came, A Rock And Roll Alternative, went gold.

Their platinum follow-up album,

Champagne Jam, broke into the See Rhythm, page 10

## Food City launches innovative new Ship to Home service

announcing the launch of an innovative new platform designed to assist customers purchasing items typically not found in traditional

supermarkets. Food City's Ship Home (www. FoodCityShips.com) service enables customers to shop for hard-tofind items online and have them conveniently delivered to their door by FedEx. With nearly 30,000 available items, customers can choose from a wide variety of including categories, pet care, pantry staples, refrigerated and frozen foods, beverages, and

"Food City was one of the first retailers in our market to offer online ordering and curbside pick-up. We're excited to launch our new Ship to Home service which will provide our valued customers access to thousands of additional items, combined with the convenience of directto-home delivery," says Steven C. Smith, Food City president and chief executive officer.

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## Delegate agrees with Youngkin vetoes

Although the Virginia General Assembly's 2024 regular session is now complete, work continues in regard to Governor Youngkin's action on the hundreds of bills sent to him for consideration by the House and Senate. The Governor has signed over 100 bills into law at the time of this writing, and he has also vetoed 34 pieces of legislation (with more vetoes expected this week). Many of the governor's recent vetoes revolve primarily around public safety related legislation, and fortunately, his veto pen is protecting Virginians from dozens of bad ideas passed forth from the Democrat-controlled General Assembly.

Among those "bad ideas" is House Bill 455, which would have allowed prosecutors to charge possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance as a misdemeanor. Before the bill was amended, this also included fentanyl, which means that a person could have been charged with a misdemeanor for possessing up to 500 fatal doses of this deadly drug. This bill undermines the seriousness of drug offenses, and it will unfortunately lead to a public perception that possession of a scheduled drug such as cocaine or heroin is not a serious offense; akin to underage alcohol possession. Such perception would hinder our efforts to combat drug crises, such as the opioid epidemic. As a society, we can be fair to those who seek recovery while also providing strong legal disincentives to the abuse of substances that destroy families and lives.

Another public safety bill that met Governor



Delegate Jason Ballard

Virginia General Assembly

Youngkin's veto pen is House Bill 972, which prohibited courts from inquiring into a defendant's immigration status. Deportation is a serious outcome for non-citizens convicted of crimes. However, courts must absolutely have the right to inquire as to the immigration status of a defendant, as it is relevant information to the way the justice system should handle a potential flight risk. Such limitations on the information available to courts risk impeding their ability to adjudicate cases fairly and accurately, potentially resulting in severe consequences for the

Also vetoed by Governor Youngkin was House Bill 77, which sought to minimize sentencing – even retroactively - for those who commit robberies in Virginia. This proposal obviously poses significant public safety consequences for the Commonwealth, further reducing the tiered penalties for the different types of robberies. The Department of Corrections has reported that as of March 1, 2024, approximately 3,340 inmates with robbery as their most serious offense are incarcerated. Of the cohort of inmates released last July and August with enhanced earned sentence credits, 804 were re-arrested within three months of their release date. 50 of those who were re-arrested committed a robbery offense. Releasing violent offenders early harms our communities, and this bill further erodes the public's confidence in safe

It's truly disappointing to see the Democratic majority's focus on pandering to those who break our laws instead of embracing policies that make our communities safer. Fortunately, Governor Youngkin is a reliable backstop against many of these policies becoming law - this year. Victims of violent crime and anyone who values safe communities – should remember General Assembly Democrats' priorities come next election season.

As the Delegate representing the 42nd House District in the Virginia General Assembly, your concerns are my greatest priority. If ever I may be of assistance to you and your family, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at DelJBallard@House. Virginia.Gov. You can also follow me on Twitter @ JasonBallardVA or like my Facebook page, Jason Ballard for Delegate, to keep up to date with what I am doing in Richmond and in our community on your behalf.

## AARP Virginia Fraud Alert: Celebrity scams in the age of AI

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is the new shiny object that has captured the world's attention. It's also captured the attention of criminal scammers who are using it to make their fraudulent schemes more realistic than ever. One area where AI scams are particularly dangerous is celebrity impostor scams.

For many years criminals have impersonating celebrities online to steal from fans. Fake celebrity profiles offer fans personal connection, VIP access, investment opportunities or the chance to support favorite charities. These criminals attempt to create a bond through messaging or even a phone call from their "rep." With the power of AI, these scams can move from messaging to deepfake videos. Recent fake celebrity product

endorsements impersonating Dolly with them is likely a scam. Parton, Elon Musk and Tom Hanks demonstrate just how convincing these schemes can be.

Posting on a celebrity's social media account might be exciting, but it could put you at risk of this impostor scam. In whatever way you choose to enjoy your favorite celebs, do so recognizing that an opportunity to personally connect

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

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

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A recent article in the News "Public hearing Messenger, set for H20kies, New River Valley Aquatics lease request for new building construction," published March 16, 2024, included the following errors. The News Messenger regrets the

Possible construction for a building to provide additional space is needed, for the H2Okies program, not

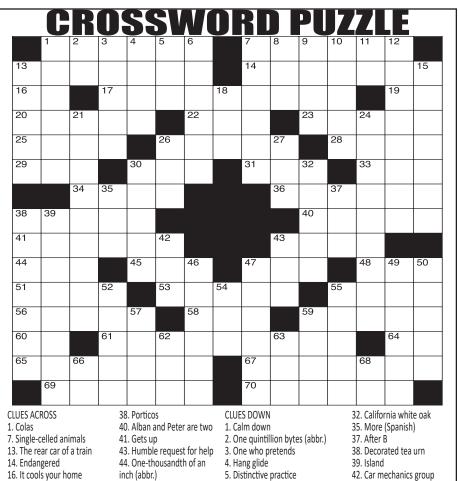
the Christiansburg Aquatic Center and was presented by H2Okies Head Coach/ Director Scott Baldwin. The peak hours of the

- competition pool are already at max capacity, not the facility itself. Balzer and Associates, Inc.,
- a design, and construction development company, has been working with the H2Okies program in the

process of this facility's construction, upon lease approval, not the CAC

- Since 2010, the H2Okies has given over \$60,000 in donations, not the CAC, to continued operations for competitive swimming and will continue to do so.
- The land proposal public hearing will be set according to advertising requirements, not on April 26.

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30. Sets up for a photo

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42. Car mechanics group 43. Wordplay joke

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## **BITUARIES**

### **Duffy, Jr., Finch Weston**

Finch Weston "Frank" Duffy, Jr., 82, of Radford, passed away Monday, April 1, 2024.

He was a proud U. S. Marine and retired from the Virginia State Police with 30 years' service. Frank was preceded in death by his parents, Finch Sr. and Lelia Duffy; and sister, Norma Jean Hatcher.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Barbara F. Duffy; son, Alan Duffy (DeEtta Ray); Ray);

James Ernest Everhart,

Sr., 80, passed away Wednesday, Mar. 27, 2024.

Jimmy was born May 18,

1943, in Loudoun County,

the son of the late Calvin

Everhart

Fleming.

and

He was a proud Vietnam

veteran having served as a

Sgt. in the U.S. Army as a helicopter crew chief to the

Lt. Col. from 1967 – 69.

He was a member of the

Radford VFW Post #776

and the American Legion –

Dublin Post # 58 where he

was a member of the honor

guard for many years. In his

early years he was an auto

mechanic and moved on to

spend his career as a master carpenter and had built many buildings and homes

in the Northern Virginia

He was a loving husband,

father, grandfather and

great grandfather. He was a

great storyteller and shared

his life experiences with

others. He liked classic cars

Bentley Calvin Jones, 66, of Christiansburg,

died Thursday, Mar. 28,

Christiansburg Aug. 14, 1957, to the late Daniel

Cooper Jones. He was also

preceded by his brother, Rev. David Jones and his

He is survived by his

daughters and sons-in-law,

Chrystal Long, Tabitha Hollins (Brent), Wendy

first wife, Wanda Jones.

He

was born in

and Lillian

and NRV areas.

Margie



and nephews; and other relatives and friends. The family will receive

**Everhart, Sr., James Ernest** 

and had quite a collection of

by his parents and sister,

wife of 56 years, June H.

Everhart; children, Anne Elizabeth Helms (Robert)

and James E. Everhart,

Jr. (April); grandchildren,

You), Everhart (Samantha), and Carissa (Svenja Williams); great

grandchildren, Magnolia Dean Everhart and Greyson

Jones, Bentley Calvin

Everhart

Devon

Jeanne (Ray) Phillipson.

He was preceded in death

Survivors include his

different models.

James

(Misha

friends 10 - 11:30 a.m. Thursday, April 4, 2024, at the Mullins Funeral Radford. Home in Funeral services begin at 11:30 a.m. with Rev. Mike Honaker officiating. with full Interment military honors with follow in the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin. The Duffy family

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

Piercy; brothers and sisters-

in-laws, Barrett and Peggy

Everhart, and Randolph

and Linda Everhart; sister

and brother-in-law, Patricia

and Bill Rutter; honorary

brothers, Gary Harris and

Ray Powell; and many other

friends Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at the Mullins

Funeral Home in Radford.

Funeral services will be

held at 11 a.m. Wednesday,

April 3, 2024, at the funeral

home with Rev. Don Shelor

officiating. Interment with

full military honors will

follow in the Southwest

Virginia Veterans Cemetery

consider contributions to the VFW Post #776, 913

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the care of Mullins Funeral

Home & Crematory in

Goerlich (Jason), Jada Farles; son, Dorian

Jones; 12 grandchildren;

six great-grandchildren;

sister, Nancy Smith; and

brothers, Curtis Jones and

held Wednesday, April

3, 2024 in the McCoy

Funeral Home Chapel

with Rev. Kevin Poston

Interment

Westview

officiating.

Cemetery.

followed at

A funeral service was

The Everhart family is in

In lieu of flowers, please

in Ďublin.

24141.

The family received

relatives and friends.

### Gilbert, Bobby Earl

Bobby Earl Gilbert, 80, of Elliston, died Friday, Mar. 29, 2024, at his

He was born in Welch, W.Va. Oct. 6, 1943, to the late Taulbee and Eva Prvor Gilbert. He was also preceded in death by his first wife, Alma Lee Gilbert; his second wife, Barbara Lee Gilbert; a son, Bobby Lee Gilbert; brothers Jimmy, Ernie, Billy, and Roger Gilbert; and sisters Peggy Songer and Mary Miller.

He is survived by his



daughters, Alice Theis (Butch), Lori Duncan and Kathy Campbell (J.D); grandchildren Jessica,

Travis, Brandon, Amy, Timmy, Andy, and Robin; 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; a sister, Pat Main; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were conducted Tuesday, April 2, 2024 in the Roselawn Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Wes Connor and Rev. Mike Sanborn officiating. The family received friends Monday, April 1, 2024 at McCoy Funeral Home.

## Holmes, William Lynn

William Lynn Holmes, 54, of Riner, went to be with his Heavenly Father, Friday, March 29, 2024, at Roanoke Memorial He was born May 15

1969. He was preceded in death by his father, Jessie Holmes. Willie was a member of Walton Pentecostal Church. He is survived by his

wife, Rexella Holmes; daughters, Felicity Holmes and Phoebe Holmes; mother, Darlene



Albert, Theresa Holmes, Elizabeth Holmes, and Jessica Roop (Jason); brother, Allen Holmes

and nephews. Funeral services will be conducted, Thursday,

(Marie); several nieces,

nephews, and great nieces

April 4, 2024, at 11 a.m. in the Walton Pentecostal Holiness Church with the Pastor Lee Sarver officiating. Interment will follow in the Roselawn Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends Wednesday April 3, 2024, 4-6 p.m. at McCoy Funeral Home, 150 Country Club Dr. S.W., Blacksburg.

A memorial service for Judy Koland of Morris, Minn., will be held Saturday, April 6, 2024, at 1 p.m. at the Pedersen Funeral Home in Morris, with Reverend Emmy Swedlund officiating. Visitation will begin at noon until the time of service at the funeral home. Entombment will be at the St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Christiansburg at a later

Mary Judith Templeman was born July 8, 1935 to Milo William and Marion Julia (Galpin) Templeman in Muscatine, Iowa. She was baptized and confirmed in the Episcopal faith. Judy attended Muscatine Grade School and graduated in 1953 from the Muscatine High School. She went on to the University of Iowa where she earned a Bachelor's of Arts Degree in Music. She married Clyde Johnson and they

In earlier years, Judy was busy raising four boys, much of it on her own. Once the four boys were safely in school, Judy started her professional career. She spent several years as an elementary music teacher, worked as an optometric assistant and served as news director at the local radio station for several years. She also served a term as a city council member in Morris. After leaving Morris, she continued her education in Special Education and worked

Arnold Eugene Mink,

brother, James Mink, and



many years as a special ed

marriage at the Isanti County Court House in Cambridge, Minn. She welcomed Laddie's children, and eventually their children into her life. Judy was an active member of the Episcopal Church. Her faith was very important to her and passed that down through the generations. She was a current member of the St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Christiansburg.

Judy loved to golf; while in Morris, she was a member of the Pomme Terre Golf Course and enjoyed playing on summer days with her group of friends on Ladies' Day. Wherever she and Laddie moved to, they found a course to play on, and were especially fond of The Hill course in

Christiansburg. She was a huge opera fan, listening to the Opera afternoon. She left this in her room and her family by her side.

Judy died Thursday,
Feb. 29, 2024, at The

Legacy in Morris, Minn. She was 88 years old. Judy is survived by

her husband, Laddie Koland; her sons Jeff Johnson, Joe (Sandie) Johnson, Ion Johnson, and (Renee) Matt (Amanda) Johnson; 12 grandchildren: Nick (Shae) Johnson, Steve (Nellie) Johnson, Kyle Anderson, Tricia (Steven) Murphy, Joshua (Megan Peterson) Johnson, Rachel Johnson, Jessica Steffen, Mark (Becky) Madelaine Johnson, MacKenzie (Sean) Hammer, Jacob Johnson, and Jaret (Gwen Hanson) Johnson; nine great-grandchildren: Clyde Johnson, Tiger Ann Johnson, Lucie Jonson, Clara Peterson, Lucie Oberon Steffen, Raven Steffen, Ellie Hammer, Hammer, Max Hammer; children by marriage: Lisa (Dave) Ault, and Paul (Shelly) Koland; and four grandchildren by marriage: George Perpich, Anna Ault, Erik Ault, and

She is preceded in death by her parents: Milo and Marion Templeman, stepmother Ozelle Templeman; and

Pedersen Funeral pedersenfh.com.

## Holmes; sisters, Kimberly

Koland, Judy

paraprofessional. 'Judy'

On July 31, 1981, Judy and Lennerd 'Laddie' Koland were united in

Metropolitan every available Saturday world with opera playing

Mink, Arnold Eugene

Andy Ault. one sister, Nancy Vetter.

Home is in care of the arrangements for Judy. To send condolences to the family, please visit www.

## Meadows, Gary R.

Hall (Willie), Mercedes

Cunningham, Samantha

Gary R. Meadows, 71, of Dublin, was born July 24, 1952 and completed his earthly journey journey Mar. 27, Wednesday, 2024.

He was a dedicated member of Heritage Church and was very active in the food pantry. Gary felt called to start a prayer ministry, alongside being active in the food pantry, to minister to people in need of prayer. He also started a men's bible study group. Gary was always trying to show people how to love the Lord. He was a giving and loving person who lived a life full of service, even serving in the U.S. National Guard from 1971 until 1977. He worked for Pulaski County as a school bus driver for 14 years. Gary never met a stranger and enjoyed talking to and helping everyone. His career in the retail profession was a great opportunity for him to meet people. Gary began his career at Heck's Inc. in Beckley, W. Va., before becoming manager of the Radford store. From there, he moved up to



become district manager, servicing stores in several states. He also worked for Service Merchandise and Big Lots before retiring from retail and becoming a car salesman. Gary loved traveling and buying and selling cars but eventually ended up doing what he loved best (accompanied by his faithful canine companion, Luke) and that was farming. His love of going to auctions and buying and selling farm equipment did not compare to the love he had for talking to people. Gary genuinely loved

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lacy Lonnie, Sr., and Irene Mills Meadows; brother, Lonnie Meadows; and his sister, Margie Thomas.

Survivors include his had four children. loving wife of 47 years, Sharon "Kitty" Meadows; children and their Matthew and spouses, Rebecca Meadows, Wes and Melissa Jarrell, and Traci and Ben Wright; grandchildren, Candice and Colton Meadows, Bailey, and Mikayla, Hudson Jarrell, and Meadow Wright; brothers, Randy Meadows, Sr. and Thomas Edward Meadows (Becky); sister, (Alan); Donna Smith brother-in-law, David Meadows (Kim); sister-inlaw, Jennifer Bailey; and many other relatives and special friends.

Gary's wish was to be cremated. The family will receive friends 12 -1 p.m. Saturday, April 6, 2024, at the Heritage Church in Dublin. A memorial service will begin at 1

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Heritage Cares Food Pantry, 6195 Cleburne Blvd, Dublin, VA 24084.

sister, Dolores Mink. Arnold served three The Meadows family years in the U.S. Army is in the care of Mullins and earned a good conduct and sharpshooter runeral Home Crematory in Radford. Funeral Home metal. He also worked

#### 83, of Blacksburg, died Thursday, Mar. 28, 2024. He was born in Harrisonburg, Va. on May 3, 1940, to the late James Cecil and Audrey Taylor Mink. He was also preceded in death by his

at First Virginia Bank of S.W., New River Nissan,

He is survived by his loving partner of 34 years, Polly Myers, and her family; daughter, Tracy Morris; granddaughter, Taylor Morris; sisters, Sandra Graham, Melonie "Sue" Somers, Rebecca "Becky" Beckner.

Military services were held Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin.

## Parish, Nancy Ann Linkous

Nancy Ann Linkous Parish, age 86 of Mount Airy NC passed from this life on

February 28, 2024. Nancy was born and raised in Montgomery Co. Virginia. She was the daughter of the late Arnold R. Linkous and Oveda Linkous. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Arnold "Sonny" R. Linkous. She preceded her husband Robert K. Parish in death by one day. Robert K. Parish originally from Galax, VA passed away on February 29, 2024.

Family left to cherish

her memories are sons, Randy Parish and his wife Amanda, and Andy Parish, granddaughter, Katie Parish Pierson and her husband Jim, sister Rita L. Callahan and her husband Eddie, sister-inlaw Susan Linkous, nieces DeAnne C. Webb and husband John, and Farrah Linkous, nephews Todd Callahan and his wife Pam, Darrell Linkous, and his wife Stephanie. Two step grandsons Daniel and Eli Harbaugh and step great granddaughter

Avery Pierson. and Nancy husband were graduates

of Kentucky Christian University and spent their 64 years together spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ. They served congregations in Índiana, Wisconsin, Ohio, and North Carolina.

They have gone home together to meet the Lord. Dual services to celebrate their lives and ministry will be held on Saturday March 9, 2024 at 2:00 pm with visitation preceding the service from 12-2 pm at Moody Funeral Home, Dobson NC. Burial will follow at the Double Creek Church of Christ, Dobson NC.

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## Tourism program offering free Google training to area businesses and attractions

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exclusively on travel and attractions, tourism.

There are webinars being offered April 9 Tuesday, and Tuesday, April 16 at 10 a.m. on both dates. The first presentation is more of an overview and general introduction, while the second highlights center: more advanced topics. Advance registration is required by visiting: sites.google.com/view/ montva

David Rotenizer, executive director of the regional tourism said program, programs will be a valuable experience.

"We are pleased to make this opportunity available to Montgomery County businesses,

interested residents," "As more he said. people turn to Google for area destination information, it is critical we meet with them with content expectations and delivery. Google also helps to populate our new virtual visitor https://vcgotomontva.com/."

This program is made available with funding through the American Rescue Plan Act Tourism Recovery Program (ARPA) administered by the Virginia Tourism Corporation.

> Blacksburg-Christiansburg-Montgomery County Regional Tourism



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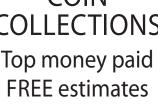


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Civil Case No.CL24-7298

VIRGINIA: IN THE

CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE

**CITY OF RADFORD** 

THE CITY OF RADFORD,

VIRGINIA, Plaintiff vs. the

heirs and devisees of ORA

FAYE CUNNIGHAM,

deceased

The heirs and devisees of

ANNA MAYE D.

BANNERMAN, deceased

HARRY M. BANNERMAN,

DAVID HUGGINS

Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to

FNFORCE THE LIEN OF

THE Plaintiff for delinquent

taxes against certain real

estate described as follows:

All that certain tract of land

in the City of Radford,

Virginia, being Lot No. 10,

Block G. Baldwin Land

Company, and designated

as Tax Map Number 3-(7)-

BLKG-10

Standing in the name of Ora

Faye Cunningham,

pursuant to Section 58.1-

3965 et seq. of the Code of

Virginia.

And an affidavit having

been filed that due diligence

has been used to ascertain

the names and location of

all of the heirs, devisees

and successors in title of

Ora Faye Cunnigham,

Phyllis Davis, and Anna

Maye D. Bannerman; that

there are or may be other

persons having an interest

the subject matter of this

suit whose names and last

post office addresses are

unknown, namely, the

unknown heirs, devisees

and successors in title of

Ora Faye Cunnigham,

Phyllis Davis, and Anna

Maye D. Bannerman; that

Harry M. Bannerman, Jr. is

a nonresident of the state of

Virginia, whose last known

post office address is 2010

NW 106<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Pembroke Pines, FL,

33026; that David Huggins

is a nonresident of the state

of Virginia, whose last

known post office address is

3 Center Street, Glen Cove,

NY. 11542.

It is ORDERED that this

order be published once a

week for two successive

weeks in the Radford News

Journal and that the parties

named herein appear on or

before May 27, 2024,at 9:30

am in the clerk's office of

the Circuit Court for the City

what may be necessary to

protect their interest in this

suit.

Enter: this 25<sup>th</sup> day of

March, 2024

Angel Turpin DC

Clerk

I ask for this:

James W. Elliot p.q.

Attorney at Law

P.O. Box 1410 Yorktown,

VA 23692

(757) 898-7000

**NOTICE OF** 

**PUBLIC HEARING** 

**CITY OF** 

RADFORD,

VIRGINIA

**NOTICE OF** 

PROPOSED REAL

**PROPERTY TAX** 

**INCREASE** 

Pursuant to Section 58.1-

3321 of the Code of

Virginia, notice is hereby

given that a public hearing

is scheduled

for 5:30 P.M. April 16, 2024

on the proposed Tax Rates

for Calendar Year 2024.

Interested parties are

invited

to attend the public hearing

and present their views. The

hearing will be held in the

Council Chambers located

at 10 Robertson Street.

The City of Radford

proposes to increase

property tax levies.

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2. Lowered Rate Necessary

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#### Legals - Botetourt County

#### BWW# VA-368482-**1TRUSTEE'S SALE** OF 1811 TIMBER RIDGE, **BUCHANAN, VA** 24066.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated December 7, 2017, in the original principal amount of \$140,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County Virginia as Instrument No.

170004806. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court on May 6, 2024, at 10:30 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust.

located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT VIRGINIA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY **DESCRIBED AS TRACT** 

NO. 7, CONTAINING 6.191 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF SUBDIVISION OF CEDAR ACRES. DATED FEBRUARY 7 1973, OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY VIRGINIA, IN THE PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 62. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or

certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set

Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from

the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to

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available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be

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8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWWLaw Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC,

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VA-368482-1.

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#### Legals - Botetourt County

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#### **Publication** Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. CL24-69

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT

COURT OF THE COUNTY

OF BOTETOURT COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA, a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant, V. WILLIAM

H. SMITH, ET AL.,

Respondent(s) The object of this suit is to: Enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Botetourt, Virginia, for delinguent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Botetourt, Virginia, described as follows Tax Map No. 102(2)4

Account No. 11709 All that certain tract or parcel of land, lying and being the Blue Ridge Magisterial District, Botetourt County, Virginia, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit: All that certain tract or parcel of land containing 6.9 acres, more or less, designated as Lot No. 4, as shown on plat entitled "Plat of the john A. Orange Tract", dated August 1941, made by S.S. Lynn, S.C.S., of record in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Plat Book 2, at Page 82. Together with a perpetual right of way and easement for the purpose of ingress and egress from the land herein described to the

public road. And being the same property conveyed to William H. Smith from Hubert J. Orange and Mary Frances Orange, his wife. by deed dated January 10, 1978, and recorded February 2, 1978, in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County. Virginia, in Deed Book 241 at Page 257.

This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and

reservations of record which affect the property herein described including but not limited to those recorded in Deed Book 186, at Page 355 and Deed Book 242 at Page 30.

IT APPEARING that an affidavit has been made and filed stating that the due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served,

that the last known addresses for the Respondents herein are as follows: William H. Smith, who is believed to be deceased and whose last address is unknown; Emily M. Smith, who is believed to be deceased and whose last

known address is unknown; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the Respondent named herein are made

parties Respondent to this action individually and/or by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose

location cannot be ascertained appear on or before May 6, 2024 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Botetourt, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.

Entered on the 21st day of March, 2024 T. Moore

I ask for this: Seth Konopasek, Esq. (VSB No. 97065) John A. Rife, Esq. (VSB No. 45805) Jeffery A. Scharf, Esq.(VSB No.30591)

Mark K. Ames, Esq. (VSB No.27409) Andrew M. Neville, Esq.

(VSB No. 86372) Paul L. LaBarr, Esq. (VSB No. 91609) Gregory L. Haynes, Esq. (VSB No. 37158)

Garrett w. Patton, Esq. (VSB No. 98345) Taxing Authority Consulting Services, PC P.O. 31800

Henrico, Virginia 23294-1800 Phone: (804)864-0080

TACS No.: 924110

#### Legals - City of Radford

TRUSTEE'S SALE PARCEL OF LAND **LOCATED IN: West** Ward of the City of Radford, Virginia Containing 0.2479 acres, more or less **Commonly Known** as: 1002 West Main Street, Radford, Virginia

IN EXECUTION OF A CERTAIN DEED OF TRUST OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF RADFORD CITY, VIRGINIA, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 201100838. DATED AUGUST 29, 2011 WHEREAS, BY DEED OF BARGAIN AND SALE AND ASSUMPTION DATED SEPTEMBER 1. 2016. RECORDED IN THE AFORESAID CLERK'S OFFICE AS INSTRUMENT NO: 201600804 THE DEED OF TRUST WAS ASSUMED BY MARK BROOKNER. DEFAULT HAVING BEEN MADE IN THE PAYMENT OF THE **DEBT THEREIN SECURED** AND BEING REQUIRED TO DO SO BY THE NOTEHOLDER, THE UNDERSIGNED SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, AFTER GIVING FOURTEEN (14) DAYS DUE NOTICE TO THE OWNERS OF THE REAL ESTATE OF THE DATE TIME, PLACE AND TERMS OF SALE, WILL OFFER FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION, IN FRONT OF THE RADFORD CITY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 619 SECOND STREET RADFORD, VIRGINIA, ON THE 5th DAY OF APRIL, 2024, AT 10:00 A.M., THE REAL ESTATE WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON KNOWN AND **DESCRIBED AS** FOLLOWS: All that certain tracts or parcels of land, with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances 'thereunto belonging situate, lying and being in the City of Radford, Virginia, and described as BFING all of Lots 28 and 29, part of Lots 27, 30, 34, 35, Section 1, Plan C, Radford 'Land and Improvement Company Lots, containing 0.2479 acres (10,800 sq. ft.), as

designated and described on a plat of survey entitled Physical Survey Lots 28, 29 and Part of Lots 27, 30, 34, 35 Section 1, Plan C Radford Land and Improvement Co. West Ward City of Radford, Virginia for Ronald R. Sowers", dated August 23,

2011, Job No. 565811, by James Conrad Groseclose, II, Land Surveyor, Mathews and Henegar Inc., professional engineers and land surveyors, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part

hereof and reference is hereby made to said plat of survey for a more accurate description of the property herein conveyed: Tax Map Number: 13-(5)-SEC 1-27A-28-29-30A-

34A+ Account Number: 020000684. Commonly Known As: 1002 West Main Street, Radford, Virginia SALE WILL BE MADE SUBJECT TO ALL EXISTING EASEMENTS

AND RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS AS THE SAME MAY LAWFULLY AFFECT THE REAL ESTATE. TERMS OF SALE: CASH, SETTLEMENT WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS OF SALE. A BIDDERS **DEPOSIT OF TEN** PERCENT (10%) MAY BE

REQUIRED PLACE OF SALE: FRONT OF RADFORD CITY COURTHOUSE, AT 619 SECOND STREET. RADFORD, VIRGINIA DATE OF SALE: APRIL 5, 2024 TIME OF SALE: 10:00

A.M. Daniel D. Hamrick, PC Substitute Trustee By: Daniel D. Hamrick Agent For Daniel D. Hamrick, PC FOR INFORMATION CONTACT

Daniel D. Hamrick, Agent Daniel D. Hamrick, P.C. 104 South Franklin Street Christiansburg, VA 24073 (540) 382-0131

> value. This rate will be known as the "lowered tax rate."

#### Legals - City of Legals - City of Radford

#### 3. Effective Rate Increase: The City of Radford proposes to adopt a tax rate of \$.69 per \$100 of

assessed value. The difference between the lowered tax rate and the proposed rate would be

\$.05 per \$100, or 7.8% percent. This difference will be known as the "effective tax rate increase.

Individual property taxes

may, however, increase at a

percentage greater than or less than the above percentage. 4. Proposed Total Budget

Increase: Based on the proposed real property tax rate and changes in other revenues the total budget of the City of Radford will exceed last

years by 10 percent.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for review in the City Manager's office, and on the City's website at www.radfordva.gov BY THE ORDER OF

NOTICE OF **PUBLIC HEARING** CITY OF RADFORD.

**VIRGINIA** 

RADFORD CITY COUNCIL

#### **TAX LEVIES FOR CALENDAR YEAR** 2024 AND F.Y. 2024-2025 BUDGET

Pursuant to Section 58.1-3007 of the Code of Virginia, notice is hereby given that a public hearing is scheduled for 5:30 P.M. April 16, 2024 on the proposed Tax Rates for Calendar Year 2024. Interest parties are invited to attend the public hearing and present their views. The hearing will be held in the Council

FURTHER, notice is given that the Council's intention to increase in the following tax levies for Calendar year

Real Property tax levy at

Chambers located at 10

Robertson Street

\$0.69 per one \$100.00 of assessed value, as advertised in a separate notice on April 3, FURTHER, notice is given

that the Council's intention to propose no increases in the following tax levies for Calendar year 2024: 2. Machinery and tools tax

levy remains at \$1.76 per \$100.00 of assessed value 3. Tangible personal property as listed and

specified in Subsections 3 through 13 of Section 58.1-3503A, Code of Virginia, 1950 as

amended, remains at \$2.44 per \$100.00 of assessed value.

4. Tangible personal property as listed and specified in Subsections 15 through 19 of Section 58.1-3503A, Code of Virginia 1950 As

Amended, remains at \$1.76 per \$100.00 of assessed value

Notice is also given that the

City Council of Radford City scheduled a public hearing for 5:30 P.M. or as soon thereafter. April 16, 2024 on the Advertised Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget in the amount of \$79,043,310 The hearing will be held in the Council Chambers located at 10 Robertson

Street

The following is a synopsis

of the 2024-2025 Budgets: CITY OF RADFORD Total for City GENERAL FUND \$35,411,361 STREETS MAINTENANCE FUND \$2,829,359 TRANSIT \$2,860,488 WATER/WASTEWATER FUND \$6,320,498 **ELECTRIC FUND** \$28,854,443

\$1,078,320 \*Not included in total above as this fund is allocated

SOLID WASTE FUND

\$1.688.841

\*INTERNAL SERVICES

\$46,803,799. The Summary is as Follows: RADFORD CITY SCHOOL

#### Legals - City of Radford

**OPERATING FUND** 

\$38,098,270 SCHOOL NUTRITION FUND \$1,033,057 GRANTS FUND \$2.694.745 TEXTROOKS FUND \$852,102 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND \$220,000 HEALTH INSURANCE FUND \$2,858,251 **REGION 7 VIRTUAL** ACADEMY FUND \$862,896

available for review in the City Manager's office, the Radford Public Library, and on the City's website at www.radfordva.gov BY THE ORDER OF RADFORD CITY COUNCIL

A copy of the document is

#### Legals - City of Salem

#### **Notice**

is hereby given to all

interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on April 10, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., in the Community Room, Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke Boulevard, in the City of Salem. Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

Philip M. and Rachel C. Knouff, property owners, for the amendment of a Home Occupation Permit to allow retail sales at the cut flower farm (garden) on the property located at 275 Ft Lewis Blvd (Tax Map # 130-2-22)

2. Consider the request of

1. Consider the request of

PHC of Virginia, LLC/Acadia Healthcare, Mt Regis Center, property owner, for the amendment of the Use Not Provided For permit to allow additions to the outpatient mental health and substance abuse treatment center on the property

located at

125 Knotbreak Road.

(Tax Map # 148-1-5)

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY Christopher J. Dorsey

Executive Secretary

#### Order of **Publication**

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104

Case No. CL24000383 **ROANOKE COUNTY** Circuit Court, 305 EAST MAIN STREET, SALEM, VA 24153 in re LILLIAN MAY **RICHARDSON** 

The object of this suit is to: NAME CHANGE FOR MINOR. It is ORDERED that AMBER MARIE RICHARDSON AND WILLIAM JOSEPH RICHARDSON appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on MAY 9, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

> Jennifer J. West Deputy Clerk Legals - Craig

MARCH 22.2024

#### County **{TRUSTEE'S SALE**

#### OF 78 The Lane, New Castle, VA 24127

Tax Map No: 58-1-14 In execution of a Credit Line

Deed of Trust dated January 26, 2012, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for Craig County, Virginia, as Instrument No 120000054. the

#### Legals - Craig County

Blacksburg, Virginia, said plat being of record in the Clerk's Office of Craig County, New Castle, Virginia, in Deed Book 43, page 45, reference is hereby made to the abovementioned plat for a more particular description

The hereinabove described

property is subject to

restrictions and reservation recorded in Deed Book 96, page 642 in the aforesaid Clerk's Office. Date of Sale April 17, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the Craig County Circuit Court,

182 Main Street, Suite 4, New Castle, VA 24127.

Terms: CASH: a deposit in the form of certified funds in the amount of \$10,000 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower. Settlement within thirty (30) days of date of sale. Time is

of the essence.

OPTIONS: 1. All costs of conveyance, examination of title, recording charges, etc. will be at cost of purchaser with

the exception of the grantor's tax. Neither the Substitute Trustee nor any other party guarantees or covenants to deliver or in any way to obtain possession of the premises for any third party purchaser

2. The Substitute Trustee

reserves the right to reject receive bids or withdraw the property from sale at any time. In addition, should the Substitute Trustee be unable, for any reason, in its sole discretion, to convey title, the successful bidder's sole remedy in law or equity shall be the return of his deposit. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be

void and of no effect.

Additional terms may be announced at the time of the sale. The Substitute Trustee will convey the above-described property to the purchaser(s) by Special Warranty deed at settlement and makes no additional representations or warranties of any kind regarding the title to said

property. John K. Prillaman, Esq. Substitute Trustee For Information Contact: John K. Prillaman, Esq. OPN LAW 3140 Chaparral Drive Roanoke, Virginia 24018

#### Legals - Town of Vinton

(540) 725-8194

**PUBLIC NOTICE** The Planning Commission of Town of Vinton, Virginia, hereby gives notice of a work session to be held on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., or shortly thereafter.

The purpose of the work session is to discuss Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Improvement Projects (CIP). The work session will be held in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia. Further information concerning this notice may be obtained by calling (540) 983-0605.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO **COMPLY WITH DISABILITIES ACT** Reasonable efforts will be made to provide assistance or special arrangements to qualified individuals with disabilities in order to participate in or attend the meetings. Please call (540) 983-0605 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting so that proper arrangements may be made.

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#### to Offset Increased Assessment: The tax rate through all other funds. which would levy the same Substitute Trustee will offer amount of Notice is also given that the the above-described real estate tax as last year, City Council of Radford City property for sale to the when multiplied by the new will hear comments on the highest bidder at public total assessed value of real Radford City School Board auction on the date and estate with the exclusions Budget in the amount of time referenced below. THE ASSIFIEDSmentioned above, would be \$.64 per \$100 of assessed Lot No. 14 of Aps Knob Where the Deals Are!

Subdivision as laid down in a plat prepared by Draper-**BOARD Total for Schools** Aden Associations, Inc. of

Legals -Montgomery County

**NOTICE OF** TRUSTEE'S SALE **OF IMPROVED REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT: 4916** Pilot Road, Pilot, **VA 24134 COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY** 

Parcel ID: 012435/Tax Map# 131-A-90 IN EXECUTION OF A DEED OF TRUST IN THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$93,000.00 DATED THE 22nd DAY OF APRIL, 2021, RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE

OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 2021-4295, DATED APRIL 22, 2021, DEFAULT HAVING OCCURRED IN THE PAYMENT OF THE NOTE SECURED THEREBY, AND AT THE REQUEST OF THE HOLDER OF THE NOTE THE UNDERSIGNED SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE

WILL OFFER FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY LOCATED AT: 55 EAST MAIN STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA 24073, ON 22ND DAY OF APRIL, 2024 AT 10:30 A.M., THE REAL **ESTATE WITH IMPROVEMENTS** 

THEREON, LYING AND BEING SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY STATE OF VIRGINIA AND MORE PARTICULARLY **DESCRIBED AS** FOLLOWS: BEING Tract No. 1, containing 1.0957 acre, as shown on plat entitled, "Carl N. McNeil and Jeanne H.

located on Rte. 615 Shawsville Mag. Dist. Montgomery County, Virginia" dated August 16, 1978, prepared by L.J. Quesenberry, land surveyor, designated Job No. 190, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, in Deed

Stosser 2.1373 acre (total)

Book 404, Page 625. Tax Map# 131-A-90 / Parcel ID: 012435 Address: 4916 Pilot Road, Pilot, VA SALE WILL BE MADE SUBJECT TO ALL

**EXISTING EASEMENTS** 

AND RESTRICTIVE **COVENANTS** AS THE SAME MAY LAWFULLY AFFECT THE REAL ESTATE. TERMS OF SALE: CERTIFIED FUNDS OR CASHIER'S CHECK. A BIDDER'S DEPOSIT OF TEN PERCENT (10%) OF

THE SALES PRICE, WITH **FULL SETTLEMENT TO** BE MADE WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS FROM DATE OF SALE.

ADDITIONAL TERMS MAY BE ANNOUNCED AT THE TIME OF SALE. THIS NOTICE IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT

**PURPOSE** PLACE OF SALE: FRONT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 55 EAST MAIN STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG.

VIRGINIA 24073DATE OF SALE: APRIL 22, 2024 TIME OF SALE: 10:30 AM Daniel D. Hamrick, PC, Trustee

By: Daniel D. Hamrick, Agent FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Daniel D. Hamrick, Agent for Daniel D. Hamrick, P.C., Trustee 104 South Franklin Street

Christiansburg, VA 24073 (540) 382-0131



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Legals -Montgomery County

**NOTICE OF** TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED **REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT: 167** Penny Royal Road, Pilot, VA 24134 **COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY** Parcel ID: 012692/Tax

> Map# 131-A-26 IN EXECUTION OF A

DEED OF TRUST IN THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$39,920.00 DATED THE 25th DAY OF JUNE, 2021, RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY

COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AS **INSTRUMENT NO. 2021-**6796. DATED JUNE 25. 2021, DEFAULT HAVING OCCURRED IN THE PAYMENT OF THE NOTE SECURED THEREBY, AND AT THE REQUEST OF THE HOLDER OF THE

NOTE. THE UNDERSIGNED SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE WILL OFFER FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY LOCATED AT: 55 FAST MAIN STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA 24073, ON 22ND DAY OF APRIL, 2024

AT 10:00 A.M., THE REAL **ESTATE WITH IMPROVEMENTS** THEREON, LYING AND BEING SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, STATE OF VIRGINIA AND MORE **PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS** 

FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING at an iron stake on the south side of private roadway and a corner to the Sutphin place (now Cole); thence with said roadway in the line with the party of the first part 481 feet in a westerly direction to an iron stake; corner to the yard fence of the party of the first part; thence along a line with the yard

fence 205 feet to a southerly direction to an iron stake, corner to G.W. Miller; thence with the line of G.W. Miller in an easterly direction 526 feet to a point

of BEGINNING, the said trace of land containing 2-1/4 acres of land, more or less. Tax Map# 131-A-26 / Parcel ID: 012692

Address: 167 Penny Royal Road, Pilot, VA 24138 SALE WILL BE MADE

SUBJECT TO ALL **EXISTING EASEMENTS** AND RESTRICTIVE **COVENANTS AS THE** SAME MAY LAWFULLY AFFECT THE REAL **ESTATE** 

TERMS OF SALE: CERTIFIED FUNDS OR CASHIER'S CHECK. A BIDDER'S DEPOSIT OF TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE SALES PRICE, WITH FULL SETTLEMENT TO BE MADE WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS FROM DATE OF SALE.

ADDITIONAL TERMS MAY BE ANNOUNCED AT THF TIME OF SALE. THIS NOTICE IS AN

ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

PLACE OF SALE: FRONT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT 55 EAST MAIN STREET. CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA 24073 DATE OF SALE: APRIL 22, 2024 TIME OF SALE:10:00 AM Daniel D. Hamrick, PC Substitute Trustee

Agent FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel D. Hamrick, Agent for Daniel D. Hamrick, P.C. Substitute Trustee 104 South Franklin Street Christiansburg, VA 24073

By: Daniel D. Hamrick,

#### (540) 382-0131 Order of **Publication**

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,20-104 Case No. CL23001822-00 MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1. CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re BRENDA MARIÉ BRIDGES v. SCOTT THOMAS

**BRIDGES** The object of this suit is to:

DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that SCOTT THOMAS BRIDGES appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before MAY 8TH, 2024. Signed

March 5, 2024

Robert M.D. Turk, Judge

Legals -Montgomery County

#### Order of **Publication** Commonwealth of Virginia

VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. CL24000402-00 MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re JOHANNA

RENEE PHILLIPS v.

MICHAEL DWAYNE

PHILLIPS. The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that MICHAEL DWAYNE PHILLIPS appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before MAY 15, 2024. MARCH 13, 2024 Robert M.D. Turk, Judge

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

**BLACKSBURG TOWN** COUNCIL will hold public hearings on Tuesday, April 9. 2024 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, regarding the following items:

Ordinance 2048: An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the Town of Blacksburg, Virginia for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2024 and Ending June 30, 2025; Adopting the Real Estate Tax Rate; and Appropriating Funds for the Fiscal Year. The proposed ordinance would approve the Town's 2024/2025 operating budget and maintain the existing tax rate. This is described in more detail in the standalone advertisement published in the Roanoke Times on March 24, 2024.

Ordinance 2049: An Ordinance Amending Blacksburg Town Code Sections 18-201, 18-400, 24-301, 24-306, 24-314, And 24-602 to Increase Fees for Water and Sewer Services and Meter Fees. The ordinance increase the amounts of the referenced fees; the increases are described in more detail in stand-alone advertisements published in the Roanoke Times on March 24, 2024 and March 31, 2024.

Ordinance 2050: An Ordinance to Amend the FY 2023/2024 Operating **Budget to Appropriate** \$2,500,000 of Bond Proceeds to the General Capital Improvement Fund. Ordinance 2050 will appropriate funding for the potential purchase of several parcels of land. The funding for this purchase will be included in the 2024 bond offering.

All persons affected by or interested in the proposed items above may appear and present their views. After each public hearing, Town Council will consider action on the item. Copies of materials related to the above items are on file and can be obtained in the Office of the Town Clerk, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, weekdays

between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. For land use matters, copies of applications and all related items may also be found online at

www.blacksburg.gov/public hearings or reviewed in person at the Blacksburg Planning and Building Department, 400 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance to attend and participate in this meeting should contact

#### 443-1000 (voice or TDD). **ABC NOTICE**

Lorraine Spaulding, Town

Clerk at (540) 443-1025 or

NEW RIVER BARBECUE LLC, trading NEW RIVER BARBECUE, 3205 ROANOKE ST. CHRISTIANSBURG, VA

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JAMES B. SHERMAN-**OWNER** 

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

Legals - City of Radford

#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING-**

Pursuant to Section 15.2-

2204 of the Code of Virginia

1950, as amended, the Radford City Council hereby gives notice of a joint public hearing with Planning Commission to be held on April 8, 2024 at 7:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers, at 10 Robertson Street, Radford, VA, in order to hear citizen comments regarding City Council's intention to act on the following Special Use Permit request: A request by K&J Properties (applicant) on behalf of Islands on the New, LLC (owner) for a Special Use Permit to allow for a RV Resort. The use is defined as "Recreational Vehicle Park" in the Zoning Ordinance, which is allowed in the M-1 Zoning District and within the CD Zoning District only by an approved Special Use Permit. The property is located at 3080 Little River Dam Rd, further identified as Tax Parcel 24-1-8, with 36 acres, zoned CD Conservation and M-1 Light Industrial. The property is designated as Low-Density Residential in the Comprehensive Plan. Copies of the proposed plan, applications, ordinances may be examined at the Community Development Office, 10 Robertson Street, Radford, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

#### **STATEWIDE ADS**

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Commercial Foreclosure Auction. 341 E. Market St. Leesburg, VA 20176. 2,719 sq ft Income Term Tenant. Live Auction April 11th 11:00 AM at Loudoun Co Courthouse. DudleyResources.com for info.

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#### **SERVICES**

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

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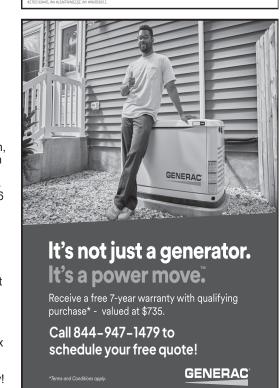




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# Montgomery Sports

## Worley recognized for 30-under-30 award, all-American honors

Raena Worley has been selected as a recipient of the inaugural 2024 Sarah Bennett Holmes 30 Under 30 award with Kentucky alumna Jocelyn Grimsley and Rhyne Howard.

The Sarah Bennett Holmes Awards were designed to honor Sarah Bennett Holmes, a distinguished former Dean of Women at the University of Kentucky who

tirelessly championed the rights of women throughout The annual Sarah Bennett Holmes Award has been

bestowed upon UK faculty, staff and graduate students who have achieved professional and personal success while promoting the growth and well-being of all women at the University of Kentucky and beyond.

Worley, a native of Christiansburg, is one of the most decorated and accomplished gymnasts in Kentucky history next to the legendary Jenny Hansen. A two-time AAI Award finalist and Honda Award finalist, Worley has been nothing short of impressive in her five seasons as a Wildcat. She is an eight-time All-American, fourtime All-SEC honoree, SEC Community Service Team recipient and has been named to the SÉC Honor Roll four times. This season, Worley has earned four career perfect

10.0's on the floor exercise and uneven bars. She was also named the floor Co-Champion at the 2024 SEC Gymnastics Championship last weekend.

Now a 12-time All-American, Raena Worley adds four new honors to her repertoire. In this season's regular season awards, she has been named first team in the allaround, floor and bars and second team on the balance beam. Worley, a fifth-year senior, holds an NQS of 39.710 in the all-around, ranking seventh in the nation. She has tallied 29 all-around titles in her five seasons at UK seeing her career best of 39.775 at Illinois in 2023. Worley has been nationally ranked in the top 10 of the all-around for 12 consecutive weeks and top five for 11 consecutive weeks. She saw the highest ranking of No. 2 on Weeks 1 and 7 of the 2024 regular season. Earning a perfect 10.0 and 13 career individual

wins on the uneven bars, Worley has been named to the first team for her success on the apparatus. She possesses an NQS of 9.960 tying for fourth nationally. This season, she has been ranked in the top five on bars for 12 consecutive weeks ranking No. 1 on Weeks 1, 3, 5, and 7. She earned one perfect 10.0 on bars in 2024 (2/17). For eight consecutive weeks, Worley has held the No. 1 ranking on the floor exercise earning first team honors for the event. She holds an NQS of 9.990 earning four perfect 10.0's on the apparatus and 26 individual wins including the Co-Champion title at this year's Southeastern Conference Championship. Worley's fourth All-America honor is a second team nod on beam. She has tallied 15 individual wins on the event in her career with a current NQS of 9.935. She ties for No. 16 in the nation on the event.

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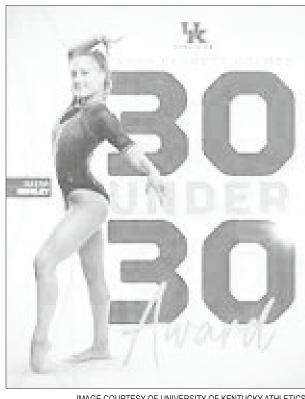


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## What's next at Tech thanks to portal?

From the Sidelines

Marty Gordon

Hmmm, the transfer portal? A lot of Hokies fans are scratching their heads on what is happening in

Last week, Virginia Tech lost all five of its men's basketball starters and two others to either graduation or the portal. National media have called Tech's situation as a "mass exodus".

There has been no indication to the reason, but Coach Mike Young is going to be diving deep into the portal to find a whole new group for the court.

Robbie Beran and Hunter Cattoor are simply out of eligibility, but Sean Pedula, MJ Collins, Lynn Kidd, Mylyiel Poteat and Tyler Nickel, all started looking for a new home. Poteet did return to the fold, but the others are already packing their bags. Kidd is bound for ACCfoe Miami.

A lot of the eyes are on the women's program where the Hokies are looking for a new coach after Kenny Brooks moved to the University of Kentucky. So far, only one player has placed their name into the portal.

But quietly, the Radford University women are the ones needing players to fill out the roster. A total of five RU players entered their names into the portal. The list

included Ashlyn Traylor-walker, sister of former VT player Kayana Traylor. The 5-8 sophomore averaged 16 points and six rebounds per game this past season as she was named first-team All-Big South. There has been speculation she will transfer to Blacksburg.

Meanwhile, the other RU players included 5-11 guard Bria Beverly, 6-4 center Emma Fox, 5-11 wing Maci Rhodes and 5-7 guard Olivia Walker.

The current landscape of college sports has become like free agency of professional sports. Every fan will need a scorecard every year to figure out who is on the court. Loyalty and a sense of team is no longer in the athletes' dictionary.

While we are centering this week on basketball, the

portal is affecting every sport. Players are going to come and go with a revolving door at the front of the line.

The portal has become a bad thing for college athletics, and for now, we can't do nothing about it.

On a side note from this past weekend's women's March Madness, the NCAA screwed up on the three-

The NCAA 3-point line is at 22 feet, 1 3/4 inches for both women and men. But not this weekend in Portland, Oregon.

Coaches discovered the difference before the game, and the NCAA confirmed the problem.

The error or the difference was discovered before Sunday's games. It had been used for four semi games on Friday and Sunday.

Coaches agreed to play on instead of facing a delay to realign the court. One side was much shorter.

How could this happen? The NCAA needs to step up and eliminate the difference between women's and men's basketball. This was just another example of people not caring.

The NCAA must do better job of making the women's and men's game more equal.

## Tech announces NIL initiatives ahead of Spring game

initiatives heading into the spring game, presented by PMSI, set for Saturday, April 13, at 3 p.m. ET.

In lieu of ticketing for this year's game, fans are encouraged to participate in the NIL event of their choosing.

"We could not be more excited to announce these special opportunities with Triumph NIL and The Hokie Way," said Whit Babcock, Virginia Tech Director of Athletics. "It is a perfect opportunity for our fans to support our student-athletes in the realm of name, image and likeness and also put their name in the hat for tremendous experiences and exclusive items."

Triumph NIL will conduct a sweepstakes encompassing exclusive experiences and items fans can of winning. The deadline to enter is Monday, April 15 at noon ET.

The grand prize features a VIP trip to the season opener in Nashville against Vanderbilt, inclusive of two seats on a chartered flight, lodging, tickets and meals. Other prizes to win include a sideline Sandman experience, signed merchandise and a behind the scenes Hokie Walk experience. Additional prizes may be added over the next two

Founded in 2022, Triumph NIL stands to create meaningful Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) partnerships for studentathletes. The organization specializes in curating opportunities that meet all NCAA compliance and State legal criteria. Triumph NIL seeks to maximize

Virginia Tech Athletics, in enter to win by making a contribution for individual and group earning potential "Hokie fans are going to want to pur collaboration with Triumph NIL and each entry, with the option of entering and provide clarity to key stakeholders down competitive bids on these items," The Hokie Way, has announced NIL more than once to increase chances through creative activations. For more said Executive Director of The Hokie

information, visit TriumphNIL.com. The first-ever Hokie Way Auction will take place from April 1-15, allowing Hokie fans from around the world to bid on exclusive items and experiences, all going to support the NIL interests of Virginia Tech student-athletes.

The auction will run from noon on Monday, April 1 until noon on Monday, April 15. See the auction site before it goes live.

Exclusive items up for bid include, but are not limited to, autographed football helmets, exclusive golf experiences, access to vacation homes in Florida and Wyoming, an autographed WBB Final Four courtside chair, a film breakdown with former defensive coordinator Bud Foster and more.

"Hokie fans are going to want to put Way, Matthew Sams. "These are things Tech fans would love to have in their home or to experience with their families, and all of it benefits a great cause to help our dedicated efforts to uphold the best NIL ecosystem in the country for our

student-athletes.' The Hokie Way is a 501(c)(3)nonprofit organization that was created in order to allow Virginia Tech studentathletes to leverage their name, image and likeness to amplify the missions of charitable organizations. Want to learn more about The Hokie Way? Check out the organization's website at thehokieway.org.

Virginia Tech Athletics

## Reseating of Lane Stadium, Cassell Coliseum

With the reseating and reparking of Lane Stadium and Cassell Coliseum set to begin in April, Virginia Tech Athletics has prepared the details to help ticket holders navigate the process

A reminder that the reseating process is only available for football, men's basketball and women's basketball season ticket holders and the order of selection is based entirely on fans' Hokie Scholarship Fund ranking as of March

Any new ticket buyers after this date, or ticket buyers who did not qualify for a Hokie Scholarship Fund ranking (minimum \$25 Hokie Scholarship Fund gift), will be contacted after the selection process is complete their seating and parking for 2024. Learn more about becoming a season ticket holder.

Be on the lookout for your assigned seat selection date and time sent via email on April 3, 2024. This email will come from updates@ go.hokiesports.com. If you do not receive your selection date/time by April 3 please reach out immediately via phone (during business hours) at 1-800-VATECH4 or via email at hokietix@ vt.edu.

Familiarize yourself with the venues. As previously announced, both Lane Stadium and Cassell Coliseum will be renumbered in 2024 to improve fan navigation on gameday. Sections and seat numbers will change to sequential order while the rows will stay the same. These updated maps include pricing adjustments for

2024-25. VIEW MAPS. Log in to your account to familiarize yourself

with the seat selection platform. The selection platform is provided by a leader in the ticket industry and is as user-friendly as possible. However, it is always recommended to login prior to your selection so you can familiarize yourself with the process and ensure smooth checkout flow. LOG IN.

Fans needing additional assistance can always make an appointment with our service team by calling 1-800-VATECH4 or via email hokietix@vt.edu. Appointments must be made no later than one day in advance.

Details regarding the actual process of selecting your seats and parking for football and/or basketball will be shared via your selection date and time email sent on April 3. To review the process in advance fans can visit seating.hokiesports.com for a complete step by step guide. This guide also answers frequent questions such as group seating, missed appointment times, ticket priority limits, etc.

Because 2024 is a full reseating year, location in any part of the venue is not guaranteed. Thus, all tickets were renewed/purchased at the lowest price point. Additional ticket costs, and possibly Hokie Scholarship Fund giving, may be required at the time of checkout based on your desired location. Ticket prices across football, men's basketball and women's basketball have been adjusted for 2024.

Both Lane Stadium and Cassell Coliseum will be renumbered for the 2024-25 athletics

Virginia Tech Athletics

## Bobcat girls defeat Spartans



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The Radford Bobcats girls softball team at Giles Spartans game, held Wednesday, Mar. 27, ended with a final score of Radford 10 - Giles 4. Kaydence Rollins collected four hits as the Radford Bobcats defeated the Giles Spartans. Radford jumped out to the lead after Ella Cox singled and Olivia Radford doubled, scoring two runs. Addie Saunders, Price, and Ariel Sutphin each collected multiple hits for the Bobcats. Kathryn Price earned the win for Radford going four and one third innings and Quinn Burton collected the save. Addisyn Vanderpool and Addison Hylton each collected two hits for the Giles Spartans. Vanderpool, Lowry, and Hylton each drove in one run.

## Sports notes: H2okies ninth at nationals

From Mar. 27-30, Virginia Tech competed in the 2024 NCAA men's swimming and diving championships. The Hokies placed ninth with 172 points, which tied the highest finish in program history from a year ago. The men are leaving Indianapolis breaking six school records and with multiple All-America honors.

Head Coach Sergio Lopez Miro:

"The Men's NCAA 2024 Championship has come to an end. We finished in ninth place, five points from eighth. We had five school records in relays and one school record for Youssef in the 50 backstroke. We scored 40 points more than we did last year in a very competitive field so overall I am very happy. The theme for us internally is to be consistent and create sustainable success. Within the last four years, we were 11th in the COVID year with not a lot of teams, 11th with all the teams, ninth last year and ninth this year. So, we are on a very good trajectory. The kids fought until the end and now we got to regroup and next year place higher. Thank you for all your support and go Hokies!"

Hollifield to Appy State

Former Virginia Tech offensive lineman Jack Hollifield has announced plans to where he will play after entering the transfer portal. Hollifield committed to Appalachian State.

McClure breaks ACC record

Virginia Tech's Conner McClure set an alltime ACC record in the men's pole vault clearing a height of 18'10.25" (5.75m) on Saturday, March

McClure, a native of Green, Ohio, cleared the record-breaking height on his first-attempt in the elite section, meeting the automatic standards for the 2024 US Olympic Team Trials in June. He opens the outdoor season ranked second in the NCAA, and first in the ACC.

Freshman Maddox Hamm won the men's pole vault on Thursday clearing a personal-best height of 18' 2.50" (5.55m). Harrison Rice placed fourth in the event clearing 17'4.50" (5.30m).

Hamm ranks second in the ACC (fourth in NCAA), followed by Rice in third.

Coal Cats new Appy team

Tri-State Baseball, the Appalachian League's newest team, unveiled its new team name and logos, announcing that the organization will be known as the Tri-State Coal Cats.

The Coal Cats felt it was essential to appeal to the wide-ranging Tri-State area of Huntington, W.Va., Southern Ohio and Northeast Kentucky. The Coal Cats moniker is derived from the region's rich and historic coal mines dating back to the 1800s. "Cats" helps create an alliterative wordplay that provides the new ballclub with a one-of-a-kind name that will soon be recognized nationwide. In addition to unveiling their new name, the

Coal Cats released their team logos. The Coal Cats' primary roundel features the Coal Cat, location and mascot name, and baseball stitches. The Coal Cat mark is comprised of a rigid, rocklike texture to emulate a chunk of coal mined from the earth.

Salem Red Sox

The Salem Red Sox, the Class-A affiliate of the Boston Red Sox, are excited to announce this season's promotional schedule along with the launch of single game tickets.

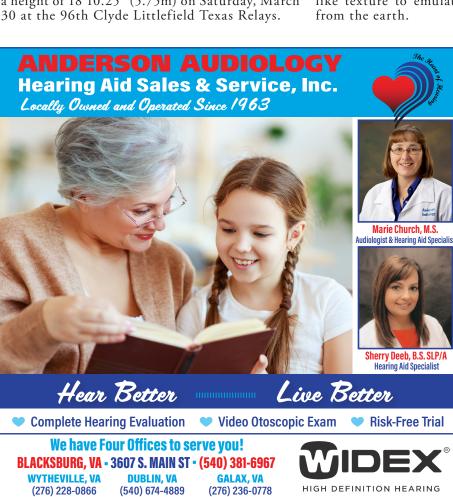
Starting at just \$14, Salem Red Sox single-game tickets are now available online or by calling (540) 389-3333. Seniors (65 years or older), military, and children (12 years and under) will receive a \$2 discount. Season ticket packages are still available for purchase starting at just \$144.

The Salem Red Sox will offer several promotional nights including fireworks, exciting giveaways and much more as the team enters their 16th season as a Boston Red Sox affiliate.

The Salem Red Sox game times are set for 7:05 p.m. Tuesday-Friday (Tuesday, April 16th will be a 6:05 p.m. game), 6:05 p.m. on Saturdays, and 3:05 p.m. on Sundays (Sunday, Sept 8 will .be a 1:05 p.m. game).
Thirsty Thursdays are back all season long

and are sponsored by Bud Light and New Realm Brewing Company. Each Friday night contest includes post-game fireworks presented by GloFiber. Sundays will feature "Kids Run the Bases" after each game. Bark in the Park will return this season with 12 designated dates (4/7, 4/20, 5/2, 5/22, 6/4, 6/20, 6/29, 7/20, 7/23, 8/7, 8/22 and 9/7). Every weekend series will feature a player poster giveaway (excluding 4/5-4/7).

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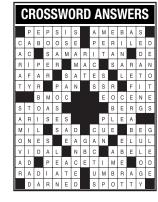
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### Rhythm from page 3 Top 10 in 1978, together their best and best-known

with the blockbuster single songs. The live-in-the-"Imaginary Lover" ("I'm studio sound of ARS Not Gonna Let It Bother Me Tonight" was another major hit from the same album). Nix left after that, replaced on drums by Roy Yeager. During this time, ARS also performed at the White House for President Jimmy Carter.

After an extended break, the band got back together in the mid-'90s and re-recorded some of



'96 presents a different, less polished take on some classic tunes and captures the sound of their live performances from that period. Three original band members returned including singer Ronnie Hammond, guitarist Barry Bailey and keyboardist Dean Daughtry. They were joined by Steve Stone on guitar, Justin Senker on bass and Sean Burke on drums. The group also cut a second version of these songs with the same lineup except for new drummer R. J. Vealey. It was around this time that ARS was elected to the Georgia Music Hall of Fame. The band was honored at a September 1996 induction ceremony at the Georgia World

Center. In Congress 2001, lead singer Ronnie Hammond made commitment to perform the ensemble touring group Voices of Classic Rock, and this led to a parting of ways with

Original singer Rodney Justo and original bassist Paul Goddard returned to ARS in 2011 after lengthy absences from the group. Goddard passed away April 29, 2014 of cancer in Atlanta.

NRCC is a Crooked Road, Virginia's Heritage Music Trail, affiliated venue. Doors will open for the show at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.nr.edu/concerts. may be Questions directed to Tim Jones at 540-674-3625.

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