



Montgomery County Board of Supervisors approves budget and tax increase

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MONTGOMERY CO. - The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors met to finalize the FY 2024-2025 budget on April 22, 2024.

The discussion on the budget started with public hearings and public addresses to the Board of Supervisors. With Montgomery County constituents speaking during the public address, their main concerns are in property and real estate taxes rising as part of the proposed budget.

"Home prices have greatly outstripped wages in Montgomery County," resident Wayman Pack said, "Home prices, which drive our real estate taxes."

"Property taxes are especially unfair to the unemployed, poor and elderly," Christiansburg

resident Patrick Melander said, "In a poor economy like we have today, wages and hours are cut. Jobs are lost. Prices continue to rise from inflation, yet we're still hit with the full burden of the property tax."

As the budget was proposed, the real estate tax rate and property tax rate were to go up to 75 cents per 100 dollars of assessed value which would, on average for Christiansburg, raise property taxes an additional 150 dollars a year. For Blacksburg, the annual tax increase is higher. Montgomery County, is less than both Christiansburg and Blacksburg, since there is no town tax to assess on top of the county rate. The Board of Supervisors explained the raise in tax would help in allocating funds for emergency services, fire and rescue services and as funding for Montgomery County Schools.



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"So, we're talking about less than four dollars a week for more than 50 percent of our population," Supervisor Sara R. Bohn said, "which is, I don't

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MCPS receives report following independent review of student deaths

CHRISTIANSBURG - Montgomery County Public Schools has announced the receipt of a report following a third-party review of the Nov. 2023, off-campus deaths of two Blacksburg High School students.

"At this time, the MCPS School Board is reviewing and evaluating the findings," reads

a statement by MCPS. "If any actions are deemed necessary, they will be taken very soon. Additionally, once reviewed, the school board intends to share more information regarding the contents of the report."

Gentry Locke Law Firm was unanimously approved by the MCPS School Board to conduct

the third-party review into administration actions taken in connection with the Blacksburg High School murder-suicide. The board voted for the review at their Jan. 30, 2024 meeting following a petition from BHS students, parents, and other community members.

Staff report



PHOTO BY CHASE PARKER FOR VIRGINIA TECH

Students enjoy a cheesy snack in front of Newman Library during spring 2023 finals week.

Cheesy Nights continues as a delicious Virginia Tech finals week tradition

BLACKSBURG - Cheesy Nights at Newman Library is back for the spring 2024 semester on May 2, 3, 5, and 6 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the library plaza on the Blacksburg campus.

Students enjoy a cheesy snack in front of Newman Library during spring 2023 finals week. Every semester during finals week, the delicious tradition captures the hearts and taste buds of students one grilled cheese sandwich at a time. Cheesy Nights, hosted by University Libraries, has become a beloved tradition on campus.

"Cheesy Nights is an event that started small but became very large based on the need around the campus of students who are hungry during finals week," said Therese Walters, founder and co-coordinator of Cheesy Nights and wife of University Libraries Dean Tyler Walters.

Cheesy Nights began in 2011 with just \$100 for cheese, butter, bread, and a small griddle. Therese Walters walked the halls of Newman Library feeding hungry Hokies with one cart full of food and two teenage volunteers.

Word quickly spread about the cheesy goodness, and students started showing up in droves for the tasty treats. Fast-forward to the present, and you can expect to see long lines of hungry students taking over the walkway between Newman Library and Squires Student Center as the irresistible aroma of butter, bread, and melted cheese lures in Hokies. The sizzle of the griddles and laughter of thousands provide the soundtrack for Cheesy Nights.

The once small and lesser-known event has now morphed into a gathering that draws in crowds of over 6,000 students, uses more than 100 volunteers, and is funded by thousands of dollars donated by Virginia Tech families, alumni, and friends each semester through crowdfunding. Campus partners including the Virginia Tech Police Department, Dining

Services, and Virginia Tech Athletics help make this tradition possible.

"I am completely shocked at how big it has become," Walters said. "It's exciting to know that year after year we've been able to keep growing to meet the needs of these students."

The success of Cheesy Nights can be attributed to several factors. First, the event offers a variety of foods, such as gluten-free bread and vegan cheese, so all students can enjoy a little bit of comfort during finals week.

The event's growth is a testament to the dedication of its organizers, campus partners, and the volunteers who return year after year and sometimes travel from all over the country to be part of Cheesy Nights.

"The No. 1 thing you hear when it comes to traditions at Virginia Tech is the term U Prosim (That I May Serve). That's what we're doing here. We're serving the community of students by giving something to them that hopefully they'll remember," said Phil Scott, a long-time volunteer and supporter of Cheesy Nights.

"I have a volunteer heart, and this is my favorite event of the whole year to volunteer at," said D'Lyn Biggs, who traveled all the way from Austin, Texas, to lend a helping hand during the fall 2023 Cheesy Nights. "I came all this way because I believe that students can't learn if they're hungry. So this is a great chance to come and experience the Hokie Spirit and give back to this community."

Students take notice of the volunteers who work tirelessly to make Cheesy Nights a memorable event. "I know this kind of stuff isn't happening at other colleges and universities that my friends are going to," said student Toby Kuhns. "Cheesy Nights is a really special thing because we are able to come together as one and be a part of this Virginia Tech community."

Ann Brown for Virginia Tech

Virginia Tech police break up campus protest encampment



A Palestinian flag and some supplies remain at the site on Monday.



Some of the signs are still on site Monday from the Pro-Palestinian protest.



A few people remain Monday on the Virginia Tech campus near the site of a Pro-Palestinian demonstration after police broke up the protest Sunday night.

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Heather Bell
Editor

BLACKSBURG - Dozens of people were arrested overnight on Sunday from the site of a dayslong protest on the campus of Virginia Tech regarding the actions of Israel in Gaza.

On Friday, the protestors began to gather on the lawn of the Graduate Life Center and were allowed to stay until Sunday.

"Virginia Tech officials informed the protestors that the gathering was in violation of University Policy 5000 (University Facilities Usage and Events). Virginia Tech values free speech and the protestors' right to be heard, but only if the rights of others and public safety can be assured," according to a statement released by Virginia Tech. "Through constant dialogue between university officials, the Virginia Tech Police Department, and protest organizers, we were able to maintain a safe and peaceful

environment through much of the weekend."

As the numbers of protestors grew, both on the lawn of the Graduate Life Center and on the outdoor spaces next to Squires Student Center "the university recognized that the situation had the increasing potential to become unsafe," according to Virginia Tech.

"Those who gathered were advised by university officials to remove their possessions and to disperse voluntarily; those who failed to comply were then approached by Virginia Tech Police and were again asked to leave and advised that anyone who failed to comply would be charged with trespassing, in accordance with Virginia law," the statement continued. "At approximately 10:15 p.m., police approached protestors to ask them to disperse within five minutes. Those who remained were subject to arrest."

On Friday, Delegate Chris Obenshain (R-Montgomery) released a statement on the Virginia

Tech encampment.

"Even when we disagree about the issues, I support the rights of all citizens to speak freely and peaceably assemble as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution. Provided that the students at Virginia Tech remain peaceful, they should be free to exercise those rights," said Obenshain. "I urge the administration at Virginia Tech to be vigilant for the threats of violence against Jewish students and anti-semitism that has characterized similar protests at other universities. Virginia Tech should have zero tolerance for threats, intimidation, or acts of terrorism on campus. Students, faculty, and staff all deserve to be safe in Blacksburg and should not become targets for hate-filled abuse due to their race or nationality. Impeding the rights of others to freely live, learn, and work on campus should be met with swift consequences."

Monday, several protestors remained near the site of the original protest.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, May 2:

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.

Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4:

Book Sale

There will be a book sale at the Radford Public Library, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Many children's books, many 33 1/3 records and many fantasy and science fiction will be available. The usual fiction and mystery, as well as other genres will be there too. Good prices! Come and support the Radford Public Library.

Sunday, May 5:

Blacksburg Community Strings concert

Blacksburg Community Strings presents their Spring 2024 Concert, 2 p.m. at the Warm Hearth Village Center, Blacksburg. The program includes Antonin Dvorak's Symphony No. 9 "From the New World" as well as Appalachian Morning by Robert Sheldon and Prairiesong by Carl Strommen. Come and hear music that reflects the land and cultures of America. Admission is free, donations are accepted and appreciated.

Saturday, May 11:

Fish Fry

Mount Tabor Ruritan Club will hold its May Fish Fry from 5 to 7 p.m. at Slusser's Chapel Picnic Shelter,

1543 Mount Tabor Rd, Blacksburg. Serving fish, fries and slaw; homemade desserts; and beverages. DJ Earl Brown will be spinning some hits to get our 2024 fry season off to a swinging start! Adults-\$12, children under 12-\$6, (under 3)-free, carry-outs-\$12. Held rain or shine. Call or text 540-449-6178 for further information. On Facebook at MtTaborRuritan.

Monday, May 13:

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. Citizens are invited to attend and allowed to speak at each meeting. See the agenda at www.radfordva.gov.

Montgomery County Board of Supervisors meeting

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

Tuesday, May 14:

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.

Thursday, May 16:

Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet at 7 p.m. at Aly's Family Italian Restaurant, 3204 Riner Rd. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy are also invited to attend. Tiffany Lloyd will do a presentation on the Sam Davis Youth Camp. For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

On-going:

Route 460 Business Corridor Bicycle, Pedestrian and Transit Study

The New River Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization is seeking input for the Route 460 Business Corridor Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Transit Study. The study will look at the segment of the corridor, from Industrial Park Road in Blacksburg to the Uptown Christiansburg Mall, for bicycle, pedestrian, and transit improvements. Materials are posted online at www.newrivervalleympo.org and will be available for comment until May 9 at 5 p.m.

Radford Noon Rotary Club's Field of Honor

Field of Honor will be installed on the grounds of Glencoe Mansion prior to Memorial Day until the Fourth of July. Radford Noon Rotary Club is looking for people to sponsor flags. Individual flags are \$50. Corporate Sponsorship: Bronze - \$250; Silver - \$500; Gold - \$1000; and Platinum - \$2500. To register, contact rotary.club.of.radford.noon@gmail.com.

Spring Garden Day at Montgomery Museum



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The Montgomery Museum of Art & History is hosting Spring Garden Day, May 4 from 2 – 4 p.m. at the Montgomery Museum Garden, 300 South Pepper St., Christiansburg.

The event will feature the "Flower Art in the Garden" Theme Show, showcasing the creativity of local artists. Participants were tasked with decorating "flat flower" templates, crafted by students at Blacksburg High School, which will be placed throughout the site. Participants were encouraged to incorporate native southwest Virginia plants into their artwork, resulting in a vibrant display that celebrates the region's natural beauty and artistic talent.

In addition to the art exhibit, Spring Garden Day offers a wonderful opportunity for

attendees to explore the Museum Garden with gardeners on-site to answer any questions. Visitors will also have the chance to engage with the Virginia Native Plant Society, Virginia Master Naturalists, and Virginia Master Gardeners, as several booths will be set up to provide information and insights into the rich botanical heritage of Southwest Virginia.

This event promises to be a delightful celebration of art, nature, and community. Everyone is invited to join us for an afternoon of inspiration and exploration in the Montgomery Museum Garden. This event is sponsored by Back to Nature Landscaping and Construction.

Montgomery Museum of Art & History

Professor seeks answers in veterinary forensics cases

As a board-certified veterinary anatomic pathologist, Teresa Southard is no stranger to piecing together clues.

Pathology is the study of injuries and diseases, and anatomic pathologists perform necropsies and biopsies to uncover the disease processes at play and determine a cause of death or cause of illness.

Southard, associate professor of anatomic pathology at the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine, has a particular interest in forensic pathology, performing necropsies to uncover the truth behind animal deaths that may relate to illegal activity, such as neglect and abuse. Forensic pathologists are often called in to testify in court, working with the justice system to uncover the truth.

Working on cases of horrifying violence and neglect can take a huge emotional toll, but Southard finds strength in the fact that her work can prevent future suffering.

"There's a sense of satisfaction that you've contributed to the justice process," Southard said. "Whether you find out that this animal died of natural causes and the person being blamed for it is innocent, or if you find out that someone intentionally hurt or neglected an animal and you can be part of the process that keeps them from doing that again, it's rewarding."

Since joining the college in 2021, she's worked on over 70 forensic pathology cases in addition to her usual load of necropsies and biopsies.

Finding the answers

After a Ph.D. in biomedical sciences and an Air Force career, Southard entered veterinary school intending to become a veterinarian for lab animals, but after a pathology rotation, she was hooked. As Southard puts it, "Pathology is where you really find out the answers."

During her anatomic pathology residency at Johns Hopkins University, Southard volunteered her necropsy skills at a Baltimore animal shelter.

"That's where I started to see some of the evidence of neglect and abuse," she said.

After taking a job at Cornell University, Southard built upon her forensic pathology experience as she worked alongside Sean McDonough, a trailblazer in the field. At Cornell, Southard performed over 500 forensic necropsies and appeared as an expert witness in nine criminal trials.

She joined the veterinary college at Virginia Tech in 2021 and quickly built a relationship with Baltimore City Animal Control, who now sends its forensic cases to her.

Because they are often asked to testify in court, forensic pathologists must go beyond the normal necropsy procedure.

"One of those extra duties is trying to figure out how

long the animal has been dead in some cases, because that could help identify suspects," Southard said. "We also have to document everything carefully, because if we have to go to court, it's much easier to show a picture than describe what you saw, and it's much more convincing to the jury. And lastly, we're asked to comment on the degree of suffering or pain an animal encountered, which is not a part of our normal necropsy procedure."

Bridging the knowledge gap

"There's this thing called the CSI effect, where we expect to know everything within a nice, 45-minute segment, but it doesn't always work out that way," Southard said. That goes double for veterinary forensic pathology, where in many cases, the information just isn't out there.

With less research and less data, veterinary forensic pathology struggles behind human forensic science, but Southard and others are working to bridge that gap.

For example, Southard once tried to determine whether the pattern of fractured ribs in a dog was consistent with the history of a caretaker tripping and falling while carrying the dog. She pored over the published data, but there wasn't enough information on the mechanisms behind different canine rib fractures to form a conclusion.

Instead, she took matters into her own hands. Using cadavers, she studied how different mechanisms of injury to the thorax form different fractures. With this new information, she determined that the dog's injuries were consistent with the history.

Southard is currently finishing her master's degree in veterinary forensic sciences at the University of Florida, one of only two institutions in the United States that offer degrees in forensic science.

As part of her master's thesis, Southard is collaborating with the Virginia Tech College of Engineering's Busting lab to study the strength of bones using samples from canine cadavers. The lab offers mechanical tests that measure tensile strength, compression, hardness, and more.

"This kind of research is something that is lacking in the veterinary field," Southard said. "We get asked these kinds of questions in trials — how much force does it take to break a dog's femur? We know a little bit from experience because we have seen fractures where we know the causes, but we need to be able to quantify these things."

A small but mighty field

Although the number of trained veterinary pathologists has increased over the years, the number of pathologists with training and experience in forensic cases remains small. In the late 1990s, only one veterinary college in the country accepted forensic cases, and though that number



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(From left) Teresa Southard and Emily Falls.

has grown, there are few institutions where veterinarians can get forensic pathology experience. In the United States, the first textbook on the subject was published in 2006.

However, as the number of trained veterinary forensic pathologists has increased, so has the demand for their expertise. Over the past few decades, more and more research points toward a connection between violence against animals and violence against humans, and this has spurred law enforcement to take a deeper look at cases that involve animals.

At the veterinary college, Southard delivers lectures on forensic examination and on testifying as an expert witness. Veterinarians rarely have training in that area. There is currently no requirement for accredited veterinary colleges in the United States to address the topic, and a recent study showed that more than half of U.S. veterinary school do not address animal abuse in their core curriculum.

Southard described testifying in a case in which the animal's primary veterinarian was also called in to testify, and the other veterinarian felt blindsided by the process and expectations. Southard wants the next generation of veterinarians to be better prepared and to be more aware of animal abuse and the responsibilities of veterinarians in abuse and neglect cases.

"My goal is that every student who graduates from this school — or any vet school — should be thinking about animal abuse, they should be aware of what some of the common signs are, and they should know what to do when they suspect abuse or neglect, at the very minimum."

Through education, research, necropsies, and testimony, Southard works to expand the pool of knowledge so that justice can be served.

Andrew Mann for Virginia Tech

OBITUARIES

Rice, Michele Hollins

Michele Hollins Rice, 48, of Dublin, passed away on Wednesday, April 24, 2024. She was preceded in death by her husband, Shannon Edward Rice; maternal grandparents, Thurman and Chrystiline Hedge; paternal grandparents, Virginia and Gene Jewell, and Pearman Hollins; and her canine companion, Charlie.

Survivors include her daughters, Aleah Shay Rice and Haley Rose Rice; grandson and light of her life, Mason Lee Rice;



parents, Larry Leon and Barbara Hedge Hollins; sisters, Sheri Hollins Barnett (Stanley) and Stephanie Hollins Akers

(Eddie); and numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and special friends.

The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 29, 2024, at the Dublin Church of God in Dublin. Funeral services will begin at 2 p.m. with Rev. Adam Frye and Rev. Michael Collins officiating. Burial will follow in Oakwood Cemetery in Pulaski.

The Rice/Hollins family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford.

Vaught, Edgar Martin

Edgar Martin Vaught, 84, of Blacksburg died Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at his home. He was born in McCoy, Va. on Nov. 18, 1939, to the late Lucy Vaught Cole. He is also preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth Paulette (Polly) Vaught; daughter, Patricia B. Vaught; and siblings, Marshall Cole, Gene Cole, Cindy (Rita) Morris, and Roger Cole.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Pamela and Richard Vaught; sons, Gary



Vaught and Barry Vaught (Cindy Journell); four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and four great-great-

grandchildren; siblings Doyle Vaught (Linda) and Haven Cole (Susie); sisters-in-law, Rosemary Cole, and Darlene Cole; and special friends, Leroy and Paulette Frazier and Roscoe Hall.

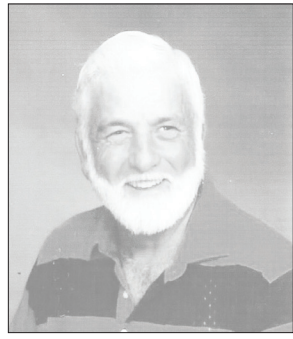
Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 30, 2024 in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with the Pastor Jimmie Lee Price officiating. Interment followed in Westview Cemetery. The family received friends Monday, April 29, 2024.

Smith, Kenneth Leon

Kenneth Leon Smith, 88, of Blacksburg, died Friday, April 26, 2024.

He was born Jan. 24, 1936, to the late Charles and Bertie Smith. Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers and three sisters. He was also preceded in death by one daughter, Ellen Marie Rupe.

He is survived by his daughter, Lesa Smith and her husband Rodney; son, Kenneth Howard Smith; daughter, Emily Taylor;



two special "adopted" daughters, Courtney Hawks and Deidra Webb;

Sherri, Nikki, Jennifer, Angel, Robert, Patrick, Dylan, Colton, Trevor, and Dixie; seven great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter; sisters, Mavis and Thelma; special sister-in-law, Bonnie Potter, and numerous nieces and nephews, too many to count. He was loved by all, and he returned that love with an unending abundance. There will be no services at his request.

Burks, Thomas Devon

Thomas Devon Burks, 58, of Radford, went to be with the Lord Sunday, April 21, 2024.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Teresa Burks, and son, Shakeem James.

He is survived by his parents, Earnest T. and Georgia Ann Hayden; wife, Marchelle L. Saunders; children, Melody Burks, Sheletta Saunders, Markeece Saunders, Shaquille Saunders, and Darrius



Saunders; grandson, Malaki Saunders; siblings, Michelle Charlton Concepcion, McAllister

Hugo Charlton III, Angela Marie Charlton, Ethan Tyree Charlton, Earnest Hayden, and Bryan Hayden; dog Angelo; and many other relatives and friends.

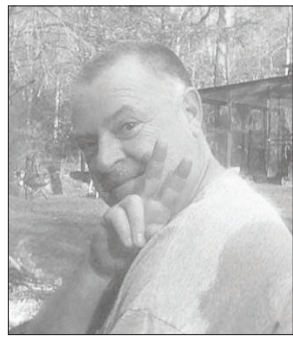
Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 2, 2024, at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin.

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

Trimble, Jeffrey Pierre

Jeffrey Pierre Trimble, 60, of Blacksburg, died Sunday, April 21, 2024.

He was born in Radford on Feb. 29, 1964, to the late James and Fay Trimble. He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Stanley and Larry Trimble. He is survived by his brother Dean Trimble, his daughter, Kelsey



Trimble, her son Jude, and several cousins.

A memorial service will be conducted Saturday, June 1, 2024, at 11 a.m. in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with Scott Obenchain officiating. The family will receive friends from 10-11 a.m. Saturday, June 1, 2024, prior to the service.

Forest Service hosts Kids Fishing Day

BLACKSBURG — The USDA Forest Service, in partnership with the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources, will host Kids Fishing Day Saturday, May 4, 2024 at two locations.

This annual partnership event will be at Cave Mountain Lake, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the Glenwood-Pedlar Ranger District and Pandapas Pond on the Eastern Divide Ranger District, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Both locations will be stocked with trout in advance of this exciting event open to children ages 3 to 15.

"The Kids Fishing Day event is a great opportunity to introduce children to fishing and to the many outdoor recreation opportunities on the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests," said District Ranger Lauren Stull.

Beginners can find tips for getting started fishing on the Virginia DWR website. Forest Service staff with be available at the event to offer advice. Fishing is free at the event,

however state game laws for the Youth Fisheries Program do apply. Children are allowed to catch and keep three trout, a minimum of seven inches or longer, and should bring their own poles and any fishing supplies necessary for catching fish. A reminder to parents that only one pole per person is allowed. A parent or adult guardian must accompany all children. Bring a picnic lunch and spend the day. It is anticipated that approximately 10 trophy fish will be included in the stocking.

Cave Mountain Lake is managed as a Youth-Only Stocked Trout program by the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources from April 1 through June 15. Persons over the age of 15 years old may not fish in the lake until after June 15.

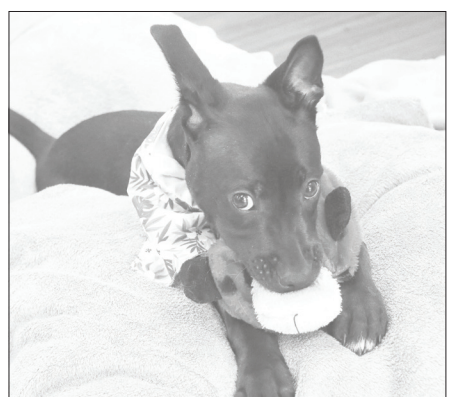
Should the Kids Fishing Day event need to be cancelled due to rain or other concerns, a make-up day of May 11 is reserved.

US Department of Agriculture, Forest Service

PETS OF THE WEEK

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

Hyacinth is all puppy! She's bouncy, energetic, and loves to play. She enjoys meeting humans and acting silly with them. To be her best doggone self, she'll benefit from basic training. Stop by the Animal Care and Adoption Center to meet this pup.



Renault is a friendly girl who is ready to find her furever home. She is a very smart, pawsome doggie. Renault is happy to perform high-fives and handshakes for treats. She also knows the "sit" and "down" commands.

Average gas prices dip slightly from last week

Average gasoline prices in Virginia have fallen 3.3 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.48/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 4,081 stations in Virginia. Prices in Virginia are 4.6 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 7.4 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has fallen 2.9 cents in the last week and stands at \$3.98 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Virginia was priced at \$3.09/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$4.59/g, a difference of \$1.50/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$3.09/g while the highest was \$4.59/g, a difference of \$1.50/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 1.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.63/g today. The national average is up 8.4 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 4.3 cents per gallon higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Historical gasoline prices in Virginia and the national average going back ten years:

- April 29, 2023: \$3.41/g (U.S. Average: \$3.58/g)
- April 29, 2022: \$4.03/g (U.S. Average: \$4.16/g)
- April 29, 2021: \$2.73/g (U.S. Average: \$2.89/g)
- April 29, 2020: \$1.68/g (U.S. Average: \$1.75/g)
- April 29, 2019: \$2.66/g (U.S. Average: \$2.88/g)

- April 29, 2018: \$2.62/g (U.S. Average: \$2.81/g)
- April 29, 2017: \$2.20/g (U.S. Average: \$2.38/g)
- April 29, 2016: \$2.02/g (U.S. Average: \$2.20/g)
- April 29, 2015: \$2.37/g (U.S. Average: \$2.56/g)
- April 29, 2014: \$3.51/g (U.S. Average: \$3.70/g)

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:

Roanoke- \$3.39/g, unchanged from last week's \$3.39/g.

Richmond- \$3.47/g, down 6.0 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.53/g.

West Virginia- \$3.55/g, down 3.8 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.58/g.

"With more confidence every day, it appears the spring top is in: average gas prices have started to cool off in many areas. For now, few Americans need to worry that gas prices are going to skyrocket; the risk appears to be behind us, with relief coming in the weeks ahead," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "While the latter half of the summer could potentially see hurricane-related issues, I do sense we've hit the top for now, and Americans should be optimistic that this summer will be very similar to last year, in line with our early 2024 expectations and likely not featuring record gasoline prices. I'm quite excited the seasonal rise in gas prices appears to be over."

GasBuddy

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want to say comforting to me, but it puts it into perspective of the impact of five cents. Now, these numbers aren't exactly the same for every person because every person who owns a home, that home's value is different than \$300,000 [average home cost in Christiansburg] or \$387,000 [average home cost of Blacksburg], so you have to look at the tax rate and do your own math, but more than 50 percent of the people in this county would have less than a four dollar a week tax increase."

Bohn said she understands tax increases are difficult but knowing that this increase is less than hundreds of dollars for residents annually makes it possible to allocate those funds where they are most needed.

The tax raise in the budget will not only affect real

property tax. The raise would also affect mobile homes tax, personal property tax, machinery and tools tax, and the aircraft tax levy at various rates starting at 75 cents.

Members of the Board of Supervisors shared their residents' concerns about how raising taxes would affect not only homeowners, but business owners and schools as well.

"This is going to hurt the small people," Supervisor M. Todd King said.

The vote to approve the tax increase passed four to three and then again to approve the budget as a whole.

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OPINION

From Jim's Diner to drones delivering hamburgers

One of my law partners recently sent me an article in a national publication about the start of drone deliveries from a Wendy's in Christiansburg. I remember several years ago when Google did something similar in town.

Most of my close friends know I am a proud native of Christiansburg and so they are on the lookout for any news they can pass along. Last year it was a story about the Starlite Drive In Theatre celebrating its 70th season (the same year I celebrated mine - coincidence? I think not!).

There was another less flattering article several years ago about Christiansburg being "the noisiest town in Virginia" that one of my friends made sure I saw. I believe the title was bestowed because of attempts to adopt a noise ordinance, and I think there was a connection with the Starlite and the noise that comes from an outdoor theatre. I don't remember the details.

I assured my friends that I had been to the Starlite many times during my high school years and that the town I remembered was quiet, almost eerily quiet in the evening. I remember lying in bed in the summer time with the windows open and listening to the trains rumble through the depot in Cambria. Later, to our neighborhood's chagrin, we were serenaded by the whine of trucks on I-81 when it was built just a couple of hills over from Cherry Lane. You could stand in my Aunt Mary Alma's backyard on the hill at the end of our street and watch the traffic going across what had been beautiful farm land just a few years earlier.

All of this started me thinking about how much things can change in a lifetime. I really don't think of myself as that old, but documentary evidence and my body parts might support the contrary position. Thinking about drones delivering burgers to homes in Christiansburg gave me pretty good fodder for a column on change.

Before I came along in the 50's, I don't think many people in Christiansburg "ate out" much. Most families fixed most of their meals at home and grew most of their own vegetables and shopped for staples at a couple of locally owned groceries. Both of my grandparents' houses, which were only a few blocks apart off Park Street, had chicken coops and gardens in the backyards. Most of our neighbors on Cherry



Evans "Buddy" King

Columnist

Lane had gardens too. Folks did a lot of canning. I still have nightmares of eating canned tomatoes and green beans that in my mind had been on the shelves in our basement since the Revolutionary War.

For my first 10 years or so there were no "chains" around - no Krogers, no McDonald's, no Lowe's. The only restaurants I remember were locally owned - Bartlett's on Roanoke Street and The Palace Restaurant on Main, and Jim's Diner, located in an old abandoned streetcar near First National Bank on the Square. In the early 60's, Stone's came along. Grant's Tavern was the "fine dining" in the area, a nice southern tavern owned by family friend Zenie Grant, a place we only went on very special occasions. The Farmhouse opened around the time I turned 10, offering a unique experience for the area. Both Grant's and The Farmhouse catered more to Blacksburg and the Tech crowd, Christiansburgers being much more proletarian and frugal.

Fast food came to Christiansburg in the form of Ray's Hamburgers around the time I was in the seventh or eighth grade. It was a BIG DEAL - owned I believe by a group out of North Carolina which actually had several of them. I recall you could get two hamburgers, french fries, and a milk shake for \$.99. It became an after school and weekend favorite - the novelty of food sitting on heating trays or under hot lamps and being served within seconds after you ordered was more than we could comprehend. It was next to the Gammon house on Radford Road, near the intersection of Route 11 and Route 8, no doubt figuring in the company's decision to come to town. As I recall, the Gammon family did not enjoy Ray's as much as the rest of us, soon growing weary of trying to get the grease smell out of their clothes and picking up hamburger wrappers in their yard. Such are the consequences of progress I guess.

We did have wonderful drive-ins in that era. Lyon's #1 (currently Dude's) on the Roanoke Road and Lyon's #2 on Radford Road, across from the road to Round Meadow Country Club, allowed you to sit in your car and order and eat much better burgers and fries than any fast food place, then or now, offered. Sorry Sonic, but you're no Dude's.

I spent many a Friday night eating at one or the other of the Lyon's with my friends, bemoaning another football loss or another failed romance. On Sunday nights my folks would drive to Bill's Drive-in in Riner, treating themselves to foot long hot dogs - still among the best dogs I have ever had. I remember their debates as to whether or not to get onions something I didn't understand. Drive-ins are among my best memories of growing up when and where I did, whether they served food or entertainment.

Another favorite eating establishment of mine was the Hamburger Shack run by Dude's brother Bobby and his lovely wife Joyce. It was in the back of the building of what was then Gates Florist, down the hill from the primary school on Wades Lane where I washed windows and scrubbed floors for a couple of summers in high school and college. I ate there as often as I could afford.

I'll conclude by a thought on drones flying over my old hometown, swooping in to drop off burgers and nuggets (I wonder if they can get Frosties there in a timely manner?). The story involves my dad and his great friend and our next door neighbor J.C. "Colin" Grimes (always just "Grimes" to my dad).

When I was very young and before the land behind the houses on our street had been developed, the residents had gardens and fruit trees in their lower lots. My Dad and Grimes would sit in the Grimes' backyard on summer evenings and chew tobacco (a horribly strong plug as I recall, not for "amateur chewers") and just enjoy shooting the breeze and being together.

The bane of their existence on those simple nights was witnessing the destruction done by black birds to their corn plants and grape vines and apple trees. So, being the country boys they were, they would have their 22 rifles across their laps and occasionally take a shot to scare the offenders away.

I imagine they would feel the same way today about drones invading their tranquility.

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Delegate details service on state commissions and boards

In last week's column, I gave you an update on the General Assembly's reconvened session, in which we sustained all of Governor Glenn Youngkin's vetoes and set May 13 as a return date to continue our work on the Commonwealth's budget. I'm confident that the General Assembly will be able to reach a consensus spending plan that doesn't raise taxes while investing responsibly in the core functions of our state government. I look forward to updating you in more detail once our work on the budget is complete, but in the meantime, I'd like to share some exciting news about the various state commissions and boards that I have been appointed to by the Speaker of the House.

State boards and commissions serve important functions as they analyze public policy and suggest improvements over various subject matters. I'm very pleased to have been reappointed to the Virginia Board of Veterans Services, the I-81 Advisory Committee, and



Delegate Jason Ballard

Virginia General Assembly

the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Committee. My service on the Opioid Abatement Authority continues through my current elected term, and I have been newly appointed to the Appalachian Region Interstate Compact Commission.

The Board of Veterans Services is responsible for monitoring the welfare of Virginia's Veterans and setting policies to enhance their services across the Commonwealth. This is a responsibility that - as a veteran - I take very seriously. A subset of the Board of Veterans Services, the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations (JLC for short), keeps the administration and General Assembly up to date on all

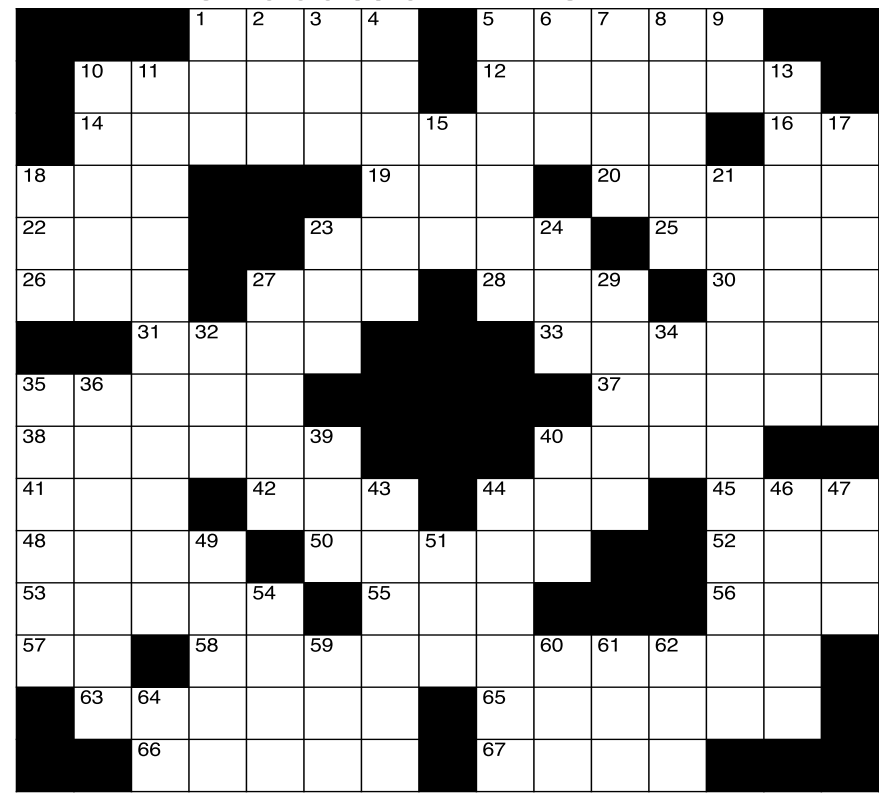
legislative proposals that may be of benefit to Virginia Veterans. It is this dedication to those who served our country selflessly that helps keep Virginia as the most Veteran friendly state in the nation.

As you can probably tell by the name, the I-81 Advisory Committee provides advice and recommendations - to the Commonwealth Transportation Board - regarding the development of the I-81 Corridor Improvement Plan. We continue to make headway on improvements to this vital interstate, and I'm hopeful that increased funding in the biennial budget will further expedite projects that have already been approved.

The Southwest Virginia Higher Education Committee governs the SWVA Higher Education Center in Abingdon, which is the first multi-college and university institution of higher education in the Commonwealth. This institution

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- CLUES ACROSS**
- Hot meal
 - Razor clams
 - Blood-sucking African fly
 - Chauvinists
 - Windy City football player
 - An alternative
 - Federal Housing Administration
 - Styles hair
 - Arabic female name
 - Paddle
 - Area once separated from Germany
 - Marketplace
 - Gode Airport
 - Upset
 - Where wrestlers sweat
 - Garland
 - Robert ___, poet
- CLUES DOWN**
- Type of whale
 - Type of medication
 - Land of the free
 - Formed an opinion of
 - Logo
 - No (Scottish)
 - Leaves tissue
 - Sacred state to Muslims
 - Thus
 - African nation
 - Someone who has a stake in
 - Parties
 - Subsystem producers
 - Large, flightless birds
 - Compromises visibility
 - A ballet enthusiast
 - More (Spanish)
- CLUES ACROSS**
- An iPad is one
 - Fruit of the oak tree
 - Della ___, singer
 - Women's clothing retailer
 - Mailed
 - Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
 - Pouch
 - Radioactivity unit
 - Month
 - Nanosecond
 - Domestic
 - What a boy becomes
 - Breezes (anc. Greek)
 - Jogged
 - At the stern
 - Lawrencium
 - Destructive to both sides
 - Arterias
 - Removes
- CLUES DOWN**
- Skeletal muscle
 - Hands (Span.)
 - Weighed
 - Businessman
 - Famous clock Big ___
 - Unkeyed
 - Break between words
 - Ink (slang)
 - Disappointed
 - Stroke
 - Curdled milk
 - Restaurants
 - Explosive
 - Type of terrier
 - Disfigure
 - Innermost cell layers
 - Bar bill
 - Distinct period of history
 - Mode of transportation
 - Equal (prefix)
 - Operating system



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1511 Kingsmill Drive, Salem in Woodbridge subdivision.
RAIN DATE May 11.

Auctions

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Days Inn Christiansburg

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 423 TINKERVIEW DRIVE, CLOVERDALE, VA 24077.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated October 31, 2016, in the original principal amount of \$114,075.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 160004078. 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 31, 2024, at 10:30 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: UNIT 2004 OF PHASE IV, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT SHOWING PHASE IV SUBDIVISION OF TINKERVIEW TOWNHOUSE PROPERTY, BLUE RIDGE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT, DATED JUNE 30, 1988, PREPARED BY MATTERN & CRAIG, CERTIFIED LAND SURVEYORS, OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 12, PAGE 166. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwvsa.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWV Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsa.com. VA-369557-1.

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Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No. **CWF2200000-10** BOTETOURT COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, 5 WEST MAIN STREET, FINCASTLE, VA 24090

Legals - City of Salem

portion of 860 Mount Vernon Lane (Tax Map #'s 41-1-1, 41-1-2, 41-1-3, 41-1-4, 41-1-5, 41-1-6, and a portion of 44-3-10) from RSF Residential Single Family to PUD Planned Unit District.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: H. Robert Light Clerk of Council

Legals - City of Salem

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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All candidates seeking appointment must submit a letter of interest and résumé to the Deputy Clerk of Council. Submissions are requested prior to noon on Friday, May 24, 2024, however, in all cases must be submitted prior to the closing of the public hearing.

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Legals - City of Salem

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Consider the request of JBN Investments, LLC, property owner, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow the conversion of a single-family dwelling into a two-family dwelling on the property located at 324 Pennsylvania Avenue, (Tax Map # 120-6-3).

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

Legals - City of Salem

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Consider the request of Virginia Baptist Children's Home (dba HopeTree Family Services), property owner, for rezoning the properties located at 1000 block Red Lane and a

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Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* ESTATE OF CHARLES MATTHEW BARTON, DECEASED v.

The object of this suit is to: SHOW CAUSE AGAINST PAYMENT AND DELIVERY OF ASSETS IN INSOLVENT ESTATE.

It appearing that a report of the accounts of James A. McClure, Administrator of the Estate of Charles Matthew Barton, deceased, and the debts and demands against the estate have been filed in the Clerk's Office and that six months have elapsed since the qualification, on motion of the personal representative, it is ORDERED that the creditors of, and all others interested in, the Estate of Charles Mathew Barton show cause, if any they can, on the 13th day of May 2024, at 11:00 a.m., before this Court at its Courthouse at 1 Main Street, Fincastle, Virginia, against the payment and delivery of the assets in the insolvent estate, pursuant to Virginia Code §64.2-528, to the creditors as listed on Schedule B of the Motion for Entry of Show Cause Order previously filed in this matter. It is ORDERED that the foregoing portion of this Order be published once a week for two successive weeks in the Fincastle Herald, a newspaper having general circulation in the County of Botetourt, Virginia.

Enter: April 11, 2024
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Legals - Montgomery County

UNDEERSIGNED 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 9th DAY OF MAY, 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 follows: BEING 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

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

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Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No. **CL24000530-00** MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* ERIC RANDALE BRYANT v. CHRISTINA MARIE BRYANT

The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that CHRISTINA MARIE BRYANT appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JUNE 5, 2024.

APRIL 2, 2024
ROBERT M.D. TURK, JUDGE
TIFFANY M. COUCH, CLERK

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Notice of Public Hearing Town of Blacksburg Planning Commission Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Town of Blacksburg will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 during its meeting beginning at 6:30 PM in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Council Chamber, 300 South Main St, Blacksburg, VA on the following item:

AFD-24-1/ORD 2052- Withdrawal of 3.036 acres of land from the Agricultural and Forestal District at 701 Bishop Road (Tax Map No. 137-T-A-1, Parcel # 006339) by James and Carol Burger (property owner).

Request to withdraw 3.036 acres of land from the Town of Blacksburg Agricultural and Forestal District (AFD) at 701 Bishop Road by James and Carol Burger. A minor subdivision application (SUB 23-0006)

Legals - City of Salem

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Case No. **CL24000530-00** MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* ERIC RANDALE BRYANT v. CHRISTINA MARIE BRYANT

The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that CHRISTINA MARIE BRYANT appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JUNE 5, 2024.

APRIL 2, 2024
ROBERT M.D. TURK, JUDGE
TIFFANY M. COUCH, CLERK

Legals - Montgomery County

Notice of Public Hearing Town of Blacksburg Planning Commission Tuesday, May 7, 2024

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Request to withdraw 3.036 acres of land from the Town of Blacksburg Agricultural and Forestal District (AFD) at 701 Bishop Road by James and Carol Burger. A minor subdivision application (SUB 23-0006)

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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 follows: BEING 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.

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for the creation of three (3) parcels is currently under review by the Planning and Engineering Department.

Persons affected by or interested in this Agricultural and Forestal District withdrawal may appear and present their views. After the hearing, the Planning Commission will take action. Copies of the request and all related items may 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.

You may also call the office at (540) 443-1300 for more information. Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance to attend and participate in the public hearing on the above should contact the Planning & Building Department at (540) 443-1300, or (540)-443-1000-TDD.

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BHS athletes sign to play at next level



Cameron Lee



Mia Littlejohn

BLACKSBURG - Nine student athletes at Blacksburg High School are continuing their careers at the collegiate level – Sean DeLorenzo, Cameron Lee, Mia Littlejohn, Allie McDonald, Eric Metrey, Michael Mullins, Evelyn Rhoads, Audrey Stenger and Bode Thompson – are all slated to sign pen to paper today, Wednesday, May 1, in the school's gymnasium.

Sean DeLorenzo, a senior boys soccer captain, has committed to play collegiate soccer and continue his academic and athletic career at the University of Lynchburg. Sean has led the varsity soccer team in goals his sophomore and junior years, achieving All District and All Region honors both years.

Throughout his career, he has played club soccer for Virginia United and VBR Star in the Elite Clubs Regional League and United Soccer League Academy. Sean is a two-time Virginia State Cup Champion with his club teams, winning in 2022 and 2023. Sean holds a 4.1 GPA and has been selected to the Westover Honors program at the University of Lynchburg.

Cameron Lee, a senior at Blacksburg High School, began her running journey in the spring of her sophomore year. She will attend George Mason University in the fall where she has committed to run cross country, indoor track and outdoor track for GMU.

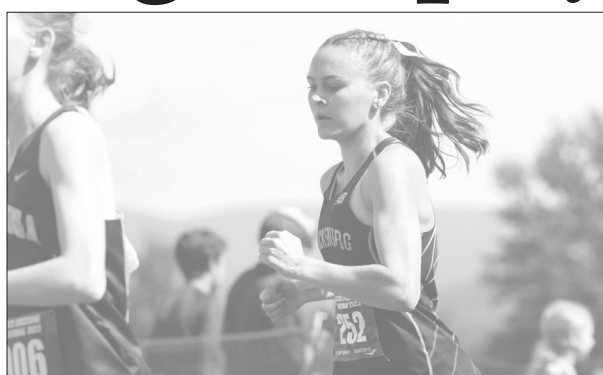
She will study government and international politics. Lee has trained continuously since she began running competitively in the spring of 2022. Since that time, she discovered she had found her true sport as a middle-distance runner. In 2022, she earned a spot on the BHS Cross Country Team, which won the 2022 State Championship.

Later at Indoor Regions in 2024, she became a Region Champion by winning the 500-meter dash. A short time after that meet, at the State Championship meet, she was the lead off runner on two BHS relay teams, the 4x400-meter relay team and the 4x800-meter relay team. She and her teammates won both relay races and she became a state champion in each of those events.

Mia Littlejohn, a senior varsity track and field athlete, will sign her National Letter of Intent to compete in multi-events and the heptathlon at High Point University. She will pursue a degree in Pharmaceutical Science. Littlejohn is a four-year member of the BHS Track and Field team and a captain of the sprint team her senior year. Littlejohn has been part of the 4x100-meter and 4x200-meter record-breaking relay teams, alongside her teammates. She holds the indoor high jump school record at 5-feet-7-inches, and recently broke a 12-year-old record for the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.3 seconds.

During Littlejohn's junior year, she earned the title "All American" by placing sixth in the nation in the shuttle hurdle relay at the New Balance Nationals track meet. Littlejohn won first place in the region in high jump two years in a row and has achieved multiple all-state performances in the 55-meter and 100-meter hurdles, the 300-meter dash, the 4x1 and 4x2 relay and the high jump. Littlejohn has been awarded the BHS Track and Field Sprint MVP for the last three seasons.

Allie McDonald, a senior varsity runner, will sign her National Letter of Intent to run cross country and



Allie McDonald



Eric Metrey



Michael Mullins

track and continue her academic career at the College of William and Mary. McDonald is a four-year varsity athlete and a captain in her senior year for the cross country and track and field team.

McDonald has received four individual all state accolades and has been a part of two state champion 4x800 teams, the 2024 state champion 4x400 team, the 2022 state champion cross country team, and the 2020 and 2021 state runner up cross-country teams. She has been awarded the BHS Cross Country Best Newcomer Award, 2xBHS Indoor Track Bruin Award, and the BHS Cross Country Lynchpin Award. In addition to running, McDonald is the Vice President of BHS Steminists, the treasurer of BHS F.E.M., a member of the National Honor Society, and maintains an above 4.0 GPA. She plans to study Environment and Sustainability while at William and Mary.

Eric Metrey, a senior lacrosse player, will sign his letter of intent to play collegiate lacrosse and continue his academic career at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Metrey, a four-year varsity lacrosse defenseman, has earned VHSL Second Team All Region his sophomore year, VHSL first Team All-Region his junior year, earned the 2023 Team Ground Ball Award, and has been captain during his junior and senior year.

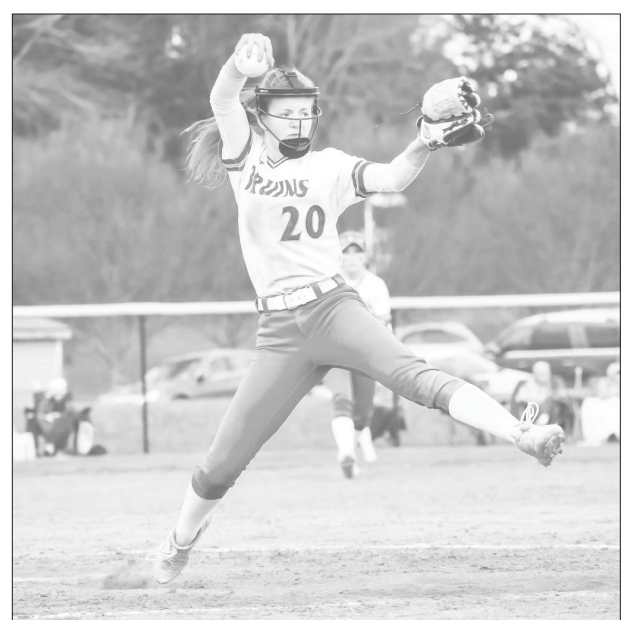
Metrey is also a three-year member of the Blacksburg High School Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field team, a member of the 2023 Indoor State Champion Team, being a member of the school record 4x400m Relay team, and being All-Region in the 300m Hurdles, as well as All-State in the 4x200m Relay, 4x400m Relay, and 300m Dash. Metrey was voted Overall MVP for the 2023 Indoor Season as well. Metrey will study Aerospace Engineering and do ROTC at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University for a future in military and commercial aviation.

Michael Mullins, a senior boys lacrosse athlete, has committed to Bridgewater College to play lacrosse and continue his academic career. Mullins is a four-year letterman in Lacrosse. He holds the school record for most goals scored, along with most goals scored in a game. Throughout his career, he has played club lacrosse for Valley Select and Dukes Virginia. Mullins plans to major in Graphic Design at Bridgewater College.

Evelyn Rhoads, a senior varsity pitcher and outfielder, has committed to play collegiate softball and continue her academic career at Bridgewater College. Rhoads is a four-year starter for the Blacksburg Bruins varsity softball team and a captain during her senior year.



Bode Thompson



Evelyn Rhoads



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Sean DeLorenzo

During Rhoads' sophomore year she received the honors of 2022 River Ridge District Second Team All-District. During her junior year she received the honors of 2023 River Ridge District Second Team All-District and 2023 4D All-Region Second Team. Rhoads is also a member of the Virginia Phoenix Fastpitch organization.

Audrey Stenger, a senior volleyball athlete, has committed to play volleyball at a collegiate level and continue her academic career at Christopher Newport University. Stenger is a four-year starter for the BHS volleyball team. During her varsity years she got 2nd team all-district and 2nd team all-region.

Stenger is also a member of River Valley Juniors travel volleyball and competed at national level volleyball, competing in several qualifier tournaments. Stenger has played volleyball for over eight years. She maintains over a 4.0 GPA and plans to study childhood education and psychology in college.

Bode Thompson, a senior swimmer, will sign his National Letter of Intent to swim for Macalester College, continuing his academic and athletic career.

Thompson has been dedicated to swimming since he began at age nine in San Diego, California. He has been a member of the Bruins Swimming and Diving Team for all four years of high school, having previously competed for Blacksburg Middle School in seventh and eighth grade.

He also swims for the H2Oki's club team since moving to Blacksburg in 2016. A natural leader, Thompson co-captained the Bruins to a first-place finish at the VHSL Class 4 State Championships last season. He also achieved individual success, placing 7th in the 100-yard butterfly finals. Thompson is part of the school record-holding 400-yard freestyle relay team, whose second-place finish secured the overall state championship win for Blacksburg in 2023. He also played a key role in the team's 2021 state championship victory as a freshman. Beyond competitive swimming, Thompson has a lifelong love for being in the water. He enjoys surfing and water skiing whenever he has the chance. At Macalester College, Thompson will pursue a double major in biology and computer science.

Staff report

Weekly reports: Blacksburg girls remain unbeaten



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Radford's Addie Saunders finished four of four in this past week's loss to Patrick County.

The Blacksburg High School girls' soccer team defeated Salem 4-0 on Friday night at Bill Brown Stadium. Erin Bishop led the way with two goals. Also scoring was Braelynn Butler, and Addison McSorley.

Blacksburg improves to 11-0-2 on the season while Salem drops to 6-7. Bruin boys move to 11-0.

The Blacksburg boys' soccer team made it a clean sweep on Friday with a 1-0 win over Salem. Goals were scored by Sean DeLorenzo with assist by Craig Huxtable. Max Benne had nine saves in goal in the win.

Auburn rolls in Grayson win

Auburn moved to 14-1 on the season with an 8-1 victory over Grayson County. The recipe continues to be the same with dominant pitching and timely hitting for the Eagles.

Josh Givens went six innings allowing only one hit with four walks and 14 strikeouts. Jared Lavergne struck out the side in the seventh to finish the game. Offensively seven different players collected a hit with Brody Hensel getting two and six different players had RBI's with Zac McGlothlin leading the way with

three RBI's.

Radford falls to Patrick in softball

The Radford Bobcats fell to the Patrick County Cougars on Thursday night 8 to 5. Radford collected eight hits in the game to include Addie Saunders' perfect night at the plate going four for four with two doubles.

Quinn Burton had three RBIs on a homerun to center in the sixth and Kira Rollins went two for three from the plate with two RBIs.

Staff report

Radford downs Patrick County in soccer



Vincenzo Pugliese touch passes the ball to a teammate to avoid the charging goalkeeper. Radford would take the 4-0 win.



Mustafa Mohamed fires a scoring shot to put the Bobcats up 1-0 against the visiting Cougars.



Brody Shull scores on a penalty kick to increase Radford's lead to 2-0, and would go on to score two more times for the hat trick.



Radford's Eli Goff gets around a defender and speeds up the sideline as the Bobcats improved their record to 9-1 on the season.

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The naming of the Tom Lillard '79 Field at Patrick D. Cupp Memorial Stadium is announced during Radford's annual Red and White Gala in the Dedmon Center. Lillard is a former Radford University soccer coach and now associate vice president for University Advancement.

Radford University soccer field named for Tommy Lillard

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Radford University has honored a former coach by naming the soccer field at the school after him. Tommy Lillard was not only a member of Radford University's men's soccer team, but also served as the head coach for both the men's and women's teams. The announcement of the Tom Lillard '79 Field at Patrick D. Cupp Memorial Stadium was made during Radford's annual Red and White Gala in the Dedmon Center. Lillard served as assistant and then head coach for six seasons (1980-85). Instrumental in the men's program's transition to NCAA

Division I, he was also pivotal in the formation of women's soccer in 1981, serving as its first head coach. In 2014, Lillard was inducted into Radford University's Athletics Hall of Fame for his accomplishments. With the men, Lillard guided RU to an NAIA district title in 1980 and a Virginia Intercollegiate (VISA) title in 1981, earning VISA Coach of the Year. In his final season, he guided RU to a 5-1 Big South finish and its first title game appearance. Lillard also served RU Athletics in various administrative roles until 2008. In 2017, Radford University selected Lillard to fill the vacant position of associate vice president for University Advancement.

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partners with public and private colleges to provide degree programs, certificates, and professional development courses; something extremely important as our region continues to prioritize workforce development for good-paying jobs in high demand fields. The Opioid Abatement Authority is an independent body that reports to the Commonwealth. Its purpose is to abate and remediate the opioid epidemic in Virginia through financial support for efforts to treat, prevent, and reduce opioid use disorder and the misuse of opioids. Our region, and Southwest Virginia at large, has been one of the most heavily impacted in the nation by opioid abuse. I'm honored to represent our area on the Authority, and there's much work to be done to reverse the harm these drugs have inflicted on our families, friends, and neighbors. And finally, I have been newly appointed to the Appalachian Region Interstate Compact Commission, which has as its mission to study, develop, and promote a plan for the design, construction, financing, and operation of interstate facilities of strategic interest

to all signatory states. I am always pleased to advocate for transportation infrastructure improvements that will strengthen commerce and leisure travel between Virginia and our Appalachian neighbors. I'm happy to continue my work on these boards and commissions to identify ways to improve life for all in our region. Many, if not all of these commissions also consist of private citizen representation. If you're ever interested in serving on a state board or commission, please don't hesitate to reach out to my office for more information. 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.

Graham honored with 2024 VAAEYC award



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(Left to Right) Katie Thompson, Executive Director, Pulaski Community Youth Center; Margaret Hurst, First Steps Program Coordinator, Community Foundation of the New River Valley; Bonnie Graham, NRCC Professor of Human Services And Early Childhood Education; Kim Thomason, VT Early Childhood Education Initiatives Program Manager and VA AEYC Conference Committee; Emily Perkins, Head Start Giles County Site Administrator and New River Valley VA AEYC Leadership Team.

New River Community College Program Head and Professor of Human Services and Early Childhood Bonnie Graham was recently recognized by the Virginia Association for the Education of Young Children (VAAEYC) as the 2024 recipient of the VAAEYC Outstanding Service to Young Children Award. The award was presented to Graham at the VAAEYC annual conference held in March in Roanoke, Va. The board unanimously agreed to honor Graham with the award for her "tireless efforts to mentor and educate young men and women in quality care and educator practices and ensure that children in the region have access to quality care," according to her award letter. "Bonnie is so deserving of this honor.

She has dedicated herself to ensuring quality early childhood experiences by preparing hundreds of her students to implement best practices with young children in their care," said Dr. Sarah Tolbert-Hurysz, NRCC dean of arts and sciences. "The New River Valley is fortunate to have such a strong advocate working on early childhood initiatives." Graham is a college student advisor for the New River Valley chapter of the VAAEYC. The organization's (VAAEYC) goal is to serve Virginia early childhood educators with community, professional development support, connections, and advocacy. For more information about NRCC's early childhood development programs, visit <https://www.nr.edu/ecd/>.
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Tech has success sending players to WNBA

The Virginia Tech women's basketball program boasts nine WNBA draft picks dating back to Hall of Famer Tere Williams' selection in 2001. The early 2000's saw four Hokies drafted to the league in Leva Kublina (2004), Kerri Gardin (2006) and Nare Diawara (2007). Then, for 12 years, no Hokie heard their name called on draft night. Enter Regan Magarity, a 6-foot-5 center who played five seasons in Blacksburg where she garnered All-ACC attention and helped the Hokies to a then-record of ACC wins in a season. She graduated as the ACC's all-time leader in rebounds and was selected in the third round in 2019, paving the way for a new generation of Hokies to head to the W. A few years later in 2022, teammate Aisha Sheppard was selected 23rd, the highest that a Hokie had ever gone off the board. The ACC's leader in three-point field goals went to Vegas where she won a WNBA title in her rookie season. Fresh off a Final Four appearance in 2023, a pair of Hokies, Kayana Traylor and Taylor Soule were selected in the second and third rounds

respectively. Elizabeth Kitley, whose number 33 jersey is set to be retired, carried on the tradition with her selection in the second round of the 2024 Draft to the two-time defending champion Las Vegas Aces. She was in New York for the event, one of 15 draftees invited to hear their name called. Kitley became the fourth Virginia Tech player drafted in the last three years, the most by any Atlantic Coast Conference school in that span. Additionally, Tech is one of six programs in the nation to have a WNBA Draft pick in each of the last three years joining elite programs like Stanford, Tennessee, LSU, UConn and South Carolina.

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