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Virginia named top U.S. state for most economic impact by sports tourism by Sports ETA

RICHMOND - Sports ETA, the trade association for the sports events and tourism industry, named Virginia in its Top 10 list of U.S. states in terms of the economic impact generated by sports tourism in 2023.

This announcement was made last month at the Sports ETA Symposium in Portland, Oregon in the association's annual "State of the Industry Report" for 2023. The report also stated that sports tourism across the country contributed to a direct spending impact of \$52.2 billion, which generated a total economic impact of \$128 billion. This contribution supported 757,600 full-time and part-time jobs and contributed \$20.1 billion in taxes to various sectors of the economy.

Data provided by sports tourism industry stakeholders and economic data were utilized in the ranking analysis. Sports tourism marketing funds and other initiatives, such

as bid fees and local grants, also influenced how states performed. Virginia joins other states such as Florida, Texas, and California in its rankings.

According to a study by Virginia Tourism Corporation and Tourism Economics released in 2023, sports tourism in Virginia generated \$2.7 billion in direct spending in 2022 and accounted for nearly 8% of Virginia's overall visitor economy, directly contributing \$2.4 billion in visitor spending. Sports-related travelers spent \$7.3 million every day in Virginia in 2022. Additionally in 2022, sports tourism directly employed 28,138 Virginians and drove \$344 million in state & local tax revenues.

"We are thrilled to see Virginia's sports tourism industry be acknowledged as one of the best in the country," said Rita McClenny, President and CEO for Virginia Tourism Corporation. "Accolades such as this show

the significant impact sports tourism has on the economic growth of the Commonwealth by creating job opportunities, driving development in new infrastructure and venues, increasing tax revenue, and boosting local businesses in the area."

"We are elated to be recognized as a top state in the U.S. in terms of economic impact generated by sport tourism and are very proud of our partners throughout the Commonwealth for their ongoing efforts to make Virginia a premier sports destination," said Danish Saadat, National Sales & Marketing Manager for Virginia Tourism Corporation and representative of Sports Virginia, the statewide collaboration of professionals from local convention and visitor bureaus, sports commissions, parks and recreation departments and facilities.

Sports tourism played a pivotal role in Virginia's recovery from the COVID-19

pandemic with visitor spending fully recovering in 2021 and by 2022, exceeding pre-pandemic levels. In 2022, Virginia's sports spending exceeded 2019 levels by 17%, and sports visitation saw an 11% increase compared to 2019 levels. To further speed recovery, Virginia Tourism Corporation utilized \$1 million of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to support a Sports Marketing Incentive Program. The funds were used for event incentives and marketing promotions targeted specifically at attracting new sports tournaments and competitions to spur economic activity and travel across the Commonwealth.

For more information on Virginia Tourism Corporation's 2022 Sports Tourism Impact study, visit vatc.org/research/sports-tourism-impact.

Virginia Tourism Corporation



Katherine Halberstadt and her multi-purpose service dog in training, a standard poodle puppy named Gustav Olivier, at the U.S. Capitol.



Katherine and Gustav stop by Morgan Griffith's office while spending the day with Congress advocating for dysautonomia.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF KATHERINE HALBERSTADT Katherine says Gustav was an invaluable caretaker during her time in Washington D.C.

Christiansburg woman advocates for dysautonomia research, funding in D.C.

Heather Bell Editor

CHRISTIANSBURG - Katherine Halberstadt is a Christiansburg resident living with multiple forms of dysautonomia, the general term for disorders that disrupt a person's autonomic nervous system (ANS).

According to the Cleveland

Clinic, dysautonomia can describe several disorders, each with varying symptoms, ranging from mild to severe.

"I have autonomic dysfunction; my body is unable to regulate my blood pressure, heart rate along with causing a rare gastric disease," said Halberstadt. "I have frequent pre-syncope, syncope and some

seizures from the severe hypotension and severe tachycardia. Postural Tachycardia Syndrome (POTS) is one of my dysautonomias. POTS has been getting national coverage due to cases more than doubling since the pandemic and continuing

See Dysautonomia, page 6

Radford University celebrates student achievements in weekend commencement ceremonies

RADFORD - Radford University concluded its commencement ceremonies Saturday, celebrating the academic achievements of approximately 1,400 graduates.

The ceremonies, held on both Friday evening and Saturday, "honored the hard work and dedication of students who have successfully completed their degree programs" the university stated.

The undergraduate commencement ceremony, held on Moffett Lawn on Saturday, included nearly 1,100 students. Graduates, family and friends attended the soggy ceremony, as rain fell throughout the commencement exercises. More than 300 students participated in

Friday evening's graduate ceremony, "highlighting the diversity and breadth of talent among Radford's graduating class."

According to RU, the graduating class represented a wide age range and included many first-generation college graduates.

"Among the graduating cohort are 353 first-generation graduates, marking a significant milestone in their families' educational journeys," RU stated. "The class boasted a wide age range, with the youngest graduate being 19 years old and the oldest 69. Additionally, the commencement ceremonies celebrated the accomplishments of five sets of twins, adding a unique touch to the festivities.



PHOTO COURTESY OF RADFORD UNIVERSITY

Radford University graduates celebrate undergraduate commencement Saturday with nearly 1,100 students graduating.

Radford University extends its heartfelt congratulations to all graduates and wishes them success and fulfillment in their future endeavors."

Mark Pace '92 delivered the keynote address at the

university's undergraduate ceremony. Amanda Cox, MBA '21, delivered the keynote address during the graduate hooding ceremony.

Staff report

Expert says fireflies aren't going extinct, but their numbers are dwindling

For many people, fireflies lighting up backyards is a sign of summertime.

The thrill of catching them in a jar and releasing them back into the wild is a childhood pastime. But if you have noticed a decline in fireflies over the years, you're not alone. Virginia Tech entomologist Eric Day explains why climate and urban development are playing a big role in the decreasing numbers.

"Fireflies can be seen, depending on location, starting in late April through October, but they are most active in late May and early June," said Day. "Where you see them all depends on location. Old hay fields near creeks will have normal populations, but highly manicured lawns rarely have fireflies."

Day said that housing and commercial development are the biggest threats to firefly habitat loss. This includes artificial lighting. "This is why we're seeing less and less each year. The more development there is,

the less room there is for them to thrive."

These insects thrive in temperate weather with wet, warm summers and cold winters. "Rising temperatures and changes in precipitation are impacting their numbers," said Day.

The term extinction has been thrown around a lot due to their dwindling numbers, but Day said he wouldn't use that term specifically. "I would say fireflies are threatened due to habitat loss, but they are not going extinct, some are adapting in different regions."

To keep fireflies around, Day recommends that homeowners stop spraying their yards with pesticides and herbicides, tolerate weeds, and mow less. "The presence of fireflies indicates a diverse habitat and doing these things is essential to ensuring future generations can enjoy the natural wonder of skies lit up by them."

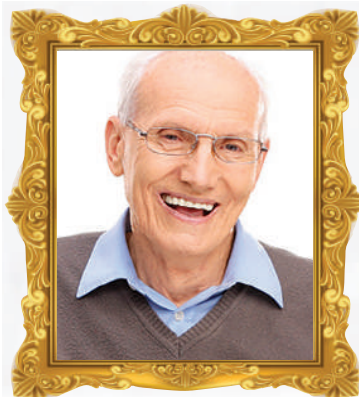
Margaret Ashburn for Virginia Tech



PHOTO BY S58Y VIA FLICKR CREATIVE COMMONS VIA VIRGINIA TECH Fireflies lighting up a backyard in New York.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, May 8:

Virtual Author Talk with Nina Simon

Hosted by Radford Public Library; 7 p.m. Nothing brings a family together like a murder next door . . . Join Nina Simon online to chat about her lighthearted whodunnit about a grandmother-mother-daughter trio of amateur sleuths via digital live-stream in partnership with Radford Public Library. Register and view more Author Talks here: <https://libraryc.org/radfordlibrary>.

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.

Spring Fever Handcrafted Market at Glencoe Mansion

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the grounds of Glencoe Mansion. Support local artisans, explore Glencoe Mansion and the Mary Draper Ingles Park, and view beautiful works of art. Over 20 vendors selling a variety of goods from jewelry to soaps. Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase from the Radford High School Performing Arts. Also, explore Glencoe Museum, the Mary Draper Ingles Cultural Heritage Park featuring the statue of Mary Draper Ingles and the New River Train Viewing Observatory.

Rockin' Main Street Concert

The Town of Christiansburg is hosting Rockin' Main Street, a fun-for-all event with live music from two local favorites. Noah Spencer taking the stage at 5 p.m. A recent contestant on NBC's hit tv show The Voice, Noah's performances cover a wide range of styles from Country to Rock, Americana, Pop, and Gospel. At 7 p.m., The Jared Stout Band will take the stage. The Jared Stout Band is an electrifying alt-country band

with a musical style that's as diverse as the Appalachian landscape they call home. Beer, wine, and food trucks will be available at the event. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs to sit watch the live music. Be sure to bring your IDs if you plan to purchase beer or wine.

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.

Coffee Club for Adults (age 50+)

At Radford Public Library; 10 – 11 a.m. Cultivate community by making new friends at RPL. Adults 50+ years are encouraged to come out and enjoy coffee and baked goods together. This informal gathering will be hosted by RPL staff member Monika. Please join us, get connected over coffee, and share your stories in this informal gathering – it's all grounds for a good time! (We'll also have tea and other beverages.)

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:

The Art of Happiness at The Montgomery Museum of Art & History

Join the Montgomery Museum of Art & History for their various Art of Happiness sessions during Mental Health Awareness Month. These sessions will be May 4, 11 and 18 at 2 p.m., as well as May 30 at 6 p.m., and will cover different art form variations such as Kinesthetics Painting, Clay, Bubble Prints, and Worry Stones. For more information, <https://montgomerymuseum.org/events/arttherapy/>.

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.

NRVRC gives update on local broadband initiative

The Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI) extends broadband service to currently unserved areas.

The goal of VATI is to create strong, competitive communities through the installation of telecommunications infrastructure. The Regional Commission, in conjunction with several local governments and multiple Internet Service Providers (ISPs), has been working diligently to get fiber to the premise broadband services installed throughout the New River Valley.

Montgomery County, which has two VATI grants that will benefit over 12,000 residents, has initiated work in the eastern portion of the county. The county received \$919,569

in VATI funds and was able to secure an additional \$488,068 in match funding to provide broadband internet service to 1,292 connections in the Allegheny Springs, Elliston, Lafayette, and Shawsville areas including 44 businesses and community anchors. Both GigaBeam and AEP have been diligently working in the area for several months and are on target to start making connections live in the very near future. It is anticipated that connections will become available as the project progresses throughout the targeted area in the spring of 2024.

For more information, please contact Chris Owens, cowens@nrvrc.org.

New River Valley Regional Commission

Virginia gas prices down from last week

Average gasoline prices in Virginia have fallen 3.0 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.45/g Monday, according to GasBuddy's survey of 4,081 stations in Virginia.

Prices in Virginia are 0.6 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 11.2 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has dropped 3.4 cents in the last week and stands at \$3.94 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Virginia was priced at \$2.25/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$3.99/g, a difference of \$1.74/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$2.25/g while the highest was \$3.99/g, a difference of \$1.74/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 1 cent per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.62/g today. The national average is up 2.7 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 11.1 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 10 years:

May 6, 2023: \$3.34/g (U.S. Average: \$3.50/g)

May 6, 2022: \$4.19/g (U.S. Average: \$4.29/g)

May 6, 2021: \$2.76/g (U.S. Average: \$2.95/g)

May 6, 2020: \$1.67/g (U.S. Average: \$1.80/g)

May 6, 2019: \$2.64/g (U.S. Average: \$2.89/g)

May 6, 2018: \$2.63/g (U.S. Average: \$2.80/g)

May 6, 2017: \$2.17/g (U.S. Average: \$2.34/g)

May 6, 2016: \$2.08/g (U.S. Average: \$2.22/g)

May 6, 2015: \$2.42/g (U.S. Average: \$2.64/g)

May 6, 2014: \$3.50/g (U.S. Average: \$3.67/g)

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:

Roanoke- \$3.36/g, down 2.9 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.39/g.

Richmond- \$3.42/g, down 5.3 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.47/g.

West Virginia- \$3.51/g, down 3.2 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.55/g.

"We've seen the national average fade slightly again as oil prices have cooled and our spring peak appears to be more confidently behind us," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "While refinery utilization rates last week indicated that there is still some refinery maintenance work to be done, oil prices have helped put downward pressure on gasoline prices, with oil falling below \$80 per barrel last week. In addition, a weaker than expected jobs report is adding to some concerns that gasoline demand could remain weak through the summer driving season, which is just a few weeks from beginning. With the seasonal factors behind us, looking ahead, we expect gasoline prices to continue cooling alongside diesel prices as we look forward to Memorial Day weekend."

GasBuddy



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Local planning commission members participate in a training hosted by the New River Valley Regional Commission.

NRVRC hosts 2024 Planning Commissioner Training

In partnership with the region's local government planning staff, the New River Valley Regional Commission recently facilitated an evening of training, discussion, and fellowship for local planning commissioners. Hosted at the Montgomery County Government Center, the group of nearly 70 had a chance to engage around several pertinent scenario topics such as conflict of interest, Freedom of Information Act, and

land use considerations as well as hear a deep dive discussion on existing housing challenges and opportunities from a state and local perspective. This annual training is always a highlight of the year and a great way for Planning Commissioners and staff from around the region to come together and share in the collective work.

NRVRC

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LAND TRANSFERS

February 2024 Radford City Land Transfers

Zero Dollar Considerations:

Bernard Frye Walter

Gloria Weddle Frye

Billie Dawn Miller Howell

Plans to City of Radford

Fortis Fortuna Aduivat Investments LLC to Pizza House Partners LLC, 9-(1)-12

William B Jones to Walter B Jennings Trustee, Lots 43 and 45 Heth Map

Niccole Sheree-Hale Morgan to Joseph Nicholas Carter

Harry Beckwith Whitt

Elizabeth D Grayson to Elizabeth Davis Grayson Trust, Section 4 Lot 1 College Park

Plans to Joyendu Bhadury

Sandra Nixon Ganoë to Callie Ganoë Kiser, Lot 3 and 4 Section 15

Plans to Tall Oaks Venture #1A LLC, 0.604 Acre Parcel City of Radford

Plans to Tall Oaks Venture #1A LLC, 0.528 Acre Parcel City of Radford

Plans to Summit Development Company LLC, 0.424 Acre Parcel City of Radford

Plans to Summit Development Company LLC, 0.379 +/- Acre Parcel City of Radford

Plans to Summit Development Company LLC, 0.503 Acre Parcel City of Radford

Jorge Coutinho Barbosa to Jorge Coutinho Barbosa Trust, Lot 17 Phase 1 High Meadows

Donald Gray Mottesheard

Betty B Scott to Sara Elizabeth Scott Goldfarb, Betty Scott DTD 1703 Seventh Street

Monetary Considerations:

Elizabeth Wilson Albert to Nelson Gallagher, Lot 11 Block 1 Section 1 Map of Woodland Subdivision, \$189,000

Velma K Price to William M Tallant Jr., Map: 18-(3) Sec1-10A, \$145,000

Equity Trustees LLC to US Bank Trust National Association, Lot 2 and South Half of Lot 3 Section 14 Plan H, \$90,112.27

Chaffin Custom Homes LLC to Golden Triangle Development LLC, Map: 020003447/19-(1)-32A, \$310,000

DJJG LLC to SMB Realty LLC, Plan C RL&I CO Section 22 Lot Parts 2-3, \$110,500

Trustee Services of Virginia LLC to Barry C Compton Inc., Lot 15 Section 21 Lynchburg Foundry Company, \$86,778

Elizabeth F Ratcliffe to Rita Saeed, Lots 1-2 Block B Map DB 36 Page 21, \$145,000

Andrew R Watson to Kate D McCain, Lot 7 Section 4 College Park, \$385,000

George M Green III to Two Kings and a Queen LLC, Portion of Lots 11, 12, 14, 15 Section 12 Plan C, \$59,000

Highlander Apts I LLC to Gary Tickle, RD CO

Section 32 Lots 29-32, \$620,000

Renaissance Development One Inc. to William Charles Hubbard Jr., Map: 020001219, \$232,500

Naomi Ogden Golladay to Peter A Meulenbroek, Map: 7-(9)-2, \$307,000

Golden Triangle Development LLC to Sandra Lyn French, 0.149 Acre Lot 34 Phase 2 Gloria Villas, \$339,000

Margaret D Sutton to Julie Ann Warnick, Lot 17 and 18 Map: 13;5;Sec 10-17-18, \$229,000

Scott A Hill to Jorge Barocio Alcaraz, Lot 23 Map: 19-(7)-Sec17-23, \$22,500

Jerry Hollandsworth to Patricia Ann Edwards, Lot 5 Rev Port Block 13 Fair Grounds Map: 10-(10)-5, \$214,900

William Foster to Davide Locatelli, 0.2578 Acre Lot 34 and Part of Lots 33 and 35, \$340,000

City of Radford Virginia to Tall Oaks Venture \$1A LLC, 0.603 Acre Parcel City of Radford, \$18,151.14

City of Radford Virginia to Tall Oaks Venture #1A LLC, 0.528 Acre Parcel City of Radford, \$15,865.17

City of Radford Virginia to Summit Development Company LLC, 0.424 Acre Parcel City of Radford, \$12,729.81

City of Radford Virginia to Summit Development Company LLC, 0.379 +/- Acre Parcel City of Radford, \$11,398.11

City of Radford Virginia to Summit Development Company LLC, 0.503 Acre Parcel City of Radford, \$15,104.79

James Michael Sexton to Mares Construction LLC, 1.1953 Acres Map: 12-1-3D, \$85,000

Golden Triangle Development LLC to Kimberly Akers, Map: 20-(3)-17, \$339,000

Frankie Kellison to Walter T Saville, Map: 020000928, \$430,000

February 2024 Montgomery County Land Transfers

Zero Dollar Considerations

William David Fell to Fell Family Trust, 18.341 Acres More or Less Riner Magisterial District

Joanne M Watson Trust to Marsha Arleen Linkous, Lot 27 Section 3 Phillips Acres Subdivision Prices Fork Magisterial District

Goodwyn Residential LLC to Four Penny Properties LLC, Lot 9 Block 1 Section 1 Westover Hills Town of Blacksburg

Tammy J Sharlow to Nicholas C Durrett, Lots 15-17 Block 2 W Ward Teel Subdivision Town of Christiansburg

Larry J Howery to Deborah K Howery, Lot 3 Windmill Hills Phase 2 Town of Christiansburg

Raymond L Screbant Executor to Bradley A Collier, Lot 98 Section 4 Woodbine Subdivision Town of Blacksburg

Susan D Anderson to Susan D Anderson, 0.697 Acre Shawsville Magisterial District

William Andrew Ducker to Sherwood Holdings LLC, Lot 18 Phase 2 Section 2 Oak Manor Townhomes

William Andrew Ducker to Sherwood Holdings LLC, 0.4393 Acre Mount Tabor Magisterial District

William A Ducker to William A Ducker Trust, Lot 8 Blackwood Addition Town of Blacksburg

Hugh Connor to Christopher J Connor, Lot 5 and Rear Strip

Brenda K Luz to Clendal M Brown, 1.182 Acres Riner Magisterial District

Michael David Olszewski to Kathryn Virginia Horin, Lot 17 Natures Waye Less and Except Mount Tabor Magisterial District

Seeds Properties II LLC to Gerard T Hopkins III, Lots 17, 18 and 50 Feet of Lot 19 Section 4 Town of Blacksburg

Elaine P Tan to Rambutan LLC, Lot 128 Phase 3 Westhill Subdivision Prices Fork Magisterial District

Kevin S Campbell to Kevin S Campbell, Lot 28 Phase 3 Prices Fork Magisterial District

Julia S Milton Trust to Virginia Outdoors Foundation; 2012008844, 2015002732

Kenneth Lee Nelson to KBN Trust, Lot 57 Vistavia Phase 3 Town of Christiansburg

Randall J Reese to Randall J Reese, 32.245 Acres Mount Tabor Magisterial District

Randall J Reese to Randall J Reese, 153.06 Acres Mount Tabor Magisterial District

Rohan Sharadrao Khairnar to David A Prosser Trust, 2023005740

Aandd Sulton Home Rentals LLC to Aly M Sultan, 003012

Pascha Gerni to Pascha Gerni Revocable Trust, Lot 6 Town of Blacksburg

Mark Michalisin to Logan Q Michalisin, Lot 106 Cambria Crossing Phase 3 Town of Christiansburg

Erming Tuo and Yajing Liu Revocable Trust to 401 Janie Lane Trust, Lot 164 Section 2 Pheasant Run Townhomes Phase 4 Town of Blacksburg

Property Geeks LLC to Nihant Bondugula, Lot 18 Phase 1 Shenandoah Town of Blacksburg

Circe Dee Cooke to Circe Dee Cooke Trust, Lot 21 Brookfield Village Phase 1 Town of Blacksburg

Brian A Lubin to Lubin Living Trust, 190160

William T Stacy to Nicholas Jeffrey Stacy, Lot 14 Phase 1 Shadowlake Village Subdivision Town of Blacksburg

Wenqi Shen to VA Housing LLC, Lot 62 Block 5B2 Pheasant Run Townhomes Town of Blacksburg

Vincent Curtis to Christopher J Connor, Lot 5 and Rear Strip ADA Schaeffers Lots

Trina Long to Christopher J Connor, Lot 5 and Rear Strip ADA Schaeffers Lots

Tarrah Turner to Christopher J Connor, Lot 5 and Rear Strip ADA Schaeffers Lots

Tanya Williams to Christopher J Connor, Lot 5 and Rear Strip ADA Schaeffers Lots

Paula Mattocks to Christopher J Connor, Lot 5 and Rear Strip ADA

Schaeffers Lots

Patricia Long to Christopher J Connor, Lot 5 and Rear Strip ADA Schaeffers Lots

Lezle N Parraway to Christopher J Connor, Lot 5 and Rear Strip ADA Schaeffers Lots

Herbert L Turner to Christopher J Connor, Lot 5 and Rear Strip ADA Schaeffers Lots

Harry Turner III to Christopher J Connor, Lot 5 and Rear Strip ADA Schaeffers Lots

Frank Connor to Christopher J Connor, Lot 5 and Rear Strip ADA Schaeffers Lots

Christopher Turner to Christopher J Connor, Lot 5 and Rear Strip ADA Schaeffers Lots

Cesario M Turner to Christopher J Connor, Lot 5 and Rear Strip ADA Schaeffers Lots

Caswell Curtis to Christopher J Connor, Lot 5 and Rear Strip ADA Schaeffers Lots

Bre Ana Connor to Christopher J Connor, Lot 5 and Rear Strip ADA Schaeffers Lots

Anthony B Turner to Christopher J Connor, Lot 5 and Rear Strip ADA Schaeffers Lots

Bryant Melton to Christopher J Connor, Lot 5 and Rear Strip ADA Schaeffers Lots

Amanda Coates to Christopher J Connor, Lot 5 and Rear Strip ADA Schaeffers Lots

Emma Dudley Simpkins to Daniel Gordon Simpkins, 98.697 Acres Riner Magisterial District

Sybil Elizabeth Hatch to Sybil Elizabeth Hatch Trust, Lot 6 Block 3 Town of Blacksburg

Charles W Austin to Michael William Austin, 1.718 Acres Lot 8AA Riner Magisterial District

Malcolm Stewart McPherson to Alison Garst, 0.281 Acre Lot 23

Alison Garst to Victoria Foy, 0.281 Acre Lot 23

Michael Leo Jones to Matthew Creighton Jones, 9.93 Acres 220191/106-A 65A

Christopher Jordan Widrig to Christopher Jordan Widrig, Lot 1 Edgemont Rail Subdivision Riner Magisterial District

Dannie Lee Stewart to Dannie Lee Stewart Trust, 035526

Warren L Stutzman to

Stutzman Living Trust, 160098

Michelle W Ramsey to Michelle L W Ramsey Living Trust, 020918

Terry L Borger to Gerald R Borger Trust, Lot 20A Slate Creek Commons Town of Christiansburg

Gerald R Borger Trust to Gerald R Borger Trust, 184.7793 Acres Mount Tabor Magisterial District

Gerald R Borger to Gerald R Borger Trust, Multiple Tracts Mount Tabor Magisterial District

Rita Carter to James Eric Childress, Metes and Bounds See Legal

Helen P Childress to James Eric Childress, Metes and Bounds See Legal

Roy W Hilt to Roy W Hilt, Lot 52 The Villas on North Main Phase 1 Town of Blacksburg

Ann Irving Niland to JIN Properties LLC, Condo Unit Number 107 Building D Sundance Village Condominium of Blacksburg Town of Blacksburg

John M Keesee to John Michael Keesee Trust, 2.618 Acres Lot 46 Brush Mountain Estates Phase 3

Patty Anne Chitwood to Patty Anne Chitwood Trust, Lot 15 Indian Run Investment Company Phase 1 Mount Tabor Magisterial District

Thomas L Bently to Cotey L Bentley Trust; 6.2 Acres Parcel 1, 0.266 Acre Lot 47 Parcel 2, 1.549 Acres Parcel 3, 0.17 Acre Parcel 4

Craig Campbell to Craig Campbell, 0.367 Acre Lot 1 Section 2 Town of Christiansburg

Robert Eugene Stclair to Jessica St Clair Trust, 465-3692

Stephen G Sottosanti to Stephen G Sottosanti Trust, Lot 5 Windsong Heights Section 1 Town of Christiansburg

Stacy Anne Snyder to Stacy Anne Snyder Revocable Trust, 220.667 Acres Mount Tabor Magisterial District

Taeun Yim to Taeun Yim, Lot 46 Clifton Phase 2 Town of Christiansburg

Bonnie R Frazier to Bonnie R Frazier, Lot 5 Shawsville Magisterial District

John H Cromer to Michael Hunter Hypes, 2 Parcels Town of Christiansburg

John H Comer to Michael Hunter Hypes, 0.199 Acre

John H Cromer to Michael Hunter Hypes, 0.420 Acre

Tamer Farouk Desouky to Sovereign Titan Ventures LLC Trust, Lot 4 The Orchards Phase 1 Woods Edge Mount Tabor Magisterial District

Albert J Kozar to Kristin Gallagher, 2023004414

Kristin Gallagher to Courtney C Ficken Trust, 2023004415

Jerilynn Rink to Jennifer Alanna McHugh, Lot 32 Oak Tree Townhomes Phase 9 Town of Christiansburg

David A Wallace Trust to JMB Investment Company LLC, 2023005560

Jimmy Martin to Town of Christiansburg Virginia, 11609 Square Feet to be combined with 020000/556-A-48A Shown on LD2024000873 – Town of Christiansburg

Julie C Crouse to Crouse Consulting LLC, 4.379 Acres Parcel 2 Mount Tabor Magisterial District

Ursula Gerson to Tina Gerson, Family Unit 61E Building B Piedmont at Blacksburg Phase 2

Ursula Gerson to Tina Gerson, Lot 7 Phase 1 Twin Oak Townhomes Town of Christiansburg

Monetary Considerations:

DOD LLC to Betzabel Velez Diaz Enriquez, Lot 4 Section 1 Blue Ridge Court Town of Christiansburg, \$55,000

Sonya Erin Murdock to Justice Carden, Lot 26 Subdivision of Kelseywood Phase 2 Town of Christiansburg, \$299,000

Lynn C Sisson to Jeremy Smith, Metes and Bounds See Legal Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$75,000

Boyd Dale McCoy to Robert Stone, 1.116 Acres New Lot A Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$349,900

Teresa D Powell to Paul C Jones, 4.612 Acres Phase 2 Georges Run Shawsville Magisterial District, \$12,000

Daniel McKinley Testerman to Jennifer M Jaszai, 0.84 Acre See DB 860 Page 862, \$50,000

Bradley A Collier to Bradley A Collier, Lot 98 Section 4 Woodbine Subdivision Town of Blacksburg, \$250,000

Deborah G Miller Trust to Debra McGuire

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OPINION

Delegate stands against increase in cost of power

Before the General Assembly heads back to Richmond on May 13 to (hopefully) complete work on the Commonwealth's budget, I'd like to bring you up to speed on a couple of initiatives I've been involved in in the New River Valley to provide financial relief and infrastructure improvements to our communities.

On April 2, I signed on to a letter with House Republican colleagues representing Appalachian Power's service territory to ask that the State Corporation Commission (SCC) reject Appalachian Power's request for a 5.1% revenue increase. It is estimated that this 5.1% increase would increase the energy utility's revenue by \$95 million and add an average of \$10 to each customer's monthly electric bill. If approved by the SCC, this would mean that the average customer will have experienced a 136% increase in their monthly bill since July 1, 2007! While it is true that Appalachian Power's service territory provides unique challenges to providing reliable electricity and the cost of doing business has increased along with inflation, customers should not have to make the choice of whether to heat or cool their home, or to put food on the table. It is my desire that Appalachian Power look internally for cost saving measures that protect their customers while delivering reliable and affordable electricity.

Last week, I also sent a letter to Congressman



Delegate Jason Ballard

Virginia General Assembly

Morgan Griffith to ask that Congress allocate funding to two infrastructure projects of regional significance as federal appropriators consider "Community Project Funding" requests. The first project is one that those who live and travel through Giles and Pulaski Counties know well – the widening of Route 100 to four lanes. As you may already know, Route 100 between Route 601 and Route 692 is a two-lane road that is part of the connector between Dublin in Pulaski County and Pearisburg in Giles County. Although this stretch is only 3.4 miles in length, it has been the scene of nearly 50 crashes between the years 2018-2022, which amounts to about 15 crashes per mile. Repeated efforts over the past several decades to widen this stretch have been stymied due to cost, and in the meantime, increased traffic is leading to more crashes. Additionally, I have asked for federal funding to help

rural volunteer fire departments build new firehouses to replace those that are aging and in disrepair. In such locations, a diminishing tax base – to include those living on fixed incomes – often means that a local sustainable funding stream no longer exists to sustain vital emergency fire services. The community of Rich Creek is one that immediately comes to mind, which is why I sponsored HB 304 in the 2024 Legislative Session to create the Virginia Firefighting Facilities Grant Program. Unfortunately, the Democrat-led Committee on General Laws defeated this bill.

Southwest Virginia at-large is fortunate to have a unified voice in Richmond that speaks to our region's unique needs. I also sincerely appreciate Congressman Griffith's attention to local matters on the federal level and I'll continue to work towards obtaining funding for these important infrastructure projects in the Virginia General Assembly.

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.

Scarlett the Cat finally finds her way back to the keyboard

Scarlett the Cat here. Apologies to my readers for not having written a column recently. The Boarder controls the typing machine and hasn't given me access in months. Thankfully when he left for work today, he left it out with the keyboard open and here I am.

I thought I would write on a recent disgrace in our house. We forgot to celebrate National Tortoiseshell Cat Day last month - it was April 17. My feelings were hurt, of course, even though I didn't know that this observance existed until the Boarder told me. After he brought it up and apologized, I walked around the home that



Evans "Buddy" King

Columnist

I let him share with me and gave him quite the scolding. And when he turned his back to leave a room or walk up the stairs, I jumped on the back of his legs and sank my claws and teeth in. I pretty much treated him like any other day in other words.

The Boarder told me that "National Tortoiseshell Cat Day" was not yet official, that whatever sanctioning body that handles these things hasn't gotten around to getting done whatever needs to get done. Shame on them.

I looked up April 17 and the "days" that seem to have achieved "official" status are numerous and odd. On this day, we recognize National Banana Day (okay, I don't like them and the Boarder seems only to buy them to throw out after three days, but I'll give them a day), Herbalist Day (not bad I guess if your name is Herb, but how many Herbs do you know?), National Cheeseball Day (better than bananas with the right dipping sauce, but do you think cheeseballs really care?), and, get ready here, National Bat Appreciation Day?!? Get real. Bats get an official day and my kind is still waiting?

The Boarder tells me that the bat species is endangered - hope we torties don't have to go to that extent to get the recognition we so richly deserve. He also tells me that based on his experience in his old house in Bridgeport, the rumors of their extinction may be greatly exaggerated. But think about it - one of the ugliest creatures God ever created, one most known for landing in peoples' hair and screeching, has its own day, and the lovely, intelligent tortoiseshell is bogged down in some sort of bureaucratic validation process?

So far, and by so far I mean until my kind is recognized, the most significant "Day" on April

17 is "National Ellis Island Family History Day." The Boarder tells me that he traced his own King family back to Ellis Island entry - I told him it was probably on a prison ship. I also let him know his social status when I told him that MY ancestors came over on the Mayflower, albeit below deck and to kill rodents, but nonetheless a more auspicious arrival in the New World than his.

I did some reading up before writing this piece. I'm not like the Boarder, who never lets facts get in the way of a good story. I read that we torties are not really a breed, that we are just the result of a genetic mutation that carries certain characteristics. First and most prominent are the beautiful coats we have - mainly black with patches of brown and orange and amber. The Boarder said I had him "at orange." I notice a lot of his clothes are that color.

We torties are sort of the negative image of the calico, black where they are white. Like calicos we are almost totally female, one in only 3,000 or so of each of us being male. Who knew? I thought it's been hard to meet a nice guy.

Other characteristics they put on us are that we have "attitudes" (some call it "tortitude") and that we are feisty and short-tempered at times (show me a cat who isn't when its feeder is unresponsive or does something else out of line like not scratching behind your ears when you need it), but we are also known for being very loving and possessive of our boarders. Sort of the "gingers" of the cat world. They also say we bring good luck - I told the Boarder he got all the luck he needed when he found me. Ha! Some say we also bring money to a household, but I told the Boarder not to hold his breath.

I used to call my column "A Cat of a Certain Age", piggybacking (there's another animal that has its "Day" - March 1 - in fact there's even a "National Pigs-in-Blanket Day" - April 24) on the column of a former editor of this paper who wrote an occasional piece under the byline of "A Man of a Certain Age."

I think it's time for a change - I'm going to call my contributions the writings of "A Cat of a Certain Attitude."

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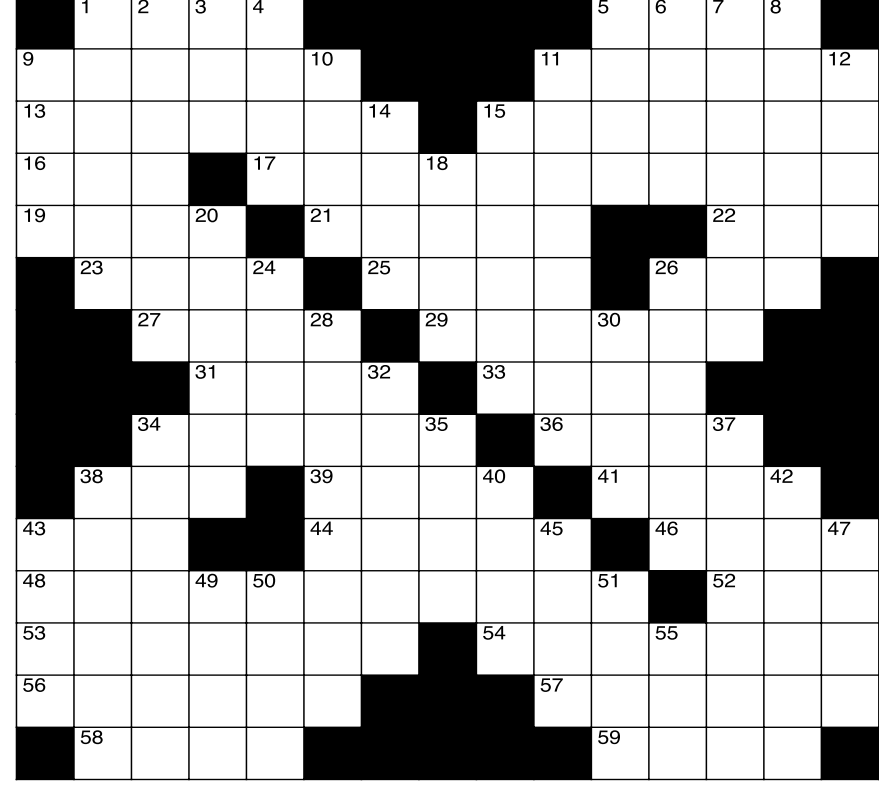
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- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. As fast as can be done
 - 5. WC's
 - 9. Religious retreat
 - 11. Warfare
 - 13. One you wouldn't expect
 - 15. Disease-causing micro-organisms
 - 16. For each
 - 17. Grammatical term
 - 19. One point east of southeast
 - 21. ___ Dern, actress
 - 22. Popular HBO drama (abbr.)
 - 23. Shampoo
 - 25. Scale drawing of a structure
 - 26. An enclosure for confining livestock
 - 27. Goat-like mammal
 - 29. Cigar
 - 31. Appear
 - 33. "Westworld" actress ___ Rachel Wood
 - 34. Leaked through
 - 36. The highest adult male singing voice
 - 38. Musical group ___ Soundsystem
 - 39. Aurochs
 - 41. Crazy (Spanish)
 - 43. Swiss river
 - 44. Strains
 - 46. Frock
 - 48. Found in most body tissues
 - 52. Cool!
 - 53. Reasons behind
 - 54. Christian recluse
 - 56. Removes
 - 57. Repents
 - 58. Energy
 - 59. Tailless amphibian
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Not awake
 - 2. Type of dessert
 - 3. They ___
 - 4. Retired Coast Guard admiral
 - 5. Gene positions
 - 6. Exclude
 - 7. One who is bound
 - 8. Where drinks are served
 - 9. Small vipers
 - 10. Blackbird
 - 11. Adventurer
 - 12. Shade
 - 14. A way to gain
 - 15. A salt or ester of boric acid
 - 18. Monetary units
 - 20. Removed
 - 24. "My country, tis of ___"
 - 26. Horses
 - 28. Drives back by force
 - 30. Bold, impudent behavior
 - 32. Rates
 - 34. Types of nerves in males
 - 35. A ridge of sand created by the wind
 - 37. Wind instrument
 - 38. Pakistani city
 - 40. Dry or withered
 - 42. Delivered a speech
 - 43. Peak
 - 45. Small waterbird
 - 47. Days falling in mid-month
 - 49. Elvis' daughter
 - 50. Flat and smooth
 - 51. Dallas Cowboys great Leon
 - 55. What cows say

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Whitlock, 0.52 Acre Riner Magisterial District, \$40,000

Brandon A Daigle to Calque Inc, 0.3444 Acre Lot 22 Craig Mountain Section 1 Town of Christiansburg, \$247,190

Gloria V Harrison to Mandt Development LLC, Lot 22 Suburban Hills Town of Christiansburg, \$230,000

Randall Burch Trust to Mount Sinai Properties Christiansburg LLC, 1.166 Acres Parcel 1 and 0.196 Acres Parcel 2 Town of Christiansburg, \$1,246,000

Cole/Burch Properties LLC to Mount Sinai Properties Christiansburg LLC, Four Parcels See Legal Town of Christiansburg, \$2,404,000

Scott J Tringali to Ali Taleb Zadeh Kasgari, Lot 1 Vistavia Subdivision Phase 1 Town of Christiansburg, \$267,000

Preeti P Chawla to David W Oakes, Condo Unit 2205 Building 2 Knollwood Condominium Phase 2 Town of Blacksburg, \$299,900

Christopher J Ronan to Alex B Hood, Lot 11 Walnut Grove Section 2, \$320,000

Zane William Whetzel to Anne Elizabeth Curry, 0.7925 Acre Tract B Shawsville Magisterial District, \$215,000

Wayne Freeman Bowers to Brianne Merchant, 0.207 Acre Lot 5 Overlook Court Town of Christiansburg, \$289,000

Denise Elisa Boyle to Jennifer T Nardine, Lot 3B Town of Christiansburg,

\$239,000

LBA2020 Properties LLC to Xiaojian Jin, Lot 22 Block 5A5 Pheasant Run Townhomes Town of Blacksburg, \$320,000

Mary Ann Cole to Bruce Wesley Phoenix, 1.234 Acres Parcel 1 Shawsville Magisterial District, \$50,000

Barabara L Bean to James H Lawrence III, Lot 28 5859 Square Feet Town of Blacksburg, \$240,000

LBA2020 Properties LLC to Xin Zheng, Lot 73 Block 5B4 Pheasant Run Townhomes Phase 2 Town of Blacksburg, \$300,000

James Ray Wright to Daniel Wright, 21.5 Acres Metes and Bounds, \$30,000

RCBB Developers LLC to Minnie L Smith, 0.256 Acre Lot 1 Town of Christiansburg, \$427,900

FDMKN LLC to GX2 Assets LLC, Lot 31 Phase 4 Section 2 Oak Manor Townhouses Town of Blacksburg, \$349,000

Frederic Lalande to John Michael Strickler, 2.026 Acres Metes and Bounds Parcel 1 and 0.232 Acre Parcel 2 Town of Blacksburg, \$469,000

Bradley P Martens to West End Financial Holdings LLC, Lot 79 Section 3 Town of Blacksburg, \$515,000

Thomas C Whitehead to NRV LLC, Metes and Bounds See Legal Riner Magisterial District, \$70,000

Eagle Construction of Va LLC to Joshua T Goldschmidt, Lot 113 Section 3 The Preserve

at Walnut Springs Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$346,549

Professional Foreclosure Corporation to Michel A Beck, Lot 1 See Plat Book 16 Page 384, \$196,000

Catherine Munson Trust to Hugh P Munson, Lot 59 Phase 2-A Tom's Creek Phase 2A Town of Blacksburg, \$600,000

James Eric Childress to Derrick R Lancaster, 2 Parcels Metes and Bounds See Legal Riner Magisterial District, \$30,000

Shah Development LLC to Eagle Construction of VA LLC; 2.747 Acres Lot 7, 0.251 Acre Lot 32, 0.251 Acre Lot 33, 0.257 Acre Lot 36, 0.284 Acre Lot 39 The Reserve at Round Meadows Town of Christiansburg, \$535,000

Eagle Construction of VA LLC to Hokie Pad LLC, Lot 111 The Preserve at Walnut Springs Section 3 Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$447,763

Sarah W Lage to Candice Dalton, Lot 4 Edgemont of Diamond Hill Section 2 Town of Christiansburg, \$490,000

Stateson Homes LLC to Kristen Marie Porter, Lot 143 Westhill Subdivision Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$562,914

Maxwell Collignon to Huber Family Living Trust, Condo Unit 1210-C Phase 5 University Terrace Condos Town of Blacksburg, \$288,000

Brandt Technologies LLC to Scott West Hammel, 77.359 Acres Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$335,000

Rebecca A Harris to Stephen S Yarley, Lot 3 Auburn Acres Phase 1 Riner Magisterial District, \$318,000

Kevin Lee Turner to Stephanie Lea Bryson, 0.069 Acre Lot 27 Midway Estates Shawsville Magisterial District, \$257,500

Jagadesan Ramamoorthy to Peeled Poplar Properties LLC, Lot 21 Clifton Phase 2 Town of Christiansburg, \$495,000

Kari S Taylor to Andrew Carl Bond, Lot 9 Cornerstone Townhouses Town of Christiansburg, \$189,500

Stateson Homes LLC to Lorrann Amonette, Lot 144 Westhill Subdivision Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$575,159

PMD Properties LLC to Matthew Haynes, Metes and Bounds See Legal Less and Except 0.047 Acre, \$169,000

Atlantic Trustee Services LLC to ANB Investments LLC, 2018005562, \$268,000

Ricky Eugene Bugg to Glade HGTS LLC; 1.586 Acres Riner Magisterial District, 2008000952, 20200002980; \$390,702

Emilija Pucelj to Ekta K Patel, 028565, \$300,000

BCP Development LLC to Kari S Taylor, 0.1734 Acre Lot 8A Resubdivision of Phase 2 White Oaks Town of Christiansburg, \$234,750

Stateson Homes LLC to Qian Qian Wu, Lot 192 Westhill Subdivision Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$418,030

Barbara J Wierwille Trust to Marion C Sontheimer, Condo Unit 310 Brownstone Condominium Town of Blacksburg, \$615,000

Susan G Smith to Shu Yuan Lin, 0.464 Acre Town of Christiansburg, \$390,000

Donald D Bailey to James K Thompson, 0.877 Acre, \$300,000

Brandon M Quinn to James B Cogbill, Lot 3 and 5 Natures Way Less and Except Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$575,000

Eagle Construction of Virginia LLC to Peter F Osebre, Lot 112 The Preserve at Walnut Springs Section 3 Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$368,112

Stateson Homes LLC to Extreme Tree Farm LLC, Lot 191 Westhill Subdivision Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$413,980

Smart Choices LLC to Gabriel E Toledo Navarro, 0.053 Acre Lot 46 Midway Estates Shawsville Magisterial District, \$255,900

Kipps Farms LLC to Stateson Homes LLC, Lot 119 Westhill Subdivision Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$138,833

Seeds Properties LLC to David Wayne Freeman, 0.234 Acre New Lot B Town of Blacksburg, \$199,000

Southgate Properties to Eagles Nest Regeneration

Inc., 1.425 Acres Lot A Riner Magisterial District, \$500,000

Karen W Sale to Penny M Linkous, 1 Acre Shawsville Magisterial District, \$105,000

Kelly Matthew Tarnall to Carjar Holdings LLC, Lot 35 Phase 11 Oak Tree Townhomes Town of Christiansburg, \$268,200

Shah Development LLC to Sarah Elizabeth Capek, 1.375 Acre Lot 1 Riner Magisterial District, \$462,9000

Donna Louise Saul to Town of Christiansburg Virginia, 0.1316 Acre To Be Combined With 020000/556-A-48A Shown on LD2024999873 - Town of Christiansburg, \$13,760

Brian Kelly Bishop to Town of Christiansburg Virginia, 3409 Square Feet To Be Combined With 020000/556-A-48A Shown on LD2024999873 - Town of Christiansburg, \$13,430

Margie Lee Woods to Town of Christiansburg Virginia, 7001 Square Feet To Be Combined With 020000/556-A-48A Shown on LD2024999873 - Town of Christiansburg, \$24,855

Jamie L Rebkovich Executor to Jarrod E Leland, Lot 16 Section C Airport Acres Town of Blacksburg, \$278,000

Stateson Homes LLC to Rachel Kennedy, Lot 145 Westhill Subdivision Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$589,864

RFC 2017 Land LLC to Land Development RVI LLC, Lot 20 Through 35 Cloverlea Phase 2-B Riner Magisterial District, \$252,762

OBITUARIES

Tucker, Thomas Lynn

Thomas Lynn Tucker, 62, of Christiansburg, passed away Thursday, May 2, 2024.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rudolph and Marie Foster Tucker; and his father-in-law, James David Shrewsbury.

Thomas is survived by his wife of 31 years, Lisa Shrewsbury Tucker; daughter and son-in-law, Charlotte "Charlie" Marie Reynolds (Robert "Robi"); granddaughter, Elliot "Ellie" Irene Reynolds; brothers and sisters-in-law, Lee



Tucker (Alice), Gary Tucker (Jackie), and Jeff Tucker (Brenda); mother-in-law

and her husband, Charlotte Shrewsbury Cornwell (Jim); brother-in-law and his wife, David Todd Shrewsbury (Amy); niece, Sarah Anne Shrewsbury; nephew, David Hunter Shrewsbury; and many other family members and special friends.

Per his request, a memorial service will be held at a later date.

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

Yost, Linda Quesenberry

Linda Quesenberry Yost, 74, of Dublin, was born Feb. 9, 1950 in Pulaski.

She was the daughter of the late Ruby Hyatt Quesenberry and Ulies Miles Quesenberry. Linda went to be with the Lord after completing her path he intended and peacefully passed May 3, 2024, in her home surrounded by friends and family.

Aside from her parents, she is preceded by death by her brother, Vernon "Jeeper" Quesenberry and 14 aunts and uncles.

Survivors include her loving husband of 33 years, Carl Yost; children and their spouses, Marsha Marie Scott and Don of Pulaski and Lisa Renee Jessie and William "Rodney" of Pearisburg; step-daughter, Cherie Dawn Yost and Tim Hale of Fairlawn; her beloved grandchildren, Alyssa Yvette Hodge, Kirsten Michelle Lawson, Alek Preston Hodge, Julianna



McKinley Likens ,and Stanley Wade Lawson; one great grandson, Kolton Miles; special friend, Sheri Barnett; and many other relatives and friends.

Linda was a devoted Christian and Pulaski Church of God member for over 28 years. Over those years she made countless memories, friends, and family within the church and the community.

Linda drove the school bus for Pulaski County Public Schools for 44 1/2 years. She was a bus driver for Riverlawn

Elementary and Pulaski County High School. During that time, she drove bus #7 in the later years and ended that time with #22.

Linda loved traveling any chance she got, whether that be a short drive out to the countryside, or a trip to the Great Smokey Mountains in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Her love for driving the school bus and traveling was nothing compared to her love for her family.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford with Rev. Donald Jones and Rev. Don Sizemore officiating. Interment followed in Thornspring UM Church Cemetery in Dublin. The family received friends Monday evening at the funeral home.

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

Turpin, Lila Ann

Lila Ann Turpin, beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and pillar of strength, passed away May 1, 2024, at the age of 89.

Her long and beautiful life touched the hearts of all who knew her, leaving behind a legacy of love, kindness, and resilience. Born Aug. 14, 1934, in Dickenson County, Va., Lila was the daughter of Noah Bradley Lambert (d. 2002) and Ritter T Sutherland (d. 2000).

She grew up with a deep appreciation for family values, a strong faith and work ethic, and perseverance; qualities that would define her character throughout her life. Lila married Eugene Turpin in May of 1956, which spanned four decades until Eugene's passing in 1997. Eugene's military position meant that he and Lila moved frequently with their kids in tow, nationally and internationally, finally settling back to Virginia upon retirement. She served her country in military support and in prayer. A dedicated homemaker and caretaker, Lila found purpose in her physical, emotional, and spiritual support of others. She wholeheartedly loved and gave to her family, her church, her community, and her friends, knowing that the true measure of love is found in action. In later years she found purpose in a card ministry, sending hundreds each year for all occasions.

She enjoyed giving hugs, many times to those she did not know but felt they needed encouragement. Her



legacy is a testament to the enduring power of selfless love, reminding us that the greatest joy comes from giving without expecting, and by nurturing others to grow ourselves. Lila's journey was not without loss, as she bid farewell to beloved family members and friends throughout her life.

She is reunited in eternal peace with her husband, Eugene, and her siblings, Milton L. Lambert, Pauline L. Martin, and N.B. Lambert, who preceded her in death. Her brothers C. Gray Lambert and Harold D. Lambert are still with us today. Lila's memory lives on in the hearts of her surviving children, Pamela (Randy) Croy, Donna (Jay) Fox, Jerry (Darlene) Turpin, and Ronald (Tammy) Turpin, a very special friend Becky Corso, as well as her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and extended family.

Lila's life was marked by milestones of meaningful connections. She devoted herself to family, creating cherished traditions and moments of laughter that echoed through the years.

Her home was a haven of warmth and hospitality, where gatherings were filled with love and homemade meals that brought her so much joy to share. Her zest for life was contagious, evident in her love for a good challenge, be it tackling jigsaw puzzles, solving crosswords, or perfecting her beautiful calligraphy. She believed in savoring life's simple joys, from the occasional vacation travel with her children, dancing at her grandchildren's weddings or to the lively tunes of bluegrass music and the excitement of loudly cheering her beloved Hokies onto victory. In these ways, she leaves behind a reminder to all of us to dance to the rhythm of life's melodies, solve its puzzles with patience, and love those around us boldly and without restraint.

A celebration of Lila's life was held May 5, 2024 at McCoy Funeral Home followed by a graveside service at Westview Cemetery in Blacksburg. The family received friends before the service. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to the Community Christian Church in Newbern in honor of Lila and in service of her Lord. Lila will be deeply missed but forever remembered for her love, laughter, and the enduring legacy of kindness she leaves behind. The family would like to extend a special thank you to Good Samaritan Hospice and Commonwealth Assisted Living in Radford.

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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.

Curl is a sweet, happy younger dog in search of her furever home. Her name comes from the curl that appears in her tail when she wags it! Curl has lived with other dogs in a previous home and appears to be treat motivated. Stop by the Animal Care and Adoption Center to meet her.



Sheldon is a sweet boy who is ready to head home. He can be a little shy in unfamiliar environments but affection from a favorite human settles him down. He's a younger doggo who has lived with other canines in a previous home.

Local health director gives state presentation on NRV Recovery Ecosystem



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Dr. Noelle Bissell, Director of the New River Health District presents information about the NRV Recovery Ecosystem at the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) Community Health Services (CHS) Leadership Biannual Meeting in Richmond.

The NRV Recovery Ecosystem was highlighted at the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) Community Health Services (CHS) Leadership Biannual Meeting in Richmond Virginia. Dr. Noelle Bissell, Director of the New River Health District and Holly Lesko with the Regional Commission provided an overview of the program with other Health Directors and senior VDH staff. The level of collaboration and trust built across the New River Valley over the years was shared as the foundation of this program which is unique in the scope of the work and breadth of partnerships engaged

in the opioid abatement effort in the region. Dr. Bissell noted, "The Regional Commission provided the structure and glue to our regional response to COVID and continues to do so for the NRV Recovery Ecosystem." and Dr. Karen Shelton, VDH Commissioner who also serves on the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority (OAA) promoted this collaboration as an exemplar for other health districts to follow.

For more information about the NRV Recovery Ecosystem, contact Holly Lesko hlesko@nrvc.org.

New River Valley Regional Commission

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to rise. Halberstadt recently spent the day on Capitol Hill as a patient advocate for Dysautonomia Advocacy Day, organized by Dysautonomia International, which is asking that the National Institute of Health's Autonomic Lab not be shut down in 2025.

"It needs to stay funded and open for research and diagnostics to help patients and progress in more scientific understanding of dysautonomia that ranges from Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia (POTS), Orthostatic intolerance to pure autonomic failure that occurs with Parkinson's disease, to name a few," said

Halberstadt. "My father died from a long battle with Parkinson's disease."

Halberstadt was diagnosed at the NIH autonomic lab and brought back for additional studies.

"One study was developed after they saw techniques I came up with, to delay syncope and regain awareness of my surroundings when I am back to being conscious," she said. "More people are developing dysautonomia from long Covid. Closing that lab at such a time, must be stopped. Our country needs the highly advanced, technology and expertise of the autonomic lab at the NIH."

Halberstadt said her day on Capitol Hill was a dream come true. Through the use of a wheelchair, her multi-purpose service dog in training, a standard poodle puppy named Gustav Olivier, and the support of her mother, she says she was able to make it through the day without passing out.

"Gustav alerted, got in my lap and did deep pressure therapy to help raise my blood pressure and stop a severe dysautonomia episode from occurring," she said. "He even stayed on my lap for an entire meeting."

"Many of my life goals and dreams are no longer possible," Halberstadt said. "Getting to educate members of US Congress and their congressional staff about my dysautonomia conditions, spending a full day on Capitol Hill as a patient advocate, alongside Dysautonomia International and other patients was literally a dream come true."

"It was incredibly fun but physically grueling," she continued. "Seeing a historic committee room - I didn't think I'd ever get to see it in person - towards the end of the day energized me to push on, as so many groundbreaking people have worked to create positive change before me. I'm thrilled I got to advocate for myself and dysautonomia patients nationwide, while spreading awareness about our not well-known conditions. It felt really good to play an active role in helping educate members of US Congress, while working for much needed federal support for vastly underfunded, often profoundly disabling, life altering dysautonomia conditions. Our nations democracy is, "by the people, for the people..." Policy and federal funding will come, as long as the people continue to show up and advocate for the greater good of our countries people. As long as my body cooperates, I'm looking forward to being back on Capital Hill, advocating for dysautonomia patients nationwide."

The advocacy from Halberstadt and others has had an impact, but she says more work needs to be done.

"We requested they keep the autonomic fellowship program," she said. "Currently only six programs exist in our nation. There's a great paucity of board-certified autonomic specialists and physicians with knowledge of diagnosing and treating basic forms of dysautonomia."

"[We also requested] \$10 million in federal funding for physician education, so doctors will have the knowledge to diagnose and treat patients; refer to an autonomic clinic if needed," she added. "Patients wait a year or more to be seen at autonomic clinics. Further delaying diagnosis and treatment."

"As a result of Dysautonomia Advocacy Day on The Hill, multiple congressional offices made formal requests for Dysautonomia Physician Education," she concluded. "It's being added to the preliminary Fiscal Year 2025 Budget (FY2025) but to make sure it stays, doesn't get voted out in committee meeting, it's important for everyone to call and email their US Congress senators and representatives."

"Members of US Congress are better able to make decisions to help constituents and our country, when they see and hear firsthand, about the impact of life with dysautonomia and the struggles faced getting a correct diagnosis, paucity of autonomic specialists and clinics in our nation. Having congressional offices witness a tiny bit of what we deal with every day is impactful."

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY FOR A 2024 BIENNIAL REVIEW OF ITS BASE RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS PURSUANT TO § 56-585.8 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA CASE NO. PUR-2024-00024

On March 29, 2024, Appalachian Power Company ("APCo" or "Company") filed an application ("Application") with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to § 56-585.8 of the Code of Virginia ("Code") and the Commission's Rules Governing Utility Rate Applications and Annual Informational Filings, for a biennial review of the Company's rates and terms and conditions for the provision of generation and distribution services. Pursuant to Code § 56-585.8 D, the Commission must issue a final order regarding the Application by November 20, 2024, and any revisions in rates ordered by the Commission pursuant to the rate review shall take effect no later than January 1, 2025.

The Application states that this proceeding entails, among other things, determinations regarding: (i) APCo's cost of service and earnings during the twelve-month period ending December 31, 2023; (ii) whether prospective changes to APCo's rates for generation and distribution services are necessary; and (iii) the Company's prospective fair rate of return on common equity ("ROE").

APCo states that it files this Application under Virginia Code § 56-585.8, a new law enacted in 2023 that reinstated biennial reviews for APCo. The Company states that the statute requires APCo to file its first biennial review in 2024, and, in this initial review proceeding, the Commission must review APCo's earnings in 2023 only. The Company outlines the parameters for the Commission's review of APCo's earnings in a biennial review case, including the circumstances under which the Commission must order revisions to APCo's rates under Code § 56-585.8 F. APCo states that, if the Commission determines that APCo's existing rates will, on a going-forward basis, produce revenues above or below the Company's authorized rate of return, then the Commission "shall order any reductions or increases, as applicable and necessary, to such rates...that it deems appropriate to ensure the resulting rates for generation and distribution services (a) are just and reasonable and (b) provide the utility an opportunity to recover its costs of providing services" over the next biennial period and earn a fair rate of return as authorized by the Commission.

APCo states that, for the purposes of the earnings test in this case, APCo's authorized ROE is the 9.5% that the Commission approved in the Company's 2023 triennial review. APCo asserts that it earned a return of 2.26% on its common equity during 2023, which is the equivalent of more than \$149.2 million in pre-tax earnings below the authorized return of 9.5%.

In this case, APCo requests approval to implement retail base generation and distribution rates that are designed to increase the Company's revenues by approximately \$95.1 million, which represents a 5.1% increase to overall revenues. The requested increase includes a \$32.8 million increase to the generation function and a \$62.3 million increase to the distribution function. According to APCo, the requested revenue increase reflects, among other things, APCo's requested authorization of a prospective ROE of 10.8%.

APCo states that an increase to its rates is necessary to ensure the Company can continue providing safe and reliable service at just and reasonable rates to its customers over the coming years. The requested rate increase is the result of numerous factors, including the following: fuel-related carrying costs; increased capital costs, including a 10.8% market cost of equity and higher interest expense; incremental capital investment; increased operating expenses, including but not limited to costs associated with major storms; and fully incorporating in rates the costs of APCo's vegetation management program.

Included in the Application are the Company's proposed changes to its terms and conditions of service, which include requests for approval of three additional rates schedules: Rider National REC, a voluntary rate schedule that provides customers with a lower-cost option to source renewable power than the Company's two existing options; Schedule LFEVC, a voluntary rate schedule for commercial and industrial customers with electric vehicle fleets; and Schedule PEVCFS, which is designed to accommodate public charging of electric vehicles. In addition, the Company requests approval of a new Customer Solutions EV Pilot Program, which is intended to provide a means to connect customers in need of EV charging infrastructure with qualified vendors to provide that infrastructure. Further, the Company proposes to increase the basic service charge for residential customers from \$7.96 to \$9.00 per month.

The overall impact of the Company's proposals would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours of electricity per month by approximately \$10.22, or 6.0%.

The foregoing is not an exhaustive list of all the proposals contained in the Company's Application. Interested persons are encouraged to review APCo's Application and supporting documents in full for details about these and other proposals.

TAKE NOTICE that the Commission may apportion revenues among customer classes and/or design rates in a manner differing from that shown in the Application and supporting documents and thus may adopt rates that differ from those appearing in the Company's Application and supporting documents.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding that, among other things, scheduled public hearings on APCo's Application. On September 9, 2024, at 10 a.m., the Commission will hold a telephonic hearing, with no witness present in the Commission's courtroom, for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses. On or before September 4, 2024, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission (a) your name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Commission to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission in three ways: (i) by filling out a form on the Commission's website at scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting; (ii) by completing and emailing the PDF version of this form to SCCInfo@scc.virginia.gov; or (iii) by calling (804) 371-9141. This public witness hearing will be webcast at scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting.

Beginning at 10 a.m. on September 9, 2024, the Commission will telephone sequentially each person who has signed up to testify as provided above.

On September 10, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, the Commission will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence related to the Application from the Company, any respondents, and the Commission's Staff.

To promote administrative efficiency and timely service of filings upon participants, the Commission has directed the electronic filing of testimony and pleadings, unless they contain confidential information, and required electronic service on parties to this proceeding.

An electronic copy of the public version of the Company's Application may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company: James G. Ritter, Esquire, American Electric Power Service Corporation, 1051 East Cary Street, Suite 1100, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or jritter@aep.com. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies of the public version of the Application and other documents filed in this case from the Commission's website: scc.virginia.gov/Case-Information.

On or before September 4, 2024, any interested person may submit comments on the Application by following the instructions found on the Commission's website: scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments. Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such comments by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All such comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2024-00024.

On or before June 21, 2024, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation electronically may file such notice at the address listed above. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel, if available. The respondent simultaneously shall serve a copy of the notice of participation on counsel to the Company. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, Participation as a respondent, of the Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules of Practice"), any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by 5 VAC 5-20-30, Counsel, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2024-00024. For additional information about participation as a respondent, any person or entity should obtain a copy of the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing.

On or before July 19, 2024, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission, at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling, any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case. Any respondent unable, as a practical matter, to file testimony and exhibits electronically may file such by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Each witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. All testimony and exhibits shall be served on the Commission's Staff, the Company, and all other respondents simultaneously with its filing. In all filings, respondents shall comply with the Rules of Practice, as modified herein, including, but not limited to: 5 VAC 5-20-140, Filing and service, and 5 VAC 5-20-240, Prepared testimony and exhibits. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2024-00024.

Any documents filed in paper form with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, except as modified by the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, Copies and format, of the Rules of Practice.

The public version of the Company's Application, the Commission's Rules of Practice, the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, and other documents filed in the case may be viewed at: scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

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Legals - City of Salem

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission,

at its regular meeting on May 15, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

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).

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

Legals - City of Salem

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem,

at its regular meeting on Monday, May 13, 2024, at 6:30 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 the following request relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

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 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.

No formal action by Council will take place at the May 13, 2024 meeting. Council action for the required first and second reading of the ordinance will be scheduled for future Council meeting agendas.

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 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA
 BY:
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ABC NOTICE

HAMMER & STAIN SALEM LLC trading as HAMMER & STAIN ROANOKE, 901 S. Colorado Street, Roanoke County, Salem, VA. 24153.

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Legals - Montgomery County

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 RANDELE 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

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 9th DAY OF MAY, 2024, AT 10:00 A.M., THE REAL ESTATE WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON KNOWN AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

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Legals - Montgomery County

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Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
 Case No. **CL23001539-00**
 MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* REBECCA LYNN AKERS BOYD v. TIMOTHY RALPH BOYD
 The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that TIMOTHY RALPH BOYD appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JUNE 26, 2024.
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# MONTGOMERY SPORTS

## Wilkens steps down at Christiansburg

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Christiansburg High School is looking for a new football coach after Alex Wilkens stepped down late last week.

In a social media post, Wilkens said the past few years have been an incredible journey as a head coach.

"I have had so much fun, even in the hardest of times," he said. "There are too many people to thank for the help and/or trust and faith in me to lead a program. It was an incredible honor and responsibility I never take lightly."

He said the decision to step down was one of the hardest decisions in his life and cited his family and its importance as being the reason for stepping down.

This past year was Wilkens' seventh as head coach after previously serving as an assistant at Glenvar.

"This was the best decision (to step down) for my family in this phase of my life in order to be the best version of myself for those that I've been so blessed to develop relationships with over the first half of my life," he said.

The coach will finish his career at 38-39. His first four at the school were considered a rebuilding time, but he then

led the team to two 10-win seasons and a 2023 8-4 mark. The team fell 27-20 to Magna Vista in the region semi-finals.

Christiansburg won the region 3D title in 2022 and advanced to the state semi-finals before falling to Heritage.

Wilkens said he will remember the people for his time as coach.

"There are so many wonderful people that I've worked with along the way," he said. "I'm not sure at this point I can name just one, you don't really think about those things until it's over; and that's still very new for me. There were some incredible successes on the field, but seeing the people leave our program and find success in their next chapters is what I think back on with the fondest of memories."

Wilkens plans to continue to teach physical education at the school. He wouldn't rule out a return to the sidelines somewhere down the road.

"I most certainly wouldn't rule it out," he said. "One of my favorite things in my life has been being part of a team. I don't know what it feels like to not be on a team. I fell in love with that when I was eight years old and that has never wavered. I know I will miss it tremendously."



Christiansburg coach Alex Wilkens (center) is surrounded by the Blue Demons after winning the Region 3D championship in 2022.

## Radford girls fall to Glenvar



Kendall Carpenter boots a goal kick in Friday's game, which was a 3-1 loss to Glenvar.



Radford goalkeeper Hollybrook Cline dives to get a hand on the ball and make the save.



Jessica Zarate steals the ball from a Glenvar player in the Bobcats 3-1 loss.



Radford's Abby Hodock clears the ball in front of the Highlanders' attack.

## RHS runner heading to RU

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Radford High School's Mattie Flores will continue her track career at Radford University.

This past week, the student-athlete signed a letter of intent in the school's gymnasium in front of family, friends and teammates.

At RU, Flores will compete in the 400-meter hurdle race, as well as the 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash and 300-meter dash. Her best times were 12.8 sec in the 100 and a 26.8 in my 200. Her season was cut short this year after she suffered a broken collarbone.

She said the decision in choosing RU was an easy one as she has a deep affection for Radford. She moved from San Angelo, Texas her junior year and is glad to stay home.

"Proximity to my mother's home was also a crucial factor in my decision, as maintaining close ties with my family is paramount to me," she said. "During my visit to the university's team, I was embraced by the incredibly kind head coach, Shelly Sayers, and the team members who showed genuine support and kindness, cementing my decision to join RU."

Radford University Coach Shelli Sayers is entering her fifth year as head coach. Previously, she served as Assistant Coach from the 2015 - 2019 seasons. The team participates in the Big South Conference.

Flores said one of the most memorable moments in her track experience was undoubtedly competing at the state level.

"Racing at such a prestigious event was not only exhilarating but also being part of the incredible team from Radford High School made it even more special," she said. "The camaraderie and support from my teammates truly enhanced my growth both as an athlete and as a teammate. Running alongside them was truly a highlight of my track journey."

Both her mother and grandmother both ran track in their careers, while her father was a quarterback in high school. Both brothers, TJ and Daniel, also ran track.

Currently, Flores is undecided on her major at RU but is leaning towards pursuing Dental Hygiene.

"As a result, I'm considering majoring in either chemistry or biology," she said. "Both fields would provide a strong foundation for my future career path in dental hygiene."

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## Weekly reports: Auburn Mt. Empire regular season baseball champs

Auburn defeated George Wythe 16-1 this past week to finish the Mt. Empire District regular baseball season 12-0.

Jared Lavergne was four of four for the third time during the week to lead the offense. Brody Hensel, Brady Hale and Josh Givens all added two hits each with Hale picking up four RBI's and Graham Alley driving in three runs.

Givens picked up the win on the mound allowing one hit with eight strikeouts over three innings.

**Blacksburg boys down Cave Spring**  
The Blacksburg boys' soccer team remained unbeaten with a 5-1 win over Cave Spring. Sean DeLorenzo had two goals with Addison Bass, Craig Huxtable and Keanan Kopp picking up individual goals.

**Auburn shuts out Ft. Chiswell**  
The Auburn girls' soccer team moved to 12-4 on the season with a 6-0 win over MED-foe Ft. Chiswell. Senior Katie Light had two goals as five different Eagles had individual scores.

Senior Josie Agee-Helms and Sophomore Kennedy Marshal split halves in the goal to gain the shutout.

**Auburn takes county win**  
The Auburn boys' soccer team is 10-2-1 on the season after a 3-1 win over cross-county rival Eastern Montgomery. Sophomore Jared Bradley scored all

three Eagle Goals to collect the hat trick. Junior Clayton Holloway scored for the Mustangs, who fell to 11-4.

**Christiansburg softball defeats Salem**

Christiansburg's softball team picked up a 5-1 win over Salem as Kady Camper struck out 14 batters while only giving up one hit. She also had three hits at the plate as Christiansburg moves to 14-2 on the season.

Makaylee Hughes knocked in two runs for Christiansburg. The others were knocked in by Tyleigh Dillard, Reagan Smith and Addison Reasor. Reasor had three hits on the night.

**Radford beats James River, loses one to Glenvar**

The Radford Bobcats softball team beat the James River Knights on Thursday, May 2, 6 to 2. Radford got on the board in the bottom of the second inning after Ariel Sutphin singled, scoring two runs, and Abie Slate grounded out, scoring a run. A single by Olivia Radford in the bottom of the third extended the lead to 4 to 1. Radford piled up 10 hits in the game with Quinn Burton, Raeligh Mills and Kathryn Price each collecting 2 hits with Price closing the door on James River with a

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**Chris Neal (right) set the Auburn program record for goals scored in a single game and points accumulated in a single game with six goals scored in last week's match against George Wythe. Also, pictured (left) is Jared Bradley, the 2022 State Player of the Year, the previous points record holder.**

two run single in the 6th. Quinn Burton earned the win for the Bobcats, allowing 8 hits and two runs (one earned) over seven innings, striking out five.

Friday, May 3, a leadoff home run from Radford senior Addie Saunders wasn't enough to hold off the Highlanders 14-5. Glenvar took the lead for good, scoring eight runs in the top of the second. Quinn Burton took the loss in the matchup going four innings and allowing 12 runs (2 earned).

Radford had 11 hits on the night to include Kira Rollins, Ella Cox, Saunders and Kathryn Price earning multiple hits.

### Eastern Montgomery over Bland in softball

Eastern Montgomery girls' varsity softball defeated Bland County 16-3. Alexis Artrip drove in six runs on two

hits to power the Mustangs Offense. Mary Miller was the winning pitcher.

### Lady Bruins over Cave

The Blacksburg High School girls' soccer team traveled to Cave Spring Friday night and came away with a 3-0 win. Scoring for Blacksburg was Kallan Malabad, Ginny Crawford, and Braelynn Butler. Erin Bishop added three assists on the night. Paige Miller had four saves in claiming her 12th shutout of the season.

With the win, Blacksburg clinches the regular season River Ridge District title.

Blacksburg improves to 12-0-2, 8-0-2 on the season while Cave Spring drops to 9-3-2, 6-3-2.

Staff Report

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PHOTO COURTESY OF MATTIE FLORES

**Mattie Flores is a senior at Radford High School and will continue her track career in college at Radford University. She signed a letter of intent this past week.**

## Lady Hokies complete undefeated home streak

In a season filled with exciting wins and broken records, the No. 18 Virginia Tech softball team has closed out regular season play undefeated at home, holding a 17-0 streak at Tech Softball Park.

When asked about this achievement, star pitcher Emma Lemley and key outfielder Addy Greene both emphasized the team's focus on taking each game pitch by pitch and not looking too far ahead, a strategy that's proved instrumental in their success.

Under the guidance of head coach Pete D'Amour, the season is broken down into three sections – preseason tournaments, conference play and the postseason.

"It's a long season, like 50 to 60 games," Greene explained. "But by breaking it up, you can kind of compartmentalize and mentally take it game by game."

"With a lot of games, we don't have much practice time," Lemley added, "but we've taken the practices that we do have really seriously, and we'll think through one thing we can improve upon for the next game."

In the Hokies' opening weekend, they played Illinois and Auburn, earning two major wins that set the tone for the rest of the season. In particular, Tech's defeat of the then-No. 20 Tigers was a massive boost of confidence, given that the Hokies were up against one of the nation's top pitchers.

Coach D'Amour also credits their first home game, a midweek matchup against Elon, as essential preparation to their successes at home.

"Typically, our first home game is a conference game," D'Amour said. "So,



PHOTO COURTESY OF VT ATHLETICS

**Virginia Tech softball Coach Pete D'Amour has put together a winning formula, dedicated fans and camaraderie play into home field dominance.**

this game against Elon really settled us down as far as being able to play at home before we headed into conference play."

Many other moments stand out from the Hokies' many home victories, including an exciting end to their sweep against Boston College. Tech was trailing 4-1 before rallying to score an impressive 12 times in the bottom half of the fifth to claim victory via run-rule, walking it off.

"I was so wowed by [Cori McMillan's] home run at the end," Lemley said. "Softball is a weird sport where just one thing can turn the tide of the game, and in this case, we were all just feeding off each other's energy."

For Greene, there are too many special moments accumulated from the season to name just one.

"It's hard for me to pinpoint certain moments," Greene said, "because I feel like every single game something happens and I'm smiling so big."

Keeping the energy up at home games is crucial for the players, and the crowd is a huge part of this. So, throughout this season, Hokie fans have been doing what Hokie fans do best – showing up for their team and cheering loudly.

Having a supportive fan base is a big deal, especially given the massive turnout at schools such as Georgia, Clemson or Florida State.

"If our crowd isn't to that level, our players are going to wonder what's going on," D'Amour said. "Our crowds were very supportive this year, and our players deserved it."

But what is perhaps most central to the Hokies' success is the

exceptional camaraderie and cohesion within the team. Despite the influx of 12 new players at the beginning of the season, the team quickly bonded, forging a tight-knit unit that supported each other both on and off the field.

It all started with September's memorable team bonding trip deep in the woods. The girls stayed in a cabin without phones, allowing them to forge deeper connections, and squeezed into tiny rooms to sleep.

"That was the moment where you were like, I'm glad it's this group and not another, because we were able to survive and have a little bit of fun," Greene laughed. "Overall, it was such a great experience because we got so close. It's very rare that 24 girls can get along and there be no drama and no problems, but that's our team."

The team's special bond certainly makes itself known during games. When a player is subbed out, instead of feeling upset about leaving the field, she'll only shift her focus towards encouraging and cheering the teammate replacing her. What's best for the team comes first and foremost.

As the Hokies (39-11-1) now head into the postseason, phase three, the players are focused on continuing to take each game pitch by pitch and not look too far ahead.

"I also think it's important to not make any game too big," Lemley said. "NCAA softball has shown that anyone can beat anyone on any given day. The postseason is a brand-new season, and this team is capable of anything."

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