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Blacksburg Transit makes major route changes

Blacksburg Transit and Virginia Tech will implement a significant enhancement to campus transportation with the launch of a new Campus Shuttle (CAS) route.

This initiative is a major step forward in making travel around the Blacksburg campus more convenient for students, faculty, and staff.

The project marks the culmination of over a decade of planning led by the Town of Blacksburg in collaboration with Virginia Tech.

The new Transit Center, located in the North Academic District near Perry Street, spans over 6 acres and includes a 13,000-square-foot, two-story building. It will serve as a central hub for various modes of alternative transportation, including Blacksburg Transit (BT), Virginia Tech's Sustainable Transportation and Hokie Bike Hub, and other partners such as the Smart Way bus and Virginia Breeze.

The center features two paved bus loops, which will

be the new central hub for all BT buses on campus. The Campus Shuttle will operate using these loops, running in opposite directions around campus. The Orange Loop, located to the west of the building between West Campus Drive and the Perry Street Garage, and the Maroon Loop, situated to the east between Stanger Street and the Perry Street Garage, will facilitate easy

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A Blacksburg Transit bus at the new Transit Center off Stanger Street.



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Candice Matthis (left) and Debbie Nichols work through their podcast, blog, social media and conference events to spread awareness of a lesser known and researched tick-borne condition called Alpha-Gal Syndrome.

Two Alpha Gals working together to educate and spread the word about Alpha-Gal Syndrome

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY- The Two Alpha Gals work through their podcast, blog, social media and conference events to spread awareness of a lesser known and researched tick-borne condition called Alpha-Gal Syndrome.

Candice Matthis and Debbie Nichols are two friends and colleagues who both live with Alpha-Gal Syndrome. According to the CDC, Alpha-Gal Syndrome or "The Red Meat Allergy", "is a serious and potentially life-threatening allergic condition that can occur after a tick bite." The CDC also states that the

lone star tick is the species of tick most commonly associated with Alpha-Gal Syndrome but one can be bitten by another species of tick as per the research that is on-going, these other species have not been ruled out as triggers for the syndrome. According

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Blacksburg to participate in Find Waldo scavenger hunt celebrating shopping locally

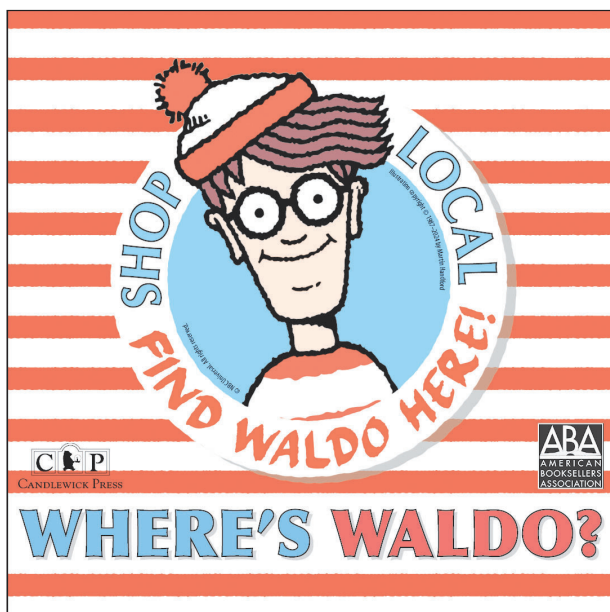
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BLACKSBURG- The Town of Blacksburg will be participating for the first time in the annual nationwide Find Waldo Local event created by Candlewick Press and the American Booksellers Association.

Candlewick Press and the American Booksellers Association have held the Find Waldo Local event for 12 years by partnering annually with over 300 independently owned bookstores each year. This year is the first in which they have partnered with Blacksburg Books and brought this event to Blacksburg and its residents. The event is part of an initiative to support local businesses and have fun in the community. Similar to the books by Martin Handford, residents will search 25 Blacksburg stores for the iconic Waldo. This event is entirely free to participate in and lasts all month long starting July 1, 2024.

"To join in the fun," Blacksburg Books' press release said, "people can simply pick up a "Find Waldo Local in Blacksburg" stamp card at any of the participating stores. With each miniature Waldo they spot, searchers get their card stamped or signed by the participating shop. Collecting store stamps or signatures at fifteen or more businesses will entitle diligent seekers entry into a grand-prize drawing for Waldo books and other prizes, including gift cards! All participants are welcome to attend the celebration party at Blacksburg Books on July 31st at 3pm. Mayor Leslie Hager-Smith of Blacksburg will be there to hand out the grand prize!"

Blacksburg Books and its fellow Blacksburg small businesses like the Lyric Theatre, Our Daily Bread and



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Fringe Benefit, will have stamp cards for participants to begin their searches for the red-and-white striped shirt and black glasses that have been popular since the 1980's.

"Each of the participating businesses will have a six-inch Waldo figure," Ellen Woodall, manager of Blacksburg Books said, "hidden somewhere on their premises. Participants have the entire month to find the Waldos and get their cards stamped. Those who

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Tourism director discusses Montgomery County Tourism office efforts

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY- David E. Rotenizer, Executive Director of Tourism for Montgomery County, says the tourism office has been busy since September 2023 when ARPA Funds were used to build a foundation for tourism.

Rotenizer explained roughly \$50 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds went to the general assembly who then allocated the funds by county and city. Montgomery County received \$180,000 to be used for tourism.

Building toward a future for Montgomery County tourism, the ARPA funds were allocated to five projects: obtaining a spread in the 2024 Virginia State Travel Guide, having two media or "FAM" tours, Destination Optimization, an asset inventory of outdoor tourism; and focusing on messaging and strategic recommendations.

With the anticipation of passenger rail arriving in Blacksburg via Amtrak, a process that has been on-going for well over a decade, Rotenizer and his team focused the ARPA funds on optimizing tourism opportunities, educating our local businesses and highlighting the abundance of tourism opportunities Montgomery County has to offer. With each of the five projects, the Montgomery County Tourism Office focused on aspects of tourism that needed to be addressed and ways to spread the word about the wonders one can find in Montgomery County.

The two-page spread

in the 2024 Virginia State Travel Guide was a first for Montgomery County, Rotenizer said, adding Montgomery County had never been highlighted in the guide before, let alone in the Southwest Virginia: Blue Ridge Highlands portion. The content highlights the arts and culture of Blacksburg, Christiansburg and the rest of Montgomery County as well as recreation, dining and the universities.

"It's marketing," Rotenizer said, "but, to me, it's also foundation building. Now that we have secured this, we have first right of refusal if we ever want to advertise here again and build a presence there."

The FAM tours are defined as familiarization trips where people from different forms of media come to learn about a destination, place, tourism board, etc. Part of the Fam Tours for Montgomery County included podcast segments with an NPR affiliate, KCBX. The Podcast channel is called Journeys of Discovery with Tom Wilmer where he featured the Blacksburg Farmers Market, The Lyric Theatre, Moon Hollow Brewing and so much more. The FAM tours were split in half, one half has already occurred, and the other half will be in the fall.

"What is Destination Optimization? Well, to me," Rotenizer said, "of all the things we did, this is probably the most consequential for the tourism program and the most challenging. Destination Optimization, basically,

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, June 26:

Blacksburg Farmers Market
At Market Square Park, 100 Draper Rd SW, Blacksburg; 2 – 6 p.m. The Blacksburg Farmers Market is a local, family-friendly gathering place in downtown Blacksburg featuring farmers of locally grown produce and meats, alongside artisans of baked goods and handmade crafts. For more information, visit <http://blacksburgfarmersmarket.com>.

Market Square Jam
Blacksburg's Market Square Jam is an official Crooked Road affiliated venue that provides fun and entertainment on Wednesday evenings, June through September. The Jam takes place at Market Square Park from 7-9 p.m. Host Band: Ashlee Watkins & Andrew Small. For more information and a list of hosts, please visit blacksburg.gov/marketsquarejam.

Thursday, June 27:

Radford Photo Club meeting
Joe Pack of Fairlawn will present a program at the Radford Photo Club meeting about famous photographer Carol Highsmith, then will present his own work taken in the Highsmith style. The meeting will be at the Radford Public Library at 6 p.m. The photo challenge for June is People. The Radford Photo Club is made up of professional and amateur photographers from throughout the New River Valley. Meetings, events, and outings are open to the public. If you have questions about the club, email Lucy Gilmore at lucyg.gilmore@gmail.com or Joyce

Crowder at joycecrowder2@icloud.com.

Classic movies at the Lyric
Beat the summer heat with a free classic movie at the historic Lyric Theatre at 135 College Ave. All movies begin at 3 p.m. "Some Like It Hot," June 29.

adVrenture Begins at the Library

At the Radford Public Library; 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Go on a wilderness adventure in Virtual Reality with the Nature Treks and National Geographic Explore apps on our Oculus Quest 2 headsets! If you'd prefer to arrange a different time for a 30-minute demo, email duncan.hall@radfordva.gov.

Friday, June 28:

Blacksburg Friday night outdoor concert

Featuring: Music Road Co. (funk/rock/reggae/afrobeat/Latin fusion). The summer of 2024 lineup of outdoor concerts offers six bands throughout June and July. Live music will take place Friday evenings on Henderson Lawn at the corner of Main Street and College Avenue, from 6 -7:30 p.m. In case of inclement weather, the event will be canceled.

Will it Waffle? A Teen Cooking Club

At the Radford Public Library; 2-3 p.m. NOT your average cooking program. Teens are invited to meet in the teen section with our teen librarian to see what types of foods we can make with waffle-makers that aren't actually waffles. Then maybe we'll try them. Will various cheeses waffle? What about ground

up Oreos? Only one way to find out!

Saturday, June 29:

Blacksburg Farmers Market
At Market Square Park, 100 Draper Rd SW, Blacksburg; 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. The Blacksburg Farmers Market is a local, family-friendly gathering place in downtown Blacksburg featuring farmers of locally grown produce and meats, alongside artisans of baked goods and handmade crafts. For more information, visit <http://blacksburgfarmersmarket.com>.

Radford Farmer's Market
Every Saturday through October; 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. on the grounds of Glencoe Mansion, 600 Unruh Dr. Visit weekly for an ever-changing supply of homemade goodies, crafts, plants, meats, produce, and more.

Sunday, June 30:

Vintage Market
At Market Square Park, 100 Draper Rd SW, Blacksburg; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. The market is made up of a carefully chosen group of vendors selling a wide selection of quality vintage items, upcycled crafts, and occasional antiques. For more information, visit blacksburgfarmersmarket.com/vintage-market/.

Thursday, July 4:

Blacksburg Fourth of July
Fourth of July parade, organized by the Mount Tabor Ruritan Club, "A Child's Fourth of July" parade starts at 2 p.m. on Eheart Street, runs through downtown on Main Street, and ends on Alumni Mall. The Town of Blacksburg will have music and fireworks at the Municipal Park, near the Rec. Center: Live music 6 -9:30 p.m. and fireworks at 9:30 p.m. (even if raining).

Christiansburg Fourth of July Celebration

Come out and celebrate our nation's Independence Day by attending the festival on Main Street from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be live music performances by Lonesome Heart (10 a.m.), Solacousix (noon) and Isaac Hayden (2 p.m.) Food trucks and arts and crafts vendors will be along Main Street and a special kids' zone with Touch-A-Trucks will be available, too. Enjoy this free event with your family and friends all day, and at 9:15 p.m., go to the Uptown Mall or Walmart parking lots to watch the fireworks!

Radford's Spirit of America Celebration

At Bisset Park, 49 Berkley Williams Dr., Radford, 1 – 10 p.m. This is a free event. Dog show, kids' zone, vendors and food trucks, live music, including Cat 5, Motown Revue and The Embers, and fireworks.

Shawsville 4th of July Parade and festival

Shawsville Ruritan Club's 4th of July Parade will begin at 4 p.m. After the parade, there will be a concert with Big Daddy Ray and

special guest Jerry Wimmer before the Independence Day fireworks show. There will also be a car show by E&E Automotive and a cornhole tournament by Shawsville Ruritan Club during the in-field concert festivities. The Shawsville Ruritan will host the 4th of July Cornhole Tournament, sponsored by First Bank and Trust, on Old Town Fields at 6 p.m.

Monday, July 8:

Montgomery County Board of Supervisors meeting

Public meetings are normally held 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.

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.

Tuesday, July 9:

Blacksburg Town Council meeting

The council meets in regular session the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 S. Main St. These meetings are open to the public and televised live on WTOB Channel 2.

Christiansburg Town Council meeting

Regular town council meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month beginning at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Town Hall (100 E. Main St.). The public is welcome and encouraged to attend, with a citizen hearing time reserved at each meeting for residents to bring any matter they desire before the entire council.

On-going:

Applications open for healthcare workshop for people with disabilities

Individuals with disabilities who live in Radford City and Floyd County can apply for a program presented by the New River Valley Disability Resource Center. "Improving Health Literacy Through Technology" is a program help people with disabilities gain better access to healthcare. Participants receive a free iPad after completing six weekly, one-hour workshops exploring how to use technology to take better control of health and social support needs. Workshops run Aug. 1 through Sept. 5. Applications available at www.nrvdc.org or by calling 540-266-1435 or email at outreach@nrvdc.org, and at the Radford and Floyd libraries. The application deadline is Fri., July 12.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF A 2024 SAVE RIDER PROJECTED FACTOR AND TRUE-UP FACTOR CASE NO. PUR-2024-00094

On June 7, 2024, Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos" or "Company") completed the filing of an application ("Application") pursuant to § 56-603 *et seq.* of the Code of Virginia ("Code"), known as the Steps to Advance Virginia's Energy (SAVE) Plan Act, for approval of its annual update of its SAVE Rider, consisting of a revised Infrastructure Replacement Current Rate ("Projected Factor") and an Infrastructure Replacement Reconciliation Rate ("True-Up Factor"), under the Company's approved SAVE Plan. Pursuant to Code § 56-604 E, the Commission shall approve or deny, within 90 days, a natural gas utility's proposed SAVE rider adjustment.

In support of its Application, Atmos states that, pursuant to the Commission's prior orders regarding its SAVE Plan, the Company is filing this Application for approval to implement updated SAVE Rider rates, effective with the first billing cycle in October 2024. Atmos has requested a Projected Factor revenue requirement of \$2,428,914 for the upcoming SAVE Plan year as well as a True-Up Factor revenue requirement of \$84,298 related to the Company's fourth year of investment under its SAVE Plan, for a combined 2024 SAVE Rider revenue requirement of \$2,513,212. As proposed, the 2024 SAVE Rider rate for residential customers will be \$2.99 per month, an increase of \$0.90 over the current rate of \$2.09 per month for such customers.

The details of these and other proposals are set forth in the Company's Application. Interested persons are encouraged to review the Company's Application and supporting exhibits for the details of these proposals.

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

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Comment that, among other things, directed the Company to provide notice to the public and provided interested persons an opportunity to comment on the Company's Application.

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 Application may be obtained, at no charge, by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company: Timothy E. Biller, Esquire, and Andrea D. Gardner, Esquire, Hunton Andrews Kurth, LLP, Riverfront Plaza, East Tower, 951 E. Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia, 23219, tbiller@hunton.com, agardner@hunton.com. Interested persons may also download unofficial copies of the Application and other documents from the Commission's website: scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

On or before August 1, 2024, any interested person may file comments on the Application by following the instructions 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-2024-00094.

On or before August 1, 2024, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation with the Clerk of the Commission at: scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation electronically may file such notice by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel, if available. 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-2024-00094. For additional information about participation as a respondent, any person or entity should obtain a copy of the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment.

On or before August 1, 2024, any interested person may request that the Commission convene a hearing in this matter by filing a request for hearing electronically via scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file electronically may file a request for hearing by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Requests for a hearing shall include: (i) a precise statement of the filing party's interest in the proceeding; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; (iii) a statement of the legal basis for such action; and (iv) a precise statement why a hearing should be conducted in this matter. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2024-00094.

A copy of any notices of participation and requests for hearing shall be sent to counsel for the Company.

The Company's Application, the Commission's Rules of Practice and the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment may be viewed at: scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

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OBITUARIES

Akers, Wayne Edward

A native of Christiansburg, Wayne Edward Akers, born October 31, 1960, peacefully left this world June 21, 2024, at the age of 63.



Wayne was preceded in death by his mother, Christine D. (Burke) Akers. Survivors include his wife of 29 years Tanya (Wojciechowski) Akers and children Brian Mullins, Stephanie (Derrick) Boyd, Stacy (Shep) Millar, Tyler (Amanda) Marcum, James (Maegan) Akers, Shannon (Josh) Collins, Breana (Zach) McManamy; 14 grandchildren; father JC Akers; and sister Joetta Whitehurst.

Wayne was a devoted father, husband, cousin, and friend to many. He was always there to offer guidance, support, and encouragement no matter what challenges they were facing.

He loved to hike, forage, cave, can, fish, garden, camp, and spend time with his beloved family. He was loved by many and had an unforgettable impact on those around him. Throughout his career, he was known for his hard work and dedication to helping others and has played a huge role in serving his community. Wayne served 23 years with the Longshop McCoy Fire and Rescue squad and was Chairman of the NRV Swiftwater Association. At 62 years old, Wayne recertified in

Electrical Engineering. Wayne worked for Siemens Technology for 36 years and was an indispensable member of their team. He was known for his brilliant mind, endless curiosity, great accomplishments, and his willingness to share it all with those around him.

A visitation for friends and family was held at Longshop McCoy Fire/Rescue Tuesday, June 25. The funeral will also be held at Longshop McCoy Fire/Rescue at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 26. Interment will follow in Roselawn Memorial Gardens. Join us to celebrate the life of such an amazing man and the time he spent among us.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that you donate to Longshop McCoy Fire and Rescue in remembrance of a man who faithfully devoted himself to his community.

Gearheart, Mary Chapman Moore

Mary Chapman Moore Gearheart, 79, of Radford, passed away Saturday, June 22, 2024.



She retired after 35 years of service with Virginia Tech and Radford University and was a longtime member of the former Central United Methodist Church in Radford. She was a dedicated volunteer at the former Radford Hospital and was a local Girl Scout leader and cookie manager for years. She taught fifth grade Sunday School at the former Central UMC, and loved to sew Raggedy Ann dolls, Sara's costumes, curtains and quilts.

of 42 years, T.G. Gearheart, Jr.; and sister, June Riley Moore.

Survivors include her daughter, Sara Gearheart; stepsons, Tom (Vickie) Gearheart, Tim (Becky) Gearheart, and Chris Gearheart; four grandchildren; a great grandson; brother, Tom (Ann) Moore; sister, Elizabeth (Roy) Pruett; several nieces and nephews; and many other relatives and

friends.

The family will receive friends from 9 until 11 a.m. on Monday, July 1, 2024, at Central Church in Radford. Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. with Rev. Don Shelor and Pastor Doug Levy officiating. Interment will follow in the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin. She loved the color green, please wear your favorite shade of green to honor her.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you donate to a cause that's near to your heart. Mary Chapman always said that we are here to take care of one another.

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

Hawks, Karen Jan Patton

Karen Jan Patton Hawks, of Dublin, went Home to be with her Savior June 22, 2024, at the age of 67.



She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother, survived by her husband Norman Hawks; children Justin Hawks, Timothy Hawk (fiancée Elizabeth), and Jennifer Hawks Langley (husband John); and grandchildren Brooks, George, and Kate Langley.

joy was being "Gram" to her three wonderful grandchildren. Karen was a dedicated wife to Norman for nearly 42 years before her passing, and their love blossomed until the very end.

The family will receive friends 2 - 3 p.m. Wednesday,

June 26, 2024, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Memorial services will follow with Pastor Timothy Worles officiating.

The Hawks family would like to give special thanks to Commonwealth Senior Living of Radford, Pulaski Health & Rehabilitation Center, and Medi Home Health & Hospice in Pulaski. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Calvary Baptist Church in Radford, VA, in-person or online at cbcradford.com.

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Alpha-Gal

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to the CDC, the tick bite triggers a molecule named galactose-a-1,3-galactose which is found in most mammals. This makes it so that when people eat red meat or other mammalian products, their body reacts to it as an allergen, hence why it is commonly referred to as the "Red Meat Allergy".

"This could mean," Nichols explained regarding reaction, "anaphylaxis. It could mean GI distress. It could mean nothing. So, a certain percentage of people will get bitten and will actually contract Alpha-Gal syndrome, but will have no symptoms whatsoever."

Debbie and Candice explained that their reactions to this allergy are on the severe side to the point where they are both fume-reactive, meaning they can have an allergic reaction because they are in a space where meat is being cooked and they breathe in those particles and it sends their bodies into distress.

"Alpha-Gal is different," Matthis explained, "because you look at other tick-borne diseases; they're bacterial or viral. Alpha-Gal is not. It's an IGE response. It's an allergy. When you research Alpha-Gal, other animals, most other mammals, carry it [the molecule galactose-a-1,3-galactose] naturally. They genetically have this carbohydrate, which we [humans] don't."

The allergy reacts to mammalian byproducts, which from its nickname makes people believe that it is just food based, however Debbie and Candice explain that mammalian by-products like tallow, gelatin, or dairy, exist in our everyday lives in household products like soap, laundry detergent, candles, paint and even crayons and therefore this allergy cause an entire lifestyle change where its not solely about watching what you eat. The Two Alpha-Gals explained that this even restricts what kind of medicines someone who lives with Alpha-Gal Syndrome can use as gel capsule medications often have gelatin in them which is a pork by-product. This can also mean, because companies can change their chemical formulas, that a product that was once safe can become no longer safe for people with this allergy.

Since 2019, the Two Alpha-Gals have been spreading knowledge, doing research and advocating for people with this allergy as they

explained that it is not on a typical allergy table or a tick-borne disease test. Matthis and Nichols explain that oftentimes people react to this information with shock and awe or revelation because it shows people who have been struggling with the symptoms that this syndrome is a possible cause for their ailments. The test for Alpha-Gal is typically covered by insurance and they advise adding it to a tick-borne disease test if you suspect being bitten.

"If you're in a place," Nichols said, "where you're potentially getting bit by deer ticks that give you Lyme, you're probably in a place where you have the potential to get bit by lone star ticks, so people with Lyme who are not seeing relief from their symptoms; it would be worth it to check for Alpha-Gal syndrome because the symptoms can also be joint pain and all these symptoms that look like Lyme and other tick-borne diseases, and the lifestyle shift [need if you have Alpha-Gal] makes all the difference."

The Alpha-Gals mission is to give people the tools, education, confidence and empowerment to live with Alpha-Gal Syndrome. As there is no medical way to prevent Alpha-Gal Syndrome, those who have it will have to make a lasting change to their lives and work with medical professionals to help give them relief from their symptoms. The Alpha-Gals also tackle the mental health and holistic aspects in their endeavors and try to help grow awareness in the overall community. As more research is occurring rapidly regarding Alpha-Gal, Matthis and Nichols have a food allergy mentorship program they run and advocate for others. They have a podcast, blog, and many social media platforms they use to help spread information and educate. They are in the process of launching a non-profit which would be a bigger and louder platform for them called the Alpha Gal Foundation where they can fundraise to help more of the Alpha-Gal Syndrome community and bridge that gap between healthcare, the underdiagnosed and lifestyle change. They aim to help more people.

"We just want people," Nichols and Matthis said, "out there who are living with it and suffering to know so that they can make changes to really bring joy back to their lives."

Waldo

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find all the Waldos will be entered in our grand prize drawing, which will include gift cards from local stores and – of course – Waldo books. And the mayor herself [Blacksburg Mayor Leslie Hager-Smith] will be at our Waldo party to present the grand prize! There will also be prizes along the way."

"We're excited," Woodall said, "because it's an incentive for kids and their parents to visit a multitude of local businesses – including some that they might not have been in before. If we can raise awareness and foot traffic to locally-owned shops, we call that a win. In many towns this has turned into a fun annual tradition, and we're hoping for the same in Blacksburg."

To see a map of all participating stores nationwide, participants can go to <https://www.indiebound.org> and click on the "Find Waldo Local" box. The Find Waldo Local event will be held all month long from July 1, 2024 to

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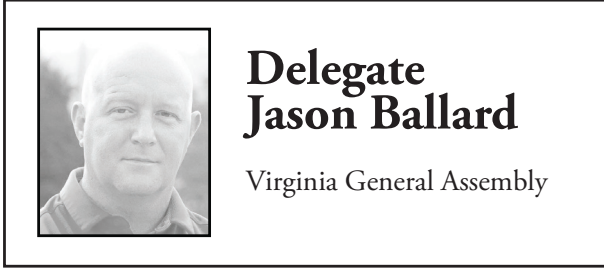
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OPINION

Delegate urges fix to Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program

This past week, the Senate of Virginia had an opportunity to take the first real step in fixing the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program (VMSDEP), a topic that I have written about several times over the past months. During hours of work in Richmond, the Senate failed to even consider any legislation to fix the program. To say that Senate Democrats made a hash of last week's session is an understatement.

Both the committee hearing for this legislation and session itself began hours late, and neither considered any bills. This was a huge inconvenience to the hundreds of Virginians who travelled to Richmond in order to testify in favor of VMSDEP's importance to veterans and their families. As multiple senators noted, there was a bill pending that would have repealed the VMSDEP changes that have caused consternation, which would have cleared the way for the House to act on that same legislation when we return to Richmond on June 28. This would have given peace of mind to those Gold Star, combat disabled, and first responder families who depend on this program for their children's education. Yet for some reason, the



Delegate Jason Ballard

Virginia General Assembly

senate took up no bills at all, either in committee or on the floor, leaving VMSDEP families in limbo for even longer. Democrats in the Senate insisted that they are simply acting to preserve the viability of the program, yet as Senate Majority Leader Louise Lucas said in her opening remarks, Democrats coupled VMSDEP legislation to skill games legislation, possibly to use it as leverage to force that bill's passage.

The most recent analysis of the program by General Assembly Appropriations staff shows that VMSDEP has grown to serve more than 8,300 Gold Star families, at a price tag of \$84.9 million this fiscal year. Legislators on both sides of the aisle agree that the program needs

reform, but most believe that the reform needs to happen during a regular General Assembly session where stakeholders can play a major role in the process.

The solution is simple. We must adopt bipartisan legislation that will repeal the changes passed in the budget, utilize the Preserving VMSDEP Task Force to issue recommendations, and then return in January and work through the legislative process to reform the program. A bipartisan majority in the House is ready to return on June 28 to do just that. What is vitally important to me is that we keep our promises that we make to the Commonwealth's Veterans and their families. Their sacrifice means they deserve nothing less.

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.

Transit

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and quick access to different campus areas. Bays 1-9 are in the Maroon Loop, and Bays 10-17 are in the Orange Loop. The loops are designed to be fully accessible, with ramps on all buses to allow for easy boarding. This centralization aims to streamline bus schedules and routes with minor adjustments from the previous academic year to accommodate the new system. All BT buses arriving on campus will now drop off and pick up passengers at the Loops near the Perry Street Garage, reducing congestion and improving safety.

To ensure seamless connectivity throughout central campus, the new CAS will provide convenient access to key locations including McBryde Hall, Newman Hall, Torgersen Hall, the Creative and Innovation District, Cassell Coliseum, McComas Hall, Litton-Reeves Hall, and Hahn Hall. Campus Shuttle buses will be available

frequently on weekdays from 6:15 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., ensuring minimal wait times and easy travel across campus.

As an alternative, the Hokie Express (HXP) offers reliable service to central campus, running every 30 minutes from 7 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. weekdays and from 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. weekends.

In August, when regular service resumes, the frequency and span of shuttle services will increase, providing even more flexibility and convenience for campus transportation.

"The new Campus Shuttle routes will transform how everyone gets around campus," said Carrie Cox, senior director of Auxiliary Services at Virginia Tech. "By centralizing our transportation hub and optimizing bus schedules, we are making it easier than ever for students, faculty, and staff to move around the university. This project demonstrates our commitment to improving the overall campus experience for everyone."

In an effort to show faculty, staff, and students the firsthand experience of getting around campus, tours of the new Campus Shuttle have been scheduled. These tours are designed to demonstrate the convenience of the shuttle system, allowing the campus community to quickly and efficiently reach meetings, classes, and

other campus locations without the hassle of driving. Registration is required. Register for one of the following tour dates:

- Thursday, July 11, 10 a.m.
- Tuesday, July 16, 10 a.m.
- Thursday, July 18, 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 23, 10 a.m.
- Wednesday, July 31, 2 p.m.

Currently, BT provides over 3.5 million rides annually, with approximately 22,000 rides occurring on a typical weekday during the semester. With 43 percent of off-campus students commuting via BT, the new system is expected to make a significant impact.

The Transit Center building is slated to open later this year; however, the new routes will begin on June 24, ushering in a new era of convenience and efficiency for campus transportation. All on-campus time checks will move to the Loops, and there will be no BT service to Burruss Hall, Alumni Mall, Squires Student Center, War Memorial Hall, and Beamer Way.

For information, questions, bay assignments, and the new route maps and timetables, as all routes have been changed, please visit ridebt.org/loops.

Mark Owczarski for Virginia Tech

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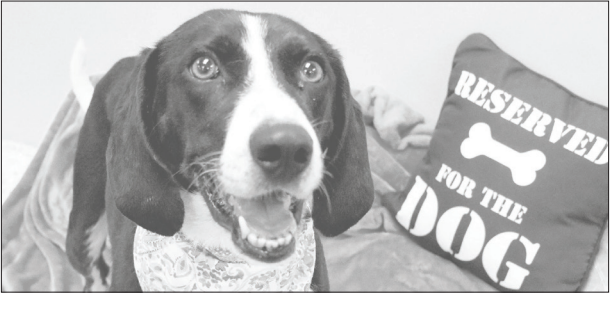
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PETS OF THE WEEK

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.

Meet Cricket! She's a beautiful Calico who is sweet and curious. Cricket is a younger cat—about a year old—and she's just so purrfectious! Stop by the Animal Care and Adoption Center to meet this gal. She could be your purrfect match!



Opal is a happy good girl who is ready to head home. She's been a resident at the ACAC since the beginning of June. She weighs about 45 pounds and is a Border Collie/Hound mix. Come meet pawsome Opal!

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CLUES ACROSS

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4. In a new way
10. ___ Paulo, city
11. Jailhouse
12. Expresses surprise
14. Trigraph
15. A small stream
16. Dissimilar
18. Promote
22. Gives a boost
23. Lawmaker
24. Orthodox Jews
26. Actor Harris
27. Wild cherry
28. Participate in democracy
30. Opposite of begins
31. A Brit's mother
34. Set of moral principles

CLUES DOWN

1. St. Francis of ___
2. Supported
3. United in working
4. It cools your home
5. Predicting
6. Irritated
7. Popular talk show host
8. Fabric edge
9. A resource for employees
12. Broadway's Jackman
13. Small water buffalo
17. City of Angels: ___ Angeles
19. Asteroids
20. Tailless amphibians
21. German expressionist painter

CLUES ACROSS

36. Very fast airplane
37. Czech river
39. Private school in New York
40. Israeli dance
41. Electron volt
42. Adjusting
48. Duct by the bladder
50. Small burger
51. Begin again
52. Unstuck
53. Jai ___, sport
54. Get free of
55. For instance
56. Hotel chain
58. A team's best pitcher
59. Extracts from various sources
60. Indefinite period of time

CLUES DOWN

25. What drives you
29. N. Vietnamese ethnic group
31. Gold coin used in British India
32. Have deep affection for
33. Ponds
35. Breaks between words
38. Hairstyle
41. Print errors
43. Family of iron alloys
44. Sidelined in bed
45. Many couples say it
46. Brazilian hoopster
47. Allman Brothers late frontman
49. German city
56. One hundred grams (abbr.)
57. One billionth of a second (abbr.)

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Huge Yard Sale
First Christian Church
Salem
712 Front Ave
Friday 6/28
& Saturday 6/29
8am to 2 pm Both days

Lunch on Friday
- Hot dogs & Barbecue

Breakfast on Saturday-
Biscuits & Gravy,
Sausage Biscuits,

Lunch on Saturday-
Hot dogs, & Barbecue

Yard Sales - Fincastle

Huge Yard & Garage Sale,

4626 Blue Ridge Turnpike,
Fincastle.
June 28 & 29,
7 a.m.-5 p.m.
Engine hoist, ladders, tools,
power tools and sooo much
more!

Auction

Notice of Public Auction
The contents of the following storage unit(s) will be sold at Public Auction to enforce our owner's lien:
Unit #507
Sale will be conducted at B&B Storage,
At 915 Peppers Ferry Road, Christiansburg VA on Friday, June 28, 2024, at 10:00 A.M.
All sales are final & CASH only

Help Wanted - Engineer

Process Automation Engineer - L2 sought by TMEIC INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION in Roanoke, VA,
to customize & test project-specific control & automation s/ware for PC, PLC, & drive-based industrial systems meeting project schedules. Availability to travel, domestically & internationally, approximately 15%, w/ limited notice, for site assignments up to approximately 2 months in duration. Min Req: Bach's deg in Comp Engg, or rtd field or foreign equiv deg. 24 months of exp dsngng &/or maintaining process automation s/ware in heavy industry, such as steelmaking, aluminum, or other process industries. 2 yrs of C++ & object-oriented prgmg exp using the Microsoft dvlpmt environment; & Proficiency in MS Office. Send resume to recruitment@tmeic.com. Ref#8018.

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Legals - Botetourt County

Order of Publication
Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,20-104
Case No. **023CL24000234-00**
BOTETOURT COUNTY Circuit Court,
COURTHOUSE, P.O.BOX 219, FINCASTLE, VA 24090
Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* CARMEN OLIVIA GRACE JARVIS v. BRIAN IONA, JR.
The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that BRIAN IONA, JR. appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JULY 31, 2024.
JUNE 13, 2024
Joel R. Branscom, Judge
Tommy L. Moore, Clerk

Trustee's Sale 112 Sunnydale Court, Troutville, VA 24175 (Parcel ID: 15342)

Default having been made in the terms of a certain Deed of Trust dated May 12, 2003, in the original principal amount of \$110,000.00 and recorded

Legals - Botetourt County

in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Botetourt, Virginia on May 16, 2003, in Deed Book 0000, at page 0086, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction on July 31, 2024 at 2:00 PM, in front of the building housing the County of Botetourt Circuit Court, 1 W. Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090, the property designated as Lot 6, Block 19, according to Map No.3, Rainbow Forest, property of Botetourt Development Corp., Botetourt, Virginia made by C.B Malcolm & Son, SCE, June 28, 1962 of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Plat Book 4, page 143.

Sale is subject to all prior liens, easements, restrictions, covenants, and conditions, if any, of record, or other matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the premises.

TERMS: CASH. A deposit of \$11,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required of the successful bidder at time of sale. Prior to the sale, interested bidders will be required to register with and must present a bid deposit which may be held during the sale by the trustee. The bid deposit must be certified funds ! and/or cash, but no more than \$9,900.00 of cash will be accepted. The successful bidder's deposit will be retained at the sale and applied to the sale price. If held by the trustee, all other bid deposits will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. Settlement is to be made within 15 days. The successful bidder will be responsible for obtaining possession of the property, and for all costs and fees related to recording the Trustee's Deed, including the grantors tax. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Trustee's Sale, available for review upon request before the sale, outlining additional terms of sale and settlement. A Trustee's Deed will be prepared by Trustee's attorney at high bidder's expense.

This is a communication from a debt collector. Tromberg, Morris & Poulin, PLLC on behalf of Southeast Equity Trustees, LLC and/or NFPDS-VA LLC, Substitute Trustee(s), 5310 Market Road, Suite 201, Richmond, VA 23230, File No. 24-000332, Tel: 804-525-1570.

Legals - Craig County

ABC NOTICE
RCLC LLC., trading as CARPERS, 5178 CRAIG VALLEY DRIVE, NEW CASTLE, VA 24127

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for Retail Wine and Beer On and Off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

ROBERT CARPER, OWNER

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

Legals - City of Radford

City of Radford Radford, Virginia Main Street Resurfacing

Sealed Bids for the construction of the Main Street Resurfacing will be received by the City of Radford, at 10 Robertson Street, Radford, VA 24141, until 3 PM local time on August 6, 2024, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Project consists of Resurfacing of 1.25 miles of East Main Street East of Tyler Avenue (Displays included in Bidding Documents).

Resurfacing will include 2" of surface milling and overlay with VDOT Std. SM-9.5D asphalt, restriping per existing conditions, and ADA compliant curb ramp

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upgrades, and associated appurtenances. Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a unit price basis as indicated in the Bid Form. The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is Hurt & Proffitt, Inc., 1861 Pratt Drive, Suite 1100, Blacksburg, Virginia 24060, Attn J. Michael Johnson, PE (mjohanson@handp.com), 540-552-5592.

Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 9:00 AM-5:00 PM, and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

Bidding Documents also may be examined at: DODGE Data, 3315 Central Avenue, Hot Springs, AR 71913
Valley Construction News Plan Room, 426 Campbell Avenue, Roanoke, VA 24016
Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the Issuing Office upon nonrefundable payment of \$50 for each set, or downloaded free of charge at <https://www.handp.com/bid-info/>

A pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 AM local time on Monday July 15, 2024 at the City offices, 10 Robertson Street, Radford, VA. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is highly encouraged. Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. The procedure for withdrawal of bids shall be in accordance with procedure set out in Section 2.2-4330(B)(1) of the Code of Virginia

The successful bidder must comply with the Presidents Executive Order #11246, prohibiting discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, sex, or national origin; Executive Orders #12138 and 11625 regarding utilization of MBE/WBE subcontractors in the performance of this contract; provide certification that they do not or will not maintain or provide for their employees facilities that are segregated on the basis of race, color, creed, or national origin; comply with the provisions of Civil Rights Act of 1964; and comply with the Davis-Bacon Act. Consistent with Executive Order 13858, "Strengthening Buy-American Preferences for Infrastructure Projects," the Contractor is encouraged to use, to the greatest extent practicable, iron and aluminum as well as steel, cement, and other manufactured products produced in the United States in every contract, subcontract, purchase order, or subaward that is chargeable under this Award.

Jenni Webb
Director of Communications
City Clerk
540-267-3145
Jenni.Webb@radfordva.gov

Legals - City of Salem

ABC NOTICE
GUSTO PIZZA LLC, trading as GUSTO PIZZA, 311 E. 7TH STREET, Salem VA. 24153.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a MIXED BEVERAGE RESTAURANT license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

DANIEL PERKINS, MANAGING MEMBER.

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



Legals - City of Salem

Order of Publication
CU-23-00275

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SAN BENITO

TONY MOULES, AS TRUSTEE OF THE ANTONIO AND SUSANA MOULES 2021 TRUST DATED FEBRUARY 4, 2021 Plaintiff,
v.
DONALD DAVID HENNAGAN, JR., DECEASED; TIFFANY MARIE HENNAGAN; CYNTHIA ANN MARIE HENNAGAN; DESTENY NICOLE HENNAGAN; AND DOES 1-100, INCLUSIVE, Defendants.

On reading the filings and evidence consisting of plaintiff's application and declaration for this order, and it satisfactorily appearing to me therefrom that defendant Desteny Nicole Hennagan, hereinafter referred to as ("Defendant"), cannot with reasonable diligence be served in any other manner specified in Sections 415.10 through 415.40 of the Code of Civil Procedure, and that the Defendant is a necessary party to this action.

IT IS ORDERED that the summons be served by publication in the Salem Times Register, a newspaper of general circulation published in Salem County, Virginia, hereby designated as the newspaper most likely to give Defendant actual notice of the action, and that the publication be made once a week for four successive weeks.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of the summons, a copy of the complaint, and a copy of this order be forthwith mailed to Defendant if his/her address is ascertained before expiration of the time herein prescribed for publication of summons.
Dated 5/24/24
J. Omar Rodriguez
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

I ask for this:
MAKAYLA A. WHITNEY, CA STATE BAR NO. 327687
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ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF,
TRUSTEE TONY MOULES

SUMMONS NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: DONALD DAVID HENNAGAN, JR., DECEASED; TIFFANY MARIE HENNAGAN; CYNTHIA ANN MARIE HENNAGAN; DESTENY NICOLE HENNAGAN; AND DOES 1-100, INCLUSIVE YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: TONY MOULES, AS TRUSTEE OF THE ANTONIO AND SUSANA MOULES 2021 TRUST DATED FEBRUARY 4, 2021
NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library,

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or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association.

NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. The name and address of the court is:
Main Courthouse
450 Fourth Street
Hollister CA 95023
Hollister CA 95023
CASE NUMBER: CU-23-00275

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiffs' attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:
Makayla A. Whitney,
Berliner Cohen, LLP, 1601 I Street, Suite 150, Modesto, CA 95354
Tel: (209) 576-0111
Date: 12/15/2023

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on July 10, 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:

1. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Sherwood Memorial Park, Inc., property owner, for a Special Exception Permit to allow for the expansion of the cemetery into the adjacent property located at 1221 Lynchburg Turnpike (Tax Map # 117-1-8).
2. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Seaside Heights, LLC, property owner, to rezone the property located at 1590 West Main Street (Tax Map # 140-1-3) from LM Light Manufacturing District to HBD Highway Business District.

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia. At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests. THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: Christopher J. Dorsey Executive Secretary

Legals - Montgomery County

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY IN RE: HELEN V. ST CLAIR, TREASURER OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA RULE FOR SHOW CAUSE THIS CAUSE CAME TO BE HEARD UPON THE Petition

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of Helen V. St. Clair, that she be released and fully discharged from liability as Treasurer of Montgomery County, Virginia, pursuant to §58.1-345 et seq. of the Virginia Code.

That in the aforesaid Petition, the Petitioner, Helen V. St. Clair, states that she has filed a certificate showing the final settlements of her accounts, that she has turned over to her successor in office, Mary M. Weaver, all books and papers in her possession as treasurer and that she is requesting that she be discharged of her liability as Treasurer of Montgomery County, Virginia.

It appearing proper in all respects to do so, it is accordingly ADJUDGED, ORDERED and DECREED that this rule be served upon Sharon H. Lawrence, Acting Comptroller of the Commonwealth of Virginia, upon Mary W. Biggs, Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County and upon Dr. Bernard F. Bragen, Jr., Superintendent of Montgomery County Public Schools and shall be published once a week for four successive weeks in the News Messenger and by posting at the front door of the Courthouse.

That a hearing upon he Petition requesting that she be released of Liability and granted her final discharge as Treasurer, shall be held the 26th day of June, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.
Date: 5-9-24
I ask for this:
By: Martin M. McMahon, County Attorney
755 Roanoke Street, Suite 2F
Christiansburg, VA 24073
Bar Number:29642
(540) 382-5730

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,20-104
Case No. **CL24000869-00**
VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 DONALD BROOKS SAVILLE, JR., et al Plaintiffs, v. RICHARD BARNETT, ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE ESTATE OF EDITH CORDER BARNETT, et al Defendants.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Upon consideration of the Affidavit for Entry of Order of Publication filed by the Plaintiffs, the reason for this cause is to obtain the whereabouts of any person who may have an interest in the property located at 3114 Emerson Lane, Blacksburg, VA 24060, and/or 3137 Emerson Lane, Blacksburg, VA 24060, and if such parties cannot be located, the secondary purpose of this cause is to quiet Plaintiff's title to the Property.

An Affidavit has been made and filed showing that the Defendant **John Does 1-100 All Persons Unknown or Parties Claiming a Title, Lien, Easement, or Other Interest in the Lands Known as 3114 Emerson Lane, Blacksburg, VA 24060; John Does 1-100 All Persons Unknown or Parties Claiming a Title, Lien, Easement, or Other Interest in the Lands Known as 3137 Emerson Lane, Blacksburg, VA 24060; and John Does 1-100 All Persons Unknown or Parties Claiming an Inherited Interest from Avery May, a/k/a Lee Evans May, Brandyne May a/k/a Brandyne May Moorefield** (collectively "John Does 1-100"), address unknown the general description of "**parties unknown**," who by reason of true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, associate or otherwise of defendants JOHN DOES 1-100 are unknown to Plaintiff, and may have a beneficial interest in the Property. UPON CONSIDERATION whereof, this Order of Publication as to all the parties above is GRANTED, and it is ORDERED that any interested person(s) shall appear here on or before July 31st, 2024 at 9 am, which date is no sooner than fifty (50) days after

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entry of this Order of Publication. And it is further Ordered that this Order of Publication be published once a week for four (4) successive weeks in The News Messenger, a newspaper of general circulation in the Montgomery County, Virginia. ENTERED the 11 day June, 2024
K. Mike Fleenor, Jr. Judge

WE PRAY FOR THIS: FIDELITY NATIONAL LAW GROUP, the Law Division of Fidelity National Financial By: Lisa M. Ernst, Esq. (VSB#72718) 8484 Westpark Drive, Suite 310 McLean, Virginia 22102 (T) 703-245-0298 (F) 703-821-1618 Lisa.Ernst@fnf.com Counsel for Plaintiffs

Legals - Town of Vinton

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, the Town Council of the Town of Vinton, Virginia, hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia.

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments concerning:

1. Petition of the Advancement Foundation, for a Special Use Permit (SUP) for a proposed flea market use, located at 301 South Pollard Street, Suite A, Vinton, Virginia, tax map number 060.15-07-41.00-0000, zoned CB Central Business District.
2. Proposed amendments to the Vinton Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendments would: require for an alternative financial institution use to obtain a special use permit in the GB General Business District, and allow for a personal service business use to be permitted by-right in the R-B Residential-Business District in Article IV (District Regulations); amend the standards for vehicle storage or impound lots in Article V (Supplemental Regulations); amend the yard and screening requirements for swimming pools, tennis, or pickleball courts, amend the standards and permitted modifications of the landscaping ordinance section, and remove the maximum motor vehicle parking requirements in Article VI (Development Standards); and amend the definition of flea market in Article XI (Definitions).

Further information concerning this public hearing may be obtained in the Planning and Zoning Department located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, VA 24179, during business hours, or via phone: (540) 983-0605. Interested persons may be heard at the above public hearing.

Given under my hand this 31st day of May, 2024.

Richard W. Peters, Jr. Town Manager

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MONTGOMERY SPORTS



FILE PHOTO

Christiansburg's Gavin Dow celebrates after scoring against Blacksburg earlier this past season on an RBI single by teammate Grayson Rawlings to extend the Blue Demon's rally.

Another Blue Demon headed to Concord

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Another Christiansburg High School baseball player is headed to Athens, West Virginia to play for Concord University.

Rising senior Gavin Dow announced his commitment this past weekend to play at the school. Of course, CHS and Concord are no strangers on the diamond.

Concord recently appointed Drew Bailey, a Christiansburg graduate, as its new head baseball coach. In four seasons previously at Bluefield State, Bailey compiled a record of 95-79, highlighted by the most successful season in program history as BSU went 33-15 this spring and won its second HBCU World Series last week in Montgomery, Alabama—the second such title in the last four seasons.

Under Bailey's guidance, Bluefield State steadily improved from 15 wins in his first season to the program-record 33 win

While Bluefield State was Bailey's most recent head coaching stop, the Christiansburg native brings nine years of coaching experience to Athens. From 2014-17, Bailey was an assistant coach at Bluefield University where he helped the Rams to a 32-21 record in his final season.

The first head coaching opportunity Bailey received was for the 2018 season at Division III Averett University in Danville, Virginia.

Beginning in 2018, Bailey was the head softball coach at Bluefield University. After his stint as the head softball coach in Bluefield, Virginia, Bailey was a volunteer assistant coach for Concord during the fall of 2020 before being hired away by Bluefield State in January 2021.

Meanwhile Concord has become Christiansburg-West with as many as four other former Blue Demon players dotting the school's baseball roster over the past three years. Those include MJ Hunter, Connor Brizendine, Dawson Gragg and Marshall Basham. Recent graduate Jeremiah Thompson is also headed this fall to Concord and its baseball program.

The Bailey and Christiansburg connection is a main reason for Dow in making his decision.

"The main reason I chose Concord is because I wanted an opportunity to play for coach Drew Bailey," Dow said. "Also, they have my academic major and the other key part was their nice facilities and the upgrades there making to them."

Concord University is a public university and has a current enrollment of 1,375 students. The university is known athletically as the Mountain Lions and is an NCAA Division II school, and a member of the Mountain East Conference.

Dow has primarily played third base while on the field at CHS but moved over to shortstop this past year. He was second team for the River Ridge and Region D all-star teams after leading the team in hits and average (.375).

"In college, I hope to continue to grow as a player and contribute to the success of the team," he said. "I also hope to accomplish winning the conference championship and make the NCAA Division II tournament."

"Another goal of mine is to keep the Christiansburg legacy going at Concord University as there's been many great players from Christiansburg that went on to be successful at Concord. All in all, I just wanna win," he said.

At Concord, Dow plans to major in business and minor in education.

Cal Ripken Tournament champs named



The Blacksburg Parks and Recreation 10-and-under Minors all-star baseball team took the District 10 tournament championship during competition Sunday at Randolph Park in Dublin. The squad now advances to state play in Christiansburg over the July 4 weekend.



The Radford Parks and Recreation 12-and-under Majors all-star baseball team took the District 10 tournament championship during competition Sunday at Randolph Park in Dublin. The squad now advances to state play in Alexandria over the July 4 weekend.



PHOTOS BY MARTY GORDON

The Blacksburg Parks and Recreation 12-and-under Majors all-star baseball team were the District 10 tournament runner ups during competition this weekend at Randolph Park in Dublin.

Everything falls in place for first-year coach

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Two years ago, Sean Gaynor was coaching an all-star travel softball team and was helping with the program at a dominant Auburn High School, who had won as many as five of the last seven state titles.

Turn the clock to last summer when the opening at Christiansburg High School popped up. Gaynor did not think twice and applied for the job.

"I've always coached softball and in all honestly, I feel more comfortable in being in the dugout or the dirt. Saw it as an opportunity," he said.

Gaynor led Christiansburg to its first ever state championship, rolling through regional and district competition to finish with a 24-3 record. Max Preps ranked them as number four in the entire state across all six classes. The team outscored its opponents by a 215 to 64 mark, while establishing itself as one of the top homerun hitting squads in the Commonwealth.

Two years ago, Christiansburg was 12-9 and was 33-21 combined over the past four seasons.

"O," as he is commonly known, instilled a sense of fun and confidence in a group that had seen their ups and downs.

"One of the things I have always stressed if

you're not having fun then you shouldn't be here (on the softball field)," he said.

The key toward the end of the season, he said was telling the girls they were playing their best ball and, "I told them they would be just fine."

Last week, Gaynor was named the Class 3 coach of the year. Purdue-commit and Christiansburg's ace pitcher Kady Camper was named the state's player of the year. Christiansburg teammate Addison Reasor (third base) joined Camper on the first team.

"It was super exciting and super humbling," Gaynor said in winning the state's top honor. "God has smiled upon us."

Camper won 20 games and 277 strikeouts this season and 600 in her career.

He sang Camper's praise. "It was nice having such a dominant ace in the circle."

Gaynor is optimistic the future is bright for the Christiansburg program as they only lose four seniors. Of course, it includes the graduating Camper, but the cabinet is not bear. Seven starters return to a team that has depth including the UVA-commit in Reasor. The state run also included bringing up two talented players from the junior varsity.

"I feel really good about that. I've got several good pitchers coming back so we should be good. Kinda excited what we've got going," he concluded.



FILE PHOTO

Christiansburg softball coach Sean Gaynor receives a Gatorade bath after winning the regional championship this past month.

Hokies land South Carolina QB

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The Virginia Tech football program has pulled a quarterback out of the hat belonging to the state of South Carolina.

On Sunday, AJ Brand of Columbia, South Carolina, chose the Hokies over Shane Beamer and

the Gamecocks. His announcement was made at the Bull and Bones restaurant in Blacksburg during another visit to the neighborhood.

Besides South Carolina, Brand also had offers from Oregon State and Miami (Ohio).

The rising senior at Irmo High School had an impressive junior year that included 2,932 yards and 45 touchdowns with only two interceptions. He also rushed for 1,13 yards and 17 touchdowns.

The scouting report says he is very similar to current Tech QB Kryon Drones.

This is the second QB commit for the 2025 class for the Hokies. Kelden Ryan, a three-star signal caller from Texas, announced his commitment last month.

If Brand does work out at QB, he could play multi-positions as he has been listed as an overall athlete in this recruiting process.

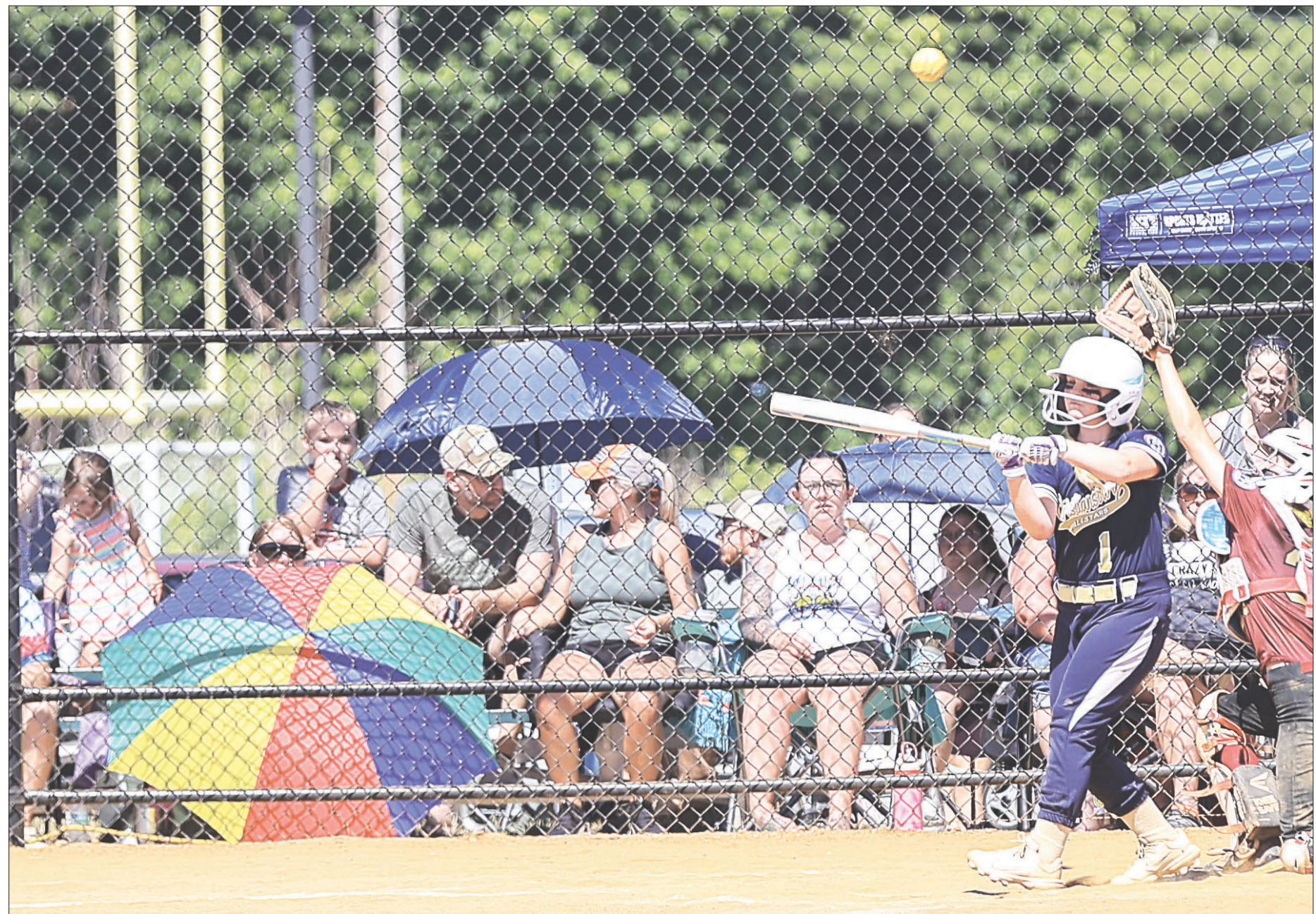
Christiansburg girls take second place in Babe Ruth tournament



Third baserperson Christiansburg Madelyn Pearson (front) receives the ball a little too late to out the Pulaski baserunner. Christiansburg would fall to Pulaski on Sunday in the championship game to finish the tournament as the runner up in the Under-10-year-old Division.



Christiansburg's Madelyn Pearson (center) outs the Pulaski baserunner caught between home and third in a swirl of dust in semi-final action on Saturday.



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Paisley Moore gets a hit for the Christiansburg Recreation Department's all stars in front of a hot crowd during this weekend's Babe Ruth District 10 Under 10 softball tournament played at Creed Field in Shawsville.

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Tourism

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the main thing is they're looking at is Google Business Profiles. As part of the package, they audited up to 800 Google business profiles. They did the audit out of the 800 and we paid extra and audited 1500 businesses. Surprisingly, around 20 percent of our Google business profiles had not been verified."

Rotenizer further explained that as part of the process to verify and have business owners take charge of their business profiles, they held a workshop where they were registered and then attended a webinar that explained the basics of Google Business profiles. A few weeks later, they hosted another on Advanced Google Business profiles. This was then followed by an in-person workshop and asking questions or using

his team are doing to help businesses gain those skills and help tourists have accurate and up-to-date information when they are visiting Montgomery County. Most of us, when we visit a new place, Google places: to eat, the best hotels, activities to do with our families, etc. This step in the process was to optimize that for the community and business.

The asset inventory was an extensive audit of all the sports tourism and outdoor recreation Montgomery county has. This included the playing fields, parks and anything sports related. This was done to get a big picture of sports tourism for the whole county and try to bridge those places and build a foundation to grow from the data.

The Montgomery County Tourism Office is also working on visual recommendations starting with things like updating their website to populate those Google Business profiles for online visitors and much more. Since September, the tourism office has worked to allocate the ARPA funds towards foundation building and foundation strengthening assets in the hope tourism in Montgomery County grows and thrives.

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