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Fuller Center Bicycle Adventure rides through Christiansburg and Blacksburg

Angelica Ramos Contributing writer

MONTGOMERY CO. - The Fuller Center Bicycle Adventure, on its way to Washington D.C., rode through and stopped in Montgomery County. The Fuller Center Bicycle Adventure is a 10ten-week over 4,000-mile bike ride for charity that, this year, rode from Seattle and will arrive in Washington D.C. on Aug. 3, 2024. This year's ride will cover 12 of the 50 states in the U.S. with the riders seeing historic and natural landmarks along the way. The Fuller Bicycle Adventure entered Montgomery County on

Thursday, July 25, 2024 entering through Christiansburg and going into Blacksburg after an almost 80-mile ride from Tazewell. When they stopped to rest, they stopped in Blacksburg at a resident's house who had previously been a part of the Fuller Center Bicycle Adventure for a warm meal and to rest their bodies for a bit. Together, with the new Sequoia Partnership Fuller Center located in Blacksburg, the cyclists also did work in the community on Friday, July 26, 2024 for community members in need of a helping hand. The Fuller Center Bicycle Adventure is not a race, but

rather a way for people to get together and help others in need. The cyclists average somewhere between 45-75 miles per day of the 10-week adventure cross-country. Cyclists can join in at any point in the cross-country route. This summer's ride has had 18 riders who have gone cross country and about 55 who have come in and out along the scheduled route. This is possible because, according to Ride Leader Neil Mullikin, in the planning process of the routes they ensure the weekends are in transportation



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE FULLER CENTER A cyclist travels along this year's route.

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PHOTO BY ANGELICA RAMOS

A reenactor educates visitors about what a soldier would wear and carry 250 years ago during the Historic Smithfield 250th anniversary celebration.

Historic Smithfield commemorates 250th birthday

Angelica Ramos Contributing writer

BLACKSBURG- Historic Smithfield observed its

250th anniversary this past weekend with an event Blacksburg's Historic Commemoration of

The 250th See Smithfield, page 4

Virginia Career Works celebrates new regional office in Radford

RADFORD - A ribbon cutting celebration event at Virginia Career Works brand new office at 51 West Main St., Radford occurred on Tuesday, July 16, 2024.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE RADFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

A ribbon cutting celebrates Virginia Career Works brand new office at 51 West Main St., Radford on Tuesday, July 16, 2024.

The event was promoted regionally by four Chambers of Commerce including Radford Chamber of Commerce, Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce, Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce and Floyd Chamber of Commerce. The ribbon cutting was highlighted by region stakeholders. Speaking at the event were Sean Pressman, President of the Pulaski Chamber and CEO LewisGale Hospital Pulaski, Steve Buffuto, CEO Montgomery County

Chamber of Commerce, Dan McKinney, Executive Director Radford Chamber of Commerce and Mayor David Horton, City of Radford. Marty Holiday, Executive Director of New River/ Mt. Rogers Workforce Development and Karen Akers, Manager of Radford location spoke about the fantastic new location that is able to house all of the services under one roof. They were very appreciative of the support by the business community and the regions Chambers at their ribbon cutting. Chamber of Commerce leaders highlighted the importance of this facility

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Board of Supervisors votes on fire and rescue capital improvement plan

Angelica Ramos Contributing writer

MONTGOMERY CO. - The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the purchase of three new vehicles for county fire and rescue departments at its July 22 meeting.

Prior to the vote, the board heard a presentation from Chief Billy Hanks regarding the allocation of funds for the Capital Improvement Plan, which focuses on equipment for the departments. Before Hanks began his presentation, County Administrator Angela Hill reminded the board and public that the board sets aside a portion of the real estate tax to go towards fire and rescue equipment. Hanks explained the funds would go toward replacing three fire and rescue vehicles for Montgomery County, including Christiansburg Fire Engine 87, Elliston Fire Departments Brush Truck 29 and Longshop Mccooy Rescue Squad Response vehicle number 30. Hanks explained vehicles like these run on 15- 20 year (in the case of Elliston's brush truck) replacement schedule. Christiansburg's Engine 87 was a 2005 model, according to Hank's presentation, and therefore fiscal year 2025 would be the year it would need to be replaced. Hanks explained the process for which vehicles will be replaced goes by mileage and age and then by department based on need. These vehicles, Hanks explained, take up to a year to sometimes a maximum of four years to have built and

delivered. The price tag on replacing fire and rescue vehicles is not that of simply buying a new car, it is much more than that as these vehicles come fully equipped for the services they provide.

"You're looking at a million five (\$1.5 million)," Hanks said, "to replace an engine. That seems like a lot of money, but it's broken down over 20 years; it's not really that much money, but it is considerably a lot more money than we paid five years ago. Prices on ambulances and other apparatuses have gone substantially through the roof."

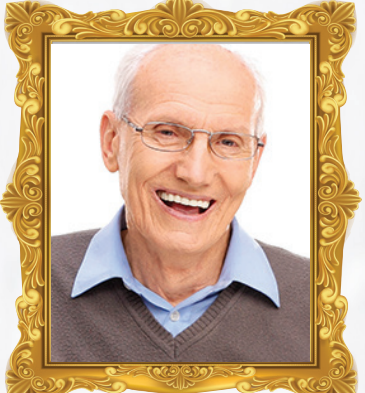
Hanks explained the trucks being replaced don't always just get taken away, but the departments sometimes sell them or give them to other fire and rescue departments. For example, Christiansburg Fire can give a response vehicle to Elliston if Elliston were in need of it. The Christiansburg Fire Engine, Hanks explained, will more than likely go away and not be given to another department as it's on its last legs.

"Right now, it's a money pit to my department," said Hanks. "We spend anywhere between 20,000-30,000 dollars a year just keeping that truck on the road."

The Board of Supervisors heard this presentation and the requests for where those funds be allocated and voted unanimously, with the exception of Supervisor Sara Bohn due to absence, on approving those new vehicles for Montgomery County.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, July 31:

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. For more information and a list of hosts, please visit blacksburg.gov/marketsquarejam.

Thursday, Aug. 1:

American Legion meeting

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

Friday, Aug. 2 and Saturday, Aug. 3:

Lamplighters BIG Book Sale

At the Radford Public Library; 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Get great deals on books while supporting the Radford Public Library at the Lamplighters BIG Book Sale! Hardcover and DVDs are only \$1, and Paperbacks are only 50 cents. Many, many children's books and a lot of home school teaching books are available and some DVD's and CD's that are spoken in a language in India. Come and support the Lamplighters, who support the Radford Public Library.

Saturday, Aug. 3:

Radford Summer Concert- rescheduled

Chairmen of the Board will be performing. Bring a chair or blanket and come out to the fields of Glencoe Mansion, Museum & Gallery at 600 Unruh Dr., Radford. Gates open at 6 p.m. Concert begins at 7 p.m. Alcoholic beverages can be purchased through Radford Chamber of Commerce. Food trucks and non-alcoholic beverages are also available. Admission is \$5 per person. Children 12 and under and free.

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, Aug. 4:

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/.

Monday, Aug. 5:

August Kids eligibility screening

The Radford Clothing Bank annual August Kids program provides a \$75 voucher for each income qualifying student in grades K - 12 attending Radford City Schools. Vouchers redeemed at the Fairlawn Walmart to purchase new school clothing and tennis shoes. Screening for eligibility is August 5, 10 a.m.-noon and 4- 6 p.m. at Central Church, 803 Wadsworth St., Radford. You MUST provide all of the following verifications: Photo ID of applicant, proof of address (June or July bill), social security card or birth certificate for each child in the home, and SNAP, Medicaid, TANF or four weeks of current pay stub for each employed family member. Questions? Call the Radford Clothing Bank at (540)633-5050 (10 a.m. -noon) Monday-Saturday. Monetary donations can be sent to: Radford Clothing Bank, PO Box 994, Radford, VA 24143.

Saturday, Aug. 10:

Fish Fry

Mount Tabor Ruritan Club will hold its August Fish Fry 5 - 7 p.m. at Slusser's Chapel Picnic Shelter, 1543 Mount Tabor Rd, Blacksburg. Serving fish, fries and slaw; homemade desserts; and beverages. Adults- \$12, children under 12- \$6, under age three -free, carry-outs -\$12. This month, Ronnie Toney and Friends will be playing some Bluegrass for the diners. Held rain or shine. Call or text 540-449-6178 for further information. On

Facebook at MtTaborRuritan.

Monday, Aug. 12:

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 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.

Tuesday, Aug. 13:

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.

Sunday, Aug. 18:

Faith and Democracy presentation

The local group Defending Democracies will host a special presentation and discussion featuring Chris Crawford, Policy Strategist for Protect Democracy. We'll hear why democracy is important to faith communities and consider actions we can take, both as individuals and as faith communities, to support the defense of our democracy. Join us, 2:30-4 p.m., at Blacksburg United Methodist Church, Whisner Building, 111 Church St. SE, Blacksburg (parking in lots off of Lee St.).

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PHOTO COURTESY OF THE FULLER CENTER

Cyclists enjoy the warm meal hosted by resident Sherri Givens.

can join in throughout the ride. They ride alongside a support vehicle and have churches and volunteers who support them along the way. They also pair with Fuller Centers throughout the country, like the one in Blacksburg, The Sequoia Partnership Fuller Center, and have the other cyclists riding alongside them for support and encouragement. Many of the cyclists say that this ride changes their lives, changes their perspectives and challenges them in ways they haven't been before.

"My experience in the past," Mullikin said, "I've worked on houses. I've done some landlord work.

I've been all kinds of things where I've worked with those things. I've also dealt with a lot of charitable organizations dealing with poverty and things on those lines like assisting with their finances. In addition, I've had a lot of cycling experience in the past, so everything came together, it just felt like a really nice fit. It felt like my whole life I've been planning and training for this particular role."

The Bicycle Adventure raises thousands of dollars that help go toward the builds that Fuller Centers do across the country to help those in need of comfortable

and safe housing. Fuller Centers around the nation have helped rebuild communities after natural disasters. They help community members who need wheelchair ramps, safety bars put into their showers and so much more to ensure that others have pride of place, dignity and accessibility.

The Fuller Center Bicycle Adventure left Montgomery County on Saturday, July 27, 2024 toward Roanoke where they would stay for two nights and then finish the last leg of their ride to Washington D.C.

LAND TRANSFERS

April 2024 Radford City Land Transfers

Zero Dollar Considerations:

Golden Triangle Development LLC to Golden Triangle Development LLC, 19-(1)-32A

Kevin G Cook to Kevin G Cook, Lot 15 in Block 8 Sunset Village

Secretary of HUD to Virginia Housing Development, Lot 8 Section 13 Plan D DB42 P7

Kenny Winford Meredith to Tammy Meredith Duncan, Metes and Bounds 20-(1)-1

Robert Graham Hoskins Trust to Virginia Synod of the Evangelical, Sundry 9-(5)-SEC5-17

Michael Leo Jones to Matthew Creighton Jones, Lot 27 Containing 0.137 Acre Phase 2 Gloria Villas

Patsy M Broyles to Donna Kim Broyles Goad, Plan B RWELCO Parcel 5 – Part 8

Monetary Considerations:

Ruth A Thomas Devisee to Alec Christopher Mcroy, 020002506, \$227,000

Golden Triangle Development LLC to Michael Leo Jones, \$295,000

James H Radford to Tyler E Olson, 29A-(1)-21, \$510,000

Jerry D Jackson to Vanessa Gourley, Part of 16-1-39D 0.04 Acre, \$5,000

Katherine Hodge Dudley to Franklin A West, Lots 25-28 PLAT Davis Family Properties, \$289,000

Golden Triangle Development LLC to John Russell Thorsen, 020003489, \$325,000

Gregory Tod Hedge Devisee to Aaron Blake Kirby, Lot 6 Parts 5 & 6 Plan G Section 7, \$195,000

Mei Xu to Ken C Harvey, 020003373, \$130,000

Larry A Gaby to Melanie Ann Murphy, 12-(3)-3, \$350,000

Lambert Holdings LLC to R & D Properties LLC, 10-(6)-SEC5-6A-7A-8A, \$75,000

John R Byers III to Samuel Thomas Robertson, Lot 3 Cedar Ridge Townhomes Phase 1, \$292,500

Golden Triangle Development LLC to Laura Rader, Plan F RL & I Co Gloria Villas 2, \$305,000

Frederic W Krebs to Benjamin Z Jones, Monroe Terrace Lot 15, \$210,000

George Ellis Howell to Unlimited Sky Holdings Inc., Lots 4-6 Section 7 Plan B, \$13,000

Tyler Ave Townhomes LLC to Nicole Pilo, Revised Lot 3 Tyler Ave Townhomes, \$312,000

Earl M Woodring to Raymond Chase West, 020000387, \$302,500

April 2024 Montgomery County Land Transfers

Zero Dollar Considerations:

Sarah L Tavenner to David A Prosser Trust, 2024001413

STMOB to HS Development II LLC, 5.697 Acres Town of Christiansburg

Michael C Rea to Michael C Rea, 1.311 Acres More of Less Lot 1 and 1.58 Acres More or Less Lot 2 Prices Fork Magisterial District

Shelbie Reynolds Stiff to Shelbie Reynolds Stiff, 0.678 Acre Prices Fork Magisterial District

Donald James Cox to Teresa Marie Cox Stover, 111.2 Acres Tract 4 Less and Except Riner Magisterial District

Michael W Webster to Angela L Ault, Lot 2CB Shelor Heights Riner Magisterial District

Sylvia Wilburn to Crystal Wilburn-Evans, Lot 157 Oak Tree Townhomes Phase II Town of Christiansburg

Kelly Yarnall to Bear Den Properties LLC, 2024001617

David W Harrison to David W Harrison, Lot 17 Longview Estates Section 3

Curt Porterfield to Chestnut Trail Properties LLC, 0.499 Acre Metes and

Bounds Shawsville Magisterial District

Deborah M Justice to Brittany Nicole Justice, Lot 24 Twin Boulders Subdivision Shawsville Magisterial District

Brenton D Dillie to Brenton D Dillie, Lot 7 Winslow Town of Blacksburg

Stephen Jay Flinchum to Stephen Jay Flinchum, 119.87 Acres Riner Magisterial District

Shirley B Dehart to Tammy Marie Dehart, Lo 6A Jefferson Manor Town of Christiansburg

Shirley Julie Salas to Shirley Julie Salas, 0.83 Acre Metes and Bounds Town of Blacksburg

Mary Ann Hansen to Hansen and Roberts Living Trust, See DB 753 PG 620 Town of Blacksburg

Shirley C Sheppard to Joseph R Sheppard, 3 Parcels Prices Fork Magisterial District

Onah Joy Reeder Trust to Rebecca Lynn Reeder, Lot 15 See PB 27 PG 41-43

Matthew F Goundry to Luke Carl Goundry, 0.061 Acre Lot 18 Hunters Ridge Phase 2 Town of Christiansburg

Robert Wayne Shires to Wanda Jean Shires, Condo Unit 232 Building 2 Cascades Condominiums Town of Blacksburg

Leslie Mitchell to Leslie Mitchell Trust, Lot 5 Henley Place Townhomes

Land Development RVI LLC to R Fralin Construction Inc., 0.793 Acre Lot 36 Phase 2-A Cloverlea Subdivision Riner Magisterial District

Matthew P Davie to Matthew P Davie, 1.673 Acres Mill Creek

Brenda G Ball to Brenda G Ball, 0.222 Acre Lot 1

Chrisman Farm LLC to William Frank Chrisman Trust, 50.8 Acres Barringer Mountain Road

Dennis Nagel to Isaiah Baker, 2015005347

Judith Palmer Keiffer to Judith Arlene Keiffer Trust; 24 Acres More or Less Tract 1, 24 Acres More or Less Metes and Bounds Tract 2, 20 Acres More or Less Tract 3

Barbara Anne Swartz to Barbara Anne Swartz Trust, 2024001080

Frances A Miller to Frances A Miller, See Attached Exhibit A

Isaiah Baker to Isaiah Bakers, 2021000203

Peggy A Galloway to Terry S McCraw, 1 Acre Lot 1 Riner Magisterial District

Eva Kaye Cooper to Justin Douglas Cooper, 3.46 Acres Metes and Bounds Riner Magisterial District

Eva Kaye Cooper to Eva Kaye Cooper, 4 Parcels See Legal Town of Christiansburg

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

Niloy Bose to Bose Family Revocable Living Trust, Lot 11 Phase 3 The Wyatt Farm PDR Town of Blacksburg

Philip Sisson to Philip R Sisson, 3.4694 Acres Lot 2 Shawsville Magisterial District

Joshua T Goldschmidt to William T Morrison Trust, 2024000781

Eleanor W Stevens to Eleanor W Stevens, 19592 Square Feet Lot 53 Windmill Hills Phase 1 Town of Christiansburg

Shepherd Properties Signage LLC to Shepard Properties Christiansburg LLC, 0.0273 Acre Metes and Bounds Signage Tract 1 and 0.014 Acre Metes and Bounds Signage Tract 2

Patricia White Wood Executor to Patricia W Austin Trust, Four Parcels See Legal

Ellen Braaten to Ellen Braaten, Lot 14 Sundas Heights Addition Metes and Bounds Town of Blacksburg

Frances Ann Bussard to Lia Braaten Hager, 11616 Square Feet Metes and Bounds Town of Blacksburg

Randolph A Wolcott to Georgianna Courtney Conger, Lot 34 Section 3 Longview Estates Section 3 Town of

Blacksburg

Robert E Ulfers to Hannah Ulfers Tiffany, Lot 7 Orchard View Metes and Bounds Town of Blacksburg

Ellen Braaten to Lia Braaten Hager, Lot 14 Dundas Heights Addition Metes and Bounds Town of Blacksburg

Frazier Elwood Collins to Gregory Heath Loar, 003742

Janice M Jones to Janice M Jones Revocable Trust, 015715

Uncle Dale Properties LLC to Dutch West LLC, 0.679 Acre Lot 26R Town of Blacksburg

Ryan C Wheeler to Ryan C Wheeler, 9.0689 Acres Riner Magisterial District

Susan Rae Bolton Trust to Susan Rae Bolton Trust, Metes and Bounds See Legal Shawsville Magisterial District

Susan Rae Bolton Trust to Susan Rae Bolton Trust, 115 Acres More or Less Shawsville Magisterial District

Susan Rae Bolton Trust to Susan Rae Bolton Trust, 1.552 Acres Parcel 1 and 0.024 Acre Curve D Parcel 2 Shawsville Magisterial District

Susan Rae Bolton Trust to Susan Rae Bolton Trust, 38.35 Acres More or Less Shawsville Magisterial District

Harriet L Williams to David Thomas Williams, 1.254 Acres Town of Christiansburg

Charlie Gayle Adkins to Dusty Hal Adkins, 2017002935

Andrew F Follin to Marc A Rosso, 0.855 Acre Parcel 1 and 0.83 Acre Parcel 2 Riner Magisterial District

Leron Vandsburger Trust to Tomer Vandsburger, Lot 32A McBryde Village Section 3 Town of Blacksburg

Leron Vandsburger Trust to Tomer Vandsburger, Lot 22 Phase 3 Oak Manor Townhomes Section 2 Town of Blacksburg

Leron Vandsburger Trust to Tomer Vandsburger, 2.0935 Acres Lot 17A Town of Blacksburg

Leron Vandsburger Trust to Tomer Vandsburger, Lot 2 Pilgrims Pointe Section 1 Town of Blacksburg

Jeannie Harris to Alexis Harris, See Exhibit A

Jeffrey Allan Frayser to Haley Sinner, See Plat

Jason Thomas Cusack to Jason Thomas Cusack, Lot 64 Laurel Ridge Section 2 Town of Blacksburg

Robert K Pierce to Marissa Pierce, Lot 79 Vistavia Subdivision Phase 4 Town of Christiansburg

John C Absher III to Kailey B Absher, Lot 34 The Preserve at Walnut Creek

John C Absher to Kailey B Absher, 0.54 Acre Lot 22 Riner Magisterial District

St John's Masonic Lodge 35 to St John's on Depot, 0.283 Acre Town of Christiansburg

Sylvia Briceno to 171 Clover Valley Circle Trust, Lot 84 Clover Valley Estates Town of Blacksburg

William S Jenkins to Stacey L Dickerson, Lot 10A Town of

Christiansburg

Timothy L Hodge to Blacksburg Property LLC, Lot 30 and Part of Lot 31 McBryde Village Town of Blacksburg

Timothy Lee Hodge to Hodge Living Trust, 3 Parcels Town of Blacksburg

Peter H Imhof t Kathleen MP Imhof, 1.6844 Acres Mount Tabor Magisterial District

F & B Land LP to R Fralin Construction Inc., 0.145 Acre Lot 41 Kensington Phase 10 Riner Magisterial District

Joseph H Poff to Marilu Martinez-Cruz, Lot 9 Clayton Estates Subdivision Mount Tabor Magisterial District

CC & B Development LLC to SAS Eagle Givens LLC, 0.177 Acre Lot 73 Northside Park Section 12 Town of Blacksburg

Christopher S Westmoreland to Hunter D Westmoreland, 1.871 Acres New Lot A Shawsville Magisterial District

Brenda Weeks Carroll to Brenda Weeks Carroll, 0.811 Lot 1 Riner Magisterial District

James Howe Brown Jr. to J Howe Brown Jr. Trust, 57 Acres Metes and Bounds

James Howe Brown Jr. to J Howe Brown Jr. Trust, Multiple Parcels See Legal

Monetary Considerations:

Brian E Mansfield to Alyssa V Santos, Lot 90 Cambria Crossing Phase 2 Town of Christiansburg, \$380,000

IBTP LLC to Christopher Crookshanks, 0.37 Acre Town of Christiansburg, \$253,500

Kelly Yarnall to Bear Den Properties LLC, Lot 10 Phase 2 Clearview Townhomes Town of Christiansburg, \$221,000

Jeffrey A Boni to Henry B Henderson Jr., Lot 16 Oak Tree Phase 9 Town of Christiansburg, \$249,500

Richard May to Eystratios Rekkas, Condo Unit 207 Phase H-1 University Crossroads Condo Town of Blacksburg, \$180,000

Christopher E Evans to Virginia Real Estate Investment LLC, Lot 1 Stroubles Mill Section 4 Town of Blacksburg, \$450,000

M & M Tire Holding LLC to Gregory Selz Herring, 35 Acres Tract 3 Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$130,000

New River Auto Care LLC to Eric C Landgraf, 1.035 Acre Town of Christiansburg, \$251,100

Kranmars LLC to Town of Blacksburg Virginia, Access Easement See Attached Exhibit, \$1

Bailey Marie Chandler to Sinjaroen 3 LLC, Lot 45 Belmont Estates Section 1 Town of Christiansburg, \$325,000

Lena M Shelor to Jacob Neice, Metes and Bounds See Legal Riner Magisterial District, \$139,900

Kipps Farms LLC to Stateson Homes LLC, Lot 52 Westhill

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The celebration debuted new informative placards around the grounds that explain the history. Each placard has a QR code that links to a video further educating visitors.

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Smithfield was themed “From Deep Roots, Forging an Inclusive Future.” The theme centered on telling the full story of Smithfield’s legacy. Completed in 1774, Smithfield predates the Declaration of Independence and thus the formation of the United States as we know it. Smithfield was the homestead of the Preston family who were influential in the history of the state of Virginia for decades, including establishing multiple universities across the nation that include University of Virginia and our very own, Virginia Tech. As Historic Smithfield was a colonial American plantation, its history, to this day, has a lasting impact.

The celebration debuted new informative placards around the grounds that explain the history of the place and are paired with videos that further tell the stories that Smithfield

contains. For example, one of the placards tells the story of the Merry Oak, a tree in which the enslaved people of Smithfield held weddings, church, funerals and communed together on the property. Each placard has a QR code that links to a video further educating visitors.

The weekend started off with a Reunion Mixer at Smithfield Pavilion for descendants of the Preston family and community members. This was followed by a specially commissioned film by Chloe Shelton Films called “Showing the Roots of a Nation: The Smithfield Story.” Tours were held showing the grounds, gardens, the Smithfield House and the family cemetery where visitors can see generations of Prestons, including Susannah Preston, in their resting place as well as the resting place of Virginia and two other formerly enslaved people.

The Museum Store was open all weekend for visitors to shop, buy gifts and buy books written by descendants, like Dr. Kerri Mosley-Hobbs, and historians. Panels were held on the second day of the Commemoration with descendants of the indigenous people, the enslaved people and the Preston family discussing and recognizing their entwined histories at Smithfield. The eventful weekend also hosted a dedication of a project by the Daughters of the American Revolution and living history with re-enactors, blacksmithing forge demonstrators and a historic canon.

The commemoration weekend ended with a remembrance event at Solitude where they remembered all of the people and the histories of the past, including the indigenous and enslaved.

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 6. Popular shade tree
 7. The principal foundation of
 8. La ___ Tar Pits
 9. Spanish hero soldier
 10. Brains egg-shaped grey matter
 11. Fundamental
 12. Bast
 13. Small angels
 16. Not or
 17. S Pacific island group
 19. Ad ___: impromptu
 22. Gen. ___ DeGaulle

23. Hasidic spiritual leader
 24. Aluminum
 25. Considerate and solicitous care
 28. Popular Canadian phrase
 29. Consumed food
 30. Hayfields
 31. About Andes
 34. Secondary School Certificate
 35. Pen maker Castell
 37. Brand of clear wrap
 39. Past tense of bid
 40. Resort city on Lake Biwa
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Subdivision Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$138,833

Frankie L Epperly to DJJG LLC, 0.36 Acre Metes and Bounds, \$60,000

Richard A Wade to Kevin Gilbarte, 2 Parcels Metes and Bounds See Legal Town of Blacksburg, \$175,000

Seth P Wills to Timothy D Monday, Lot 34 Atkinson Acres Town of Christiansburg, \$300,000

Stateson Homes LLC to Vikas Goyal, Lot 247 Westhill Subdivision Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$397,115

RAS Trustee Services LLC Sub Trust to Rocket Rental Company, 0.813 Acre Lot 8 Woodview Subdivision Riner Magisterial District, \$259,200

PPB LLC to Thomas Reilly, 1.089 Acres Lot 2 Town of Blacksburg, \$310,000

LBA2020 Properties LLC to Aili Zhou, Lot 68 Section 3 Phase 3 Town of Blacksburg, \$345,000

Joseph H Gray III to Twin Oaks and Willow LLC, 0.662 Acre Lot 18 Town of Blacksburg, \$475,000

Robert W Mitchell to Maxwell S Beavers, 0.5 Acre, \$200,000

John Patrick Riley to Carl R Holmberg II, Lot 5 Town of Blacksburg, \$460,000

Christopher S Simpkins to David J Carpenter, 1.0703 Acres Riner Magisterial District, \$225,900

James Edward Stoll Jr. to David L Emanuel, Lot 33 Stroubles Mill Section III Town of Blacksburg, \$630,000

JWC2 LLC to Jai Shree LLC, 0.6740 Acre First Street SW Town of Christiansburg, \$275,000

Stateson Homes LLC to Raphael Agada, Lot 249 Westhill Subdivision Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$416,730

Ann Linden to Charlottesville Rio Road Apartments, 2 Parcels Metes and Bounds See Legal Town of Blacksburg, \$1,000,000

R Fralin Homes LLC to Value Housing Partners LLC, 0.27 Acre Lot 22 Phase 2 The Villas on North Main, \$72,000

James Parker Real Estate LLC to Austin Scott Beasley, 0.12 Acre Metes and Bounds Riner Magisterial District, \$177,000

Kipps Farms LLC to Stateson Homes LLC, Lots 173-176 Westhill Subdivision Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$282,091

R Fralin Construction Inc. to Bernard F Bragen Jr., 0.793 Acre Lot 36 Phase 2-A Cloverlea Subdivision Riner Magisterial District, \$508,724

Daniel Alan Hartless Administrator to Fred L Shrader, 4.82 Acres Parcel B Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$45,000

Jessica Walker Trust to Joseph Christopher Racek, Lot 51 Woodland Hills Estates Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$720,000

Brian C Hoff to Elizabeth Pandolfo Briggs, Lots 10-12 Section 6 Mountain View Estates Number 2 Town of Blacksburg, \$860,000

Gordon M Briggs to Kaan Osman Balci, Lot 7 Straffords Farm Subdivision Town of Christiansburg, \$398,000

August L Burgett to John J Kronebusch Trust, Lot 20 Phase 2 Haymarket Square Townhouses Section 1 Town of Blacksburg, \$310,000

Dorothy F Gilbert to Timothy Stuart Walker Jr., Lot 33 Lynwood Terrace Town of Christiansburg, \$265,000

David Cecchini to Daniel Jakubisin, 10.229 Acres Tract New Parcel A Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$80,274

Frank Sheppard Jr. to Joseph Ray Sheppard, Four Parcels See Legal Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$25,000

Edward Babcock to Cibmm LLC, Condo Unit 323 Phase H-1 University Crossroads Condominium Town of Blacksburg, \$319,000

Krystine Danielle Atkinson Administrator to Chase Rosenbaum, 1.268 Acres Lot 4 Town of Christiansburg, \$300,000

Jana W Ruble to Jennifer L Thomas, Lot 35 Highland Park Subdivision Town of Blacksburg, \$387,500

Jacqueline Carney to Carlos Elias, Lot 9 Oak Tree Townhomes Phase 4 Town of Christiansburg, \$350,000

Stateson Homes LLC to Jaeyoung Ha, Lot 126 Westhill Subdivision Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$519,274

Gregory L Farmer to Andrew Webb, Lot 40 Phase 2 New River Village Town of Christiansburg, \$344,000

SAS Eagle Givens LLC to Stephen Wade, 0.207 Acre Lot 106 Northside Park Section 12 Town of Blacksburg, \$624,900

Cody J Dickerson to Katrina D Hawks, 24641.16 Square Feet Lot 20 Riner Magisterial District, \$248,500

David L Broach to David L Broach, 1.004 Acres Lot 12 Heritage Place Phase 1 Riner Magisterial District, \$156,647

White Family Trust to Persimmon Homes LLC, 2.4091 Acres Lot 10 Town of Christiansburg, \$80,000

Devin Riley Godon to William Tate Ballard, Lot 13 Oak Tree Townhomes Phase 1 Town of Christiansburg, \$255,000

Justin Wayne Brown to Kevin P Hynes, 1.209 Acres Lot 1 Town of Blacksburg, \$502,690

Shah Development LLC to Devon B Knick, Lot 47 Reagan's Pointe Town of Christiansburg, \$323,750

Michael P Gowen Sr. to Karen A Havens, 0.249 Acre Town of Christiansburg, \$185,000

Zachary David Rodriguez to Cody John Dickerson, Lot 3 Section 9 Windmill Hills Town of Christiansburg, \$400,000

Curtis R Friedel to Thomas Durante, 2.971 Acres Metes and Bounds Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$672,500

Charles M Cooper to Donald D Gotfrey, 0.5 Acre Tract 1 and 0.5 Acre Tract 2 Riner Magisterial District, \$176,500

Tony D Conner to Timothy W Conner, 2.261 Acres Lot 4 Shawsville Magisterial District, \$81,421

Vivian H Mao to Elisabeth Tershak, Lot 12 Mission Hills Town of Blacksburg, \$376,900

John Wayne Creasy Jr. to Bruce Byrd, 0.703 Acre Lot 550 Section 3 Blacksburg County Club Estates Tract 1 and 0.024 Acre Tract 2 Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$910,000

Billie D Massie Sr. to Alston Sanford, 0.217 Acre Parcel A Town of Christiansburg, \$325,000

Teresa A Delph to Eric Kuchan, Condo Unit 212 Building 2 The Cascades Condominiums Town of Blacksburg, \$167,500

Robert J Gearheart to Steven Schambach, Lot 50 Cedar Orchards Subdivision Phase 4 Block A and Block B Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$699,000

Abbott Bowman LLC to Christopher B Fugate, Metes and Bounds See Legal, \$195,000

Curtis Marshall Estes to Kent Square North LLC, 0.455 Acre More or Less Town of Blacksburg, \$306,666

Andrew M Giles to Cody A Harris, 0.12 Acre Revised Lot 6 Midway Estates Shawsville Magisterial District, \$315,000

Victoria A Green to Ronaldo M Maia, See Plat at Block 803 Page 846 Town of Blacksburg, \$272,500

Stateson Homes LLC to Thomas Harris, Lot 120 Westhill Subdivision Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$598,824

Stateson Homes LLC to Susan R Powers, Lot 248 Westhill Subdivision Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$393,600

Victoria A Green to Thomas Ada Neufeld, Lot Number 19 an Number 21 Block A Springdale Addition Town of Blacksburg, \$325,000

Peter Z Kecorius to Michael Schreiber, Lot 5 Brookfield Village Phase 1, \$630,000

Jon Karl Noll to Jose Luis Nolazco Garcia, 0.603 Acre Lot 6 Town of Christiansburg, \$73,000

Robert C Apgar to Destiny L Casey; Parcels 1-A, 1-B, 3-A, and 3-B Less and Except See Legal; \$315,000

Gregory Michael Apgar Executor to Robert Curtis Apgar, 5 Acres Metes and Bounds Alleghany Magisterial District, \$262,000

Janet Lynne Riddlebarger to Jeffrey W Merola, Lot 92 Clifton Phase 1 Town of Christiansburg, \$350,000

Johnathan D Dales to Katrina S Walker, Lot 3 Section 1 Bethel Woods Riner Magisterial District, \$116,875

Louis P Tychonievich to Joseph H Gray III, 4.153 Acres Lot 6 Whitethorne Plantations Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$500,000

WNR Homeplace LLC to RWW4 LLC, 18.76 Acres Metes and Bounds Riner Magisterial District, \$929,000

Kelly D Coiro to Kendra Janette Kyle Young, Lot 70 Windsor Estates Phase 3 Town of Christiansburg, \$455,000

Gregory A Newhouse to Pervez T Mahmud, Condo Unit 305 Building B Sundance Village Condominium Town of Blacksburg, \$145,000

Alica J Hetrick to Steven Kirk Johnson, Lot 31 Windmill Hills Section 10 Phase 1, \$419,900

Charles E Niedermayer III to Charles E Niedermayer IV, 6 Acres More or Less Metes and Bounds Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$250,000

Ralph O Clements to Joan A Jackman, 1.834 Acres Lot 5 White Pine Court Town of Christiansburg, \$385,000

Stateson Homes LLC to 2003 Daylily Street LLC, Lot 194 Westhill Subdivision Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$383,690

Stateson Homes LLC to Andrew Shipley, Lot 195 Westhill Subdivision Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$388,350

Richard J English to Matthew Gregg, Condo Unit 105 Piedmont at Blacksburg 2 Phase 3 Town of Blacksburg, \$205,000

Dusty Hal Adkins to Johan Osorio, Lots 32-36 Silver Lake Heights, \$125,000

Carol A Reynolds Trust to Robert Wayne Mitchell, Lot 104 Oak Tree Townhomes Phase 2 Town of Christiansburg, \$238,000

Thomas Lintz to Thomas E Sproul, Lot 93 Shenandoah Phase 4 Town of Blacksburg, \$335,000

Hokie Hideaway VA LLC to Moorman S Baker Jr., Lot 7 Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$75,000

Loren Paul Rees to Timothy D Sands and Laura P Sands Trust, 020441, \$859,000

Pulaski Development LLC to Five Stars LLC; 0.0172 Acre Area A Parcel 1, 0.4874 Acre Parcel 2, 0.4974 Acre Parcel 3 Town of Christiansburg; \$1,299,999

Janice T Hinkley to Teofilo Calva Ramirez, Metes and Bounds Former Christiansburg Magisterial District, \$175,000

Eagle Construction of VA LLC to Zhengrui Xu, Lot 125 The Preserve at Walnut Springs Section 3 Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$372,321

Jeffrey S Meredith to Alexander Moore, 0.564 Acre Riner Magisterial District, \$233,000

Stacey L Dickerson to Danny H Lee, Lot 10A Town of Christiansburg, \$235,000

Jennifer White Smith to William Christopher Franke, Lot 37 Unit 2 Belmont Farms, \$320,000

Nicole Niday to Sutherland LLC, See Legal Shawsville Magisterial District, \$17,000

Eagle Construction of VA LLC to Alyse M Coulon, Lot 17 The Reserve at Round Meadows Town of Christiansburg, \$579,537

R Fralin Construction Inc. to Andrew Weir, 0.145 Acre Lot 41 Kensington Phase 10 Riner Magisterial District, \$379,950

Micah J Gardner to Micah Shad Bolen, 0.6435 Acre Riner Magisterial District, \$236,500

MP3 LLC to The Town of

Christiansburg, 4 Parcels See Legal Town of Christiansburg, \$384,000

Eagle Construction of VA LLC to David A Hayes, Lot 13 The Reserve at Round Meadows Section 3 Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$569,869

Cardinal Creations LLC to Micah Gardner, 0.469 Acre Shawsville Magisterial District, \$339,000

Andrew S Poff to Gary Edwin Lang, 1.756 Acres Shawsville Magisterial District, \$290,000

Michael Steven Brammber to Michael W Houchens, \$55,000

Daniel L Cockrum to Katelyn N Cantrell, Lot 72 Windsor Estates Subdivision Phase 4 Town of Christiansburg, \$392,000

Andrew James Weir to Samuel David Inge, Lot 7 Franklin Parke Phase 2 Town of Christiansburg, \$201,800

Tamela P Davis to Thomas J Inzana, Lot 52 Oak Tree Townhomes Phase 3 Town of Christiansburg, \$275,000

Jason L Ewing to Brandon W Hall, Lot 622 Blacksburg County Club Estates Section 3, \$975,000

Michael A Blankenship to Rachel Meadows, 0.451 Acre More or Less Lot 44A, \$695,000

Jeanette Emma Cooper to Carolyn D Rude, Lot 56 Fiddlers Green, \$624,000

Dwayne Sparks to Paul Andrew Sarks, Metes and Bounds See Legal, \$111,000

Daniel D Hamrick PC Trust to David A Bower, 2021006796, \$5,000

Beverly W Hudson to Stephen C Andrews Jr., Lot 5 Phase 2-A The Orchards Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$482,000

Daniel D Hamrick PC Trust to David A Bower, 2021004295, \$20,000

Wayne Brockenbrough to Hash Investments LLC, 0.5 Acre More or Less Shawsville Magisterial District, \$50,000

Shah Development LLC to Montgomery Enterprises LLC, Lot 61 McBryde Village Section 3 Town of Blacksburg, \$475,000

Montgomery Enterprises LLC to Hash Investments LLC, 0.676 Acre Town of Christiansburg, \$475,000

Timothy D Price to James Hill, 2.2006 Acres Lot 3 Diamond Pointe Phase 1 Riner Magisterial District, \$649,900

Eric S Eanes to Erin Colleen Hudgins, 0.211 Acre More or Less Lot 6 Town of Christiansburg, \$221,900

Steven R Bodtke to Junghwan Kim, 0.251 Acre Lot 6 Highview Terrace Town of Blacksburg, \$550,000

Stateson Homes LLC to Crossroads Holding Company LLC, Lot 196 Westhill Subdivision Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$420,670

Patti H St John to Rocket Rental Company LLC, Lot 58 and Eastern Half of Lot 59 Oakwood Subdivision Town of Christiansburg, \$165,000

Edward D Handel to Nathanael A Crum, Lot 32 and Lot 33 Belmont Farms Unit 2 Riner Magisterial District, \$330,000

Collegiate Development Texas Revocable Trust to Davie Whitlock; 1.4 Acres Parcel 1, 3.018 Acres Parcel 2, and 3.9340 Acres Parcel 3 Riner Magisterial District, \$125,000

Tyris Homes Inc. to Rezai Karim, 0.414 Acre Lot 6 Shawsville Magisterial District, \$459,900

TBL Properties LLC to Southstar LLC, 14.922 Acres Metes and Bounds Tract 1 and 3.628 Acres Metes and Bounds Tract 2 Town of Christiansburg, \$2,411,050

Stateson Homes LLC to Zhi-Gang Tu, Lot 190 Westhill Subdivision Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$394,420

Brian A Smyth to William Edwin Stielau Trust, Lot 29 Hillcrest at Union Valley Riner Magisterial District, \$570,000

Eagle Construction of Virginia LLC to Douglas G Mather, Lot 30 The Reserve at Round Meadows Town of Christiansburg, \$643,582

OBITUARIES

Goode, William Davis

William Davis Goode, of Radford, passed away at the age of 100, on Saturday, July 27, 2024. He was born on June 5, 1924.

Following his WWII service in the Army Air Corps as a navigator, he graduated with a degree in engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1947. He then worked as a mechanical engineer at Lynchburg Foundry in Radford for over 35 years. Following his retirement, he served as a consultant for the company. Bill was a longtime, faithful member of Central United Methodist Church and the Gideons. His life was a testimony to his Lord and Savior, church, family and community. He touched many lives through his love, generosity, compassion, service and faith.

He was preceded in death by his parents,



Ira Clay and Hinda Austin Goode; brothers, Joe, Benny and Austin Goode; and his sister, Marie Hobbs.

Survivors include his loving wife of almost 75 years, Polly Dunwoody Goode; daughters and son-in-law, Janet Goode Stahr (Richard), and Diane Rebecca Goode; granddaughters and their spouses, Chelsea Stahr MacMeekin (Scott), and Christine Ellen Stahr (Paul McSwain); great-grandchildren, William, Elle and Lola MacMeekin, and Dash and Hazel McSwain;

and many uncles, aunts, cousins and friends.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to Dr. Charles Judy, Donna Mooney and Michael Mullins for their loving and excellent care over many years.

A celebration of life service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2, 2024, at Central Church Radford with Pastor Doug Levy officiating. Burial will follow in Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Central Church, P.O. Box 611, Radford, VA, 24143, or to Gideons International, P.O. Box 923, Radford, VA, 24143.

The Goode family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford. www.mullinsfuneralhome.com

Szerokman, Annalee Inez Wilson

Annalee Inez Wilson Szerokman, 91, of Radford, passed away Friday, July 26, 2024. She was born on December 28, 1932. She was a member of Fairlawn Baptist Church. Annalee was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence William and Edith Hollingsworth Wilson; and her loving husband of 53 years, Andrew "Zeke" Szerokman.

Survivors include her sons and daughter-in-law, Drew Szerokman (Regina), and John Michael Szerokman (Vickie McCoy); grandchildren, Jaelyn Szerokman (Brandon



Groseclose), Brevin Szerokman, Mackenzie Talbert (Cody), Laiken Landreth (Jeremiah Hedge), Addison Hylton and Aidden Hylton; great-grandson, Kolton Hedge; lifelong friend, Janie Trobaugh; and

several other relatives and special friends.

The family will receive friends from 1 - 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9, 2024, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Services will begin at 2 p.m. with Rev. Greg Harrell officiating. Interment will follow in Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to the Fairlawn Baptist Church.

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

Town of Christiansburg votes on subdivisions

Angelica Ramos

Contributing writer

CHRISTIANSBURG- The Christiansburg Town Council voted on the subdivision amendment from their prior June 25, 2024 meeting on Tuesday, July 23, 2024.

The amendment from June 24, 2024 states, "The town council may appoint an agent to administer this chapter. The agent shall review subdivision plats as described in this section. Final approval of disapproval shall be made by the town council through the agent of the planning commission, unless otherwise stated in this chapter. The agent or planning commission may approve lot line revisions, lot line vacations, and accept on the behalf of the town publicly dedicated easements including, but not limited to, utility, access, and drainage easements."

The amendment allows an agent or ordinance to approve the subdivision of plats, utility access and division of plots

without having to go through the traditional process. This would still be public information and still shared with the council. The idea is that this will help the process for residents moving forward.

"I know we talked about this," Council Member Tanya Hockett said, "and I just want to reaffirm that this doesn't change anything about public hearings. This is one small piece of an administrative process to adjust lot lines and easement accesses. The Street Committee has asked that a policy be written that complements this and the policy would include the option for property owners, if they would like to go through the traditional process that we've had in the past, to take their lot lines to the Street Committee and to council for review and approval, they absolutely can request that."

The Subdivisions Amendment was approved with two council members opposed and the other five in approval with the changes requested.

Now enrolling middle school students at Blue Mountain School

Down a short gravel driveway in Floyd, through a grove of forsythias, and into a small clearing surrounded by a dense deciduous forest, sits Blue Mountain School, a 43-year-old alternative school which has recently expanded its offerings to include a program focused on children the ages of 10-14, traditionally known as the middle school years.

According to Blue Mountain School Director Tammie Sarver, the need for alternative education is increasingly recognized as essential to meeting the diverse needs of all learners. Tailored educational opportunities are key to helping every child reach their full potential. Blue Mountain School (BMS) offers a holistic educational approach that nurtures the mind, heart, creativity, physicality, and spirituality of every student.

Building on the success of their contemplative progressive early childhood curriculum, Blue Mountain School launched their middle school program in 2023 and the children have thrived under the guidance of teacher Susan Cordell, who brings 25 years of middle school teaching experience to the school.

Enrollment is currently open and Blue Mountain School is accepting applications for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year.

At BMS, alternative education goes beyond traditional learning models, providing robust support tailored to each student's unique needs. With smaller class sizes, personalized learning plans, and a nurturing environment that celebrates diversity, promotes empathy, and fosters collaboration, Blue Mountain School works to ensure every learner thrives.

BMS students also benefit from the integral component of family involvement in school activities. Both family and student involvement help foster a strong sense of community, partnership, and togetherness throughout campus.

With classes named after precious gemstones, all Blue Mountain grade levels benefit from age-appropriate curricula that nurtures real-world needs and experiences to enable student success in the dynamic, interconnected world we live in. For instance, Middle School students enjoy learning activities that feature a weekly language course along with Geography/History and Natural Science lessons. They actively engage in community service at local non-profit organizations like Plenty! The class also takes regular learning based

field trips, including learning ventures with NRV Land Trust, Floyd Center for the Arts, Plenty!, Red Rooster Coffee, and Sound to Sea in coastal North Carolina. Guest speakers are also hosted to

encourage the exploration of diverse occupations. This year speakers will include a herpetologist, a veterinarian, the artistic director of the SWVA Ballet, and many more.

Designed for students approximately aged 10-14, the Blue Mountain Middle School Program offers a unique educational approach that fosters individualized learning and holistic development. With multi-age classrooms supporting collaborative learning, looping teachers for increased continuity, and a focus on intrinsic motivation, BMS ensures each student can progress confidently at their own pace. BMS supports individual growth without comparisons between students and emphasizing deeper learning experiences, with the intention that BMS students benefit from stronger self-esteem.

Reflecting on the inception of the BMS Middle School Program, Tammie Sarver, Director at Blue Mountain School, commented, "As a leader at a nonprofit school that has served the Floyd community for 43 years, I apply a service-oriented lens in all my decision-making. Recognizing the community's needs, we identified an unmet need for an alternative middle school education option. We addressed this gap by welcoming Susan Cordell, Middle School Program Lead, to our team in 2022. Originally from Texas, Susan is a talented educator with decades of experience and a Master's degree in Inquiry-Based Math and Science Learning. Her community immersion and educational partnerships significantly contribute to the success of our middle school program's success."

Meg Alton, a parent of a recent middle school graduate, noted that her son's "social emotional wellness was supported in ways that only Blue Mountain School can do while still providing a thoughtful education. His middle school experience has prepared him academically for the next chapter... and more importantly, his spirit has remained intact as he continues to grow into a kind, aware, and curious individual. The stresses of middle school that we were concerned about when he was younger weren't present at Blue Mountain School and watching him grow into himself has been even better than I could have wished for."

Blue Mountain School celebrated its largest class of graduates this June at their annual Bridging Ceremony, marking the successful completion of the pilot year of its Middle School program. This achievement underscores the dedication of its educators and the effectiveness of its innovative approach.

Blue Mountain School

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not only their members but to the regional workforce too.

"Workforce development has never been more important to our chamber members and communities than it is now - a time when finding and retaining talent is increasingly challenging," said Pressman. "Through innovative and diverse

programming, this new site will impact all of our surrounding communities, through collaborative initiatives and approaches to elevate the NRV as a whole. These efforts ensure that our local workforce remains competitive and well-prepared for the demands of today's and tomorrow's job market." "The collaboration

between the area Chambers of Commerce and Virginia Career Works exemplifies the power of community synergy," said Buffuto. "Together we will empower local businesses and job seekers alike to promote economic growth for the New River Valley."

McKinney added "the one-stop location for both job seekers and businesses looking to acquire employees will be a tremendous benefit for our region."

The Virginia Career Works office has been displaced and working from varied locations recently. This new office will provide their clients with the convenient location and all of the relevant services. Karen Akers and her staff are excited and ready to serve the needs of our region. Virginia Career Works Center is open, located at 51 West Main Street, Radford or call at (540) 267-8100.

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appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before AUGUST 21, 2024 @ 10:00AM.
JULY 22, 2024
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Legals - Botetourt County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 362 LOWE STREET, BUCHANAN, VA 24066.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated March 12, 2018, in the original principal amount of \$88,065.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 180000875. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on August 30, 2024, at 2:00 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA: TWO-THIRDS OF LOT NO. EIGHTEEN (18), FRONTING 88.92 FEET ON WATER STREET, AND RUNNING BACK BETWEEN PARALLEL LINES 167.77 FEET TO THE REAR LINE OF SAID LOT NO. 18; THE WEST ONE-THIRD OF SAID LOT ADJOINS AN ALLEY KNOWN AS SECOND ALLEY, AND BEING THE SAME LAND THAT WAS CONVEYED TO H.S. HODGES BY J.E. HODGES AND M.F. HODGES, HIS WIFE, BY DEED DATED JUNE 18, 1934, AND RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN DEED BOOK "X" AT PAGE 34. LESS AND EXCEPTING THAT PORTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED LOT

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For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsales.com. VA-370006-1.

Legals - Montgomery County

Order of Publication
Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No. CL24-1097 VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA, a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA, a Municipal locality of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant, v. HAZEL TERRY JUSTICE, ET AL., Respondent(s).

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, county of Montgomery, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Montgomery, Virginia, described as follows: Tax Map No. 526-2404 Account No. 010023

All that certain lot or parcel of land with all improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging situate, lying and being in the Town of Christiansburg, Riner Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia, designated as Tax Map Number 526-24 4, Parcel ID Number 010023, being located on the south side of Lee Highway (now Radford St) fronting 58 1/2 feet thereon and extending back 150 feet.

And being the same real property conveyed to Lucy Campbell and Hazel Terry Justice, as joint tenants, from J. C. Snidow and Lillian L. Snidow, husband and wife, by deed, dated November 14, 1944 and recorded November 16, 1944 in the Montgomery County Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Deed Book 134 at Page 250.

This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations, of record which affect the property herein described. **IT APPEARING** that an Affidavit has been made and filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, that the last known addresses for the Respondents herein are as follows: Hazel Terry Justice, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Lucy Campbell aka Lucy Mae Terry aka Lucy Mae Nichols, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Elizabeth Terry Grier, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Hobert L. Terry, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; James Monroe Terry, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Clarence William Terry, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Mary Terry, whose last known address is unknown; Robert Terry, Jr., whose last address is unknown; Patricia Terry, whose last known address is unknown; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the Respondent named herein are made parties Respondent to this action individually and/or by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby

ORDERED that the parties herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before August 31, 2024 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of The County of Montgomery, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause. Entered on the 22day of July, 2024
K. Mike Fleenor, Jr. Judge

I Ask For This: John A. rife, Esq. (VSB No. 45805) Jeffrey A Scharf, Esq. (VSB No. 30591) Mark K. Ames, Esq. (VSB No. 27409) Andrew M. Neville, Esq. (VSB No.86372) Paul L. LaBarr, Esq. (VSB No. 91609) Gregory L. Haynes, Esq.

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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 August 14, 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 the request of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. 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.

2. 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) with condition.

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

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

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MONTGOMERY SPORTS

Camper wins all-county/ all-city player-of-year



Kadyn Camper was 20-2 on the mound this past season with 277 strikeouts, a school record at Christiansburg High School.

Marty Gordon

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Punt, Pass, and Kick (PP&K) is a youth skills competition that tests participants' punting, passing, and placekicking abilities, and in 2014, Christiansburg's Kadyn Camper was a national champion in her age group.

The competition even gave Camper her own football card, which is selling for \$3 on the Internet.

"I really like football and would practice in the driveway," she said.

She never thought about playing football in high school, she said with a laugh.

But it was something else Camper claimed a state championship this past spring. She led Christiansburg High School to its first Class 3 softball title.

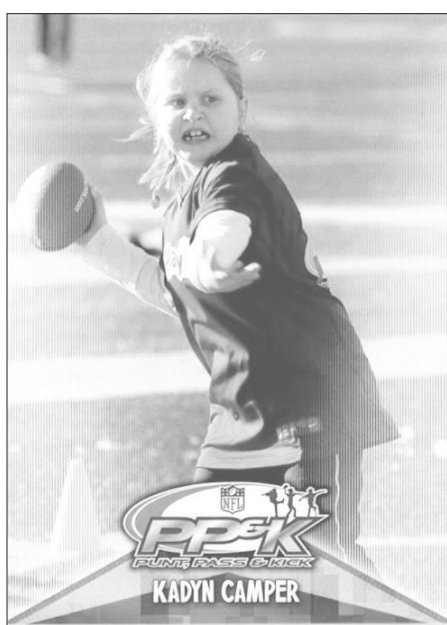
"It was our goal to win the state going into the season," she said, "and we did it."

Camper admits she made drastic improvement from her sophomore year to now.

"I put in a lot effort to get it right."

As a sophomore, she had 13 wins with 103 innings pitched with 173 strikeouts and only allowed .130 opponent's batting average and finished the season with an Earned Run Average of 1.43 and threw a one-hitter.

She finished 20-2 this season on the mound with 277 strikeouts and a .853 earned run average, while hitting .542 with 11 homeruns at the plate. She was



FILE PHOTOS

Kadyn Camper of Christiansburg was featured on a football card after appearing in the 2014 national Punt, Pass and Kick competition.

named first-team pitcher for the River Ridge District, Region D and state, and player of the year at all three levels.

All of this was accomplished with a torn labrum for the entire season.

Thanks to her effort, Camper has been named the all-county/all-city softball player of year and co-pitcher of the year.

For now, she is trying to work through the injury, preparing for the next chapter in her softball career at Purdue University.



Blacksburg's Lorelei Spradlin pitches in the rain during a contest with Christiansburg this past spring. Blacksburg would hand the cross-county rival one of its only three losses during the season.

Christiansburg's Gaynor all-county/all-city coach of year

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Sean Gaynor took over a Christiansburg program this past spring that had been experiencing a playoff drought.

Not only did that make the playoffs, the Blue Demons rolled to the school's first state title in softball and a 24-3 mark.

For his accomplishment, Gaynor has been named the 2024 all-county/all-city softball coach of the year. He was also named the all-district, all-region and all-state coach of the year.

His pitcher, Kadyn Camper, was named the all-county/all-city player of the year, and co-pitcher of the year.

Blacksburg's Lorelei Spradlin was the other co-pitcher of the year after completing a 7-0 record with 109 strikeouts.

Spradlin and Camper led a mound group that was outstanding this season. Joining the two on the all-county/all-city team were Machenzie Booth from Auburn and Mary Miller of Eastern Montgomery.

Miller finished with 433 strikeouts with only 34 walks. Booth was 9-3 with 120 k's, not giving up a single run in the district tournament and three rounds of regional tournament.

This year's unit included Blacksburg's Lindsay Polan at the first-base position. She was a major headache for opposing team's pitchers, hitting 11 homeruns and 32 RBIs. She finished with a .459 average.

Auburn's Kaylee Ramrattan was this year's second baseman. As a freshman, she was named first team all-district, first team all-region and second all-state. She would



FILE PHOTOS

Coach Sean Gaynor receives a Gatorade bath after taking Christiansburg to the state softball title game.

finish the year with a .431 average, 31 hits, five doubles, 21 RBIs, 26 runs scored and 10 stolen bases.

UVA-commit Addison Reasor of Christiansburg was named the all-county/all-city third baseman. Kathryn Price of Radford was the unit's shortstop.

Eastern Montgomery's Alexis Artrip led the outfield group with .382 batting average. She was joined by Auburn's Ariel Mullins and Blacksburg's Maddie Williams and Clara McMahon.

Blacksburg's Katey Mathena was the all-county/all-city catcher as she collected eight doubles, 38 hits, 32 RBIs while still stealing 16 bases.

Christiansburg's Kirsten Lowe was named to the all-county/all-city team as a utility player, and Radford's Addie Saunders was the team's designated hitter. Saunders finished with a .485 batting average from her leadoff position.

Auburn's Hensel all-county/all-city player of year

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Auburn High School's dream of another state baseball title came to a halt in the playoffs this season in a 3-0 loss to eventual champion Rappahannock.

Brody Hensel was dominant for Auburn, pitching 50.1 innings to finish with a 9-1 record allowing only six runs and having 95 strikeouts and a 0.70 earned run average. At the plate, he hit for a .441 average with 27 RBIs. He also stole 18 passes.

For his effort, he was named both the Mountain Empire District and Region C player of the year. This week, the honors continued as Hensel was named the 2014 all-county/all-city player of the year.

His coach, Eric Altizer was named co-coach of the year along with Blacksburg's Dave Dunstan.

Auburn pitcher Josh Givens was named the all-county/all-city co-pitcher of the year after posting a 7-0 record and only allowing six runs all season. He finished with 93 K's and an unbelievable 0.30 ERA.

The other co-pitcher of the year was given to Radford player. Mason Murphy was outstanding on the mound this season with 110 strikeouts and two no-hitters. Both of those marks were school records.

Blacksburg also rolled in the state playoffs this spring with the help of first baseman Brice Abbott, who was named all-county/all-city at that position.

Eastern Montgomery's Cam Sutphin was the squad's second baseman. He had 15 RBIs and was 20 runs scored.

He was joined by Freshman teammate Marshall Tate at third base who hit for .365 average with 17 RBIs and



Brody Hensel got it done both at the plate and on the mound for Auburn. His coach Eric Altizer (left) give him a fist pump after hitting a triple this past spring.

a homerun. Christiansburg's Gavin Dow was this year's shortstop after stroking a .367 batting average.

The outfield was manned by Reese Tyson of Blacksburg, Jeremiah Thompson of Christiansburg and Jared Lavergne of Auburn. The latter, Lavergne posted team highs with a .517 batting average and 22 stolen bases. He also had a stretch of reaching base in 20 consecutive plate appearances.

Mathew Altizer of Auburn was this year's all-county/all-city catcher. He led the team in extra bases hits, 12 doubles, two triples, a homerun and 25 RBIs enroute earning the title of "most consistent."

The pitching rotation included Hensel and Murphy along with Eastern Montgomery's Austin Tate and



FILE PHOTOS

Coach Dave Dunstan led Blacksburg baseball to a 19-4 mark this season and an appearance in the state quarter-finals.

Christiansburg's Mason Cullop.

Tate finished with a 7-2 mark with 77 K's. He was named to the Pioneer District's first team, and the Region C second-team.

Cullop, who was both an all-district and al-region selection, with 32 K's in 37 innings pitched.

Colton Conner of Eastern Montgomery was named the utility player after hitting .340 with 10 stolen bases.

Lineburg, Crist honored by state association

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The Commonwealth Football Coaches Association (CFCA) has recognized a former coach and the current head coach from Radford High School.

Former coach Norm Lineburg, who has coached in six different decades, was given the CFCA Achievement Award. He has coached in more football games (454) than any other coach in the state and is the third winningest coach with over 300 victories.

Michael Crist led Radford to this past year's Class 1 state title and

was named the Region 5 Southwest Virginia coach of the year.

Academic honors for Christiansburg baseball

The American Baseball Coaches Association is proud to recognize the over 800-member college and high school programs from across the country that have been awarded the 2023-24 ABCA Team Academic Excellence Award, which is presented by Sports Attack. Teams from every level of college and high school baseball were honored with this year's award, which highlights programs coached by ABCA members that posted a GPA of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale for the cumulative 2023-24 academic year.

Nearly 350 high school programs and more than 470 collegiate programs were recognized with this year's award including Christiansburg High School's baseball team.

Coaches were able to nominate their teams for the ABCA Team Academic Excellence Award following the conclusion of their spring semesters prior to the nomination deadline of July 11. To be honored, teams had to meet the following criteria:

Must be a high school or college team

Head coach must be a current ABCA member

Team must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 on a 4.0 scale

for the 2023-24 academic year

The American Baseball Coaches Association has a long tradition of recognizing the achievements of baseball coaches and student-athletes.

Fan Day at Tech

As kickoff for football season draws closer, the Virginia Tech athletics department has announced a date for the 2024 edition of Fan Day. Fan Day presents Hokie Nation with the opportunity to interact with head coach Brent Pry and the rest of Tech's staff and players on Sunday, Aug. 11, inside the Beamer-Lawson practice facility. The event is free and open to

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the public. Triumph NIL will host an exclusive session at 1 p.m. ET for its subscribers to meet with select Virginia Tech student-athletes and Pry. The entry policy entails those who are a paying subscriber of Triumph NIL and all children 18-and-under (up to two children per adult) who are accompanied by an adult who is a paying subscriber of Triumph NIL.

Hokie Kids' Club maroon level members and Maroon & Orange Memories Early Access purchasers will also receive exclusive early access, starting at 1 p.m. The general public will enter 15 minutes later at 1:15 p.m. The Fan Day festivities will conclude at 2:45 p.m.

Hanson, Valociek on scholar list
Two members of the Virginia Tech men's golf team were named 2023-24 Cobalt Golf All-America Scholars Thursday. Charlie Hanson and Kobe Valociek made the list comprising 531 NCAA Division I men's golfers from 180 schools.

To be eligible for Cobalt Golf All-America Scholar nomination, an individual must be a sophomore, junior or senior both academically and athletically in NCAA Division I,

II, III, and NAIA, or receiving their Associate's Degree and in their last year of athletic eligibility in the NJCAA. In addition, they must participate in 50% of their team's competitive rounds, have a stroke average under 76.0 in NCAA Division I, under 78.0 in NCAA Division II, under 79.0 in NCAA Division III, under 78.0 in NAIA, and under 77.0 in NJCAA, and maintain a minimum cumulative career grade-point average of 3.2. A recipient must also be of high moral character and be in good standing at their college or university.

Highlander festival at Sinkland
Radford University Athletics is excited to host Highlander Fan Fest on Tuesday, Aug. 20 from 6-8 p.m. at Sinkland Farms.

2024 will mark the second straight year of Highlander Fan Fest, an evolution of the "Meet the Coaches Night" hosted in previous years. The evening will include food trucks, kids' activities, inflatables, and more to kick off the 2023-24 athletics season. Guests will still have the opportunity to meet and greet coaches from each of Radford's 16 teams, as well as learn more about each program.

The event is free for all to attend.



PHOTO COURTESY OF RADFORD BOBCATS FOOTBALL

Radford Bobcats Head Football Coach Michael Crist (left), along with RHS Athletics Director Greg Wade (right), presents former Bobcats Coach Norm Lineburg and his wife, Joann Lineburg with the Commonwealth Football Coaches Association's CFCA Achievement Award.

Blacksburg swimmer qualifies for the Olympics

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Ian Ho grew up in Blacksburg and started swimming at the Blacksburg Aquatic Center spending many of his formative years competitively for the Blacksburg's club team, the H20kies.

He also spent time in the summers at Tech's Maroon and Orange Camp, where college swimmers counsel and coach high schoolers, participating as both a swimmer and a coach.

From there, he started swimming at Virginia Tech in what is called the sprint freestyle in the 50- and 100- yard events.

Ho was named to the All-ACC Academic Team and ACC Academic Honor Roll as a mechanical engineering major and took his training to the pool at the Christiansburg Aquatics Center.

This past week he took his career a step further, qualifying for the Paris Olympics as a representative on the Hong Kong National Team. He competed in the men's 100-meters on Tuesday.

Racing by himself Monday at the Hong Kong LC Swimming Time Trial IV, he became the first man from his nation to ever get under the 22-second threshold in the 50-meter freestyle. In the final heat, he set a 21.97 mark, making him just the sixth Asian man to break the 22-second mark.

Ho was a member of the Virginia Tech swim and dive team from 2015-2019. While at Tech, Ho qualified for ACC's all four years and competed in high level collegiate meets including NCAA's and the Toyota U.S. Open. As a Hokie he was a member of several team relays along with competing in his own sprint events at the top collegiate level.

In the summer after his freshman year, Ho competed in the U.S. Olympic Trials and finished 36th overall in the 50-meter freestyle. After graduation, Ho continued his training within the states and internationally in pursuit of his Olympic dream, which has now come to be a reality.



FILE PHOTO

Ian Ho hits the pool this past year at the Christiansburg Aquatics Center.

Gas prices dip from last week

Average gasoline prices in Virginia have fallen 3.4 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.38/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 4,081 stations in Virginia. Prices in Virginia are 5.6 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 20.3 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has fallen 1.2 cents in the last week and stands at \$3.78 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Virginia was priced at \$2.91/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$3.99/g, a difference of \$1.08/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$2.91/g while the highest was \$3.99/g, a difference of \$1.08/g.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 0.7 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.47/g today. The national average is down 0.8 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 25.2 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

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

- July 29, 2023: \$3.58/g (U.S. Average: \$3.73/g)
- July 29, 2022: \$4.00/g (U.S. Average: \$4.21/g)
- July 29, 2021: \$2.98/g (U.S. Average: \$3.16/g)
- July 29, 2020: \$2.00/g (U.S. Average: \$2.19/g)
- July 29, 2019: \$2.50/g (U.S. Average: \$2.72/g)

- July 29, 2018: \$2.62/g (U.S. Average: \$2.84/g)
- July 29, 2017: \$2.10/g (U.S. Average: \$2.31/g)
- July 29, 2016: \$1.93/g (U.S. Average: \$2.13/g)
- July 29, 2015: \$2.48/g (U.S. Average: \$2.68/g)
- July 29, 2014: \$3.34/g (U.S. Average: \$3.51/g)

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:

- Roanoke- \$3.33/g, up 2.4 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.31/g.
- Richmond- \$3.40/g, down 2.4 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.42/g.
- West Virginia- \$3.40/g, down 1.1 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.41/g.

"We continue to see a mixed bag when it comes to gas prices across the country: states in the Great Lakes region are still being jolted by the Joliet, IL refinery outage, which has also impacted gas prices in some areas of Canada, while areas like the West Coast continue to see notable declines," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "With the summer winding down and GasBuddy data showing disappointing gasoline demand and struggling oil prices, we could eventually see the national average falling a bit more, especially once the refinery in Illinois restarts operations. While hurricane season hasn't been a factor yet, it's also just starting to get into its prime, and that does remain a quiet wildcard for now."

GasBuddy

Board of Supervisors discuss recreational vehicle tax rate

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MONTGOMERY CO. – The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors discussed potentially setting a tax rate for recreational vehicles that is separate from the personal property or motor vehicle tax to help better serve residents at the July 22, 2024 meeting.

County Administrator Angela Hill explained the Code of Virginia defines recreation vehicles as "a vehicle that is self-propelled or towed by a consumer-owned tow vehicle that is designed to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, or travel use." They are allowed as a secondary home as long as it includes a bathroom, eating area and sleeping quarters. At the local level, Hill explained, they fall under personal property. This includes motor homes, travel trailers and camping

trailers. "The reason that I brought this," Supervisor April DeMotts explained, "and the reason that this was brought to me was because a resident in my district has two motorhomes, one of which they use as a second home for IRS tax purposes, and he pays more for that motor vehicle in taxes than he does for his house in my district."

The best time for the board to consider a change to this tax rate would be around budget time for next fiscal year. The July 22 discussion was to gauge if a change is an interest to the board. Some board members had questions and are interested in further discussion and analysis.

"Maybe if we did lower the taxes on these," Supervisor Todd King suggested, "a lot more people could afford them."

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.

Friendly Maggie loves meeting new humans--big and small. She knows commands, including sit, speak, down, and roll over. Maggie could stand to shed a few pounds, but in the meantime, there's more of her to love!



Gummy Bear is a younger mama cat whose little ones have found homes. Now it's her turn! Gummy Bear is sweet and enjoys a good nuzzle, and she can't wait to meet you. Stop by the Animal Care and Adoption Center to find your purrfect match.



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