



Early Childhood Champion Awards recognize educators, advocates and innovators

This year, 23 people received nominations for First Steps' 4th annual Early Childhood Champion Awards.

Created in 2021, these awards recognize the early education and childcare providers, preschool teachers, child development specialists, human service providers, healthcare professionals, librarians, policymakers, and advocates who have positively impacted the lives of the NRV's youngest citizens.

The nominations submitted by parents, colleagues, supervisors, neighbors, and other community members were incredibly compelling. During the award ceremony Aug. 23, we recognized all the nominees and announced this year's winners. Each winner received a cash award provided by the Community Foundation of the New River Valley.

2024 Early Childhood Champions of the Year:

Seth Zaki and Connor Farrell both work at a local restaurant and they approached the YMCA at Virginia Tech about using their parking lot in Blacksburg to cook and serve food to people in need on their days off. They just needed the space, and they would take care of everything else. The Y's staff immediately thought of their Meals on Main program, which provides meals and enrichment activities to children in need in Christiansburg and Blacksburg. Seth and Connor were a perfect fit. They began cooking meals for both children and families on the Meals on Main food truck, waking up early to do food prep, to cook and serve, and to stay late afterward to clean up – all as volunteers. They spend up to 16 hours, every Tuesday, serving more than 100 children and their families, and they are constantly looking for ways to expand that impact. One of their nominators wrote, "Seth and Connor are two of the most kind, hardworking, and determined young men I have ever met."

2024 Runner-Up

Amanda Cargill Hobin: Amanda received 6 nominations from parents and colleagues at Head Start who describe her as caring, loving, supportive, dedicated, innovative, adaptable, and much more. Parents talked about the care she takes in meeting each student's specific needs, while colleagues describe her as "a burst of positive energy and enthusiasm [that] radiates off her onto her peers."

2024 Honorees

Dr. Rosanna Breux: Rosanna is the director of the Child Study Center at Virginia Tech and an assistant professor in the Dept. of Psychology. She was nominated by her supervisor who talked about her extraordinary work with children and parents conducting psychological assessments and connecting families to early intervention and community resources. Her nominator wrote: "Rosanna's innovative and empathetic approach to care and education has significantly enriched the lives of young children and their families in the NRV."

Emily Perkins: Emily was nominated by a colleague who wrote at length about her fierce advocacy for the families and staff at Giles Head Start. For more than 25 years, Emily has helped families overcome barriers so their children have what they need to be successful. Her nominator wrote "She is the person you want in your corner when times get tough."

Cheryl Vaughan: Cheryl is a therapist and clinic manager at CORA Physical Therapy in Blacksburg. She was nominated by a parent who talked about Cheryl's work to build her son's confidence and to build a loving and authentic relationship with him. She also spoke of Cheryl's willingness to pivot to support both parent and child. She wrote, "it makes such a difference to have providers that take the time to understand your child—to show love to your child. When I think of Cheryl, that's what I think



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Nominees and recipients of the 2024 Early Childhood Champion Awards

of-love."

Full List of the 2024 Nominees

Learn more about each of these nominees on the 2024 Early Childhood Champions page.

Susan Bailey: A teacher at the Blacksburg United Methodist Church Preschool Program

Jason Ballard: A delegate representing District 12 here in the NRV in the Virginia House of Delegates

Rosanna Breux: Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology at Virginia Tech and Director of the Child Study Center

Melanie Brusseau: A teacher at the Radford Early Learning Center

Kayla Crowder: Former director of North Blacksburg KinderCare and now an early childhood education consultant for the Calfee Community & Cultural Center in Pulaski

Michelle Crowder: A teacher at the Radford Early Learning Center

Amanda Cargill Hobin: A Head Start teacher with New River Community Action

Audrey Kirk: An early education

workforce recruiter for EO

Linda Naughton: Owner and teacher at Heart 'N Hand Early Learning Center

Sidney Nelson: Director of the Radford Early Learning Center

Phillip Norman: Western Regional Manager for ChildCare Aware of Virginia

Taylor Okes: A Head Start teacher with New River Community Action

Emily Perkins: Director of the Giles Head Start Site for New River Community Action

Hayden Polseno-Hensley and Rose McCutchan: Owners of Red Rooster Coffee and Yellow Hen Childcare

Patricia Dianne Sheppard: A family day home provider

Taylor Wyatt Step: A teacher with Rainbow Riders Childcare Center

Kara Thurman: A preschool teacher at Auburn Elementary

Cheryl Vaughan: A therapist and pediatric clinic manager for CORA in Blacksburg

Community Foundation of the NRV



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Several vineyards will be participating in this weekend's Wine festival at Sinkland Farms.

Savor the Flavors at Sinkland Farms' second Annual Wine Festival

Sinkland Farms is hosting its 2nd Annual Wine Festival, a celebration of fine Virginia wines, craft spirits, and local music, "set against the stunning backdrop of the Blue Ridge Mountains" this weekend.

Mark your calendars for Saturday

and Sunday, Sept. 21-22, 2024, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., and join Sinkland Farms "for a weekend of indulgence and entertainment just before the start of our famous Pumpkin Festival."

Wine & Spirits Tastings: This

year's festival brings together some of Virginia's finest wineries and a local distillery, offering a diverse selection of wines and spirits.

Participating wineries include:

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Christiansburg Police, ATF arrest man for gun thefts

CHRISTIANSBURG – A man has been arrested after allegedly stealing firearms from a local business.

According to the Town of n Sept. 5 at approximately 7:22 a.m. Christiansburg Police responded to a call for service in regard to a burglary at a business on the 1600 block of North Franklin St. Upon arrival, police found a break-in had taken place and five guns had been stolen from the business.

Christiansburg Police immediately began investigating and notified the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF). Together, both agencies were able to track down the suspect within just 7 hours of the

call.

Toney Lee Lanham Jr. was arrested and charged with breaking and entering, larceny of a firearm, wearing a mask to conceal identity during a crime, and felony vandalism. Lanham has since been released on bond. All weapons were recovered.

The Christiansburg Police Department would like to thank the ATF for its partnership in helping solve this case quickly and efficiently. We would also like to thank the numerous citizens and loss prevention employees who helped in tracking leads which ultimately led to the suspect's arrest.

Town of Christiansburg

Better Together Rockin' Food Truck Rodeo was a hit

Angelica Ramos
Contributing writer

CHRISTIANSBURG- The Town of Christiansburg and Downtown Christiansburg Incorporated combined two popular events into one for the first time this year and the community loved it.

The Town of Christiansburg and Downtown Christiansburg Inc. combined the ever-popular Rockin' Main Street concert event with the Food Truck Rodeo to create a combined event for the community and this became the first ever Better Together: Rockin' Food Truck Rodeo. The Better Together: Rockin' Food Truck Rodeo was held on Main Street in Christiansburg on Sept. 14, 2024 3-9 p.m.

Residents attended the event in droves and DCI and the Town of Christiansburg ensured there was something for everyone. The was a kids' zone for the little ones to have fun as well as beer and wine for the adults to enjoy. The alcohol vendors for this event were Blue Ridge Beverage, Iron Heart Winery and J.H. Bards Spirit Co.

Many residents brought their own chairs to set up to watch the live music. The musical acts were full of local favorites like Jimothy, Don & The Deltones and Miller Holler. The music had community members dancing and jamming out for hours. Residents were seen enjoying the covers of classic songs as well as original music for some of the artists.

The stars of the evening were the 20-plus food trucks for those attending to try and maybe experience a new flavor. The food trucks had lines extending into the crowd of passersby with residents excited for the goods they had to offer. Some of the food trucks vendors present were 800 Degrees Wood Fired Pizza, Cabo



PHOTO BY ANGELICA RAMOS

Residents attend the Better Together: Rockin' Food Truck Rodeo, held Saturday in downtown Christiansburg.

Fish Taco, Big Daddy's BBQ, Empanada Nirvana, Grandpa Ike's Mini Donuts and many other fantastic vendors offering delicious foods and sweet treats. There were even vendors who offered frozen treats for residents to cool off as the evening went along, like Charlee Tropical Italian Ice, Smooshed, Spoons and Space Rabbit Coffee.

Hundreds of Montgomery County residents and visitors were in attendance for this event. Many in attendance shared the same sentiment of hoping this event were to come back to Christiansburg again next year. The first ever Better Together: Rockin' Food Truck Rodeo looks like it could set precedence for more combined events in the future.

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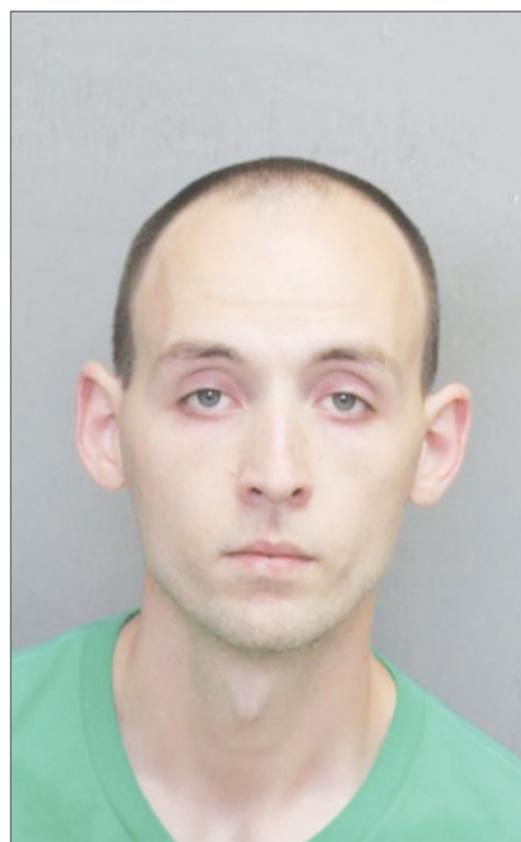


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Toney Lee Lanham, Jr.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, Sept. 18:

Blacksburg Farmers Market

At Market Square Park, 100 Draper Rd SW, Blacksburg; 2 – 6 p.m. The 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.

Free GED Prep Classes with NRCC

At the Radford Public Library, 9 a.m. – noon. Join NRCC in the community room for free GED prep classes! For more info call 540-674-3682.

AARP Blacksburg Health and Wellness Fair

Health and Wellness Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18 at the Christiansburg Recreational Center, 1600 N. Franklin St., in Christiansburg. Free and co-sponsored by AARP Blacksburg, the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM), and the Christiansburg Recreation Center. More than 80 exhibitors offering free services (e.g., blood pressure, body mass, bone density, skin cancer, vision, and hearing screenings, immunizations) and information. Also, professionals sharing nutrition, exercise, in-home health services, and home renovation. Also includes a blood drive and the Veterans' Center mobile unit. Keynote speaker, Dr. Michael Friedlander of the Virginia Tech-Carilion Research Institute, who will be speaking between 11:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. on the up-to-date research on aging and Q&A to help us all lead more informed and happier lives. For more information on the AARP Blacksburg Health and Wellness Fair, visit <https://www.blacksburgaarp.org/2024-health-and-wellness-fair> or contact Sue Magliaro at sumags@vt.edu. To donate blood and avoid waiting, go to https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/267451.

Christmas Store shopping applications

The Montgomery County Christmas Store is accepting applications to shop at the Christmas Store during Store Week on December 9-14, 2024. Go online at www.mcchristmasstore.org for information about Eligibility Requirements. Applications will be accepted at certain in-person interviews, online, and at locations in the community. On Sept. 18, applications will be taken at the Health & Wellness Fair at the Christiansburg Recreation Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Interviews will be held at the Christmas Store Building on Sept. 25 from 4 to 7 p.m. and Oct. 9 from 4 to 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 19:

Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting

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

Saturday, Sept. 21:

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.

Wine

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Daring Wine Company: Savor the passion in every bottle with small-lot wines and ciders produced in Southern Virginia.

Virginia Mountain Vineyards: Explore a variety of white and red wines, ranging from gently sweet to full-bodied, elegant, and dry.

Dobbins Hollow Winery and Cidery: Delight in wines and ciders crafted from fruit grown at Dobbins Hollow, plus inventive craft cocktails.

Notaviva Winery: Enjoy supple white, rosé, and red dry wines paired with musical inspiration to elevate your tasting experience.

Woods Acre Winery: Indulge in semi-sweet fruit wines hand-crafted in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Featured Distillery:

J.H. Bards: Sample a range of Virginia Straight Bourbon, Rye, Single Malt, Maple Whiskey, and Sinking Creek Vodka, all crafted to perfection.

Live Music Lineup: Enhance your wine tasting experience with live music performances from some of the region's top talent:

Saturday, September 21: Last Chance Band – Don't miss the electrifying 80s review by one of the best female vocalists in Southwest Virginia, accompanied by two seasoned musicians. Expect hits from Bon Jovi, The Bangles, Elvis, Neil Diamond, Prince, Dolly Parton, and many more, providing great dance and listening music.

Sunday, September 22: Dirt Road Breakdown – Enjoy rocking Americana from Lee Worley and Bob Chew in a unique duet that sounds like a full four-piece band. Their originals and covers bring a swampy, soulful vibe that will leave

you wanting more.

Family-Friendly Attractions:

The Corn Maze: Challenge yourself in our expansive

Visit weekly for an ever-changing supply of homemade goodies, crafts, plants, meats, produce, and more.

Sunday, Sept. 22:

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, Sept. 23:

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.

Free GED Prep Classes with NRCC

At the Radford Public Library, 9 a.m. – noon. Join NRCC in the community room for free GED prep classes! For more info call 540-674-3682.

Tuesday, Sept. 24:

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.

Identity theft scams with Better Business Bureau

At the Radford Public Library, noon – 1 p.m. Scammers will do whatever it takes to get their hands on your personal information. Once they have it, they can effectively become you, using your identity to open accounts, file taxes, or obtain medical coverage. Sloan Champney, Public Relations and Communications Specialist of Better Business Bureau, will cover how to spot these scams and protect yourself from thieves wanting to steal your identity. Pizza provided. Handouts and small giveaways available from BBB.

Wednesday, Sept. 25:

Free GED Prep Classes with NRCC

At the Radford Public Library, 9 a.m. – noon. Join NRCC in the community room for free GED prep classes! For more info call 540-674-3682.

Thursday, Sept. 26:

Christmas Store fundraiser at Eastern Divide

The Montgomery County Christmas Store will kick off its fundraising campaign at Eastern Divide from 3 to 9 p.m. For each pint, flight, or soda sold, Eastern Divide will donate \$1. Featured will be a silent auction

with many great items (<https://auctria.com/auction/MCCSFallFundraiser>). Bring a package of children's socks or underwear and be entered to win a door prize. Come out to raise money for the Christmas Store to help neighbors in need.

Montgomery Museum Aviation Art + History reception

Above: A History of Montgomery County Aviation," sponsored by Wing Aviation. Exhibit explores and celebrates the county's rich legacy in aviation, featuring historic artifacts and stories highlighting the community's impact on the skies above us. Historic photographs, uniforms, and World War II aviator gloves provide tangible links to the important local contributions to the war effort during the 1940s. Two modern commercial delivery drones and other artifacts will showcase the culmination of the work, research, and innovation produced by the Virginia Tech Mid Atlantic Aviation Partnership. Complementing the historical exhibit is a special art showcase celebrating 'Flight,' featuring works by local artists. The exhibit opening and reception will take place Thursday, Sept. 26, from 5 – 7 p.m. at the Montgomery Museum of Art & History, located at 4 East Main St., Christiansburg. Guests will enjoy free hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar during the event.

Saturday, Sept. 28:

Pilot Community Center Celebration

The Pilot Community Center (former Pilot School) was recently added to the State and National Registers of Historic Places. Celebrate these designations and also honor former teachers and students of the Pilot School, 1 p.m. Pilot Community Center, 4449 Brush Creek Road, Pilot. Unveiling of historical designation plaques, live music, refreshments, prizes, and lots of good memories. This event is free to the public.

Annual Blues, Brews & BBQ

Blacksburg Museum and Cultural Foundation's 9th Annual Blues, Brews & BBQ, noon – 5 p.m., at St. Luke and Odd Fellows Hall. Admission is free, though a \$10 donation is suggested. Seating is limited. Attendees are encouraged to bring chairs. Performance schedule: 12:30-1:30 p.m. The JoJo Stockton Project, 2-3 p.m. McFadden and Friends. 3:30-4:30 p.m. Lady D and Mi\$\$ion. Beer and wine, barbeque, and sweet treats for purchase from Blue Ridge Beverage, Kirk's Famous BBQ, and Next Door Bake Shop. NAACP and The League of Women Voters will provide voter registration information. Free parking at the Gilbert Street Parking Garage. Proceeds go toward the continued preservation of St. Luke and Odd Fellows Hall, which will be open to guests during the event. For more information, visit: <https://blacksburgmuseum.org/>.

Ongoing:

Menagerie, exhibit at Fine Arts Center for the NRV

Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley presents Menagerie, celebrating the diverse talents of artists residing in the NRV. At the Fine Arts Center in Pulaski at 21 West Main St., Pulaski, through Oct. 5, 2024. Some artwork contains mature content and may not be suitable for children.

Blacksburg smoke testing sewer lines

The Town of Blacksburg and CHA Consulting, Inc., will perform smoke testing in the upper Harding Sewershed during the week of Sept. 9 and Sept. 16. The process blows smoke into the sewer system, which then escapes through leaks found in the lines. During this work, citizens may see smoke coming out of the ground, and occasionally, when household plumbing is not in conformance with code, smoke may enter residences. For questions and more information: Contact Shawn Veltman, Town Engineer at 540.443.1352, sveltman@blacksburg.gov.

Glencoe Mansion art exhibit by Sidra Kaluszka

Glencoe Mansion, Museum & Gallery will host "Do You Dream In Color," an art exhibition by artist Sidra Kaluszka for September and October at Glencoe Mansion, located at 600 Unruh Dr. in Radford. The exhibition will be on display from now until Oct. 27.



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The corn maze will be ready for adventuring at the Wine Festival.

five-acre corn maze, with winding paths and hidden points of interest. See if you can navigate your way out using the provided maze map.

Kids' Adventures: Little ones will love the farm animals, a giant jump pad, a ropes course, a spider climber, and more. While the kids play, parents can relax with a glass of wine on the terrace. Don't forget to visit

The Cottage Shoppe, filled with seasonal treats and unique gifts perfect for the holidays.

For more information and to purchase tickets visit <https://sinklandfarms.com/wine-festival>.

Sinkland Farms

OBITUARIES

Custer, Kevin Dale

Kevin Dale Custer, 60, of Christiansburg, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2024. He was preceded in death by his parents, Redrick Barstal and Willadean Adkins Custer.



sister-in-law, Redrick Custer (Debra); mother-in-law, Barbara Lancaster; brothers-in-law, Greg

and Scott Eads; canine companions, Alice and Ernie; special friends, Junior Dalton and Mike Hall; and numerous other family members and friends.

A celebration of life was held Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024, at the New Hope Church of God in Christiansburg with Pastor T. Michael Bond officiating.

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

Sowers, Violet Evonne Simpkins

Violet Evonne Simpkins Sowers, 75, of Christiansburg, passed away Saturday, Sept. 14, 2024.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Arville Ray and Nellie Louise Simpkins; her loving husband, Joe David Sowers; brothers, Les and Harold Simpkins; sister, Kathy

Reece; and her nephew, Benjamin Sowers.

Survivors include her nephews, Dwayne Simpkins (Angi), and Tim Simpkins; her niece, Sarah Gillenwater (Joe); and many other family members and friends.

The family will receive friends 10 - 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2024, at the

Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. with Rev. Tony Hart officiating. Burial will follow in Shiloh Cemetery in Pulaski County.

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

Epperly, Peggy Brumfield

Peggy Brumfield Epperly, of Christiansburg, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2024. She was born in Montgomery County Feb. 11, 1941, a daughter of Osbin Fases Brumfield and Annie Frances Johnson Brumfield. She was preceded in death by her parents, and her husband of 61 years, Garnett William Epperly, Sr.



Mack Douglas Hubbard. Peggy worked many devoted years as a secretary for The Department of the Army at Virginia Tech, from which she retired. Taking a brief retirement she then started working for LewisGale Hospital Montgomery as a Medical Records Clerk and again retired after 10 years of

service.

Peggy enjoyed many pastimes. She was a talented seamstress, pianist, and organist, but her greatest enjoyment was traveling the world. She and Garnett traveled to all 50 states. She also visited Europe, Mexico, Canada, South America and Egypt. She was a member of North Fork Baptist Church. She served as choir director, pianist, and organist for many years.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, Sept. 16, 2024 in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Danny Collins officiating. Interment followed in Sunset Cemetery.

AARP Virginia fraud alert: Work-from-home-job scams

Many Americans are on the hunt for the perfect remote job or side hustle, and criminal scammers are ready to exploit these ambitions. With work-from-home jobs increasing in popularity and employment scams on the rise, now is a great time to review the warning signs of a shady job posting.

Beware of any job that offers a large income with little to no training or experience. Likewise, avoid any position that requires you to pay in advance for certification, training, or equipment. Business offers guaranteed to "pay off quickly" or "double your investment" are

also highly suspicious.

Make sure to check that job sites specializing in remote work screen the openings and companies listed, and don't assume a position is genuine just because it was posted on a legitimate job board. It could still be a scam. Furthermore, it's important to be cautious of online testimonials; work-at-home sites are full of fake personal stories of people claiming to make thousands of dollars a month because they took advantage of this "amazing opportunity."

AARP Virginia

Child Passenger Safety Week includes Interstate 81 Operation DISS-RUPT

The Virginia State Police will be conducting a traffic safety initiative called Operation DISS-RUPT for a 48-hour period on the Interstate 81 corridor on September 19 and 20.

DISS-RUPT is an acronym for Ditch Distractions, Never Drive Impaired, Comply with Speed limits and Seat Belt Safety. This operation will coincide with Child Passenger Safety Week.

Along with enforcement, troopers will engage the public with safety talks and hand out brochures about traffic safety in the rest areas and will have messaging on the travel boards within the Interstate 81 corridor. The goal is

to achieve zero fatal crashes during the designated enforcement period, and to reduce the total number of crashes on our interstates for the calendar year by 10% plus increase seatbelt and child safety seat usage while traveling.

The public will be provided information brochures and pamphlets on the Move Over Law, Ride2Save Lives, Human Trafficking information, recruiting and VDOT traffic alert programs. The 48-hour operation will be held in conjunction with VDOT, the Tennessee Highway Patrol and the West Virginia State Police.

Virginia State Police

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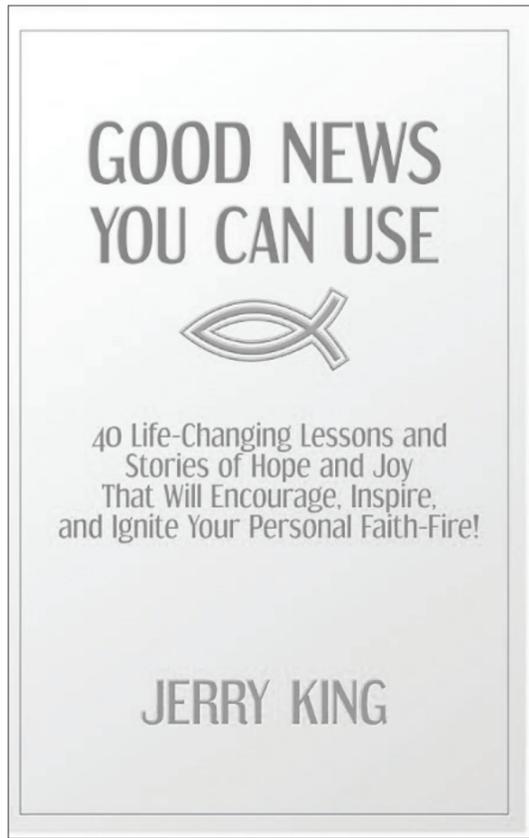
NRV author and former educator and pastor releases new book

KDP Amazon Publishing recently announced the release of Jerry King's inspirational, faith-based book "Good News You Can Use: 40 Life-Changing Lessons and Stories of Hope and Joy That Will Encourage, Inspire, and Ignite Your Personal Faith-Fire!"

Testimonials describing the book include popular author Joanne Liggan who shares, "Jerry has a unique way of taking a portion of scripture and relating it to a modern-day story, many from his own personal experiences. This book will lift your spirits and show you how to live a fuller, more spirit-filled life."

Dave Gittings, chaplain of the Virginia Tech football team says, "Jerry has been involved in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes ministry for over three decades and his spiritual wit and wisdom are evident in Good News You Can Use."

"People from all walks of life are facing unprecedented challenges and problems," said King. "One of the main purposes for writing the book is to encourage readers using personal



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stories and relate them to life-changing truths found in scripture."

Examples of chapter titles include: How to Stay Steady In Your Storms, Face Your Fears and Defeat Defiant Giants, Too Blessed to Be Stressed, and Unleash Unlimited Love and Start Living Life Out-Loud!

"Good News You Can Use" is available in print, e-book, and audio book

formats on Amazon.com. King added that the paperback version includes a study guide to use for small-group studies and copies may be provided for church groups and others.

For additional contact information or questions go to the website: jerry-king.com.

Staff report

Virginia gas prices continue lowering

Average gasoline prices in Virginia have fallen 8.3 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.03/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 4,081 stations in Virginia. Prices in Virginia are 26.1 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 55.6 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has declined 3.4 cents in the last week and stands at \$3.57 per gallon- the lowest level since January 2022, over 900 days ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Virginia was priced at \$2.52/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$3.99/g, a difference of \$1.47/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$2.52/g while the highest was \$3.99/g, a difference of \$1.47/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 6.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.15/g today. The national average is down 26.2 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 70.5 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:

- September 16, 2023: \$3.59/g (U.S. Average: \$3.85/g)
- September 16, 2022: \$3.41/g (U.S. Average: \$3.67/g)
- September 16, 2021: \$2.99/g (U.S. Average: \$3.18/g)
- September 16, 2020: \$2.10/g (U.S. Average: \$2.17/g)
- September 16, 2019: \$2.32/g (U.S. Average: \$2.58/g)

- September 16, 2018: \$2.63/g (U.S. Average: \$2.84/g)
- September 16, 2017: \$2.52/g (U.S. Average: \$2.61/g)
- September 16, 2016: \$2.00/g (U.S. Average: \$2.19/g)
- September 16, 2015: \$2.05/g (U.S. Average: \$2.30/g)
- September 16, 2014: \$3.14/g (U.S. Average: \$3.37/g)

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:

- Roanoke- \$2.93/g, down 7.2 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.00/g.
- Richmond- \$3.07/g, down 8.6 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.15/g.
- West Virginia- \$3.07/g, down 7.9 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.15/g.

"Gasoline prices continue to crumble across nearly the entire nation, with average prices below \$3 per gallon in 18 states, with some 65,000 stations selling below that psychological mark. Diesel prices are also falling and are at their lowest level in nearly 1,000 days," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "With the change to winter gasoline happening today at most stations across the country, the outlook is bright for the national average to continue to make a run at falling to \$2.99 per gallon for the first time since 2021. But while nearly all states are seeing prices drop, refinery maintenance and some outages at California refineries have led to tight supply and rising prices—a situation I hope can be remedied by the end of the month and help California join in on the decline."

GasBuddy

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Sat., Sept. 28, '24. Sun., Sept. 29, '24

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OPINION

Delegate offers opinion on ICE detainers

It seems like common sense: someone in the United States illegally who has been convicted of a crime should be removed to their home country, especially if they've committed a violent crime. But unfortunately, that appears to be a bridge too far for many Virginia Democrats, especially in Northern Virginia. As such, a number of local law enforcement agencies in Northern Virginia refuse to cooperate with the United States Department of Immigrations and Customs Enforcement.

Last week's opinion from Virginia Attorney General Jason Miyares makes it crystal clear: local law enforcement agencies in Virginia are expressly allowed to cooperate with federal immigration enforcement agencies. This was never a problem in Virginia, until our previous Attorney General — a Democrat — bent to left-wing pressure. Former Attorney General Mark Herring made a mess of the situation nearly a decade ago, when he issued an opinion stating that local law enforcement agencies could be held liable if they held an illegal immigrant on an ICE detainer. Not only did that have a chilling effect on cooperation efforts, it emboldened other agencies to flout similar cooperation efforts. For example, Fairfax County Sheriff Stacey Kincaid



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refuses to even communicate to ICE that inmates in the United States illegally are going to be released to the public at all. The Fairfax County Sheriff's Office will not transfer inmates subject to an ICE detainer without a judicial warrant; but that's not a requirement according to the new Attorney General opinion.

"The General Assembly expressly provides in 53.1-220.2 that the sheriff 'may upon receipt of a detainer from ICE transfer custody of the alien to ICE no more than five days prior to the date he would otherwise be released from custody,'" Miyares wrote. At least two recent murders in Northern Virginia are alleged to have been committed by illegal immigrants who

should have been held locally until they were taken into custody by ICE. Last week, a Salvadoran man in the United States illegally after already being deported once was arrested for alleged abuse of two young boys. The boys were found chained at the ankles, apparently so they wouldn't leave the home while left unattended.

The conclusion of AG Miyares' opinion states that "it is my opinion that a sheriff is expressly authorized to cooperate with federal officials by providing them pre-release notification as requested by the detainer." This opinion makes it crystal clear: agencies that don't cooperate with ICE don't have a legal leg to stand on. They're simply endangering Virginians as a form of virtue-signaling that flouts the law.

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 DelBallard@HouseVirginia.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.

How to protect yourself from financial fraud

In 2023, Americans reported they were the victims of more than \$10 billion in financial fraud. With fraud increasing in frequency and intricacy, investors must stay vigilant about protecting their financial security. Here are six steps you can take to help protect yourself:

Actively avoid scams. The best advice for bypassing fraud involves a series of don'ts. Don't pick up calls or respond to texts from numbers you don't recognize. If your bank leaves a message, return the call only after double-checking you have the correct number for your financial institution. Don't click on links or download documents unless you are certain of the source. Don't provide account information over the phone, email or social media.

Look for red flags. Typos, grammatical errors and unusual return email addresses are giveaways of phishing emails. Scammers often use a fake address that mimics the address of a trusted source. To "unmask" the sender, hover



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over the visible address to reveal the real source. Additionally, be wary of investment scams that promise sky-high returns. If your gut is telling you it's too good to be true — it probably is.

Monitor your accounts. Check account transactions and balances frequently to keep an eye out for suspicious or unauthorized charges. If you do not recognize an expenditure or suspect fraud, contact your financial institution immediately. If available, activate alerts to receive immediate notification of suspicious activity on all bank accounts and credit cards. As an added precaution, request a free credit report annually from the three major credit bureaus. Review your report to spot any changes in your credit rating or unauthorized applications for credit.

Manage your passwords. The security of your accounts is only as good as the privacy of your passwords. Security experts recommend updating important passwords

regularly (every three to six months) or sooner, in case of a data leak. A strong password is long, randomized and unique. Consider using a password manager, which securely stores and completes login fields.

Take advantage of two-step verification. With two-factor authentication (2FA) activated, your user ID and password will prompt a request for your phone number or email. You'll receive a unique passcode to complete the login process. This extra layer of security makes it much more challenging for bad actors to hack into your secure accounts. If your password is compromised, 2FA creates one more barrier to entry.

Avoid public Wi-Fi. Most public Wi-Fi sources are insufficiently secure. As a result, cyber criminals often hack into public Wi-Fi in search of financial information to exploit, such as passwords, account numbers or personal data. If you must rely on public Wi-Fi, use a virtual public network (VPN) to protect your connection. If you don't have access to a VPN through an employer, download and subscribe to a reputable network so you can safely access Wi-Fi when away from home.

It is important to remain vigilant. Pay attention to reports of fraud in the news and take note of new ploys to avoid becoming a victim. Know that there are many resources available to protect your financial accounts and security. A financial advisor can help you understand the best measures to put in place to protect your financial information.

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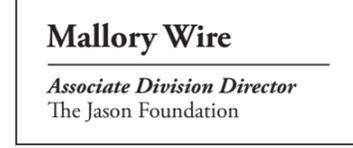
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September is Suicide Awareness Month

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. For many, the subject of suicide is considered taboo and surrounded by stigma. They believe the mere mention of suicide around friends and family can cause suicidal thoughts for them. This is simply untrue.

World Suicide Prevention Day is September 10th. One of the ways to reduce the stigma around mental health and suicide is by talking about suicide and suicidal ideation, which can spur meaningful conversations about mental health and potentially save lives.

Did you know that suicide is the 2nd overall cause of death for young people ages 10-24 in the state of Virginia? However, suicide is also one of the leading causes of preventable death. Many of those considering suicide will give some sign of their intentions, either



Mallory Wire
Associate Division Director
The Jason Foundation

verbally or behaviorally. By knowing the warning signs and knowing how to help, you could save a life.

Join the conversation about suicide awareness and prevention and reach out to those who have been personally affected by suicide, raise awareness, and connect those struggling with suicidal ideation to professional counselors and treatment services that can help them.

If you know someone you love is struggling with depression or thinking about suicide, get help now. The 988 Suicide and Lifeline is a free resource, available 24 hours a day, for

anyone in suicidal crisis or emotional distress. There are trained counselors and mental health professionals available around the clock to assist anyone facing a mental health crisis.

The Jason Foundation (JFI) is another available resource. Although September is the dedicated month for suicide prevention and awareness, JFI works toward suicide prevention all year long. JFI is dedicated to the awareness and prevention of youth suicide through educational programs that equip youth, parents, educators, and the community with the tools and resources to identify and assist at-risk youth. Visit The Jason Foundation's website to learn more about youth suicide, the warning signs, and how you can help make a difference. JFI has never charged a school, community, or individual for the use of its programs or resources. <http://www.jasonfoundation.com>.

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5. Part of (abbr.)
8. At the peak
12. African antelope
14. Expression of satisfaction
15. Yankees' ace
16. Belittled
18. A baglike structure
19. Utah Jazz coach Snyder
20. Actress Tomei
21. Explosive
22. Formal for "on"
23. Cruelties
26. Country singer Brad
30. Make very happy
31. Binary compound of hydrogen with a metal
32. Albanian currency
33. Subatomic particle
34. Type of salt
39. 007's creator

CLUES DOWN
1. Crease
2. "Honey" actress Jessica
3. Broad volcanic crater
4. Product safety watchdog
5. Southern Colombian city
6. Part of a church
7. Perceptible by touch
8. Pronounce not guilty of criminal charges
9. Hairpiece
10. Variety acts
11. "Mystic River" actor Sean
13. Remove salt
17. Went out with
24. Type of bread
25. Popular Eagles song
26. Philosophy degree
27. Yes vote
28. Passports and licenses are two
29. No seats available

CLUES ACROSS
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36. A way to launch an attack on
37. The lowest cardinal number
38. Popular Miller beer
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41. Closest to
42. Folk singer DiFranco
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44. Flat ruler
45. Lacking the means to do something
47. Cockatoo
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Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No. **CL24-231**
VIRGINIA:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY

SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC Plaintiff(s),
v.
ESTATE OF WANDA P. MCKINNEY and UNKNOWN HEIRS OF WANDA P. MCKINNEY Defendant(s).

Case No.: CL24-231
ORDER OF PUBLICATION
Petitioner, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC ("Commonwealth"), by counsel, and upon its Affidavit of Order of Publication requesting an Order of Publication, and IT APPEARING that the object of this suit is quiet title to the property located at 222 Cove Mountain Road, Buchanan, Virginia 24066 ("Subject Property"); and IT APPEARING that Wanda P. McKinney, the record owner of the Property, is

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deceased and no estate has been opened or List of Heirs or Real Estate Affidavit filed in the land records of this Court; and IT APPEARING that due diligence has been used to locate Defendants Estate of Wanda P. McKinney or the Unknown Heirs of Wanda P. McKinney ("McKinney Parties Unknown"); and IT APPEARING that the last known address for Wanda P. McKinney is 222 Cove Mountain Road, Buchanan, Virginia 24066; and IT APPEARING that it is timely and appropriate that this Court enter an Order allowing for service upon the Defendants be completed pursuant to Virginia Code §8.01-316 by Order of Publication in a newspaper with general circulation in and published in and approved by the Circuit Court for Botetourt, Virginia, and it is therefore,

ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED THAT AN ORDER OF PUBLICATION, be and hereby is to be published in *The Fincastle Herald* once a week for four successive weeks in order to perfect service upon Defendants Estate of Wanda P. McKinney and the Unknown Heirs of Wanda P. McKinney; and it is further ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED that all Defendants be placed on notice that a Petition is pending in the Circuit Court of Botetourt, Virginia, namely *Specialized Loan Servicing UC v. Estate of Wanda P. McKinney, et al.*, to quiet title to the property located at 222 Cove Mountain Road, Buchanan, Virginia 24066; and it is further ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED, that McKinney Parties Unknown must on or before the 18th day of October, 2024, make known to this Court any objection they may have to the Complaint, and claim any defenses to the pending action otherwise an order will be entered in favor of Plaintiff, and it is further

ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED that the Clerk of this Court send notice of this service to Defendants Estate of Wanda P. McKinney and Unknown Heirs of Wanda P. McKinney at the last known address of Wanda P. McKinney, 222 Cove Mountain Road, Buchanan, Virginia 24066; and it is further ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED that *The Fincastle Herald* shall file an affidavit of publication with the Clerk of this Court attesting to the dates of publication, attesting that the notice was published at least once a week for four successive weeks.
Dated this 8th day of August, 2024.
Joel R Branscom, Judge of the Botetourt County Circuit Court

We ask for this: SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC Thomas Hodge, VSB #42862 Sara Tusse, VSB #79826 Jeff Fox, VSB#50986 ROSENBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC 4340 East West Highway, Suite 600 Bethesda, MD 20814 Telephone: 301.907.8000 Facsimile: 301.907.8101 Sara.Tussey@rosenberg-assoc.com Thomas.Hodge@rosenberg-assoc.com
Counsel for Plaintiff

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Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No. **CL17000170-01**

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CRAIG COUNTY IN RE: MICHAEL L. CRAWFORD
4356 Craig Valley Drive New Castle, Virginia 24127
Respondent.
CASE NO.: CL17000170-01
ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to appoint a guardian and conservator to care for the person and estate of the Respondent. And, based on an affidavit filed herein, the Court finds that there exists sufficient grounds for causing service of process by publication. It is ORDERED that any and all unknown relatives

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who have any interest in this matter to appear at the above-named Court on or before the 12th day of November, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. to do whatever is necessary to protect their interests.

It is further ORDERED that this Order of Publication be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in The New Castle Record, Salem, Virginia, and that a copy hereof be posted on the front door of the Courthouse.

Certificate of Publication should be sent to this Court and billed to Mark C. Popovich, Esq., Counsel for Craig County Department of Social Services, whose mailing address is Guynn Waddell, P.C., 415 S. College Avenue, Salem, Virginia 24153.

ENTERED THIS: 30th day of August, 2024
Sharon P. Oliver, Clerk

I ASK FOR THIS: Mark C. Popovich (VSB#46414) Matthew J. Schmitt (VSB#96513) Guynn Waddell, P.C. 415 S. College Avenue Salem, Virginia 24153 Tel: (540) 387-2320 Fax: (540) 389-2350
Counsel for Craig DSS

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 3430 Craig Valley Dr, New Castle, VA 24127

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$88,000.00 dated July 18, 2005 recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for Craig County on July 22, 2005 in Deed Book: 150 at Deed Page: 542, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction, at the Main entrance of the courthouse for the Circuit Court of Craig County, 182 Main Street, New Castle, VA 24127 on October 21, 2024 at 12:00 PM the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and briefly described as: All those certain tracts or parcels of land, with all improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging, lying and being in the County of Craig, Virginia and being more particularly described as being Tract No. 1 containing 1.40 acres +/-, Tract No. 2 containing 0.22 acres +/-, and the Alice Q. Lee House Tract containing 0.50 acre, as described on plats or maps prepared by John Max Hancock, Sr., C.L.S., recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Craig County, Virginia, in Deed Book 43, page 201 and in Deed Book 27, page 400. Tax ID: 86-A-12,86-A-10,86-A-11.

TERMS OF SALE: A bidder's deposit of \$8,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required in the form of a certified or cashier's check. Cash will not be accepted as a deposit. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustee may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. This is a communication from a debt collector. This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. (Trustee # 24-005984) Substitute Trustee: ALG Trustee, LLC C/O Orleans PC PO Box 2548, Leesburg, VA 20177 (703) 777-7101 website: www.Orleans.com
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Contractors must submit their application on the electronic M7B bidding site at <https://plow4va.vdot.virginia.gov>.

All new and returning Contractors must be active in the Virginia eProcurement Portal (eVA) in order to do business with the Commonwealth of Virginia (<https://eva.virginia.gov>).

Applications received by 7:00 PM on Wednesday October 2, 2024 may be eligible for a bonus payment. See the EVA posting for additional information, including contract requirements.

Questions can be directed to the Salem Residency from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday – Friday. Phone: 540-387-5497. Email: SalemDistrictSnow@vdot.virginia.gov

EEO/AA Employer

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on Monday, October 7, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall,

114. N. 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 following request relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Consider amending Chapter 106 – Zoning, Article II - District Regulations, Section 106-214 – Highway Business District, Section 106-214.2(B)(5) – permitted uses; Article III - Use and Design Standards, Section 106-310 – Commercial Uses, Section 106-310.25; Article VI - Definitions and Use Types, Section 106-600 – Definitions, Section 106-602.9 - Commercial Use Types, of the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA, pertaining to retail sales, smoke shops.

If approved, Salem City Council intends to adopt the ordinance(s) associated with the above item(s) on first reading, with a second reading of those ordinance(s) at a subsequent meeting. Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia. At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests. THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: H. Robert Light Clerk of Council

NOTICE OF OCTOBER 15, 2024 MEETING DATE CHANGE

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, has rescheduled their October 15, 2024 regular Council meeting date to October 7, 2024. The meeting on October 7, 2024,

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will be at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, Salem, Virginia. Attached is Resolution 1482 as required by Virginia Code Section 15.2-1416.B. THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA H. Robert Light Clerk of Salem City Council

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA, September 9, 2024:

RESOLUTION 1482 WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Salem wishes to change the date of a regular Council meeting; and WHEREAS, section 15.2-1416 requires such change be made by resolution of the local governing body; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA, that Salem City Council's regular October 15, 2024 meeting is changed to October 7, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. and will be held in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, Salem, Virginia. Upon a call for an aye and a nay vote, The same stood as follows: H. Hunter Holliday- Aye William D. Jones - Absent Byron Randolph Foley - Aye James W. Wallace, III – Aye Renee F. Turk -Aye

ATTEST: H. Robert Light Clerk of Council City of Salem, VA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Section 22.1-29.1 of the Code of Virginia, as amended to date, notice is hereby given that the Council of the City of Salem will hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m., October 7, 2024, in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, Salem, Virginia, to receive views of citizens within the Salem School District regarding the appointment to fill the expiring terms ending 12/31/2024 of two members on the City of Salem School Board. All candidates seeking appointment must submit a letter of interest and résumé to the Deputy Clerk of Council. Submissions are requested by noon on Friday, October 4, 2024, however in all cases must be submitted prior to the closing of this public hearing. Candidates may be interviewed individually by City Council. THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA H. Robert Light Clerk of Salem City Council

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Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No. **CL24000866-00** MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* BREANNA VIVIAN ALLEN v. LAWRENCE THOR SEVY. The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that LAWRENCE THOR SEVY appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before OCTOBER 30, 2024. AUGUST 23, 2024 HONORABLE K. MIKE FLEENOR, JR. JUDGE TIFFANY M. COUCH, CLERK

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No. **CL24001328-00** MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* STUART EVERT EARLY v. DONNA MARIE EARLY The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that DONNA MARIE EARLY appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before NOVEMBER 9, 2024. SEPTEMBER 6 2024 K. MIKE FLEENOR, JR. JUDGE

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No. **CL24001343-00** MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* GAMALELDIN SHEPL ELKOTT v. TAMICA MARY WEST

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MAY WEST The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that TAMICA MAY WEST appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before OCTOBER 30, 2024.

8/27/2024 K. MIKE FLEENOR, JR. JUDGE

TOWN OF BLACKSBURG - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

BLACKSBURG TOWN COUNCIL will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, regarding the following items:

Zoning Exception Request for Agricultural Use 301 Royal Lane (EXP-24-1): The exception request is to permit an agricultural use in the RR-1 zoning district on a lot that is less than two acres. The subject parcel is approximately one acre, and is located in the Farmview subdivision at the corner of Farmview Drive and Royal Lane. The applicant is requesting to keep one pig and two goats on the property as pets.

All persons affected by or interested in the proposed item above may appear and present their views. After each public hearing, Town Council will consider action on the item. Copies of materials related to the above items are on file and can be obtained in the Office of the Town Clerk, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. For land use matters, copies of applications and all related items may also be found online at www.blacksburg.gov/public hearings or reviewed in person at the Blacksburg Planning and Building Department, 400 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia. Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance to attend and participate in this meeting should contact Lorraine Spaulding, Town Clerk at (540) 443-1025 or 443-1000 (voice or TDD).

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 208 EASY STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073.

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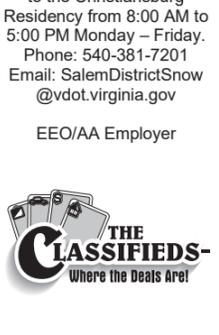
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MONTGOMERY SPORTS

Gridiron this past week: Radford only area team to pick up win, changes for football night off the field

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The recent uptick in threats to schools in southwest Virginia is affecting not only the classroom but also the grid iron. Two area games were postponed last week after social media posts alluded to threats.

In addition, several schools, like Radford, are taking extra efforts for the night of those home football games. While there has been no indication the measures are because of any past or future threats, there are some major changes.

As of this past week, any student under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the game. Students without adult supervision will not be allowed admission to the game.

In addition, the school system has outlawed certain items like footballs, skateboards, scooters at the game.

The announcement about the

measures also said loitering in areas such of the concession stand, visitor's side, ticket-taking areas or behind the press box will not be allowed.

Administration and law enforcement will be present at all home games and will be asking those who might be loitering to either sit in the stands or leave the premises.

On the field this past week, Radford was the only area school to pick up a win. Christiansburg fell to William Byrd. Eastern Montgomery lost to Northwood, and Blacksburg was on the wrong end to Floyd.

Player of game from this past week:

Pace Prioleau was the defensive leader for Radford in the 35-14 win over Virginia. For his effort, he gives the defense the Player of the Week honors. He finished with 10 tackles for his third straight game tallying double tackles.

Area top five:

- 1) Glenvar
- 2) William Byrd

3) Northside

4) Radford

5) Salem

Friday night games:

Blacksburg (1-2) at Rockbridge (0-3)

This could be an interesting matchup with Rockbridge still looking for their first win of the season. Rockbridge, who has not had a winning season since 2020, has lost 63-14 to Alleghany, 42-21 to Staunton and 33-16 to Parry McCluer. Last season, Blacksburg picked up one of the only wins in a 38-20 game.

Against Alleghany, Marshall Earhart rushed for 82 yards on seven carries, while Patrick Looney added 71 yards and touchdown. Elijah Watkins scored their other touchdown.

Blacksburg is starting to lean on its sophomore quarterback Sam Szeffc who completed 10 of 27 passes for 155 yards in a loss to Floyd. Jaxon Keys rushed 12 times for 73 yards.

Christiansburg (1-2) at Cave Spring (1-2)

Christiansburg is ready to begin River Ridge District play against Cave who lost 40-0 to Glenvar a week ago. The Knights do have a 21-14 win in the season opener against Western Albermarle. The other loss came 21-14 to Northside.

The Blue Demons, who took at 42-33 win last season, hold the margin in this series with 13-11 mark.

Radford (2-1) at Galax (0-3)

Friday's contest will be a matchup of last year's Class 1 and 2 state champions, but Galax will be looking for its first win of the 2024 season after 20-7 loss to Carroll County, 52-0 to Graham and 34-0 to Glenvar after finishing 2023 11-4 and a 7-6 win over Essex in the state title game. Radford fell 56-19 to Galax for one of its few losses early in last year's championship season.

Predictions this week:

Christiansburg 28, Cave Spring 20

Blacksburg 28, Rockbridge 18

Radford 32, Galax 10.

Floyd rolls in win over Blacksburg



Blacksburg's Luke Mann gets around the edge of the Floyd County defense for a nice gain for the Bruins. Blacksburg (1-2) falls to Tim Cromer-led Floyd County 14-34 on Friday night. The win was the first ever for the Buffaloes over the Bruins.



Blacksburg's David Reese (left) and Jared Bradley sack Floyd County quarterback Sam Phillips during the first quarter on Friday night. A combination of big plays by the Buffaloes and Blacksburg mistakes would result in a 34-14 Bruin loss.



Blacksburg's Nate Means makes a diving 14-yard fourth down touchdown catch in front of Floyd County's Aiden Bain just before halftime Friday night. Blacksburg quarterback Sam Szeffc completed 10 of 27 passes for 155 yards with two touchdowns.



PHOTOS BY JON FLEMING

Blacksburg inducted their 2024 Hall of Fame class this past weekend. Class members are (l to r) Michael Mecham (soccer), Jenifer Kittle (track and field), Kris Kittle Barnes (track and field), and Jay Purcell (basketball).

Five things we learned about Hokies in ODU win

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Virginia Tech's win over Old Dominion this past weekend helped fans to understand this year's team a little more. Matter of fact, the contest opened the door on five things we learned about the team from Blacksburg.

In Saturday's game, the Hokies got things started quickly by scoring a touchdown on their first two drives of the game. The two touchdowns were the first time Tech has scored touchdowns on their first two drives of a game since Oct. 23, 2021 against Syracuse in Lane Stadium.

The last time the Hokies scored on their first two drives of the game was in 2023, also against Syracuse. In that game Tech opened with a 43-yard field goal, followed by a 16-yard touchdown pass.

There is a new "sack man" in Blacksburg.

Redshirt senior Antwaun Powell-Ryland continued to show his prowess on the field Saturday picking up four sacks in the game. The four sacks tied the record for sacks in a game, and it's his second time picking up four sacks which ties the record for multiple four sack games with "the Sack man" and defensive great Bruce Smith.

Here's the full list of players with four sacks in a game:

Antwaun Powell-Ryland vs. Old Dominion - 2024

Antwaun Powell-Ryland vs. Wake Forest - 2023

J.C. Price vs. Miami - 1995

Morgan Roane vs. William & Mary - 1985

Bruce Smith vs. William & Mary - 1984

Bruce Smith vs. Duke - 1983

Tech's offensive line did their job protecting the quarterback against the Monarchs by not allowing a sack in the game. It's the second year in a row that Old Dominion didn't pick up a sack against the Hokies. The last time a team was sackless against Tech in back-to-back seasons, was in 2011 and 2012 against Boston College.

Wide receiver Jaylin Lane was chosen to wear the number 25 after recording a 58 yard punt return the previous week against Marshall. Since the tradition started in 2016, nine wide receivers have donned the number 25 jersey in a game.

Lane finished the game with seven receptions for 106 yards, the most by a wide receiver while wearing number 25. The previous most was by Tré Turner against Marshall in 2018. In that game, Turner had 99 yards receiving on three catches.

Saturday's game marked the 373rd consecutive game during which Virginia Tech has scored. The Hokies are in fourth place in both the all-time and active streak lists.

Drones is definitely a dual threat.

Mobile quarterbacks can be found a dime a dozen in college football, but few can finish plays lowering their shoulders and trucking defenders like Kyron Drones does.

Tech's signal caller had his way against Old Dominion's defense as a runner, tallying 117 yards on the ground. The redshirt junior's best run of 53 yards paired wonderfully with a stiff arm, sending a Monarch defender into the turf and trucking another on his way out of bounds after picking up another 12-plus yards after contact.

Drones scored a rushing touchdown in the first quarter on a Tech tush push and added another through the air, finding a wide-open Jaylin Lane for a 25-yard connection in the game's opening drive. The Houston, Texas native threw for 176 yards, with his longest completion going for 46 yards on a broken play in which he connected with Lane.

The offense depends on the run.

Tech's identity under offensive coordinator Tyler Bowen starts with the run, and running back Bhayshul Tuten continues to showcase why he is a key cog within the scheme.

In back-to-back games, the Paulsboro, New Jersey native has recorded over 100 rushing yards. Tuten looked



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Virginia Tech quarterback Kyron Drones celebrates after scoring a touchdown in Saturday's win over ODU.

very impressive against the Monarchs, displaying a strong mix of speed and finishing plays with power, delivering the contact to incoming defenders.

The senior tailback rushed for 115 yards and two touchdowns on 21 totes, with a solid 5.5 yards per carry average. In the fourth quarter, it became the Tug Boat Show as Tuten scored on a 16-yard rush on the first play and ripped off a 22-yard score the following possession after Mansoor Delane's interception.

The transfer portal has benefited the roster tremendously over the past two years. This offseason, the interior defensive position group saw an invigorating collection of talent come to Blacksburg. On Saturday, Kelvin Gilliam Jr. made his presence known, generating pressure throughout the matchup. The Oklahoma transfer amassed six tackles and recorded his first sack of the season. Gilliam recorded a solid 75.6 tackle grade, according to Pro Football Focus.

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Radford Bobcats down Virginia High



Radford's Sam Khandan-Barani pressures the Virginia High quarterback in the first quarter of Friday's 35-14 win.



Pace Prioleau races 65 yards to the endzone with a pick six early in the first quarter to put the Bobcats up 7-0. Cole Martin also had 76-yard fumble recovery for the home team for another touchdown.



Quarterback Luke Gaither fires a pass in Radford's 35-14 win Friday night. Gaither finished the game 23 of 36 for 179 yards and three touchdowns.

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Fall census shows growth in overall enrollment at Radford University

New student growth, recruitment resulted in overall gains for first time since fall 2019

RADFORD - Radford University experienced year-over-year growth for the first time since 2019, as fall 2024 preliminary census figures captured on Sept. 9 revealed a total of 7,686 total students, an increase over the fall 2023 headcount.

On the main campus, undergraduate, in-person student totals jumped to 5,059, 396 more students than fall 2023, and the 5,927 combined undergraduate and graduate students enrolled represent an increase of 6% over last fall's headcount.

New student growth is the primary driver of Radford's higher enrollment totals, as the university made significant strides to add both new freshman and new transfer students. In addition, targeted local recruitment at local high schools and stronger transfer pathways from regional Virginia Community College System (VCCS) institutions helped fuel growth.

At all locations, 1,414 new freshmen are enrolled, the university's largest total since 2019, and 723 new transfers marks the university's most in a single year since fall 2013.

Retention rates across the university jumped significantly for a second straight year. New freshmen retention, which saw a fall-to-fall increase of 4.3% last year, rose again by another 2.9% to reach the university's highest rate since fall 2016. The overall retention and graduation rate is 86.6%, a five-year high.

Radford University Carilion in Roanoke is welcoming 1,003 new and returning students this fall, including 587 undergraduate students and 416 graduate students.

At preliminary census capture 479 students are enrolled in Radford's online Fast Track programs, which include three graduate degrees and the RN to BSN degree; that number is expected to grow during the fall semester. An additional 277 students are enrolled in competency-based education programs (CBE) administered by the Vinod Chachra IMPACT Lab. Radford is Virginia's only four-year public institution to offer CBE programs for working professionals.

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