



Most of NRV would change districts under redistricting

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A Radford University political science professor says the Ninth Congressional District will face minimal changes in the proposed state redistricting plan.

But area residents might disagree as it moves all of Blacksburg, Radford and part of Christiansburg and Montgomery County to the Sixth District. The new redistricting would give Democrats a proposed 10-to-1 advantage in voting areas with the Ninth being the remaining Republican one.

The Ninth district would gain all of Bath, Allegheny, Highland and Rockbridge counties as well as the City of Covington and also gains parts of Augusta County and most of Botetourt County.

Radford University's Chapman Rackway believes no one's looking at this through a lens of equity or fairness, and everyone's looking for, 'what can we advantage ourselves the most with in 2026,' especially when it comes to Republican and Democratic leverage.

"The Ninth District has leaned heavily toward red for the past 12 years, and in many ways, Democrats have left it alone," he said.



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Blacksburg, Radford and part of Christiansburg would become part of the Sixth Congressional District under a plan being proposed for a possible April election. All three areas are currently part of the Ninth Congressional District.

Roanoke would be divided into two separate congressional districts, using Interstate 81 as the primary dividing line. The Ninth would stretch from Lee County in the far southwest, east to Martinsville, and north to include southern Roanoke

County, and is currently represented by Morgan Griffith, who was first elected in 2011.

In a lawsuit filed in Tazewell Circuit Court, Judge Jack Hurley

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Drones like this are being used by law enforcement agencies around Virginia.

Sheriff's department to add drone thanks to grant

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The Montgomery County Sheriff's Department has received a Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services grant in the amount of \$22,674 to purchase a multi-use drone.

According to the Drone Pilot Ground School program, as drones have become more accessible and affordable, drones for police use have become integral to policing strategies, helping law enforcement agencies tackle challenges that would otherwise require more time, resources, and personnel.

In most cases, the drones include thermal imaging and a camera.

Drone usage is rapidly increasing amongst law enforcement across Virginia with many adopting the idea of "drone as first responder" (DFR) programs to boost safety, improve response times and manage staff shortages. Those initiatives include utilizing AI-powered drones and thermal imaging for tactical support.

Last year, 2025 was described as the year DFR program went mainstream with FAA rule changes accelerating adoption. Drones can also be utilized for, but not limited to,

search warrants, crash investigations and monitoring medical emergencies. Law enforcement have argued these tools provide essential real-time, high-definition or thermal imaging data that enhances, rather than replaces, human officers.

Also, last year, Virginia launched a first-of-its-kind drone grant program to help local agencies to replace foreign-made drones with secure, U.S. manufactured alternatives.

The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services recently announced a total of 46 localities to receive this year's grant. Radford City and Radford University both received similar grants.

Virginia is now the second state to implement a state-level funding program for drone replacement plan. In 2023, Florida implemented a \$25 million program.

The total amount in Virginia is capped at \$2 million with the Virginia State Police receiving the major chunk of the balance at \$1 million.

Under Virginia Code, law enforcement must obtain a search warrant prior to drone deployment unless an exigent circumstance exists like tracking down a suspect, finding a missing person or to alleviate the immediate danger to any person.

Peterson's new book continues his local true crime theme

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Radford University alum and author Ron Peterson has released another book in his true crime series of books.

It is called "Runaway Groom," about a missing person case in the Staunton, Virginia area back in 1983. 20-year-old Petie Miller, a good-hearted country boy, disappeared two days before his wedding.

According to Peterson, at the time, a lot of people thought he just had cold feet, decided not to get married, and had taken off, leaving the area. But his family suspected foul play.

As the weeks and months went by, it was obvious that something bad had happened to Petie. The bride-to-be's father, Charlie Almond, soon became a suspect in his disappearance.

"It was suspected that Almond, a violent man with a criminal history, had killed Petie and disposed of his body, but there was no direct evidence linking him to Petie's murder," said Peterson.

As the years went by, police thoroughly investigated Almond but could only turn up weak

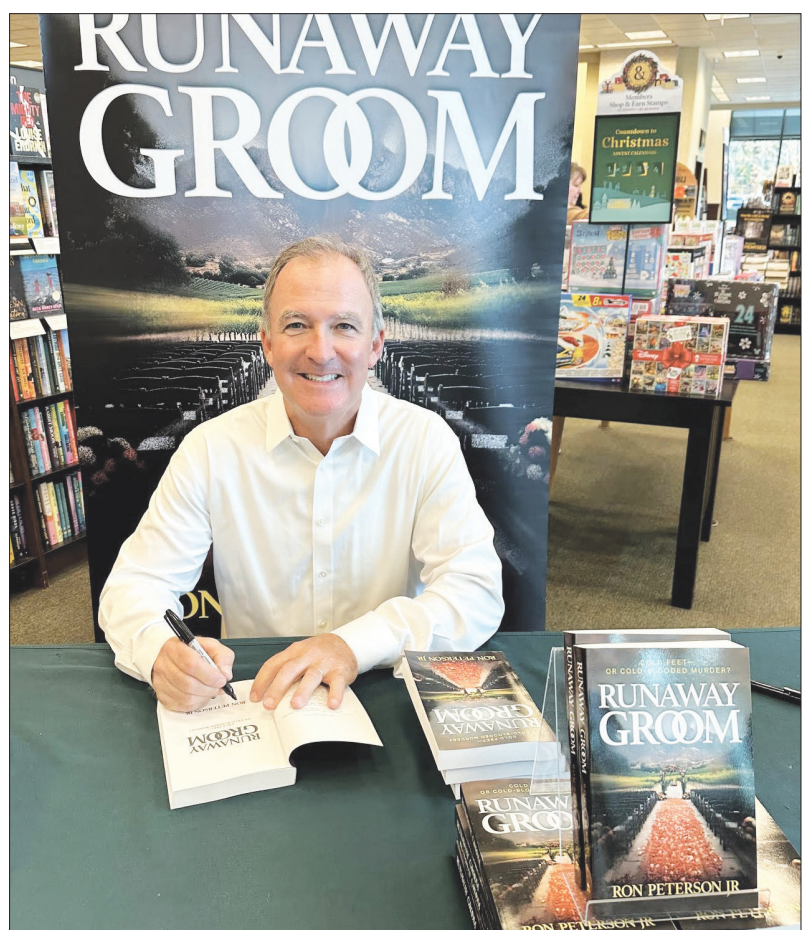


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Author Ron Peterson has recently written a new book called "Runaway Groom."

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Literacy NRV announces donation drive to create GED testing space

New addition will create an accessible space for adult learners

CHRISTIANSBURG - Literacy NRV has announced a new drive to create a more secure and accessible way for adult learners to take the GED test.

The organization hopes to offer customized GED testing at their learning center in Christiansburg, including flexibility with the date and time tests are taken. However, the space the testing currently takes place in is less than ideal.

"Right now, students coming to take the GED tests are put in an office that is right next to our main conference area, lobby and workspaces," said Executive

Director Lauren Ellis. "No matter how quiet we all try to be when students are testing, there is never a guarantee that a disruption will not occur. This can add to a student's nerves around the test, distract them, or otherwise cause them to feel uncomfortable with the process."

The plan of Program Coordinator Linda Jilk and Ellis is to close off a section of the existing large classroom to dedicate to testing. By bringing in reliable internet access, a cubicle



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Literacy NRV helps many people in the community get their GED.

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Cooperative Extension looking toward new home

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Montgomery County has announced plans to renovate a recently vacant court services building at 201 Radford St. for the future location of the county's extension service.

Court services moved this past fall from the location to a new building directly in front of the county's jail.

The county says since the need for space at the government center has increased, relocating Cooperative Extension to the new location will provide staff with an independent location with dedicated parking.

Work will include upgrading the HVAC systems, upgrading plumbing, reconfiguring office space, creating a

meeting/training room and site improvements to meet ADA requirements.

Architectural planning and design began in Spring 2025 and is currently ongoing.

The project is estimated to cost \$2.1 million with construction proposed for later this year. Cooperative Extension could then move in fiscal year 2027.

The Montgomery County office of Virginia Cooperative Extension offers "educational programs based on research and developed with input from local stakeholders," according to its website. It "provides education through programs in agriculture and natural resources, family and consumer sciences, 4-H youth development, and community viability."



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, Feb. 19:

Sons of Confederate Veterans

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet at 7 p.m. at the NRV Super Bowl on 375 Arbor Dr. NE in Christiansburg. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to attend. April Martin will speak on "Love Letters from the War Between the States". If Montgomery and Floyd County Schools are closed on Thursday or Friday of this week due to weather, the meeting is cancelled. For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

Friday, Feb. 20:

Winter Beach Blast

Do the recent cold temperatures have you dreaming of sunshine? If so, stop by the Christiansburg Recreation Center on Feb. 20 from 7-9 p.m. for an indoor escape that brings the warmth in the middle of winter! This family-friendly event will feature beach themed fun including: Live music by Shoobies, food catered by Bull and Bones, beach-inspired games and activities, including volleyball, spike ball, cup pong, and limbo. Alcohol will be available. Please bring your ID if you plan to purchase. Lawn chairs are encouraged.

When Words Fail:

Communication strategies for dementia caregivers

At Warm Hearth Village, 2387 Warm Hearth Dr., Blacksburg, 2 p.m. As dementia progresses, the impact is far reaching for the person living with the disease and those who care for them. In this program, attendees will learn about how communication can change dues to dementia, and how to adapt communication to support this. This program will teach practical strategies and approaches to support changes to communication style to help maintain relationships and comfort as we navigate the journey.

Saturday, Feb. 21:

9th Annual Soul Food Sampling

Celebrate Black History Month and

take a step back in time at the 9th annual Soul Food Sampling at historic St. Luke & Odd Fellows Hall, 203 Gilbert St, Blacksburg, where generations met to enjoy delicious food, music and fellowship. In this spirit, you will receive generous portions of traditional soul foods at dinner table settings, learn about the history of soul food and enjoy discussions with former New Town residents. There are three time slots for the event, all of which are capped at 18 people: 12 – 1:45 p.m.; 2 – 3:45 p.m.; 4 – 5:45 p.m. Each time slot serves three menu samplings, including catfish, black-eyed peas, fried chicken, green beans, chili, collard greens, biscuits, cornbread and savory desserts. For tickets, go to: <https://blacksburgmuseum.org/event/slofh-soul-food-sampling-4/>.

Blacksburg Farmers Market

At Market Square Park, 100 Draper Rd SW, Blacksburg; 10 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 blacksburgfarmersmarket.com.

Monday, Feb. 23:

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.

Special Ed advisory meeting

A Radford City Public Schools Special Education Advisory Committee meeting will be held at 4 p.m. at Radford High School, 50 Dalton Dr., Radford. The public is invited to attend. The meeting will also be available virtually using Google Meet. To be invited using Google Meet, contact Melissa Jarrell, Chair, at 540-731-3652, or Kate Leeper, Vice Chair, at 540-731-3647, to obtain a virtual meeting link.

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.

WHV Connections Series

At 2387 Warm Hearth Dr., Blacksburg, 1 - 2 p.m. Everything you always wanted to know about scams but were afraid to ask. Presentation explains why older adults are disproportionately targeted by scams and highlights gaps in existing scam prevention tools. Participants will also learn about the Anti-Scam Conversational Helper for On-Call Resilience (ANCHOR) research project, a Virginia Tech-led study designed to help older adults reduce vulnerability to telephone scams through a combination of education, a real-time smartphone-based scam assistance tool, and immersive 3D (XR) simulation training. Presented by Katalin Parti, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Sociology at Virginia Tech.

Tuesday, Feb. 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

At 7 p.m. at Town Hall, 100 E. Main St., Christiansburg. This is a regular meeting of town council. The meeting will be live streamed to the Town's YouTube page at www.christiansburg.org/YouTube. Please copy and paste the URL into your browser and be sure to select Live videos to view. Agendas and minutes can be viewed at www.christiansburg.org/agendasandminutes.

Friday, Feb. 27:

Ninth District candidate forum

A U.S. Congressional Ninth District candidate forum will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Blacksburg, 6:30 – 8 p.m., hosted by NRV Indivisible. Democratic candidates Adam Murphy and Joy Powers will be in attendance. Incumbent Rep. Morgan Griffith (R) has been invited to attend. The forum will be available on YouTube at

<https://www.youtube.com/@nrvindivisible8717>.

Friday, Mar. 6 and Saturday, Mar. 7:

Book Sale

There will be a book sale at the Radford Public Library 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Even though the library is closed during some of the hours, the book sale will be open. Large selection of teen/young adult fantasy and science fiction books. Come and support the Radford Library and get bargains too.

Saturday, Mar. 7 – Monday, Mar. 9:

First Baptist Church on the Rock celebrates Women's Weekend

The women of First Baptist Church, 555 West Rock Rd., Radford celebrate "Bloom Where You Are Planted." The weekend event begins Saturday, Mar. 7, 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. with a workshop with speakers, Kim Gittings and Minister Tanisha Johnson. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Join us for games, group sessions, and lots of fellowship. On Sunday, Mar. 8, the Women's Choir will be singing and the guest speaker will be Denise Dowell from Shiloh Baptist Church, Salem. On Monday, Mar. 9, join us for a movie, "The Greatest Inheritance." Bring your favorite brown bag dinner. The dinner is open to not only women but anyone who would like to enjoy the evening at the movie. First Baptist Church is under the leadership of David Gittings Jr., Pastor.

Ongoing:

Blacksburg Police Citizens Academy

Join the Blacksburg Police Department for a Citizens Academy. The 2026 program dates are: Tuesday evenings, Mar. 31 - May 5, 6 - 7:30 p.m. Participants will learn about patrol techniques, criminal investigations, SWAT operations, and various other operations important to police work in town. This program has limited space. Register today by emailing Ofc. A. Jones at ajones@blacksburg.gov, or calling 540.443.1439.

February 2026 is perfectly placed

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February is "perfectly" placed in 2026 and even the planets are aligned.

For instance, there are four Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Four seven-day weeks on the calendar, starting on a Sunday and ending on a Saturday.

On Saturday, Feb. 28, the first major planet alignment of the year will feature Mercury, Venus, Saturn, Jupiter, Uranus and Neptune in the evening sky just after sunset with a nearly full moon also on display.

Beginning with Groundhog Day, continuing through Valentine's Day, including President's Day and including Black History Month, this month is visually appealing to virtually all calendar watchers. Mathematicians have their own special highlight, since this year February is pictured as perfect rectangle.

This past Monday was not exactly "President's Day" but is labeled as "Washington's Birthday" although the first President was actually born on Feb. 22, 1732 in Virginia. An equally great leader, Abraham Lincoln, was born on Feb. 12, 1809 and traditionally the date honors what many historians believe are at the top of the Presidential honor roll.

Washington left records to indicate that he traveled through Christiansburg in the spring of 1734. Lincoln spent time in the state in northern Virginia, Richmond and Tidewater at various times during the Civil War.

The Christiansburg Institute, a "century school" which operated adjacent to what is now Franklin Road and near the present Christiansburg High School, is an essential part of the African-American history in Montgomery County. The institute was in session from 1866—1966, and was also known as Christiansburg Industrial Institute, closing when the Commonwealth of Virginia finally accepted the Supreme Court decision outlawing segregation in public schools.

Major names associated with the Institute included founder Charles Schaeffer, and Booker T. Washington as an advisor. Robert Russa Moton, famed

for many achievements and locally for his work at the high school in Farmville where students including Barbara Johns walked out in protest of unequal accommodations, was also at one time affiliated with the Institute.

It was started to educate former slaves and was primarily staffed at first by white teachers who traveled from northern states to teach at what was referred to as "Hill School" in its early years. As many as 16 counties sent students to C.I. for education at a time when other venues were not made available to non-white children.

The Christiansburg Public Library is currently displaying an exhibit related to Christiansburg Institute and the Civil Rights Movement in relation to Black History Month.

February also features several other unique features. As both the second and shortest calendar month, it is also referred to as the "month of love" with Valentine's Day in the exact middle, which is where romantics also place the heart. An original Christian feast day honoring a martyr named Valentine, the unofficial holiday has become a cultural and commercial institution in modern America.

For those interested in extended calendar trivia, the last "perfect February" happened in 2015 and will not be seen again until 2037.

A host of professional sports events – the Super Bowl, Daytona 500, Winter Olympics – are all in February. Daytona marks the beginning for the NASCAR season while the NFL ends its year with the Super Bowl. Major League Baseball spring training opens in Florida and Arizona in February in preparation for a 162-game season followed by the fall playoffs and World Series.

With basketball playoffs in full swing at public schools across Montgomery County, college sports in the "winter to spring" transition and youth teams on a direct path to baseball, softball, track and field, tennis, soccer, etc., there is no shortage of local entertainment available from Blacksburg to Elliston and all points between.

What a perfectly lovely combination of events for nearly everyone this month.

NRCC presents 2026 Black History Month program

In celebration of Black History Month, New River Community College (NRCC) and the college's Black History Committee will sponsor a guest speaker and other entertainment on Sunday, Feb. 22 at 3 p.m. The event will be held in 117 Edwards Hall at NRCC in Dublin.

Alethea "AJ" Robinson from Bluefield will serve as this year's special guest. This year's topic is "Standing Tall and Proud" and will feature a panel discussion with Robinson, Susie Green and Ellen Elmes.

Robinson is an accomplished public affairs and communications executive, currently serving as the Director of Communications and Tourism for Tazewell County. In this leadership role, she directs comprehensive strategies spanning public relations, destination marketing, community development, outdoor recreation, and media relations—each focused on driving economic growth and elevating the region's profile across the Commonwealth and beyond. Her background includes extensive experience in the United States Senate, where she served under Senator John Warner and Senator George Allen. Robinson also served as Director of Special Projects for Second Chance Rocks the Two Virginias, the region's largest concert event benefiting more than 100 nonprofit organizations.

Her dedication to public service and education is reflected in her extensive board and leadership involvement across the Commonwealth. She is a past member of Radford University's Board of Visitors and currently serves on the Virginia State Board for Community Colleges where she chairs the Board's Strategic Partnerships Committee. She is also a member of the Virginia Foundation for Community College Education Board and serves as Chair of the 60th Anniversary Celebrations of the Virginia Community Colleges.

In addition, Robinson serves on the State Board for Virginia Tourism, the Appalachian School of Law Board of Directors, the Southwest Virginia Community College Educational



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Alethea "AJ" Robinson

Foundation Board, the Heart of Appalachia Tourism Authority, and The Crooked Road: Virginia's Heritage Music Trail, where she serves as Vice Chair. She is also a member of the leadership team for Rotary District 7570, serving as Public Image Co-Chair and supporting communications and outreach across Southwest Virginia and Northeast Tennessee. Robinson serves on the Endless Opportunities Board, where she was part of the development of a \$26.5 million regional workforce and child development hub in Abingdon. Robinson takes a collaborative, community-centered approach to her work and is deeply committed to strengthening rural communities through education, culture, and responsible growth. She resides in Bluefield, Virginia, with her husband, Erik, who serves on the Tazewell County School Board, and their twins, Ava Sophia and Dalton.

The event will also include several musical performances from Drumbeat, the Glorylanders, Radford Church of God in Christ Children's Choir, and William Penn and Drew Dowdy.

This free event is open to the public. Light refreshments will be served following the program. For more information about the program, please contact Elaine Powell-Hawkins at (540) 674-3600, ext. 4478.

OBITUARIES

Armentrout, Shirley Kirby

Shirley Kirby Armentrout, 89, of Radford, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2026, surrounded by her family.

Shirley was born July 26, 1936, and raised in Radford, the daughter of the late Mark and Ruth Kirby. She was an 83-year member of Central United Methodist Church having joined in January 1943. She graduated from Radford High School in 1954 and Radford College in 1957 with a degree in Biology. She was a very active day student, always making the Dean's list, and was elected to Who's Who of college students.

Shirley married her high school sweetheart Robert James (Bob) Smith, and they lived in Martinsville, where she taught Science and P.E. at Drewry Mason High School. When Bob passed, she returned to Radford where Jamie was born and she lived in the home place with her mother Ruth Kirby and sister Martha. Her father Mark Kirby founded Radford Drug in 1929 which would prove to be pretty handy when she met Bill Armentrout in Front Royal, Virginia. Bill had recently graduated from Pharmacy School where he met Shirley at a mutual friend's house playing bridge. Four short months later Bill and Shirley were married. Shirley and Bill had two more children, Scott and Mark, and they



lived, raised a family, worked and worshipped in Radford the rest of their lives.

Shirley served on the Radford City School Board and was crucial in the formation of John Dalton Intermediate School and was also a longtime member of the Radford P.E.O. Shirley was a health food nut before that was trendy and she established Shirley's Cupboard with healthy items at Radford Drug. She worked out faithfully for decades lifting weights, walking and training with her trainer and dear friend Kim Faulkner for 31 years. During her empty nester years, she worked for a short while at Bonomos and Megs, clothing stores which she dearly loved. When Bill retired, they wintered in Florida, where Naples became her Happy Place for many years. After Bill passed, longtime friend Betty Branch became her "ride or die" travel companion. Shirley was baptized for the second time on Oct. 17, 2025, by Pastor Doug Levy of Central Church

and fervently continued serving our heavenly father.

The family would like to thank the many caregivers that provided help throughout the last year, Kathy Vaughn, Donna Agee, Angel Reed and Barbara Gilmer just to name a few. A special thank you to caregivers Shelba Akers and Kay Altes.

Shirley is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Jamie and Connie Armentrout, Scott and Alice Armentrout and Mark and Karen Armentrout; grandchildren, Brian (Kelly), Dylan, Zan, Landon (Josie), Brett and Kara; great grandchildren, Oakley, Peyton, Madaline and Olivia; sister, Martha K. Howell; and many other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, 2026, at Central Church Radford. A celebration of Shirley's life will begin at 1 p.m. with Rev. Don Shelor officiating and assisted by Pastor Doug Levy. Entombment will follow in Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to Central Church Radford, 803 Wadsworth St., Radford, VA 24141 or to your favorite charity.

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

Carroll, Jeffrey Wayne

Jeffrey Wayne Carroll, 64, passed away Thursday, Feb. 12, 2026, at his home in Fairlawn. Born Mar. 20, 1961, he was preceded in death by his parents, William

Douglas and Jo Ann Sifford Carroll.

He will be missed deeply by his loving wife, Tina Carroll; his children and his many friends.

Per Jeff's request, there will be no services at this time.

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

Duncan, Lena Gaye Hollandsworth

Lena Gaye Hollandsworth Duncan, 97, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2026.

She was born Sept. 13, 1928, the third child of Burman Theodore Hollandsworth and Ocie Phillips Hollandsworth. She grew up on the family farm in Indian Valley, Floyd County. She learned the lesson of being responsible for others at a very young age. Her parents took her out of school as a young teenager to help with her younger siblings. Lena was determined to finish high school and went back and was a proud 1948 graduate of Willis High School. She continued to go back to Willis High School reunions into her 90's and loved to visit with her former classmates.

Lena married Vance Vernon Duncan on June 30, 1951. They were married for 72 years until Vance passed away in February 2024. She was a member of the Valley View Primitive Baptist Church and served as the clerk for many years taking the minutes and making the monthly reports. Her Church family was very important to her.

When Lena moved to Christiansburg after high school, she had a variety of jobs but spent many years working at local garment factories



including Imperial Reading. She took a job at The News Messenger in the early 1970's as the receptionist and classified ads manager. It was a fast-paced job and she thrived there and made many lifelong friends. She retired from the newspaper in the mid 1990's.

Lena loved her family and hosted the yearly Thanksgiving feast every year until she was 80. She loved family reunions and could help anyone with the family tree. Lena was always ready to travel. She loved going to new places and had many opportunities to travel. She almost made it to all 50 states.

Lena loved to laugh and loved to tell stories. Kai took his mom on several trips in the car to Florida and there was no need to bother with the radio. She had so many stories that they could have driven much further and she still would have had more stories to tell.

Lena lost many loved ones before her passing: parents, Burman and Ocie Hollandsworth; husband Vance Duncan; brother Alpha Hollandsworth; sister Belva Hollandsworth; brother Theodore Hollandsworth; brother Vernon Hollandsworth; sister Hellen Hollandsworth; sister Lora Hollandsworth; and sister Lora Hollandsworth Gunter.

She is leaving behind her daughter Pat Duncan, Norfolk, Va.; her son Kai Duncan, Christiansburg; her granddaughter Gabrielle Dunham, Auburn, Ala.; her grandson Sean Dunham, Tallahassee, Fla.; sisters and brothers in law: Eloise Funkhouser, Phyllis and Glenn Boyd, Sonny Gunter and David Haynes; many nieces and nephews; and special friends Jane Durrett and Ann Sinderman.

Lena was lovingly cared for in the last two years at Cozy Home Haven in Fairlawn. A special thank you to Valorie, Monique, Jamie, Christina, Amber, Crystal and Haleigh. Also, a special thank you to Jacqui at Medi Hospice and to Joelle at Carilion Hospice. You are all so very much appreciated.

Visitation will be at Horne Funeral Home in Christiansburg Thursday, Feb. 19 at 1 p.m. The service will begin at 2:30 p.m. with Elder Raymond Goad officiating.

Hall, Sandra Gail

Sandra Gail Hall, 78, of Georgetown, Ohio, previously of Radford, passed away Monday, Feb. 9, 2026. Born May 17, 1947, she was preceded in death by her parents, Curtis Sherman and Ervie Carroll Simpkins, and her brothers, Larry and Mark Simpkins.

Sandra is survived by her loving husband, Richard "Dell" Hall of Georgetown, Ohio; children and their spouses, Kenneth "Kenny" Cox (Leslie) of Radford, and Sherry Myers (Kevin) of Palm Bay, Florida; grandchildren, Jaimie



Pugh of Orlando, Florida, Daniel Myers of Palm Bay, Florida, Piper, Kirby, Tigan and Riley Cox all of Roanoke; great-grandchildren, Sebashtian Scott of Orlando,

Florida and Amoralynn Ahlschlager of Orlando, Florida; brother, Michael Simpkins of Cincinnati, Ohio; and many other relatives and special friends.

The family received friends Monday, Feb. 16, 2026, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services followed with Ronnie Duncan officiating. Burial followed in Hall Cemetery in Hiwassee.

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

Hite, Rita Bond

Rita Bond Hite, 87, of Radford, entered her heavenly rest on Feb. 10, 2026, passing peacefully with the grace and quiet strength that marked her life. Born May 26, 1938, Rita was a lifelong resident of Radford and a devoted member of Calvary Baptist Church, where her faith shaped her days and her relationships. At Calvary, Rita was active as a director of the Sparks AWANA program for many years, and a founding member of the Sarah Daniels Circle where she also served terms as an officer, including president.

Rita was the daughter of Margaret Gibson and Harry Bond, and the step daughter of Delmas Gibson. She was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years and high school sweetheart, Ken Hite, her parents, and all 11 of her siblings, making her the last surviving child of a large and loving family.

She is survived by her children, who were the pride of her life: Chuck Hite (Carol), Howard Hite (Tess), Michael Hite (Jenny) and Cindy Tolbert (Bill).

Rita's legacy continues through her 11 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren, one great-great grandchild, many nieces and nephews



and her little dog, Annie, each of whom brought her immense joy. Her home was a place of welcome, her heart a source of steady encouragement, and her presence a blessing to all who knew her. She loved sharing daily cups of coffee and watching Dr. David Jeremiah with her long-time best friend, Patti Mabry.

Rita's life was defined by faith, family and a quiet perseverance. She will be remembered for her gentle yet sassy spirit, her unwavering love, her Christian witness, her love for gardening, and the deep roots she planted in the community she cherished. Rita served her community through the years first as a switchboard operator, legal secretary and later as a medical transcriptionist at the original St. Albans, at Radford Community Hospital on Eighth Street, and at Carilion New River

Valley Medical Center.

A memorial service was held Sunday, Feb. 15, at Calvary Baptist Church. The family received friends followed by the service. Everyone was encouraged to wear joyful attire to honor Rita at this celebration of her life. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to The Missions Fund, The Blessing Meals Fund, The Etta-Kait Fund, The Clair Bear Strong Fund or the General Fund at Calvary Baptist Church in Radford.

The family is thankful for the loving and attentive care given by Carilion Hospice. A special word of thanks to Rita's nurses and aide, Missy, Stephanie and Alexis. Thanks also to Ms. Clara Sowers for providing much needed supplies, equipment and advice. What a blessing you have all been.

Her family and friends take comfort in knowing she is now reunited with those who went before her and rests in the peace of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. "Be still and know that I am God" Psalm 46:10.

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

Kirk, Charles Preston

Charles Preston Kirk, 75, of Indian Valley, died Thursday, Feb. 12, 2026, at his home. He was born in Christiansburg on Aug. 30, 1950 to the late Ralph E. and Virginia Mae Ramsey Kirk.

He is survived by his girlfriend and caregiver,

Debbie Herndon; daughter and son-in-law, Traci Kirk Hardy (Jason); stepdaughter, Tracy Ouzts (Bryan); son, Kevin Kirk; sister and brother-in-law, Paula K. and Jackie E. Davis; step granddaughter, Shelby Ouzts; niece, Angie

McFarland; and nephew, Christopher Aaron Myers.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2026, at 2 p.m., in the Westview Cemetery. The family received friends Monday, Feb. 16, 2026 at McCoy Funeral Home.

Warm Hearth Village named in top 25 senior living communities in North America

BLACKSBURG - Warm Hearth Village is a 2025 Beacon Award Winner, placing it among the top 25 senior living communities in North America.

The honor is part of the prestigious ICAA NuStep Best in Wellness Awards, presented annually by the International Council on Active Aging (ICAA) in partnership with NuStep, LLC. This award celebrates senior living communities that make wellness a foundational part of their culture—shaping daily life, inspiring innovation, and elevating the quality of life for older adults across all dimensions of well-being.

The ICAA is a global leader in advancing active aging and supporting organizations that help older adults live better, longer lives. Through research, education, and industry leadership, the ICAA promotes environments that empower older adults to thrive. The Beacon Award is part of the ICAA NuStep Best in Wellness Awards program, now in its seventh year. The program honors senior living communities that embrace wellness not as an amenity, but as a core organizational value that shapes culture and daily experience.

"Being named a Beacon Award winner is a testament to our team's dedication to creating a community where residents can live with purpose, joy, and vitality," Kenny Harrah, Director of Fitness said. "Wellness



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Warm Hearth Village Fitness Team (left to right) Jessica Robinson, Kenny Harrah, Marcus Burks.

is woven into everything we do at Warm Hearth Village, and we are honored to be recognized among the top senior living communities in North America."

In addition to this national recognition, Warm Hearth Village was recently named Best Retirement Community in Blacksburg in the BusinessRate Best of 2025 Awards, based on Google reviews from residents and their families.

The village's commitment to hospitality and excellence also extends beyond campus through The

Village Gourmet, Warm Hearth Village's catering service. The Village Gourmet has been recognized as one of Virginia Living's Top Wedding Vendor's, an honor that reflects its dedication to exceptional service, thoughtfully curated menus, and memorable events. This recognition is made possible by the many couples, families, and organizations who have trusted The Village Gourmet to be part of their most meaningful celebrations.

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OPINION

Delegate offers updates on legislative effort for honor guards, redistricting

During the House floor session on Monday, Feb. 9, members of the House of Delegates – at least on the Republican side – got our first look at the Democrats’ proposed new Congressional maps. These maps were attached to a budget provision because that is the only possible way for them to enact their new gerrymandered districts fast enough for a potential April referendum. The new district boundaries proposed by Virginia Democrats constitutes one of the most aggressive gerrymanders in the country.

By way of background, Virginia Democrats passed a law in 2020 designed to put “guardrails” on Virginia’s redistricting efforts. That legislation went further than the federal Voting Rights Act and outlawed a



Delegate Jason Ballard

Virginia General Assembly

number of common gerrymandering tricks. Legislative districts must be contiguous, compact, and preserve communities of interest. The key reform, however, was this: a map of districts shall not, when considered on a

statewide basis, unduly favor or disfavor any political party. The result of this legislation was a set of districts that closely reflected Virginia’s political divide – a Congressional map that was close in partisanship. Now, Democrats seek to completely obliterate those maps by anchoring several seats in Northern Virginia that spread as far away as central Virginia and the Shenandoah Valley. Under the proposed new map, it is possible for someone who lives in Fairfax to also represent someone who lives in Shenandoah AND Goochland. This type of district is not compact nor preserving communities of common interest, and it certainly favors a certain

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Developing legislation includes substantial focus on energy bills

This is the time of year when the legislature is very busy drafting bills to improve government – and improve the lives of Virginians. The Virginia Senate, and the Virginia House of Delegates, have until February 18 to develop and pass proposed legislation within their chambers. Their proposed legislation then goes to the other chamber, which needs to act by the legislature’s adjournment on March 14. Everything approved then goes to the governor.

Legislators appear to clearly recognize that providing enough affordable energy within Virginia is a priority. Energy costs have been rising, even as energy demand increases. Much of the largest new demand for energy is for data centers, with Virginia leading the world. Northern Virginia handles about 70 percent of the



Gary Silverman

Columnist

world’s internet traffic – an astounding amount! As AI continues to develop and grow, more data centers are being built in Virginia, all needing enormous amounts of energy. This obviously imposes many challenges in generating enough energy and distributing energy over

our electrical grid.

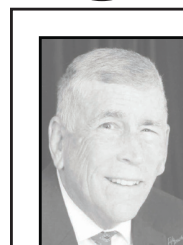
We will know soon which energy legislation will move forward, although some big-picture issues seem clear. Very prominent are bills to make better use of the existing electrical grid. For example, Lily Franklin’s bill to provide for a “virtual power plant pilot program” passed unanimously through the House of Delegates. Several similar bills revolve around this issue of making better use of the electrical grid that we already have. More controversial may be Virginia again becoming an active member of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). We were members of a group of 11 eastern states actively reducing carbon emissions from

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Summit Ridge and Kimball Lane

On Feb. 10, 2026, the Christiansburg Town Council discussed the request by a developer to build homes in the area at the end of Kimball Lane, in the southeast section of Christiansburg, behind Summit Ridge Road.

Early this month the Christiansburg Planning Commission voted against the developer’s request. On Feb. 10 the town council session was packed for



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the meeting by members of the community who were against the additional homes.

One reason why citizens do not support the potential addition of approximately 100 homes is the fact that Kimball Lane and Summit Ridge are the only ways that equipment and materials can be moved into the building area.

The roads are narrow and in poor shape. For them to handle the stress of builders with materials for 100 homes is hard to imagine. This is not an overnight

project; the building project will be a minimum of a six-year process.

The homes that are currently on Kimball and Summit Ridge will be affected by the constant traffic and the lack of space.

It is pre-determined that within a short time Kimball and Summit Ridge are going to need to be resurfaced and the bill for that could potentially go to the town, not to the contractor. The council should also consider the increased traffic flow on South Franklin, Miller and Alleghany streets.

Council will vote on the project on Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m. Four members of council would need to reject the proposed development request for it not to move forward. During the next week voters/citizens will have the opportunity to contact members of the council with their feelings. After all, members of the Christiansburg Town Council are elected to be spokespersons for the citizens.

Remember, the vote will be taken Feb. 24, at 7 p.m., in the town hall. Please plan to attend.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

A redistricting bill is being rushed through the Virginia legislature, reportedly backed by outside funding that lacks transparency from a group calling itself “Virginians for Fair Elections.” Despite its appealing name, the proposal is anything but fair.

Supporters claim the bill would “level the playing field.” That is simply not true. In reality, it would tilt the field by giving politicians greater ability to influence — and ultimately control — the drawing of their own district lines. Allowing elected officials to shape the very districts in which they run invites partisan advantage and undermines

public trust in our elections.

Virginia already has one of the strongest redistricting processes in the nation, enshrined recently in our state constitution through a voter-approved amendment. It was specifically designed to curb partisan gerrymandering and ensure a more transparent, balanced approach to drawing district lines. This new proposal appears aimed at weakening those hard-won protections for political gain.

Proponents argue the bill would be “temporary.” History shows that temporary political changes often become permanent fixtures. Virginians should approach such assurances with caution.

Other proponents point to

actions taken in another state as justification for Virginia to follow suit. But copying a flawed approach elsewhere does not make it right here. As the saying goes, two wrongs do not make a right.

Partisan gerrymandering — regardless of which party benefits — is wrong. Legislation that opens the door to greater partisan manipulation is not reform; it is regression. Virginians deserve fair elections in fact, not just in name. I urge lawmakers to reject this bill and preserve the integrity of our redistricting process.

Robert B. Crawford
Blacksburg

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 - Play
 - Type of cheese
 - Type of lounge chair
 - King Cole, musician
 - Fellows
 - North, Central and South
 - In an early way
 - Foes
 - Georgia rockers
 - Cryptocurrency
 - Narrow path along a slope
 - Disallow
 - Joyousness
 - Inaccessible
 - Evoke emotions
 - Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
 - Boston Celtic punk rockers (abbr.)
 - Sword
 - Actor Idris
 - Affirmative (slang)
 - Afflicted
 - One point north of northeast
 - Born of
 - Arabic name
 - Traumatic brain injury (abbr.)
 - Extremity
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 - Type of milk
 - One who brings home the bacon
 - More comprehensible
 - Connected with sense of touch
 - Red mineral
 - Breezed through
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 - Supplement with difficulty
 - Early kingdom of Syria
 - Satisfy
 - They confuse doctors (abbr.)
 - Brass instrument
 - Domesticated animal
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 - When you hope to get somewhere
 - Tease
 - Actress Gretchen
 - Midway between northeast and east
 - Inoffensive
 - Yellowish cotton cloth
 - Consume
 - Does not tell the truth
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A new spin on ADHD treatment

“DJ S-Low” leaned intently over a glowing digital controller, headphones on and head bobbing, as she mixed two tracks by New Order into one seamless transition.

Nearby, classmates at their own DJ setups nodded along. After S-Low finished her set, the crowd clapped and cheered — and instructor Craig Arthur sounded an air horn.

It almost felt like a party. But it was a first-of-its-kind research study, meant to examine something many DJs and music-makers with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) have suspected for decades.

DJ S-Low, otherwise known as Virginia Tech senior Sophia Barthlow, was one of 60 young adults enrolled in a pilot project exploring whether learning to DJ could help improve symptoms of ADHD. Co-led by neuroscientist Julia Basso and hip-hop scholar Craig Arthur, the study is testing music-making as a creative, movement-based form of non-drug therapy.

“This isn’t about replacing medication,” said Basso, assistant professor in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences’ Department of Human Nutrition, Foods, and Exercise who directs the Embodied Brain Laboratory. “ADHD medications can be effective, but they don’t work for everyone. They can come with side effects, and for some people, the effects wear off by the end of the day. We’re exploring whether something like DJing could be another tool people can use to manage their symptoms and support their well-being.”

A meeting of minds — and music

Arthur, associate professor of practice in the Academy of Transdisciplinary Studies and co-founder of VTDITC: Hip-Hop Studies at Virginia Tech, has been DJing since he was 15. Long before he was diagnosed with ADHD as an adult, he found that being behind the turntables helped him focus.

“It’s basically self-care,” he said. “If I go a week without DJing, I feel off. My wife notices. She’ll say, ‘Go spend time in the DJ room.’”

Basso, whose research explores the cognitive and emotional effects of movement-based practices on the brain, had read about Grammy award-winning hip-hop and rap artists who described ADHD as their “magical power.” Her previous research has demonstrated how dance supports social and neural development in individuals with autism, how musical theatre training strengthens brain networks involved in attention and emotion, and how embodied practices such as exercise, yoga, and music therapy improve health and cognition across the lifespan.

When Arthur and Basso met, they realized they shared the same curiosity about whether producing music could

help people with ADHD regulate their attention, mood, and focus. With support from the Renée Fleming Neuroarts Investigator Award, they launched the study this fall.

This is your brain on hip-hop

The study drew 60 participants, most of them Virginia Tech students. Half joined an eight-session DJing workshop taught by Arthur using digital controllers and headsets donated by AlphaTheta, formerly Pioneer DJ. The other half served as a control group and watched hip-hop documentaries and music videos.

Sessions ran twice a week for four weeks in the Institute for Creativity, Arts, and Technology and the Center for the Arts at Virginia Tech. Before and after, Basso and her team tracked a range of metrics: brainwave activity using mobile EEG headsets, physiological responses via wearable monitors, and self-reported assessments of mood, focus, and executive functioning.

“We’re looking at changes across brain, body, and behavior,” Basso said. “Can this kind of immersive, creative practice help people self-regulate? Can it support cognitive and emotional health in a real-world setting?”

Study participants got \$100, a set of AlphaTheta headphones, and a new hobby.

Barthlow, a senior philosophy major who has ADHD and dyslexia, said participating in the study gave her something to look forward to.

“I get through my classwork because I know I’ve got DJing later,” she said. “It doesn’t necessarily make me more motivated to do stuff I don’t care about, but it makes me feel less terrible doing it because I have something I’m really excited about.”

She now wants her own DJ setup.

Julio Gagnon, a mechanical engineering major, said playing the piano and listening to music has helped him manage his ADHD for years. In DJing, he found an additional tool.

“It’s like my brain always has too many tabs open,” he said. “DJing helped me quiet the noise and channel my energy. If I can afford it, I’ll probably buy my own [DJ] controller.”

Now that the sessions have wrapped, members of Basso’s team are analyzing the data and preparing findings for publication. If results are promising, they plan to seek larger research grants and expand the study.

“This is about bringing science to something people have experienced firsthand,” Basso said. “It’s about recognizing the power of art, community, and rhythm to support mental health in real, measurable ways.”

Virginia Tech



PHOTO BY LEE FRIESLAND FOR VIRGINIA TECH

Julio Gagnon mixes tracks on a digital DJ controller while wearing a mobile EEG cap that records brain activity. The setup is part of a Virginia Tech study exploring how DJing may help ease ADHD symptoms.

Districts

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both state law and their own rules in a rush to redraw congressional districts.

The matter has now been appealed and sent to the Richard Circuit Court, creating a battle between two court jurisdictions.

Hurley said Democrats didn’t follow state law as they attempted to redraw congressional districts in time for the 2026 federal midterms. At the center of the argument is the Democrat’s timetable and did two votes on the matter be within the required period.

If the redistricting proceeds, a statewide vote will be held on April 21, putting the decision in the hands of voters and if approved would take effect for this November’s election. Thus, changing the way the Ninth is populated.

Griffith said he is running for reelection in the Ninth Congressional District and believes

the Supreme Court of Virginia will uphold all or significant portions of Judge Hurley’s opinion and stop the plan the Democrats in Richmond have proposed.

Under the proposed plan, the Democrats shift power away from rural Virginia in favor of Northern Virginia.

It’s the slicing of Montgomery County that has many people scratching their heads.

Republicans have about a 2-1 advantage in the Ninth District, so this would be the toughest district to try to swap.

Rackaway said depending on how the maps work, Democrats could eat into the Republican advantage in the Ninth, but most likely they’d have to take Democrats from this district and pack them into others (say, Ben Cline’s Sixth District). So not only will the Ninth stay Republican, it could become more so.

Overall, in the state, the change could be a big one, both in immediate terms (how it plays out in the 2026 midterms) and long-term. Currently, Virginia has six Democratic seats and five Republican seats in the U.S. House. Under the proposed map, that could change to 10 Democratic seats and one Republican seat, which would be the current Ninth district.

Rackaway said that’s a big shift, adding four more seats.

“California’s parallel redistricting could take that number to more than 10 additional Democratic seats in November. We’re talking a big, potentially long-term change, in the majority of Congressional seats,” he said.

Rackaway is the chair of the political science department at RU and teaches classes in state and local government, political campaign management, political parties and campaign finance.

He said Virginia is doing this now because the two main parties are trying to position themselves for an advantage in the 2026 midterm elections. A special referendum could be presented April 17 to Virginia voters to approve or disapprove, thus meaning the redistricting could be effective before November’s mid-term elections.

“Normally, all states do redistricting right after the census (the zero year of every decade) and then it takes emergencies like court orders to redistrict out of that cycle. But the U.S. Constitution doesn’t say anything about redistricting. Since things look pretty rough for Republicans in November, President Trump and his advisors are worried Republicans could lose majority control of the House,” Rackaway said.

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power production, while providing cost relief for low-income power users. Ex Governor Youngkin discontinued Virginia’s membership in this group in 2023, an action that the court declared illegal because it was not within his authority. He appealed, and it has been tied up in the appeals court ever since. Governor Spanberger intends to rejoin this group, an action which may be completed as early as this spring.

It is very clear that the world is turning to renewable energy as the least expensive way to produce more electricity. The most recent reliable source of information I could find shows that globally in 2024 renewable energy contributed 38 percent of new energy growth. Clearly, the entire world is turning to renewables, as the cheapest and best way to produce electricity. It doesn’t require new pipelines or large-

“President Trump pushed some states (notably Texas) to redistrict so that there would be more safe Republican seats in the House of Representatives. Texas could have swapped out as many as five Democrats for Republicans. Since the Republicans have basically a one-seat majority in the House (218, to 214 Democrats with three vacancies) those five seats could have been the difference between them maintaining control of the House or losing it.”

Rackaway said since the move would have advantaged Republicans, Democratic-controlled states started looking into doing the same, notably California and Virginia. However, Texas’ redistricting efforts were blocked by a federal court. Virginia started this process before the courts intervened in the Texas case, but even so the Democratic majorities in both the House of Delegates and Senate are proceeding with sending a measure to the public for a vote.

“It’s safe to say that Virginia probably wouldn’t have done this if Texas hadn’t started it, but it looks like now the Democratic states are going to continue with their efforts to pack the House with more of their members,” he said.

All of this is looking at a big potentially long-term change, in the majority of Congressional seats.

But it could change again if Republicans were to gain control of the state legislature in 2027.

“You could conceivably see maps redrawn every two years to try to pack the U.S. House with partisan advantage. It’s an ugly precedent that has potentially huge negative consequences,” Rackaway said.

The plan is currently facing those legal challenges with opponents arguing the changes are designed to limit the voice of rural Virginians.

“Before there can be a vote, the Virginia Supreme Court has a say. A Tazewell County judge recently ruled that the proposed amendment to redraw the maps is unconstitutional, and it’s been appealed to the State Supreme Court,” Rackaway said.

Rackaway said it is basically a political game of chicken, seeing who blinks first.

“If Texas was proceeding with its redistricting plan, it would probably be a fairly easy sell for Virginia Democrats. Now, though, it’s a very different game. This referendum isn’t about playing fair as much as it is punishing one’s opponents. That’s much harder to sell to voters, though Democrats appear committed to this course of action so they’ll do everything they can to motivate Democrats to vote in favor,” the professor said.

Should the referendum pass, the maps become effective immediately, so they can fundamentally change the 2026 midterm elections.

The Virginia Public Access Project (VPAP) was established in 1997 to provide Virginians with access to public documents related to the financial aspects of politics. Over the years, VPAP has expanded its services to include access to state and local government information, data visualizations, election night results and analysis, lobbyist registrations and disclosures, General Assembly member demographics, and legislative votes and analysis including the new redistricting plan. So, you can check how redistricting affects you by going to <https://www.vpap.org/redistricting>.

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comfortable furnishings, and adjustable lighting to a farther corner of the building, an optimized testing environment can be created for adult learners to pass the test.

The area currently does not have reliable internet or furnishings. An Amazon wish list has been created featuring items like a designated desktop computer, a flexible cubicle wall, flexible lighting, an ergonomic chair, and more. Monetary donations are also being accepted through LiteracyNRV.org for hardwired internet access, covering testing fees, and supplying study guides and textbooks. The project is estimated to cost between \$1200-\$2000.

As a non-profit organization, LiteracyNRV’s main funding sources are grants, foundations, and individual donors.

“Right now, funding is particularly crucial. It’s been a topsy-turvy couple of years and many of our tried and

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political party – the Democrats. It will fall to the Virginia Supreme Court to stop this blatant power grab, or to you – the voter – to reject these new districts.

In other news, I am pleased to report that my HB 100 and HB 108 passed through the House of Delegates this past week. HB 100 requires that a uniform small-asset affidavit be prepared by the Virginia Supreme Court’s Office of the Executive Secretary to ensure consistency for the public. In everyday terms: if a loved one passes away with a small estate (under the legal limit), rather than going through a formal probate process, a designated successor can use a standardized affidavit form to request payment or delivery of that asset. Moreover, I am very happy to see strong support of HB 108 in the House of Delegates on a unanimous, bipartisan basis. As you may recall, HB 108 will establish an Honor Guard Grant Program in the Commonwealth to ensure all Virginia veterans receive the full military funeral they deserve, with an adequately equipped and state-

true revenue sources have minimized or completely vanished,” said Ellis. “We rely heavily on donations and are so grateful for every single gift, from the smallest to the largest. They all have an incredible impact on our ability to meet our students’ needs and provide them access to education, and in turn provide them better access to participate in their communities.”

“The creation of this space is a way to tell our students, ‘Hey, we know life outside of here can be hectic, but when you’re here, we’ve got you,’” said Ellis. “By making it comfortable, clean, and a little bit more removed, students can have privacy and security as they work hard on their dreams.”

For more information about how to donate, get involved as a volunteer, or any other inquiries, please reach out to info@lvnr.org.

LiteracyNRV

supported Honor Guard. This idea came to me from a constituent who shared a common story among those in our community who serve on Honor Guards: the funding they receive through private donations – and mostly from their own pockets – is not enough to sustain this solemn tradition. Without new funding, it is very likely that an increasing number of deceased veterans will not be buried with the honors that they sacrificed for. This is an important cause to me, and I will now focus my efforts to pass HB 108 in the Senate.

As the Delegate representing the 42nd House District in the Virginia General Assembly, your concerns are my greatest priority. If ever I may be of assistance to you and your family, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at DelJBallard@House.Virginia.Gov. You can also follow me on Twitter [@JasonBallardVA](https://twitter.com/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.

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circumstantial evidence. Not enough for probable cause, according to Peterson's research spelled out in the book.

As the decades passed, Petie's father never gave up, pushing the authorities to build a stronger case against Almond.

Peterson points out finally, three decades later, in 2015, a new police investigator named Aaron LeVeck, and a special prosecutor named Phil Figura, managed to gather evidence to build a case against Almond, who was in his 80s by then.

"In 2015, Almond was indicted for the first-degree murder of Petie Miller, 32 years after it happened," said Peterson. "Almond's murder trial was quite sensational, the oldest 'no body' murder trial in U.S. history."

The book has gotten great reviews and received good feedback from readers.

"A lot of readers have told me what an amazing true story this is. Sales have been strong. It's carried by every Barnes & Noble in the country and is an Amazon true crime bestseller," Peterson said.

His last book (In the Wind) was adapted for television and aired on Oxygen this past summer, and two others (Under the Trestle and Chasing the Squirrel) are in development as documentary series.

"I've had a few preliminary meetings with TV producers about adapting Runaway Groom as a TV series or documentary show," he

said. The genre of true crime remains hot, and Peterson has been taking advantage with this being his sixth novel.

"True crime has become a very popular genre," Peterson said. "When I wrote my first book seven years ago, I was drawn to the true crime genre. Everyone likes a murder mystery, and when it's a true story, it makes it even more compelling."

"There is a lot to be learned about the law and our criminal justice system from the cases I have chosen to write about."

Locally, many people will remember Peterson and his second book, "Under the Trestle", which described the murder and disappearance of Radford University student Gina Hall.

Other books with New River Valley connections are on the horizon.

"It usually takes me about a year to do all the interviews, research, and

writing. I am currently well underway with my next book, about a case very near and dear to the New River Valley. The unsolved 2009 double murder of Virginia Tech students Heidi Childs and David Metzler at Caldwell Fields in Montgomery County," Peterson said.

"It is believed that someone out there - a witness, accomplice, or acquaintance of the killer - has a piece of key information, or a lead, that could identify the killer and solve the case. My hope is that by writing a well-researched book about the case, it will get people talking about it again and encourage someone to come forward to the authorities with information," he said.

For more on Peterson and his true crime books, check out his website at ronpetersonjr.com.

Chamber announces speaker lineup for 2026 Women's Leadership Conference

CHRISTIANSBURG - Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce has announced the full speaker lineup for its 2026 Women's Leadership Conference, set for March 5, 2026, at The Inn at Virginia Tech & Skelton Conference Center in Blacksburg.

The annual conference is one of the region's premier professional development events, bringing together leaders and emerging professionals for a high-energy day of learning, connection, and practical takeaways.

This year's keynote speaker is Lauren Sisler, ESPN sports broadcaster and national speaker recognized for her powerful storytelling and message of resilience and purpose-driven leadership. Her keynote will challenge attendees to lead with clarity, confidence, and intention—both in their careers and communities.

The conference also features breakout sessions led by respected regional experts Michelle Carter, Donna Weaver McCloskey and Katie Beach. These sessions focus on real-world strategies for communication, team leadership, and professional growth, giving participants tools they can apply immediately.

Serving as Master of Ceremonies is Christina Bolt, a veteran communicator whose career spans television news, professional athletics and local government. Her engaging style and focus on authentic connection help create a welcoming and energizing conference environment.

"The Women's Leadership Conference continues to be one of our most impactful professional development events," said Steve Baffuto, President & CEO of the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce. "This year's lineup brings together national perspective and strong regional voices. Attendees will leave with new ideas, new connections, and renewed confidence in their leadership."

The Women's Leadership Conference is open to professionals across industries and career stages and draws attendees from throughout the region and beyond. Registration is now open, and additional information about speakers and programming can be found at montgomerycc.org/wlc or call 540 382-3020.

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Renewal packets were sent out in January. If you have not received the packet, email businesslicensegroup@blacksburg.gov or call 540.961.1108.

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St. Peter the Apostle Anglican Church, 230 W. First St., Christiansburg, VA. Fr Peter Geromel OHI Th.M., Vicar, Fr. Alex Darby, "Associate", 540-382-0432/540-270-9166. Sundays: 8:00 am & 10:00 am Holy Eucharist followed by Christian Education and refreshments. Holy Communion most Thursdays at 12Noon, other Holy Days as announced. Traditional services use the 1928 Book of Common Prayer and 1940 Hymnal. Handicapped accessible. All are welcome. Come worship with us! Website: www.stpetersacc.org. Follow us on Facebook

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CHURCH OF GOD

New Hope Church of God, 1404 Mud Pike Rd., C'Burg. Rev. T. Michael Bond, pastor, 731-3178. Sun. School 10 a.m., Worship 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m. Thurs., 7:00 p.m.

West Radford Church of God, 1824 West Main Street, Radford, VA 24141, Sunday School— 10:00A.M. Morning Worship— 11:00A.M., Children's Church 11:00A.M. Sunday Evening— 6:00P.M., Wednesday Night— 7:00P.M., Pastor Danny Newman, Church Office— 540-639-6562 or 804- 921-0828.

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Snowville Christian Church, 5436 Lead Mine Rd., Hiwassee, VA 24347, Pastor: Jerry King, Website: www.SnowvilleChristianChurch.com (and Facebook), Office: 540-633-3761, Email: office@SnowvilleChristianChurch.com, Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 a.m., Sunday School: 10:00 a.m., Thursday Bible Study: 6:00 p.m., We are: "Inspiring hope, helping people grow their faith, and sharing God's love with others!"

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LUTHERAN

St. Michael Lutheran Church, 2308 Merrimac Road, Blacksburg, VA 24060. Worship service each Sunday at 10AM, Sunday School 9 AM. We are a community of God's people where we gather for worship, learning and service. Visitors and new members are always WELCOME! Google comments: "Wonderful, welcoming congregation." A place where all are truly welcome." You'll love our minister, Pastor James Henricks, who

is a guiding light for our lives. St. Michael started and administers Micah's Caring Initiative which includes Micah's Backpack, Soup for Seniors, Garden, Closet, and Mini Pantry, with tremendous community impact. Partnering with Rainbow Riders and Total Action for Progress, we opened the first Early Childhood Head Start in our community (6 weeks to age 3). We sponsor an awesome Scouting program of Scouts Boy & Girl Troop, Venture Scouts for older youth, and a Cub Pack for girls & boys kindergarten - 5th grade, amongst many other programs. Directions: From Price's Fork Road, turn onto Merrimac Road. St. Michael is ~quarter mile on the left. For more information: Phone 540.951.8951; Email hope@stmclc.us; Website www.st-michael-lutheran-church.org

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 355 Independence Blvd., Christiansburg, Virginia. MASSES: Saturday - 5:00 pm (English), Sunday-11:00 am (English), Sunday-1:15 pm (Español), First Tuesday -5:30 pm (Español), Other Tuesdays-5:30 pm in English, Wednesday-7:00 am (English), Friday -9:00 am (English). Reconciliation (English or Español)-Wednesday 7:30 am -8:30 am, Friday 8:30-9am, Saturday 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm (or by appointment). Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Tuesday, 5:30 Mass-8pm, Wednesday - 7:30 am - 8:30 am. FIRST FRIDAYS 9am Mass w/Adoration until noon, All other Fridays following Mass until 10:30am.

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Asbury United Methodist Church, 500 Stuart Street, Christiansburg. 540-382-0743. Rev. G. Lance Presley. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., Sunday Worship, 11:00 a.m. All are welcome.

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Entered this 3rd day of February, 2026.
Tommy L. Moore, Clerk

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 1449 LAKERIDGE CIRCLE, TROUTVILLE, VA 24175.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated January 4, 2006, in the original principal amount of \$175,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 060000421. 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 March 19, 2026, at 10:30 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH ALL THE APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING LYING AND BEING THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, STATE OF VIRGINIA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEING LOT 17, BLOCK 5, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OF RAINBOW FOREST, PROPERTY OF, BOTETOURT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, MADE BY C.B. MALCOLM AND SON, S.C.E.'S, DATED AUGUST 15, 1960 OF RECORD IN TILE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 102. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's

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Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwvsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Virginia Pre-Sale Department of counsel for Equity Trustees, LLC at 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsales.com. VA-372477-1.

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ABC NOTICE

J&D CULINARY GROUP LLC., trading as J'S DELI, 7 BROAD STREET, 3 WEST MAIN STREET, SALEM, VA 24153

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Retail Restaurant or Caterer Application – Restaurant, Wine, Beer, Mixed Beverages, Consumes On and Off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Jason Maxwell, Owner.

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

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.-317,20-104 Case No.CL25000427-00 CITY OF SALEM 2 EAST CALHOUN ST SALEM VA 24153 MICHAEL EUGENE MORAN v. AMBER NICHOLE MORAN, The object of this suit is to: OBTAIN A DIVORCE It is ORDERED that AMBER NICHOLE MORAN appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before April 15,2026 Entered January 9,2026 Stacy L. Owen Deputy Clerk

Storage Auction

LEGAL NOTICE

A public auction will be held on Wednesday February 25, 2026 at 10 a.m. at Grand Storage of Vinton 1119 Vinyard Rd, Vinton, VA 24179, to sell personal property in the following units: Jeremy Thompson Unit C20 Linda McCraw Unit F11

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL

The Town of Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

A. Rezoning request by LZM-BAM, LLC, Applicant and Property Owner, for an amendment to proffers on property located at 2886 Roanoke Street, identified as Tax Parcel 501 - ((1)) - 24A (Parcel ID 011123), consisting of approximately of 0.968 acres. The property is zoned General Business District (B-3) with proffers, and the request is to amend the proffers accepted with the 2001 rezoning action. The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

B. Conditional Use Permit request by Rockstep Christiansburg LLC, Property Owner, to allow operation of a Carnival from March 26, 2026 through April 5, 2026 on the property located at 782 New River Road NW, Tax Parcel 435 - (A)) - 41, Parcel ID 007741, zoned General Business District B-3. The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

A copy of the applications, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact the Planning Department, by phone at (540) 382-6128, Ext. 1902 or by email at planning@christiansburg.org, with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,

By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors hereby schedules a public hearing for Monday, March 9, 2026 at 7:15 p.m. or as soon thereafter, at the Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to receive citizen comments on the proposed Ordinances Temporarily changing the A-3, E-3 and F-3 Precinct Polling Place from Squires Student Center located at 290 College Avenue, Blacksburg, Virginia, to McComas Hall located at 895 Washington St. SW, Blacksburg, Virginia, for the April 21,2026 Special Election Only. BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Angela M. Hill County Administrator

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 4366 BRADSHAW RD, ELLISTON, VA 24087.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated May 19, 2016, in the original principal amount of \$127,645.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 160003643. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for the City of Radford, 619 Second St., W., Radford, VA, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on April 16, 2026, at 1:00 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: PARCEL 1: A PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 1.063 ACRES AS SHOWN ON A PLAT ENTITLED "PLAT FOR DAVID E. VANDER VLIET OF AN UN-NUMBERED 1.063 AC. LOT NEAR ROUTE 622 MT. TABOR MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA" PREPARED BY NEAL H.

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WIRT, L. S., DATED 5 NOVEMBER 1992, DESIGNED AS PLAT NO. 92-688, WHICH PLAT IS OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN DEED BOOK 766, PAGE 561. PARCEL 2: A PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 5.153 ACRES AS SHOWN ON A PLAT ENTITLED, "SURVEY FOR DAVID E. & ALTHEA L. VAN DER VLIET OF A 5.153 ACRE PARCEL SITUATE IN THE MT. TABOR MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA", PREPARED BY JACK G. BESS, C.L.S., DATED JULY 24, 1995, DESIGNATED AS N.B. W-9 0-95648, A COPY OF WHICH PLAT IS RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF MONATGOMERY, VIRGINIA, IN DEED BOOK 886, PAGE 759. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.alldridgepate.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Virginia Pre-Sale Department of counsel for Equity Trustees, LLC at 301-961-6555, website: www.alldridgepate.com. VA-372257-1.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE 945 Brooklyn Ave., Christiansburg, Virginia 24073 Tax Map No. 080-9 32 / Parcel ID No. 150446

COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA

In execution of a credit line deed of trust dated June 30, 2022 (the "Deed of Trust"), recorded in the Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, as Instrument No. 022005240, the undersigned substitute Trustee, any or all of whom may act, will offer for sale at or near 945 Brooklyn Ave., Christiansburg, Virginia 24073, on March 6, 2026, at 12 o'clock p.m., property located at or near 945 Brooklyn Ave., Christiansburg, Virginia 24073, which property is more particularly described as follows: All that certain lot or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Shawsville Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia, and more particularly described as follows: Being all of Lot Number Thirty-Two (32), The Preserve At Walnut Creek, Phase IV, as shown and described on a plat of survey entitled, "PLAT OF MAJOR SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 1-13, 29-35 & ESMT. DEDICATION THE PRESERVE AT WALNUT CREEK," prepared by Gay and Neel, Inc., a copy of which is of record in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office of Montgomery County, Virginia at Instrument Number 2008011650 (the "PLAT"). This sale is subject to all liens, easements, restrictions, conditions, and reservations of record

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A weekly racing schedule is coming to the Pulaski County Motorsports Park near Radford.

Last month, the International Hot Rod Association (IHRA) announced it has entered into a lease agreement for the Pulaski County Motorsports Park, the landmark venue long known to racers and fans as the Motor Mile Speedway, marking a major step in IHRA's mission to revive grassroots motorsports and reinvest in legendary community tracks.

"This track is part of the racing fabric of Virginia - and the kind of place where generations of families have made memories," said Darryl Cuttall, Owner of IHRA. "Leasing Pulaski County Motorsports Park allows us to put racing back where it belongs: in the community, accessible to local teams, and exciting for fans."

First opened in 1952 as a dirt oval, the facility evolved into one of the region's most recognizable racing destinations. The oval was later paved and developed into a 0.416-mile asphalt track, and the complex expanded over time to include a drag racing venue, helping establish Pulaski County as a true motorsports hub.

Under IHRA's lease, Pulaski County Motorsports Park will once again become a year-round heartbeat for competitive racing, special events, and community engagement — with immediate focus on restoring a consistent schedule that brings fans back through the gates and

supports the local economy. Tim Miller, Director of Sports & Entertainment for Pulaski County said the local facility has been an important part of this community for decades, and I have felt that we had an obligation to do whatever we could to return it to its former glory since I arrived here.

"This partnership with the IHRA and the vision that Darryl Cuttall and his team have for the future of racing and this venue puts us in the best possible position to succeed," he said.

After two years, the gates are opening and racing returns in 2026.

From weekly racing to the IHRA Stock Car Series, SMART Modified Tour, and special events, this season marks a new chapter for grassroots motorsports in Pulaski County.

2026 Schedule
3/21 – IHRA Stock Car Series #1 (Rain Date: 3/22)
4/25 – Weekly Racing
5/9 – Southern Ground Pounders + Weekly Racing
5/30 – Weekly Racing
6/13 – Weekly Racing
6/27 – Weekly Racing
7/11 – Weekly Racing
7/25 – IHRA Stock Car Series #5 (Rain Date: 7/26)
8/7 – SMART Modified Tour + Weekly Racing (Rain Date: 8/8)
9/5 – Tour of Destruction
9/12 – Weekly Racing Finale
Weekly divisions include Limited Late Model, Super Street, Crown Vic, and Legends, with additional special events to be announced.

NASCAR driver new GM at Motorsports

Pulaski County Motorsports Park has announced former driver, team owner and broadcast analyst Stacy Compton will serve as general manager of the facility.

A Virginia native with experience competing in the NASCAR Cup Series, Xfinity Series and Truck Series, Compton brings decades of professional racing knowledge and experience to the leadership role. His experience as a driver at the highest levels of motorsports provides valuable insight into competition management, race procedures, and driver relations.

As General Manager, Compton will oversee all aspects of day-to-day management including venue operations, race-day operations, technical inspection, rules enforcement, and overall competition structure.

"The Pulaski County Motorsports Park holds a special place in my heart, having raced here many years during the early part of my career," said Compton. "There's a tremendous amount of racing history and a strong foundation here, and I look forward to working with the drivers and staff to build a competitive, exciting program for 2026 and beyond."

The Weekly Racing series will feature a number of divisions, including Limited Late Model, Super Street, Crown Vic, and Legends. Officials have also decided to add a Mod 4 and a Stock 4 FWD division to the lineup, based on feedback from the local racing community.

Compton competed across all three of NASCAR's national series from 1996 to 2012 and initially raced early in Late Model and other small tracks around the

Southeast. The Hurt Virginia native won 36 races in seven years of Late Model competition.

"It was clear following the initial release of the schedule that a four-cylinder class (at Pulaski Motorsports) is a critical division for the local racing community," said Compton.

Beyond driving, Compton previously served as a racing analyst for ESPN and was co-owner of Bobby Hamilton Racing.

"We want to honor the traditions at Pulaski County Motorsports Park, and we want to make sure that we give local drivers the opportunity to race with us," he said.

Pulaski Motorsports Park has made the strategic decision to align with Lonesome Pine Motorsports Park in Coeburn, Virginia in an effort to coordinate schedules and race divisions to maximize participation and promotion. Pulaski will run the same rules packages as Lonesome Pine.

Additional information about tickets, promotions, hospitality, and more will be available in the coming days.

There are also plans to open the track strip over the summer, but the current focus is to get the oval track ready and prepare for the inaugural IHRA Stock Car Series. In addition to motorsports, the track is working to line up additional programming, including live music, festivals, and family-friendly events. Already confirmed is the ever-popular Tour of Destruction, scheduled for Sept. 5.

Pulaski Motorsports

East Mont boys down Craig



Eastern Montgomery's Cyrus Underwood takes a shot against Craig County. Underwood scored 13 points against the Rockets in a 65-34 win.



Eastern Montgomery's Owen Keith shoots a layup against Craig County. Keith was one of four Mustangs in double figures with 13 points.



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Kellan Stewart grabs a defensive rebound for Eastern Montgomery against Craig County.

Radford girls take Region 2C swimming championship



Radford's Kennedy Fender performs an inward pike dive at the Region 2C competition at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center. Radford High School's girls swimming team is this year's Region 2C regional champions. Radford outdistanced second place James River 100-77.



Radford's Jillian Grim executes a back one and a half somersault pike dive during the Region 2C diving competition at Christiansburg Aquatic Center. Grim will be a favorite in the VHSL Class 2 championship.



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Radford's Joseph Epley performs an inward somersault tuck dive at the Region 2C dive competition. The Radford boys finished sixth with 35 points. Glenvar took the boys title with 121.5 points, and Galax was second at 95 points.

Christiansburg boys win Region 3D swimming



Christiansburg's Santiago Diaz Espinoza won the 200-yard freestyle at the Region 3D championship meet, with Blue Demon teammate Mason Hodges placing second.



Christiansburg's Michael Ridge tied Carroll County's Bradley Dalton for the Region 3D 200-yard IM championship, both finishing in a time of 2:12.08.



Christiansburg's Ava Leslie shows perfect form as she enters the water during the Region 4D dive competition on Monday at the CAC. Leslie was the winner in the Region 3D competition, with a score of 258.60.



Christiansburg's Laney Alderman took the Region 3D title in the 200-yard IM, winning in a time of 2:06.15.

Christiansburg High School claimed the Region 3D boys' swimming title this past week with the girls' team finishing as the runner ups.

The Christiansburg boys outscored William Byrd 105 to 97 with Carroll

County third with 96 points. The girls tallied 80 points with Hidden Valley winning the team title with 129 points. Lord Botetourt was third with 57 points.

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Christiansburg's Luke Rawlings executes a forward twisting one and a half somersault dive during the Region 3D competition on Monday. With a personal best this season of over 490 points, Rawlings is a favorite in the Class 3 dive competition.

Sports notes: ESPN to show RU baseball

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ESPN will televise the Sunday, April 12 Radford at High Point baseball game at 3 p.m. from Coy O. Williard Stadium in High Point, N.C., the conference has announced.

The broadcast will be the final game of the three-game conference series between the squads, as well as mark the Big South's 21st all-time baseball appearance on the network. Head coach Alex Guerra, who played two seasons at Radford from 2010-11, begins his fourth year leading the program, and received the NCAA's Award of Valor in January.

RU 4X40 top finish

The Radford University women's indoor track and field stood out at the Doc Hale Invitational in the Rector Field House at Virginia Tech.

For the second straight week, the Radford women's 4x400 meter relay squad of Hamrick, Jackson, Mattie Flores, and Raichelle Cornelius broke the school record. The time of 3:40.20 was four seconds faster than the previous record set two weeks ago in Blacksburg and was the second fastest in Big South history. The relay team ran away from the competition, taking first place.

RU hurler Baseball.com top prospect

Radford University sophomore pitcher Raymond Ladd was recently selected as the top Big South MLB Prospect for the 2026 draft.

At 6-foot-6 and 240 pounds, Ladd is an imposing figure on the mound and has the repertoire to match, featuring a fastball up to 95 mph and a devastating slider in the low 80s that brings a lot of air from opposing bats.

Ladd was limited to three appearances last season before going down with an injury but will be 100 percent heading into the spring. He posted an 0-1 record to go along with a 4.85 ERA and struck out 17 in 13 innings thrown last season.

His freshman year saw Ladd make 14 appearances, including seven starts, and post a 3-4 record to go along with an 8.40 ERA and 46 strikeouts in 45 innings thrown.

Ladd spent the 2024 summer in Danville as a member of the Otterbots where he posted a 1-0 record and 3.00 ERA and struck out 42 batters in 30 innings pitched.

Hokie signs soccer contract

Virginia Tech's Sam Joseph has signed with Portland Timbers2, as announced by the team last week.

Joseph, who went undrafted in the MLS SuperDraft 2026, earned his first MLS NEXT Pro contract after being invited by the Timbers as a trialist for

their 2026 preseason.

During his time in Blacksburg, Joseph made 16 appearances for a 7-4-5 and recorded seven shutouts in goal, one shy of matching the school record for shutouts in a season. The senior finished the 2025 slate with 46 saves and tallied a career-high 10 blocks at Clemson (Oct. 31).

Roberson preseason honors

Turning down professional baseball last summer to rise the collegiate ranks into the ACC, Virginia Tech junior pitcher Aiden Robertson has been named to the 2026 National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) Division I Preseason All-America Fourth Team, as announced by the organization on Friday.

Despite having yet to make his NCAA Division I debut, Robertson demonstrated coveted potential during his sophomore season (2025) at Walters State Community College, where he went 13-1 with a 4.12 ERA, recording 130 strikeouts through 89 and two-thirds innings pitched. During the 2025 MLB Draft, Robertson was selected during the 13th round by the Texas Rangers at No. 385 overall – above Virginia Tech's entire 2025 draft class – though declined to sign in favor of continuing his collegiate career with the Hokies in the ever-competitive ACC.

A native of Manchester, Tennessee, by way of Coffee County High School, Robertson cultivated a winning mentality during his two seasons at Walters State, where the Senators sported a 103-22-1 record spanning the 2024 and 2025 campaigns.

Gray joins Glasgow City

Virginia Tech alum Emily Gray signed a deal with Glasgow City FC on Saturday, Jan. 31, running until the summer of 2027.

Gray, one of the most prolific players in Hokie history, joins the Scottish club from Utah Royals FC in the NWSL after being on loan for two seasons.

Gray spent time in Denmark with Odense Boldklub Q and in Sweden with Piteå IF while on loan from Utah. During her time in Sweden, she made 24 appearances, scoring six goals and recording five assists.

She made her first appearance for Glasgow City on Sunday, Feb. 8, against Celtic Football Club in a 1-1 draw.

Gray joins fellow Hokie alum, Nicole Kozlova, at Glasgow City, who has been with the club since July 2024 on a two-year contract. Kozlova has appeared in 16 league games this season. She has scored eight goals in league play and 15 goals in all competitions, along with eight assists. She is the team's top scorer in both seasons with the club thus far.

Gray sits second in the Virginia Tech record book for points (78) and tied for fourth in goals (27). During her senior season, she led the team in points with 32, scoring 12 goals and 8 assists, upping her goal mark from her junior year by three.

Wingate golfer to Tech

Virginia Tech women's golf head coach Carol Robertson has announced the signing of Olivia Meinecke. She will join the Hokies for the 2026-27 season.

The Bielefeld, Germany sophomore

had a great a Freshman season (2024-2025) at Wingate where she was All-South Atlantic Conference second team choice and played 35 rounds with a 74.2 average, scoring average was third on Wingate team charts. She tied for seventh in SAC championship with a three-over-par 147.

In her sophomore season (2025-26), she had three top-five finish, four top-10s and four top-20 finishes and played 12 rounds with a 72.2 average in four tournaments this season.

Auburn players headed to Concord for baseball

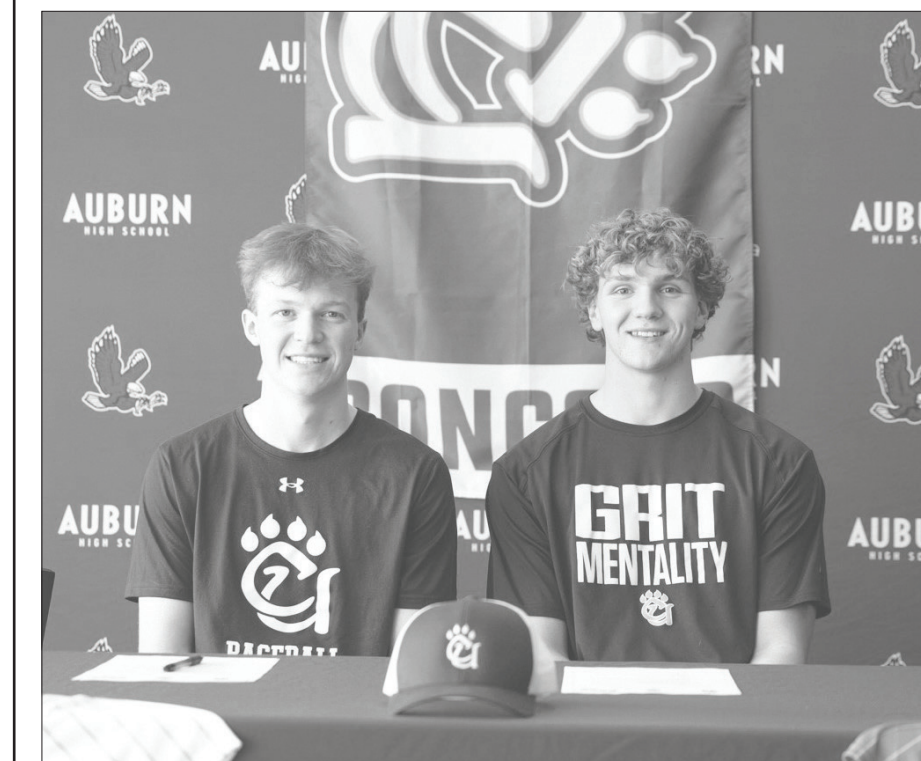


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Student athletes from Auburn High School made it official this week when they signed letters of intent to play baseball at Concord University. Matthew Altizer (left) and Brody Hensel will both play at Concord.

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East Mont girls get the win over Craig



Eastern Montgomery's Karsen Underwood scores against Craig County during a Wednesday night home game.



Eastern Montgomery's Olivia Boone drives and shoots against Craig County.



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Eastern Montgomery's Brookelyn Kingery slips past Craig County defender Daileigh Donithan on the way to scoring during a second half possession. Kingery had eight points in a 46-39 win.

Beta Sigma Phi honors Valentine Queen

The Alpha Mu Master Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority honored Phyllis F. Durham as their 2026 Valentine Queen Sunday, Feb. 8, 2026 at Bull and Bones Restaurant, Christiansburg.

During her 55 years of membership, Durham has served in a variety of offices, including president, and on numerous chapter committees. She has previously been recognized as Woman of the Year and Valentine Queen for the Chapter. A highlight of her membership was when she was honored with the Golden Circle Ritual, recognizing her 50 years of active membership at an impressive candlelight ritual. She also has been the recipient of the Order of the Rose Ritual and the Silver Circle.



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Phyllis F. Durham
Ferrell, last year's queen. She retired from Montgomery County Schools and resides in Christiansburg with husband, Larry.

Beta Sigma Phi

Durham has contributed to the betterment of the chapter and has given special leadership to the varied Service Projects which help members of our community in many ways.

In addition to gardening, growing roses, collecting dishes, Durham enjoys time with her two married children, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Durham was crowned by Sharon

Local experts share top cybersecurity concerns for 2026

Evolving technology around AI and quantum computing presented new cybersecurity threats in 2025. As 2026 moves forward, a collection of Virginia Tech cybersecurity experts predict the trends that will define this year.

Illegal robocalls, other scams set to rise

The combination of increased efforts and decreased regulation around scam calls and texts could well lead to an explosion of both in 2026, says Eric Burger, a professor of NextG security.

Companies will struggle to effectively balance cybersecurity vulnerabilities and expenses

While big enterprises might throw money that small businesses can't afford at cyber defense, both will have trouble assessing their risks and weaknesses, says professor of integrated security Wade Baker.

We will see an increased use of AI for cyberattacks

As artificial intelligence tools continue to advance and proliferate, they will also be increasingly used by hackers to develop more sophisticated cyber-attacks, says professor of cybersecurity and Executive Director of the Commonwealth Cyber Initiative Luiz DaSilva.

There will be added urgency to address unintentional wireless leaks

Unintended electronic emissions are emanations, such as those from common technology like monitors or keyboards, that could unintentionally leak secure information. Detecting and addressing these signal leaks is the next stage in wireless security, says professor of spectrum dominance and Associate Director of the Virginia Tech National Security Institute Chris Headley.

Virginia Tech

YMCA expands digital skill programs to prepare young people for work future



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Staff and students get ready for the new programs using the HP HOPE laptops.

The YMCA at Virginia Tech has announced the launch/expansion of its digital skilling and inclusion programs in Blacksburg, strengthening access to technology and future-ready skills for young people and community members through refurbished laptops provided via the HP HOPE program.

The devices will be integrated into The YMCA at Virginia Tech's Digital Hubs, community-based programs, and outreach initiatives, supporting digital literacy, workforce readiness, and learning opportunities for individuals who face barriers to accessing technology.

"At the YMCA, we see every day how access to technology directly affects a young person's ability to learn, work, and participate in society," said Ryan Martin, CEO at the YMCA at Virginia Tech. "As the future of work continues to evolve, these devices help ensure young people have the digital skills, confidence, and practical experience they need to navigate a changing world of work and opportunity."

Through its digital skilling programs, the YMCA at Virginia Tech supports participants in building foundational digital skills, exploring education and employment pathways, and developing confidence using technology in safe, supportive community spaces.

The refurbished laptops are provided through HP HOPE, a global initiative that supports digital equity by extending

the life of quality technology through responsible reuse. By combining access to devices with locally delivered programming, the YMCA at Virginia Tech is able to reach more learners and strengthen digital inclusion across its community.

This initiative forms part of the broader global collaboration between the YMCA and HP, which supports digital skilling and inclusion through more than 520 community-based digital hubs across over 23 countries worldwide.

"The YMCA at Virginia Tech is excited to announce the expansion of its community programming beginning in February 2026 with the next session of EnginEquity, a free, hands on coding and robotics workshop for youth," the YMCA announced. "This four week program will utilize the HP HOPE laptops to support participants as they explore coding concepts and learn to program robots through guided, creative activities."

Families can register their child for this no cost opportunity at: <https://vtyymca.org/programs/engineequity/>.

In addition to youth programming, the YMCA is developing new digital literacy workshops for adults. Session dates and details will be announced soon.

YMCA at Virginia Tech

Virginia State Parks campgrounds reopen Mar. 6

Burn restrictions in effect through April 30

RICHMOND – Virginia State Parks will reopen its campgrounds for the season Friday, Mar. 6.

Campsites are available for booking online through www.reservevaparcs.com.

Camper who make reservations should be aware that the 4 p.m. burning law is in effect through April 30. The law bans open fires, including charcoal and wood fires, between midnight and 4 p.m. The restriction applies to all areas of a park, including picnic and cabin areas with grills or fire rings.

During the burn restriction period, gas grills and propane stoves are allowed; however, some parks have personal grill restrictions, so visitors should contact the park before making plans to bring one.

An exception to the 4 p.m. burning law is campgrounds that have an on-duty camp host. In those situations, signage will indicate that open fires are allowed before 4 p.m. if they are maintained within a designated campfire ring or circle. The fire must be under constant supervision until it is completely extinguished. All flammable material should be cleared from a 20-foot area around the fire, and campers must have ready access to water, rake and shovel.

To check the camp host status, please contact the park directly. Primitive campgrounds do not have hosts. For more information about campgrounds, please go to www.virginiastateparks.gov.

gov. Visit the Virginia Department of Forestry website for more information about Virginia's burn ban law <https://dof.virginia.gov/wildland-prescribed-fire/fire-laws/4-pm-burning-law/>.

Managed by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, Virginia State Parks offers more than 1,800 campsites, with options ranging from primitive camping to RV sites with electric and water hookups.

Full-service campgrounds with bathrooms are open from the first Friday in March through the first Monday in December, with the exception of Douthat, Hungry Mother, Pocahontas and Shenandoah River state parks, which have full-service campgrounds open year-round.

Visit www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/camping for more details about reservations, cancellations and severe weather procedures. If you are traveling with horses, be sure to go to www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/horse-camping-trails-for-the-policies-dealing-with-horses-while-camping.

Reservations can be made at www.reservevaparcs.com or by calling 1-800-933-PARK (7275) and choosing option 5. You can make lodging reservations up to 11 months in advance and for camping, as late as 2 p.m. on the day of arrival.

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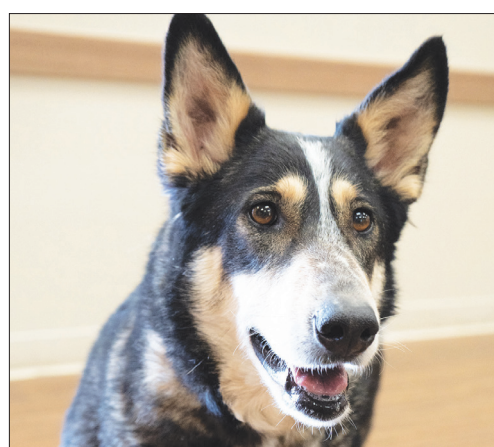
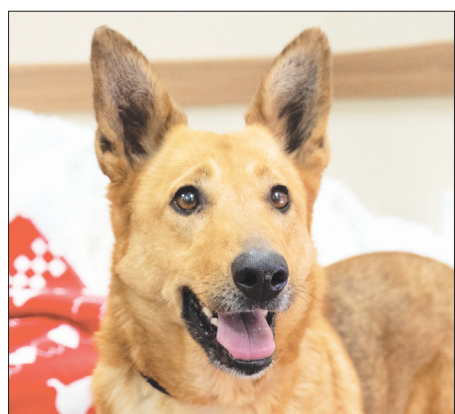
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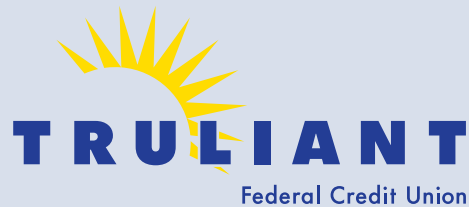
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Hedge - Yeatts Wedding



The wedding of Corey Joseph Hedge and Allyson Glynn Yeatts took place on October 18, 2025, officiated by friend, Lauren Lucas. The beautiful outdoor ceremony and reception was held at Buckeye Farm in Newport, VA in the company of family and friends.

The groom is the son of Gregory Tod Hedge and Kimberly Hayes Hedge of Radford, VA. He is the grandson of James Lee Hayes, Sr., and Rose Marie Angius Hayes of Radford, VA. He is also the grandson of the late Jerry L. Hedge and Dolly Smart Hedge, formerly of Radford, VA.

The bride is the daughter of Deborah Crocker Yeatts of Christiansburg, VA and the late George Glenn Yeatts. Her late grandparents were Leonard P. Crocker and Bettye B. Crocker as well as Carroll V. Yeatts and Lilye Tosh Yeatts, all formerly of Gretna, VA.

The Co-Bestmen were Sean Weston and Preston Chrisman. Groomsmen were Justin Carter, Sam Athanas, Evan Schrantz (brother-in-law of the groom), Steven Brower, and Johnny Soucek. Co-Maids of Honor were Janie Kelly and Whitney Petrie. Bridesmaids were Stephanie Whited, Brennen Wade, Heather Schrantz (sister of the groom), Danielle Schmith, and Carolyn Trainer.

The bride and groom are both graduates of Virginia Tech. After a honeymoon in Cancun, Mexico, they have established residence in Christiansburg, VA.

Chamber announces Member Magazine 2026 Cover Contest

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce invites all residents to help design the cover of the 2026 Member Magazine.

The contest is open to all Montgomery County residents. The theme is "celebrating Montgomery County's 250th Anniversary." Artwork should highlight the county's "landscapes, architecture, or other meaningful places/items that represent our history and community."

Submissions must be received by Mar. 20, 2026. The winning artwork will be featured on the cover of the 2026 Member Magazine. The winner will receive a certificate of recognition, and their name will be printed inside the magazine. All appropriate entries will be displayed in the digital version of the magazine.

By submitting artwork, residents give the Chamber permission to use the artwork in print, digital, and promotional contexts. For more information, questions or specifics on artwork size and other details, please contact marketing@montgomerycc.org. All entries also must be emailed to marketing@montgomerycc.org.

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