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Historic Crossroads Church installs new pastor

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On Sunday, March 30, the parking lot at Crossroads Church was overflowing. The pews were filled with more than forty souls who were eager to hear the word and celebrate the occasion. The historic church in the Fenwick Mines community in New Castle has witnessed ups and downs. As the gathering demonstrated, coming together in Christ is just what is needed. Deacon Steve Minnix led the service, acknowledging several needs in the community, both in the church and others in the area. A long list of community members were on the “prayer list” printed in the service program. Current Crossroads Church membership is approximately 50, and regular attendance is 35-40 each Sunday.

Crossroads Church was founded in the 1800s, with the church building being purchased September 26, 1886. In church records, Minnix noted “the property was sold for one dollar and various items of value.” Begun as a non-denominational group, also called a Union Church with the meaning that anyone could preach there, the church is currently a Christian Church. “Our

goal is to be a loving place where anyone can come to worship God,” Minnix stated.

Pastor Gary Burch gave the church board notice late in summer 2024 that he would be retiring. The board created a committee, interviewed several candidates and invited them to speak to the congregation. The membership of the church was called to a vote and Pastor Kenny Davis was chosen unanimously. At the Sunday service, Pastor Davis was installed and James Bradley was added as a deacon at the dedication ceremony. The church community, family members and others celebrated after the service with a generous and delicious potluck dinner.

Davis has a long history of service in the Craig County community. After retiring from the sheriff’s department in 2020, Davis faced several personal challenges with the health of his wife, the loss of his dad in August of 2021 and other needs from community members. “I was ordained into the church in 1993. I feel there is no greater calling,” Davis says. His work as a DARE officer in Craig County schools was impactful. “I know some members due to my connections with their children in school.”

Davis looks forward to the future



Kenny Davis is the new pastor at Crossroads Church.

at Crossroads Church. “We live in a very chaotic world... My desire is for Crossroads to be a place of spiritual healing, a place to come and meet God on a very personal level,” he stated. There have been discussions with other pastors about having community events, fellowship bringing people together. Possibilities include gospel sings, open air worship and revivals. The Easter Sunday breakfast, prepared by the men of Crossroads Church, is open to everyone. It will be held at 9 a.m. Sunday, April 20. Register to attend by contacting Steve Minnix stevejminnix@gmail.com.



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Crossroads Church hosted a celebration for the new pastor on Sunday March 30.



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Mike’s sign is up, and the building is painted.

Warmer weather means ice cream weather

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Spring is in the air and big change is about to happen in New Castle. Mike’s Dog House has expanded to a new location, a move to the corner of Salem Avenue (Rt 311) and Market Street (Rt 621). The building is painted outside with fresh colors and the upgrades inside are ready for action.

Family traditions include flavors and styles of ice cream. Some like vanilla. Some like chocolate, and some like bubblegum birthday cake with sprinkles. Mike’s has a reputation for delivering creative and tasty frozen treats. Surprises await as the opening of the new shop nears. Applications have been taken for new staffing. Watch for signs early in April about the

new menu options and some of the planned surprises. Mike Kendall shared with the Town Council in February that he expected to be open by April. “We’ll be open Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., with a few additions to the menu,” Kendall stated.

Another valued shop in New Castle is taking a much needed vacation this week. The ladies at Lemon and Vale Cakery will be closed April 1-9, to reopen Thursday, April 10. Their cinnamon rolls on Sundays, cake slices, soups and chicken salad have made their mark on local appetites. Regularly open Thursday through Monday, they’re busy creating tasty treats in coffees, teas, and sweets. On their return, the Easter goodies will be delightful.

As the weather warms

and more time is spent outside, recovering from the isolation of the winter months, planning for garden goodies becomes a priority. Vegetables, fruits and culinary herbs can be grown and shared by family and neighbors. Blueberries and strawberries will soon be available to plant, and may be producing fruit quickly.

Pick-your-own berry farms later in the season encourage taking the juicy fruits home to try in your favorite recipe. Craig County hosts several farms with opportunities to visit. Many bring products from the farm to the farmers market on Main Street, opening in May. Connect with local growers, farmers and eateries for the best experience Craig County offers.

New Appalachian Trail pedestrian bridge over Rt. 311 opens

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The new pedestrian bridge that carries the Appalachian Trail over Route 311 (Catawba Valley Drive) in Roanoke County opened on March 27. The bridge is located at the McAfee Knob trailhead of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail.

The bridge will enhance safety for pedestrians who park at the trailhead and cross Route 311 to access the trail away from vehicular traffic. The parking area at the trailhead that was closed during the bridge construction has reopened.

The Virginia Department of Transportation contracted with Stonewall Bridge Inc. from Vinton to build the bridge which will be maintained the National Park Service. The construction contract was valued at \$1.5 million.

The new concrete and steel bridge is 90-feet long, eight feet wide and spans 17.5 feet above the Route 311 roadway. The bridge has clearance similar to an interstate highway so standard commercial vehicles will be able to pass beneath the structure without restriction.

The bridge’s appearance blends in with the Appalachian Trail’s natural setting with gray architectural treatments to simulate rock. A sidewalk ramp was constructed to allow handicapped access from the parking area onto bridge.

VDOT, in partnership with the National Park Service, the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, Roanoke Appalachian Trail Club, Roanoke County and the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission, developed plans for the bridge as a long-term safety improvement.

“This bridge resulted from a great partnership between local, state and federal agencies and volunteer groups, and it will provide visitors to this popular location with a safety benefit for generations to come,” said Ken King, district engineer for VDOT’s Salem District.

“The level of support and

coordination for the construction of McAfee Knob trailhead bridge between municipalities, businesses, nonprofits, volunteers and the public agencies has been outstanding, and it speaks volumes about how cherished this stretch of the Appalachian Trail is,” said Appalachian Trail Conservancy President and CEO Sandi Marra. “I hope that the bridge provides a pathway for visitors to safely experience the transformational qualities that the Trail provides and enjoy the stunning view from atop McAfee Knob.”

“The Appalachian National Scenic Trail is a cornerstone of our region’s tourism, drawing visitors from across the globe,” said David Radford, Roanoke County Board of Supervisors chairman. “This new pedestrian bridge is an investment in both the visitor experience and our local economy, ensuring the trail continues to be a major draw for tourism. None of this would be possible without the collaboration of partner organizations and government agencies, all working together to make projects like this a reality.”

“This new bridge is a major enhancement atop Catawba Mountain,” said Martha Hooker, Catawba District Supervisor. “It significantly improves safety for the 50,000 hikers who explore our area each year, providing a more convenient connection over Route 311 and access to our beautiful natural landscapes. Infrastructure improvements like this ensure outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy a safer experience from start to finish.”

“Visitors to Roanoke County and hikers on the Appalachian Trail will find a safer and more enjoyable experience in Catawba and McAfee Knob thanks to this initiative,” said Ed Clark, superintendent of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail. “We are grateful for the collaboration with our many partners as we work to enhance the renowned ‘Virginia’s Triple Crown’ section of the AT.”

The McAfee Knob Trailhead Shuttle is available to provide transportation to and from the trailhead. Reservations can be made at <https://mcafeeshuttle.com>.

Virginia farmers share recommendations on national agricultural policies

RICHMOND—The commonwealth’s largest private industry is well represented on the national level by Virginia Farm Bureau Federation agricultural leaders.

Appointees to three of American Farm Bureau Federation’s 11 Issue Advisory Committees provide input and recommendations to the AFBF board on policy-related actions for specific agricultural topics, from farm labor

to environmental quality. They recently assembled in Washington to discuss key issues and advise the AFBF board on policy-related actions, and two of them shared feedback with the VFBBF board of directors.

“We comb through the AFBF policy book and make recommendations as experts in our field, which is humbling,” said Dr. Amanda Weakley-Scott, a Madison County livestock veterinarian

who serves on the AFBF Animal Health Issue Advisory Committee. She and her husband, Roger, also raise beef cattle and poultry. “While I serve as a veterinarian, I’m always learning. It’s neat to hear the different perspectives of animal health experts across the nation.”

Among the issues her committee discussed were avian influenza control; passing a 2025 Farm Bill and how nutrition assistance

program cuts in it may impact farmers and rural communities; Federal Drug Administration rules on livestock drugs; and farm security.

VFBBF board member Barry Bates, an Essex County cattle and grain farmer, briefed his state cohorts on regulatory challenges addressed by AFBF’s Environmental Water Issue Advisory Committee.

“Several of those issues pertain to Virginia,” he

said.

The committee discussed the threats of “forever chemicals” contaminating farmland; pesticide policies; protection of threatened species; updates to nitrate standards; and the Waters of the United States federal rule.

“W O T U S conversations could have taken all day,” Bates noted. “The more you read, the more complicated it gets, the more questions you

come up with.”

They also heard updates from congressional four corners representing the House and Senate Committees on Agriculture.

“Their major goal right now is trying to get a farm bill passed,” Weakley-Scott said. “But we’re thinking with funding and program cuts, it may or may not happen. It’s not an optimistic outlook,

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Couple Weds in the Bucket

by Peggy Walton staff writer
From the January 26, 1994 edition of
The New Castle Record

The Bucket, formerly the 311 Grocery, has united another Craig County couple in marriage.

Teri Brickey and James Bradley wanted to get married in the Bucket since they first met there, like many local couples have over the past decades. Even current bucket owner Betty Vermillion met her lifetime companion playing pinball at the New Castle restaurant.

"A lot of people met here," Vermillion said.

The Bradleys' had wanted to just walk right in and get married one day last week, but friends and family convinced them to wait until Saturday to perform

the restaurant nuptials. This afforded everybody time to make last minutes plans for a surprise wedding ceremony complete with decoration by local artisans.

The walls of the Bucket were decked with baby's breath, balloons, candles and ribbon designed by Janet's Petals. Homemade wedding cake was supplied by Reba Todd. Rob Stahl directed the nuptials, which were conducted right by the Bucket's wide screen television set.

The couple spent a lot of time together at the 311 Grocery, and couldn't think of a more fitting place to take their wedding vows.

"They fell in love here," said Vermillion.

-Prepared by Shelly Koon



FROM THE NCR ARCHIVES

Recipe of the Week



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Next week is my 60th birthday. I want to go on record that I hate surprises. So, no surprise parties please. That happened when I turned 30 and I still have nightmares about it.

My sister-in-law thought it was a clever idea to invite me to meet them for my birthday dinner at my favorite restaurant and when I showed up no one was there. This was before cell phones were owned by everyone. I didn't have one until 1996 and it only made calls and sent texts. Using the restaurants phone, I tried to call her and my parents a couple of times, but all I got was their answering machines. By this time, I was in tears. I hate being late to events and I thought I had gotten the time or place wrong. I was so confused. After waiting 30 minutes, I went home. Now, it is at least an hour past the meeting time for dinner. My dad calls me and wants to know where I am. I told him I went to the restaurant, and he told me everyone was at my brother's house for a surprise party, and I was supposed to be there. My sister-in-law forgot to find a way to get me to her house for the party. So, while I was distressed about being late and not going to the right place, I got to be "surprised" by friends who had no idea what was going on. So yes, I was surprised but not in good way.

What's the point of this story? I don't like surprises and jump scares are the worst. Jack in the box? Just no! I am reminded of this every time I need to use canned biscuits in a recipe. You've probably also met one of life's most perplexing forms of packaging: the paper pop can.

For as long as I can remember the thought of having to open those tubes leaves me in a ball of suspense and anxiety from the moment, I buy them. Why do I buy them you may ask? I don't know, apparently,

I'm into self-torture. I feel ridiculous about it, but I literally have to talk myself into opening them. Every time I'm standing there, spoon in hand giving myself a pre tube opening pep talk I wonder if anybody else loathes the task as much as I do. And literally EVERY time I'm like "oh that wasn't so bad", but I'm still terrified the next time I have to open one!

I can thank Lively B. Willoughby from Bowling Green, KY, for this trauma. He was an inventor of the pop canned biscuits. During the 1920s, he owned a wholesale bakery looking to perfect the concept of a ready-to-bake biscuit recipe. After losing his company during the Depression, he moved to Louisville to perfect his idea.

Willoughby finally got it right with Fleishmann's



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baking powder and an Epsom salt-lined cardboard tube, earning a patent for the process in 1931. He sold the popular "Ye Olde Kentuckie Buttermilk Biscuits" until joining forces with Ballard & Ballard Flour in the 1940s.

Pillsbury bought Ballard Flour shortly after that, which ushered in a new era for refrigerated dough.

Pillsbury rolls, particularly their biscuit and crescent roll varieties, are packaged in a tube-like container because it provides a sturdy, airtight seal that protects the dough during transportation and storage, allowing for long shelf life while ensuring the dough remains fresh and ready to bake when opened; the cylindrical shape also makes it easy to stack and ship efficiently.

Whether you open them with a spoon to the seam, smack them on the corner of a counter or twisting the tube with your fingers to open, it makes me jump every time they pop open. What about when you peel off the paper and it pops open on its own? Scrape me off the ceiling.

This week's recipe is one of my favorites that uses these evil cans. Cheesecake bars. Happy Birthday to me!

Sopapilla Cheesecake Bars

Ingredients

2 cans (8 oz) refrigerated Pillsbury™ Original Crescent Rolls (8 Count)
2 packages (8 oz each) cream cheese, softened
1 1/2 cups sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup butter, melted
1 tablespoon ground cinnamon

Instructions

Heat oven to 350°F. Unroll 1 can dough. Place in bottom of ungreased 13x9-inch (3-quart) glass baking dish. Stretch to cover bottom of dish, firmly pressing perforations to seal. In medium bowl, beat cream cheese and 1 cup of the sugar with electric mixer on medium speed until smooth. Beat in vanilla. Spread over dough in baking dish. Unroll second can of dough. Firmly press perforations to seal. Carefully place on top of cream cheese layer. Pinch seams together. Pour melted butter evenly over top. Mix remaining 1/2 cup sugar with the cinnamon, and sprinkle evenly over butter. Bake 30-35 minutes or until bars appear set when gently shaken. Cool slightly, about 30 minutes. Refrigerate for easy cutting. Cut into 4 rows by 3 rows. Cover and refrigerate any remaining bars.

Distracted Driving Awareness Month: Stay focused, stay safe

RICHMOND—There are countless distractions that can divert motorists' attention away from driving, and all it takes is a split second before calamity follows.

"In one accident, the insured's glasses fell to the floor," described John Agee, director of casualty claims for Virginia Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co. "He took his eyes off the road to find the glasses and reached down to get them. When he looked up, he had veered off the road, striking a parked vehicle."

That cautionary tale is why industry experts and safety advocates are using April's Distracted Driving Awareness Month to remind motorists

of the dangers when their attention is sidetracked.

According to Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles crash statistics, distracted driving contributed to 17%, or 21,528, of all traffic crashes in 2023. Of those, 11,521 collisions resulted in injuries, and 64 people were killed.

Cellphones remain a leading cause of distracted driving. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, which has a research center in Greene County, conducted a survey that found half of drivers engaged in at least one device-based task during their drives over the past month.

IIHS also found that a crash risk is two to six times greater

when drivers use cellphones behind the wheel.

Virginia adopted a hands-free law prohibiting drivers from handling cellphones while driving. Modern vehicles also offer voice-controlled interfaces to keep drivers' eyes on the road, but these don't eliminate distractions entirely. Studies show drivers still glance away to navigate menus or adjust settings, and issuing voice commands can create cognitive inattention.

"There are many 'old school' distractions as well," Agee said. "Like those from passenger activity, eating or reaching for items."

To continue combating distracted driving, advocates

are promoting a multifaceted approach. Along with strengthening hands-free laws and enforcement, leveraging social relationships is key. Discussions among friends, family, colleagues and coworkers can help make drivers more aware of serious dangers attributed to distracted driving.

Advancements in collision avoidance technology also show promise. Warnings and alerts can refocus a distracted, inattentive or tired driver's attention back onto the road. Some systems intervene to avoid crashes altogether if a driver doesn't respond fast enough.

IIHS offers the following tips for drivers to stay focused and

minimize distractions:

Place cellphones out of reach or use the 'Do Not Disturb' feature while driving.

Set GPS directions before starting the car.

Pull over for important tasks.

Secure loose items so they don't roll around in the car and cause you to reach for them.

Avoid multitasking: Don't eat, apply makeup or adjust controls while in motion.

Be well-rested: Drowsiness can lead to distractions and delayed reaction times.

Minimize background distractions by encouraging passengers to respect the driver's need for concentration.

-Virginia Farm Bureau

Shared-use kitchens break barriers for food entrepreneurs

RICHMOND—Shared kitchen spaces are sustaining the future of food entrepreneurship and transforming communities, according to a recently published report by the Virginia Foundation for Agriculture, Innovation and Rural Sustainability.

VA FAIRS is a rural business center that offers technical assistance to those transitioning into or involved in value-added agriculture. The foundation's research paper, titled "Shared Use Kitchen Facilities in Virginia," was released this month and spotlights an innovative industry on the rise.

Shared-use kitchens provide small food businesses and entrepreneurs with access to professional-grade kitchen facilities without the high costs of ownership. They also provide essential

services such as business planning, marketing, training, insurance coverage and storage distribution.

"Shared-use kitchens contribute to local economies by supporting small businesses, fostering innovation, creating local jobs and promoting local food production and consumption," noted Jacob Ver Beek, financial analyst for VA FAIRS.

Established during World War I, shared kitchens have evolved over the years. They gained traction in 2020 after pandemic restrictions eased, demand for new food businesses surged and startup costs skyrocketed.

"These spaces offer a cheaper, non-committal way to start a business, get your foot in the door, and make sure that you're making the right decision.

They also ensure you have the right products and the right people before making a large investment," Ver Beek explained. "It's also great to have sales data when applying for grants and loans."

Rising consumer interest in local food products, direct market channels and other factors are fueling demand.

There are over 600 shared kitchens in operation today. A survey of over 188 shared-use kitchens in the U.S. indicated recent momentum—with 50% of respondents forming their businesses within the previous five years, according to a 2020 article by The Food Corridor, a kitchen management software company considered a leader in the industry.

Lindsey Harper, kitchen coordinator

for Millstone Kitchen in Blacksburg, has welcomed a steady flow of new and expanding businesses to the shared-use commercial kitchen. It is operated by Live, Work, Eat, Grow, a local non-profit organization supporting sustainable community food systems, farms and gardens.

"One of the most rewarding things is seeing folks succeed," Harper reflected. "We've seen quite a few clients grow out of the kitchen, and a lot of members maintain success."

Next to offering state-of-the-art equipment and business support services, the kitchen connects members with industry professionals who can assist with business planning, marketing, food safety regulations and sourcing.

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but we're still hopeful."

Weakley-Scott was among several Virginia farmers invited to the first roundtable at the U.S. Department of Agriculture with newly appointed U.S. Secretary

of Agriculture Brooke Rollins in February to discuss avian flu; expanding access to capital for young farmers; lowering input costs; and disaster relief. Rollins pledged to address these

challenges, with reassurance that she would honor the financial commitments made to farmers.

"Our voices were heard just before she ran over to the

White House for a meeting with President Donald Trump," Weakley-Scott said. "Having the background in VFBF Young Farmers competitions like Discussion Meet prepared

me for opportunities like this. Otherwise, being at that table would have been very intimidating!"

-Virginia Farm Bureau

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ing local ingredients.

“We’re a tool for small businesses and the community,” she added.

To help grow the market, the VA FAIRS report offers guidance and financial projections for those seeking to implement a shared kitchen facility in various parts of the state.

“We definitely need more shared spaces,” Ver Beek emphasized. “We want to put more industry data out there to show why it’s feasible, why it makes sense for Virginia and how it

helps local communities.”

Shared-use kitchens offer localities a multitude of environmental advantages. They make more efficient use of energy, water and space by uniting multiple food businesses in one location. This helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions and helps preserve natural spaces.

Shared kitchen owners also can help combat food insecurity by supporting nonprofit groups and encouraging tenants to donate extra food and supplies to

in need.

Millstone Kitchen members help reduce local food waste by participating in the kitchen’s composting service and gleanng produce from local farmers. Members also get paid to cook around 140 to 200 meals weekly for donation to lower-income residents and homebound seniors.

“It’s really rewarding to be able to support other businesses as they help the community—that’s a really special

those

thing for all parties involved,” Harper remarked.

Ver Beek encourages those interested in opening a shared-use kitchen facility to contact VA FAIRS for tailored business planning services.

Read the full report at vafairs.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Shared-Use-Kitchen-Facilities-in-Virginia.pdf.

Visit vafairs.com for more information.

-Virginia Farm Bureau

VDOT Roadwatch

INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDENING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT EXIT 137 TO EXIT 141 – The \$179 million design-build project to widen both directions of I-81 between mile markers 136.6 and 141.8 from two to three lanes is underway. Work is being performed along a five-mile section of both northbound and southbound Interstate 81 in Roanoke County and the city of Salem. Barrier wall is in place along the shoulders. Two lanes of I-81 traffic in each direction are expected to remain open during the project with periodic lane closures scheduled during nighttime hours or outside of peak travel times as needed. Drivers can expect the following lane closures and upcoming traffic impacts in this area on northbound and southbound I-81:

ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC IMPACTS:

LANE CLOSURES: Alternating left and right lane and shoulder closures during nighttime hours between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, are possible. Lane widths will be reduced to 11 feet. Nightly lane closures may be in place along the right lane with possible nightly ramp narrows as needed for guardrail and shoulder strengthening. **FLAGGING OPERATIONS:** Flagging operations possible on Route 635 and Route 619.

UNEVEN PAVEMENT:

Drivers may experience some uneven pavement and/or rough surface throughout the project. **TRAFFIC SHIFTS:** Drivers may experience periodic lane closures, narrow ramps or quick merges into traffic onto Thompson Memorial Drive from the southbound or northbound exit ramps of exit 140 off of I-81. Work zone located at bottom of the ramp for work on the I-81 bridge at the underpass. **TRAFFIC SHIFTS ON WILDWOOD ROAD:** Expect a work zone with traffic shifts and narrow width on Wildwood Road after exiting I-81 southbound on exit 137 heading towards Salem. Southbound and northbound I-81 exit and entrance ramp narrows are possible at Route 311. **WORK ZONE SPEED:** Drivers should adhere to posted 60 mph speed limits in the work zone and allow space when following a vehicle. Narrow spacing in lanes due to barrier walls, lack of shoulders and lane shifts in various locations, are present.

The project also includes replacing six bridges, widening two bridges, installing approximately 2.6 miles of sound barrier walls along northbound I-81, improving the southbound exit 137 off-ramp intersection at Wildwood Road and adding interchange lighting at exits 137, 140 and 141. Expected

completion in early 2026.

I-81 WIDENING FROM MILE MARKER 143 TO 151 – The I-81 widening project is underway with periodic right and left lane closures in place during nighttime hours 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., on northbound and southbound I-81 for survey and preparation work. Ramps may be narrowed at exit 146 and 143. The expected completion for this project is summer 2031.

I-81 NB & SB DECK OVERLAY AT PEAK CREEK MILE MARKER 95.7 - Repair work is underway on the northbound and southbound bridges on I-81 over Peak Creek near mile marker 95.7. This repair work will require nighttime single lane closures for the duration of the project. Lane closures may occur nightly from Sunday night through Friday mornings between the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. For the deck overlay process, lane closures may be in place between Sunday nights through Friday mornings. For the southbound lanes these will occur between the hours of 7 p.m. and 10 a.m., and for the northbound lanes between the hours of 6 p.m. through 9 a.m. Details on these closures will be listed below on a weekly basis. Estimated completion is Summer 2025.

Deck work postponed due to cold weather. Alternating nighttime northbound and southbound left and right

lane closures may or may not be in place from mile marker 96 to 94 during the hours of 8 p.m. and 9 a.m. while other work on the project continues.

I-81 NORTHBOUND AT EXIT 105 NEW RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY – Traffic on northbound I-81 has been switched onto the newly constructed bridge over the New River at the Montgomery/Pulaski County line. Lane and shoulder closures may be in place near exit 105. Lane closure may be in effect during the week from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Shoulder closures may be in effect at any time during the week. Slow rolls may be performed on I-81 in the north and southbound lanes from mile marker 98 to 109. Speed limit is reduced to 60 miles per hour in the work zone. Shoulder closures will remain in place though

the duration of the project. Completion currently expected in fall 2025.

LANE CLOSURES: Nighttime left lane closures may be in place on I-81 northbound or southbound between mile marker 106 and 104 from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. **ROUTE 605:** Alternating lane closures and flagging operations may be present on Route 605, located under the New River Bridge, for paving operations and work overhead on the bridge. **SLOW ROLLS:** Slow rolls may be utilized periodically on both the northbound and southbound lanes from mile marker 98-109 for structural steel deliveries and setting beams. On Tuesday, March 25, daytime slow roll operations scheduled on I-81 northbound between mile marker 98-105 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

I-81 BRIDGE DECK REPAIRS – Weather permitting, crews will repair

bridge decks on Interstate 81 between mile markers 170 to 89, right and left lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

INTERSTATE 581 I-581 PATCHING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, beginning August 18, crews will perform paving and patching operations. Lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound, Sunday through Thursday, during nighttime hours, 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

INTERSTATE 77 (CARROLL COUNTY) I-77 PAVING & PATCHING OPERATIONS – Weather

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CRAIG COUNTY TIRE AMNESTY DAY ONE DAY ONLY



April 5th, 2025, Saturday

8:00 am to 4 pm (Or until Trailer is Filled)
Craig County Transfer Station
540-864-7105

One Day Only, turn in used tires (off rims) - NO FEES CHARGED
Individuals bringing in tires will be required to sign an affidavit stating tires originated in Craig County. Limit of 10 tires per individual residence. ONLY passenger car tires, lawn mower and small truck tires allowed.
For private residences only, NO BUSINESSES

TIRES ACCEPTED AT THE MAIN LANDFILL SITE ONLY
196 LANDFILL ROAD (ROUTE 609) NEW CASTLE, VA

CRAIG COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

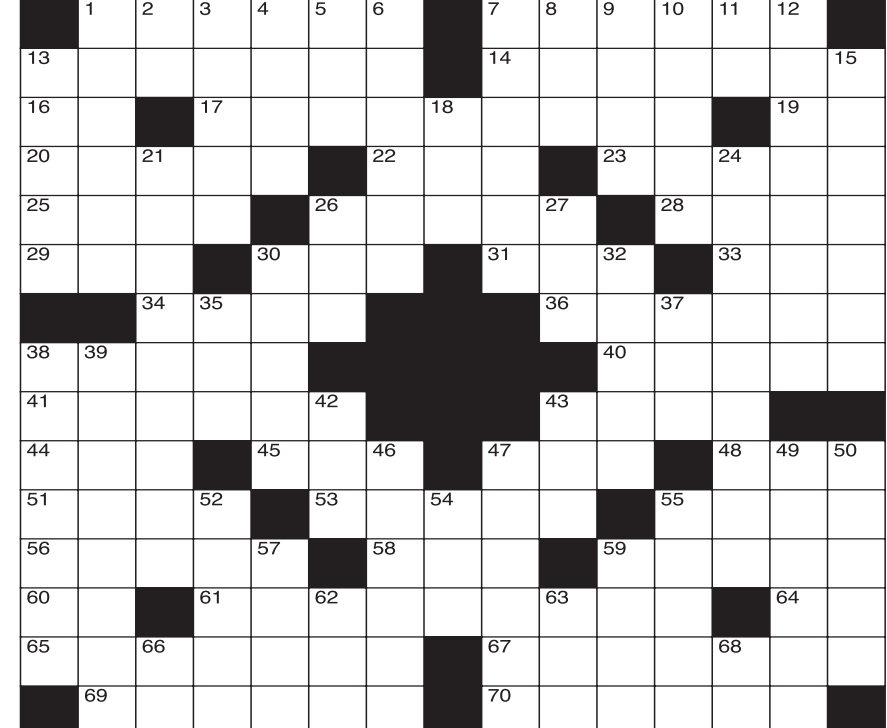
The Board of Supervisors of the County of Craig, Virginia will hold a public hearing to receive public input regarding proposed budgets from Virginia Department of Transportation.

This includes the Secondary System Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and the project priority listing for the Secondary System Six-Year Plan for Craig County Fiscal Year 2025-2026 through 2031-32.

The hearing is scheduled for April 17th, 2025. The Public Hearing, which may be continued or adjourned and will be held at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard during the Board of Supervisors meeting at the Craig County Courthouse in New Castle, Virginia in the Court Room. A copy of the budget may be requested at the Office of the County Administrator. Written comments may be submitted to the County Administrator’s office by email abryson@craigcountyva.gov, or mailed to P.O. Box 308, New Castle, Virginia 24127. All written comments must be received no later than 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 16th, 2025 . (540)864-5010

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CRAIG COUNTY, VIRGINIA

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- CLUES ACROSS**

1. Colas

7. Single-celled animals

13. The rear car of a train

14. Endangered

16. It cools your home

17. Helper

19. "The First State"

20. More aged

22. Partner to cheese

23. Type of wrap

25. From a distance

26. Satisfies

28. "Dallas Buyers' Club" actor Jared

29. God of battle (Scandinavian)

30. Cooking utensil

31. Soviet Socialist Republic

33. Able to perform

34. Big man on campus

36. Second epoch of the Tertiary period

38. Porticos

40. Alban and Peter are two

41. Gets up

43. Humble request for help

44. One-thousandth of an inch (abbr.)

45. Unhappy

47. Hint or indication

48. A way to plead

51. Digits

53. Broadway actress Daisy

55. Jewish calendar month

56. Author Gore __

58. Peacock network

59. White poplar

60. Promotional material

61. A period of calm

64. Take too much

65. Emit energy

67. Something you can take

69. Mended with yarn

70. Inconsistent
- CLUES DOWN**

1. Calm down

2. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)

3. One who pretends

4. Hang glide

5. Distinctive practice

6. Mariner

7. Peaks

8. Queens ballplayer

9. Geological times

10. Twofold

11. Atomic #13

12. Tranquillizing

13. Metric weight unit

15. Indicates

18. Unwanted rodent

21. Partly cooked with hot water

24. One who can be recommended

26. Resembles a bag or pouch

27. Midway between south and southeast

30. Sets up for a photo

32. California white oak

35. More (Spanish)

37. After B

38. Decorated tea urn

39. Island

42. Car mechanics group

43. Wordplay joke

46. Cut a rug

47. Prickly plant

49. Speech in praise of a deceased person

50. European buzzard

52. Influential linguist

54. West African languages

55. Siskel's partner

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63. Small, mischievous sprite

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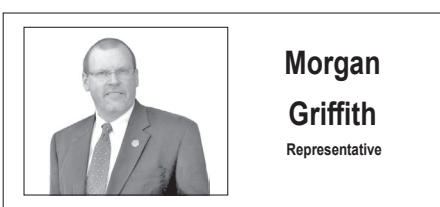
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OPINION

News from the 9th: Greenland: ‘A security black hole’



Morgan Griffith
Representative

As promised before the election, President Donald Trump committed to prioritizing the best interests of the United States by securing our homeland and combatting outside threats to our national security.

We have already seen important progress just months into Trump’s second term.

After a visit to Panama by Secretary of State Marco Rubio over concerns that Communist China exercised influence over the Panama Canal, Panama has initially accepted American overtures.

I discussed in a previous column that lawmakers from both parties expressed concern over Chinese-linked ports operating in the Panama Canal and the threats that posed to the United States.

Ports owned by the Hong Kong-based but Chinese-linked CK Hutchison Holdings is supposed to be sold to the American company BlackRock.

Additionally, Panama’s president announced his country’s withdrawal from China’s Belt and Road Initiative, a project meant to connect China to the rest of the world through the development of physical infrastructure such as ports and railways.

We will need to be vigilant on this issue. Time will tell whether Panama’s assurances and early actions are real or merely window dressing.

The Trump Administration is not just looking south of our border to protect U.S. national security interests.

The Danish territory of Greenland is viewed as another national security concern.

American interest in Greenland, an island more than five times bigger than California and more than three times bigger than Texas, dates back centuries.

Former Secretary of State William Seward, who helped facilitate the 1867 U.S. purchase of Alaska, remarked that acquiring Greenland was “worthy of serious consideration.”

Greenland was later an American protectorate in World War II. As a result of an agreement, America stationed forces in Greenland to deter the aggressionist aims of Nazi Germany (who invaded and occupied Denmark).

In 1946, U.S. officials made a \$100 million play to woo the Danes. Greenland, these officials believed, was a military necessity because of its location on the shortest polar route between Washington and Soviet Moscow.

While no deal materialized, American troop presence on the island lasted.

The only U.S. military base there today is the Pituffik Space Base. Pituffik is the Department of Defense’s northernmost installation.

However, more U.S. Arctic bases may

be needed to prevent an emerging threat.

Russian activity in the Arctic is concerning. Russia tests its nuclear deterrent and hypersonic missiles in the Arctic.

According to the International Institute for Strategic Studies, Russia’s Arctic Circle bases outnumber North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) installations by roughly 33 percent.

The shortest path by air to North America for Russian missiles or bombers would be over the North Pole.

An American Iron Dome defense system, a concept promoted by Trump, to defend us from such missile attacks means that Greenland will play a critical role in our air defense capabilities.

Additionally, the waters between Greenland and the United Kingdom are the only way Russia’s northern-based naval fleet can access the Atlantic Ocean.

If a global conflict involving Russia were to arise, unfettered access to the Atlantic and movement around the Arctic will be critical to Russia’s war strategy.

Given Greenland’s location, additional U.S. military installations will strengthen surveillance of Russian military activity and deter aggression in the Arctic.

Russian encroachment in the Arctic must be treated seriously. If not, we invite a national security disaster to our doorstep.

For years, Greenland’s “security

black hole” has frustrated observers and some security officials. Denmark consistently failed, as acknowledged by their defense minister, to make adequate improvements to its defense.

According to a 2021 High North News article, Denmark’s security of Greenland consisted of one aircraft, four helicopters and four ships!

Due to Trump’s Greenland concerns, Denmark is changing its policy.

This year, Denmark announced \$2.5 billion to boost military presence in the region and will raise their defense spending to more than 3% of gross domestic product.

While this is a welcome first step, future actions are needed.

For this reason, Vice President JD Vance’s travel to Pituffik is the latest development to illustrate our concerns about Greenland’s “security black hole.”

Given America’s status as the greatest defender of western civilization’s liberty and freedom, we strongly urge our allies in Denmark and Europe to heed American concerns.

Rubio’s visit to Panama yielded initial dividends. Vance’s visit might bear even greater fruit.

In an era where the Arctic is of increasing strategic interest to our adversaries, I will continue to monitor the Greenland situation and support the Administration in warding off threats to American national security.

Craig County Public Library Friends of the Library Annual Meeting coming up

The Craig County Public Library Friends of the Library (FOL) committee invites YOU to SAVE THE DATE for our upcoming annual FOL meeting with special guest author Martin Clark. Martin Clark is the author of six books with his newest title, The Plinko Bounce, being discussed during the meeting.

Martin Clark will join us at the Craig County High School Auditorium on Sunday, May 4th, 2025 @ 2 pm. The event is free with priority registration for current FOL members.

Martin Clark is a retired circuit court judge from Patrick County, VA. Mr. Clark is noted as one of the youngest judges in history appointed to the bench in the Commonwealth as he was thirty-two years of age at the time. His experience as a circuit court judge is evident in his career as a legal thriller author.

Sarah Lyall, a New York Times writer, stated in a review of Clark’s Bounce that he “brings an insider’s knowledge of the intricacies of the courtroom and an evenhanded, unflashy authority to his writing. His characters seem airlifted from another era when lawyers were honest and courteous and believed in one another’s good intentions.”

Library Corner

Michaela Crawford

Clark’s novels have appeared on multiple bestseller lists as well as numerous recognitions and awards for his novels from the New York Times, the Washington Post, Bookmarks Magazine, and the Boston Globe. He is the author of six books including The Plinko Bounce, The Substitution Order, The Jezebel Remedy, The Many Aspects of Mobile Home Living, Legal Limits, and Plain Heathen Mischief. The Craig County Public Library FOL is ecstatic to host Martin Clark and hopes you will join us in welcoming him to Craig County as well as supporting your local library by attending and/or becoming a FOL member.

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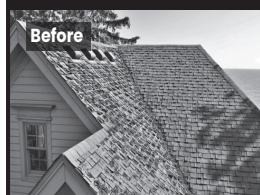
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO DECLARE INTERMENT RIGHTS ABANDONED

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Legals - City of Salem

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on April 16, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing,

pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Consider the request of Gwynn Properties, LLC, contract purchaser, to rezone the property located at 220 Brand Avenue (T/M# 74-2-8) from HBD Highway Business District with conditions to HBD Highway Business District.
2. Consider the request of Riverland Oaks, LLC, property owner, to rezone the property located at 19 Carey Avenue (T/M# 83-1-11) from RSF Residential Single-Family District to RB Residential Business District with proffered conditions.

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia.

At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: Christopher J. Dorsey Executive Secretary

Legals - Botetourt County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 249 RAINBOW FOREST DRIVE, BLUE RIDGE, VA 24064.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated May 26, 2021, in the original principal amount of \$310,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 210002895. 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 April 28, 2025, at 2:00 PM, 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, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BLUE RIDGE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, DESIGNATED AS LOT NO. 1, IN BLOCK 1, SECTION 2, SHOWN ON "MAP OF SECTION 2 OAK WOOD", MADE BY T. P. PARKER & SON, ENGINEERS & SURVEYORS, AND OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 192. 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

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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.bwwsales.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. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-364124-1.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 1412 Narrow Passage Road, Buchanan, VA 24066

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$260,988.00 dated June 24, 2022 recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for Botetourt County on June 24, 2022 as Instrument Number: 220002472, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction, at the Main entrance of the courthouse for the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, 1 W Main St, Fincastle, VA 24090 on May 2, 2025 at 4:30 PM the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and briefly described as: All that certain tract or parcel of land with improvements thereon located and appurtenances thereunto appertaining, situated in Botetourt County, Virginia, on the North side of Highway No. 43 (Narrow Passage Road, formerly Springwood Road) and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit; BEGINNING at a stake in the North line of Highway No. 43 (Narrow Passage Road, formerly Springwood Road), corner to the tract sold to Thomas Molony (see Deed Book No. 97, page 48, in the following name Clerk's Office), and thence with the latter, North 9° West 1382.5 feet to a stake in the outside line; thence with the same, North 49° East 150 feet to a stake in said line; thence a new line South 9° East 1470 feet to a stake in the line of said Road or Highway No. 43, and with the same South 79° 58' West 122 feet to the point of BEGINNING, and containing 4 acres of land, more or less. LESS AND EXCEPT 1.40 acres which William Owen Breedlove and his wife, Dolly Kelly Breedlove, sold to the Commonwealth of Virginia for Highway No. 81 — a description of which land so sold off and which is reserved and excepted from this conveyance will be found in Deed Book 139 at page 481 and Deed Book 149 at page 491, to which Deed Books and pages in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, reference is here and now made for a description of the land so sold to the Commonwealth of Virginia and which land is reserved and excepted and excluded from this Deed and Conveyance. Thus, the land hereby conveyed by this Deed contains approximately 2.60 acres, more or less; Tax ID: 22174. TERMS OF SALE: A bidder's deposit of \$11,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required in the form of a certified or cashier's check. Cash will not be accepted as a deposit. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustee may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. This is a

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communication from a debt collector. This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. (Trustee # 24-011096) Substitute Trustee: ALG Trustee, LLC C/O Orlans Law Group PLLC PO Box 2548, Leesburg, VA 20177 (703) 777-7101 website: www.Orlans.com The Vendor auction.com will be used in conjunction with this sale.Potential Bidders: For sale information, please visit www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832.

Legals - City of Radford

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317,20-104 Civil Case No.24-7300 VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF RADFORD

THE CITY OF RADFORD, VIRGINIA Plaintiff vs The heirs and devisees of HOWARD WALKER, deceased PATSY WALKER WHITTAKER, deceased The heirs and devisees of JOHNNY LEE WALKER, deceased JOHN "J.C. " WALKER JAMES TRACY CARLILION NEW RIVER VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Plaintiff for delinquent taxes against certain real estate described as follows: All that parcel of land in the City of Radford, Virginia, known as 2412 Second Street and designated as tax map number 19- (7)-SEC 17-14 standing in the name of Howard Walker, pursuant to Section 58.1-3965 et. Seq. of the Code of Virginia.

And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to ascertain the location of Emma Leigh Whittaker and Ma kea la Whittaker, whose last known post office address is 1780 Gallimore Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073; that due diligence has been used to ascertain the location of Melody Johnston Martin, whose last known post office address is 1408 Grove Drive, Pulaski, VA 24301; that due diligence has been used to ascertain the location of Thomas Linkous, whose last known post office address is 222 Allen Avenue #49, Radford, VA 24141; and that due diligence has been used to ascertain the location of Hallie Linkous, whose last known post office address is 108 Jeffries Drive, Unit J, Radford, VA 24141. It is ORDERED that this order be published once a week for two successive weeks in the Radford News Journal and that the parties named herein appear on or before 6.20.25, at 9:30 a.m. in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the City of Radford, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

Enter this 20th day of March, 2025, Angel Turpin CDC Clerk

I ask for this: James W. Elliott p.q. Attorney at Law P.O. Box 1410 Yorktown, VA 23692 (757) 898-7000

Legals - Montgomery County

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 & 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on April 14, 2025 at 7:15 p.m. in the County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to hear citizen

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comments regarding the Board of Supervisors' intention to act on the following Ordinance:

A request by **Fotheringay, LLC** (Agent: Balzer and Associates) for an amendment to the 2025 Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan to change the policy map designation of approximately 633.72 acres of property, located off Route 11/460 (Roanoke Road) between Crozier Road and Graham Street, from Resource Stewardship to Village Expansion. The request would further designate 307.72 acres of the total 633.72 acres in Village Expansion as Open Space, with the remaining 326 acres designated as Medium-Density Residential, within the Elliston Lafayette Village. The Medium-Density Residential policy designation permits single-family housing at a density of no greater than five dwelling units per acre. The property is further identified as Tax Map Numbers 072-A 2, 54.343 acres (Parcel ID: 023523); 072-1 56, 37.824 acres (Parcel ID: 013681); 059-3 58, 15.3 acres (Parcel ID: 013682); 059-3 57, 59, 60.7 acres (Parcel ID: 013683); 072-1 60, 73(1)6, 304.4 acres (Parcel ID: 013684) 072-A 4A, 0.04 acres (Parcel ID: 180205) and a 162.15 acre portion of Tax Map 072-A-4, 188.1 acres, (Parcel ID: 013680).

Copies of the proposed plans, applications, ordinances or amendments may be examined at the Department of Planning and GIS Services, County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Suite 2A, Christiansburg, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or at <http://www.montgomerycountyva.gov/pendingapplication> ns.

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A request by **Carriage Road, LLC** to rezone 1.571 total acres from Agricultural (A1) to Traditional Neighborhood Development Infill (TND-I), to allow a mixed-use development. The proposed mixed-use development will mainly consist of a community center, coffee shop, and soccer practice facility. The property is located at 1708 & 1714 Carriage Road, Riner, at the intersection of Carriage Road (State Route 704) and Five Points Road (State Route 671). The property is further identified as Tax Maps 119-A A 8, 9 (Parcel IDs: 070635, 070611), 1.571 acres, zoned A-1 Agricultural in the Riner Magisterial District. The property currently lies in an area designated as Village Expansion in the 2025 Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan, and is further designated as Mixed Use in the Prices Fork Village Plan. Copies of the proposed plans, applications, ordinances or amendments may be examined at the Department of Planning and GIS Services, County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Suite 2A, Christiansburg, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or at <http://www.montgomerycountyva.gov/pendingapplication> ns.

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A request by **J. William Colbert II Declaration Trust and Jo Ann Bandi Colbert Declaration Trust** for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow a Short-Term Tourist Rental within an existing single-family dwelling and attached accessory dwelling on property located at 1480 and 1482 Clay Street, approximately 0.07 miles from the end of state maintenance, 0.22 miles east of the intersection of Cedar Orchard Drive (State Route 1237). The property is further identified as Tax Parcel 041-A 63G (Parcel ID: 032846), 1.082 acres, zoned Residential (R-2) in the Mount Tabor Magisterial District. The property currently lies in an area designated as Residential Transition in the 2025 Comprehensive Plan. Copies of the proposed plans, applications, ordinances or amendments may be examined at the Department of Planning and GIS Services, County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Suite 2A, Christiansburg, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or at montva.com/pc.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 & 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Montgomery County Planning Commission hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on April 9, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to hear citizen comments regarding the Planning Commission's intention to act on the following request: A request by **Stateson Homes** (Agent: Balzer and Associates) to rezone 276.66 total acres, owned by Fotheringay, LLC, from Agricultural (A-1) to Planned Unit Development-Residential (PUD-RES), with proffered conditions. The proposed request would rezone a 32.52 acre portion of 53.343 acres of Tax Map 072-A 02 (Parcel ID 023523); a 35.531 acre portion of 37.824 acres of Tax Map 072-1 56 (Parcel ID 013681); 15.3 acres of Tax Map 059-3 58 (Parcel ID 013682); 60.70 acres of Tax Map 059-3 57, 59 (Parcel ID 013683); a 122.03 acre portion of 304.40 acres of Tax Map 072-1 60, 73(1)6 (Parcel ID 013684); and a 10.58 acre portion of 188.10 acres of Tax Map 072-A 4 (Parcel ID 013680). The requested rezoning would facilitate the development of a mixed residential development consisting of up to 409 residential units, at a density of 1.5 units per acre. The proposed development would consist of a mixture of single-family detached and single-family attached (townhouse and villas) residential units. AND

A request by **Stateson Homes** (Agent: Balzer and Associates) for a Special Use Permit to allow increased height in the PUD-RES zoning district on property owned by Fotheringay, LLC. The requested Special Use Permit would allow maximum height of 40 feet for single-family detached units and villa units and a maximum height of 45 feet for single-family attached (townhouse) lots. The property is currently located in an area designated as Resource Stewardship in the 2025 Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan. Copies of the proposed plans, applications, ordinances or amendments may be examined at the

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Department of Planning and GIS Services, County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Suite 2A, Christiansburg, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or at montva.com/pc.

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A request by Shah Development LLC for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow a Contractor's storage yard. It is proposed that an existing structure on the site will be used for storage as will on-site outdoor storage. The site is located at the western terminus of Flanagan Drive, Christiansburg (F060), and is located approximately 1.2 miles west of Riner Road (St. Rt. 8). The property is further identified as Tax Map 106- A 7C1 (Parcel ID: 290036), 18.784 acres, zoned Agricultural (A-1) in the Riner Magisterial District. The property currently lies in an area designated as Resource Stewardship in the 2025 Comprehensive Plan.

Copies of the proposed plans, applications, ordinances or amendments may be examined at the Department of Planning and GIS Services, County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Suite 2A, Christiansburg, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or at <http://www.montgomerycountyva.gov/pendingapplication> ns.

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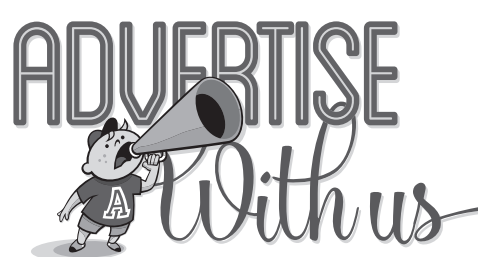
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**New River Valley
(NRV) HOME
Consortium &
Town of
Blacksburg
Notice of Public
Hearing
2025 Annual Action
Plan & Citizen
Participation Plan
for HOME
&Community
Development Block
Grant Programs**

In accordance with guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the NRV HOME Consortium and the Town of Blacksburg will hold a public comment period regarding the draft 2025 Annual Action Plan for the NRV HOME Program, Blacksburg's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and proposed revisions to its Citizen Participation Plan. The public comment period begins on April 2 and ends on May 1, 2025. The Annual Action Plan provides a yearly accounting of HOME and CDBG funds allocated to the implementation of objectives outlined in the Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan identifies community needs and proposed solutions in the areas of Housing, Special Needs, Economic Development and Non-Housing Community Development. The Citizen Participation Plan details how the public will be involved in CDBG and HOME program planning. Funding for the 2025 fiscal year is unknown at this time. This Action Plan was developed using 2024 allocation amounts of \$541,225 CDBG funds and \$547,113 HOME funds. All proposed project budgets will be proportionally

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increased or decreased to match actual allocations.

Contingent on funding, CDBG goals and proposed use of 2025 funds are:

- 1) Support affordable housing - \$355,558
- 2) Prevent and end homelessness- \$17,685
- 3) Support non-homeless special needs- \$59,736
- 4) Administration- 108,245

CDBG TOTAL - \$541,225

Contingent on funding, proposed use of 2025 HOME funds are:

- 1) HOME Administration - \$54,711
- 2) Community Housing Development Organization Operations- \$27,346
- 3) Affordable Housing Initiatives - \$236,137
- 4) Stroubles Ridge Project – \$70,000
- 5) Claremont School Redevelopment - \$158,919

HOME Total - \$547,113

The 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan, draft 2025 Action Plan, and draft revised Citizen Participation Plan is available at: www.blacksburg.gov/HUDpl an public hearing to share comments on the 2025 Action Plan and revised Citizen Participation Plan will be held on Wednesday, April 16 at 12 pm via zoom and 5pm in person at the Housing and Community Connections office, 303 Wilson Ave, Blacksburg. Please email jmmaher@blacksburg.gov for the zoom link or to submit comments. Accommodations for persons with disabilities and non-English speaking residents will be provided upon request. For additional information, please call (540) 443-1615.



Legals - Montgomery County

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia
VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,-317,20-104
Case No. **CA25000005-00**
MONTGOMERY COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT, 55 EAST
MAIN STREET, SUITE 1,
CHRISTIANSBURG, VA
24073

GILLIAN ROSE SCHNIDER
MANNEBACH and
MICHAEL CHRISTOPHER
MANNEBACH, Petitioners
v.
Commonwealth of Virginia,

The object of this suit is to:
ADOPTION OF CHILD TO
BE KNOWN AS CORY
ROSE IRENE RODGERS
It is ORDERED that
EDWARD LEE RODGERS
appear at the above-named
court and protect his/her
interests on or before May
16th, 2025
@ 9:00 AM.
Entered March 17, 2025
Honorable Robert M.D. Turk
Judge

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia
VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316-317,20-104
Case No. **CL25-260**

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE COUNTY
OF MONTGOMERY
COUNTY OF
MONTGOMERY,
VIRGINIA, a Political
Subdivision of the
Commonwealth of Virginia,
Complainant, v.
PATSY ANN CALDWELL,
ET AL., Respondents.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to
enforce the lien of the
Complainant, County of
Montgomery,
Virginia, for delinquent real
estate taxes against certain
real property located in the
County of
Montgomery, Virginia,
described as follows:

Tax Map No. 063-A-2-35,36
Account No. 002962

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All those two (2) certain lots
or parcels of land, with all
improvements thereon and
appurtenances thereunto
belonging, situate, lying and
being in the Riner
Magisterial District of
Montgomery County,
Virginia, and being Lots No.
Thirty-Five (35) and Thirty-
Six (36) as shown and
described on a map of the
portion of the E.P. Eskridge
Property on New River,
which map is recorded in the
Clerk's Office of the
Circuit Court of Montgomery
County, Virginia, in Deed
Book 111 at Page 186.

And being the same real
property conveyed to
Charles E. Caldwell and
Patsy Ann Caldwell,
husband and wife, as
tenants by the entirety with
the right of survivorship,
from Larry Snow Vaught
and Hilda May Vaught,
husband and wife, by deed,
dated August 28, 1967 and
recorded September 27,
1967 in the Clerk's Office of
the Circuit Court of
Montgomery County,
Virginia, in Deed Book 279
at Page 368.
This description is made
subject to all easements,
conditions, agreements,
restrictions, and
reservations of record which
affect the property herein
described including but not
limited to those recorded in
Deed Book 111 at Page 186,
Instrument Number
2019006289, Deed Book
306 at Page 417, Deed
Book 399 at Page 379,
Instrument Number
2020006394.

Deed Book 399 at Page
379, Instrument Number
2020006394.
IT APPEARING that an
Affidavit has been made
and filed stating that due
diligence has been used,
without effect, to ascertain
the identity and location of
certain parties to be served,
that the last known
addresses for the
Respondents herein are as
follows: Patsy Ann Caldwell,
who is believed to be

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deceased and whose last
known address is unknown;
Charles E. Caldwell, who is
believed to be deceased
and whose last known
address is unknown;
Carolyn A. Graves, who is
believed to be deceased
and whose last known
address is unknown; Harvey
Graves, whose last known
address is 1490 Mahone St,
Christiansburg, Virginia
24073; Ricky W. Caldwell,
whose last known address
is unknown; Gary W.
Barker, whose last known
address is unknown;
Charles E. Caldwell, Jr.,
whose last known address
is 1201 Virginia Ridge Dr,
Hardy, Virginia 24101;
Phyllis Jean Caldwell Poff,
who is believed to be
deceased and whose last
known address is unknown;
Monica Noble, whose last
known address is 3353
Vista Rd, Pulaski, Virginia
24301; and that any
officers, heirs, devisees,
and successors in title of
the Respondent named
herein are made parties
Respondent to this action
individually and/or by the
general description of
Parties Unknown, it is
hereby
ORDERED that the parties
herein and all Parties
Unknown and/or whose
location cannot be
ascertained appear on or
before May 1, 2025 in the
Clerk's Office of the Circuit
Court of the County of
Montgomery, Virginia, and
do what may be necessary
to protect their interests in
this cause.
Entered on the 24th day of
March, 2025
Honorable
K. Mike Fleenor, Jr.
Judge
I Ask For This:
John A. Rife, Esq.
(VSB No. 45805)
Jeffery A. Scharf, Esq. (VSB
No.30591)
Mark K. Ames, Esq.
(VSB No. 27409)

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 1035 CHESTNUT DRIVE, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073.

In execution of a certain
Deed of Trust dated
February 5, 2020, in the
original principal amount of
\$163,000.00 recorded in the
Clerk's Office, Circuit Court
for Montgomery County,
Virginia as Instrument No.
2020000865. The
undersigned Substitute
Trustee will offer for sale at
public auction in the front of
the Circuit Court building for
Montgomery County, 55
East Main Street,
Christiansburg, Virginia, or
any such temporary
alternative Circuit Court
location designated by the
Judges of the Circuit Court,
on April 28, 2025, at 3:30
PM, 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, LYING
AND BEING SITUATED IN
THE SHAWSVILLE
MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT
OF MONTGOMERY
COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AND
FURTHER DESCRIBED AS
FOLLOWS: BEING ALL OF
LOT FOURTEEN (14) ON A
MAP OF CRAIG
MOUNTAIN, SECTION
ONE, PREPARED BY
CLEMENCES AND DRAPER,
CLS, DATED JANUARY 6,
1971, WHICH SAID MAP,
ALONG WITH
CERTIFICATE OF CRAIG
MOUNTAIN, SECTION
ONE SUBDIVISION,
APPEARS OF RECORD IN
THE OFFICE OF THE
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF
MONTGOMERY COUNTY,
VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK
6, PAGE 77 AND DEED
BOOK 311, PAGE 217.
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.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.
For more information
contact: BWV Law Group,
LLC, attorneys for Equity
Trustees, LLC, 6003
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Rockets return from Spring Break

The Craig County spring sports teams will be returning from spring break this week but when they're back was yet to be determined at press time. Craig baseball and softball games on Monday were postponed with thunderstorms in the forecast and rescheduled for later in the month.

Weather permitting, three Tuesday

events were still on at press time. The baseball and softball team were scheduled to host Eastern Montgomery and the soccer team had a game in Elliston against East Mont. That was the scheduled season opener for the soccer team.

This year's soccer team is coached by Crystal Hickson. The team has seven seniors, Noah Brierly, Sean Cady,

Sarah Hickson, Tanner Owens, Jordyn Price, Talon Ritter and Montana Stein.

Nothing is on the docket for tonight but on Thursday the baseball team is scheduled to host Highland County at 5 pm and the Highland jayvees are here for softball.

Next Tuesday the softball team will make up this week's postponed game

with Smith Mountain Lake Academy, and that will be at 5 pm in New Castle. The baseball team is at Bath next Tuesday.

A week from today, on April 9, the track team will have their first event of the season as the Rockets head to Daleville for a 4:30 pm meet at Lord Botetourt High School.



Sean Cady(#14), Montana Stein(#29) and Tanner Owens(#16) are returning seniors for the Craig County soccer team.

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VHSL announces Class 1 All-State basketball teams

The Virginia High School League has announced the all-state basketball teams for Class 1 for both the boys and girls. The Pioneer District had a player selected to both the boys' and girls' team.

For the boys, Parry McCluer sophomore Langston Cook was named to the Class 1 first team. George Wythe's senior forward, Reed Kirtner, is the Class 1 Player of the Year and George Wythe's head coach, Tony Dunford, is the Class 1 Coach of the Year.

A two-time all-state first-teamer and a second-team selection last season, the 6'1" Kirtner averaged 20.2 points (627 points), 3.4 rebounds (106 rebounds), and 1.8 steals per game, leading the Maroons to the Class 1 state title. Kirtner saved his best for big games. He poured in a game-high 30 points and seven rebounds in the finals win

over Franklin, shooting 10-17 from the floor, including 5-for-10 beyond the three-point line. In the Maroons Region 1C championship game, he scored 27 points and 11 rebounds. Kirtner averaged 21.3 points per game in this year's state tournament wins over Chilhowie, Patrick Henry, and Franklin. He finished his career as George Wythe's all-time leading scorer with 1,680 career points.

For the second time in three seasons, George Wythe head coach Tony Dunford led his Maroons into the state finals with a 26-4 record and the school's second state championship with a 78-37 win over Franklin in the Class 1 finals. Wythe finished runner-up in 2023, falling to Lancaster in that year's final. Since taking over the program in 2019-20, Dunford's teams are 103-40 overall and 71-16 the past

three seasons.

For the girls' Narrows sophomore Karsyn Reed represents the Pioneer District on the all-state Class 1 team. Honaker senior guard/forward Alayna McNulty is the Class 1 Player of the Year and George Wythe's head coach, Doug Campbell, is the Class 1 Coach of the Year.

A first-team selection in back-to-back years, the 5'11" McNulty averaged 15.1 points, shooting 46.0 percent from the floor (170-367), and 8.1 rebounds (3.7 defensive/4.4 offensive) per game, while leading the Tigers to a 28-2 record, a Region 1D title, and a spot in the Class 1 Final Four before falling to eventual state champion George Wythe, 31-34. McNulty finished her Honaker career with 1,540 points, 871 rebounds, 247 assists, 278 steals, and 89 blocks.

George Wythe head coach Doug Campbell led his Maroons to a 27-3 record and the school's second state championship with a 66-44 win over Buffalo Gap. The only other state title for the Maroons came in 1989. Since taking over the program in 2013-14, Campbell's teams are 234-76 overall in 12 seasons, including a runner-up finish in 2017. Before taking over the Maroon program, he led the boys' program at Castlewood, compiling a 52-24 record and reaching the state quarterfinals in each of his three seasons at the school. He has a career overall record of 286-100.

Only those players selected to all-region first teams are eligible for selection to the All-State team. Each All-State selection committee comprises eight basketball coaches, with two from each Region.

Red Sox open this weekend

The Carolina League baseball season will open this weekend when the Salem Red Sox host the Delmarva Shorebirds in a three game series. The Shorebirds are a farm team of the Baltimore Orioles.

Opening day is Friday with the first pitch scheduled for 6:35 pm. On Saturday evening at 6:35 pm the Sox will celebrate the 30th anniversary

of Carilion Clinic Field in Salem, and Sunday's 1:05 pm start is a "Bark in the Park" day with dogs welcome.

The 2025 Salem team was breaking camp in Florida and arriving this week. This year's manager is Ozzie Chavez, who has been promoted to that position after spending the last two seasons as bench coach. He previously managed the Red Sox'

Dominican Republic Academy from 2019-22 and has been with the Boston Red Sox since 2015.

Once again the Sox are teaming up with the Virginia Tech School of Communication for the fifth consecutive year to broadcast all 2025 Red Sox home games. Braden Schenck will be the voice of the Salem Red Sox with games aired on streaming services and MiLB.com.

Roanoke College will induct five into Athletic Hall of Fame this weekend

Roanoke College will induct five new members into the school's Hall of Fame this weekend as part of the school's annual Alumni Weekend. The induction ceremony will take place at 7 pm on Friday night.

This year's class includes Steve Mason '91, Robin McLaughlin Gallagher '94, Melissa Slusher Rickmon '04, Matt Madalon '06 and Brandon Ketron '12

Mason earned First Team All-ODAC and Third Team All-American honors in both 1990 and 1991. A four-year letterman and three-plus-year starter for the Maroons, he led Roanoke to ODAC Championships in 1988 and 1990. Mason's play in goal was an important catalyst in the Maroons' run to the semifinals of the NCAA Division III Men's Lacrosse Tournament.

At his time of induction, Mason ranks as follows in the record books: second in career goals against average, fourth in career saves, fifth in career saves/game, sixth in career wins, and ninth in career save percentage. For a single season, he ranks sixth

in saves, fourth and seventh in saves per game avg. (two seasons), sixth in save percentage, and second, fourth, and fifth in goals against avg. (three seasons).

In 1990, Mason earned the Paul S. Griffin Award for dedication and leadership and in his senior year was selected as the Roanoke College Male Athlete of the year.

Following her graduation, McLaughlin was the women's soccer team's all-time leading scorer until the 2004 season. McLaughlin racked up 94 points on 41 goals and 12 assists in her time with the Maroons as a forward. She was a First-Team All-ODAC selection in 1992 and 1993 in addition to earning second-team honors in 1991.

McLaughlin helped power the Maroons to four straight ODAC Championship games including the 1990 ODAC Title. She was also a VaSID All-State and an NSCAA All-South Region selection as a senior.

Slusher was an integral part of the Roanoke College women's volleyball squad over

her four years. She helped the team to four playoff berths, which included two semifinals and an appearance in the 2001 ODAC Championship game. Slusher's play on the court assisted the team in earning the program's first ever regional ranking in 2002.

Slusher's standout performances garnered her three ODAC Player of the Week awards, First Team All-ODAC honors, and Second Team All-State accolades in addition to being a three-time Second Team All-ODAC selection. Her prowess on the court and in the classroom led her to being and Academic All-American nominee as well.

Slusher currently sits second in career attacking percentage (.346), career kills (1568), and single season kills (458 in 2002) as well as fifth in career digs (1073), and ninth in career aces (146) in the women's volleyball record book.

Madalon led the Maroons to back-to-back ODAC Championships and NCAA Tournament Final Four appearances in his three seasons at Roanoke. The goalkeeper



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was a two-time Second Team USILA All-American, two-time VaSID All-State, and two-time First Team All-ODAC selection. Madalon's work between the pipes earned him ODAC Player of the Year accolades and a selection to the USILA North/South All-Star game following his senior campaign.

At the time of his induction, Madalon ranks third in wins, third in saves per game, fourth in goals against average, and seventh in saves in the Roanoke career record book. He also holds third and 10th in saves and third in wins in the

single season categories.

Ketron was a three-time First Team All-ODAC honoree and finished top five as an individual in three of his four years at the ODAC Golf Championships. His career was highlighted by winning the 2012 ODAC Tournament as an individual and earning the 2012 ODAC Ted Keller Sportsmanship Award in his senior season. Ketron's contributions to the golf team led them to a second-place finish at the 2012 ODAC Championships, Roanoke's best conference finish since their ODAC titles in 1980 and 1981.