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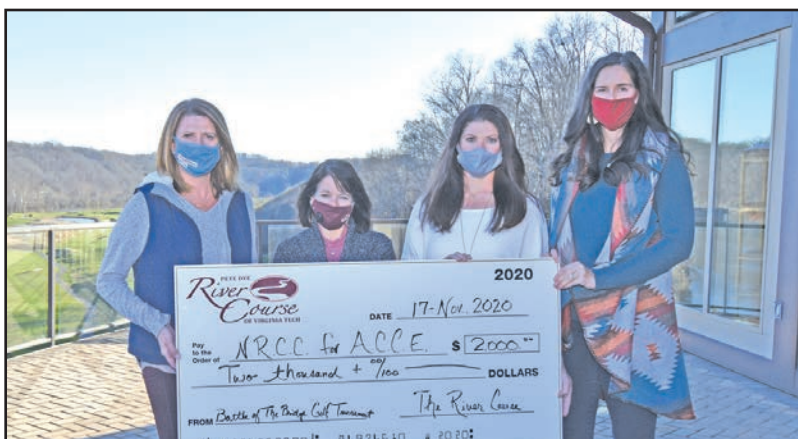
“Battle of the Bridge” golf tournament raises \$2,000 for NRCC ACCE program

The legendary rivalry between Pulaski County and Radford City recently moved to the golf course, and the golf tournament, held on Oct. 24, helped raise \$2,000 to support New River Community College’s Access to Community College Education (ACCE) program.

ACCE at NRCC is an economic development public/private partnership that makes college available debt-free to high school and home-schooled graduates by funding NRCC tuition for two years.

“ACCE supports the youth of participating counties and the City of Radford by making college within reach,” according to

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(Left to right) Angie Covey (New River Community College Educational Foundation), Fran Davis (Pete Dye River Course at VT), Erika Tolbert (NRCC Educational Foundation) and Micah Price (NRCC Educational Foundation) celebrate the success of the Battle of the Bridge golf tournament to support NRCC’s Access to Community College Education (ACCE) program.



Linsey Marr, the Charles P. Lunsford Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Virginia Tech, and an expert in airborne disease transmission, stands with Charbel Harb (left) and Jin Pan (right), both Ph.D. students. Photo by Alex Crookshanks Virginia Tech.

Study shows cloth face coverings help protect both wearers and those nearby

A newly-released Virginia Tech study examining the efficacy of common face coverings may help a concerned public breathe a sigh of relief.

The research, led by airborne disease transmission expert Linsey Marr, found, based on testing different materials, that a three-layer mask consisting of outer layers of a flexible, tightly woven fabric and an inner layer made from one of several materials designed to filter small particles, should provide at least 74 percent material filtration efficiency for the most penetrating particle size.

At a particle size of one micron — the average size of respiratory droplets produced during breathing and speaking — Marr and her research team found filter

materials can easily have a filtration efficiency of 75 percent with common fabrics registering at about 40 percent. When combined together in a face covering, the group calculated that materials should have an overall efficiency greater than 90 percent in some cases.

“Some people say, ‘Well, an N95 respirator can block 95 percent of that most penetrating particle size, and anything else is worthless,’” said Marr, the Charles P. Lunsford Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering in Virginia Tech’s College of Engineering. “It’s true that some of the cloth masks that we looked at only block 10 or 20 percent at that size. But

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Glencoe Mansion to host holiday exhibit of animated Christmas classics

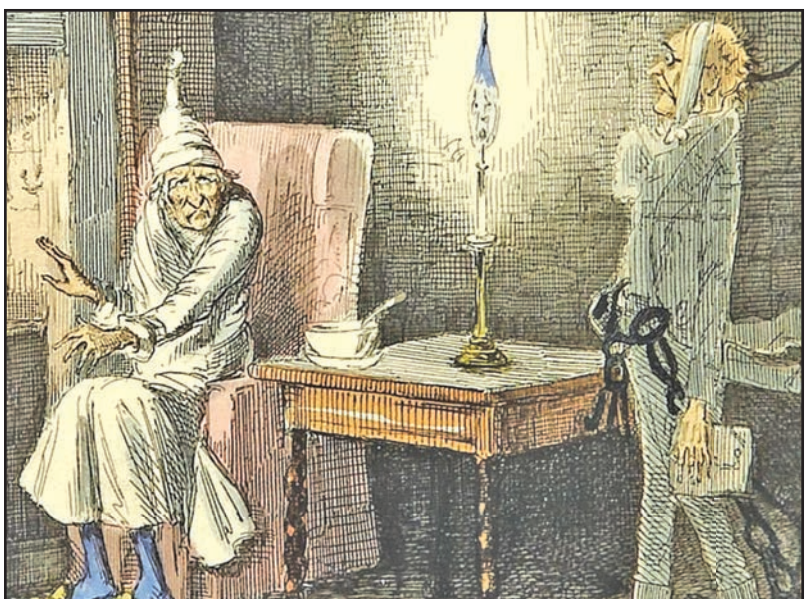
Beginning Tuesday, Dec. 1 and continuing through Feb. 5, the Glencoe Mansion, Museum and Gallery will present an exhibit titled “Misfits, Ghost and Goblins” that will highlight animated holiday movies and television specials.

The exhibit will focus on the main characters or unlikely heroes

of four classic Christmas stories that have all had multiple interpretations in print and film over the years. Each of four period rooms will be decorated along the theme of one of these well-known characters: Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, Jack Skellington, the Grinch and Ebenezer Scrooge.

Each of these characters, in one way or another, has helped spread Christmas cheer across the years. Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer used what set him apart to help Santa save Christmas. Jack Skellington from The Nightmare before Christmas brought Christmas to Halloweentown. The Grinch stole and eventually returned Christmas to Whoville, in the process learning that Christmas is a feeling more than it is just decorations. Finally, in the oldest story of them all, Ebenezer Scrooge starts out hating Christmas before coming to realize how important it really is.

The public is invited to explore the exhibit and see how our modern culture has been shaped by these beloved characters. During the duration of the exhibit, the Glencoe Gallery Gift Shop will be open for the same hours as the museum: Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. Offering local art and books by local authors, holiday shoppers can support local artists while finding the gifts to complete everyone’s Christmas list with one-of-a-kind purchases.



Scrooge and Marley

Ingles Castle Holiday Pop-Up Market set for Dec. 5



La Riviere (Ingles Castle)

RADFORD - La Riviere, Radford’s famous Ingles Castle, will host an open-air handcrafted Holiday Pop-Up Market on Saturday, Dec. 5, from noon to 4 p.m.

Fifteen local artisans will be on hand to sell their creations as holiday carolers provide some music of the season, all against the backdrop of the beautiful historic Ingles Castle, built in 1892.

The Holiday Pop-Up Market is presented by Mountain-Trotter Arts (MTA) in partnership with Ingles Castle-La Riviere and sponsor partners Ballpark Signs and New River Valley Rent All.

MountainTrotter Arts and Ingles Castle remind everyone who visits the market to practice safe COVID restrictions. Face masks are required and social distancing should be maintained. Persons who are sick or who have a fever or who have been around someone who is sick within the past 14 days are asked not to enter the market.



Handmade polymer clay earrings by Classic Murphy, one of the 15 artists participating in the Holiday Pop-Up Market at Ingles Castle.

Carilion Clinic to partner in study to measure extent of COVID-19 in Southwest Virginia

The Virginia Department of Health has awarded Carilion Clinic \$566,309 in CARES Act funding to conduct the first-ever seroprevalence study in Southwest Virginia.

Seroprevalence studies use blood serum to measure the level of a pathogen in a population. Previous seroprevalence studies have been conducted statewide, but this is the first study dedicated to Southwest Virginia.

The aim of the study is to better understand the number of people in Southwest Virginia who have COVID-19. It is hoped the study’s findings will also provide a better understanding of potential high-risk activities and their contribution to the spread of the virus in the region.

“Since the pandemic began in early March, we have learned a tremendous amount about COVID-19,” said Paul Skolnik, M.D., chair of Carilion’s Department of Medicine. “This study will allow us to determine the direct effect of the virus in our area.”

The study will measure SARS-CoV-2 antibodies in

individuals living in 22 localities in Carilion’s service region. The survey follows a summertime seroprevalence study led by the Commonwealth of Virginia, which Carilion participated in.

Study participants are needed.

There are a limited number of spots, so participants will be reviewed and granted access on a first-come, first-served basis.

“In addition to public enrollment, we’re recruiting participants from Carilion Clinic electronic medical records and the general public with the help of Virginia Tech’s Department of Population Health,” said Anthony Baffoe-Bonnie, M.D., director of Carilion’s Infection Prevention and Control. “Potential participants will take a 10-minute survey and consent to have five milliliters of blood drawn. There is no cost to our participants or their insurance.”

State funding from the CARES Act will fund 5,250 tests through Dec. 31, 2020. Blood draws will take place at Quest Diagnostics Patient Service Centers or Carilion hospital locations.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, Dec. 1

United Way Giving Tuesday
 This is a day to donate to support the New River Valley community and help neighbors in need. United Way's Giving Tuesday catalog (at <https://www.unitedwaynr.org/>) has examples of the impact a donation can make in New River Valley.
 Every gift will be doubled to make twice the impact. This year donors can choose to give in honor of a family member or a friend. The person so honored will be sent a thank-you email informing him or her of the gift and the impact it will have.

Wednesday, Dec. 2

Young Pros Mixer for Micah's Backpack
 The Blacksburg Young Professionals will celebrate the holidays together with a special mixer on Wednesday, Dec. 2, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Inn at Virginia Tech. Attendees are urged to wear a favorite holiday outfit. (Ugly sweaters are encouraged but are not required.)
 The Young Professionals will use the occasion to collect non-perishable food items for Micah's Backpack. All those who bring one item or more will be entered to win a \$10 gift card to Sugar Magnolia. Information about their food requests is available at <http://micahsbackpack.org/volunteer/>.
 Pre-registration is required. Attendees can register at <https://forms.gle/vuj2nVhFNjSneuU-JA>.
 The event will be limited to 25 attendees due to state mandates.

Friday, Dec. 4

Blacksburg Reverse Holiday Parade
 Due to the impact of COVID-19, the Town of Blacksburg will be staging a reverse parade where entries are stationary and spectators drive by to view them. Individuals and organizations are invited to participate in the 2020 Reverse Parade to be held on Friday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. This year's theme is North Pole Fantasy. The reverse parade will be held along the 900 block of Patrick Henry Drive. Parade participants will form a line and spectators will be able to drive along the route and see the parade. Participants may not have a Santa in their entry or hand out any type of materials or candy this year. For more information, contact Randy Hall at 540-443-1106 or rhall@blacksburg.gov.

Town closings; adjusted solid waste pickup schedule for Christmas, New Year's
 The town's facilities will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas day on Dec. 24-25.
 Solid waste normally scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 24, will be collected on Tuesday, Dec. 22, along with Tuesday's regular collection.
 Solid waste normally scheduled for Friday, Dec. 25, will be collected on Wednesday, Dec. 23, along with Wednesday's regular collection.
 The town's facilities will be closed for New Year's Day on Friday, Jan. 1, 2021. Solid waste normally scheduled for Fridays will be collected on Thursday, Dec. 31, along with Thursday's regular collection.

Monday, Nov. 30, Dec. 7, Dec. 14

Puppy Kindergarten Mini Course
 This class is for puppies 10 to 17 weeks of age. The class is designed to get the puppy off to the right start. The puppy will learn how to interact with people by sitting to greet and how to bite nicely. The class lessons cover how to teach sit, down and come.
 Owners will learn how to teach their puppy in a positive and proactive manner. They will learn how to deal with the typical puppy problems such as chewing, barking, mouthing and jumping up.
 This is a three-week course. The puppy comes to all classes. Please bring a chair. The class is taught outside at 4 p.m. as course #312230-D5. The cost is \$60 refundable and \$70 non-refundable.

Wednesday Dec. 2 and Friday, Dec. 4

Santa Claus is calling
 Santa Claus will be making personal calls to children 8 years old and younger beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 2 and on Dec. 4 if needed. Parents can let Santa know to call your child by filling out a form at the Christiansburg Recreation Center by 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 1 or by registering online at www.christiansburg.org/recreation.

Tuesday, Dec. 8

Radford Tree Lighting and Santa's Seven band
 The Radford Public Library thanks the Santa's Seven band for their donation of time and talents to the community. Formerly known as Santa's Ukulele Band, Santa's Seven is comprised of new members and has a more varied array of instruments. Santa's Seven will perform at this year's Tree Lighting Facebook Live event at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 10

Christmas at the Market
 The Christiansburg Farmers Market presents Christmas at the Market and tree lighting. This year's events will follow all safety guidelines and will be held outside. From 4-8 p.m., market vendors, local crafters and local businesses will be spaced 12-18 feet apart along Main Street from the square to the corner of Hickok Street. At 6:30 p.m., a tree lighting will take place in the town square. To prepare for the market, there will be no parking on Main Street after 10 a.m. on Dec. 10, and Main Street will close at noon to allow the vendors to set up. Main Street will reopen by 10 p.m. To reserve a place as a vendor at Christmas at the Market, apply by Monday Nov. 23, or until spaces are filled. Contact farmersmarket@christiansburg.org or call 540-382-2349, ext. 2017, for an application. No rain date has been set for the market and the tree lighting, but a live stream of the tree lighting will occur at a later date in case of inclement weather.

Ongoing

Wrapping for a Reason
 A holiday wrapping booth to raise money for local emergency assistance will be located in Uptown Christiansburg (formerly the NRV Mall), near Bath & Body Works. The wrapping booth will be open on the weekends Friday through Sunday through Dec. 16, then daily from Dec. 16 through Christmas Eve.
 Volunteers are needed to wrap gifts in a sanitary, socially distanced environment. All proceeds benefit the Montgomery County Emergency Assistance Program, commonly known as MCEAP, which provides emergency food, clothing, utility, rent and mortgage assistance to Montgomery County residents year-round. The sign-up link to volunteer is <https://tinyurl.com/w4r2020>.

Those unable to volunteer their time and talents this year can consider donating supplies such as hand sanitizer and disinfecting spray/wipes so all proceeds can go directly to help community members in need. For more information, email w4reason@gmail.com or text/call 540-239-1093.

Celebrate Native American Heritage Month with Mango Languages

Study Cherokee or Powotami on Mango Languages this month during Native American Heritage Month in November through the Radford Public Library. Participants who don't already have a Mango Languages account may call the library at (540) 731-3621 to create one.

Aquatic, Rec Center hours for appointments

The Christiansburg Aquatic Center is open by appointment only on Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Saturdays from noon to 5 pm. To make a reservation, visit www.cacpool.com
 The Christiansburg Recreation Center is open by appointment only Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. until 7 p.m., on Saturdays from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. and on Sundays from 1 p.m. until 7 p.m. To make a reservation, visit www.christiansburg.org/recreation.

Through Dec. 4

Glencoe Mansion Gallery Show by Portrait Artist Teresa Regil
 Glencoe Mansion, Museum & Gallery is hosting a gallery show by portrait artist Teresa Regil, "A Painted Portrait of a Beloved. A Family Heirloom." The show will be on display through Dec. 4. Regil is generously donating one of her paintings for a silent auction to help benefit the museum. The painting is her master copy of a work by her artistic inspiration John Singer Sargent. The piece will be open for bidding throughout the length of the show, and the winner will be announced at the end of the show. Everyone is welcome to visit the museum. There is no admission charge.

Through Dec. 31

Christiansburg Leaf Collection

The Town of Christiansburg's annual free leaf collection is underway and runs through Dec. 31, weather permitting. Public Works crews use a special truck that vacuums the leaves. Therefore, they will collect only piles of loose leaves; leaves placed in bags will not be accepted. Please do not place your pile of loose leaves in a way that blocks sidewalks, sanitary sewers, solid waste carts, drainage ditches or utility meter boxes. If you are concerned your leaves may blow away prior to pick-up, please place a tarp on top of your pile. Crews will remove the tarp when they get there, collect your leaves and leave your tarp behind.

Montgomery-Floyd Library Curbside only

All branches of the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library are offering only curbside pickup service (including remote printing). In-branch services are not currently available. Curbside hours are: Monday - Thursday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Please return all library items in the outside Book Drop. Visit <https://www.mfml.org> for more information.

Radford Public Library Resumes In-Library Appointments

Same-day in-house browsing and computer use appointments can be made Monday through Saturday on the hour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Staff will continue to ask screening health questions, take temperatures and require masks be worn as part of the ongoing process of in-library browsing. Children/youth under 18 are welcome to browse when accompanied by an adult. Please call (540) 731-3621 to schedule an appointment to browse or use the computers on Thursday through Saturday.

Radford Public Library Grab & Go Services

Monday through Saturday. Please remember that you can use the MyLibro app to search RPL's catalog and place holds as well as schedule pick-up times. For Grab and Go Prints, email the documents you would like printed to rad.lib@radfordva.gov, then call 731-3621 to make sure the document are received and schedule a time to pick them up at the building entrance. Prices are the same as usual (\$0.10 for black and white, \$0.25 for color), and exact change is appreciated when possible.

ACCE

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NRCC. "With the support of ACCE, students graduate from NRCC prepared to join the workforce or transfer to a four-year university without college debt."

The golf tournament was hosted by the Pete Dye River Course of Virginia Tech. Radford City Schools Partners for Excellence Foundation was the gold sponsor of

this year's event, donating \$1,000 to support ACCE. Other generous sponsorship support was provided by Fastenal, Gates Flowers & Gifts, H.T. Bowling, Martin's

Pharmacy and AECOM. Each participating golf team signed up to support either Pulaski County or Radford City, and the side with the most points got bragging rights. Radford teams finished first by one stroke. However, both sides won

as tournament proceeds will support ACCE students from both Radford and Pulaski County. Ballpark Signs created signage for the event. The tournament is on course to become an annual event, and a tentative date for next year has already

been set for Oct. 23. For information about how to become an early sponsor for next year's tournament, contact play@petedyerivercourse.com or call (540)633-1807. For more information about ACCE or to donate, visit www.nr.edu/acce.

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 1. 1965 PGA Champion David
 5. Pesetas (abbr.)
 9. So. Am. treeless grassland
 14. A fencing sword
 15. Do over, as of a house
 16. Confederate general Richard S.
 17. Seamen
 18. Honey bee genus
 19. City in central Poland on the Mleczna
 20. E. M. Forster novel
 23. Jenny __, Swedish soprano
 24. Illumined
 25. Escargots
 28. Surgical clamp
 33. Maize
 34. Ngerulmud is the Republic's capital

CLUES DOWN
 1. Denotes change of position
 2. So. Am. armadillo with 3 bands of bony plates
 3. About aviation
 4. Repairing worn shoes
 5. Decapods
 6. Having moderate heat
 7. Almost horizontal entrance to a mine
 8. Somali shilling (abbr.)
 9. Penetrable
 10. To be in store for
 11. People of ancient Media
 12. A way to work the soil
 13. Air-launched missile
 21. 1/1000 of an inch
 22. __ Mater, one's school
 25. Old English poet or bard
 26. Persian wheel used to raise water

CLUES ACROSS
 27. Spirit in "The Tempest"
 28. Drag, cart or haul
 29. If not, otherwise
 30. Coverings for wheels
 31. Having cognizance
 32. Lugs
 34. Sheet of glass in a window
 37. Cause annoyance in
 38. Sound of a horse
 40. Apparition
 45. Military land forces
 46. Selects by votes
 47. A shag rug made in Sweden
 49. Anchovy pear tree
 50. 8th Jewish calendar month
 51. Blood clams genus
 52. Birthplace & Protective Order of

CLUES DOWN
 53. Birthplace of Buddhism Bodhi
 54. Ancient Greek City aka Vella
 55. Capital of Yemen
 56. Golf ball pegs
 57. Engine additive

News Brief: NRCC to offer drive-through food pick-up, collection

New River Community College will be offering two drive through food pick-up and collection events to help students in need on Thursday, Dec. 3, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. outside of NRCC's uptown Christiansburg site and on Friday, Dec. 4, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the circle drive in front of Godbey Hall at NRCC in Dublin.

NRCC staff will be present to accept food donations or for students in need to pick up a box of pre-packed groceries. For those who want to make a monetary donation to support the student food pantry at NRCC, donations can be made through the NRCC Educational Foundation at https://www.nr.edu/foundation/giving_ways.php.

Historic Montgomery



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE MONTGOMERY MUSEUM OF ART & HISTORY
 This photograph was presumably taken on the extensive acreage that originally made up Christiansburg Institute's Scattergood Drive campus. Shown is the school's football team, probably around 1915. Notice the lightly padded leather and cloth helmets. (This image from the D. D. Lester Collection and many more are available from the Montgomery Museum of Art & History.)

Climate change is bringing warmer mountaintops and wetter coasts

At the edge of a retreating glacier, bedrock terrain that has been hidden under layers of ice is seeing light for the first time in several hundred years. On mountain peaks, trees experiencing warmer weather are gradually moving higher than established tree lines. Along Virginia's coast, sea levels are rising by as much as 1 inch every four years.

These seemingly small changes to our landscapes are the frontiers where two faculty members in the College of Natural Resources and Environment's Department of Geography are investigating how climate change will impact both the natural world and the communities where we live.

Professor Lynn Resler researches high elevation ecosystems in North America, studying the dynamics that contribute to alpine tree line vegetation change. An ecological biogeographer, Resler examines current ecological processes taking place in remote locations.

On Virginia's coasts, new lines of inquiry are also being fueled by and necessitated by climate change.

As sea levels rise and storms become more frequent and severe, there is an urgent need to understand community-scale responses to accelerating coastal risks. In Virginia, Assistant Professor Anamaria Bukvic works with stakeholders to capture their experiences with coastal flooding and the ways they are coping with it, to better inform adaptation and resilience policies and programs.

Resler, who has nearly 20 years of field experience working above the tree line in the Rocky Mountains as well as high elevation peaks in the Appalachian Mountains, has shown that vegetation characteristics in alpine environments are informed by a complex interplay between terrain topography and interactions taking place between plants and pathogens.

One example can be found in whitebark pine forests in the Rockies, where Resler and her collaborators provided crucial research on the spread of white pine blister rust, caused by an invasive fungal pathogen that moves from gooseberry or cur-

rant plants to white pines. While other studies suggested that high-altitude pines in cold, dry climates wouldn't be affected by the fungus, Resler was able to document the spread of the blight above the tree line.

More recently, Resler, who teaches courses in biogeography and mountain geography, has been researching ecosystems that develop as land becomes exposed in the wake of glacier melt in Montana's Glacier National Park.

As a human geographer, Bukvic studies interactions between people and places using mixed methods, such as geospatial analysis, interviews and surveys. She notes that the coronavirus pandemic has presented an obstacle in her efforts to interact with stakeholders.

"A significant portion of my work is done in person with communities and people," she said. "When we learned this past spring that we could no longer collect data in person, we had to quickly adapt and move all of our primary data collection efforts to different modalities, like mail and online surveys and interviews



The sea levels of Virginia's coast are rising. Professor Anamaria Bukvic of VT's geography department works with stakeholders on their experiences and decisions regarding coastal flooding. Photo by Ryan Young, Virginia Tech.

via Zoom. The silver lining is that COVID-19 has inspired us to innovate and develop new and complementary ways to conduct our research."

Bukvic further studies the impacts of recurrent or nuisance flooding on households' decisions to consider relocation.

Both Bukvic and Resler recognize that the Department of Geography has a crucial role to play in bettering our understanding

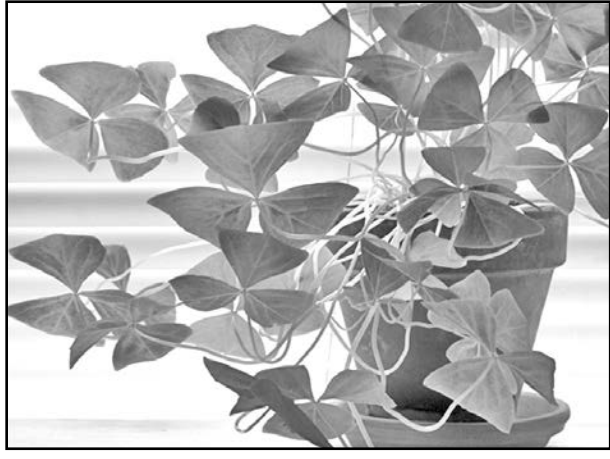
of the impacts of climate change in both the natural world and the human one.

"Our students are increasingly aware of emerging climate change issues and are interested in finding solutions for some of the pressing challenges that are already affecting natural, built, and human coastal systems," Bukvic said. "We have a unique opportunity to shape a new workforce of geographers who are equipped with

skills and knowledge to engage in a dialogue on coastal resilience and to actively influence the future of our coasts."

"I love to help students see the big picture, and field experiences are one of the best ways to achieve this goal," Resler said. "I think it's important to help them navigate broad-concept critical thinking while providing them with hands-on, course-relevant information."

'Dancing plants' research could help farmers better assess plant health



BLACKSBURG — Farmers of the future may have another crop health monitoring tool at their disposal: listening to how plants move.

That's the focus of Virginia Tech researcher Dr. Bingyu Zhao and his team in a new study on the microscopic movements and sounds of plants. Plants

are constantly moving, Zhao said, creating nuanced patterns that can change based on factors like water, light and nutrients.

"We've noticed that when the plant has been affected by a pathogen or is stressed, they slow down or reduce their movement," said Zhao, an associate professor in the university's School of Plant and Environmental Sciences. "In perfect health, a plant will move around to allow the leaves to capture more sunlight."

This subtle dance is undetectable to the human

eye, so Zhao and his team employed high-resolution cameras to capture time-lapsed video footage of the plants. The movement is then converted to sound through a process called sonification.

"You can listen to the plant movement pattern, and then you'll know whether the plants are healthy or stressed," Zhao said. "The tricky part is we need to find a way to differentiate whether it's a happy or sad sound."

Still in the very early stages of the project, Zhao said they're concentrating on plants grown in indoor, controlled en-

vironments, such as hydroponic operations and greenhouses. If successful, he hopes systems could be established to help crop farmers collect data and listen for different sound patterns to determine the need for more nutrients, less water or better light, or to detect disease.

Tony Banks, senior assistant director of agriculture, development and innovation for the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation, said smart farming is the future of agriculture efficiency and production.

"This type of sensory research is essential for developing 21st-century

sensors and automation," Banks said.

The monitoring system also could allow farmers to address problems sooner rather than later.

"Researchers are looking for technologies that help monitor plant stress before the obvious evidence, like wilting," said Dr. Susan Duncan, associate director of the Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station at Virginia Tech, which is helping fund the project. "Farmers can use technology to identify if the plant is approaching a stress level even though there may be no visual evidence yet."

Farm Bureau poll: Americans trust their farmers

Americans' perception of U.S. farmers is overwhelmingly positive, and a sense of trust has increased in recent months.

A new national public opinion poll from the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) shows more than half of the 2,200 adults surveyed have a positive view of farmers' sustainability practices, and 88% of them trust farmers, a 4% increase from AFBF's June 2020 poll.

"Americans have a high level of trust in farmers, and they understand that we're committed to protecting the soil, air and water," said AFBF President Zippy Duvall. "Our survey demonstrates that Americans are impressed by advancements in climate-smart farming, and we look forward to building on that success."

The poll explored how Americans believe sustainability efforts on farms

should be funded. Overall, the public agrees farmers shouldn't be expected to bear the financial burden alone. Seventy percent said government incentives to encourage farmers to adopt additional sustainable agricultural practices would be effective. More than three-quarters of adults believe it is important for the government to fund science-based research and improve infrastructure that supports agriculture.

Survey responses conveyed positive public attitudes about farmers' environmental sustainability achievements and the development of climate-smart farming in the future. More than eight in 10 Americans were impressed to learn farmers put 140 million acres in conservation programs and tripled the amount of food grown in the past 70 years using the same or fewer resources, according to data from

the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Wilmer Stoneman, vice president of agriculture, development and innovation at Virginia Farm Bureau Federation, thinks Thomas Jefferson said it best. "Agriculture is our wisest pursuit, because it will in the end contribute most to real wealth, good morals, and happiness," Stoneman quoted. "These results show that we all believe that as well," Stoneman said.

The poll revealed a lack of public awareness of agriculture's relatively small contribution to greenhouse gas emissions in the U.S. with more than four in five adults unable to correctly identify agriculture's impact. However, nearly half of adults correctly ranked agriculture as the smallest con-

tributor to greenhouse gas emissions by economic sector. The EPA reports that agriculture accounts for 10% of total U.S. emissions, far less than the transportation, electricity production, commercial and residential, and industry sectors.



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OPINION

Evans King: Remembering the books of my childhood days

My oldest grandchild Maggie is a beautiful and energetic 8-year-old who lives in Ohio and reminds me so much of her mother. She is already an aspiring and talented gymnast, doing cartwheels and back handsprings around the house constantly.

Much to my delight, Maggie was named after my late aunt, who taught government and English for about 40 years at Christiansburg High, epitomizing the phrase "old maid school teacher." My aunt would be so pleased to know that she lives on through present-day Maggie. I am sure that more than a few of my readers had my aunt for a class or two in the day.

Until recently, Maggie's parents were concerned about her studies. It was not that she didn't get good grades and wasn't progressing nicely through school. But she was not a voracious reader as many young girls are at the time of that great discovery of the

marvelous worlds that can be brought alive through books. Maggie, like too many of her contemporaries, has preferred watching movies on an iPad or television or her many activities.

She was also displaying "blonde-like" symptoms of naïveté and gullibility to the point that her mother once said, "Well, let's hope she stays beautiful." One of the funniest lines of all time.

Recently all of that changed when Maggie became turned on to reading through a series called "Rainbow Girls" or something like that. She has quickly moved on to the Harry Potter series and has her nose stuck in a book instead of an LED screen these days. But she's still a sweet and thoughtful little girl.

All of this reminded me of how my education and love of reading and writing was enhanced by the children's series of my day. Like many kids

growing up in the 60's, mainly boys, I early on became immersed in the Hardy Boys series (girls had Nancy Drew, who may have had more fame).

Frank and Joe Hardy were teenage boys who drove "roadsters" and had "chums" and considered themselves amateur sleuths, "following in the footsteps of their father, Fenton Hardy, an accomplished private detective. Interestingly, Frank and Joe always bested their Dad in solving the latest mystery in Bayport, a small town on Barmet Bay that seemed to have an inordinate amount of crime for the era.

I read 40 or so of the Hardy Boys books after discovering a few copies on the bookshelves in my cousins' house. The books were written by "Franklin W. Dixon," who I later learned was an amalgamation of several writers using that pseudonym. I could not wait to finish one book in order to start the next.

I recall that next for me was

the Tom Swift series. Tom was a teenage inventor, primarily interested in space exploration. Kids' science fiction. I think that this was the case of an earlier radio series about a space pioneer named Buck Rogers meeting the developing NASA race to the moon. There were several iterations, and, like the Hardy Boys, several writers authored the books under the pseudonym Victor Appleton and later Victor Appleton II (featuring "Tom Swift, Jr.").

While I loved the books, it was an early indication that I was not going to become an engineer. I couldn't even follow what Tom's early contraptions could do. And the books were written for kids! Way too technical for someone with my non-scientific mind.

My greatest memory of this series was the spawning of the "Tom Swifty," a writing convention in which the author used adverbs or adjectives as puns to attribute statements. A

few of my favorite examples: "I have only clubs, spades and diamonds," Tom said heartlessly.

"Your fly is open" was Tom's zippy reply.

"I have no flowers," Tom said lackadaisically.

Oh, well, they were funny at the time, and if you can find an old Tom Swift book (I have several on one of my bookshelves), you won't have to read long to come across a few Tom Swifties.

These books paled in comparison, however, to the true literary love of my prepubescent childhood, the Chip Hilton series, written by Clair Bee, a legendary college basketball coach of the 1940's. Chip was the All-American boy and the hero of his era. Losing his dad in a kiln accident while in high school, Chip helped support his single mom while starring in football, basketball and baseball at Valley Falls High.

The series followed him

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Home Country: From A Cowboy's Guide to Growing up Right

Steve was just sitting there on the tailgate of his pickup, looking out at the world and thinking he's doing all right. The two little kids walking down the sidewalk saw their favorite cowboy sitting there and grinned.

"Hi Steve!"
"Oh hey there, Bobby ... Sylvia ... how you kids doing these days?"

"Had a good Thanksgiving. Yep. Getting ready for Christmas. Bobby was

telling me just a while ago that he wants to train horses, like you, when he grows up."

"I told you not to say anything, Syl, but there you go again. Now Steve will think all I want is horse training lessons."

"Horse training lessons?" Steve said. "Now that would be a good idea, actually. It's always a smart thing to learn from others' mistakes before you make the same ones."

"Mistakes?"
"See this scar on my arm?" They both nodded. "Barbed wire fence at 27 miles an hour. Horse didn't have a mark on him."

"That was a mistake?"
"Sure was, Bobby. I wasn't supposed to ride that horse. I was about 12, and they told me to ride something gentler."

"But you didn't, huh?"
"No, Sylvia I didn't, because when you're 12, you already know more than

the grown-ups around you. It was great, being that smart when I was only 12."

The kids examined every inch of the scar. "I bet you learned, huh?"

"Oh sure, I learned never to run a fractious horse along a barbed-wire fence. And I learned other stuff, too. My right leg's been broken once and I couldn't work for almost two months. My left foot was stomped on and two

bones broken by a draft horse I was shoeing, and this scar on the back of my neck? Low branch on a tree and a runaway colt. And on this other arm ... see these? That's all from a horse jerking his hoof while I was shoeing him and I hadn't clinched the nail yet."

Bobby thought for a minute. "That's a lot of learning, Steve. Did it hurt?"

"Every one of them and

a couple I don't show to anyone. Are you ready to learn how to be a cowboy? Need some scars?"

"I ... well ... I guess I'd better ask my folks first."

By Slim Randles

Brought to you by A Cowboy's Guide to Growing up Right. Look it over at www.riorandebooks.com. Avuncular tips from a guy who made lots of mistakes.

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Financial Focus: Protect your finances from cyberthieves

You've no doubt heard reports of personal data being stolen and used for financial fraud, anything from online shopping on your credit cards to actual theft from your financial accounts.

This problem won't go away anytime soon, but you can take steps to defend yourself.

Here are a few suggestions:

Use multifactor authentication or other extra security options with online accounts. Many of your online accounts

offer extra security by giving you the option to prove your identity in different ways. With multifactor authentication, you must provide at least two different factors to prove your identity when you log in to an account. This additional layer of security provides you with much greater protection.

Be creative with passwords. Create different passwords for work, financial services sites, social media and email and give each password some length and complexity. Consider passphrases, actual words combined with symbols and numbers (for example, "ThisIsAPassphrase!2468"), for sites that allow them.

Protect your computer and your key data. Keep your antivirus software updated. And don't install bootleg or unlicensed software, which

could infect your computer with a virus. Also, back up your important data.

Watch out for fake websites or apps. When making financial transactions, be sure you're on the website of your bank or financial institution and not on a fake site established by hackers. Your financial statements should have the legitimate website, so bookmark it and use it when doing anything with your accounts. Also, be careful when downloading apps; stick with those from established providers such as Google Play or the App Store.

Avoid "over-sharing" on social media. Cyberthieves constantly stalk social media platforms for information they can use to commit their crimes. You can help stymie them by limiting what you share

online. It's a good idea to keep your full name, address and birthday private. You might also avoid discussing your plans for upcoming vacations. And review your privacy settings periodically so that only people you know or approve can see your information.

Limit use of public Wi-Fi. Hackers often set up their own Wi-Fi networks in public areas, such as the computers found in hotel business centers. Ask an employee for the name of the legitimate network. And even when you use it, log off when you're finished.

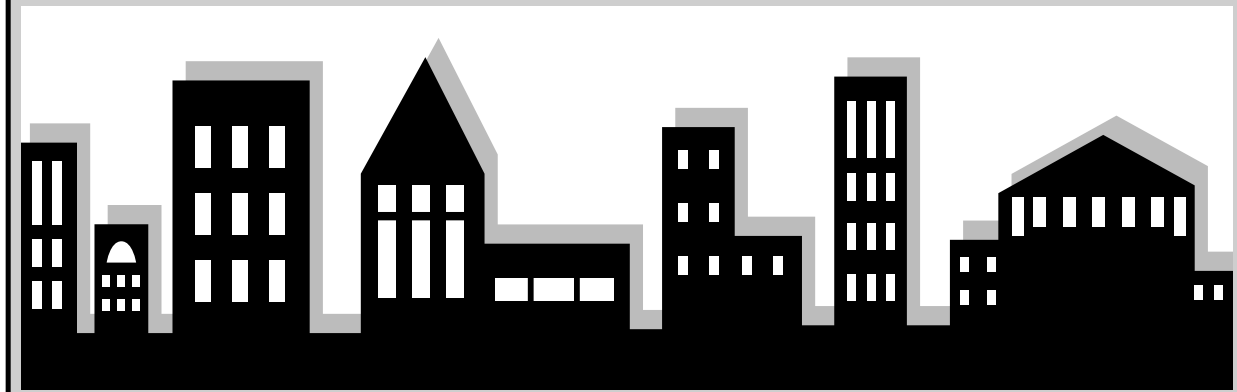
Don't take the bait of "phishers." Cyberthieves go "phishing" for sensitive information such as usernames, passwords and account numbers by sending communications, such as emails,

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Enjoy more time outdoors (even when it's cold)

The amount of time people spend outdoors has dramatically decreased, as the Environmental Protection Agency now reports the average American spends 87 percent of his or her time in a residence, school building or workplace.

Being outside is linked to better moods, more physical activity and less exposure to contaminants (concentrations of some pollutants are often two to five times higher indoors). Also, people who spend time outside may not come into contact with surface germs or develop various illnesses spread as often as those who spend a lot of time indoors.

Cold weather can make the desire to be outside less appealing, but it is important for one's mental and physical well-being to get outside. The following activities might coax people outside for some crisp air.

Create snow critters

Why do snowmen and women get all of the fanfare this time of year? Just

about any living or fictional creature can be molded from snow and embellish landscapes. Use food-grade coloring in spray bottles to add even more creative flair to snow designs.

Go on a nature hike

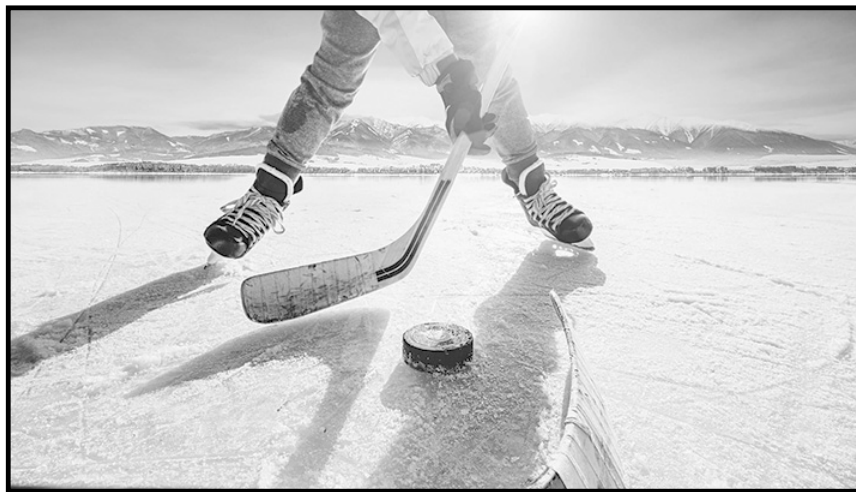
While many plants and animals hibernate in winter, there is still plenty to see. Bring along a sketch book or camera and capture nature in winter. White-washed hills can be beautiful to behold, and many small animals and birds look even more vivid against the white backdrop of snow.

Make an obstacle course

Turn an area of the yard or park into a homemade obstacle course. It's much more difficult, — and a great workout — to try to jump over snow mounds or run down paths when decked out in warm layers. Engage in lighthearted competitions with friends and family members.

Build a bonfire

Children can set off in different directions to gather up firewood to craft



a bonfire with adults in a safe location. S'mores taste equally delicious whether it's warm or cold outside, and in winter they can be accompanied by toasty mugs of cocoa.

Get sporty

Sledding, skating, snowshoeing, and ice hockey are just a few of the winter sports that can get the heart pumping and muscles working outside. These activities are entertaining and also great exercise.

When venturing outdoors in winter, dress in layers. This way clothing can be put on or taken off to reduce the likelihood of hypothermia.

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ANGLICAN CATHOLIC

St. Philip's Anglican Church, 306 Progress Street, NE, Blacksburg, Virginia 24060, (540) 552-1771, www.stphilips-blacksburg.org. Reverend Fr. Wade Miller, Priest. Sunday Morning Prayer 9:45 AM, Sunday Morning Eucharist 10:30 AM, Traditional Anglican Worship using the King James Bible, 1928 Book of Common Prayer, And the 1940 Hymnal.
St. Thomas Anglican Church- located at 4910 Hubert Rd, NW Roanoke, Va. Traditional Liturgical Lenten Services, Sunday at 10:30 am. Call (540) 589-1299 or visit www.sttofc.org for midweek masses and events. (In Roanoke, go E on Hershberger, L on Hubert to 4910).

BAPTIST

First Baptist Church, 555 West Rock Road, Radford, 639-3873. Rev. Corwin C. Casey, Pastor. Worship with us: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.; Praise and Worship: 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service; Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Corinthians 15:58.

First Baptist Church on 3rd Ave., 215 Third Ave. at the corner with Downey St. We are committed to personal spiritual growth and to providing leadership in community ministry. We celebrate the dignity and worth of all persons, created in the image of God. Sunday Bible Study Groups - 9:45, Sunday Worship - 11:00. Website: www.fbradford.org, 540-639-4419. Worship is broadcast live on 105.9 FM, 101.3 F, 1430AM.

Trinity Community Church, 1505 N. Franklin Street, C'burg. John Altizer, Lead Pastor, Brian Cockram, Associate Pastor, 382-8121. Worship at 10:45 a.m., Outreach Ministries - 6:00p.m. Wednesday, Growth Groups - 5:00p.m. Sunday, Youth and Children's Ministry - 5:00p.m. Sunday, www.trinitycburg.org.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Blacksburg Church of Christ, 315 Eakin St., 552-1331. Sun. Bible Classes 9:30 a.m., Sun. Worship 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m., Wed. Bible classes, 7 p.m., Outreach Minister Curt Seright, Community Minister Tom Gilliam, Campus Minister Deonté Watkins.

CHURCH OF GOD

Childress Church of God, 4187 Piney Woods Rd., C'Burg. 381-3693. Sun. School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m. & Wed. 7 p.m.

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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I Need Help

Read Psalms 11:1 through 18:50

Many of the Psalms are full of praise to God. We sometimes visualize David as peacefully strumming a harp as he quietly watches a flock of sheep grazing on a grassy slope. Psalm 13 presents a different picture.

David apparently had doubts, troubling thoughts, and enemies. Things did not always go well for him. In the first part of this psalm, David, in authentic transparency, expressed some real concerns. He apparently had enemies who were getting a little too close for comfort. The amazing part is how, in spite of the chaos around him, David made a decision to trust God.

But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation (Psalm 13:5).

Everything does not always go well for us either. We face challenges that seem overwhelming, and we do not always see a clear path through the jungle of everyday life. But God is our Source of help, and we can trust Him to get us through!

Prayer Suggestion: Father, I do not feel up to the task that is before me at times, but I have decided that I will trust You.

Quicklook: Psalm 13:1-6

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Radford Church of God in Christ, 206 Russell Ave., Radford. Supt. Ronald A. Watson, Sr.; Elder, 639- 5948. Sun. School 9 a.m.; Prayer 11:30 a.m.; Worship 6 p.m.

LUTHERAN

Christ Lutheran Church, 201 Harvey St. Sunday worship with communion at 10am; fellowship & snacks at 11am. All are welcome. Upcoming events and fellowship opportunities (Senior Brunch, Faith & Film, Rough Draught, etc.) detailed in weekly email and on website: clcradford.org. 540-639-2671.

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS

Merrimac Pentecostal Holiness Church, Rev. Larry Christopher (540) 552-7194. lchristopher695@comcast.net. Sunday school at 10 a.m. and morning worship is 11 a.m. Evening service at 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Radford Worship Center, 1820 Second Street, Radford, 639-6287, Our music is passionate, our worship is real, and Pastor Hal Adams brings relevant messages for everyone at any place on their journey, Sunday Worship Experience at 9:00 AM & 10:45 AM, Wednesday Family Night at 7 PM, Children Ministry provided for all services, join us as Love, Grow, Serve, find us on facebook and Instagram

Walton Pentecostal Holiness Church, 4003 Morning Glory Rd., off Walton Rd. on Rt. 114. 731-1755. Lee Sarver, pastor. Sun. School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m. & 6: p.m., Wed., 7 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN

Join us at **The Presbyterian Church of Radford**, 201 Fourth Street, at the corner of 4th and Randolph Streets. Phone 639-2585. Worship at 11 am in the parking lot. In case of rain, the service will be streamed on Facebook. Bible study on Tuesday at noon, also on Facebook. Find us on Facebook (The Presbyterian Church of Radford) and on our Website (www.pcradford.org) The mission of our church is to exhibit our belief in God's love for us by sharing and extending that love to all of our brothers and sisters. Kelsey and Peter Hawisher-Faul, Pastors.

UNITED METHODIST

Asbury United Methodist Church, 500 Stuart Street, Christiansburg. 540-382- 0743. Rev. Ryan Schaeffer. Sunday School, 10:15 a.m., Sunday Worship, 11:30 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7pm, alternating month's with Schaeffer Memorial Baptist Church, Senior Bible Study Thursday, 10:30 a.m. All are welcome.

Central United Methodist Church, 803 Wadsworth Street, Radford. 639-3529. 8:30 a.m. Sunday Services: 8:30am (interpreter provided); 9:45am Sunday School (interpreter provided); and 11:00am. Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30pm. Child care is provided. www.centralmethodistchurch.com.

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 220 W. Main St., C'Burg. Rev. Moonsup "Paul" Song (540) 382-2410. Sunday Worship 10am, Sunday School 9am. Live streaming Sunday Service - www.twitch.tv/stpaulumc

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OBITUARIES

Gravley, Dalvin Lee

Dalvin Lee Gravley, 57, of Parrott, passed away Thursday, Nov. 12, 2020.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred and Ruth Gravley; and a sister, Rita Gravley.

Survivors include sisters and brothers-in-law Joan and Rusty McCoy, and Mary and Rocky Cullop; brothers and sisters-in-law Rickey and Diane Gravley, Ken and Theresa Gravley, and Tony and Donna Gravley; and nu-



merous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A memorial service was held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 16, 2020, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford with Pastor Eddie Dalton officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the funeral home to offset funeral expenses.

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

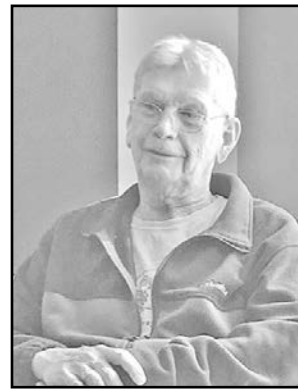
Roope, Larry Wayne

Larry Wayne 'Dirty Larry' Roope, 69, of Pulaski passed away Nov. 16, 2020, with family by his side.

Born March 3, 1951, to the late Estel E. Roope and Nellie McDaniel Roope, he was preceded in death by his sister, Nancy Roope Spraker, and her husband, Richard.

Larry is survived by his loving wife, Rachel Roope, and beloved dog, Sadie Jane. He was Dad to Bradley Roope and Hillary, Thomas Phillips and Melinda, John Lewis Phillips and Jessica, Deanna Roope Alls and Brent. He was PawPaw to Katelynn, Samantha, Madison, Cory, Alivia, Jesse, Cooper, Tucker, Peyton, Lennon, Caylix, and Caiya. He was the baby brother to Donald E. Roope and Bessie and Sue Roope Shores and Larry. He will be missed by numerous nieces, nephews, friends and family members.

Larry was a graduate of Dublin High



School, class of 1969, and New River Community College. He was an employee at Radford Foundry and retired from Volvo Trucks.

Larry always found the humor in everything. He was always telling inappropriate jokes and stories. That's how he got the nickname 'Dirty Larry.' Larry loved the outdoors and spent time hunting and fishing. He especially loved going to The Cabin in

Grayson with family and friends. One of his most memorable trips was during the summer when he chased Brad and Thomas with a black snake.

The family will have a private service.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hunters Helping Kids, 4039 Black Hollow Road, Dublin, VA 24084.

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

Linkous, Wilbur "Buddy" G.

Wilbur "Buddy" G. Linkous, 83, of Sunnyside, Va., went to be with his Lord and Savior on Nov. 15, 2020.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ruby Harless Linkous, and his second wife, Reba Bailey Linkous. He is survived by one sister, Viola Norfleet of Windsor, Va.; and his sisters-in-law Annie Lee Linkous Lawson and Mary McGuyer Linkous.



Buddy lived the last nine years of his life

in Floyd County with his niece, Diane Linkous Cole, and her husband, David E. Cole.

The family would like to extend a very special thank you to each of our children, Dr. Keith Madsen and the staff at Carilion Clinic Home Care NRV and the staff at Amedisys Hospice.

Visitation was held on Friday, Nov. 20, 2020, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at McCoy Funeral Home, followed by a graveside service at Harless Cemetery.

Grayson, Jr., Eugene Howard

Eugene H. Grayson, Jr., a retired Army colonel and longtime helicopter pilot, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 8, 2020, after a valiant fight with cancer that was Agent Orange related.

He was a native of Radford and is survived by his wife of 60 years, the former Betty Davis, also a Radford native; sons Howard and Jeffrey (Heather); grandson Jeromy and granddaughter Jillian; grandson Holland (Faith), and granddaughter Reese; and great-granddaughter, Kinsley; sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary Hite and Thomas Alvey, and Sally and Mark Chinn.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Eugene and Helen Grayson, and a son, Steven, also Radford residents.

He graduated from Radford High School where he was President of the Key Club and participated in all three boys' sports. He graduated from VMI as a member of the class of 1958 and was awarded a Regular Army commission as a Second Lieutenant in the infantry. For the next 28 years, he served in various posts in the United States, Europe, Korea and Vietnam. He attended the Infantry Officers Basic Course, The Infantry Career Course, The Command and Staff College and the National War College.

While a student at Fort Leavenworth, he became a member of the John Hancock Masonic Lodge. During his career, he also earned graduate degrees from the University of Richmond and George Washington University. The family enjoyed two tours in Germany where they were able to travel throughout much of Western Europe.

During his combat tours in Viet Nam, he served as Operations Officer in D/227th Aviation Battalion and in his second tour, he served as Operations Officer, (S-3)101st Aviation Battalion and commander of the battalion's Cobra helicopter company.



He also commanded the 11th Aviation Battalion, and later he organized and commanded the 503rd Combat Aviation Battalion in Germany. He later served on the European General Staff and in the Pentagon where he headed the Army's Flying Hour Program.

Later assignments were at the Army War College in Carlisle, Penn., and the Marine Corps University

in Quantico, Va. where in both posts he served as a Professor of Military Strategy Plans and Operations. During his service, he was awarded two Legions of Merit, three Distinguished Flying Crosses, two Bronze Stars, the Air medal for valor with 16 oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal for valor with three clusters, the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry and several other service awards. Following his retirement, the family returned to Radford where he joined the Kiwanis Club and rejoined VFW Post 776 as a life member. Before the cancer caught up with him and in his younger years, he was an avid golfer and fly-rod fisherman.

He loved his country, his family, honor and VMI.

The family wishes to thank Intrepid Hospice workers and Dr. Judy.

Memorial services were held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 13, 2020, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford with Chaplain Joanne Menefee officiating. Interment with full military honors followed in the West View Cemetery in Radford.

The family received friends Thursday evening, Nov. 12, from 4 until 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, please send contributions to VFW Post 776, 913 Second St., Radford, VA 24141.

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

Munford, Joan Hardie

Joan Hardie Munford died on Nov. 11, 2020, in Christiansburg.

Joan spent her life caring for others. She was a devoted family member, educator, healthcare administrator and elected leader.

Joan is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Mary and David Harder; her grandsons James Harder and Benjamin Harder, and his wife Jacquelyn Harder; and great-grandchildren Cole and Airlie Harder.



to her work on the historically contentious Labor and Commerce Committee. An advocate for workers rights, Joan used her experience as a business developer and employer to find bipartisan support from the pro-commerce members of the committee to pass reasoned workplace safety regulations. Joan also led significant revisions to the child labor laws, working in particular to secure safer and healthier working conditions for migrant children. At the time of her retirement she served as chair of the committee.

As she achieved seniority, Joan focused her leadership on health and education issues. She championed legislation that strengthened nurse practitioners' responsibilities, studied health insurance premiums, brought millions of dollars to fund capital projects and academic programs at Virginia Tec, and built legislation around advancing early childhood and preschool education.

Known as a legislator and business owner, Joan was equally passionate about music. She loved to play the piano. To her delight, she was often asked to play during receptions at the Governor's Mansion and events for the legislature. Joan enjoyed playing show tunes, standards and holiday music. She had a bright smile at the keyboard and passed her love for music to her daughter and grandchildren.

Throughout her professional career and following her retirement from elected office in 1993, Joan remained active in a number of local and regional organizations including serving on the Board of Directors for First National Bank of Christiansburg, the Carilion New River Valley Medical Center and as a member of the first planning committee for Virginia Tech's highly successful Choices and Challenges Forum Series.

Joan was a woman of great faith, starting each day with some quiet time with God. She spent her earlier years at Blacksburg Baptist Church, but later joined Blacksburg Presbyterian Church where she served as a member of the session and various other committees. Sadly, in her later years Joan suffered from dementia. Despite this, she continued to have the gift of being able to play the piano for the pleasure of her family and friends at Commonwealth Senior Living, creating sweet memories until nearly the last days of her life.

There was a graveside service at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Christiansburg on Monday, Nov. 16. Online condolences may be offered to the family at mccoysfuneralhome.com. Memorial contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org. Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

a sister, Geneva Day of Chesapeake, Va.

Funeral services were held at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2020, at the Calvary Baptist Church in Radford with Pastor Timothy Worles officiating. Entombment followed at the Highland Memory Gardens Mausoleum in Dublin.

The family received friends from 11:00 a.m. until service time Wednesday at the church.

To sign Betty's online guestbook, please visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com.

Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski, is handling the arrangements for the family.

Mitchell, Betty DeLouise

Betty DeLouise Mitchell, age 86 of Radford, passed away Sunday, Nov. 22, 2020, at the Commonwealth Assisted Living Facility.

Born Nov. 3, 1934, in Radford, she was the daughter of the late Taylor Lee Mitchell and Inego Edith Goad Mitchell. She worked in lab testing at Virginia Tech with over 38 years of service and was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church (Radford). Her brother, James G. Mitchell, also preceded her in death.

She is survived by her son, William W. "Bill" King of Virginia Beach; a grandson, Todd W. King of Fairfax, Va.; and

Moore, John

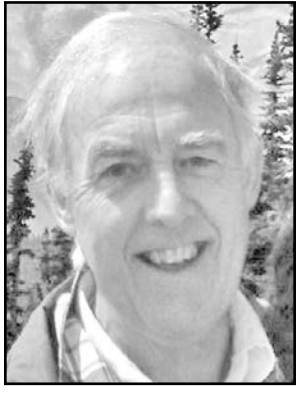
John was born on the Wirral peninsula of North West England to David Harold Moore and Dorothy Payne. He was raised in Bebington in the home of his grandparents, Samuel and Mary Payne. He went to the elite Birkenhead School on a County Council scholarship following the Eleven Plus Exam.

His degrees are in mechanical engineering: a B.Sc. from Imperial College, London; and an S.M and a Sc. D, from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He met his wife, Joan, in the gas turbine lab at M.I.T.

His technical passion was three-dimensional fluid flow in turbomachinery. He received the ASME Gas Turbine Power Award for his doctoral experiments and innovative computations explaining the flow in a rotating passage.

After four years working with a combustion group at the General Electric Research Lab. in Niskayuna, N.Y., John returned to England to take a 5-year teaching position at Cambridge University. Assigned to teach thermodynamics, he added this to his fluid flow expertise to develop computational methods (now also with the aid of his wife Joan) that could predict the performance of centrifugal impellers in the classic form of a temperature-entropy diagram. This was applied by the Rolls-Royce large engine division to significantly improve the turbine in their RB211 jet engine used by many airlines.

After another year working in combustion, this time on computations for Rolls-Royce in Bristol, John returned to the United States in 1979 to become a Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Virginia Tech. He permanently settled in Ellett Valley east of Blacksburg. Teach-



ing and research continued, later adding analysis of rocket pumps, both for the French (SEP) and for NASA. He lectured at many professional development short courses in both Europe and the U.S. He received the ASME IGTI Education Committee Best Paper Award in 1996.

John's passion for golf started with his grandfather shortening and giving him a five-iron on his fourth birthday. As John would say, "Golf courses are in beautiful places." John enjoyed hiking in the mountains, in Wales near where he grew up, a trip to the Pyrenees when in college, New Hampshire when at M.I.T and right outside his door in Ellett Valley.

Taking early retirement from Virginia Tech in the late 1990's, John became president of the Blacksburg Country Club Homeowners Association. He decided to research the early settlers of Ellett Valley to celebrate the year 2000. This turned into a passion for local history. He is well-known for regaling the neighbors with stories of the early settlers and the great flood that occurred in the 1700's. John and Joan also went on many family history trips, researching both his and Joan's family history.

John was preceded in death by his son David Moore. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Joan; his step-son Stephen Kukulich and Stephen's wife, Linda, and their children, Stephanie and Peter. If you wish to make a donation in his name, consider the Montgomery County Emergency Assistance Program, which he supported for decades.

Following John's wishes, due to the pandemic, there will be a private burial service. Memories to share may be left on the McCoy Funeral Home website.

OBITUARIES

Tate, Frances Eloise Shufflebarger

Frances Eloise Shufflebarger Tate, of Blacksburg, died peacefully on Nov. 13, 2020, in Radford.

Frances was the youngest of five children born to Thomas E. and Mary Craig Shufflebarger, Sr. on Dec. 13, 1927, in Christiansburg. She was preceded in death by her parents, four siblings: Thomas E. Shufflebarger, Jr., Sallie S. Bromm, Virginia Shufflebarger and Elizabeth S. Klawitter; three great-grandchildren: Josh, Emma and Landon McKinney; and her beloved husband of more than 70 years, Charles T. "Tommy" Tate, Sr.

She is survived by her children: Charlotte T. Burgess, Charles T. Tate II, (Nancy) and James Edgar Tate; grandchildren Megan K. Tate (Salman), Charles T. Tate, III (Dorcas), and Amy B. McKinney (Ryan); two great-grandchildren Cristian "Jack" Guitierrez, and Charles Thomas-Joseph Tate; and many nieces and nephews.

Frances grew up in Cambria. She attended Mary Washington College and Radford College. After her marriage, she spent the next seventy years as a resident of Blacksburg. She was a member of the Blacksburg United Methodist Church where she taught Sunday school and was active in several women's circles.

She was an active member of the William Preston DAR, and a Girl Scout



leader. Frances worked at Blacksburg High School as a secretary in the vocational department and later as a receptionist at the Montgomery County School Board Office.

Frances loved to sing. She was a longtime member of the BUMC choir and was a member of the VT New Virginians. She never quit singing and, through the years, she would sing to her family members and her favorite dogs. She enjoyed writing, working in the garden, bridge, dancing, talking to her friends, and she loved to cook. Many enjoyed receiving one of her pecan pies "just because." She will be greatly missed.

The family would like to thank Radford Health and Rehab, Medi-Health Hospice and caregivers Kristi Martin, Casey Shaffner, Shannon Medley, Jillian Trent, Amber Akers, Ashley Hill, Nancy Payne and Catie Letner for taking such good care of her over the past months. In lieu of flowers, we suggest that donations be made to organizations that are searching for cures to Vascular Dementia/ Dementia.

A graveside service was held on Saturday, Nov. 21, 2020, at 11 a.m. at Westview Cemetery. McCoy Funeral Home in Blacksburg was in charge of the final arrangements.

Wilson, Edward Arnold

Edward Arnold Wilson, 67, passed away Monday, Nov. 16, 2020, at his home in Pulaski.

He was a truck driver and was preceded in death by his parents, Ira R. Wilson, Sr., and Louise Brown Simmons; a daughter, Carhi Hughes; and a brother, Ira R. Wilson, Jr.

Survivors include his wife of 26 years, Karen Wilson; daughters Dana Guynn and Roni Trull, both of Pulaski; grandchildren whom he raised, Ashley Tabor of



Dublin, Autumn Melton of Radford, and Ryan Melton of Pulaski; grandchildren Kelsey Currin of Wilmington, N. C., and John Hughes of Pulaski; brothers Jack Wilson of Ohio and Mike Wilson of Virginia; sisters Mary Zerby and Joyce Stevenson; and many other relatives and friends.

Memorial services will be private.

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

Hodge, Jon Lucas

On Nov. 12, 2020, Jon Lucas Hodge went to his eternal home to be with the Lord and loved ones.

His homecoming is bittersweet. Some of the greatest moments we have in life is experiencing them with loved ones. Those memories get wrapped up in hugs, laughter, and tears. Jon gave the best hugs. More often than not, he gave the best of himself in many ways. Those strong hands lifted boxes, appliances, guitar picks, and sometimes us or the back end of vehicles. His Samson-like strength paled in comparison to the love in his heart for the Lord, his family and his friends. He truly lived out the Hodge legacy of caring for others.

Family was dearly important to him. One of the best things is that everyone loved him back, including his immediate family: his dear father and mother, Terry and Mandy Hodge; sisters Joan Hodge-Benson and Jamie Hodge; nephews Will, Wesley and Waylen Ellis; niece Heather Benson; and brothers-in-law Wes Benson and Carlos Sabalza.

This also included the whole family. Grandma, uncles, aunts, great aunts, cousins, second cousins (or cousins first removed). Honestly, the family is so vast there is no shortage of love. If Jon saw you, it was a given there would be a hug received. Not just a regular hug. The kind that could crack your back or mend your heart. Jon loved his extended family in the form of friends as well. There was no bias. If you're a friend, you were getting a hug just like you were family. This is one of the things we all treasure and will miss on this side of the journey home.

He inevitably got used to being 'voluntold' by either Daddy, Momma or others to help with something. Usually, he had planned to help anyway. He impressed everyone with his strength, but more so with his heart to help. His spirit of helpfulness led him to preach a sermon in Surfside Beach, S.C. His love for Christ was on his mind, heart and soul. He realized out of everything he could do that the Lord meant for him to



share the Gospel and preach the word. The collection of books he had rivaled Barnes & Noble or Books-A-Million, two of his favorite stores. The ones he treasured most were his Bibles.

Jon was proof that the Lord has Jeremiah 29:11 as a promise to all of us. Jon is proof that Romans 8:28 is true. His seizures, though painful and detrimental, never stopped his ability to

love each of us and serve the Lord. The ability to withstand that pain and still want to love the Lord, as well as us, should inspire us all to endeavor to trust God and lean on Him as Proverbs 3: 5,6 tells us. Jon was and is proof that because God loved us first and we love God, love conquers all.

Even in his last moments here, he used them out of love to try one more time to stay for us. It is okay to be sad, hurt, and broken-hearted because he went home sooner than any of us expected. It is okay to miss him. If there is anything to know for certain it is that because of a great love from the Heavenly Father, this is not the end.

Jon, we are quite convinced, has already started a beautiful song of praise. He is not hurting anymore. This time, when his hands are up, they are in pure worship and praise. That amazing voice is extolling the King most High. When gold is used for asphalt, the treasures up in heaven are the Lord and our loved ones. Let us hold tight to one another in honor of our sweet Jon Fig. Let us hold tighter still to the promises of our Lord and Savior.

Do what you know is right in the eyes of the Lord. Love the Lord with all you heart, soul and mind. One day, there will be no more tears just worship, laughter, and hugs. Jon is waiting to hug us all again. Until that time, sweet son, brother, cousin and friend, we mourn you greatly as we love you immensely. Though many a word composed here to honor your memory does no justice to the loss of your presence here, we take comfort in knowing you are in no more pain. Well done, good and faithful servant.

Johnson, Harry Lee

Harry Lee Johnson, 92, a resident of Blacksburg for most of his life, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020, in York, Penn.

Harry was born on July 21, 1928, in San Francisco to the late Harry Louis Johnson and Rose (Koch) Johnson. The family moved to Los Angeles in 1930.

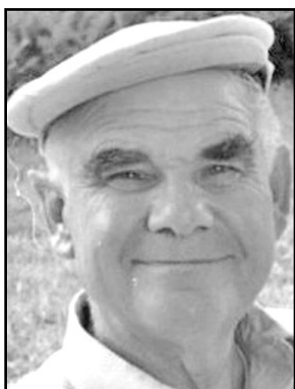
Harry and his sister, Lois, lost contact with their father and lost their mother in December 1941. They were separated and lived with different families in the San Francisco Bay area. During his teenage years, Harry had several jobs, including paperboy, machine apprentice in a shipyard and grocery store clerk. He went to Portland on his own when he turned 16, and he graduated from a high school in Portland.

He enlisted in the United States Army on August 9, 1946, on the G.I. Bill. Harry was stationed in Berlin, Germany, working at the message center of the Engineering Command for Berlin and with a signal company as a radio repairman. Harry achieved the rank of corporal and was honorably discharged from the Army in July 1949.

He returned to Los Angeles and received his bachelor's degree from West Coast University in the fall of 1952 with a major in mathematics. After graduation, Harry worked on a guided missile system for Northrop Aviation Corporation for two years in Hawthorne, Calif. He earned his master's degree in applied mathematics in 1957 and his PhD in applied mathematics in 1960 from the University of Minnesota.

After receiving his graduate degrees, Harry joined a research group at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, for two years. He then went to Purdue University and taught for two years as an assistant professor in mathematics.

He accepted an offer to be an assistant professor at Virginia Tech in 1965 and became a member of The Society of the Sigma Xi in 1967. Harry was promoted to



associate professor in June 1969 and retired in June 1992. During his tenure at Virginia Tech, Harry published about eight research papers. He was designated as Associate Professor Emeritus of Mathematics by the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors in August 1992. This was granted based on 27 years of service, his research papers and his contributions to the area of boundary value problems. After his retirement, Harry continued to refine a paper on a tethered balloon problem.

Harry met Harriet Farrier in the spring of 1968 in the Virginia Tech mathematics department while she was obtaining her master's degree. On June 10, 1969, Harry and Harriet were married in Roanoke. They built a loving home for their two children, Paula and Brian. Harry enjoyed traveling, doing puzzles, playing games, reading, watching Hokie football and woodworking. He will be remembered as a loving and giving father who adored his three grandchildren.

Survivors include his two children, Paula (Michael Wynne) Johnson of New Freedom, Penn., and Brian (Kalyna Nedilsky) Johnson of Columbia, Md.; three grandchildren, Gabriella and Juliana Wynne and Jae Johnson; sister-in-law Pence Farrier Ellis of Herndon, Va.; brother-in-law Dr. Paul (Evelyn) Farrier, Jr., of Blacksburg; along with nieces and nephews. Harry was preceded in death by his wife of 51 years, Harriet Johnson; his parents, Harry and Rose Johnson; his sister, Lois Jean Marr; and a brother-in-law, Roy Howard Ellis.

A virtual memorial service is being planned. The funeral arrangements are being handled by Beck's Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Inc., in York, Penn. To post online condolences, visit <https://www.beckfunerals.com/obituaries/obituary-listings>.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate memorials in Harry's name to the Virginia Tech Mathematics Department or the Nature Conservancy.

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through 24 books, starting with his junior football and ending his senior year of college baseball at "State" where, of course, he was an All-American in all three sports. Brilliant quarterback, a high-scoring point guard, and a star pitcher. During his spare time, Chip held down a job at State Drug, solved the problems of his friends (Speed Morris, Biggie Cohen, best pal Soapy Smith and Red Schwartz, all of whom followed Chip from Valley Falls to State, and college pal Fireball Finley).

All this occurred under the tutelage of his coach, Hank Rockwell, modeled after Bee himself. (Coach Rockwell had followed Chip and his friends to State, perhaps an NCAA recruiting violation today.) Chip also main-

tained straight "As" of course and fought off the advances of Mitzi Savrill, the prettiest girl on campus and a co-worker at State Drug, "not having time for that sort of stuff."

A few months before I finished law school and moved to West Virginia where I have lived the last 40 years, Sports Illustrated ran an article on Clair Bee and the Chip Hilton series. Much to my surprise and delight, I learned that Bee, who had coached in the New York City area, was a native of Grafton, West Virginia, about 20 miles east of where I would live. The town of Valley Falls in the Hilton series was named after a nearby state park, "State" was loosely modeled after WVU, right down the road (although Bee

did not want to "regionalize" the storyline), and the local industry where all the dads worked was glass, just like Clarksburg of that time. Later I learned that the gym at Grafton High was "Clair Bee Gymnasium."

The Sports Illustrated writer concluded by saying, "This is probably the last piece that will ever be written on the Chip Hilton series." He was wrong. You are remembered, Chip.

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How to get the most out of tricky holiday plants

The holidays are rapidly approaching, and specialty potted plants make great gifts.

Caring for holiday plants can sometimes be a challenge, but the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service has some helpful tips.

Seasonal plants may not last and should be enjoyed while in season. When caring for them, keep in mind that these plants are typically grown in greenhouses where temperatures are cool at night, light is adequate and air is moist. Improper water and light and excessive heat are the leading causes of failure in caring for gifted plants.

Poinsettias
Poinsettias require bright light and should be kept away from drafts. The ideal temperature should be between 65 and 70 degrees.

Plants should be well-watered, but not overwatered. The soil should dry between waterings.

To keep poinsettias flowering, try these tips:

After the showy flowers fade or fall, place the plant where it will receive indirect light and temperatures around 55 to 60 degrees.

Water sparingly, just enough to keep the stems from shriveling.

Cut the plant back to within five inches of the soil surface and re-pot in fresh soil. As soon as new growth begins, place the plant in a well-lit window.

After the danger of frost, place the pot outdoors in a partially shaded spot.

As nights grow cool, bring the plant indoors.

Continue to grow it in a sunny room with a night temperature of about 65 degrees.

Poinsettias bloom only during short days, so exclude artificial light, either by covering the plant with a light-proof box each evening or placing it in a dark room or closet for a minimum of 12 hours daily.

Plants need full light during the day, so return them to a sunny window. The short-day treatment should yield blooms between

Dec. 1 and Christmas.

Amaryllis

To grow an amaryllis, keep the plant actively growing after it blooms. Plants should be placed in full sun with a nighttime temperature above 60 degrees. When the danger of frost passes, place the plants in the garden in a semi-shaded spot and continue to water.

Christmas cacti

Christmas cacti are budding in popularity thanks to their colorful, tubular flowers and relatively easy care.

Christmas cacti will develop buds and bloom if given bright light, short days and night temperatures between 55 and 65 degrees. They also bloom best when kept in a pot. Repotting is necessary about once every three years.

Full sunlight is beneficial in midwinter, but excessively bright light during summer months can make plants look pale and yellow.

Christmas cacti require less water from October through March than they do when actively growing from April to September. A rest period is important if the plants are to bloom abundantly.

Dormancy should be started about mid-September and continued for eight weeks. Be careful not to over-water the soil during the short days of winter.



Poinsettias won't last, but they require bright light in temperatures between 65 and 70 degrees to be at their best.

Face Masks

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once you get up to the sizes that we think are more important for transmission, like one to two microns and even five microns, those cloth masks are able to block half or more."

The SARS-CoV-2 virus itself is about 0.1 microns in size, but "it doesn't come out of us naked," Marr said, speaking about the virus that causes the disease known as COVID-19. It's carried in larger respiratory droplets, also known as aerosols, that contain salts, proteins, and organic compounds, leading to aerosols up to 100,000 times larger in mass than the virus itself.

Marr said previous research has shown that most such aerosols are larger than half a micron, leading the study team to focus on a size range of one to two microns as most relevant for testing homemade and commercially available face coverings.

"It's not something I would ask a health care worker to wear in high-risk situations," she said.

"They need the best protection we can get. But given that it's impractical to have everyone in the general public walking around wearing an N95, I think homemade masks are definitely helpful."

The group's experimental setup was designed to represent conditions closer to that of a mask wearer's real-world experience, albeit in the controlled environment of a laboratory study.

Marr is one of a handful of researchers in the world with unique expertise in how airborne pathogens interact with and travel in the air. With a field of experience that suddenly became vitally important this year and an uncommon strength at communicating complex science to the lay public, Marr has emerged as a go-to source for public health agencies, journalists, and the 29,000 people who follow her updates on Twitter.

Her team's study, published Nov. 20 on the preprint server medRxiv, has not yet been peer

reviewed. Marr and her team are awaiting publication in an academic journal.

But Marr's approach was "exhaustive," said William Ristenpart, who studies airborne disease transmission at the University of California-Davis and was not involved in the study. Ristenpart has conducted his own mask efficacy studies and said the Virginia Tech team's study design, methods, and technique help elevate the findings.

An N95 respirator, still considered the gold standard by scientists and health care agencies for protection against the SARS-CoV-2 virus, gets its name from the test it has to pass: the respirator must trap 95 percent of particles 0.3 microns in size.

That 0.3 mark makes for the "most penetrating particle" — the hardest to filter, that is. Previous mask efficacy studies have focused on medical-grade masks and that smaller, trickier, submicron size range. Less is known about the

cloth face coverings now increasingly available from many companies — as well as those based on designs released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention which people can craft at home — and how well they trap particles closer to the sizes humans emit while breathing, talking, or coughing.

In the study, Marr and her team of civil and environmental engineering researchers shifted focus to the masks and particle sizes they analyzed and found to be most important to investigate in the context of how people go about a typical day wearing face coverings. They evaluated nine homemade masks and their constituent material, as well as a surgical mask and a face shield, for their ability to trap particles ranging in size from 0.04 microns to more than 100 microns.

Each mask underwent tests for outward efficiency — the ability to trap particles exhaled by the mask wearer — and for

inward efficiency for mask wearers as they inhale. The researchers tested masks and filtration materials made of one and two-ply bandanas; thin cotton; thin acrylic; microfiber; a vacuum bag; a coffee filter; a MERV 12 filter; two layers of cotton from a pillowcase to reproduce a mask sewn using instructions from the CDC; and cotton from a T-shirt to reproduce a non-sewn design also offered by the CDC on their website.

At the low end of particle sizes, from 0.1 to 0.3 microns, the homemade masks performed poorly. But when the masks were challenged with one and two-micron particles or larger, their effectiveness shot up. Several could trap 50 to 80 percent of particles in tests of both inward and outward efficiency.

That's significant, Marr said, given what scientists have learned in the last 12 months about how the SARS-CoV-2 virus is expelled and carried aloft in air, and the average size of such droplets.

Cyberthieves

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purporting to be from a business or financial institution with which you often do business. They may claim your account was "suspended" or that an "unauthorized trans-

action" was made, and you'll be asked to click on a link that takes you to what appears to be the company's website. If you go along with this request, you could

find malicious software being downloaded on your computer. But legitimate businesses generally won't ask for account numbers or passwords unless you

initiate the transaction. Other signs of phishing include threatening language, "urgent" requests, misspelled words or odd word choices. If an email does look suspicious to

you, delete it without opening it.

This list is not exhaustive, but by putting these steps to work, you can at least reduce the risk of becoming victimized by

cybercriminals.

This article was submitted by Meghan Kuczarski, Edward Jones Financial Advisor 540-552-1241.

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY
a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant, v.
JOE P. JENNELLE, ET AL, Respondent(s).

Case No. CL20-484

Legals - Montgomery County

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. 406-5 4, 5
Account No. 009878

All that certain tract or parcel of land, with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate, lying and being on Freestone Drive (formerly Plum Street), in the Town of Christiansburg, Riner Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia, more particularly described as follows:

All of Lot 4 and the easterly 1/2 of Lot 5 as shown on the map of Midway Heights, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, in Plat Book 2, Page 173; and, as further shown on the map entitled "Plat for Tommy P. Price and Brenda O. Price," prepared by Neal H. Wirt, L. S., dated 28 April 1994, Plat No. 94-185, to which map reference is made for a more particular description of the property hereby conveyed.

And being the same real property conveyed to Joe P. Jennelle and Nancy D. Jennelle, as tenants by the entirety with the right of survivorship, from Tommy P. Price and Brenda L. Price, married, via Deed dated August 28, 1998 and recorded September 1, 1998 among the records of the Montgomery County Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Deed Book 1027 at Page 620.

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 837 at Page 312 and Plat Book 2 at Page 173.

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: Joe P. Jennelle, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is 265

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Freestone Drive, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073; 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 December 17, 2020 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 5th day of November, 2020.

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant, v.
MALENA ANN MARTIN, ET AL., Respondent(s).

Case No. CL20001813-00

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. 077-A 44,45
Account No. 011904

All those certain tracts or parcels of land lying and being in the Riner (formerly Auburn) Magisterial District

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of Montgomery County, Virginia, and about one-fourth of a mile south of Vicker Station, and more fully described and designated as follows, to-wit:
Parcel No. 1. All of that certain lot or parcel of land lying in the Riner, formerly Auburn, Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia, and about one-fourth of a mile south of Vicker Station, and is a part of the land conveyed to John Hamblin and wife by W. A. Overstreet and others, and more particularly described as that part of land that lies east of and adjoining the Vicker Switch road and in the hair-pin bend of the same, and is estimated to contain 1/4 of an acre, more or less.

Parcel No. 2 One-half acre of land off of that certain property conveyed to J. F. Martin and Maud V. Martin, his wife, by Homer Jamison and others, by deed dated April 1, 1930, and of record in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, in Deed Book No. 91 at page 358; the said lot or parcel running the entire length of the tract of land described in Parcel No. 1, hereinabove, and generally referred to as the John Hamblin property which was conveyed to James Martin and wife by John Hamblin and wife by deed dated June 1, 1938, and of record in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, in Deed Book No. 113, at page 54, and being of sufficient uniform width for the entire length as to make a lot or parcel of land containing one-half acre.

Less and except the portion of land conveyed to William Lloyd Martin and Peggy Estelle Lytton Martin, his wife by Deed dated January 6, 1973 and recorded in Deed Book 331 Page 141.

And being the same properties conveyed to Merle Allen Martin and Ruby Fizer Martin, husband and wife of each other, respectively, as tenants by the entirety with the right of survivorship from M. A. Martin (a.k.a Merle Allen Martin) and Ruby Fizer Martin, his wife, by Deed dated January 6, 1973 and recorded on June 1, 1982 in the Montgomery County Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Deed Book 456 at Page 301.

This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements,

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restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described including but not limited to those recorded in Instrument Number 07009649, Instrument Number 09004780 and Instrument Number 09011838.

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: Malena Ann Martin, whose last known address is 3056 Glasgow Road, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073; Merle Stephen Martin, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is 3050 Glasgow Road, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073; Phyllis Martin aka Phyllis M. Martin, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is 3050 Glasgow Road, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073; Stephen G. Martin, whose last known address is 3056 Glasgow Road, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073; 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 January 4, 2021 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 20th day of November, 2020.

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RADFORD SPORTS

High schools announce basketball schedules

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The local high schools have released their schedules for the upcoming basketball season.

The Virginia High School League says high school basketball practice will begin December 7 with games commencing by December 21.

Attendance for spectators has been set at 25, but the VHSL said each individual school system can decide if it will allow any fans. So far, neither Montgomery County nor Radford City have said what protocols they will move forward with as basketball begins. Participants, coaches and officials do not count toward that 25 maximum.

Regional playoffs are currently scheduled for Feb. 8-12. There will be no district tournaments this year.

Eastern Montgomery girls' varsity Monday, Dec. 21 at Parry McCluer; Wednesday, Dec. 23, at home versus Covington; Monday, Jan. 4, at home versus Craig County; Tuesday, Jan. 5, at Narrows; Thursday, Jan. 7, at Highland; Monday, Jan. 11, at home versus Parry McCluer; Tuesday, Jan. 12, at Covington; Monday, Jan. 18, at home versus Auburn; Thursday, Jan. 21, at Craig County; Monday, Jan. 25, at Auburn; Tuesday, Jan. 26, at home versus Narrows;

Thursday, Jan. 28, at home versus Highland.

Eastern Montgomery boys' varsity

Monday, Dec. 21, at home versus Parry McCluer; Wednesday, Dec. 23, at Covington; Wednesday, Dec. 30, at Galax; Monday, Jan. 4, at Craig County; Tuesday, Jan. 5, at home versus Narrows; Thursday, Jan. 7, at Highland; Monday, Jan. 11, at Parry McCluer; Tuesday, Jan. 12, at home versus Covington; Thursday, Jan. 21, at home versus Craig County; Wednesday, Jan. 27, at home versus Galax; Thursday, Jan. 28, at home versus Highland.

Christiansburg boys' varsity

Monday, Dec. 21, at Abingdon; Tuesday, Dec. 29, at home versus Hidden Valley; Wednesday, Dec. 30, at Patrick Henry; Tuesday, Jan. 5, at home versus Abingdon; Friday, Jan. 8, at Cave Spring; Monday, Jan. 11, at home versus Salem; Wednesday, Jan. 13, at Pulaski; Friday, Jan. 15, at Blacksburg; Tuesday, Jan. 19, at Hidden Valley; Friday, Jan. 22, at home versus Patrick Henry; Wednesday, Jan. 27, at home versus Cave Spring; Friday, Jan. 29, at Salem; Tuesday, Feb. 2, at home versus Pulaski; Thursday, Feb. 4, at home versus Blacksburg.

Christiansburg girls' varsity

Monday, Dec. 21, at home versus Abingdon; Tuesday, Dec. 29 at Hidden Valley;

Monday, Jan. 4, at home versus Patrick Henry; Tuesday, Jan. 5, at Abingdon; Friday, Jan. 8, at home versus Cave Spring; Monday, Jan. 11, at Salem; Wednesday, Jan. 13, at home versus Pulaski; Friday, Jan. 15, at Blacksburg; Tuesday, Jan. 19, at home versus Hidden Valley; Friday, Jan. 22, at Patrick Henry; Wednesday, Jan. 27, at Cave Spring; Friday, Jan. 29, at home versus Salem; Tuesday, Feb. 2, at Pulaski; Thursday, Feb. 4, at home versus Blacksburg.

Blacksburg boys' varsity

Monday, Dec. 21, at home versus Pulaski; Wednesday, Dec. 23, at home versus Auburn; Tuesday, Dec. 29, at Patrick Henry; Wednesday, Jan. 6, at Salem; Monday, Jan. 11, at home versus Cave Spring; Wednesday, Jan. 13, at home versus Hidden Valley; Friday, Jan. 15, at home versus Christiansburg; Tuesday, Jan. 19, at home versus Patrick Henry; Friday, Jan. 22, at Pulaski; Monday, Jan. 25, at home versus Salem; Wednesday, Jan. 27, at Auburn; Friday, Jan. 29, at Cave Spring; Tuesday, Feb. 2, at Hidden Valley; Thursday, Feb. 4, at Christiansburg.

Blacksburg girls' varsity

Monday, Dec. 21, at Pulaski; Wednesday, Dec. 23 at Radford; Tuesday, Dec. 29, at home versus Patrick Henry; Wednesday, Jan. 6, at home versus Blacksburg; Monday, Jan. 11, at Cave

Spring; Wednesday, Jan. 13, at Hidden Valley; Friday, Jan. 15, at home versus Christiansburg; Tuesday, Jan. 19, at Patrick Henry; Friday, Jan. 22, at home versus Pulaski; Monday, Jan. 25, at Salem; Wednesday, Jan. 27, at home versus Radford; Friday, Jan. 29, at home versus Cave Spring; Tuesday, Feb. 2, at home versus Hidden Valley; Thursday, Feb. 4, at Christiansburg.

Auburn boys' varsity

Wednesday, Dec. 23, at Blacksburg; Tuesday, Dec. 29 at Ft. Chiswell; Saturday, Jan. 2 at Grayson; Tuesday, Jan. 5, at home versus George Wythe; Friday, Jan. 8, at home versus Galax; Tuesday, Jan. 12, at Bland; Friday, Jan. 15, at home versus Ft. Chiswell; Tuesday, Jan. 19, at home versus Grayson; Friday, Jan. 22, at George Wythe; Tuesday, Jan. 26, at Galax; Wednesday, Jan. 27, at home versus Blacksburg; Friday, Jan. 29, at home versus Bland.

Auburn girls' varsity

Monday, Dec. 21, at home versus Alleghany; Tuesday, Dec. 29, at home versus Ft. Chiswell; Saturday, Jan. 2, at home versus Grayson; Tuesday, Jan. 5, at George Wythe; Friday, Jan. 8, at Galax; Monday, Jan. 11, at Alleghany; Wednesday, Jan. 13, at home versus Bland; Friday, Jan. 15, at Ft. Chiswell; Monday, Jan. 18, at Eastern Montgom-

ery; Tuesday, Jan. 19, at Grayson; Friday, Jan. 22, at home versus George Wythe; Monday, Jan. 25, at home versus Eastern Montgomery; Tuesday, Jan. 26, at home versus Galax; Friday, Jan. 29, at Bland.

Radford boys' varsity

Monday, Dec. 21, at home versus Giles; Monday, Dec. 28, at James River; Wednesday, Dec. 30, at Alleghany; Monday, Jan. 4, at home versus Glenvar; Wednesday, Jan. 6, at home versus Floyd; Friday, Jan. 8, at Carroll County; Saturday, Jan. 9, E.C. Glass at Floyd; Monday, Jan. 11, at Giles; Friday, Jan. 15, at home versus James River; Monday, Jan. 18, at home versus Alleghany; Wednesday, Jan. 20, at Glenvar; Friday, Jan. 22, at Floyd; Monday, Jan. 25, at home versus Carroll County.

Radford girls' varsity

Monday, Dec. 21, at Giles; Wednesday, Dec. 23, at home versus Blacksburg; Monday, Dec. 28, at home versus James River; Wednesday, Jan. 4, at Glenvar; Wednesday, Jan. 6, at Floyd; Friday, Jan. 8, at home versus Carroll County; Monday, Jan. 11, at home versus Giles; Friday, Jan. 15 at James River; Monday, Jan. 18 at Alleghany; Wednesday, Jan. 20, at home versus Glenvar; Friday, Jan. 22, at home versus Floyd; Monday, Jan. 25, at Carroll County; Wednesday, Jan. 27, at Blacksburg.

Shopping for the outdoorsman in your life



From the Sidelines

Marty Gordon

Shopping over the long Thanksgiving weekend was just not as hectic as in the past.

Instead, more and more people are turning online for their shopping. But keeping with a Thanksgiving tradition, I offer up for your consideration the hot items and gadgets that are available for the sportsman in your life. Take a look at these items that are at the top of a lot of shopping lists this season.

The Internet offers so many possibilities for the fan and the outdoorsman that it is downright bewildering. One bonus for these cool gifts is that they can be used by men and/or women. Gender doesn't matter.

The Virginia Tech online sports store through Fanatics has some interesting finds including a barrel top desk for \$115. It is something unique at 27-inches high made from wood and perfect for the man cave.

Uncommon Goods lets you cherish days gone by with a grown-up version of one of childhood's greatest gadgets: a view finder. It's a unique, inexpensive gift for only \$29 that lets the family assemble snapshots of their favorite memories and add them to your very own reel using the redemption code included with your viewer. Once you receive your made-to-order reel, pop it in the viewer and marvel at baby's first steps or a favorite beach at sunset, or ... well, whatever else you want immortalized.

Uncommon Goods is one of the hottest places to find the most interesting gadgets and items such as baseball park map glasses. A set of two is a great way to surprise that baseball fan in your life. Each set of two whiskey glasses features a map of an iconic Major League Baseball stadium in the team's two main colors. The price is a steal at \$35.

A subscription to ButcherBox, the trendy meat delivery service, offers a vast selection of high-quality meat and seafood (It's all grass-fed and organic.) that the recipient can pick and choose from each month. A gift certificate starts at \$25.

Cabela's Outdoors has something that shoppers might overlook if they're not looking closely in the store or on their website, but it is an important item for anyone who spends time outdoors or on the grill. That's because there are scores of ways to prepare delicious meats, fish and fowl with a smoker. Now, Cabela's has a handy, flip-card-

style recipe booklet that contains over 50 recipes for using all the flavor bisquettes from hot smoked salmon or pork loin roast to maple smoked acorn squash. The Bradley flip cookbook can fit in the palm of your hand and is perfect for the grillmaster at \$16.

Cabela's is also the place to find the Stanley classic vacuum camp mug. For \$25, it's a steal. Whether campers are enjoying a quiet morning at camp or facing a full day of work, the Stanley classic vacuum camp mug will make the whole trip a lot of fun. The 16-oz. Mug has a flip lid and a sturdy base.

A useful gift that's always appreciated by the outdoorsman is a personalized knife with that special person's name on it. From www.personalizationmall.com, the sleek-black finish knife is a reasonable \$36.99. It comes engraved with up to two lines of text and measures eight inches when fully opened and is handy for the car, truck or toolbox.

For a gift way out of the ordinary and a touch of the humorous, try a talking toilet paper roll that's on Amazon for \$17.99. This will make the best off-the-wall gift under the tree. The gifter can record a personal message or come up with a hilarious joke. It fits most toilet paper holders and is a great stocking stuffer.

A shotgun shell coaster set is another unique gift and is reasonably priced at \$24 on Amazon. These come in a set of four, are made of cold-cast resin three 1/2 inches in diameter with padded non-skid feet. The 12-gauge top makes a great gift for hunting enthusiasts.

How about some personalized golf balls with the pictures of the grandkids on them? At www.personalizationmall.com, this set of 12 golf balls can be found for \$26.99.

An Appalachian Trail business card holder stands out at a price of \$38 from itsthoughtful.com. This card case features a map of the United States etched with a wood-on-wood representation of the Appalachian Trail and holds up to 15 business cards.

Have you ever thought about owning an acre of land on the moon? Well, now you can thanks to lunarland.com/moon-land. For as little as \$29.99, that special someone can become the new property owner of lunar land. It comes with special documents including a map of your property. The "For Sale" sign ranges all the way up to \$249 where you will receive a framed copy of your deed and map along with a meteorite rock. They also sell land on Mars.

And speaking of space, how about a Fisher Space AG7 Original Astronaut Space Pen, available at the Fisher Space Pen Store for \$54.

The chrome pen writes at any angle, even in Zero Gravity.

Visit the Survive Outdoors Longer Store for the perfect tool kit for \$39.99 with free shipping. It includes 11 different survival tools, a sewing needle and a survival instruction guide with an ultra-bright LED light that offers 15 hours of run time and easily replaceable batteries for extended use.

Another link to the Appalachian Trail can be found in A Walk in the Woods: Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail, a book by Bill Bryson. Kindle has the novel at \$8.99.

The theme for hikers also continues with a hiking log book journal by the Happy Eden Company. For \$6.99 on Amazon, this Hiking Logbook Journal is just the "write" thing for mountain climbing and hiking enthusiasts. It is printed on high quality interior stock and professionally bound with a premium matte cover. Each spread contains prompts and information to help hikers document their journeys, a section for notes and plenty of room to write including a place to record the date, weather, location, elevation gain/loss, time, distance, latitude/longitude, conditions, difficulty level, route taken, trail features and a place document information about fees, parking, shuttles, etc.

Those outdoorsmen will also love the "Go Outside Worst Case Scenario A Bear Kills You" vinyl decal sticker for \$4.39 from Orangebirds.

Or how about a Bigfoot air freshener for \$5 at Amazon? It smells just like a Sasquatch. The tall air freshener comes with a string for hanging.

The DALARAN store has garden gloves with fingertip claws for easy digging and planting. For \$5.29, they are a steal and can be used for back scratching.

For bicycle enthusiasts, Amazon has a universal bike phone mount compatible with any cellphone with a screen size between 4 to 6.5 inches with or without a phone case for \$8.63. It will not obscure the camera lens or buttons, allowing the biker to easily take photos or videos while riding.

The Rowlball Rambler Handle for 10-ounce Yeti cups is perfect for all sportsmen. It can be found online at the Yeti store for \$9.98.

Finally, USToy has three fishing lure tackle keychains that will remind an angler of the joy of being on a riverbank or out on the boat. They look just like real fishing tackle and measure two inches. Amazon has them for \$9.99.

Again, happy holidays and enjoy shopping for that special outdoorsman. See ya on the riverbank.



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Baseball fans will be thrilled with this special gift: their favorite baseball team and its stadium locked down on their drinking glasses.



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FILE PHOTO

Coasters made like 12-gauge shotgun shells are a great gift idea for the outdoorsmen in your life.



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Hiking the Appalachian Trail can be remembered in this year's gift of a special business card holder.

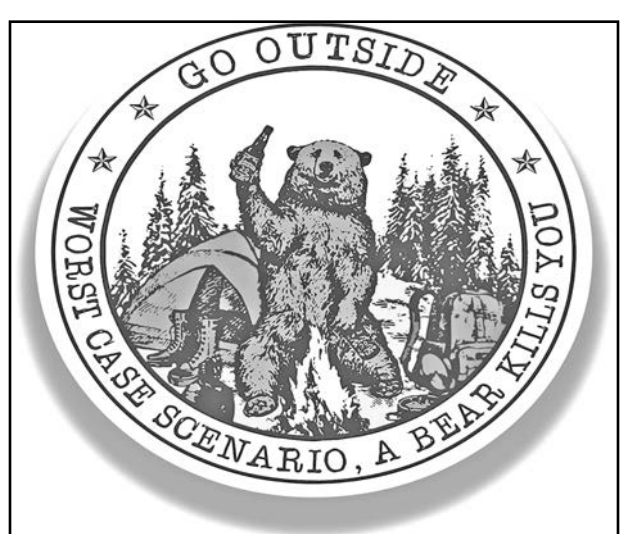


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This vinyl decal from OrangeBirds makes a perfect Christmas gift for that special outdoorsman.

RU baseball team signs two special recruits

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has added two individuals to special letters of commitment for the baseball program. Head

coach Karl Kuhn said 11-year-old Elan Balfour of Pensacola, Fla., and 15-year-old Con-

ner "Smalls" Emmert of Charlottesville have joined the team.

Balfour is currently undergoing treatment for Stage 3 kidney cancer while Emmert has a rare form of dwarfism and recently had a metal rod placed in his back to help with posture and the ability to sit and stand straight.

Kuhn said the team and coaches have been in contact with the young men all fall.

"We have virtually had them at part of our practices and four of our seven Red-White World Series Games," the head coach said. "Members of our team got to know both Elan and Connor intimately. Our players got to share their lives

as college athletes while Elan and Connor got to share their courage and daily grind with us. Our team wanted to be there for both young men as they have displayed toughness and resiliency all fall."

Balfour has been active in basketball, football and soccer but fell ill earlier this year. His parents noticed a bulge in his abdominal area. A short time later, doctors removed a cantaloupe-sized tumor along with his left kidney.

Doctors said he had a Wilms tumor, which is a rare kidney cancer that primarily affects children. It is also known as nephroblastoma and is the most common cancer of the kidneys in

children.

The main treatment is surgery, chemotherapy and radiation therapy.

Balfour and Emmert, along with their families, participated in a ZOOM call that included the unveiling of lockers for both youngsters in the baseball clubhouse. They were also given hats and jerseys to commemorate the moment.

"Today is a proud day for our program and team as we add the Balfour family and the Emmert family to our Radford baseball family," Kuhn said. "Congratulations, Elan and Smalls, welcome and thank you for allowing us to join arms with you. #1086. Go Highlanders."

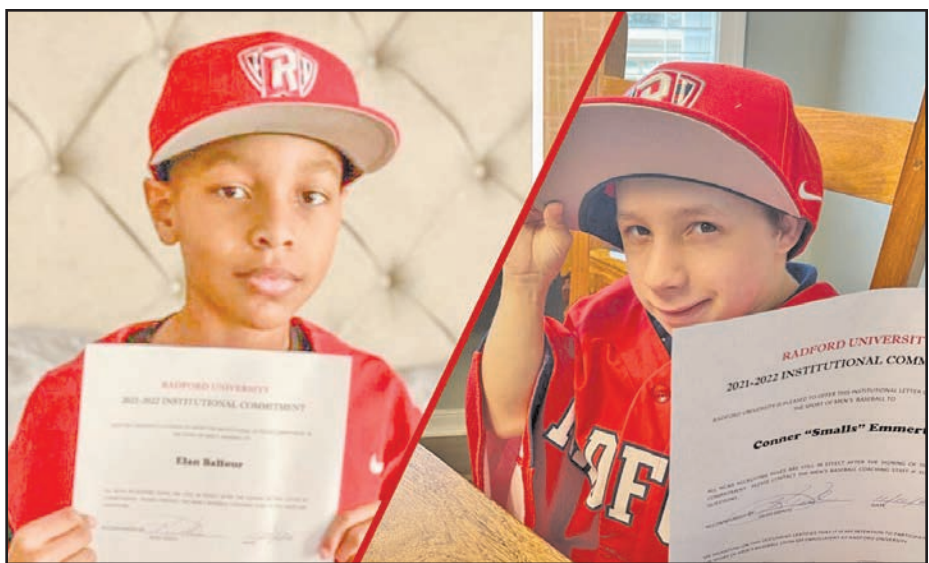


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Elan Balfour (left) and Conner Emmert (right) are now a part of the Radford University baseball program after signing letters of commitment this past week.

VT women's basketball head coach Kenny Brooks receives contract extension



Virginia Tech Director of Athletics Whit Babcock announced Tuesday that head women's basketball coach Kenny Brooks has agreed to a four-year contract extension that will keep him in Blacksburg through the 2025-26 season.

Since his arrival in 2016, Brooks' Tech teams have enjoyed four consecutive 20-win seasons with the first three resulting in trips to the WNIT, including a WNIT championship game appearance in 2018. In 2020, Brooks and the Hokies were poised to make the program's first NCAA Tournament appearance since 2006 after a historic 21-9 season that featured a program-record 11 ACC wins.

"We're energized about the trajectory of our women's basketball program under the leadership of Kenny Brooks," Babcock said. "Virginia Tech women's basketball is in good hands with Coach Brooks at the helm. Kenny is a Virginia native who is well-respected across the region and has been adept at bringing talent to Blacksburg and developing players in the nation's top basketball conference. He is a proven winner and a fantastic representative of Virginia Tech."

Brooks is the only active ACC Coach with a streak of 15 consecutive seasons with 20 or more victories, dating back to his tenure at James Madison, his previous stop prior to Tech.

"First and foremost, I'd like to thank Dr. Sands and Whit Babcock for the opportunity and the trust they display in me to lead the women's basketball program at Virginia Tech," Brooks said. "When you take over a program, you will endure many challenges. Their support has allowed us to put Virginia

Tech women's basketball in a position to compete on and off the court for national prominence.

"Over the last four years, I've grown as a coach competing in the best conference in the country," Brooks said. "Our continued success and growth were made possible because of a collaborative effort between staff and players. Former players like Sami Hill, Vanessa Panousis and Sidney Cook taught me what it means to be a Hokie. Former players like Taja Cole, Kendyl Brooks and Lydia Rivers showed me what it looks like to love being a Hokie."

"My current group, who represents Virginia Tech as true student-athletes, has me excited about the trajectory of our program," the head Hokie said. "There have been so many people who have made mine and Chrissy's transition to Blacksburg an easy one. We are looking forward to continuing an ascent towards the top of the ACC standings."

The 2019-20 Hokies accomplished numerous milestones that included the program's first ever ACC Freshman of the Year, the ACC Sixth Player of the Year and five players named to the ACC All-Academic Team. On the court, Tech won a program-record 11 ACC games, won four ACC contests in a row for the first time, had a three-game road winning streak for the first time, and went 13-2 at Cassell Coliseum. Along the way, Tech collected the program's first win at Notre Dame and earned the highest ACC Tournament seed after finishing tied for fourth.

In his time in Blacksburg, Brooks has mentored six All-Conference players, and nine different Hokies have received All-Academic recognition.

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