

## State senate election set for March 23



Laurie Buchwald

A special election to choose the next Virginia state senator for the 38th district, of which the City of Radford is a part, is set for Tuesday, Mar. 23, with early voting in place until Saturday, Mar. 20.



Travis Hackworth

The special election is to fill the remainder of term of the late Senator Ben Chafin, who died Jan. 1 from COVID-19. Laurie Buchwald, a Radford nurse practitioner and former Radford City

Council member, is facing Republican candidate Travis Hackworth of Tazewell County in the election.

Hackworth, a Tazewell County residential and commercial builder, won the Republican nomination for the seat after a primary that included six candidates.

Buchwald served on the Radford City Council from 2002-2010 before opting not to run for a third term. She later ran unsuccessfully for a seat in the Virginia House of Delegates against Joseph Yost before turning her efforts toward encouraging women to run for public office with successful results.

The 38th district includes Bland, Buchanan, Dickenson, Pulaski, Russell and Tazewell counties, the cities of Norton and Radford, and portions of Montgomery, Smyth, and Wise counties.

## Several arrested in Fairfax Street incident of Feb. 22

The Radford City Police Department has arrested a number of individuals in connection with the Feb. 22, 2021, incident on Fairfax Street, which has been described as “an off-campus fracas involving Radford University students.”

They all were arrested on the following charges and were held on secured bond at the New River Valley Regional Jail: breaking and entering, conspiracy to commit breaking and entering, assault by mob, felony destruction of property, conspiracy to commit destruction of property, felony destruction of property, and conspiracy to commit destruction of property.

Arrested were Martin Connor CuvIELlo, 19; Logan Michael Hall, 19; Garrett Nathan Kaplan, 21; Joshua Dixon Markwood, 20; Jacob Matthew McDonough, 22; Nicholas T Ortiz, 20; Trenton Pettigrew, 22; Joel Zair Varone, 21; Scott Alexander Volles, 21; and Trey W Walters, 21.

The following individuals are still wanted with warrants in relation to this case: Dominic Lee Barbour, 21; Corey Johnson, 20; and Reese Noel 19.

Anyone with information as to the whereabouts of the latter three individuals is asked to contact the Radford City Police Department at 540-731-3624.

## Jamestown mystery author holds virtual meet with Belle Heth students

RADFORD - Fourth grade students at Belle Heth were recently treated to a virtual meeting with Virginia author Steven K. Smith, whose Virginia mystery book series for children includes a fourth grade SOL-rich “Shadows at Jamestown” novel.

Each student was given a complimentary copy of the book by the Lamplighters, the Radford Public Library’s fundraising and volunteer organization.

The virtual visit from the author was thanks to a co-sponsorship between departments of Radford University and Radford Public Library, in partnership with school librarians of Belle Heth Elementary School and Riverlawn Elementary School. According to the RPL, “the fourth graders asked the author excellent questions,” and the RPL extends thanks to Radford University’s School of Teacher Education and Leadership; RU’s Patricia Langford Roughton Teaching Resources Center at McConnell Library; and the College of Education and Human Development



Fourth graders at Belle Heth School show off their free copy of Steven K. Smith’s “Shadows at Jamestown,” a gift from the Lamplighters.

for funding the author visits, as well as special thanks to school librarians Mrs. Smith and Mrs. King and all the fourth grade teachers in both schools.

Fourth grader Mason Bell said

the book is entertaining and the author talk was informative.

“He gave us a lot of information and answered almost all our

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## Radford professor tackles food insecurity on college campuses in new writing

Radford University associate professor of marketing Jane Machin, Ph.D., is the author of a chapter in a new book exploring the role of design thinking to improve food well-being and reduce food insecurity on college campuses.

Machin’s chapter, “Food Well-Being in the Higher Education Sector: How to Leverage Design Thinking to Create Healthy and Pleasurable Food Experiences Among College Students,” can be found in the recently published “Design Thinking for Food Well-Being: The Art of Designing Innovative Food Experiences.”

The book, edited by internationally renowned marketing expert Wided Batat, can be accessed digitally through Radford University’s McConnell Library.

Machin’s chapter, she said, “explores the meaning of food well-being among undergraduate students in North America” and delves into the concept of ensuring accessible, affordable, healthy and pleasurable food practices that can be critical

to academic success for students enrolled in colleges and universities.

Important, too, Machin said, is the role college administrators play in ensuring innovative campus dining experiences to successfully recruit and retain students “in an increasingly competitive education market.”

Data and findings revealed in the chapter were developed in Machin’s Marketing 101: Creativity and Innovation course, which “involved all my students working on designing a collaborative solution to reducing food insecurity and improving food well-being,” said Machin, winner of Radford University’s 2020 Donald N. Dedmon Distinguished Teaching Professor Award.

Throughout the semester-long creativity marketing course, students implemented design thinking practices to generate digitally inspired solutions in five domains of food well-being: food availability, food literacy, food marketing, food socialization and food policy.

In the first three weeks of the course, Machin wanted her students to develop an empathetic understanding of the food-related issues on a university campus. As part of the task, students conducted individual field visits to record observations of behavior at multiple Radford University campus food locations throughout the day using handwritten notes and photographs.

“Field visits provide an unbiased, firsthand perspective of the problem, often challenging preconceptions and revealing surprising insights about unmet needs,” Machin said.

From the insights they gained,

Machin’s students developed about 20 summary profiles that represented various populations among students. These profiles were used to develop specific, actionable problem statements.

In weeks four through six of the marketing course, Machin’s students worked on a series of ideation exercises to develop solutions with each involving digital technology, given its central role in the daily lives of students. More than 500 potential solutions were generated, and students used design thinking techniques to identify the most promising ideas. Paper prototypes of these final ideas were developed and tested with student peers, first in a concept poster and then in the form of a magazine article reporting “the successful launch of an idea,” Machin said.

Findings from the class, Machin said, “can help education institutions and the commercial food service industry improve the food experiences of this tech-savvy generation.”

At a basic level, Machin said, “Our results revealed a strong desire for a smartphone app, integrated within existing software, that allows students to check opening hours, browse menus, identify seating availability and order and purchase online. Students also wanted a way to more easily share swipes from their meal plans with friends in need.

“We strongly recommend food service providers apply design thinking to their own innovative processes,” Machin said.

-Chad Osborne  
Radford University

## Blacksburg Clothesline Project to draw attention to gender-based violence

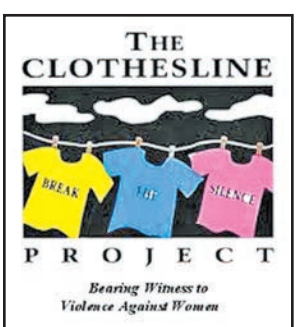
The Clothesline Project, consisting of some 620 shirts made by residents of the New River Valley to call attention to gender-based violence, will be on display on College Avenue in downtown Blacksburg between Draper Road and Main Street from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23, and Wednesday, March 24.

Rain dates are March 30 and March 31.

Victims of violence and their friends or family members may share their stories by creating a T-shirt for the Clothesline Project anytime during March. Those interested in creating a shirt may contact Susan at anderson@vt.edu for more information or for a T-shirt kit with materials provided at no charge.

For the Clothesline Project, survivors of violence and friends and families of the victims of violence create shirts emblazoned with direct messages and strong illustrations. The shirts demonstrate the pain and suffering of the survivors, aid in their healing process, and celebrate their strength and courage in overcoming the past.

The shirts are hung side by side on a clothesline, as though the survivors are standing there themselves,



shoulder to shoulder, bearing witness to the violence committed on a daily basis. The shirts are color coded: white for those who have died from violence; yellow or beige for survivors who have been battered or assaulted; red, pink, or orange for those raped or sexually assaulted; blue or green for survivors of incest or child sexual abuse; purple or lavender for those attacked because of their sexual orientation; and black for survivors handicapped by violence.

The local Clothesline Project was initiated in 1994 by the Montgomery County chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW). Local sponsors include Montgomery County NOW, the United Feminist Movement, the Women’s Center at Virginia Tech, and the Women’s Resource Center of the New River Valley.

## RU's Skip Watts receives geologists' national mentoring award

Radford University Professor of Geology Chester “Skip” Watts, PhD, has been awarded the prestigious 2020 Karl and Ruth Terzaghi Outstanding Mentor Award by the Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists (AEG).

The award recognizes individuals for their outstanding achievements as mentors throughout their careers. Recipients of the honor, awarded annually, have made lifelong efforts in providing professional, ethical and technical mentoring for environmental and engineering geologists. The awardees must have demonstrated a level of integrity and ethics above reproach and consistent with AEG’s Principles of Ethical Behavior.

“Professor Watts has been a longtime educator and advocate for our students,” said Orion



Professor of Geology Chester “Skip” Watts

Rogers, PhD., Dean of the Artis College of Science and Technology. “He is passionate about his profession and is always eager to pass along his knowledge and skills to his students. We are so proud of his dedication to Radford University and for his latest recognition by the Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists.”

According to Watts, Karl Terzaghi was a

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Radford University associate professor of marketing Jane Machin, Ph.D.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Wednesday, March 17:

**Art Club virtual meeting** - Art Club virtual meeting from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Christiansburg Library. Create a pop-art inspired animal drawing and learn about artist Andy Warhol. Stop by the library for a curated craft kit and catch a video tutorial on the Christiansburg Facebook Page.

## Thursday, March 18:

**Talking About Books: Nonfiction** - Virtual meeting from 1 a.m. until noon at the Christiansburg Library. To be discussed this month is "Righteous Mind" by Jonathan Haidt.

**Knitting 102** - A virtual meeting from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Montgomery Floyd Regional Library/Blacksburg Library. Knitting 102 will pick up with picking up. Learn how to retrieve dropped stitches, increase and decrease your work, and cast off your finished project.

The workshop will take place over a go-to-meeting. Call the Blacksburg Library at 540-552-8246 for more information and a workshop link.

## Friday, March 19:

**Hahn Horticulture Garden Spring Plant Sale** - The 2021 spring

plant sale is a joint fund-raising event between the garden and the VT Horticulture Club. It will be a two-week on-line sale this year due to the limitations on in-person gatherings.

The sale website will go live on Friday, March 19, and will close on Friday, April 2. After check-out, customers will select a pick-up date between April 22-24. The horticulture club's plant list for the annuals and perennials is not available, but a PDF list of trees and shrubs that the garden will be selling is available at <https://hahngarden.vt.edu/documents/HHG-plant-sale-2021-woody.pdf>.

Quantities are limited, so order early for the best selection.

## Monday, March 22 through Tuesday, April 2:

**Noise alert: Steam ventilation** - From March 22 - April 2, if the weather is unseasonably warm resulting in temperatures above normal, the university and surrounding community members may notice elevated noise levels in the proximity of the Virginia Tech power plant due to the steam venting process associated with the commissioning of the plant's new boiler. This notice is provided as a precautionary measure to inform the sur-

rounding community of the possible need to vent steam. There are no immediate plans to vent steam during this period. However, if temperatures are unseasonably warm, steam produced by the new boiler may need to be vented, resulting in elevated noise levels in the proximity of the power plant and in the surrounding area. Possible intermittent noise will be limited to normal work hours (between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.), Monday through Friday only. All efforts will be made to reduce noise levels as much as possible. The Division of Campus Planning, Infrastructure, and Facilities thanks the university community and local residents in advance for their patience and understanding. Questions related to the steam venting process (and during the process) may be directed to [vtrepair@vt.edu](mailto:vtrepair@vt.edu) or 540-231-4300.

## Ongoing:

**Head Start Enrolling** - New River Community Action is now accepting applications for three- and four-year olds for Head Start for the 2021-22 school year. Head Start offers a no-charge pre-school for income eligible families. Families may apply by calling the local Head Start center, applying online

at [newrivercommunityaction.org](http://newrivercommunityaction.org) or by picking up an application form in person at the local center.

Applications are accepted year-round. The phone numbers for the three local Head Start centers are Christiansburg 540-381-7559, Radford 540-731-4107 and Blacksburg 540-552-0490. Anyone applying in person should bring proof of the child's birth and proof of the family's income such as a 1040, a W-2, pay stubs, child support income, money received from grants, and unemployment income.

## All month of March:

**Grab-and Go-Crafts** - All the month of March at the Meadowbrook Public Library. Call the library to request take-and-make craft kits available for grab-and-go with curbside pickup. The kits are free but supplies are limited.

Crafts and the dates they will be available are through March 20: Shark magnet clips; March 22-28: Spring and Easter crafts.

**StoryWalk** - All the month of March, at the Christiansburg Library. Exercise your brain and body as you read and walk the trail. Begin at the library at the College Street entrance of

Downtown Park. This month's book is "The Big Red Barn."

**Teen/Adult Craft-Felt Smartphone Cover** - All the month of March, at the Meadowbrook Public Library. Request a teen/adult craft to receive supplies to make your own felt phone cover. While supplies last.

## Through March 31:

**Keep Virginia Beautiful Annual "Shiver" Fundraising Event** - Keep Virginia Beautiful (KVB) has opened registration for Shiver in Virginia, a reimagined version of its annual Shiver in the River festival that has been KVB's largest annual fundraiser since 2015. This year's initiative is designed to be COVID-safe and give people more choice in how they can contribute to the beautification of their communities. Shiver in Virginia runs until March 31. Participants engage in activities including litter cleanups, recycling, trail cleaning, graffiti removal and other good deeds. For a donation of \$20.21, participants will receive a free Virginia State Parks parking pass, with no expiration date. Participants will also have access to the KVB Mission Challenge website, where they can map

the collective progress on the 2,021-mile path across the state. With each act reported, participants will be entered into drawings for additional prizes.

**Virginia Tech Parking Survey** - Virginia Tech has released a 2021 Parking Survey. All those who utilize parking and transportation in and around the Virginia Tech Blacksburg campus are invited to participate, including visitors and Blacksburg residents. The survey will close March 31, 2021, at 5 p.m.

All responses will remain anonymous and will be analyzed at the aggregate level. The survey should take fewer than 15 minutes to complete. To take the survey, visit

<https://vtnews.vt.edu/notices/adm-ev-ergreens/Transpo-parkingsurvey.html>.

## Through Saturday, April 24:

**"Unbearable Beauty" Exhibit at Moss Arts Center** - The exhibit is open each Wednesday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. through Saturday, April 24. The exhibit is a demonstration of the devastation human activity has wreaked on the environment. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

# NRV Health District: Vaccines available for 16-64 with underlying conditions, new clinics at Blacksburg High and Grace Life Church

CHRISTIANSBURG -- The New River Valley Public Health Task Force is now providing COVID-19 vaccinations to those ages 16 to 64 with certain underlying medical conditions and has announced a new series of clinics across the district.

After operating a vaccine clinic continuously for more

than two months at Blue Ridge Church in Christiansburg, this week's schedule includes clinics at Blacksburg High School on Wednesday and Grace Life Church in Christiansburg on Thursday.

Future vaccination schedules and locations will vary and will be listed each week at [www.NRVRoadtoWellness.com](http://www.NRVRoadtoWellness.com).

Pre-registration and appointments are required. To pre-register, visit [www.NRVRoadtoWellness.com](http://www.NRVRoadtoWellness.com).

The task force is especially seeking to locate anyone age 65 and up who wishes to receive a vaccine but does not yet have

an appointment. Anyone meeting those criteria should call the Vaccine Scheduling Center at 540-838-8222.

"The entire New River Valley, particularly the 60,000 that have been vaccinated thus far - and all those they now protect - owes the people of Blue Ridge Church a huge expression of

gratitude for their commitment to our community's collective well-being," said Noelle Bissell, M.D., director of the New River Health District. "They have been a faithful and generous resource, in service to our efforts to limit the spread of COVID illnesses, hospitalizations and deaths."

# Population shift from rural to urban has Virginia farmers worried their concerns will not be heard

As populations shift from rural to urban areas and political maps are reexamined, agricultural advocates hope farmers and rural Virginians can maintain a cohesive voice.

A diverse group of eight Virginians will join eight legislators in serv-

ing on the state's new redistricting commission. They soon will be tasked with redrawing the state's political maps using new U.S. Census data.

A panel of retired judges chose 64 finalists from 1,200 applicants selected by General As-

sembly leaders. The judges then picked six men and two women of varied race, age, political affiliation and geographical location to fill the eight citizen seats on the 16-member commission.

The commission's eight legislative seats

were chosen by the General Assembly's four political caucuses and also represent the state's geographical makeup.

Del. Les Adams, R-Chatham, was one of the two House Republicans appointed to a seat on the commission. He rep-

resents Henry and Pittsylvania counties, where his father and grandfather farmed. He said the constitutional amendment creating a redistricting commission was widely endorsed.

"People recognized that the time was right to provide political balance to a process that carries such an important responsibility for self-government," Adams said. "I look forward to fulfilling the duties that the people have set before us."

Virginia Farm Bureau Federation board members are anticipating the potential impact the commission's decisions may have on rural communities. Tazewell County cattle producer Emily F. Edmondson represents farmers in Southwest Virginia where less residential density means less representation in the General Assembly.

"We have a relatively cohesive voice out here," Edmondson said, "though it's a small voice."

Tobacco, beef, poultry and hemp producer Robert J. Mills Jr. agreed. He serves Farm Bureau producer members in rural Campbell, Halifax and Pittsylvania counties on the VFBF board, and those farmers have expressed some apprehension about redistricting.

"The size of districts in the Southside and Southwest Virginia are just getting larger, because new districts are being created in Northern or Eastern Virginia," Mills said. "So I do hear concern

that we're losing more ground."

It's important that members of organizations like Farm Bureau and the Virginia Agribusiness Council have conversations with leadership in urban areas, he said.

"For me, as a farmer who loves rural Virginia, it's really hard to digest bills that are sent down from Fairfax and Northern Virginia to regulate me and how I do business on the farm. Perhaps if some rural districts expand, they may pick up pieces of urban areas, resulting in more rural representation in Richmond," Mills said.

Adams said he's in their corner. "The needs of our rural communities are always at the forefront of my service and will certainly be represented on this commission," he said.

Kristie Helmick Proctor, executive director of the Virginia Rural Center, is looking for solutions that will benefit all Virginians. The center's mission is to enhance the prosperity of rural communities and retain those populations.

"We encourage the redistricting commission to consider solutions that will not involve pitting rural interests against urban and suburban interests," Proctor said. "But instead, look at where our interests align and the important role each region plays in the ongoing health and prosperity of our commonwealth as a whole."

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# VTTI Director: Major problems face GM with its decision to sell only zero-emission cars by 2035



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The historic move by General Motors to sell only zero-emission cars by 2035 will help the U.S. auto industry fight climate change, but infrastructure upgrades are needed to support the transition, says expert Hesham Rakha, who is the Director of the Center for Sustainable

Mobility at the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute (VTTI).

“All-in-all this is a very good decision, but further research is needed to study the network-wide impacts of wide-scale battery electric vehicle rollout,” says Rakha. “The question remains where and how

the electricity that enables zero-emission vehicles comes from. Until we have a zero emissions battery, and all electricity is created using zero emissions, no car manufacturer can sell zero emission vehicles.

“Having a large fleet of battery electric vehicles will have a signifi-

cant impact on the electrical grid system, and this is critical to a successful implementation and full rollout of battery electric vehicles,” says Rakha. “Having more charging stations in key transportation locations will also be needed.”

Rakha says that new traffic control strategies will also need to be developed. “Electric vehicles operate optimally at lower speeds and in stop-and-go conditions, which means that they thrive on traffic congestion,” he says. “Consequently, there will be a need to develop traffic control strategies that simultaneously address conflicting energy, efficiency and safety objectives.”

As interest in electric cars increases, Virginia Tech researchers are studying the potential energy and efficiency benefits of these

vehicles. A recent report published by the Transportation Research Board studied the potential benefits of an eco look-ahead control, designed to optimize energy consumption, for battery electric vehicles. They found a significant reduction in energy consumption on downhill roads for the electric vehicles compared with internal combustion engine vehicles.

Another study explored a model for electric vehicles to optimize their travel through traffic intersections (thereby conserving fuel) using Signal Phasing and Timing information from the traffic light, as well as surrounding traffic information received from in-vehicle sensors.

VT’s Center for Sustainable Mobility (CSM) conducts research relevant to society’s transportation mobility, energy, environmental and

safety needs. The center translates the results of research into realistic and workable applications, creates and provides tools needed to apply developed knowledge and processes and educates qualified engineers to meet today’s transportation demands and tomorrow’s transportation challenges.

*Hesham Rakha is the director of the Center for Sustainable Mobility at VTTI. His areas of research include traffic flow theory, traveler and driver behavior modeling, dynamic traffic assignment, transportation network control, optimization, use of artificial intelligence and machine learning techniques in transportation, intelligent vehicle systems, connected and autonomous vehicles, transportation energy and environmental modeling, and transportation safety modeling.*

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civil engineer, geologist and professor. His wife, Ruth, was also a geologist. Together, they profoundly influenced the mode of thought of their contemporaries, consequently initiating new eras in geologic and engineering practices. Karl Terzaghi, known as the “father of soil mechanics,” devoted his career to establishing the modern discipline of soil mechanics and foundation engineering, enabling the design of safe foundations, earth dams and subsurface and earthwork construction.

Watts has been a facul-

ty member in the Department of Geology since 1984. He was a recipient of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) Outstanding Faculty Award in 1998, and he was named a Geological Society of America/United States Geological Survey Congressional Science Fellow in 2001-02. Watts was one of two Artis College of Science and Technology recipients of the Dalton Eminent Scholar Award at Radford University in 2018-19.

*-Mary Hardbarger  
Radford University*

## Jamestown

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questions, and there were a lot of questions,” said Bell. “It was overall a great experience.”

The book centers on youngsters Sam, Derek, and Caitlin, who are invited to help with archaeological digs for a week at Jamestown’s Field School.

“But when one of the priceless artifacts dug from the Jamestown Fort is labeled a fraud, it threatens to upend the entire archaeological project,” reads a description of the book. “Can the kids expose the secret conspiracy or have they finally got-

ten in over their heads? Journey back with them to America’s beginnings and a mystery in the shadows of Jamestown.”

“Shadows at Jamestown” is the sixth book in The Virginia Mysteries series, which are modern-day fictional mysteries with locations and events from Virginia history. The books are popular with both boys and girls ages 7-12. “Shadows at Jamestown” was named a Virginia Readers’ Choice Elementary title for 2019-20 by the Virginia State Reading Association.



Steven K. Smith

# Virginia Tech team helping to tackle the untold stories of the Civil War through augmented reality



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION COURTESY OF THOMAS TUCKER

**This simulation of a possible augmented reality experience shows Tudor Hall Plantation. The National Endowment of Humanities is funding the planning for the project, which seeks to bring history to life.**

The grass-covered knolls and surrounding woods of the Pamplin Historical Park in Petersburg, Virginia, seems like an unassuming landscape. With its well-kept facilities and trails, the property reveals little of its war-torn past. Only small mounds remain from its Civil War-era fortifications and earthworks.

And yet tourists, students on field trips, and history buffs flock to the park, hoping to get a glimpse of its infamous past.

But many do not know that the ground they stand upon holds vital clues. To help reveal a more in-depth picture of the Civil War, the National Endowment for the Humanities is fund-

ing a planning grant for “Experiencing Civil War History through Augmented Reality: Soldiers, Civilians, and the Environment at Pamplin Historical Park.” The grant recipients are from Virginia Tech, Virginia Commonwealth University, and the park, along with its National Museum of the Civil War Soldier.

When Paul Quigley, the project director and principal investigator, gazes at the Breakthrough Battlefield at Pamplin Historical Park, he sees a history filled with earthworks, human relationships, and social change.

“We want audiences to think about the battlefield and the homefront as part of the same history,” he said. “What kinds of people, other than soldiers, were involved in the Civil War? What roles did they play, and what effects did the war have on their lives and social relationships? We will tell stories about households, which Civil War-era historians are studying more and more as a venue of transformative social changes tied up with military events.”

Quigley and two overlapping project teams, one focused on humanities and the other on digital media, will work together to provide new technology to bring innovative humanities scholarship to broader audiences. The teams envision using augmented reality to help people understand history within its

physical context. Pamplin Historical Park offers a battlefield, four museums, and historic Tudor Hall, which served for a brief time as the Confederate headquarters for the troops in the area.

“This is also a way to get people to think about the impact the environment had on the way battles progressed,” said Quigley, who is the James I. Robertson Jr. Associate Professor of Civil War Studies at Virginia Tech and director of the Virginia Center for Civil War

Studies. “The way military commanders used environmental features, ranging from trees, topography, water, and even light, could easily change a battle’s trajectory. The initial stages of the battle took place at night, so the darkness affected the decisions made by military commanders.”

The clash — known as the Breakthrough Battle of Petersburg — took place on April 2, 1865. Quigley said it led to the

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## Riner structure fire destroys three vehicles



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**Sunday afternoon, the Riner Fire Department with help from the Christiansburg and Radford fire departments responded to a structure fire at 2720 Dry Valley Road. Three vehicles, including an SUV, were destroyed in the blaze.**

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# OPINION

## Perfection? Once upon a time, I was blessed with it

As I am no longer just standing on the doorstep of old age but am kicking the darned door down, I cannot help but all too keenly be aware of the regrets and mistakes I have accumulated across the decades. For the most part, they're like Frank Sinatra's claim in one of the greatest songs of the modern pop and rock era: Paul Anka's "My Way." He's had a few, but then again, they're too few to mention.

I kind of feel the same way. I can rationalize that any life lived with zest and enthusiasm, with risks taken, is bound to include mistakes. It is bound to inflict some pain on others of varying degrees of innocence. The cold-blooded term is "collateral damage."

That rationalization does not erase the regrets from life's iPad, but it does help a little to assuage an otherwise guilty conscience. Perhaps the most profound wisdom granted to us by age is the realization that though everything didn't turn out the way we might have wished, we did the best we could with what we had to work with at the time.

We do not get the chance to do it over again, and even if we did, we'd probably botch it the second time around. I'm quite positive I would.

Some things, though, about my life, I would not change one iota. Some aspects of my life -- some precious times -- were idyllic. Even perfect.

This is a rather rambling lead-in to a lengthy phone conversation I had with my sister Monday morning. It was not a particularly good weekend around this old codger's household. I spent it in the emergency room and the hospital thanks to some rather intense chest pains. Sports fans, at my age, chest pains are not to be taken lightly.

After some tests and X-rays and the like, the report was good. Whatever those pains are, and nobody's figured them out yet, they're not related to heart troubles. The old ticker's still ticking right on time.

But the wife and I let the family know what was going on: my son, my sisters, her brother. And so my sister called me Monday to check on me.

And we got to reminiscing. We agreed on one thing for sure. We were blessed with the perfect parents.

A lot of that might have had to do with the time we grew up in. A time before computers and smartphones. A time in which never for a moment did we experience fear. As my sister remarked, we had much more freedom than today's kids do. Living in a small town, we could head out in the morning and not come back until late in the afternoon and never, ever feel frightened, concerned, or worried. We had freedom to be kids.

For another thing, my parents were hot. We had pictures of them in the first years after daddy came home from the war and they were traveling all over the place to see the likes of Glenn Miller. Man, how my daddy could dance. The women would line up, which would, not surprisingly, annoy the daylights out of my momma, who wanted her personal version of Fred Astaire all to herself.

When my sister and I think and talk about our folks, both of whom have long since left us, we don't get sad or tear up. We inevitably wind up laughing and feeling warm and blessed. I'm talking good times the whole time we grew up.

Mom and dad wrapped a cocoon around my sisters and me. Inside it, they placed laughter and love. Truth is, we did everything together as a family growing up because inside that cocoon was right where we wanted to be. Who in his right mind would want to leave or be anywhere else?

Even after we grew up, we didn't want to leave. For us, the perfect weekend was to get with the folks somewhere. In later years, it was at a lake, boating, swimming and skiing.

I don't get maudlin about my folks. I just remember that I had the good sense to love them and appreciate them while they were still alive. Besides, how can I be maudlin about this incredible woman who was my mother and who finally and reluctantly gave into one of age's infirmities, got a hearing aid, and then regaled us with the account of the first time she flushed the toilet while she was wearing the thing and she had the volume turned up. She thought the darned toilet was jumping off the wall it was so loud.

How can you not just desperately share love and laughter with someone like that?

Thank you, Mom and Dad. If I've turned out to be anything worthwhile at all, it's all because of you.

*The author is a man of a certain age who still -- decades after they have both died -- pauses practically every day to give thanks to God for his parents.*

## Virginia among states least dependent on federal assistance

Federal assistance to states has come into the spotlight recently during the coronavirus pandemic where some states have received far more money per case than others. In order to find out exactly how big the difference

in federal dependence is from state to state, the personal finance website WalletHub compared the 50 states in terms of three key metrics: the dollar amount of federal contracts received, the dollar amount of other

financial assistance received and the gross domestic product per capita.

The survey revealed that with the lowest numbers being states receiving the most federal assistance, Virginia placed 40th in the rankings of the 50 states. That ranking was aided by the state government's standing as 49th among the states in dependency on the feds.

The federal government has shelled out around \$750 billion to states during the pandemic crisis and has faced questions about whether the distribution has been truly equitable and efficient.

For example, in the initial \$150 billion given to states from the stimulus package, which was allocated by population, New York got less than \$24,000 per positive case while Alaska received over \$3.3 million.

For years, Americans have looked at federal assistance programs with growing scrutiny, and under the former administration, the number of people dependent on government assistance was decreasing prior to the coronavirus crisis. Regardless of overall trends, though, it is clear that some states receive a far higher return on their federal income-tax contributions than others.

According to WalletHub, the five states most dependent on federal aid are 1) New Mexico 2) Kentucky 3) Mississippi 4) West Virginia and 5) Montana.

In order after Virginia, the states ranked 41 through 50 as being the least dependent on federal assistance are California, Washington, Minnesota, Massachusetts, Illinois, Utah, Iowa, Delaware, New Jersey, and Kansas.

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## Virginia's gas prices continue to rise

Virginia gas prices have risen 8.4 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.75/g as of Monday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 4,081 stations in Virginia.

Gas prices in Virginia are 34.9 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 65.7 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Virginia is priced at \$2.39/g while the most expensive is \$3.29/g, a difference of 90.0 cents per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 5.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.86/g. The national average is up 33.2 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 64.0 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

Historical gasoline prices in Virginia and the national average going back ten years: March 15, 2020: \$2.10/g (U.S. Average: \$2.22/g); March 15, 2019: \$2.36/g (U.S. Average: \$2.54/g); March 15, 2018: \$2.35/g (U.S. Average: \$2.52/g); March 15, 2017: \$2.09/g (U.S. Average: \$2.28/g); March 15, 2016: \$1.78/g (U.S. Average: \$1.94/g); March 15, 2015: \$2.27/g (U.S. Average: \$2.43/g); March 15, 2014: \$3.28/g (U.S. Average: \$3.52/g); March 15, 2013: \$3.59/g (U.S. Average: \$3.69/g); March 15, 2012: \$3.73/g (U.S. Average: \$3.82/g); March 15, 2011: \$3.48/g (U.S. Average: \$3.56/g).

Gas prices in Roanoke sit at \$2.69/g., up 10.4 cents per gallon from a week ago.

In Richmond, gas prices are at \$2.75/g., up seven cents per gallon from a week ago.

In West Virginia, gas prices are at \$2.80/g., up 7.6 cents per gallon from a week ago.

"As Americans turn optimistic on COVID-19 pandemic recovery, we've been seeing an insatiable demand for gasoline, which continues to recover far faster than oil production," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "According to GasBuddy data, last week's gasoline demand was just 1% below the pre-pandemic level, an extremely bullish factor likely to continue driving gas and oil prices up in the short term," according to De Haan.

"The recovery in the last few weeks has been astounding. Both the speed and overall volume increases we've seen in our data lend credibility to the recovery and perhaps will lead to continued price increases due to the continued imbalance between supply and demand," said De Haan.

"It's no longer a question of if we'll see gasoline demand return to near normal this year but when and whether oil producers will rise to the occasion and be able to quickly ramp up output, or whether we will see the highest summer prices since 2014 until they jump into action. Only time will tell, but it's looking like things are heating up far more than expected since the start of the year."

# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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**CLUES ACROSS**

1. "Be back later"

4. Hoover's office

7. Brew

8. Philo and Reglis are two ("Star Wars")

10. Actress Remini

12. Moghul emperor

13. Alaskan glacier

14. Constrictor

16. Prohibit

17. Ancient Brittonic tribe

19. Chinese pastry

20. Razorbill is of this genus

21. Beloved holiday decoration

25. Dutch football club

26. Aggressive dog

27. Small piece of glass

29. "South Park" creator

30. Leisure activity

31. Someone's story

32. Record-setting swimmer

39. Hillside

41. Unit of measurement

42. Famous for its potatoes

43. Insect secretion

44. Gate in Marrakesh

45. Cain and

46. A set of moral principles

48. Repair

49. Two-terminal semiconductor device

50. Strongly alkaline solution

51. Former CIA

52. Satellite laser ranging

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Sea

2. Cleans things

3. More skinny

4. Supervises flying

5. Talk rapidly and excitedly

6. Intestinal

8. Don't know when yet

9. Soluble ribonucleic acid

11. Chinese and Vietnamese ethnic group

14. Wild cattle genus

15. Rock formation

18. Makes up

19. Resembles a pouch

20. Having an aerial quality

22. Windpipe

23. Million barrels per day (abbr.)

24. Bitterly regret

27. Soft creamy white cheese

28. Renamed when EU was incorporated

29. ' death do us part

31. Sound unit

32. Men proud of their masculinity

33. Clergy member's vestment

34. Hello

35. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls

36. Marks

37. Derived from benzene

38. Low-melting alloy

39. Lost blood

40. Quantitative relation

44. Academic degree

47. Many subconsciouses

## PETS-OF-THE-WEEK

At this time, visits to the Montgomery County Animal Care and Adoption Center are limited to one party at a time in the lobby area. Animal areas are not open to the public. To schedule an appointment to meet a prospective pet call (540) 382-5795 or email animalcenter@montgomerycountyva.gov.



Due to no fault of her own, Raven has returned to the Animal Care and Adoption Center, and she is ready to find her furever home. She is a sweet gal who enjoys being with her favorite people to get some affection. Raven would do best in a home where she is the only pet. She is house trained.



Moody is hoping some green will provide good luck in finding his new home. Despite his name, he is a go-with-the-flow kind of cool cat and didn't mind dressing up for his portrait. Moody lost one of his eyes early on in life, but that hasn't stopped him from enjoying the joys of life, including nuzzles and head scratches.

# Augmented

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eventual defeat and surrender of Robert E. Lee's Confederate troops a week later. This marked the beginning of the end of the war.

Part of the overall grant plan is to include a fortification exercise. Quigley said the earthworks used in this battle were a precursor to the trench warfare of World War I.

"You can see bumps in the ground, usually just a few feet high," he said, "so not nearly as high as they would have been during the Civil War. Although it's cool to see where they were, it doesn't give you a visual sense

of exactly what they looked like. So one thing we're going to do is allow visitors, through augmented reality, to play with different fortifications and 'add' them to the landscape.

"Then they will receive audio or visual feedback from historians, who will provide more information," Quigley said. "And living historians will portray characters from the era — men and women, Black and white people. We can make it so much more interactive than a simple video."

Quigley said the project is about finding alternative ways

to think about military history. This particular site is perfect because it includes both a battlefield and a historic plantation. The team will address a variety of questions. What happened to the household during the war when a large majority of men left to fight? In what position did that leave female members of the household?

"How did the war affect the nature of white people's power over Black people?" Quigley asked. "How did enslaved people leverage the crisis or improve their situation to rebel in some way against slaveholders'

authority? Running away is the obvious one. Even when people didn't run away, though, their work may have slowed down. They knew the traditional power of the slaveholder over the slave was crumbling, and they used that to their advantage."

On the teams is Todd Ogle, the associate director for immersive experiences from the Center for Human-Computer Interaction. Since reading a book on the Battle of the Second Manassas 15 years ago, Ogle has wanted to bring historical documents, photographs, and map information, often found

in libraries and archives, to light on a Civil War battlefield. This project is providing him with the opportunity.

"At the time, smartphones didn't exist, and mobile augmented reality was still in the laboratory research and development phase of its lifecycle," Ogle said. "Even now, sharing such hidden histories has not become widespread even though the technical affordances exist. I'd like to push this out to as wide an audience as possible."

-Written by Leslie King

## OBITUARIES

### Lafon, Janice Carolyn Tucker Widrig

Janice Carolyn Tucker Widrig Lafon, 79, of Blacksburg, went to glory on Sunday, March 7, 2021, and is dancing with the angels in Heaven.

Jan was born in Detroit on March 21, 1941, to her parents, Gerald and Laverne Tucker. Her brothers include Jerry Tucker, Ronald Tucker and Ted Tucker. She was

preceded in death by her parents and her brothers, Richard and Tom Tucker.

Jan was 56 years young when her youngest started college. She was the second female paramedic in the state of Virginia. She started running at age 47. She started biking and biked the coast of California at age 60 and started ballroom dancing at the age of 68 and danced for 10 years.

Jan received her nursing degree from Wytheville Community College and had worked caring for and loving each patient over her long nursing career of 39 years. A patient she cared for over 20 years ago said, "I may have only got to meet Jan once, but she sure did leave a great lasting impression on me. I've been in all of our local hospitals and LewisGale multiple times over the last 20 years since my illnesses first started. I've had so many nurses, but there's only a handful that I can remember, and she is one of them."

Jan studied and became a nurse while raising six children. Her nursing career led her to caring for patients at Princeton Community Hospital in Princeton, W.Va., and LewisGale Hospital, Salem. Her compassion for people was one of her best gifts. She cared for her patients and worked full-time right up until she retired at age 78 and never missed a step. She could outwork nurses who were half her age. She also had a great love for politics and had a great knowledge of America's political landscape.

Her children and grandchildren were her life. Sadly, Jan was preceded in death by her son, Dan Widrig, and a grandson, Reagan Widrig. Her children include son Scott Widrig and his wife, Annette; daughter Jerie Anne Whitehead and her husband, Jeff; sons, Jamie Widrig, Chris Widrig and Amanda Musick, and B.J. Lafon and wife, Nicole.

Jan's pride and joy were her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her grandchildren are Sarah Vaught and husband Dale, Wes Widrig and wife Kim, Kiva Troise and husband Joe,



Grant Widrig, Joseph Widrig, Cody Whitehead and wife Chelsea, Levi Whitehead and wife Kelsey, Autumn Snider and husband Logan, Journey Widrig, Jordan Widrig and wife Kaitlyn, Savannah Poff and husband Andy, Tristian Widrig, Emma Sullivan, Micaiah Widrig and Paul Osborne, and Penelope, Genevieve and Cleo Lafon. Her great-grandchildren are Olivia Vaught, Mya Gustafson, Landon, Laithan and Selah Lankford, Octavia, Charlie and Daniel Widrig, Julia Whitehead, and Hallie Snider.

Large family gatherings at her home brought a smile to her face like nothing else, and summer beach trips were her specialty. She had hoped to make at least one more trip to the Outer Banks this summer, but God had another plan. She made us promise to carry her ashes to the beach to be near her son, Dan. Describing Nana Jan Lafon is done best by granddaughter, Kiva, who said, "I can't imagine a world without her in it. I don't know what I'm going to do without her," and grandson Cody, who said, "We lost our foundation, our CEO, our chief, our leader, our best friend, our everything. She was the rock we all stood firm on. She loved us harder than humanly possible. She was everything for all of us. I hope she's dancing in Heaven right now." Son B.J. said, "Mom has her angel wings now and is watching over all of us."

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to: a GoFundMe: "One Last Gift of a Mother's Love for Her Son" <https://gofund.me/d37ac929>. Due to the pandemic and COVID restrictions, a private family service will be held.

Friends may attend a Zoom service at the following link on March 27, 2021, at 1 p.m. After the service, the family will also be live on ZOOM at 5 p.m. to share stories about their hero. Please join at the link below for her service at 1 p.m. or share your story with the family at 5 p.m. <https://us-02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZ0pfu6pqz8vHdWhQO1jyuRVJk-3rOMzYdbHJ> Meeting ID: 894 9715 4571 Password: love.

The family would love and request those who are willing to share stories or memories of Jan in the virtual guest book on the funeral home page to do so as well. Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

### Martin, Jr., Lee Edward

Lee Edward Martin, Jr, 76, passed away on Friday, March 12, 2021. He was predeceased by his parents, Lee and Jean Reynolds Martin.

He is survived by his loving wife, Anna, and his brother and sister-in-law, Danny and Linda Martin. Also left to lovingly remember Lee are his very special friends, Ricky and Sandy Fisher and their daughters, Morgan

and Maggie; six nephews, five nieces, two brothers-in-law and their spouses, one sister-in-law and her spouse, and his father's second wife, Lucy Martin.

A special thanks to all his nurses and Dr. Sowinski.

A private graveside service will be held.

Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

### Quesenberry, Patricia Lynn

Patricia Lynn "Patty" Quesenberry, 66, of Pulaski, went to her heavenly home on Friday, March 12, 2021.

Patricia was preceded in death by her parents, Betty Joyce Quesenberry "Sissy" and Donald Cecil Quesenberry.

She is survived by her children, Betty Follette, Janie Dean, and Tammy Dean; grandchildren Sarah Farmer, Hannah Bolash, Brandon Dean, Isaiah Drummond, and Angel



Dean; great-grandchildren, Julianna Farmer, Alexis Bolash, Catherine Farmer, and Isabel Dean; a special daughter, Tarya Keith; a special son, Allen Bolash; her sisters and brother; and many other relatives and friends.

Services will be private.

The Quesenberry family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford. [www.mullinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.mullinsfuneralhome.com).

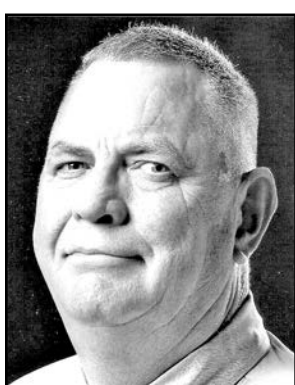
### Saubert, Robert Wayne

Robert Wayne Saubert, 73, of Radford, died peacefully at his home on Thursday, March 11, 2021.

He had multiple degrees, including a bachelor's of business from the University of Kansas, a JD from Drake University, and a master's in accounting from Virginia Tech.

Wayne was a special agent for the Justice Department, a practicing attorney and a retired Emeritus Professor of Accounting.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Hyldred Saubert; his brothers, Frank and James Saubert; and a sister, Robyn Parsons.



Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Lynn Kay Saubert; a son, Bradley Saubert; a grandson, Zachary; a brother and sister-in-law, Doug and Karen Saubert; a sister and brother-in-law, Jana and Tim Brodnax; and many other family members and friends.

A celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Radford Animal Shelter, 110 Pulaski St, Radford, VA 24141. The Saubert family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory. [www.mullinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.mullinsfuneralhome.com).

### Spence, Sharron Smith

Sharron Smith Spence was born and raised in Vienna, Va., to Louise (Reese) and F. Glenn Smith, who have pre-deceased her. She was a beloved sister to Gary Smith, who also pre-deceased her. Sharron took personal care of her parents and her brother in their final days, a wonderful testament to who she was.

She married the late Billy Gene Spence. Together they raised their daughter, Deborah, in Dugspur, Va. They enjoyed many weekends and vacations traveling in their "carry-all" to camping destinations around Virginia and their time with friends (the Longerbeam family) on the Shenandoah River.

Sharron graduated from Washington School for Secretaries and spent her career working as a legal secretary with many prestigious law firms until her re-



tirement from Davis, Davis & Davis.

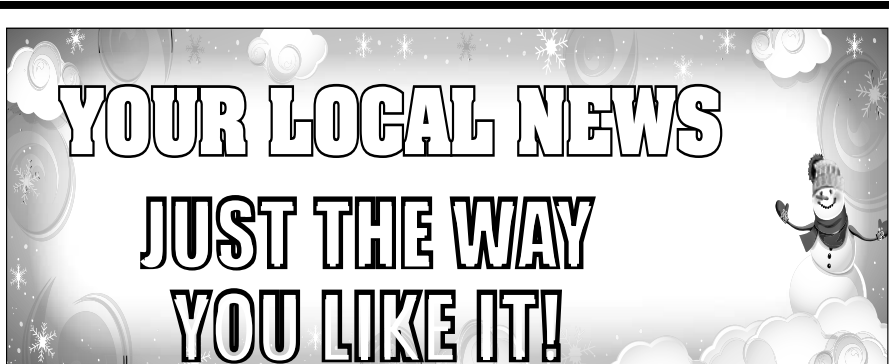
Sharron is survived by her devoted daughter, Deborah (Thomas) and grandsons Nicholas and Aidan, whom she cherished and loved, and her best four-footed friend, Boots the cat. Deborah took care of her mom during her illness, and her family was with her when she passed.

In keeping with Sharron's final wishes, funeral services will be private with inurnment at The Southwest Virginia Veterans cemetery with her late husband Gene. A celebration of life will be held in the coming weeks.

The Spence family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford, Virginia. [www.mullinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.mullinsfuneralhome.com).

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, the Board of Zoning Appeals of the Town of Vinton, Virginia, hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on **Tuesday, March 30, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.** The Board of Zoning Appeals will also hold a work session at **6:15 p.m.** prior to the public hearing.

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments concerning:

1. A request by the Town of Vinton, for a variance of specific requirements set forth in the FO-Floodplain Overlay District of the Vinton Zoning Ordinance. The purpose of this request is to allow for the redevelopment of the historic Gish Mill properties, located at 350 and 0 Gus Nicks Boulevard, Vinton, Virginia, Tax Map Numbers 060.11-04-22.00-0000 and 060.11-04-23.00-0000. The variance, if granted, will include all necessary redevelopment activities for the conduct of a functionally dependent use provided that:
- a. The criteria of Article IV, Division 13, Sec. 4-73 of the zoning ordinance are met, and
- b. The structure or other development is protected by methods that minimize flood damage during the base flood and create no additional threats to public safety.

Further information concerning the public hearing, may be obtained from the Planning and Zoning Department located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia 24179, by phone-540-983-0605. Interested persons may be heard at the above public hearing. In light of the ongoing COVID-19 emergency, participation in this public hearing by BZA members, staff, and the public will be available through electronic or other alternative means. The public may comment on this request by emailing [nmcclung@vintonva.gov](mailto:nmcclung@vintonva.gov), by calling 540-983-0605 or writing to the Principal Planner, Town of Vinton, 311 S. Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia 24179. Voicemails, emails and other messages containing comments on the request will be provided to the BZA members. The public also may be able to comment during the electronic public hearing. Citizens interested in this option must register in advance by calling the Town Clerk's Office at 540-983-0607 or sending an email to [sjohnson@vintonva.gov](mailto:sjohnson@vintonva.gov) by 12 Noon on Monday, March 29, 2021. The public can observe this meeting through a livestream on the Town's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/vintonva](http://www.facebook.com/vintonva) a. Additional information concerning the meeting and the public hearing will be made available on the Town's website at least three days before each meeting date. Comments and grievances can be submitted in writing to the Town Manager's Office, Town of Vinton, Virginia at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, VA 24179 or by phone at (540) 983-0607, or Virginia Relay Service 711 until March 30, 2021 at 5pm. Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate in this public meeting should contact the Town Manager's Office at (540) 983-0607.

Nathaniel S. McClung, Principal Planner

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12 Noon on Monday, March 29, 2021. The public can observe this meeting through a livestream on the Town's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/vintonva](http://www.facebook.com/vintonva) a. Additional information concerning the meeting and the public hearing will be made available on the Town's website at least three days before each meeting date. Comments and grievances can be submitted in writing to the Town Manager's Office, Town of Vinton, Virginia at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, VA 24179 or by phone at (540) 983-0607, or Virginia Relay Service 711 until March 30, 2021 at 5pm. Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate in this public meeting should contact the Town Manager's Office at (540) 983-0607.

Nathaniel S. McClung, Principal Planner

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Planning Commission of Town of Vinton, Virginia, hereby gives notice of a work session on Thursday, March 25, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the work session is to receive comments and discuss the request to rezone the historic Gish Mill properties, located at 305 and 0 Gus Nicks Boulevard, Vinton, Virginia, Tax Map Numbers 060.11-04-22.00-0000 and 060.11-04-23.00-0000, from M-1 Limited Industrial to Mixed Use Development (MUD) District, and to review the proposed Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) of the Town of Vinton. Further information concerning the work session, may be obtained from the Planning and Zoning Department located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia 24179, by phone: 540-983-0605. Interested persons may be heard at the above work session. In light of the ongoing COVID-19 emergency, participation in this work session by Planning Commission members, staff, and the public will be available through electronic or other alternative means. The public may comment on this request by emailing [nmcclung@vintonva.gov](mailto:nmcclung@vintonva.gov), by calling 540-983-0605 or writing to the Principal Planner, Town of Vinton, 311 S. Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia 24179. Voicemails, emails and other messages containing comments on the request will be provided to both the Commission and Council members. The public also may be able to comment during the electronic work session. Citizens interested in this option must register in advance by calling the

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Town Clerk's Office at 540-983-0607 or sending an email to [sjohnson@vintonva.gov](mailto:sjohnson@vintonva.gov) by 12 Noon on Wednesday, March 24, 2021. The public can observe this meeting through a livestream on the Town's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/vintonva](http://www.facebook.com/vintonva) a. Additional information concerning the work session will be made available on the Town's website at least three days before the meeting date. Comments and grievances can be submitted in writing to the Town Manager's Office, Town of Vinton, Virginia at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, VA 24179 or by phone at (540) 983-0607, or Virginia Relay Service 711 until March 25, 2021 at 5pm. Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate in this public meeting should contact the Town Manager's Office at (540) 983-0607.

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO COMPLY WITH DISABILITIES ACT.** Reasonable efforts will be made to provide assistance or special arrangements to qualified individuals with disabilities in order to participate in or attend the meetings. Please call (540) 983-0605 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting so that proper arrangements may be made.

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, the Town of Vinton, Virginia, hereby gives notice of a joint public hearing to be held by the Planning Commission and the Town Council on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments concerning:

1. Petition of the Town of Vinton, to rezone the historic Gish Mill properties, from M-1 Limited Industrial to Mixed Use Development (MUD) District, in order to redevelop them into mixed-use properties that will accommodate restaurant, retail, residential, and lodging uses. The properties are located at 305 and 0 Gus Nicks Boulevard, Vinton, Virginia, Tax Map Numbers 060.11-04-22.00-0000 and 060.11-04-23.00-0000. Further information concerning the public hearing, may be obtained from the Planning and Zoning Department located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia 24179, by phone: 540-983-0605. Interested persons may be heard at the above public

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hearing. In light of the ongoing COVID-19 emergency, participation in this public hearing by Planning Commission members, Council members, staff, and the public will be available through electronic or other alternative means. The public may comment on this request by emailing [nmcclung@vintonva.gov](mailto:nmcclung@vintonva.gov), by calling 540-983-0605 or writing to the Principal Planner, Town of Vinton, 311 S. Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia 24179. Voicemails, emails and other messages containing comments on the request will be provided to both the Commission and Council members. The public also may be able to comment during the electronic public hearing. Citizens interested in this option must register in advance by calling the Town Clerk's Office at 540-983-0607 or sending an email to [sjohnson@vintonva.gov](mailto:sjohnson@vintonva.gov) by 12 Noon on Monday, April 5, 2021. The public can observe this meeting through a livestream on the Town's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/vintonva](http://www.facebook.com/vintonva) a. Additional information

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concerning the public hearing will be made available on the Town's website at least three days before the meeting date. Comments and grievances can be submitted in writing to the Town Manager's Office, Town of Vinton, Virginia at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, VA 24179 or by phone at (540) 983-0607, or Virginia Relay Service 711 until April 6, 2021 at 5pm. Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate in this public meeting should contact the Town Manager's Office at (540) 983-0607.

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# Historical events throughout the month of March

March may be most synonymous with the start of spring and St. Patrick's Day, but there's much more to the third month of the calendar year. The following are notable events that occurred between March 1 and March 31 throughout history.

- March 1: The Articles of Confederation are established in 1791. Nine years later, Congress would authorize the first United States Census on this date.
- March 2: Fans are treated to a sci-fi masterpiece when images of a giant gorilla first appear in the film "King Kong," which premiered in New York in 1933.
- March 3: Telephone inventor Alexander Graham Bell is born in Edinburgh, Scotland. In March of 1876, he electronically transmitted sounds.
- March 4: In 1681, King Charles II of England grants a large parcel of land in the New World to William Penn to settle an outstanding debt. That area would later become Pennsylvania.
- March 5: The Boston Massacre occurs in 1770.
- March 6: Fort Alamo falls to Mexican troops led by General Santa Anna in 1836.
- March 7: The Beatles release the album "Past Masters, Volumes 1 & 2" in 1988.
- March 8: The New York Stock Exchange is founded in 1817.
- March 9: In 1864, Ulysses S. Grant is commissioned as a lieutenant general and becomes commander of the Union armies.
- March 10: Daniel Boone begins his expedition of Kentucky in 1775.
- March 11: The Lend-Lease program begins in 1941, enabling Britain to receive American supplies.
- March 12: The island of Bermuda is colonized by British in 1609.
- March 13: Sir William Herschel discovers Uranus in 1781.
- March 14: Albert Einstein is born in Germany in 1879.
- March 15: Julius Caesar is assassinated,

## The month of March

fulfilling the prediction of "Beware the Ides of March."

- March 16: Nathaniel Hawthorne's "The Scarlet Letter" is published in 1850.
- March 17: Golda Meir becomes the prime minister of Israel in 1969.
- March 18: In 1974, the five-month Arab oil embargo against the United States is lifted.
- March 19: In 1965, teenage diver E. Lee Spence discovers the wreck of the Confederate cruiser the S.S. Georgiana, which is valued at more than \$50 million.
- March 20: In 1852, "Uncle Tom's Cabin" is first published.
- March 21: Johann Sebastian Bach is born in Germany in 1685.
- March 22: In 1765 the Stamp Act was approved.
- March 23: Patrick Henry utters "Give me liberty, or give me death" in 1775.
- March 24: In 1988, the Exxon Valdez spills 11 million gallons of oil.
- March 25: RCA first produces color TVs in 1954.
- March 26: Playwright Tennessee Williams is born in 1911.
- March 27: Juan Ponce de Leon sees Florida in 1513.
- March 28: In 1979, a nuclear power plant on Three Mile Island overheats.
- March 29: Future U.S. president John Tyler is born in 1790.
- March 30: Vincent Van Gogh is born in Holland in 1853.
- March 31: "Oklahoma!" opens on Broadway in 1943.

# Professions that may be thriving in 2030

New Year's resolutions can serve as valuable motivational tools as people look to make positive changes in their lives. Health-related goals like quitting smoking and losing weight annually appear at or near the top of lists documenting the most popular resolutions. But many people also see New Year's resolutions as a great vehicle to kick-start positive changes in their professional lives.

According to Statista, finding a new job was the eighth most popular New Year's resolution in 2019. And finding a new job figures to be an even more common resolution for 2021, as the global COVID-19 pandemic of 2020 has sparked a recession that saw millions of people across the globe lose their jobs.

Professionals who want to switch careers in the near future may want to consider professions that are expected to experience significant growth in the years ahead. According to the Bureau of Labor

Statistics, demand for the following professionals is expected to grow considerably between now and 2029.

- Wind turbine service technicians - Expected growth (between 2019 and 2029): 60.7 percent
- Nurse practitioners - Expected growth: 52.4 percent
- Solar photovoltaic installers - Expected growth: 50.5 percent
- Occupational therapy assistants - Expected growth: 34.6 percent
- Statisticians - Expected growth: 34.6 percent
- Home health and personal care aides - Expected growth: 33.7 percent
- Physical therapist assistants - Expected growth: 32.6 percent
- Medical and health services managers - Expected growth: 31.5 percent
- Physician assistants - Expected growth: 31.3 percent
- Information security analysts - Expected growth: 31.2 percent

## Did you know?

The official beginning of spring is a highly anticipated day among people who can't wait to put away their winter coats and soak up some warm sunlight. But the day of the spring equinox is just as worthy of celebration for its uniqueness as it is for its symbolic connection with the end of winter.

According to the Old Farmer's Almanac, on the spring equinox, which is sometimes referred to as the "vernal equinox" or the "March equinox," the sun crosses the celestial equator going south to north. Equinoxes (there's another one in September each year) are the only two times a year that the sun rises due east and sets due west for everyone on Earth.

As the sun passes overhead on the equinox, the tilt of Earth is zero relative to the sun. That means that the planet's axis neither points toward or away from the sun. Though it's understandable why so many people appreciate the spring equinox, which ushers in increasing sunlight hours and later sunsets, the day's uniqueness makes it even more worthy of celebration. This year the spring equinox happens on Saturday, March 20 at 5:37 a.m. EDT in the northern hemisphere.

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# RADFORD SPORTS

## Game previews: Teams honor injured teammates

**Marty Gordon**  
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In the wake of new injuries, Blacksburg's Parker Epperley and Christiansburg's Caleb Henley have been honored by their teammates with helmet stickers with their numbers.

Both players lost their spring seasons thanks to torn ACLs. They both have had surgeries, and the two have supported each other as they struggled with the injury and not being able to play.

They have been injured again. A senior, Henley missed all of basketball season because of rehab from a previous tear. He suffered a second one in preseason football practice.

A junior, Epperley played in Blacksburg's first game of

the season, but after a tackle by an opponent, he was diagnosed with another ACL tear. He is only a junior and could be back on the field by mid-August if his new round of rehab goes as planned.

Turf seems to be the way to go. Christiansburg will have played all of its six scheduled spring games this season on artificial grass. Those sites included their own, Blacksburg, Hidden Valley and Patrick Henry.

### Previews:

Hidden Valley (0-3) at Blacksburg (0-3)

Last week: Hidden Valley could not find the end zone in a loss to Christiansburg. The Blue Demons held the Titans under 100 yards of total offense in the contest.

Blacksburg has also struggled to find the end zone

and fell 56-0 to unbeaten Pulaski.

Prediction: Blacksburg 30, Hidden Valley 28

Eastern Montgomery (2-2) at Bland (0-3)

Last week: Bland took it on the chin 57-8 thanks to Ft. Chiswell.

Eastern Montgomery ran into a Pioneer District buzzsaw in Narrows (43-0).

Prediction: Eastern Montgomery 24, Bland 18.

Glenvar (1-2) at Radford (2-0)

Last week: Radford remained unbeaten with a 40-0 win over Alleghany as the Bobcats rushed for 225 yards. Quarterback Zane Rupe rushed for 74 yards on eight attempts. The defense held Alleghany to 89 total yards. PJ Prioleau leads the team after two games with



**The No.-12 sticker on Blacksburg High's football helmets pays tribute to junior Parker Epperley, injured in the first game of the season.**

118 yards rushing and three touchdowns. Rupe is 14-of-32 passing for 186 yards with three touchdowns.

Glenvar shut out Floyd 34-0.

Prediction: Radford 37, Glenvar 28

Christiansburg (1-2) at

Patrick Henry (3-1)

Last week: Christiansburg picked up its first win of the season, a 26-0 win over Hidden Valley.

Patrick Henry claimed a 32-18 defeat of Cave Spring.

Prediction: Christiansburg 36, Patrick Henry 28

Auburn (1-2) at George Wythe (1-1)

Last week: George Wythe fell 7-0 to Galax.

Auburn hit the road and came home with a 41-13 loss to Grayson County.

Prediction: Auburn 21, George Wythe 20.

## Narrows downs Eastern Montgomery



PHOTOS BY JON FLEMING

**Eastern Montgomery defensive lineman Wyatt Stallard tackles Narrows running back Jacob Robertson during a home game Friday night. The Mustangs' offense struggled against the Green Wave, falling 43-0.**



**Eastern Montgomery's Anthony Travolta attempts to escape a tackle by Narrows' Logan Green during a kickoff return against the Green Wave.**



**Eastern Montgomery's Adam Bahnken fires a pass along the sideline during the second quarter against Narrows.**

## Hokies head to Big Dance with tenth seed in NCAA Tournament

The Virginia Tech men's basketball team nabbed a no.-10 seed in the 2021 NCAA Tournament. They will kick off the tournament in the South Region with the first game of the day Friday against seventh-seeded Florida at 12:15 on CBS.

The Hokies went 15-6 for the 2020-21 season, 9-4 in the ACC, which landed them a No.-3 seed in the league championship tournament.

Asked about his reaction to seeing Virginia Tech's name on the bracket, head coach Mike Young said. "To me, it's never been about the reaction to the seed, but rather enjoying the reaction of our kids when they see Virginia Tech pop up on the screen. This has been one of the most enjoyable groups I've had in my 30-plus years as a coach. These guys have always been about the team, and they have improved over the long haul of the season. They have weathered every storm thrown at them, and I expect them to continue to do the same when we get to Indianapolis.

"I couldn't be more thrilled about the opportunity to be a part of this year's NCAA Tournament," Young said. "There are so many people outside of this team that have made sacrifices to make this possible. From our leadership here at Virginia Tech, the ACC, the medical staff and so many others that made playing these games possible. We are very thankful."

Asked if he had watched Florida at all this year and what his first impressions of the Gators was, the head

Hokie said, "I have not seen Florida play much this year, other than peeking at a few games here and there. Their program was obviously in our thoughts earlier this year with Keyontae [Johnson], and I have a tremendous amount of respect for their program and the job Coach [Mike] White has done."

Graduate transfer forward Cordell Pemsl was asked what went through his head when he saw Tech's name pop up on Selection Sunday. He said, "This was my first time being able to participate in the [NCAA] Tournament, so I'm just happy and blessed. This is an opportunity for us in March to come out and make some noise. Everyone knows at this point that anything can happen. If we play hard and leave it all on the table, we will be able to go down and get some wins."

About Florida, Pemsl said, "I haven't gotten to watch Florida much this year. Honestly, I've been focusing more on us, and I've watched my boys back in Iowa. I haven't gotten the chance to watch Florida. I know Tre Mann is solid, that's their guy. We will obviously start watching film and start preparing for them this week and get ready for Friday."

Freshman forward David N'Guessan called it "pretty exciting" to see Tech's name in the tournament brackets. "It's my first time playing in March Madness after watching it on TV over the years. So I'm pretty pumped to be in it this year with the chance to compete with the best in college basketball."



## Anticipation building for start of Hokie spring football

After being hired as Virginia Tech's cornerbacks coach in January 2020, Ryan Smith was eager to get on the field with new defensive coordinator Justin Hamilton and the rest of a revamped defensive staff. Unfortunately, that opportunity never came due to COVID-19, quarantines and the subsequent changes in daily life as we knew it.

Fast forward to March 2021.

While COVID-19 is still a reality and vaccines are steadily being administered across the country, Smith and his fellow coaches are cautiously optimistic about the start of spring football, currently penciled in to begin on Saturday, March 20. Smith in particular is looking forward to his first spring on the field with his players.

According to Smith in a pre-spring interview, perhaps no

Tech player is more eager to get back on the field than cornerback Jermaine Waller. Dubbed "a warrior" by both head coach Justin Fuente and Smith, Waller played sparingly in 2020 as he fought through a variety of injuries. Fuente has indicated that the veteran corner is a "full go" for spring and has been furiously working out to get ready.

"He might be the definition

of self-motivated," Smith said of Waller. "He's going to show up every day and approach it like a professional. He's going to get the job done and go above and beyond what he has to do.

"He's developing as a leader," Smith said of his cornerback. "I think you're going to see a guy that's hungry and ready to attack the 2021 season. He's been crushing it."

Smith also addressed recruiting the state.

"We've been locked in as a program," he said. "Since day one when I got here, I knew that it was a major emphasis from Coach Fuente on down. I'm excited to work with J.C. (Price) with his knowledge of the state, his relationships up and down I-95, east on 64 to the 757, and

See **Anticipation**, page 10



# Hokies wrap up historic weekend at NCAA Indoor Championships

FAYETTEVILLE, ARK. -- Following a record-breaking Friday with top national performances, the Hokies track and field squads Saturday solidified the 2021 NCAA Indoor Championships as a meet that will go down in the Virginia Tech history books. With six All-American honors, including a third-place, school record 400m by Jacory Patterson, the Hokies earned their way to an all-time indoor championship weekend.

Patterson opened Saturday's action for the Hokies with a monstrous time of 45.14 in the 400m finals. With a 21.05 200m split, Patterson set the stage for a historic run. In a complete performance, the junior crossed the line with a new school record, a third-place finish in one of the toughest events at the meet, the third fastest time in the world this year, and the 20th fastest time in world history.

In the 800m finals, Lindsey Butler earned five huge points for the Hokies as well as first-team All-America honors by placing fourth, finishing with a time of 2:02.15.

Across the rest of Saturday's events, four more Hokies delivered top national performances.

Bashir Mosavel-Lo posted a strong 1:51.83 in the 800m, good for eighth place in the nation. Three Hokies went to work in a stacked 3,000m field, as Antonio Lopez Segura, Ben Nibbelink, and Ben Fleming posted All-American level times. Lopez Segura earned ninth place with a personal record 7:55.87, followed by Nibbelink and Fleming in 14th and 16th as all three earned second-team All-American honors.

The loaded meet saw the most events the Hokies have ever competed in at the indoor national championships, and team scores reflected that statistic. On the women's side, the Hokies tallied 15 points, the highest total since 2010, and the second-highest team finish in Hokies' women's history at 14th.

The Virginia Tech men's squad earned 11 points and placed 16th while also crowning nine All-Americans. Across both squads, the Hokies earned nine first-team All-Americans and four second-team All-Americans and set four school records across the championship meet.

"This was an outstanding national meet for both the women and men with great efforts across the entire team," Director of Track and Field Dave Cianelli said. "For the women to place 14th and the men 16th in the nation is a memorable performance. Both the men and the women have the chance to be even stronger at the outdoor national meet in June. We have a young team with almost every athlete returning in 2022. Our future is very bright."

The Hokies look to begin the outdoor season on March 26.

On the first day of the 2021 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships, the Hokies put on a show. Members of the Virginia Tech track and field team earned three first team All-American honors and set three new school records.

In the first event of the day, Essence Henderson defied all the odds she has faced throughout this season by smashing her own school record with a 56' 11.5" (17.36m) shot put. Henderson has struggled through injury all of 2021, but her massive throw showed her resilience and incredible ability as she placed fourth in the event and broke her school record by over a foot.

"Essence was just incredible today; her focus all day was on another level," said Associate Head Coach Andrew Dubs. "Coming into this meet ranked 10th, finishing fourth in the way she did with a huge new lifetime best and scoring big for the team. What really is there to say?"

"Essence Henderson is the definition of resilience. What she has been through the last three months. What she has battled through. Her ability to come out of that, the way she has handled everything, how do you put that into words? How a person handles themselves in the face of adversity is the true definition of one's character. Today, that was defined in her ability to show up against all odds. It was an inspiring performance to start off the meet for our team."

Ben Nibbelink featured next in the mile prelims and delivered a performance for the ages. Setting a new Virginia Tech school record with a time of 3:58.24, Nibbelink ran the seventh fastest time in the prelims. His record-setting time was better than each time in the second heat, but he just narrowly missed out on advancing to the finals due to automatic qualification of the top four spots in each heat.

In a traditionally strong event for the Hokies, this year's men's distance medley relay topped all others in Tech history. The squad of Ethan Mills, Patrick Forrest, Thierry Siewe Yanga, and Ben Fleming ran a time of 9:27.67, over 2.5 seconds faster than the Hokies' previous school record. Each member of the relay team ran incredible splits on each of the legs and placed fifth in the NCAA to earn first-team All-American honors.

"Really proud of all the efforts today," Distance Head Coach Eric Johannigmeier said. "Two school records, fifth place DMR, and a men's and women's finalist in the 800m is a good start to the meet for the distance group!"

Rachel Baxter continued her storied vaulting career at Virginia Tech with a feat few others have achieved. Placing fourth in the event with a vault of 14' 3.5" (4.36m), Baxter claimed first-team All-American honors for the second time in her career. This marked the fourth consecutive season Baxter has received an indoor All-American honor.

## Anticipation

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in Richmond. He's a rock star. He's got a lot of relationships with a lot of coaches.

"Being able to tag team with him, with the emphasis we're putting on the state of Virginia, we want to keep Virginia boys home," Smith said. "We're also evaluating guys who are a good fit for Virginia Tech. We're trying to build this thing with good players who have high character."

Another Tech assistant coach eager for his first spring as a position coach is Adam Lechtenberg, who was promoted to running backs coach in December 2019. Although he's been at Tech since 2017, the 2020 season marked his first campaign in charge of his own position group. Thanks in large part to running back Khalil Herbert and Tech's offensive front, the Hokies led the ACC in rushing by averaging 240.1 yards per game, the program's best mark since 2000.

Despite the loss of Herbert to the NFL, Lechtenberg is enthusiastic about a talented and deep running back corps on the field this spring. Returnees like Jalen Holston, Raheem Blackshear and Keshawn King have all shown glimpses of their potential. Numerous young players are also competing for reps this spring.

"The biggest thing I want to have in my room is a competitive group," Lechtenberg said. "They need to compete for everything, and right now we do have a lot of guys. This spring we'll have to see who earns their roles and opportunities."

Lechtenberg has served in several different capacities since his arrival at Tech. In 2021, he is adding offensive recruiting coordinator to his duties. The Nebraska native was asked about how some of his off-the-field roles have helped him become a better coach.

"One of the things that does give you a little more of a global perspective," Lechtenberg said. "Being involved in a number of different areas of an offense or a program has provided that for me. When I see a picture, I try to see the big picture. It's not just about my guys and how they fit, it's about everybody and how they can help make the team better."

In an interview session, wide receiver Tayvion Robinson was asked about Tech's punt return duties, a role he flourished in as a freshman, but still made a couple of miscues fielding the ball last season.

"Mistakes happen and when it happened, I talked to my coaches, I watched film and I learned from it," Robinson said. "All I can do from it is learn. I'm looking forward to the spring and getting as many reps as possible and getting that back under my belt."

Defensive tackle Norell Pollard is eager to work with former Tech standout turned co-defensive line coach J.C. Price this spring.

"I feel like it's going to be a great experience and opportunity," Pollard said. "He's a fired-up guy. You can tell that he loves being back here at his alma mater. I can't wait to work with him in the spring."

Tackle Luke Tenuta discussed having his father, Jon, on the defensive staff, as well as his anticipated move to left tackle this spring to fill the spot vacated by projected first-round NFL draft pick Christian Darriusaw.

"I think [having my dad on staff] is awesome. I'll get to spend more time with him, and he'll get to see me play. My mom's moving down here, so I think it's great."

About his move to left tackle, he said, "I'm excited wherever they need me to play, right or left (tackle). I honestly like the left side with my feet better. Obviously, it's the blind side for a right-handed quarterback so you have to make sure you're not getting beat. But it's really the same mindset as right tackle, your feet are just a little bit different."



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