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First week in the books for Radford **City Public Schools**

RADFORD - The first week of school for Radford City Public Schools is in the

School started on Monday and Tuesday this past week, and students, teachers, and administrators spent the week getting acclimated to their classrooms, to new procedures, and to each other.

At both campuses

McHarg/Belle Heth and Dalton Intermediate/ Radford High School - time was spent not only on learning but also on fostering strong relationships between students and traversing the nitty gritty of transportation, mask mandates, and

At the secondary level,

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Students at Belle Heth Elementary School work on an activity together designed to get to know one another



Legacy Motown Revue will perform tonight, Saturday, Aug. 21, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Glencoe Mansion, Museum

Motown concert coming to Radford tonight

The music of Motown will turn the grounds of Glencoe Mansion, Museum & Gallery into the perfect party tonight, Aug. 21, when The Legacy Motown Revue comes

The Legacy Motown Revue is described as the "ultimate Motown tribute, paying tribute to legendary icons of Motown with four talented performers who dance and sing, plus an amazing six-piece horn band, transporting you back in time to one of the most influential periods of American musical history. The legacy takes you back to the days of The Drifters, The Coasters, The Jacksons, Earth Wind & Fire, The Temptations, and so many more legendary icons."

Hailing from North Carolina, the Legacy Motown Revue was founded July 4, 2010. They will perform from 7 to 9 p.m. this evening, Saturday, Aug. 21, at the

"Evening of Motown" event sponsored by the Radford Chamber of Commerce and the City of Rad-

"There's nothing like a summer concert and listening to the sounds of Motown" is the way the city describes the event. "Bring a chair or blanket and join in an evening of Motown in Kadford. There will be food trucks, beer, and sweets."

Tickets are \$5 per person and gates open at 6 p.m.

NRV Home Builders Association awards 2021 memorial scholarship

Christiansburg -- The New River Valley Home Builders Association (NRVHBA) has awarded the 2021 Rick Whitney Memorial Scholarship to Ben Schmitt of Blacksburg.

The mission of the NRVH-BA Scholarship Committee is to support the future growth of the construction industry by providing aid to deserving students planning to enroll in construction-related studies at Virginia's colleges, trade schools and within working internships.

The association requests applications from graduating high school students in Montgomery, Giles, Pulaski, Floyd, Wythe, and Carroll counties and the towns of Blacksburg and Christiansburg and the City of Rad-

According to the association, Schmitt became interested in the construction industry after building homes while on a mission trip in Mexico. He then started his own business doing small construction and renovation projects. He has been accepted to Virginia Tech and plans to major in building construction.

Rick Whitney came to the New River Valley area in 1997 and was employed as Vice President of Construction for SAS Construction, LLC. Whitney mental in developing and Knollwood constructing Townhomes, the Glen, The Meadows at Northside Park, Cedarfield Subdivision, and Cedarfield Apartments.

He became an avid member of the New River Valley Home Builders Association in 1997, the Builder Director in 1997, Vice President in 1998, and President of the association in 1999. As a father, Rick recognized the importance of education to young people. To encourage others to pursue their dreams, this scholarship was established to honor his many accomplish-

The New River Valley Home Builders Association is a professional trade organization serving the residential and commercial building in dustry of the New River Vallev since 1976. As the voice of the building community, the NRVHBA advocates, educates, and gives back to better homeownership for all.



paycheck bonus

Carilion Clinic announced Wednesday, that employees vaccinated by Oct. 1 will be recognized with \$150 in their Oct. 15

After Oct. 1, those who choose not to get vaccinated will be tested weekly for COVID-19. The testing requirement will be reevaluated regularly based on the positivity rate and other factors in the region.

"Our top priority is to keep our communities healthy," said Jeanne Armentrout, RN, executive vice president and chief administrative officer for Carilion. "Getting the vaccine is a crucial way our employees can continue to fight back against this deadly virus. We wish to recognize the high vaccination rate among our staff and encourage more vaccinations."

The decision to recognize vaccinated employees was made following careful consideration and consultation with provider leader-

ship and public health peers. "More than 70 percent of our workforce and 99 percent of our physicians have already received the COVID-19 vaccine," said Armentrout. "Vaccination is the best way to protect against severe illness. For those unable to receive the vaccine and those still considering it, weekly testing combined with proper use of masks allows us to protect our patients, visitors, and staff.'

Masks and/or other personal protective equipment as well as daily attestations are currently required for any employee engaging with colleagues, patients, or visitors at Carilion.



The NRV Home Builders Association has awarded its 2021 Rick Whitney Memorial Scholarship to Ben Schmitt of Blacksburg, who became interested in the construction industry after building homes while on a mission trip in Mexico. Pictured above (left to right) are Cat White of Tyris Homes, Cassidy Jones of Slate Creek Builders, scholarship winner Schmitt, home owners association president Jeff Nosenzo of Brown Insurance, Ian Friend of SAS Builders, and Stephanie Bell of Gay and Neel, Inc.

Potentially toxic algae are blooming in Pandapas Pond

Potentially toxic cyanobacteria have formed a "harmful algal bloom" (HAB) in Pandapas Pond.

This type of blue-green algae may produce a toxin that can cause rashes and other illnesses.

The Virginia Department of Health warns pond visitors to stay out of the water, and to keep their pets out, too. Due to relatively low body weight, children and pets are at greater risk of severe illness if they ingest the water. Pets also can fall ill if they get wet and then lick

Pandapas Pond is a pastoral, 8-acre pond located just outside Blacksburg. It sits on the Eastern Continental Divide and is surrounded by a forest of hardwoods and rhododendron.

A one-mile wheelchair acces-

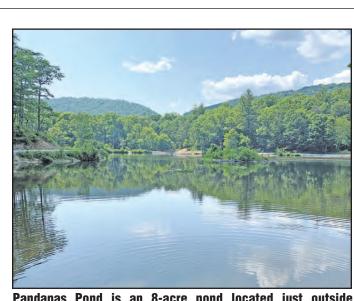
sible trail encircles the pond. A wooden boardwalk separates the pond from a small wetland area that is abundant with dragonflies, turtles, songbirds, and waterfowl.

Horses and bicycles are not

permitted on the trail around the pond; however they may use the 17-mile Poverty Creek Trail system that can be accessed from the upper parking lot.

HABs occur when warm water and nutrients combine to create favorable growing conditions for algae. They can become so dense that they turn the water green or bluishgreen and form scummy clumps or glops on the water surface that look

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PCOMING EVENTS

Through Saturday, Aug. 21:

Noise Alert I: Marching Virginians Band Camp

Virginians The Marching at Virginia Tech band camp is scheduled through today, Saturday, Aug. 21. Once classes begin on Aug. 23, the regular rehearsal time will be from 5:30 -7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 21:

Legacy Motown Revue

Join the crowd at Glencoe Mansion, Museum, and Gallery, 600 Unruh Dr., Radford, from 7 to 9 p.m. for an evening of Motown music featuring the Legacy Motown Revue. Bring a chair or a blanket and join in for this "Evening of Motown." Food trucks, beer, and sweets will be part of the fun. The gates will open at 6 p.m.

Eastmont Tomato Festival

This free outdoor festival features contests for tomato art and tomato recipes as well as competitions for biggest, ugliest, and best-tasting tomato. Participants can also don their best tomatothemed outfits to compete in the ever-popular tomato pageant and belly up to become the tomato-eating champion. Enjoy great food (including fried green tomatoes, BLTs, pizzas, tomato sandwiches and tomato biscuits), live music, games, music, and arts and crafts. The festival takes place at the Meadowbrook Community Center courtyard, 267 Alleghany Spring Road, Shawsville, from 10 a.m. until 2

p.m. More information can be found at eastmontcf.com, facebook, or eastmonttomatofestival@gmail.com.

Noise Alert: Skipper to be

Skipper, the Corps of Cadets cannon, will be fired three times as part of the New Cadet Parade on Virginia Tech's drill field. The first shot will be around 9:50 a.m., and the final shot will take place around 10:45 a.m.

Virtual Dungeons and Drag-

The Radford Public Library is offering both a virtual and an in-person one-shot session of Library D&D this month. To play virtually or to get help creating a level-four adventurer, email duncan.hall@radfordva. gov. Otherwise, feel free to just show up. All ages are welcome. Virtual via Discord on Saturday, Aug, 21, at 4:30 p.m. and in person on Thursday, Aug. 26, at 4:30 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 23:

Blood Drive

The New River Health District and the American Red Cross are teaming to host a blood drive from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Blue Ridge Church, 1655 Roanoke St. in Christians-

Radford City Council meet-

The regular meeting of Radford City Council will be held at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at 10 Robertson St., Radford.

Thursday, Aug. 26:

In-person Dungeons and Dragons

The Radford Public Library's in person one-shot session of Library D&D this month will take place at 4:30 p.m. Feel free to just show up. All ages are welcome.

Saturday, Aug. 28:

Dialogue on Race 2021 Summer Summit

From 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Montgomery County Moose Lodge No. 1470, 115 Fairview Rd. NE, Christiansburg. The theme is Student Voices: Reflections on Race and Racism in our Schools. Register at https:// events.r20.constantcontact.com/ register/eventReg?oeidk=a07eib8 sml7c5bacc8a&oseq=&c=&ch=.

Triwizard Tri-Mile Trail Race At Bisset Park at 9:30 a.m. This is a fundraiser for Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley. Register for the Triwizard Tri-Mile Trail Race at www.lvnrv. org/potterinthepark. For more information, call (540) 382-7262 or send an "owl" to info@ lvnrv.org. Follow https://www. facebook.com/LVNRV/ for race updates.

Through August 29:

Glencoe Mansion, Museum, and Gallery exhibit "Mountain Rail Tales"

Glencoe Mansion, Museum and Gallery's latest exhibit, "Mountain Rail Tales," featuring photography by Dale R. Carlson of Bluemoonistic Images, will close on Aug. 29. Everyone is welcome to visit the museum with no admission charge. Glencoe is located at 600 Unruh Dr. in Radford.

Wednesday, Sept.

Rent Relief Workshop

Virginia's Rent Relief Program can provide funds to assist in paying rent, late fees, and other lease-related costs back to April 2020 for those impacted by COVID-19. Learn about the requirements and get help completing online applications at Blacksburg's Rent Relief Workshop at 7:30 p.m. at the Blacksburg Montgomery Floyd Regional Library. For more information, call the library at 540-552-8246.

Brown Bag Book Club

At the Radford Public Library at noon. In September, the Brown Bag Book Club will be discussing Kate Moore's "Radium Girls." Bring a lunch if you'd like to make some new friends at the club's casual book discussion. In October, the Brown Bag Book Club will be discussing the classic Halloween read "Frankenstein" by Mary Shelley.

Saturday, Sept. 11:

NRV Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection & **Document Shredding**

Residents served by the New River Resource Authority (NRAA) are invited to partici-

pate in the region's Hazardous Household Waste and Document Shredding Event. Residents interested in this event will need to call NRRA at 540-674-1677 to schedule an appointment. The event will be held at 7100 Cloyd's Mountain Road, in Dublin from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. No commercial waste or commercial vehicles will be accepted.

Through September:

Blacksburg's Market Square Jam 2021

Blacksburg's Market Square Jam 2021 continues each Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. through September at Market Square Park.

Simply Elemental Art Exhibit

The Simply Elemental art exhibit in the Hahn Horticultural Garden (on the Virginia Tech campus) is now on display through Sept. 30.

Through October:

Radford Farmers Market

The Radford Farmers Market is being held each Saturday through Oct.30, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the New River Valley Community Service parking lot (the old Wade's parking lot) on West Main Street.

Christiansburg Farmers Mar-

The Christiansburg Farmers Market is being held each Thursday through October at the Christiansburg Recreation Center parking lot from 3 to 7 p.m.

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the schools started a new program called FROG. "Today kicked off our

FROG (Forging Relationships for Ongoing Growth) week," RHS posted. "Students spent the day connecting with classmates and building relationships. Playing rock, paper, scissors and creating skits were just a couple of the activities. We are focusing on building relationships and community."

In an email to the school Superintencommunity, dent Rob Graham thanked all who contributed to the successful start of the school year and asked for patience as the kinks get worked out.

Thanks to all who helped make the two days of the first day of school welcoming, inviting, and successful for all. We look forward to an exciting and beneficial 2021-2022 school year," he wrote. "Please continue to provide us with your grace and patience as we work through issues like school transportation, arrival/dismissal procedures, and schedules that are especially challenging during the first two to three weeks of

One area of school procedures that is not favored by some families in the sys-

ONLINE ONLY AUCTION

Commercial Development Opportunity in Blacksburg VA

26.7 Acres on Harding Rd, Blacksburg VA 24060

same buses instead of being separated by elementary and secondary levels as in the past. The school division offered the following explanation for the change:

"Radford City Public Schools will be running transportation for elementary and secondary students simultaneously for the 2021-2022 school year. RCPS considered the following when creating the 2021-2022 bus routes: instructional time, the school's daily schedules, the increase in ridership, the impact on families regarding start and

tem is the decision to have end times, the impact start all levels of students ride the and end times have on extracurricular events, the amount of time students would have to wait for their bus in the afternoon, the time of day students would board the bus in the morning, the time of day students would get home in the afternoon, bus route travel times, and the influence that COVID-19 has placed on the division regarding physical distancing and

large crowd holding areas." After considering multiple factors, RCPS investigated a variety of ways to meet the goal of delivering and returning students to school and home in the safest way possible while at the same time operating the most efficient transportation system the division could. RCPS has added two additional routes to the schedule to help achieve the goals above. The division will take data on this transportation initiative for

the 2021-2022 school year to determine its value. Bus routes have been posted on https://www.rcps.org/. For

questions about school bus transportation, call Transportation Director Jeff Smith at 540-267-3225.



Radford High School Junior Andrew Lineberry shows off his rock trophy for winning Mr. Brown's first-period rock, paper, scissors competition. The competition was part of the school's FROG (Forging Relationships for Ongoing Growth) week, which focused on building relationships and community.



Students gather around to play rock, paper, scissors at the high school as part of the first week's activities to foster a strong school community.

Bidding Opens Aug. 26th & Ends Sept. 9th at 4 PM Go to VaAuctionPro.com

26.7 acres of open development land in the Town of Blacksburg VA. Within walking distance to downtown Blacksburg & VA Tech. Property has ideal topography for development with 1,365 +/- ft of road frontage on Harding Road. Town water & sewer at site and readily available along with Natural Gas & Gigabit Internet Connectivity. Property is gently sloping and allows for potentially unblocked mountain views from every lot. Property is equally suited for Single or Multi-Family Development, Student Housing, 55+ Active Adult or Retirement Community and/or Private Estate.

There is extensive local & regional public transportation network (Blacksburg Transit) & Smart Way Commuter Bus with direct links to Airport, & Northern VA. Newly approved rail service and Amtrak Station scheduled for 2024. Existing Bus Stop within 100 ft of property. Walkable Community to all convenient amenities.

Download Bidder Pack for Maps, Terms, Zoning, Sample Purchase Contract, sample development plan. Sample Development is not approved & is shown only for illustration purposes of what might possibly be accomplished. Bidders are expected to do their own research and due diligence for their own ideas for intended use approval and feasibility.

Terms – Bidding opens on August 26th. 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to final high bid to arrive at contract price. Buyers are expected to complete due diligence prior to bidding. Earnest Money Deposit of \$150,000 required on day of sale. Close in 60 Days. Subject to seller confirmation. Property sold as is where is any and all faults. Auction starts ending at 4 PM on September 9th 2021. Please note that during the last two minutes of bidding, if a new bid is placed, the clock is automatically extended an additional two minutes.

Contact – Broker & Auctioneer Matt Gallimore at 540-239-2585 or email gallimore.matt@gmail.com

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Summit Bank to celebrate first anniversary in Christiansburg

Summit Community Bank and the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce will team up on Wednesday, Aug. 25, to celebrate the first anniversary of the bank's branch in Christiansburg with a ribbon cutting and an open house.

The celebration will

take place from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. with the ribbon being cut around 1:00 p.m. Summit's branch is located at 100 Akers Farm

Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be provided along with a special gift for the first 100 guests.

Summit Financial

Group, Inc., is a \$3.3 billion financial holding company headquartered in Moorefield, W.Va. Summit provides community banking services primarily in the Eastern Panhandle, Southern and North Central regions of West Virginia; the Northern, Shenandoah Valley and Southwestern regions of Virginia; and the central region of Kentucky through its bank subsidiary, Summit Community Bank, Inc., which operates 46 banking locations.

Inmate dies at Western Virginia Regional Jail

On Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2021, Landon Lee Davidson Lockhart, a 22-year-old white male inmate at the Western Virginia Regional Jail, which includes Montgomery County as part of its service area, was found unresponsive in his cell.

Jail security and medical staff initiated life-saving measures, including CPR with an automated

external defibrillator, and simultaneously activated 911. Roanoke County Fire and EMS personnel responded to the jail. Inmate Lockhart was pronounced deceased at

All indications were that Lockhart's death was due to suicide by hanging.

The Roanoke County Police Department has initiated an investigation, and an autopsy by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Roanoke is part of the investigation.

Inmate Lockhart was committed to the jail on Aug. 18, 2021, and was

awaiting trial out of Roanoke County for a hit and run accident, reckless driving, driving on a suspended license, and simple assault on law en-

Is it safe to send your child back to school?



With a resurgent pandemic back in force because of the delta variant, many parents are wondering if it is safe to send their children back to school whether it's the Montgomery County Public Schools, Virginia Tech, or Radford University. Linsey Marr, a professor of civil and environmental engineering at VT, the mother of two, and a renowned expert on virus transmission has some advice on questions parents may be asking.

Q: Is it safe to send my child back to school?

A: I'm not a child development expert, but I am a parent of two kids and an expert on virus transmission. Our family talked about this recently and unanimously agreed that if kids are healthy and schools are taking proper not attending school in per- the risks for my family. son are greater than the risks of attending.

clude mandatory masking of students and staff, keeping windows and doors open whenever possible to improve ventilation, adding a portable HEPA air filtration unit to each classroom, providing an outdoor option for lunch, and removing plexiglass barriers as they have been shown to be linked to higher transmission in schools probably because they block proper ventilation, along with regular handwashing and clean-

My kids desperately want to go back to school fulltime, in-person because it is much more stimulating for them. I saw them languishing last year intellectually, physiprecautions, then the ben- cally, emotionally, and socialefits of in-person schooling ly during remote schooling. outweigh the risks to kids, The calculus has changed a even in the context of what bit because of delta, but given we currently know about the that vaccines are available to delta variant. Or another way all those ages 12 and up, I still of putting it is that the risks of think the benefits outweigh

Q: What questions should

I be asking the school?

A: Are masks required? What have you done to improve ventilation? Have you added a portable HEPA air filtration unit to each classroom? Are the staff members vaccinated? How are you handling lunch?

Q: Are there extra precautions I can take to protect my

A: Get your child a highperformance mask, something like a KN95, or KF94 made to fit kids, or a cloth mask with a filter layer. My kids wear tight-fitting cloth masks with a filter layer of surgical mask material or HEPA sandwiched in the middle. Make sure the mask fits well with no gaps around the nose, cheeks, and chin. It should have metal around the nose bridge so that you can shape the mask to your child's face. Teach your child that it is very important to wear the mask at all times, except when eating, and to make sure it fits tightly.

Q: Should children wear masks in the classroom?

A: Yes, absolutely. A couple of months ago, I was on the fence, but now that delta has emerged, I am firmly on the side of masking.

Q: What's the risk of sending my child to school if the rest of the family is vaccinated?

A: Much lower than if the rest of the family is not vaccinated. There's still a non-zero risk that your child could get infected, perhaps even asymptomatically, and transmit to family members, but if they are vaccinated, the chances of them becoming sick enough to require hospitalization is very low.

Q: What words of reassurance do you have for parents sending unvaccinated kids back to school in the fall?

A: The fact that many of those ages 12 and up have been vaccinated is helpful for unvaccinated kids because it

means that it's harder for the virus to spread throughout the community. While we're waiting for the vaccines to be approved for those under 12, one of the most important things we can do is to help others decide to get vaccinated. We know a lot more about how the virus spreads and how best to control it than we did last year.

Because the virus spreads mainly through the air, masks and good ventilation and filtration can greatly reduce the risk of transmission. Many schools operated inperson last year and avoided large outbreaks if the school had strong precautions. CO-VID-19 seems scary and unknown, and we would love for there to be zero risk, of course; thankfully the risk for kids is much, much lower than for other age groups. We manage other things that pose risks to kids, such as car accidents, with strong precautions, and we can do the same with COVID-19.

NRCC to offer early childhood development and human services programs

New River Community College will offer several early childhood development and human services programs with classes beginning this fall.

NRCC will offer two career studies certificates in child development and toddler and infant, a certificate in early childhood development, and an associate degree in early childhood devel-

The programs are designed to prepare highly skilled graduates for employment in a variety of early childhood settings and to update and enrich the capacities of those who are presently employed in the child development field. The associate degree prepares students for transfer to a bachelor's degree program in child development, education or related field.

The human services degree is designed to prepare highly skilled graduates for employment in a wide variety of human services settings, to update and enrich the capacities of those persons presently employed in the human services field, and to prepare students for transfer to a bachelor's degree program in human services, social work, psychology, counseling, sociology, or other related fields.

The college also offers a certificate in human services that prepares students for entry-level employment in the helping fields where the primary focus is on human and social services and for the associate degree pro-

Students who enroll in this program may be eligible for free tuition through the Virginia Community Čollege's new G3 assistance program, a tuition assistance program for any Virginia resident who qualifies for in-state tuition and whose family income falls below an identified threshold. Eligible students may enroll in designated programs leading to jobs in high-demand fields. For more information on G3 eligibility, visit www.nr.edu/g3.

Classes begin Monday, Aug.

23. Prospective NRCC students may visit www.nr.edu/register for enrollment information. Advisors are available at advising@ nr.edu or (540) 674-3609 or in person to assist with registra-

For more information about the early childhood development programs, visit www. nr.edu/ecd. For more information about the human services programs, visit www.nr.edu/ hms or email Professor Bonnie Graham at bgraham@nr.edu.

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Activities that may result in accidental ingestion, such as swimming, pose the greatest health due to the potential for this algae to produce toxins. Some activities such as kayaking, canoeing, and fishing may

continue with proper caution to avoid water contact.

"The Department of Environmental Quality will conduct follow-up sampling in September to check on the status of the bloom," said Gary Coggins, environmental health manager

senior, New River Health District. "We also are working with the U.S. Forest Service to coordinate announcements, to post signs, and to inform visitors of the bloom so they may take care to avoid contact with the water."



Radford Army Ammunition Plant Notice of Availability

Environmental Assessment, Draft Finding of No Significant Impact, and Draft Finding of No Practicable Alternative for the Implementation of Master Planning Actions at the

Industrial Core District Radford Army Ammunition Plant, Virginia

The United States Army (Army) announces the availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) regarding the Implementation of Master Planning Actions at the Industrial Core District Radford Army Ammunition Plant (RFAAP), Virginia. Notice is also made for a Finding of No Practicable Alternative (FONPA), prepared in accordance with Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management.

The Draft EA assesses the potential environmental and socioeconomic effects of implementing various real property master planning actions and Area Development Plan actions at RFAAP within the next approximately 5 to 7 years. The Area Development Plan considered long-term mission requirements and fiscal constraints and identified projects for execution over the next 20 years. The Proposed Action focuses on the implementation of the short-term requirements as identified in the Area Development Plan. These repairs are needed to address RFAAP's real property deficiencies and suboptimal conditions. The proposed action is needed to provide safe, flexible, and efficient facilities to meet current and future installation mission requirements effectively and cost efficiently.

In lieu of being posted online (as indicated in the previous public notice run on 8/19/21), this follow up notice is to notify interested parties that the Draft EA, Draft FNSI, and Draft FONPA are available for a 30-day public review at the following local library: Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library, 125 Sheltman Street, Christiansburg, VA, 24073. Interested parties are encouraged to send comments on the Draft EA, Draft FNSI, and Draft FONPA via e-mail to Mr. Charles Saks, Public Affairs Officer at charles.e.saks3.civ@mail.mil. Alternatively, comments may be sent via US Postal Service to Radford Army Ammunition Plant, Rte. 114, P. O. Box 2, Radford, Virginia 24143-0002. For general questions, Mr. Charles Saks can be reached at (540) 731-5785. All comments must be emailed or postmarked by September 19, 2021. All comments submitted will be reviewed and addressed prior to a final determination by the Army as to whether to issue a Final FNSI and Final FONPA or issue a Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

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Beautiful Riverfront Property for Sale in Draper VA! 4543 Clarks Ferry Road, Draper, VA 24324



Ends Friday September 3rd at 4 PM Go to VaAuctionPro.com

Home with frontage on the New River, running into Claytor Lake! This property is the ultimate recreational weekend retreat or year-round home! One level living featuring 4 bedrooms, 3 baths and +/- 1,737 sq. ft. Hangout on the patio while overlooking the river flowing by. Very peaceful, country setting with no restrictions! The property has +/- 1.95 acres with a nice yard and frontage on the river. Located on the back side of Claytor Lake, accessed by the New River. You have around 100 ft. of water frontage where you can put in boats, kayaks, jet skis and more! This is a wonderful spot for fishing, camping and hosting family gatherings!

Within half an hour to Hillsville VA, Pulaski VA & 45 minutes from Christiansburg VA.

Preview Dates - Saturday August 14th @ 10 AM & Friday August 20th @ 5 PM

Terms – 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to final high bid to arrive at contract price. Earnest Money Deposit of \$5,000 required on day of sale. Close in 45 days. Subject to seller confirmation. Property sold as is, where is with any and all faults. Buyer is expected to complete their own due diligence. Auction starts ending at 4 PM on September 3rd 2021. Please note that during the last two minutes of bidding, if a new bid is placed, the clock is automatically extended an additional two minutes. Download Bidder Information Pack for complete terms and conditions, purchase contract and maps at VaAuctionPro.com

Contact – Broker & Auctioneer Matt Gallimore at 540-239-2585 or email Gallimore.Matt@gmail.com; Levi Cox, Realtor at 540-230-7162 or email LeviCox87@gmail.com

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OPINION

Buddy King: Baseball trivia

I was one of those nerdy kids that you may have read about or seen in movies, the kind who knew (and still knows) the starting lineup of the 1961 Detroit Tigers despite the fact that they were not even a team that I followed. I knew ALL of the starting lineups of ALL of the teams.

Baseball was my summertime passion, my gateway to a larger America. We weren't dragged around by our parents from activity to activity in the summer; we were pretty much left to our own devices (and I don't mean "devices"), and many of us picked baseball. We were at home all summer and we played "ball" in our neighborhoods and followed the major leaguers every day as best we could on the radio and in the newspapers and the occasional blessed television game on the weekends. We dreamed of being Dodgers or Yankees ourselves when we grew up. I was not and am not a

"numbers" guy. I wasn't one of those kids who prided themselves on knowing batting averages and wins or losses or other statistics. I knew the sacred numbers of baseball: 714 (Babe Ruth's home run total), 56 (Joe DiMaggio's hitting streak)

Michael Showell, Publisher

and .406 (Ted Williams's the end of WW II (the Big not the numbers.

No, not Milwaukee, like reasonably knowledgeable in 1954 and on to Atlanta

What teams played in the 1944 World Series? Two teams from the same York or Chicago or any of the other cities with two teams you might think of. Final answer? The St. Louis Browns. An oddity brought about by the impact of the war on MLB rosters. The Browns typically were ter-

For those stunned by this answer, who were the as the Kansas City Athlet-St. Louis Browns and what became of them? They have been the Baltimore Orioles the better team in Philly for since 1954. The Browns hold a special place in my heart because my dad often Major League Baseball told the story about how, at consisted of 16 teams, with

batting average the last time One), while he was on the anyone hit .400). I knew a way to the West Coast to lot of "stats," but I preferred be shipped to the Pacific, knowing players and teams the Japanese surrender was and who did what to whom, announced as his troop train was approaching St. Here is just a sample of Louis. The train stopped, my baseball trivia knowl- the soldiers disembarked where was the Atlanta less respectful places and danced in the streets. My Braves franchise originally? danced in the streets. My dad? He went to Sportsman Park to watch the Browns. fans would guess. No, they My research indicates that were the Boston Braves. they played the Yankees that They moved to Milwaukee day. As James Earl Jones says in his famous soliloquy in "Field of Dreams," "the one constant in America has always been baseball." What was the original

city, but the city wasn't New name of the Houston Astros? They were the Colt 45's their first two seasons in 1962 and 1963 when they joined the Mets (the Metro-Cardinals and the St. Louis politans) as the first "expansion teams" in the National League. Where did the Oakland

> A's begin? Another trick question. Recent vintage fans might remember them ics, but the correct answer is Philadelphia. They were many years.

Until the late 1950's, three in New York (the Yankees, the Dodgers and the Giants), two in Philadelphia (the Phillies and the Athletics), two in St. Louis (the aforesaid Cardinals and the Browns), two in Boston (my dad's and my beloved Red Sox and the soon-to-be-much-traveled Braves), two in Chicago (the Cubs and the White Sox, the latter referred to in the media of my childhood as the "Pale Hose"), and one each in Washington D.C.

called the Nats or Nationals: "Washington, first in war, first in peace and last in the American League"), Cleveland (the Indians), Detroit (Tigers), Cincinnati (the Reds of course, except briefly during the McCarthy era when "reds" became a dirty word and they were called the "Redlegs"), and Pittsburgh with my "almost hometown team," the Pirates (the Battlin' Bucs, the Buccos). Sixteen teams, ten cities (11 if you count Brooklyn separately), no "West Coast swing," almost exclusively train travel, no long flights. A nostalgic era. A little before my time, but I have read a lot about those days. My baseball book collection just hit 337. Here's another trivia item

(the Senators, sometimes

that is fascinating to me: Before 1969, there were no playoffs to get into the World Series unless teams ended in a tie after the 154game regular season. One team from the National League, one team from the American League (the Yankees by rule it seemed). So think about this part of baseball history. From 1946 through 1962, 17 seasons, with the Dodgers playing 154 games each season, they ended in a playoff series four times. A "flat footed tie" four times after 154 games: 1946 (against the Cardinals while still in Brooklyn, "Dem Bums"), 1951 (against the Giants, the most famous playoff ever, the "Shot Heard Round the World, "Bobby Thomson's homer in game three that broke the heart of everyone in Brooklyn), 1959 (against the Milwaukee Braves with game three in the L.A. Coliseum, the Dodgers' second season in California), and 1962 (again versus the hated Giants, albeit the San Francisco version, with the last two games played in brand spanking new Dodger Stadium, Chavez Ravine). As someone famously said, "You can look it up."

So far you might find this piece mildly interesting. For a baseball purist, at least of my vintage, these questions are softballs. Most of my close male friends would be batting 1.000. But now I'd like to tell a cute (to me at least) story about the role sports trivia played in my professional life. Much of my law practice

over the last 30+ years has involved the representation of a wonderful fourth-generation (now fifth) newspaper family. I have handled their acquisition of well over half of their 50-odd daily newspapers, as well as many other publications other businesses, including ski resorts and the majority interest in a major league team. Great fun, great challenges, great relationships. But if not for my fascination with sports I might not have had this opportunity.

How so? My first "first chair" matter for the family involved an acquisition of several newspapers at a closing in Seattle. Their largest to date. The lady in our firm who had been my mentor and the family lawyer up to then had just taken an early retirement, leaving this deal and my future relationship with the client squarely on my shoulders. No net. At the dinner our first

night in the great Northwest were the family patriarch, one of his sons who had just finished his education and was returning to the family business, and I. The conversation of course focused on sports. This was at the height of Michael Jordan's ascendancy to NBA GOAT. The family patriarch (still living and skiing in his mid 80's) was teasing his son, who worshipped Jordan. He says, "Evans, I think you're a knowledgeable sports guy. My misguided son here thinks some guy named Jordan is the greatest small forward in NBA history. I'm sure you can set him straight."

The pressure was on! I probably shared the son's opinion but I wanted to impress his father. So I began my thought process. The father had been in college in the early to mid-50's, he had grown up in D.C.; we were in Seattle. After mulling this over quickly, I blurted out "Elgin Baylor of course." The patriarch smiles, nods his approval and says, "Evans knows his sports."

For those less informed, Elgin, who passed recently, was one of the NBA alltime greats. I remembered he had been born in D.C., had played his college basketball at Seattle U. and was of the patriarch's generation. In other words, I pulled the answer out of my you know

The rest is history. The deal closed, as did many others after that time.

I'll end with my favorite sports trivia question for folks who were kids in the 60's. In 1963, the most valuable player in the American League, the National League, the NFL and the AFL (yes, it was a separate league) each wore the same number. Name them. Don't cheat and google. Email me your answers. The winner gets my hearty congratulations and robust respect. I only got 3 of 4.

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COVID-19 update: FDA authorizes, CDC recommends a third vaccination

istration (FDA) has authorized and the Centers for Disease and Prevention (CDC) has recommended a third mRNA vaccine shot — either Moderna or Pfizer only — for moderately to severely immunocompromised individuals.

Dr. Bissell said the health center is actively reaching out and partnering with the med-

As her weekly press brief- ical practices who see these ing Wednesday, Dr. Noelle patients, namely the hema-Bissell, the New River Health tology, nephrology and on-District's director, reported cology patients. She described that the Federal Drug Admin- moderately to severely immunocompromised individuals as those patients who have been receiving active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood; received an organ transplant and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system; received a stem cell transplant within the last two years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system; moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome and Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome); advanced or untreated HIV infection; active treatment with highdose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress the immune response; or asplenia, which is lack of a spleen

> and chronic renal disease. Dr. Bissell pointed out to the press that these situations are very specific and represent "a very small percentage of our population – about 2 percent." She also warned, however, that local pharmacies and community providers "are already being overwhelmed" with calls from people wanting a third dose who do not fall under this authorization.

> She urged those unsure whether they are authorized for the third shot to talk to their physician. "We're still waiting for data and guidance on additional shots for anyone else who received any of the vaccines," the health district director told the media. "Anyone who has been vaccinated with one shot of Johnson and Johnson or two shots of Moderna or Pfizer is very

well protected against severe disease, hospitalization and death amid this Delta surge." Dr. Bissell presented several mitigation strategies to use in addition to getting vac-

cinated: wearing a mask and

avoiding crowds and closed,

confined spaces. These are

"good practices with other

communicable disease outbreaks spread by the respiratory route as well," she said.

Dr. Bissell pointed out that he Delta variant is surging in the NRV health district's region. "We expect cases to rise for the next two weeks before subsiding again in the fall. The Delta surge hit this area about the last week of July."

Dr. Bissell reported 26 people hospitalized with COVID with two additional cases under investigation in the New River Valley. "We are seeing case numbers rise in children because they are a significant portion of the unvaccinated. Our younger children, those under 12, are not yet eligible to be vaccinated," Dr. Bissell said. COVID testing is widely

available, according to the health district director. Antigen testing is available at Walgreens in Dublin and Pulaski, and CVS stores offer PCR testing throughout the region as do MedExpress and Alliance Express, she said. "Our pediatricians' offices are also offering testing. The health department is offering testing

Dr. Bissell reported that more than 79,077 individuals have been fully vaccinated in the New River Health District. She cautioned that 95 percent of hospitalizations and deaths in this latest round of COVID-19 infections are among unvaccinated people.

'Our hospitals in Virginia and across the country continue to be under strain," she told the press. "Ballad Health to our south has put elective overnight procedures on hold because of their surge coming out of Tennessee and southwest Virginia. The Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association daily dashboard this morning reported 1,137 cases hospitalized with COV-ID. Their trend graph shows those numbers have been increasing since late July. This is

reflective of the Delta surge."

recently about the growing

There was a quote shared

sense of fatigue and discouragement, and I'm going to read this quote from a hospital physician, the health district said.

"From the beginning of the pandemic, we got up every day and risked ours and our families' safety because we were trained to care for the humans who needed us. We did our part, week after week, month after month. Then, with the vaccine, science brought us a solution, and we could finally see the end of all those months of fear, exhaustion and sacrifice. But that's not what happened. Delta has taken hold and hospitals are filling up again. Healthcare workers are again strained to the max. This time the suffering is different because it's avoidable.

We are holding up our end of the bargain, but is society holding up theirs? There are some people who cannot or have very good reasons for not getting the vaccine. But most people refusing the vaccine do not seem to be acting based on data or science. These are the very people who reject science right up until they can't breathe and then show up at our door feeling entitled to our help, which we can provide because of training based on science. Doing this work is harder when some of one's faith in humanity is lost. And we are burning through our most irreplaceable health-care resource: hope. We used to unite, take care of each other, and overcome adversity together, but many of us are left wondering if we really can come together as a society to put an end to this?" intervention center in Rad-

We have a new crisis ford through New River Community Services that can provide great support to treat people locally," Dr. Bissell reported. "The number for New River Community Services is 540-961-8300 and the crisis hotline is 540-961-8400."



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State Fair of Virginia returns Sept. 24

The State Fair of Virginia is back this fall, running from Sept. 24 through Oct. 3 at The Meadow Event Park in Caroline County,

Online ticket sales will begin Sept. 1. Ticket information and other details are available at State-FairVa.org.

"This event holds a special place in so many hearts across the commonwealth," said Marlene Jolliffe, the fair's executive director. "From those planning how to win a blue ribbon for their baking, to our youth working hard to get animals ready for competition and our vendors sharing their wonderful products, the fair is a celebration of tradition and communities."

Guests can expect several fan favorites this year, including midway rides, racing pigs and chainsaw artist Ben Risney. New attractions include Scott's Crazy Comedy Magic Show, a mix of magic, illusions and comedy, and the gravity-defying stunts of the Flying Cortes Trapeze Show.

Music lovers can expect to hear a variety of hip-hop, bluegrass, Christian rock, country, and alternative-rock artists as part of this year's state fair live concert series.

All shows begin at 7:30 p.m. and are included in the cost of fair ad-

The fair will also host the Revenge Roughstock Rodeo, which will feature two nights of professional bull riding, bronc riding, and barrel racing on Sept. 27 and

For those seeking iconic fair food, everything from funnel cakes to cotton candy and turkey legs will be available.

The event showcases the best of Virginia, and hobbyists can show off their creations in artistic, culinary and horticulture competitions. Updates on competition rules and guidelines also can be found online.

The fair's many competitions provide valuable opportunities for youth involved in agriculture and allow them to benefit from the State Fair Youth Scholarship Program. Since 2013 the fair's scholarship program has awarded nearly 1,500 scholarships and has given over \$570,000 to support specific equine, fine arts, and horyouth education in agriculture.

The fair offers more than



ticulture competitions.

"The state fair, along with \$80,000 each year in scholarship county and regional fairs, refunds through 4-H, FFA, and vo-mains committed to giving back cational competitions as well as and supporting Virginia's youth," Jolliffe said. "Many young competitors often begin in livestock competitions at local fairs across Virginia, whose volunteers work hard to host events and create a

positive impact in their commu-

The fair will operate with safety guidelines in place, including a more spread-out footprint to allow some social distancing for a fun and safe experience.

ANGLICAN CATHOLIC

St. Philip's Anglican Church, 306 Progress Street, NE, Blacksburg, Virginia 24060, (540) 552-1771, www.stphilipsblacksburg.org. Reverend Fr. Wade Miller, Priest. Eucharist Sunday's at 11am and Wednesday's at 12pm.

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 stedfast, unmoveable, 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. day Bible Study Groups - 9:45, Sunday Worship - 11:00. Website: www. fbcradford.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.

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

Radford WORSHIP DIRECTORY

Baruch's Message

Read Jeremiah 44:1 through

Baruch was Jeremiah's faithful assistant. When Jeremiah was persecuted, Baruch was persecuted alongside him. He recorded Jeremiah's prophetic words and often read them to the people in spite of great danger.

Not only did Baruch share Jeremiah's persecution, but he also shared the prophet's inner turmoil at the judgments God announced. Jeremiah is the 'weeping prophet," so Baruch could be called be the "weeping assistant."

You said, 'Woe to me! The Lord has added sorrow to my pain; I am worn out with groaning and find no rest'" (Jeremiah 45:3).

Sometimes it feels like God

adds sorrow to pain. But just as God gave Baruch a word of comfort, we can be sure that God's heart is to comfort us when we find ourselves in sorrow and pain.

In verse 5, God promised Baruch that He would personally protect him. Even though trouble seemed to follow him through life, the presence of the Lord would protect him wherever he went. This same promise of protection is also for us in our times of grief.

Thought for Today: God will comfort us.

Quicklook: Jeremiah 45:1-5

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CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

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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

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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. Worship at 10am in the sanctuary, masked and distanced. Phone 639-2585. Find us on Facebook: The Presbyterian Church of Radford and on our Website: www.pcradford. org. We are called to share the love of Christ in this community and beyond. Kelsey and Peter Hawisher-Faul, Co-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 prowww.centralmethodistchurch.com. vided.

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.

BITUARIES

Simpkins, Teresa **Ann Dobbins**

Teresa Ann Dobbins Simpkins, 65, passed away Monday, Aug. 16, 2021.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mavis and Joan Dobbins, and a sister, Dolly Cochran.

Survivors include her husband, Bentley S. Simpkins; daughters Guinevere Wiggs, Kellie Simpkins, and Melissa Bolling; sons Aaron Bolling, Jr., and Chris Simpkins; 11 grandchildren and

three great-grandchildren; a special daughter, Chee Chee Sixbey; a special niece, Natalie Brown; and many other relatives and



The family would like to thank Dr. Brooks and the staff of Blue Ridge Cancer Care for all their kindness.

The family received friends on Friday, Aug. 20, 2021, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford, followed by funeral services with the Rev. Dennis Martin officiating. Interment followed in Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin.

Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

The Simpkins family is in the care of

Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in

Wright, Frances Bugg Sams, and Larry (Donna)

Frances Bugg Wright, 93, of Radford, passed away Friday, Aug. 6, 2021.

She was retired from Kroger Company with 32 years as a cashier. She was preceded in death by her parents, John W. and Laura Roop Bugg; her first husband, Jessie Wilbert Wright; brothers Robert and Eugene Bugg; and sisters Ruth DeHart and Lillian Thomas.

Survivors include her husband, Jerry T. Weaver; a daughter and son-in-law, Shirley and Edward Sams; grandchildren Derek



Sams; five great-grandchildren, and three great-greatgrandchildren; a sister, Ophelia Roop; a brother, Bill Bugg; and many other relatives and friends. Funeral services were

held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 12, 2021, at Gethsemane **Baptist** Church with Pastor Brent Strouf officiating. Interment followed in Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin.

The Wright family is in the care of Mul-

lins Funeral Home & Crematory.

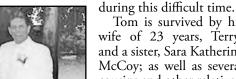
McCoy, II, Harry Thomas (Tom)

Harry Thomas (Tom) McCoy, II, 74, of McCoy, died Sunday, Aug. 15, 2021.

He was born in Roanoke on Sept. 10, 1946, to the late Harry Thomas and Kathleen Snider McCoy. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, having served in the Vietnam War.

He graduated from Marshall University and was a paramedic for most

of his career. Tom loved to play music in beach bands. A dream of his was to come home to McCoy, which he achieved in 2008. Great thanks go to Bobby and Robin Carner for their support and help



Tom is survived by his wife of 23 years, Terry; and a sister, Sara Katherine McCoy; as well as several cousins and other relatives.

A graveside service with military honors was held on Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2021, at 2 p.m. at Centennial Christian Church Cemetery with the Rev. Steve Allen officiating. The family received friends

immediately following the service at the church.

Donations may be made to Centennial Christian Church. Arrangements by Mc-Coy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

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Clark, Peter J.

Even though he insisted he would live to be 100, Peter J. Clark, 83, died August 15, 2021. During the final years of his life he joked and teased, as he always did, even while traversing the "long goodbye" associated with Alzheimer's disease. Until almost the end, he continued to charm anyone susceptible to his wit and pranks.

Peter was born to John A. Clarke and Mable D. Walsh Clarke in London, England, on Feb. 26, 1938. He was one of thousands of children evacuated from London with his mother at the start of World War II. For more than 40 years, Peter was

an electrical engineer with "Generous Electric," as he liked to call GE. He was known for his dogged determination at solving problems and, always, for his love of a "good pint" and a few laughs with

his mates after work.



He is survived by his wife, Judith, who convinced him to marry her 40 years ago after a sevenyear courtship. With the marriage, Peter gained two daughters, Carolynn and Leslie. He won their hearts when they were very young with Fig Newtons, Kentucky Fried Chicken, and Pepsi. Carolynn and husband Bill Lyman, and Leslie and husband Mar-

tin Daniel, and their children, Samantha and Jeremiah, survive.

The family sends thanks to the staff at Warm Hearth Kroontje Center, notably nurses Tasha, JoBeth, Janey, Robin, and Cassidy and to longtime companions

Mark and Bill. There will be no formal service, but a gathering for friends and former colleagues will be arranged for a later date. There will be beer.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Alzheimer's Association.

Mitchell, Frederick "Fred" D.

Frederick "Fred" D. Mitchell was born in New River, Va., on Aug. 20, 1932, and left this earthly world on Aug. 8, 2021, peacefully at his home in Philadelphia, Penn.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Melita Mitchell, of New River, Va., his sister, Othello Young, of Washington D. C., and the love of his life, his wife, Betty Ann

Through this union four children were left to mourn: Ernest Mitchell (Julia) of Radford, Anthony Mitchell of Long Beach, Calif., Faye Lee (Kelvin) of Radford, and Larry Mitchell (Debbie) of Pennsauken, N.J. Fred also leaves to mourn two sisters, Gloria Jean Austin of Southfield, Mich., and Helen Jo Mitchell Hillman of Albuquerque, N.M.; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

So many stories are told about Fred that when he gave his own children an allowance, he also gave an allowance to the nieces and nephews that looked up to him as a father figure.

Fred served his country in the U. S. Army from February 1951 until his honorable discharge in January 1954.

He often through the years told stories of how he parachuted out of planes and of his many other adventures while After his union to Bet-

ty, they moved and start-

ed a life in Philadelphia where Fred started his own business of window and rug cleaning until he retired. He was an avid fisherman, often go-

ing deep sea fishing from a boat or just from a bank.

Fred was very involved with his community. He was loved by many friends and neighbors. He never met a stranger, and was always willing to give a hand. His door was always open.

He will be sadly missed, but we are comforted in knowing that he lived the life he loved.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until noon today, Saturday, Aug. 21, 2021, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. A celebration of Fred's life will begin at noon with the Rev. Tommie Page officiating. Interment will follow in the New River Cemetery.

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

Cox, Joseph Lee

Joseph Lee Cox, 60, of Blacksburg, died Monday, Aug, 16, 2021.

He was born in Christiansburg on April 3, 1961, to the late Royster Lee and Ardella Price Cox. He was preceded in death by his brother, Randy Dale (Snapper) Cox; and sisters Josie Mae Cox and Brenda Faye Price Bland.

He is survived by his sisters, Ruth Marlene Cox Coulter and Nancy Dean Potter; an aunt, Ellie Spradlin; a niece,

Sandy Davis; great-nieces Amanda and April Davis; cousins George William Spradlin and Norma Jean Spradlin, and Tom Price; special friends Kathy Trump and Debbie Linkous; and special family pet, Jazz.

A memorial service was held on Friday, Aug. 20, 2021, in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with Elder Jim Krouscas officiating. Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

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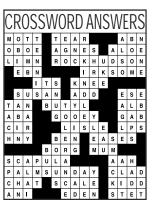
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Friends of fleece flock together

A longstanding partner- students in a production ship between Bernie and management medicine Lynn Cosell's Fantasy Farm class worked alongside Dein Pearisburg -- home to partment of Large Animal some 100-odd sheep -- and Clinical Sciences clinicians Virginia Tech's veterinary and the Cosells themselves college has helped advance to examine the farm's student learning and ani- sheep, give them each a mal health.

chilly spring day, for in- ing mountain peaks bestance, bundled in winter hind them, freshly shorn coats, fourth-year DVM sheep trotted away, freed



hoof trim, and move them On a recent cloudy, on to their shearing. Rollof their fleece's burden in anticipation of the warmer weather to come. The Cosells' interest in

farming was ignited during a trip to New Zealand where they fell in love with idyllic scenes of sheep dotting gently curving green hills. Wanting to re-create those vistas, the couple moved to Pearisburg after careers on the cutting edge of computer science, transitioning from harsh Boston winters to the more agreeable climate of Giles County.

On Valentine's Day in 1992, they purchased 82 acres of farmland and filled them with Merino sheep, a breed known for its high-quality fleece. In light of Lynn's passion for weaving and fiber arts, the decision was an easy one.

Although the Cosells initially aspired to run a working farm, nowadays the sheep are kept mostly as pets. And the proximity of the veterinary college and its large animal service has proven to be a godsend.

"Discovering that we were in Virginia Tech's area was a wonderful thing," said Bernie. "It's amazing to have trouble at two



Bernie Cosell and VT vet students gather sheared wool from the Cosells' flock of 100 or so sheep at Fantasy Farm in Pearisburg.

o'clock in the morning and be able to get a vet."

When the Cosells first settled in at Fantasy Farm, one of their ewes had a medical emergency on a Saturday. Unable to find a local veterinarian who would make a farm visit on the weekend, they ended up losing the ewe. Now, to ensure aroundthe-clock, quality care for their flock, they depend on the Veterinary Teaching Hospital's large animal service, which offers 24/7 emergency support.

"That sold us. We slept a whole lot better after that," said Lynn. "And it's been a great friendship, really — the vets are wonderful people. It's always been a positive experience, and we've learned a lot from them, and we've helped them learn from

Not only do the Cosells view the college's faculty and clinicians as true partners, their relationship with the veterinary school has benefited all involved. The couple's flock receives medical care, both at the hospital and on the farm, and the college's veterinary students gain experience in the field on their yearly

"Most of the sheep on the Cosells' farm die on the farm, resulting in a very geriatric population of sheep. This situation provides the students occasion to observe clinical conditions, such as arthritis, a variety of tumors, congestive heart failure, and dental issues, not normally encountered because the sheep on most farms are sent to market prior to development of these conditions," said Kevin Pelzer, professor of production management medicine and epidemiology in the Department of Large Animal Clinical Sci-Pelzer, who has worked

with the Cosells for many years, knows that this hands-on experience is crucial for students preparing to practice veterinary medicine.

"Although a clinician is always present on a farm visit, the students get to be the 'vet' and ask the Cosells all the questions. Lynn is really good at providing information, but also asks the students a lot of questions, and she is never critical of the students' answers," Pelzer

"Also, once a plan of treatment is made, the students perform the actual treatments 95 percent of the time, and the Cosells are very comfortable with that," he said. "On some farms, clients are very hesitant or resistant to let students actually perform the treatments and let the clinician perform only the various tasks at hand. This is invaluable for student learning, as it allows the student to develop confidence, as well as technical

skills."

The mutual advantages afforded by the partnership run deep. The Cosells believe that their work with the college's veterinarians and students has resulted in more-personalized care. "The vets get to know our sheep, so when we call with a problem, we can say which sheep it is. They know our abilities, so they can tell us what we can try to do," Bernie said. "The college benefits

from working with our local clientele and their unique goals for owning animals," said Sherie Clark, '92, D.V.M. '96, and interim head of the Department of Large Animal Clinic Sciences at Virginia Tech."Many of our clients have been working with the college for over 20 years and have built strong relationships with our clinicians and the veterinary school community."

A shining example of the power of collabora-tion, the Cosells have moved their support of future veterinarians beyond just field training: Their gift of nearly a half-million dollars to the college will create an endowed scholarship benefiting large animal veterinary students for years to come.

> — Written by Sarah Boudreau M.F.A. '21, a writer with the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine



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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Christiansburg

Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 30, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

A. Amendments to the Planned Commercial Development in the B-3. General Business zoning district at 2705 Market Street NE by NRV Marketplace LLC to allow multi-family residential uses, increased building height, reduced onsite greenspace, and reduced residential

parking requirement on Tax

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Parcel 436 - ((5)) - 1. The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg

Comprehensive Plan.

B. Major Home Occupation Conditional Use Permit for a single-chair salon in the Agricultural zoning district at 725 Stafford Drive on Tax Parcel 405-((A))-8.The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan

C. Rezoning from R-3, Multi-Family Residential and B-3, General Business to B-3, General Business by the Montgomery Museum & Lewis Miller Regional Art Center(Montgomery Museum of Art and History) at 300 Pepper Street SE on Tax Parcel 527 - ((A)) -235. The property is designated as Business/Commercial and Parks/Open Space.

A copy of the applications, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, Contact Andrew Warren, Assistant Town Manager, at (540) 382-6128 ext. 1130 or by email at awarren@christiansburg. org with any questions or if vou require reasonable

accommodations

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Public Notice

The Christiansburg Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 31 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room, Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street to receive comments on the following:

An Appeal of the Zoning

Administrator Determination by Kevin D. Conner, L.A. on behalf of SHAH Development LLC for Thomas Circle Mobile Home Park located adjacent to Thomas Circle, N.W. and Badger Street, N.W., [tax map 525 - ((1)) - 98, 99 and 525 - ((A)) - 44A, 44D] including 140, 170, 190-220 Badger Street, N.W., 875-897 Thomas Circle, N.W., and undeveloped property east of the intersection of Badger Street, N.W., and Elk Drive, N.W. (south of the existing mobile home park) in the B-3, General Business zoning district [the "Property"].

The determination stated that the Town Code does not permit the Subdivision of the mobile home areas in the Thomas Circle mobile home park based on the number of mobile homes permitted per the latest Conditional Use Permit approval on August 13, 2021 in order to for each mobile home unit to be located on a fee simple subdivided lot separate from other mobile homes or areas such as common areas, private drives, or stormwater facilities

A copy of the letter of

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Map, and Zoning Ordinance may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 F Main Street Christiansburg, VA 24073-3029 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Andrew Warren, Assistant Town Manager by phone at (540) 382-6120 ext. 1130 or by

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RU sets fall attendance policy

Marty Gordon

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Radford University has announced protocol for all its fall athletic activities in accordance with university health and safety protocols, as well as current Virginia state guidelines.

The policy calls for spectators attending men's and women's soccer matches (outdoor) at Cupp Stadium will not be required to wear masks, regardless of vaccination status. Masks are strongly encouraged for those who wish to wear them. The same goes for fall exhibition baseball games at Sherman Carter Memorial Stadium.

There will not be a limit to how many spectators may attend, nor will there be mandatory social distancing.

Spectators attending volleyball matches in the Dedmon Center will be required to wear a mask at all times while inside the facility, regardless of vaccination status. There will not be a limit to how many spectators may attend, nor will there be mandatory social distancing.

Radford Athletics said when attending away venues, please be sure to check the host institution's website and/or social media for their most up-to-date attendance policies.

Tech inducts 2021 HOF



Four All-Americans, including two Olympians, and one Super Bowl champion comprise the 2021 Virginia Tech Sports Hall of Fame sevenmember class as announced Tuesday.

The 2021 class of inductees includes: Queen Harrison Claye, a three-

time NCAA women's track and field champion, a six-time All-American, 2010 Bowerman Award winner and a 2008 Olympian;

Kristi Castlin, a seven-time All-American in women's track and field, a three-time ACC champion and the bronze medalist at the 2016 Olym-

Xavier Adibi, a football All-American and a two-time All-ACC player who helped the Hokies to two ACC championships during his career in the mid-2000s;

Jamon Gordon, the 2006-07 ACC Defensive Player of the Year who guided Tech back to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1996;

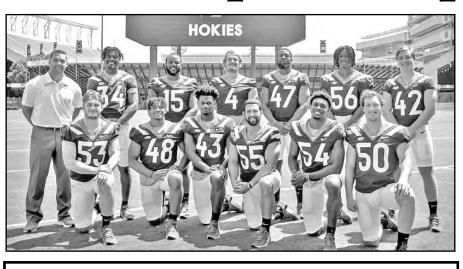
Macho Harris, a first team All-American at cornerback as a senior who led the Hokies to back-to-back ACC football titles in 2007 and

Jackie Davoud Hendrick, the Atlantic 10's Most Outstanding Diver in 1998 and 1999, a five-time conference champion; and

Tyronne Drakeford, a three-time All-BIG EAST selection who won Super Bowl XXIX with the San Francisco 49ers.

The seven new inductees bring the total number enshrined to 211. The Virginia Tech Sports Hall of Fame, which is located at the south end of the Cassell Coliseum ambulatory, was established in 1982.

VT 2021 position preview: linebackers



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Player to Watch

Dax Hollifield finally moves to his natural middle linebacker post after Rayshard Ashby piled up triple-digit tackle numbers at that spot two of the past three seasons.

In 36 games (25 starts) with the Hokies, Hollifield has amassed 181 tackles (69 solo), 14.5 tackles for loss, and 5.5 sacks. The Shelby, N.C., native posted a seasonhigh 13 tackles and sacks last season vs. Miami.

The high-energy Hollifield should feel right at home playing the Mike position previously mastered by his position coach Jack Tyler, who led Tech in tackles in 2012 and 2013.

Others in the mix Hollifield's move inside should bode well for Alan Tisdale, who is expected

to anchor the outside linebacker post. Tisdale finished third on the squad with 59 tackles (21 solo) after splitting time at the position with Hollifield in 2020.

The Greensboro, N.C., product has played in 22 games (five starts) the past two seasons, racking up 111 tackles with three sacks. Long and athletic, Tisdale is able to drop into coverage or pick up backs out of the backfield.

Dean Ferguson, Keshon Artis, and Lakeem Rudolph are also players to keep an eye on during

Position notes

Hollifield and Tisdale combined for 111 total tackles in 2020 and 6.0 Hollifield's career-high

13 tackles vs. Miami were

the top single-game to-

Tisdale has racked up at least 50 tackles and four tackles for loss in each of his first two seasons for the Hokies.

tal of any Tech defensive

Position outlook Hollifield and Tisdale

player in 2020.

give the Hokies an experienced duo in the linebacker corps while Artis, Ferguson and Rudolph have played primarily on special teams and have relatively small bodies of work on defense. No doubt, 15 full practices during the spring were beneficial for that trio. A wild card could be C.J. McCray, who joined Tech after originally signing with Marshall. A former walk-on himself, don't be surprised if Coach Tyler develops a player not on this list who is able to contribute for Tech in 2021.

RU women picked third, men fourth in Big South crosscountry preseason poll

The Radford University women's cross-country team was picked to finish third and the men's team fourth in the Big South Conference's 2021 crosscountry preseason poll.

Twelve institutions in the conference compete in cross country.

High Point was selected to win the women's conference championship with Campbell second. On the men's side, Campbell finished atop the poll with Charleston Southern second and High Point third.

The Radford women did get one vote to win the conference title and three votes for second place. Their 121 total points left them only seven points behind secondplace Campbell.

The RU men finished with 101 total points in the preseason poll with

most of their votes land-

ing them in fourth place.

Only two voters selected

the team to finish lower than fourth.

This preseason poll marks the first time the

women's program has received a first-place vote since the Big South started tracking preseason polls in 2002. This was also the team's highest preseason ranking since

The men's fourthplace ranking tied the team for its highest selection since 2017. The 2021 fall preseason poll was the third straight season the women have been picked to finish in the top five and the second straight season the men have been voted in the top five.

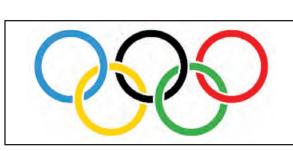
Radford is scheduled to open its fall season on Sept.1 at the Virginia Tech Invitational with eight meets scheduled overall. The Big South Championships will be hosted by High Point on

Oct. 29.

The poll results for the women's teams with the first-place votes in parentheses and the total points accumulated were as follows: 1. High Point (9) 139 2. Campbell (2) 128 3. Radford (1) 121 4. Charleston Southern 97 5. UNC Asheville 92 6. USC Upstate 80 7. Winthrop 75 8. North Carolina Â&T 53 9. Longwood 44 10. Gardner-Webb 43 11. Hampton 33 12. Presbyterian 31. The poll results for

the men's teams with the first-place votes in parentheses and the total points accumulated were as follows: 1. Campbell (8) 140 2. Charleston Southern (4) 128 3. High Point 124 4. Radford 101 5. UNC Asheville 94 6. USC Upstate 78 7. Winthrop 68 8. North Carolina A&T 57 9. Longwood 52 10. Presbyterian 43 11. Hampton 29 12. Gardner-Webb 22.

VT to appear on ACCN's Olympic broadcasts



Olympics by ACC Network (ACCN) will include several appearances by Virginia Tech.

The network will

The broadcast of the matches: Friday, Sept. 17, at 7 p.m. vs. Virginia and Tuesday, Oct. 12, at 7 p.m. vs. Davidson.

On Sunday, Sept. 26, at 5 p.m., ACCN will broadcast two of the broadcast the women's VT men's soccer team's soccer match between the Hokies and Duke. The network will also feature the VT women's soccer team against Clemson on Thursday, Oct. 7, at 8 p.m. Then on Sunday, Oct. 10, at 5 p.m. the Hokies will appear on

the network against Wake Forest.

The final VT appearance during the Olympics will be the volleyball team on Friday, Nov. 19, at 2 p.m. against Boston Col-

Hokies unveil non-conference schedule

Virginia Tech head men's basketball coach Mike Young Wednesday revealed the Hokies' non-conference slate for the upcoming 2021-22 season.

Tech will play 12 outof-conference games with five of those contests taking place at Carilion Clinic Court at Cassell Coliseum, including the season opener against Maine on Nov. 9.

Game times and television designations will be announced at a later

previously As nounced, the Hokies will take part in the NIT Season Tip-Off during Thanksgiving Week, facing Memphis on Nov. 24 at Barclays Center in Brooklyn, N.Y. The championship and third-place games will be played on Friday, Nov.

Tech will also compete in the Veterans Classic (Nov. 12 at Navy), the Big Ten/ACC Challenge (Dec. 1 at Maryland) and the Basketball Hall of Fame Shootout (Dec. 17 vs. St. Bonaventure in Charlotte, N.C.).

The ACC portion of the 2021-22 men's basketball schedule should League) last season. be announced in the coming weeks.

Game No. 1: Nov. 9

vs. the Black Bears. The last matchup 77-62 in Hokies won that game Blacksburg on Nov. 25, 80-67 in Blacksburg on 2020. Radford was 15-

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Nov. 11, 2016. Maine was 2-7 (2-6 America East) last season.

Game No. 2: Nov. 12 at Navy (Veterans Clas-

Tech is 3-3 all-time vs. the Midshipmen. The last meeting was Dec. 7, 2008, won by the Hokies 79-70. Navy was 15-3 (12-1 Patriot

Game No. 3: Nov. 15 vs. Radford

Tech is 9-2 all-time vs. the Highlanders. Tech is 1-0 all-time The Hokies won the

12 (12-6 Big South) last season.

Game No. 4: Nov. 18 vs. St. Francis

Tech is 1-0 all-time vs. the Red Flash. The Hokies won 75-37 in Blacksburg on Nov. 24, 2018. St. Francis was 6-16 (5-13 Northeast) last season.

Game No. 5: Nov. 21 vs. Merrimack

This is the first meeting between the two schools. Merrimack was 9-9 (9-9 Northeast) last

Game No. 6: Nov. 24 vs. Memphis (NIT Season Tip-Off)

Tech is 12-18 all-time vs. the Tigers. The Hokies lost the last meeting to Memphis 82-63. Memphis was 20-8 (11-4 American) last season.

VIRGINIA TECH HOKIES

Games No. 7, 8: Nov. 26 vs. Iowa State/Xavier (NIT Season Tip-Off)

Tech is 1-1 all-time vs. the Iowa State Cyclones. The Hokies lost the last meeting 99-77 on Nov. 27, 2015. Iowa State was 2-22 (0-18 Big 12) last season.

Tech is 4-9 all-time vs. the Xavier Musketeers. The Hokies lost the last meeting 63-62 in overtime in San Juan, Puerto Rico on Nov. 21, 2008) Xavier was 13-8 (6-7 Big East) last season.

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Game No. 9: Dec. 1 at Maryland (Big Ten/ ACC Challenge)

Tech is 10-32 alltime vs. the Terrapins. The Hokies lost the last meeting 64-47 on March 4, 2014. Maryland was 17-14 (9-11 Big Ten) last season.

Game No. 10: Dec. 8 vs. Cornell

This is the first meeting between the two schools. Cornell did not play last season.

Game No. 11: Dec. 12 at Dayton

Tech is 8-6 all-time vs. the Flyers. VT lost the last meeting 89-62 at the Maui Invitational on Nov. 26, 2019. Dayton was 14-10 (9-6 At-

lantic 10) last season. Game No. 12: Dec. 17 vs. St. Bonaventure (Basketball Hall of Fame Shootout in Charlotte, N.C.)

Tech is 11-5 alltime vs. the Bonnies. The Hokies won the last matchup 73-64 in Blacksburg on Nov. 27,

St. Bonaventure was 16-5 (11-4 Atlantic 10) last season.



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