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## Republican sweep in Virginia echoed in Radford results

RADFORD – The City of Radford went red on Tuesday, choosing the Republican candidates across the board.

According to the state's unofficial results as of Thursday, Republican Glenn Youngkin received 2,265 votes, or 54.02 percent, of the vote in Radford to Democrat Terry McAuliffe's 1,879 votes, or 44.81 percent. Liberation Party candidate Princess

Blanding received 44 votes, or 1.05 percent. There were five write-in votes.

For Lieutenant Governor, Republican Winsome E. Sears received 2,233 votes (53.57 percent) to Democrat Hala S. Ayala's 1,923 votes (46.14 percent). There were 12 write-in votes.

Republican candidate for Attorney General Jason S. Miyares garnered 2,225 votes, or

53.47 percent, to incumbent Attorney General Mark R. Herring's 1,931 votes, representing 46.41 percent. There were five write-ins.

In the 12th district race for the Virginia House of Delegates, Republican Jason S. Ballard beat Democratic incumbent Chris L. Hurst with 2,349 votes, or 56.55 percent, to Hurst's 1,777 votes, or 42.78 percent. The 12th

district represents the City of Radford, Giles County, and portions of Montgomery and Pulaski counties.

The City of Radford got a bit of election focus Monday evening after Hurst was observed driving a car at the Radford Recreation Center while his passenger apparently vandalized campaign signs at the site. Hurst was subsequently cited for driving on a

suspended license. Early Tuesday, the City released a press release about the vandalistic incident but did not mention Hurst's name.

"On Monday, November 1, 2021 at approximately 9:24 p.m. the Radford City Police Department was made aware by a Radford Sheriff's Deputy of a report of a possible

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## Radford City Council member Burress resigns

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Burress submitted his letter of resignation effective



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Oct. 31, ending his four-year term after only 15 months.

According to Radford Voter Registrar Tracy Howard, Radford city code 24.2-228 states the remaining members of the council "have 45 days to appoint an interim member; if the members of the body cannot agree, then the judges of the circuit court shall appoint. The appointee shall serve only until a member is elected at the next ensuing special election."

The next council election will be held in November 2022.

"Whoever is elected in Nov. of 2022 would take office immediately upon qualification and once sworn in would serve the remainder of the term until Dec. 31, 2024," said Howard.

According to Radford Public Information Coordi-

nator Jenni Wilder, "Burress stated in his letter of resignation that he has accepted a new job position in Northern Florida and will be moving from the area."

"Radford will always hold a special place in my heart and life as it welcomed me in with open arms and allowed me to serve the city in various capacities," said Burress. "For that, I will be forever grateful."

During his tenure on the council, Burress served on the Recreation Commission. He also served on the Radford Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and as the chamber's president before taking office on the city council.

Radford Mayor David Horton wished him well. "We are thankful for Mr. Burress's service to Radford and wish him the best on his new endeavor," Horton said.



About 150 university students took part in Radford Gives Back late last month and brought 10,810 items of donated food into the Student Recreation and Wellness Center.

## Highlanders lend hands (and cans) at Radford Gives Back food drive

RADFORD -- Two recent afternoons' worth of effort will send a nourishing ripple effect out of the heart of Radford University and across the city that surrounds it, putting hundreds of meals into the hands and bellies of local school kids.

That was the result of the Radford Gives Back canned food drive, which recently marked its sixth year.

About 150 university students took part in the event and brought 10,810 items of donated food into the Student Recreation and Wellness Center.

During the event's closing hour, Highlanders formed a reverse "bucket brigade" and divided the supplies up into 300 bags, each of which contained the elements of a meal: fruits and vegetables, a pasta entree, soups, snacks, peanut butter and more.

One hundred and fifty of those bags went home to Radford Pub-

lic School students, and the other 150 will be delivered soon, according to Jenny Riffe, class of '03, whose program, Bobcat Back-packs, accepts and coordinates the donations year-round.

Riffe, along with Jane Fisher '94, M.S. '00, and Daniela Brunner '98, founded the nonprofit organization in 2016. It has received mass donations through Radford Gives Back each year since.

"We were thrilled that this campus-wide initiative, which was started by the previous administration, was so wholeheartedly supported," Riffe said. "It's wonderful to know that the university's commitment to serving the children of Radford will continue."

Student volunteers on Oct. 28 formed a reverse "bucket brigade" to quickly bag 300 individual meals, which will be distributed to

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A wreath is placed in front of the cenotaph during the 2019 Veterans Day Remembrance Ceremony. Photo by Shay Barnhart for Virginia Tech.

## Veterans Day events planned for Virginia Tech community

Virginia Tech will honor Veterans Day and the service of our nation's military on Thursday, Nov. 11 with the following events:

**Burruss Hall**  
Burruss Hall, the main administration building on Virginia Tech's Blacksburg campus, will be lit in green on Nov. 10-11 in honor of Veterans Day.

**Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets Veterans Day Remembrance Ceremony**

At 10:30 a.m. at the War Memorial Chapel on the Blacksburg campus. Col. Gregory Lowe, commander of Virginia Tech Air Force ROTC Detachment 875 and a 1997 graduate of the Corps of Cadets, will speak. The event is open to the public.

Beginning at 11 a.m., the memorial wreath will be placed in front of the cenotaph on War Memorial Court. The Gregory Guard,

the corps' precision rifle drill team, will fire a rifle salute, and a bugler will play taps.

Later that day, the corps will welcome Homer Hickam, a 1964 corps alumnus and part of the trio of cadets who created the first Skipper, the famed Corps of Cadets' cannon. He is a VietNam veteran, a retired NASA engineer, and the best-selling author of the memoir "Rocket Boys," which was adapted into the blockbuster movie "October Sky." Sign up to attend.

In addition to the events, cadets will participate in two vigils that honor Veterans Day. The Robert Femoyer Service Squadron will hold a 24-hour Veterans Day vigil at the Rock, a memorial to Virginia Tech alumni lost in World War I, on Upper Quad. The vigil also honors and remembers the men and women who have served in the military.

The Corps of Cadets' Echo Company will hold a vigil at the Pylons. Two cadets will be posted as guards at the cenotaph and will change every hour for 48 hours.

**Pamplin College of Business Salute to Veterans Day: The Embodiment of Ut Prosim (That I May Serve)**

From 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Pamplin Auditorium (Blacksburg); remote viewing will be available at the Falls Church campus

Homer Hickam will speak during this event. He will be joined by Wanda J. Smith, associate professor emerita of management and an Army veteran; Robert Sumichrast, dean of the Pamplin College of Business; members of the Pamplin Veterans Day Program Steering Committee; and additional speakers. Registration is free. Sign up to attend.

## NRCC Fiddle, Banjo, and Dance Club Jamboree to be held Nov. 13

The music of Adam McPeak & Mountain Thunder and the Dixie Bluegrass Boys will be featured during New River Community College's Fiddle, Banjo, and Dance Club Jamboree Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021.

The music will begin at 6 p.m. in 117 Edwards Hall at NRCC in Dublin. Everyone is required to wear masks indoors, and social distancing protocols will be observed.

Adam McPeak & Mountain Thunder is composed primarily of young bluegrass musicians from Virginia with mandolin player McPeak at the helm. The band includes Adam McPeak's father Mike McPeak, who plays guitar and sings lead and harmony vocals; Nikki Wright, who plays fiddle and sings lead and harmony vocals; David Chrisley who plays bass and sings harmony vocals; and Steve Chrisley, David's father, who plays banjo.

The group began playing at fiddlers' conventions before going on to play their own shows and participate in competitions. They placed ninth and 10th at the Society for the Preservation of Bluegrass Music in the America National Band Championship events in Nashville. They have also appeared on public television's "Song of the Mountains."

The Dixie Bluegrass Boys is a traditional style group that has been playing for 16 years in the Virginia and North Carolina areas. The group performs old-time, country, and bluegrass music for dances and concerts. The band members are Mikayla Burrows, guitar and vocals; Adam Burrows, fiddle, mandolin, and vocals; Danny Bowers, five-string banjo and vocals; and Jerry Steinberg, bass fiddle.

Corporate sponsors of the jamborees include Anderson Audiology, Dublin; August Jewelers and Boutique, Inc., Radford; Castle Rock Insurance Agency, Pearisburg; Estes Auto & Truck Parts Inc., Pilot; First Community Bank, Pulaski; Food City; Gregory Seeding and Landscaping Company, Pulaski; Martin's Pharmacy, Pulaski; Pepsi Cola Bottling Co., Dublin; The Pulaski Patriot, Pulaski; SERVPRO, Montgomery and Pulaski counties; and Southern Furniture Warehouse, Radford.

The doors open at 5 p.m. for the show. Admission is free, and donations will be accepted to help offset the travel expenses for the musicians. The jamborees are typically held the second Saturday of each month through April at NRCC, a Crooked Road affiliated venue.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Saturday, Nov. 6:

**Radford Library Book Sale**  
The Radford Public Library will hold a book sale on Saturday, Nov. 6, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Hardback books will sell for \$1.00 and paperbacks for \$.50. Children's books are half the price of adult books. Please wear a mask and come support the Radford Public Library.

**DIY a Room from Gabby's Dollhouse**  
At the Meadowbrook Public Library at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Make a cat-tastic room of miniatures inspired by the show Gabby's Dollhouse. All materials will be provided. The maximum is 10 participants per time slot. Registration is required.

**PAWS to Read - Dog Edition**  
At the Blacksburg Library at noon. Come read to Derek the therapy dog. Registration is required.

**Teen Dungeons and Dragons**  
At the Blacksburg Library at 2 p.m. Teens. Dungeons. Dragons.

**Dyslexia Awareness**  
At the Blacksburg Library at 2 p.m. Dyslexia is a specific learning disability that is neurobiological in origin. It is characterized by difficulties with accurate and/or fluent word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities. This presentation will discuss the characteristics of dyslexia, the common myths, and various interventions. An extensive resource list will be provided.

## Sunday, Nov. 7:

**Chess Club**  
At the Blacksburg Library at 3 p.m. Kids and teens ages eight years and up are welcome to come sharpen their chess skills and enjoy playing with others. Supplies will be provided. All skill levels are welcome.

## Monday, Nov. 8:

**STEM Club**  
At the Christiansburg Library at 1 p.m. Explore science, technology, engineering, or math in this homeschool STEM. Ages 8 and up.

## Tuesday, Nov. 9:

**The Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting**  
The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet at 7 p.m. at Aly's Italian Family Restaurant at 3204 Riner Rd. Members

of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are invited. Member William Reed will give a talk on "Confederate Small Arms." For further information call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

**Talking About Books Nonfiction: I'm A Stranger Here Myself**  
At the Blacksburg Library at 11 a.m. To be discussed is "I'm A Stranger Here Myself" by Bill Bryson. Call (540) 552-8246 to reserve a copy.

**DIY Board Games**  
At the Blacksburg Library at 4:30 p.m. Nov. 7-13 is International Games Week. Celebrate by creating your very own board game. Supplies will be provided. Registration is required. Email mroach@mfrl.org for more information.

**Essential Oils**  
At the Christiansburg Library at 7 p.m. Learn more about essential oils. A different topic is featured every month.

## Wednesday, Nov. 10:

**Computer Basics: Part 2**  
At the Meadowbrook Public Library at 10:30 a.m. This is a continuation of an Introduction to Computer Basics. This course will cover Microsoft Office applications, navigating the internet, emailing, basic information about smartphones, and using a smartphone for computing.

**Evening Book Talk: Jesmyn Ward**  
At the Christiansburg Library at 11 a.m. Jesmyn Ward will appear at the Moss Art Center to discuss her whole body of work. Library copies of her book in advance of the discussion may be found at <https://go.mfrl.org/jesmynward>. Information, and tickets for the Moss Center event can be found at <https://artscenter.vt.edu/performances/jesmyn-ward.html>.

**Loops Group with New River Art and Fiber**  
At the Blacksburg Library at 2 p.m. Participants may bring their latest project every Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. for group knitting and chatting.

**A Vision of Education: Edgar A. Long Book Launch**  
At the Meadowbrook Public Library at 6 p.m. This book launch marking the release of the second edition of "A Vision of Education: Selected Writings of Edgar A. Long" is hosted by the Christiansburg Institute. The second edition was made possible by a grant from the Virginia Humanities. The first edition, also grant funded by the Virginia Humanities, was originally published in 2001 by the Christiansburg Institute and was edited

by Anna Fariello.

## Thursday, Nov. 11:

**Noise alert: Cadet Rifle Salute**  
The Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets' Gregory Guard will fire a rifle salute at about 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, at the Pylons as part of the university's Veterans Day remembrance ceremony.

## Monday, Nov. 15:

**Crafternoon at the Radford Public Library**  
Join the library staff for an afternoon of crafting from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The library will offer a variety of collections, both books and databases, to help participants find just the right craft to suit them. Some supplies will be available to take home. Adult coloring supplies and coloring books will be available. Come make a new friend or just enjoy a little peace and quiet. Needle projects and other indoor crafts are encouraged. Adults only.

## Wednesday, Nov. 17:

**Hahn Horticulture Garden In-Person Learn at Lunch**  
"Ramps" with Pabitra Aryal from noon to 1 p.m. Aryal is a Ph.D. candidate in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences' School of Plant and Environmental Sciences who is researching the onion's cousin by growing ramps from seed and bulb to study the germination time of the plant. This is a free event with no registration needed. VT requires face masks in public spaces, so everyone will need to wear a mask at this event. Parking passes will be provided to attendees.

## Throughout November:

**Donate your old sneakers**  
The RADical Change Commission and GotSneakers have partnered up to promote healthy communities with creative recycling. This sneaker drive fundraiser keeps sneakers out of landfills and reduces toxic chemicals from being released in the air and soil. All sneakers from the drive are recirculated to people who want quality, reusable footwear at affordable prices or repurposed into new surfaces such as playgrounds and tracks. Those making donations are asked to please wash their old sneakers before dropping them off at either of the following two locations: Unity Christian Church, 400 Tyler Ave. (corner of Tyler and Clement) in Radford Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The

bin is located at the office door facing Moe's Southwest Grill; and The Shelter, 1205 Downey St., also in Radford. The bin is located on the front porch. Drop-off hours at this location are anytime day or night. Sneakers will be collected through Nov. 30. They can be any size in any condition.

## Help the Veterans with Your Donations

All month at the Meadowbrook Public Library. The library is a collection point for items needed at the VA Medical Center in Salem. Bring donation of the following items to the library during the month: deodorant, denture adhesive, 3 in 1 body wash/shampoo/conditioner, body lotion, toothpaste, nail clippers, sweatpants, sweatshirts, t-shirts (size M, L, XL), and new baseball caps.

**No brush collections in November**  
Christiansburg public works crews will not be collecting brush this month due to equipment failure. Brush collection will resume in December once repairs are completed.

## Ongoing:

**Second annual Radford holiday display contest**  
The Radford Chamber of Commerce's second annual holiday display contest is underway as Radford businesses and residents are urged to come up with their best window or home displays. The entry fee is \$25, and the entry deadline is Nov. 30 with decorations required to be up by Dec. 10. Public voting will then take place from Dec. 10 through Dec. 22.

**Get your passport at the Radford Public Library**  
Radford Public Library is a Passport Acceptance Office. Call (540) 731-3621 to set up an appointment to secure a passport. Those planning overseas travel should get an appointment as soon as possible because the current waiting period is up to 18 weeks.

**"Paper Alchemy" exhibit**  
Currently on display in the gallery in the Covington Center of Radford University. This is an exhibition of jewelry and other objects made from Thurmanite®, a material invented by James Thurman, an artist who teaches at the University of North Texas. Thurmanite is a unique composite material made of layers of recycled paper bonded together with an environmentally friendly plant-based resin. "Paper Alchemy" is a dynamic demonstration of the artists' range of inventive problem-solving and creativity.

# Sweep

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vandalism in progress," reads the city's statement. "This incident was occurring near a polling precinct in the City of Radford. The Sheriff's Deputy initiated a traffic stop and requested the Radford City Police Department assist.

"The Radford City Police officer arrived, identified both subjects, and took a statement from the on-scene deputy," the statement continues. "The Radford City Police Officer confirmed damage to several political signs at the original location, as

reported by the Sheriff's Deputy. "At the request of Radford City Police Chief Jeff Dodson, the Virginia State Police has been contacted and the matter has been transferred to the Virginia State Police. Any further request for comment

should be directed to the Virginia State Police."

Bodycam video of the incident was subsequently released showing Hurst interacting with a Radford City Police officer. He indicated he did not know his license was suspended and chalked up the sign incident as "high jinks" and "blowing off steam."

As for the election, Hurst released a statement about the race, congratulating Ballard for his victory and thanking his supporters. "This morning, I tried to reach Delegate-elect Jason Ballard to congratulate him on last night's results, and I hope we have the chance to talk soon. I wish him and his family well and that they

may continue the progress the New River Valley has seen," Hurst said in his statement.

"Thank you to the thousands of supporters that have helped build a grassroots movement that demanded more of their government and went to work to make that more possible," Hurst said. "It's because of them that we made historic investments in broadband Internet, secured more than \$250 million for Amtrak to Christiansburg, and delivered more than \$2 billion for long-overdue repairs to I-81. I am particularly proud we accomplished our mission of creating an Office of Children's Ombudsman to protect vulnerable

children across Virginia. We came up short last night, but tomorrow that work begins again, and I'll be here, shoulder to shoulder, to help see this work through."

Ballard thanked his supporters on his Jason Ballard for Delegate Facebook page, saying, "WE DID IT! Thank you to everyone who supported my campaign along the way. Virginians showed up to the polls yesterday to defend conservative values ALL across the state. Yesterday was a rejection of the left's radical agenda in Virginia. I look forward to taking office and fighting for the issues that matter across our district and our commonwealth."

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# Montgomery-Blacksburg Kiwanis Club installs new officers, members



The new officers for the Montgomery Co.-Blacksburg Kiwanis Club are (left to right) Sherry Charles (Division 16 Lt Governor), Treasurer Jerry Jones, President Andrew Walker, President-elect Meghan Kuczmariski, Vice President Tom Lane, and Secretary Don Linkous.



The new members of the Montgomery Co.-Blacksburg Kiwanis Club are (left to right) Amy Slone, Doug Butts, Sherry Shelley, and Logan Kessinger (not pictured).

Celebrating its 75th anniversary, the Kiwanis Club of Montgomery County-Blacksburg installed new officers and directors and inducted new members recently at a dinner at Warm Hearth Village Center.

Chartered as the Blacksburg Kiwanis Club on Oct. 1, 1946, and dedicated to serving children of the world one child and one community at a time,

the club's first service project was providing Christmas baskets to 30 families. Montgomery County Kiwanis Club was sponsored by the Blacksburg club in 1979, and they merged in 1997.

From March 2020 until July 2021, Montgomery Co.-Blacksburg Kiwanis continued to have Zoom meetings every two weeks with speakers but

returned to weekly lunch meetings in July at Warm Hearth Village Center. In spite of COVID-19, the club continued to stock food pantries at Prices Fork Elementary and Eastern Montgomery Elementary schools, purchased books for students in 10 pre-school classes, contributed to and volunteered at the Montgomery County Christmas Store,

rang the Salvation Army bell at Wal-Mart, and made donations to the Women's Resource Center, Scouts BSA, foster care, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, and the Montgomery Junior Appalachian Music program. The club also sponsored Circle K at Virginia Tech, helped Santa by providing 35 Salvation Army Christmas Angels, and donated to the Hurley Kiwanis Club's

disaster relief fund and Louisiana's district hurricane relief.

To join, the club does not require anyone to have lunch with them or to volunteer for the club's service projects such as its fundraising golf tournament, Brunswick Stew (April), and the pancake breakfast. Anyone interested in joining the club may contact Jerry Jones at gmjones@vt.edu.

## Veterans Day on Nov. 11 gives Americans a chance to celebrate veterans' bravery, sacrifice



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### Veterans Day began as Armistice Day

Veterans Day gives Americans the opportunity to celebrate the bravery and sacrifice of all U.S. veterans. However, most Americans confuse this holiday with Memorial Day, reports the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Veterans Day, formerly known as Armistice Day, was originally set as a U.S. legal holiday to honor the end of World War I, which officially took place on Nov. 11, 1918. In legislation that was passed in 1938, November 11 was "dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day.'" As such, this new legal holiday honored World War I veterans.

In 1954, after having been through both World War II and the Korean War, the 83rd U.S. Congress -- at the urging of the veterans service organizations -- amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation on June 1, 1954, Nov. 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

In 1968, the Uniforms Holiday Bill ensured three-day weekends for federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Columbus Day. Under this bill, Veterans Day was moved to the fourth Monday of October. Many states did not agree with this decision and continued

to celebrate the holiday on its original date. The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed with much confusion on Oct. 25, 1971.

Finally on September 20, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed a law that returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of Nov. 11, beginning in 1978. Since then, the Veterans Day holiday has been observed on Nov. 11.

### Celebrating the Veterans Day Holiday

If the Nov. 11 holiday falls on a non-workday -- Saturday or Sunday -- the holiday is observed by the federal government on Monday (if the holiday falls on Sunday) or Friday (if the holiday falls on Saturday). Federal government closings are established by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management. State and local government closings are determined locally, and non-government businesses can close or remain open as they see fit, regardless of federal, state or local government operation determinations.

United States Senate Resolution 143, which was passed on Aug. 4, 2001, designated the week of Nov. 11 through Nov. 17, 2001, as "National Veterans Awareness Week." The resolution calls for educational efforts directed at elementary and secondary school students concerning the contributions and sacrifices of veterans.

The difference be-

### tween Veterans Day and Memorial Day

Memorial Day honors service members who died in service to their country or as a result of injuries incurred during battle. Deceased veterans are also remembered on Veterans Day but the day is set aside to thank and honor living veterans who served honorably in the military in wartime or peacetime.

President Eisenhower's letter to Harvey V. Higley, Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, designating him Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee

The White House Office  
October 8, 1954

Dear Mr. Higley:  
I have today signed a proclamation calling upon all of our citizens to observe Thursday, November 11, 1954, as Veterans Day. It is my earnest hope that all veterans, their organizations, and the entire citizenry will join hands to ensure proper and widespread observance of this day. With the thought that it will be most helpful to coordinate the

planning, I am suggesting the formation of a Veterans Day National Committee. In view of your great personal interest as well as your official responsibilities, I have designated you to serve as chairman. You may include in the committee membership such other persons as you desire to select, and I am requesting the heads of all departments and agencies of the executive branch to assist the committee in its work in every way possible.

I have every confidence that our nation will respond wholeheartedly in the appropriate observance of Veterans Day, 1954.

Sincerely,  
DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

Some things you may not know about Veterans Day

1. It's "Veterans Day" not "Veteran's Day" for a good reason.

The lack of the apostrophe might seem like a semantic choice, but it has a definite and deliberate meaning. According to the U.S. Depart-

ment of Veteran Affairs, Veterans Day is not a day that belongs to veterans, it is a day for honoring veterans directly in front of us right now.

2. Marines celebrate their service birthday and Veterans Day with a 96-hour liberty.

Nov. 10 marks the birthday of the Marine Corps, an event that is generally celebrated with a traditional ball and a cake-cutting ceremony. Since this special day falls the day before Veterans Day, many Marines celebrate both holidays together with a 96 hour liberty period.

3. A group once pushed to rename then-Armistice Day as "Mayflower Day."

Following the outbreak of WWII and the revelation that WWI did not end all wars, the idea of commemorating Armistice Day began to fall out of favor with a small group of Americans led by Dr. Francis Carr Stifler of the American Bible Society. The group proposed that Armistice Day be officially replaced with Mayflower Day since the signing of the Mayflower

Compact took place on Nov. 11, 1620. They argued that this whole name would be far more appropriate, since the Mayflower Compact was the cornerstone upon which the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights stood. Of course, the group's ideas did not catch on, and Armistice Day eventually became the Veterans Day that we know today.

### Wars ranked by U.S. combat deaths

World War II	1941–1945	291,557
American Civil War	1861–1865	214,938
World War I	1917–1918	53,402
Vietnam War	1955–1975	47,434
Korean War	1950–1953	33,686
American Revolutionary War	1775–1783	8,000
Iraq War	2003–2011	4,424
War of 1812	1812–1815	2,260
War in Afghanistan	2001–2021	1,833
Mexican–American War	1846–1849	1,733

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# OPINION

## Home Country with Slim Randles: It's a shame about Thanksgiving

"It's a danged shame 'bout Thanksgiving," Windy Wilson said. The others stopped stirring things into their coffee cups and looked at the aging cowboy and camp cook.

Windy glanced at the semi-circle of puzzled faces there in the Mule Barn coffee shop. "You know what I mean ... 'stead of people we achully know, we got

ta spend it with folks we haven't seen since the end of Dubya-Dubya Two."

"You mean family?"

"Shore do, Doc. Now jest think for a minute and 15 seconds here, okay? Now with Halloween, which is my favorite holiday, you get to say hi to a mess-a little kids and give 'em a candy and then they're gone.

You get tired of it or the candy bowl gits on down where you can see the bottom of 'er ... you jest turn out the porch light."

"But Windy," said Doc, "Thanksgiving is a family time. Aunts and uncles and grandparents and brothers and sisters and lots of little ones running around. It's a time when we see where we belong."

"It's the dang things we don't say that really cripple the pig on this 'un, you know." Windy grinned. "Stuff like 'Aunt Marge, you don't sweat near as much as other fat women.' And 'Uncle Bill, did them dang cops ever give you your driving license back?'"

"And 'Susan, I hear tell you done okay in that there queenie

contest. Did you have to talk or anything like that?"

There probably is something to be said for Halloween.

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## COVID-19 update: Children ages 5-11 can now be vaccinated in New River Health District

Dr. Noelle Bissell, the health director for the New River Health District, told the media in her press conference Monday that children ages 5 to 11 in the district can now be vaccinated for COVID-19.

She said the health district expected to receive its first supplies of the Pfizer vaccine Wednesday Nov. 3. The Federal Drug Administration authorized the vaccine in a low dose form for this age group last Friday, she said.

Bissell encouraged people to be patient as they schedule appointments for

the vaccine. She said she expects the initial demand to be high as the vaccine is distributed to pharmacies, pediatrician offices, and the health department to be given to children.

"There will be enough vaccine, but in these weeks, everyone may not be able to get the appointment when they want it," Bissell said. "You can get your child vaccinated, but it may not be right away." She said that the district expects to receive 2,700 doses.

The district also is working with local school systems to administer the

vaccine in schools, which is routine for other vaccines, the health director said. Parents of children ages 5 to 11 in the region have received a survey inquiring about their interest in the COVID-19 vaccine for their children.

More than 50 percent of respondents said they want their children to be vaccinated for COVID-19, which is "heartening" news, Bissell said. That's a higher percentage than some national surveys, she said.

"Getting more people vaccinated, including our younger children, that's

our way out of the pandemic," Bissell said. "That will help keep our kids in school."

A mobile vaccine unit also will visit schools in far Southwest Virginia, Bissell said.

Along with the Pfizer vaccine for children, the health district is offering all three vaccines as boosters for people who are fully vaccinated for COVID-19. Overall, COVID-19 positive cases continue to decline throughout the health district," Bissell said. Hospitalizations for coronavirus patients also are down, she

reported.

She reminded the public that the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has issued new guidance for testing after an individual has had close contact with someone who has COVID-19. It states that a fully vaccinated individual should be tested five to seven days after close contact while an unvaccinated person should be tested immediately.

Though COVID-19 cases have peaked and are declining, the region remains a high transmission area as defined by the CDC, Bissell said. That

means that people still should adhere to public health guidelines.

"Though our numbers are down nicely, we are requesting that people still wear masks in public spaces indoors," she said. She also encouraged people to start planning for upcoming safe holiday celebrations. For instance, outdoor activities are safer than being indoors in large groups, she said.

"Everyone has to inform their behavior based on a risk assessment," Bissell said. "A lot of our gatherings tend to be multiple generations."

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the editor:

I hope to address a critical juncture in our economic growth and sustainability. Our efforts to address this ever-evolving crisis are imperative as we navigate strengthening the foundation for future economic success.

Between 1990 and 2019, employment in Virginia's coalfields fell from 10,600 jobs to just 2,500, dropping steeply alongside the metric tons miners pulled out of the ground. With domestic and global demand for coal continuing to decline and clean energy on the rise, this isn't a trend that's going to self-correct, commanding, therefore, that Congress help retool the Appalachian economy while also addressing a legacy of pollution in the coalfields.

This means passing a Build Back Better Act that recognizes the economic and environmental plight of Appalachia, by helping retool idled factories, clean up abandoned mines, remediate Brownfields and Superfund sites, and invest in programs to re-establish Main Street economies.

Federal investment can also invigorate the energy economy of tomorrow by investing in renewable energy manufacturing, job training, and incentivizing the build-out of clean energy.

These efforts will create jobs in the near and long-term, helping to create the balance between building new industries and modernizing old ones.

Appalachia has long been the land of large and ambitious, while build-

ing a legacy of broken promises in economic development and specifically, in transitioning away from a fossil fuel-dependent economy.

Congress has a once-in-a-generation opportunity to turn the tide on decades of neglect and begin driving the long-term change the people of Appalachia need.

I call on my members of Congress, U.S. Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine and U.S. Rep Morgan Griffith, to pass a Build Back Better Act that puts Appalachians back to work building a new economy with new opportunity for all.

Sincerely,

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## Food Drive

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Radford schoolchildren.

In her opening remarks at the gathering, Radford University interim President Carolyn R. Lepre made her endorsement clear. "Events like this illustrate who we are," she told the crowd of students, volunteers, and officials.

"Radford Gives Back inspires us to connect in a way that not only helps others but also gives each of us purpose and meaning," Lepre said. "Continue to find meaningful ways to connect. Be that person who pays it forward, serve as a role model for others, and be a part of something bigger than yourselves."

Brunner teaches fourth grade and said she's able to see the impact of their effort first-hand. "I have about 10 kids just in my class alone who get a bag every single Friday," she told the volunteers. "I went to work today, and at the end of the day, a child came to me - and you can't make this up - and he said, 'I got my food bag tomorrow!'"

Brunner said the program feeds about 175 students each week and also operates during the

summer.

Surplus food donated to Bobcat Backpacks will be stored for future use. Students and volunteers helped load it onto a truck at the end of Radford Gives Back.

"I think it's really important that students are able to get the things they need in order to be ready and prepared for school," said Sydney Braham, a senior communication major from Virginia Beach, Virginia, and a member of Phi Sigma Sigma.

"We've been helping out every year since I was a freshman, and I'm just continuing that in my fraternity, for the younger guys," said Brady Grow, vice-president of communications for Sigma Phi Epsilon. He's a senior from Chesterfield, Va., studying internet technology security.

"We actually donated 250 cans this week; we just bought them with our own money," Grow said.

Radford Athletics and club sports were also well-represented at the event, with its members volunteering throughout the day to count and pack items and load donations for hauling.

"This is my first year doing it. It's a good cause, and I'm excited to finish it out," said Lance Mills, a senior from Richmond studying social work. He's also part of the ultimate frisbee club.

"Every year, we come out, and we just try and do as much as we can," said William Dalrymple, a junior from Richmond who studies criminal justice. He's the secretary for the Radford's men's rugby team: "We come, we help out, we load up. We get to use our muscles."

As he helped kick off the most recent ceremony, Radford Mayor David Horton, assistant to the dean of the Artis College of Science and Technology, acknowledged the "thousands and thousands of food items" that run through the program every year.

"This is a small but effective and important way to make a difference in the lives of the people of the city of Radford," Horton said. "Thank you for showing what Highlander spirit is."

by Neil Harvey

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# Christiansburg Kiwanis presents gift cards to Christiansburg Elementary, Primary



The Kiwanis Club of Christiansburg recently presented \$550 Walmart cards to each of the principals of the Christiansburg Elementary and Christiansburg Primary schools. The money is used to buy clothing and school supplies for children who cannot afford to buy their own. In the photo from left to right are Kiwanian Dubby Charlton, Christiansburg Elementary principal Malinda Morgan, Christiansburg Primary principal Jason Wimbush, and Kiwanian Ernie Wade.

# Local super volunteer 'Pat' Dillard feted at 80th gospel birthday banquet



PHOTO BY HEATHER BELL

Patricia "Pat" Dillard, pictured above with Walter Starkey, a member of the band Larnell Starkey and the Spiritual Seven, which provided the evening's entertainment, was the guest of honor at a recent gospel birthday banquet celebrating her 80th birthday. Family and friends hosted the event at the Omni Event Center with a crowd of nearly 100 people. Dillard is known as a person who serves God, feeds the hungry, and sews clothes for people locally and in Haiti, where she has sent handmade dresses for people in need.

# NRV Regional Commission honors annual award recipients

On October 28, 2021, the New River Valley Regional Commission board of directors, composed of elected officials and citizen appointees from across the region, hosted a dinner event at the Moon Hollow Brewing Company in Blacksburg to honor its annual award recipients.

Some 100 local government elected officials, state and federal representatives, and local government planning commission chairs attended.

Dr. Noelle Bissell, Director of the New River Health District, and Anthony Wilson, Chief of the Blacksburg Police Department, received the Hero of the Valley award. The commission created this special award category to show appreciation for the tireless leadership displayed by both recipients that has helped the region navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. They established the NRV Public Health Task Force, a coalition of healthcare, local government, emergency responders, and higher education officials who planned and executed the region's response to the pandemic.

Dr. John Dooley, recently retired CEO of the Virginia Tech Foundation, was one of two recipients of the Citizen of the Valley award, given to a citizen within the New River Valley who has made significant contributions to the betterment of the region. He has a

long list of regional organizations he has provided leadership for, including the Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport Commission, that have helped elevate awareness of the region. He continues to serve on the leadership team of the NRV Passenger Rail initiative to reintroduce passenger rail service to the region.

Shelley Fortier, retired executive director of Habitat for Humanity of the New River Valley, also received a Citizen of the Valley award. While with Habitat for Humanity, she oversaw numerous affordable housing projects across the region while leaving a legacy of leadership by helping to cultivate the next generation of regional leaders.

Lydeana Martin, the Floyd County Economic and Community Development Director, was one of two recipients of the Champion of the Valley award, given to an appointed or elected official within or representing the New River Valley who has greatly assisted communities and residents during their service to the public. Martin has been directly responsible for bringing in over \$12 million dollars in grant funds to make projects a reality such as the first scattered site Community Development Block Grant housing rehab project in the state, the construction of the Floyd Innovation Center, and the establishment of the



The recipients at the recent NRV Regional Commission's awards event are pictured above. (Left to right) Kevin Byrd, regional commission executive director; John Dooley, Citizen of the Valley; Craig Meadows, Champion of the Valley; Lydeana Martin, Champion of the Valley, Shelly Fortier, Citizen of the Valley; Dr. Noelle Bissell, Hero of the Valley, Blacksburg Police Chief Anthony Wilson, Hero of the Valley; and Michael Maslaney, the regional commission board chair.

C-4 Business Development Series.

Montgomery County Administrator Craig Meadows also received a Champion of the Valley award. He has led the county through a period of significant growth reflected in his oversight of over 20 capital construction projects for residents of the county including several school projects, a courthouse, a fire station, an animal care and adoption center, and the purchase of 100 acres for the expansion of Falling Branch Corporate Park for economic development purposes.

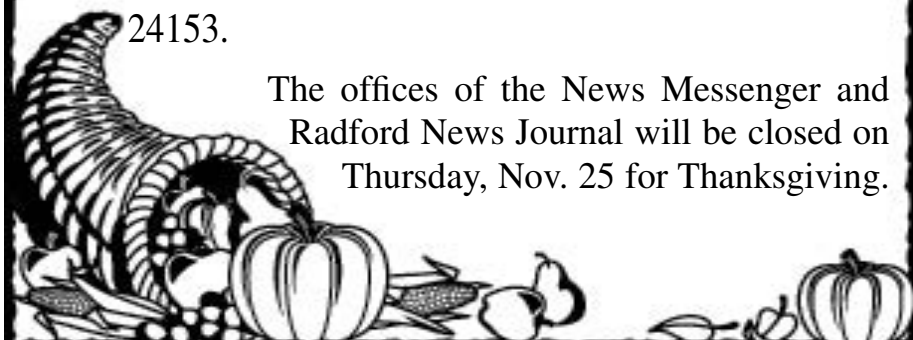
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# Christiansburg Kiwanis Club returns to normal activities in 2020-21

After a year of limited activity in fiscal year 2019-2020 due to COVID, the Kiwanis Club of Christiansburg was able to get back to near normal with its activities this year.

The club currently has 64 members, making it the largest club in Division 16 of Kiwanis' Capital District.

In addition to the financial support provided this past year, club members provided 3,242 hours of volunteer service locally, supporting various community activities.

Twenty Kiwanis members had perfect meeting attendance for the year.

Steve Simmons, who co-chairs the Head Start backpack program, heads up the Christiansburg High School football program effort, serves on the Kiwanis Wilderness Trail Festival Committee, and is active on other programs was selected as the Kiwanian of the Year.

Club member Bob Lewit, who is a past president of the Christiansburg club, served as Lt. Governor of Division 16 and was elected this year as Trustee of the Southwest Virginia Region of the Capital District.

Most of this year's community projects were recurring and were geared to support children in Christiansburg. These included:

1. The Head Start Backpack Program. Each Thursday, prior to the club's weekly meeting, Kiwanis members met at the Head Start building and packed 57 backpacks for the Head Start children. The school's meals program provides food for the children during the weekdays, and the Kiwanis Backpack Program provides food during the weekend. In support of this program, members procure, inventory, store the food, and pack the bags.

2. Two Walmart gift cards in the amount of \$550 (\$500 from the Kiwanis Club and \$50 from Walmart) were provided to the six schools in Christiansburg. One is a clothing card and the other is a supplies card. These cards were used to buy needed clothing and school supplies for children who cannot afford to buy their own. Once the cards begin to reach a low balance, the club replaces them upon request from the schools. Before this program was introduced, teachers and other staff members would often pay for these needed items personally.

3. Three \$1,500-dollar college scholarships were awarded to three Christiansburg High School students who needed financial support for their continuing education.

4. The annual Kiwanis Christmas

party for some 60 children was held this year though it was affected by COVID. Usually, the club and its members provide toys and clothing with Santa distributing both at a party. Food and drinks are provided for the children and their chaperones. Due to the pandemic, however, rather than a party in 2020, the gifts were picked up by the children at the Christiansburg Recreation Center. The names of the children who participate in the party are based on need and are selected by the teachers from the local schools. Using input from the children's parents as to needs and sizes of the clothing, each club member takes a child's name and buys clothing. The club funds toys from a want list supplied by the children's parents. This past year the total cost to the members and the club exceeded \$11,000.

5. For children who cannot afford the entry fees to participate in sports at the Christiansburg Recreation Center and the Christiansburg Aquatic Center, Kiwanis pays the cost.

6. The club provides annual support in the form of financing and volunteer assistance to Kiwanis Park where an approximately five-acre expansion is currently underway.

7. This year cash contributions

were made, among others, to the Agency on Aging, \$1,000; the Intellectual Disabilities Agency of, NRV \$5,000; Sleep in Heavenly Peace, \$1,000; Montgomery County Department of Social Services, \$3,250; and the Montgomery Alternative School, \$550.

8. As part of the club's outreach program to provide support to the youth of the local community, a partnership was formed with Montgomery County Social Services to provide supplies needed to support the youth and elders served by the agency.

9. After a request was received, gift cards for clothing were provided to serve students needing support at Montgomery Central, the alternative school for Montgomery County.

10. The club provided football programs for Christiansburg High School and financial support to the CHS cheerleading squad.

11. The club supplied labor and purchased prizes for the Town of Christiansburg's Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

12. The club provided labor for the Montgomery Museum's Heritage Day event, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, and others.

Kiwanis is the promoter of the Wilderness Trail Festival, which is

not only the club's largest fundraising project but is the largest downtown event in Christiansburg drawing an estimated crowd of 8,000 to 10,000 each year.

The Kiwanis Club's income is derived from community fundraisers, donations, and grants. All such income goes into the club's service account, and 100% is funneled back into the local community with most going to support youth activities. All administrative costs, including meeting meals, are paid for by the members' personal dues.

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. The Kiwanis Club of Christiansburg has provided service to the local community since its charter was granted in 1949.



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**First Baptist Church**, 555 West Rock Road, Radford, 639-3873. Rev. Corwin C. Casey, Pastor. Worship with us: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.; Praise and Worship: 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service; Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, 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. Sunday Bible Study Groups - 9:45, Sunday Worship - 11:00. Website: [www.fbcradford.org](http://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](http://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, Dean Meadows, Campus Minister.

## CHURCH OF GOD

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

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

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

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

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Our attitude toward God and His Word has consequences. If we follow the instructions He has so plainly laid out for us, He promises blessing. The reverse is also true. If we persist in ignoring what He wants us to do, we will have to live with the consequences which may not be very pleasant. God leaves the choice to us.

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**Walton Pentecostal Holiness Church**, 4003 Morning Glory Rd., off Walton Rd. on Rt. 114.

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# OBITUARIES

## Bowman, Carmen Novia

With profound sadness we announce the passing of Carmen Novia Bowman on Oct. 30, 2021, our loving and devoted mother, grandmother, and friend.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Fumia Petrey and Albert Novia; her husband, Hubert Bowman; a daughter, Julie Dobos; brothers Joe Novia, Albert Novia, Manuel Novia, and Mike Novia; a sister, Mary Perdue; granddaughters Kristy Caldwell and Hope Ward; and grandsons Zeth Pickering and Kenny Keith II.

Carmen lived her life with a fierce passion and was known especially for her love of family and friends, food, and pioneering as a Jehovah's Witness. She was baptized on June 29, 1985, and became a pioneer for Jehovah in 2004. She served as a pioneer from September 2004 to January 2009 and again from September 2010 to September 2012. Her life was one of service.

Carmen was known for her hospitality and her generosity. She served as a combat nurse during the Korean War, a licensed cosmetologist, and the matriarch of an extensive family. She shared a special re-



lationship with her dear friends Clonnee Tate and Sunil and Gosia Vasudeva.

She is survived by her four children and their spouses: Mark Dobos, Dianna Bucchi, Valorie and Scott Adams, and Hubert (Jr.) and Kimberly Bowman; and two siblings, Louise Novia and Teresa Neuhs.

Additionally, several generations of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren have the honor of continuing her legacy. It is in this way that we are comforted with the fact that her name will live on forever.

A celebration of Carmen's life was held at Mullins Funeral Home, 120 W. Main St., in Radford on Friday, Nov. 5, 2021, and a procession for interment followed shortly thereafter at Highland Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the worldwide work of Jehovah's Witnesses, 900 Red Mills Road, Walkill, N.Y. 12589-5200.

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

## Finch, Dr. Robert D. "Bob"

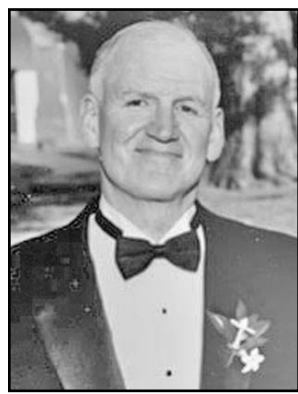
It is with great sadness that the family of Dr. Robert D. "Bob" Finch, 86, of Blacksburg, announces his passing on Oct. 27, 2021. Dr. Finch was born on May 23, 1935, to George Delmar Finch and Retha Gilpen Finch, in Fort Smith, Ark.

He worked as a paper delivery boy for the Southwest Times Record of Fort Smith from the time he was 12 years old until he attended Hendrix College. As a boy, he was awarded the distinguished prize of Paper Boy of the Year. As the editor of his high school newspaper, he won the University of Tulsa Journalism award.

After graduating from college, he worked as a reporter for the Southwest Times Record for several years. He also worked as a high school math teacher while saving money for medical school. He attended medical school at the University of Arkansas and later completed a radiology residency at Vanderbilt University in Nashville. He finished his medical training at Wake Forest School of Medicine, in Winston-Salem.

Bob Finch was a proud and happy family man. While attending medical school, he met and married the love of his life, Kay Francis Banks, to whom he was married for 56 years. They met on the eighth floor of the Veterans Administration Hospital in Little Rock where she was working as a registered nurse. They were married on June 10, 1965, in San Antonio. Bob once described his marriage to Kay as one of the "proudest moments" in his life. They spent their 56 years together as devoted companions and best friends raising their family, playing golf and tennis together, and spending time with their grandchildren.

Their first son, Robert "Jay" Delmar Finch, Jr., was born in 1966 during their time in Nashville. They welcomed another son, George Arthur Finch, who was born in 1969, in Winston-Salem. Their



last child, Bradley Walter Finch, was born in 1971 in Martinsville, Va., the town in which the family would settle for the next 46 years.

Dr. Finch was on the medical staff at Martinsville Memorial Hospital for 31 years. He was well respected by his colleagues, many of whom he worked with for decades. He and his partners, Dr. Campbell and Dr. Herring, kept the

hospital equipped with the most up-to-date technology in radiology. Dr. Finch was instrumental in bringing MRI and CT scan technology to Martinsville.

He was an avid reader and enjoyed playing golf and tennis. He will be especially remembered for his calm, quiet confidence and sweet demeanor.

After his retirement, he devoted his time to his wife and family. He was a loving grandfather and was actively involved in the lives of his grandchildren, always available for wise words of encouragement. When asked in recent years to describe his perfect day, Bob answered, "It would be spent with my wife, sons, and their families. Nothing spectacular, just a day together."

Dr. Finch is survived by his wife, Kay B. Finch, and his sons Jay, George, and Brad. Jay is an attorney who works in Southwest Virginia and is married to Amy Finch. They have one son, Evin. George is a teacher in Stafford County, Va. He is married to Alyce Finch and they have a daughter, Virginia, and a son, Benjamin. Brad is a circuit court judge in Southwest Virginia. He is married to Lara Finch. They have one son, Bradley, and a daughter, Mary. Dr. Finch will be sorely missed by them and he will forever live in their hearts.

A funeral service was held on Friday Oct. 29, 2021, at McCoy Funeral Home, 150 Country Club Dr. S.W., Blacksburg. The family received visitors prior to the service. Burial followed at Westview Cemetery in Blacksburg.

## McDonald, Linda Eller

Linda Eller McDonald, 79, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Oct. 31, 2021, at Pulaski Health and Rehab Center surrounded by her family and with her grandson Kamryn on the phone.

She was born in Purlear, N.C., on May 11, 1942, to the late Gilbert Clayton and Fannie Elizabeth Eller.

Linda retired from the Pulaski County School System where she worked in the cafeteria. After retiring, she was a devoted caregiver to her sisters, Joan and Betty. Linda was also a caregiver to numerous families in the community, and it was her greatest pleasure to provide love, care, and support to those who needed her.

Linda was a dedicated volunteer with hospice and local nursing homes.

Her greatest joy was her grandson Kamryn, who attends college in Miami, Okla. He has played basketball since he was a little boy, and she never missed a game. She was able to watch him play



via live stream from Colorado on Oct. 9 when she cheered and clapped loudly for him. Every time he hit a three-pointer, she would say "That's my boy."

Linda was preceded in death by her parents, Gilbert and Fannie Eller; her son, Todd Loy; her sisters, Billie McNeil, Joan Rickney, and Betty Hix; and her brothers, Doyle, Frank,

Bud, and JT Eller.

Linda is survived by her sister, Dot Eller Sowers; her daughter, Angie, and her significant other, Kenneth Moore; her grandsons, D'Vante and Kamryn; and her great-grandson, Kullen. She is also survived by her favorite niece, Dr. Sherry E. Showalter, and several other nieces and nephews.

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

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

## Dickerson, Michele Mattox

Michele Mattox Dickerson, 58, of Christiansburg, died Monday, Nov. 1, 2021, at LewisGale Hospital Montgomery.

She is survived by her husband, David Dickerson; sons and daughter-in-law David Dickerson, Jr., and his wife, Ashley Snider, and Andrew Dickerson; and

grandchildren Connor, Matthew, and Abigail Dickerson.

A memorial service was conducted Thursday, Nov. 4, 2021, at 11 a.m. in the Abundant Life Fellowship with the Rev. Raymond McDaniel officiating.

Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

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WALL, CIVIL ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS, DATED AUGUST 30, 1965, AND OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF RADFORD, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 70; SUBJECT, NEVERTHELESS, TO EASEMENTS AND SET BACK LINES AS SHOWN ON SAID MAP, AND ANY AND ALL RESTRICTIONS, COVENANTS AND CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO SAID SUBDIVISION OF RECORD IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED CLERK'S OFFICE IN DEED BOOK 83, AT PAGE 26. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten</p>	<p><b>Legals - City of Radford</b></p> <p>percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at <a href="http://www.bwwsales.com">www.bwwsales.com</a>. BIDDERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO WEAR A COVER OVER BOTH NOSE AND MOUTH AND PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING AT THE AUCTION. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees,</p>	<p><b>Legals - Montgomery County</b></p> <p>TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 2983 REESEDALE RD, ELLISTON, VA 24087.</p> <p>In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated June 30, 2006, in the original principal amount of \$75,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 06007373. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Montgomery County, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia on December 13, 2021, at 3:00 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY,</p>	<p><b>Legals - Montgomery County</b></p> <p>VIRGINIA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE NORTH SIDE OF VIRGINIA SECONDARY ROUTE NO. 622, WHICH POINT OF BEGINNING IS 556.15 FEET WESTERLY FROM THE W. J. CHERRY PROPERTY AND APPROXIMATELY 700 FEET WEST OF VIRGINIA SECONDARY ROUTE 713; THENCE ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF VIRGINIA SECONDARY ROUTE 622 AS ESTABLISHED BY THE DEDICATION OF A 10' STRIP FOR ROAD PURPOSES BY DEED OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN DEED BOOK 385, PAGE 313, WITH A CURVE TO THE LEFT WHOSE RADIUS IS 1547.27 FEET, WHOSE CHORD BEARS S. 88 DEG. 32' 02" W., AN ARC DISTANCE OF 65.0 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE CONTINUING WITH THE NORTH SIDE OF ROUTE 622 S. 87 DEG. 19' 49" W. 110.0 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE WITH A NEW DIVISION LINE THROUGH THE PROPERTY OF WILLIAM R. YAGLE, ET AL, N. 2 DEG. 40' 11" W. 548.61 FEET TO A POINT ON LINE OF KYLE AKERS; THENCE WITH THE AKERS PROPERTY S. 62 DEG. 31' 51" E. 230.0 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE WITH ANOTHER NEW DIVISION LINE THROUGH THE PROPERTY OF WILLIAM R. 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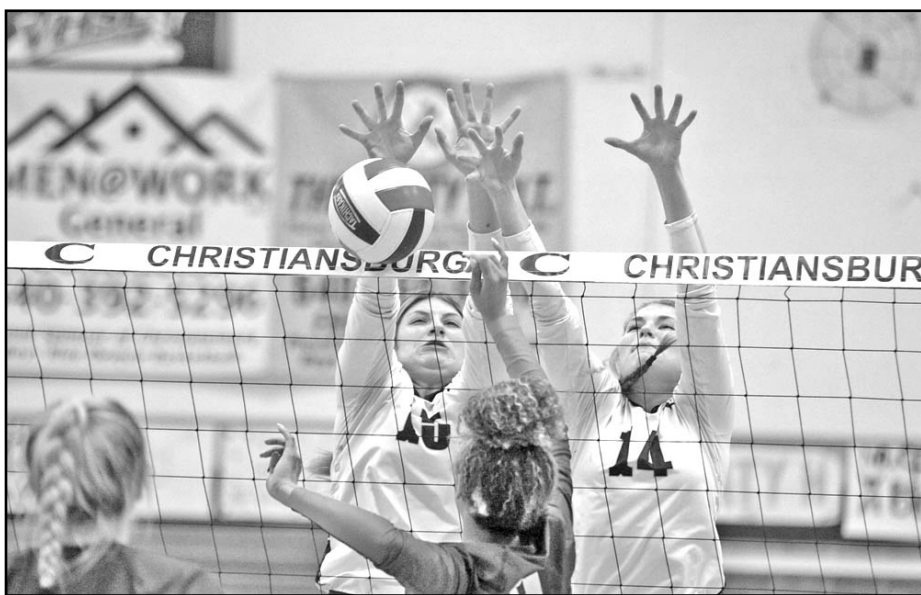
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# RADFORD SPORTS

## Christiansburg volleyball advances in region



Christiansburg's Addison Reasor (left) and Baylee Reasor team up to block William Byrd's Terran Brown during a first-round Region 3D volleyball tournament match Monday night. Christiansburg defeated the Terriers in a tight four-set match 25-14, 26-24, 23-25, 25-23.



Stephanie Taylor scores from the right wing for the Blue Demons against William Byrd.



Niqua Banks makes a pass for the Christiansburg offense against William Byrd.



Christiansburg's Braelynn Williams (center) celebrates a Blue Demon point late in game four against William Byrd.

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## Nichols RU era begins with exhibition

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The Darris Nichols era for men's basketball at Radford University began Monday night with a preseason exhibition game against Eastern Mennonite University won by the Highlanders 83-60.

Nichols returned home earlier this year when he was named head basketball coach for the RU men. Darris and his brother, Shane, who is on Nichols' staff as an assistant coach, both starred at Radford High School.

Eastern Mennonite played just four games a year ago due to the COVID-19 pandemic, going 2-2 with wins over Emory & Henry College and Shenandoah University. The Old Dominion Athletic Conference

school, which competes in Division III, dressed 21 players Monday night and was picked to finish 13th out of 13 teams in the conference preseason poll.

Darris Nichols returns to the New River Valley from the University of Florida where he was an assistant coach for the last six years. He put together a young, energetic staff that is one of the youngest in the nation with an average age of 30. Nichols is just 35 years old.

The audience was littered with lots of Radford High School faces including former Athletic Director Norman Lineburg and his wife, Joann. Norman's son, Robert Lineburg, is the current athletic director at Radford University.

Despite the changes happening all around Radford

basketball, several players have stayed at the university to continue their quest for another Big South title. Graduate student Bryan Hart brings his sharp-shooting back to the squad while seniors Chyree Walker, Lewis Djonkam, Dravon Mangum, and Josiah Jeffers provide plenty of veteran leadership. Junior Shaquan Jules is sure to bring down the house with his thunderous dunks and the sophomore trio of Xavier Lipscomb, Keishon Porter, and Joshua Walker is back.

The transfer portal has played a big role in creating this year's RU roster. The new coaching staff hit the recruiting trail this offseason, bringing in six new players including five transfers. Rashun Williams makes his way to the NRV from South

Florida, and Tai'Reon Joseph joins the Highlanders from Austin Peay to add Division I experience right away. Roshawn Black, Camron McNeil, and Artese Stapleton move up from the junior college and Division II ranks.

The university also announced earlier in the day that masks will be required for anyone attending men's and women's basketball games this year. Monday night's game was the first basketball game in the Dedmon Center with no attendance limits since March 7, 2020.

Nichols and the Highlanders added a familiar name to the roster shortly before the ball game in the person of Austin Brown, who played for Christiansburg High School and dressed out

for the matchup. He initially attended and played in 2018-2020 at Guilford College, another ODAC school, appearing in nine ball games. Brown was first-team All-River Ridge District in his senior year of high school and was a double-figure scorer for the Blue Demons.

The home team also unveiled Capt. America's Hero Shield. According to team officials, it has now become the Highlander Shield, a motivational tool of sorts. Stickers are added to its front for every milestone reached by the team. The shield is in the hands of team staffers before and during games.

The Highlanders will take on Emory & Henry in the 2021-22 regular season opener on Tuesday, Nov. 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the Dedmon Center.

## Radford boys finish second in region cross country



Reagan Bryant (left) finished sixth and teammate Addie Tapp (center) was fourth for Radford in Wednesday's Region 2C girls' competition.



The Radford boys' squad finished second in Wednesday's Region 2C team competition.

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The recurring theme in this week's regional cross-country competition was the runner-up spot for area schools.

Auburn finished second in both the boys' and girls' competitions in the Region C Class 1 event. George Wythe nosed out Auburn 40 points to 41 to win the boys' competition. Grayson finished third with 54 points, and Eastern Montgomery was fourth.

The final team battle was almost the same in the girls' com-

petition as GW took first place with 23 points. Auburn was second with 50 points, Parry McCluer finished third with 80 points, and Eastern Montgomery came in fourth with 86 points.

In Region C Class 1 individual action in Blacksburg, Chase Gwynn of Auburn crossed the finish line in first place with a time of 17:13, seconds ahead of Josh Tomiak of George Wythe. Gwynn's teammates Mitchell Scaggs and Andrew Tickle were sixth and seventh. Cameron Sampson of Eastern Montgomery finished 11th.

Over on the girls' course, Auburn's Katelyn Lafon finished second behind George Wythe's Morgan Dalton. Auburn's Amelia Terry was third and Katherine Light finished 14th.

In Region 4D, Blacksburg girls' also finished second behind Jefferson Forest 41-34. Salem finished fourth. Blacksburg's Reece Bradbury and Mia Jones finished in third and fourth place respectively. Allie McDonald finished eighth and Mary Finch crossed the finish line in 12th place.

The Blacksburg boys' team finished third behind Western Albermarle and Jefferson Forest.

Connor Rutherford did bring a fourth place home for the Bruins. Harrison Whitfield finished 12th.

In the Region 3D boys' race, Abingdon controlled the message, taking three of the top four spots with Christiansburg's Lawson Mecon third and Blue Demon Dillon Craig sixth. Joshua Starr finished 10th.

Abingdon took the team competition with 26 points. Christiansburg was second with 65 points.

In the girls' competition, Abingdon also took the team title and Christiansburg was again

second.

Christiansburg's Kayla Waters finished ninth and teammate McKenna Spaulding was 10th.

Meanwhile in Region 2C action in Salem, the Radford boys' squad finished second behind Alleghany.

Individually, Radford's Cyrus Hartig finished second in the 5,000-meter boys' competition. Kellen Bishop finished seventh, Hampton Wohlford 13th, Michael Hijduk 14th and Andrew Hope 15th.

In the girls' ranks, Radford's Addie Tapp was fourth and Reagan Bryant was sixth.



# Three polls rank Hokie wrestling in top 10

The Virginia Tech wrestling team enters the 2021-2022 season ranked in the top ten by three media polls with nine grapplers garnering top-31 rankings within their respective weight classes. The Hokies rank sixth, seventh, and 10th according to the National Collegiate Wrestling Association, FloWrestling, and InterMat team rankings, respectively.

The VT team features a national and junior world champion, three returning All-Americans, a junior world bronze medalist, and seven NCAA championship qualifiers.

Sam Latona enters his second year ranked seventh (FloWrestling) and eighth (InterMat) following a 14-3 redshirt freshman campaign that ended with sixth-place All-American, ACC Champion, and ACC Freshman of the Year honors.

Korbin Myers returns to Tech in his final year of eligibility looking to improve upon his best career finish in 2021. Myers will assume his weight at 133 once again after a 12-2 record capped by a fourth-place finish and an ACC championship. Ranked fourth (FloWrestling) and fifth (InterMat), respectively, Myers is 10 wins away from career win 100.

Sam Hillegas lands at 20th in FloWrestling's first rankings. Hillegas looks to improve on a true freshman campaign that saw him end 2021 with a fourth-place finish at the 2021 ACC Championships.

Bryce Andonian debuts in the polls ranked seventh (FloWrestling) and eighth (InterMat) after enjoying a great summer campaign in which he made the US Junior

World Team and won the bronze at the 2021 Junior World Championships in Oslo. A two-time ACC runner-up and three-time qualifier, Andonian looks to land on the podium in year three.

Connor Brady is ranked after finishing third in the ACC championships and qualifying for his first NCAA championship. The red-shirt sophomore garnered honorable mention (FloWrestling) and 30th (InterMat).

Mekhi Lewis enters the season in the top five ascending a weight class following a withdrawal from the 2021 NCAA championships after reaching the quarterfinals due to injury. Coming in at third (FloWrestling) and fourth (InterMat) in the season's earliest rankings, the 2018 Junior World Champion and 2019 national champion will look to once again finish on the podium.

Hunter Bolen begins the 2021-2022 season ranked seventh (FloWrestling) and ninth (InterMat) after a 13-3 campaign and seventh-place All-American honors. Bolen will look to become only the 16th Hokie to become a four-time NCAA qualifier.

Andy Smith will look to improve upon a true freshman campaign as he enters the season ranked 31st (InterMat). He also made the FloWrestling honorable mention list.

Nathan Traxler is ranked 17th (FloWrestling) and 15th (InterMat) at heavyweight. A transfer from Stanford, Traxler brings a Pac-12 champion and four-time NCAA championship qualifier pedigree to Blacksburg as he looks to finish his collegiate career with a podium finish.

# Blacksburg volleyball defeats Salem in Region 4D tournament



Blacksburg's Sophia Johnston gets a kill against Salem in a Region 4D tournament match Tuesday night. Blacksburg defeated the Spartans 25-19, 25-22, 25-13.



Blacksburg's Peyton Seeley makes a pass during the straight-set defeat of Salem Tuesday.



Blacksburg's Gabby Brooks scores against Salem's Ella Walker.

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# Virginia Department of Transportation road watch

The following is a list of forecasted highway projects that may impact traffic traveling in the 12-county Salem Transportation District this week. Work schedules and construction project timelines are always subject to change and weather dependent. The Salem District covers Bedford, Botetourt, Carroll, Craig, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Henry, Montgomery, Patrick, Pulaski and Roanoke counties.

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY

**I-81 NORTHBOUND AT EXIT 105 NEW RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY** - Lane and shoulder closures may be in place near exit 105. Lane closure may be in effect during the week from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Shoulder closures may be in effect at any time during the week. Slow rolls may be performed on I-81 in the north and south-

bound lanes from mile marker 104 to 106 from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Speed limit is reduced to 60 miles per hour in the work zone. Shoulder closures will remain in place though the duration of the project. Project completion is estimated by June 2022.

### LANE CLOSURES:

Right lane closures may be in place on I-81 northbound between mile markers 104-105 during nighttime hours, 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. the following morning.

### SLOW ROLLS:

Slow rolls may be utilized periodically on both the northbound and southbound lanes from mile marker 98-109 for structural steel deliveries and setting beams.


**I-81 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AT EXIT 114 IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY** - The bridge replacement of the two Interstate 81 bridges over Route 8, northbound and southbound, is underway. Drivers can ex-

pect alternating lane and shoulder closures, northbound and southbound, from mile marker 114 to 115. Exit 114 ramp shoulder closures will be ongoing from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Speed limit is reduced to 60 mph in the work zone. Route 8 will have alternating northbound and southbound shoulder and lane closures, day or night, as needed between the I-81 on and off ramps. A temporary traffic signal will direct traffic on Route 8 throughout the duration of the project. Access to all properties will be main-

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tained during construction. Estimated completion is Fall 2021.

**LANE CLOSURES:** Alternating lane closures may be in place for milling and paving on I-81 southbound during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the next morning. Expect lane closures on Route 8 between the on and off ramps of I-81.

**RAMP CLOSURES:** Weather permitting, the I-81 southbound exit 114 on and off ramps may be closed during nighttime hours for milling and paving from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. Message boards will update drivers. Only one ramp will be closed at a time.

Nighttime lane closures may be in place periodically on I-81 southbound from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning.

**ROUTE 11 BRIDGE DECK REPLACEMENT** - Work is underway on Route 11 southbound to replace the bridge deck over the Norfolk Southern Railroad. The bridge is located .4 miles north of the intersection with Route 748 (Big Spring Drive) and .4 mile south of the intersection with Route 603 (North Fork

Road). The left lane of both Route 11 north and south is closed with a detour in place until the completion of the project. Once in place, the detour will re-route Route 11 south traffic through the left lane of Route 11 north, limiting each direction to a single lane. The expected completion date is November 2021.

**TRAFFIC SWITCH:** A new traffic pattern reducing traffic to one lane is in place detouring Route 11 southbound traffic through the left lane of Route 11 northbound between the intersections above. Traffic is expected to switch back to normal operation on November 8.

**ROUTE 636 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AT SENECA HOLLOW** - Work has begun replacing the bridge on Route 636 over the Roanoke River at Seneca Hollow. A road closure with a detour is in place from Echo Hills Road to .36 mile south of Route 460. The detour will restrict access to Route 460 at Seneca Hollow and will require travelers to enter/exit Route 460 at Friendship Road near Wheeling Hollow.

The project is expected to be completed in Fall 2021.

**UTILITY WORK ON ROUTE 460 - MMI** will be installing fiber optic along Route 460 from the Giles County line to the Floyd County line. This work will be ongoing. Motorists should expect shoulders and/or lane closures for travel in both directions.

**VARIOUS ROADS FOR UTILITY WORK** - Utility crews will be working on overhead lines along a general corridor alignment following Route 114 (Peppers Ferry), Route 460 Business (Franklin Street) and Route 11/460 (Roanoke Road). The work zone will span from the Pulaski/Montgomery county line to the Montgomery/Roanoke county line. In addition, various side roads will be impacted by intermittent closures for crossings. Motorists should expect shoulder closures and lane closures for travel in both directions. Intermittent full closures of the roads will be required for periods lasting no longer than 15 minutes. Work hours are scheduled for 9 a.m. to

3:30 p.m. daily. Advance warning for weekend work involving closures of primary highways on weekend mornings from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. will be provided via message boards once scheduled. Work is scheduled to last until Fall 2021.

**DMV Notice:** The bridge on I-81 northbound at mile marker 114 currently has a restricted width for wide loads of 26 feet or larger.

**INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDENING CONSTRUCTION EXIT 141 TO EXIT 143** - A project to widen the lanes on I-81 in Roanoke in both northbound and southbound directions between Exit 141 to Exit 143 has begun. Work will continue to be conducted within the median and shoulder within the barrier walls. Sound wall installation is underway. Weekday and weekend lane and shoulder closures may be in place. Estimated completion date of the project is Summer 2022.

Drivers should expect delays. A left lane closure may be in place on I-81 northbound or south-

bound during nighttime hours from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. while equipment and materials are brought in and out of the median. Message boards will alert drivers.

Daytime lane closures with flagging operations may be in place on Green Ridge Road due to installation of shoulder stone.

**I-81 PAVING OPERATIONS** - Weather permitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various routes. Lane closures may be in place during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

**I-81 BRIDGE DECK REPAIRS** - Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 81. Between mile markers 147 to 162, right and left lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

**I-81 POTHOLE PATCHING OPERATIONS** - Weather permitting, crews will patch potholes along southbound and northbound Interstate 81. Mobile right and left lane closures will be in place and moving along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for moving vehicles and equipment. Expect possible delays.

**INTERSTATE 581 ROUTE 581 BRIDGE WORK OVER WILLIAMSON ROAD** - Work is underway to rehab the bridge on I-581 that crosses over Route 11 (Williamson Road) in Downtown Roanoke. On Route 11 (Williamson Road) drivers can expect intermittent and alternating lane closures between the intersections with Rutherford Avenue and Wells Avenue. Any impacts to I-581 will be minimal. The project is expected to be complete at the end of 2021.

**LANE CLOSURES:** A left lane closure will be in place on northbound and southbound I-581 from mile marker 0-1, Monday at 7 a.m. through Wednesday at 7 p.m.

A right lane closure will be in place on northbound and southbound I-581 from mile marker 0-1, Thursday at 7 a.m. through Saturday at 7 p.m.

A left and center lane closure will be in place on northbound and southbound I-581 from mile marker 0-1, Saturday at 5 p.m. through Sunday at 2 p.m.

A right lane closure may be in place on Route 11 northbound between

the intersections of Rutherford Avenue and Wells Avenue periodically.

Beginning Monday, Nov. 1 through Friday morning Nov. 5, nighttime left lane closures for both the northbound and southbound directions of Route 11, between the intersections referenced above, will be in place.

**I-581/220 LANE & RAMP CLOSURES FOR PAVING AND MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS IN ROANOKE COUNTY** - Weather permitting, crews will be milling and paving along Interstate 81. Right and left lane closures will be in place along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours. Drivers should expect possible delays.

**I-581 BRIDGE DECK REPAIRS** - Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 581. Right, center and left lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

**INTERSTATE 77 (CARROLL COUNTY) I-77 PAVING OPERATIONS** - Weather permitting, crews will be performing paving operations along Interstate 77 between mile marker 24 and 0. Right and left lane closures may be in place along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours, 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Drivers should watch for moving vehicles and equipment. Expect possible delays.

**I-77 BRIDGE DECK REPAIRS** - Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 77. Right and left lane closures may be in place northbound or southbound during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

**I-77 LANE & RAMP CLOSURES FOR MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS IN CARROLL COUNTY** - Weather permitting, crews will be milling, paving and performing maintenance along Interstate 77. Right and left lane closures will be in place along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours. Drivers should expect possible delays.

**BRUSH REMOVAL & SHOULDER WORK** - Weather permitting, crews will remove and clear brush and work on shoulders and slopes along I-77 northbound and southbound from mile marker 17 to 14 during nighttime hours, 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. the following morning. A left lane closure will be in place.

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