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Radford University no longer requires coronavirus vaccines for students, following the legal opinion issued by the Virginia Attorney General in January.

Radford University rescinds vaccine requirement for students

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RADFORD - Radford University is joining other Virginia universities in rescinding its vaccine mandate for

"Consistent with a legal opinion issued by the Virginia Attorney General on Jan. 26, 2022, Radford University will no longer require COVID-19 vaccinations or booster shots for students as a general condition of enrollment or in-person attendance," announced Carolyn Ringer Lepre, Ph.D, Radford University Interim President.

As a result, weekly testing for students not fully vaccinated is no longer required. Face masks are still required to be worn indoors by all employees and students. Several locations across campus provide disposable masks and KN95 masks.

"We are extremely proud of the diligence of our Highlander family and your continued efforts to promote the health of our community," said Lepre. "COVID-19 testing and booster clinics will remain available for all employees and students as we remain steadfast in our commitment to promoting the health and wellness of our campus.

The university is encouraging students who receive a COVID-19 booster to still submit documentation through the secure Medicat portal on-line. University faculty and staff who receive a booster are also encouraged to submit their booster vaccine status. The university is hosting an upcoming booster clinic on Friday, Feb. 11 from 10 a.m. – noon at Heth Hall, room 014. Registration is

Radford students recognized in Scholastic Art Awards

Art students from across Southwest Virginia have been recognized through the Scholastic Art Awards for 2022

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Winners of the 2022 Scholastic Art Awards for the Southwest Region of Virginia have been announced by the Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley.

Two John Dalton Intermediate School eighth graders, students of art teacher Kristy Bryant, were award winners. Maggie Bolling won a Gold Key Award for her mixed media piece "Mushrooms," and Sienna Carter won an Honorable Mention for her "Young Skelly" mixed media piece.

Radford High School grader Trent Hollandsworth, a student of art teacher Savannah Leeman, won a Gold Key Award for his oil painting "Lonely Crowds."

The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards are the country's longest-running

scholarship recognition program for creative students in grades 7–12 and are sponsored by the nonprofit organization the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers. The Fine Arts Center serves as the Affiliate Partner for the Scholastic Art Awards

for the Southwest Region. "Despite the challenges art teachers have faced - all teachers actually - over the past two years, we were so delighted to have so many exemplary entries from across the region," said Becky Lattuca, Executive Director of the Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley in announcing the Radford winners to RCPS Superintendent Robert Graham. "Your students and art teachers have done a remarkable job over the past year to produce such high quality work."

More than 400 art works were submitted

and most prestigious for judging this year. Award categories include Gold Keys, Silver Keys, Honorable Mention, and five top awards referred as the American Visions Nominations. Approximately 30 percent of the entries qualify for awards, and the top 5-10 percent from each region move forward to compete in national judging. Last year, The Alliance provided more than \$37,000 in scholarships and awards to art students. This year's national winners should be announced on March

In Southwest Virginia, represented students schools from Blacksburg, Buchanan, Chatham Hall, Christiansburg, Daleville, Fincastle, Floyd, Lexington, Pulaski County, Radford, Riner, Roanoke, Rural Retreat, and Salem, Virginia, as well

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Radford seeks applications for CDBG federal funds

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RADFORD - The City of Radford is seeking applications from certified 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations, for the upcoming 2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

CDBG funds are federal grant funds through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development designed to support "community development activities to build stronger and more resilient communities," according to HUD. "To support community development, activities are identified through an ongoing process. Activities may address needs

as infrastructure, economic development projects, public facilities installation, community centers, housing rehabilitation, public services, clearance/acquisition, micro-enterprise assistance, code enforcement, and homeowner assistance.'

Public service programs include, but are not limited to: health care, recreation programs, education programs, antiviolence programs, services for senior citizens, youth services, services for homeless persons, substance abuse counseling and treatment, domestic violence services, mental health services, immigrant services, disability services, and fair housing/tenant landlord

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RCPD helps RSVP deliver Supplies for Seniors



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RCPD representatives from the Montgomery-Retired Volunteer (RSVP) in delivering bags of personal care items and household

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Seniors project was held

Emily in conjunction with the assists Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service initiative. Radford This project provides approximately 190 home Senior Program bound seniors and veterans living in Montgomery County and the City of Radford with personal care supplies to senior citizens items and basic household in Radford recently. The supplies. "Every year we 14th Annual Supplies for are excited to help RSVP

of Montgomery County

and Radford, VA with delivering supply bags for seniors in our community, posted the RCPD on its Facebook page. thankful for the opportunity and can't to see their smiling faces again." The RSVP program invites adults age 55 and over to volunteer with agencies and organizations that need assistance.

Carilion hospital visitation restrictions return to 'yellow' level

RADFORD - Carilion NRV and all Carilion hospitals shifted to 'yellowlevel' visitation Tuesday, which lessens restrictions for visitors.

"Generally, this level allows one visitor for adult patients in the inpatient setting," Carilion announced. The less restrictive level also allows visitors with the following guidelines:

Patients with physical limitations or cognitive impairments, may have a designated support person (DSP) who is not counted as a visitor.

Two designated visitors will be

permitted for pediatric patients (visitors must be family members and 18 or older).

parents/guardians may visit

patients in the NICU and both be present

at the bedside.

One visitor for labor, delivery and duration of birth parent's hospital stay. The visitor must remain the same throughout the stay. One labor support person may attend delivery only. During surgical delivery, one visitor is allowed in the operating room.

One designated visitor for adult trauma patients.

Same Day Surgery: One visitor while the patient is being prepped for surgery. Once the patient is taken into the prep area, the visitor may be required to leave until the patient is in a room and the clinical care team contacts them.

High-risk immunocompromised

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PCOMING EVENTS

Now through Feb. 14:

Braley & Thompson Blanket Drive for Virginia foster children

Braley & Thompson of Virginia is conducting "Wrapped in Love" a winter blanket drive to benefit foster youth, accepting donations of new and gently used blankets through Feb. 14 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at Braley & Thompson Christiansburg, 207 West Main St., Suite 6B, Christiansburg.

Now through Feb. 28:

MFRL Adult Winter Reading Program

Montgomery Floyd Regional Library's adult winter reading program challenges patrons to read during January and February and keep track of their reading on the library's Beanstack site. Earn badges with each book read and activity completed. https://mfrl.beanstack.org/.

Saturday, Feb. 5:

Crafternoon

Meadowbrook Library; 2 -3 p.m. All ages will create a variety of snow- and Valentine- themed crafts. Registration is required. Contact Spahl@mfrl.org for more information. Register online or call (540) 268-1964.

Creative Writing Group

Meadowbrook Public Library; 10:30 a.m. In person or on Go-To-Meeting for support, feedback, and writing tips. Email cminnick@mfrl.org or call 540-268-1964 for more information. A Go-To-Meeting account is not required to join.

Dyslexia: The Basics

Christiansburg Library; 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 also be provided.

Teen DND

Blacksburg Library; 2 p.m. DnD for Teens.

Sunday, Feb. 6:

Chess Club

Blacksburg Library; 3 p.m. Ages 8 and up are welcome to come sharpen their chess skills. Supplies will be provided. All skill levels are welcome.

Monday, Feb. 7:

Radford Public Library; 1 -2 p.m. Participants can bring their supplies to this Crafternoon Delight crafting club for adults.

We 3 Reading Storytime

Join Morgan at the Radford Public Library for a special storytime all about love. Stop by for a fun storytime celebrating all things Valentine's Day; 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 8:

Radford City School Board meeting

The Radford City School Board will have a regular meeting at 6 p.m., at the School Administration Building. A copy of the agenda can be seen at www.rcps.org.

Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet at 7 p.m. at Aly's Family Italian Restaurant at 3204 Riner Road. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are invited to this meeting. Member William Reed will continue his series on "Small Arms of the Confederacy." If Montgomery County Public Schools are closed on Tuesday or Wednesday of this week due to weather, the meeting is cancelled. For further information, call 540-320-4315 or



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Talking About Books: "World Travel"

Virtual/Online, 11 a.m. at the Blacksburg Library. To be discussed is "World Travel" by Anthony Bourdain. Call (540) 552-8246 to reserve a copy.

Rock Painting

Meadowbrook Public Library; 4:15 p.m. Paint rocks to look like a fish or other aquatic creature and put them in a fishbowl to make a personal aquarium. All supplies are provided and this is a free event. Recommended for ages 10 and up. Please pre-register since spaces are limited.

Brick Blast

Blacksburg Library; 4:30 p.m.Check out Brick Blast and make some awesome creations. Email mroach@mfrl.org with any questions.

Wednesday, Feb. 9:

Brown Bag Book Club

Join the Radford Public Library on the second Wednesday of each month for a casual book discussion. Participants may bring a lunch. To be discussed this month is "The Lincoln Highway" by Amor Towles. To be discussed in March is "Everything Sad is Untrue" by Daniel Nayeri; noon – 1 p.m.

Computer Basics

Meadowbrook Public Library; 10:30 a.m. This is a computer class for beginners that will cover types and parts of the computer, information about hardware, software, and applications. This course will also demonstrate saving and organizing files, safe internet use, and emailing.

Evening Book Talk: "One Last Stop"

Christiansburg Library; 6:30 p.m. Discussed this month is "One Last Stop" by Casey McQuiston, in-person and virtually.

Thursday, Feb. 10:

River City Quilt Guild

The River City Quilt Guild meets the second Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at Grove United Methodist Church, 1020 Tyler Avenue, Radford. All skill levels of quilters are welcome. For more information call Anna Handy, 540-320-7791.

Friday, Feb. 11:

NRV Public Health Task Force and American Red Cross Community Blood Drive

The NRV Public Health Task Force and the American Red Cross have teamed up to host a community blood drive from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Blue Ridge Church on Roanoke Street in Christiansburg.

All donors will receive a choice of an American Red Cross tote bag or a t-shirt. Additionally, all donors who schedule an online appointment with a valid email address will receive a \$10 Amazon Gift Card via email. Donors of all blood types can make an appointment by visiting www.redcrossblood.org and click on Rapid Pass. When searching for the NRV Task Force blood drive, search by date and 24073 zip.

Stamp It Un Your Heart

Join Chuck and Renee of DancinDee Leather to decorate a leather bowl with stamped Valentine's Day message. The leather bowls, in the shape of a heart, are vegetable tanned cowhide left over from making belts, so supplies are repurposed, are environmentally friends, and will be a lovely keepsake or gift. Call 731-3621 or email elizabeth.sensabaugh@radfordva.gov to sign up. This event is free and open to adults and teens. Space and supplies are limited. Sponsored and funded by RPL Lamplighters; 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 12:

Montgomery County 4-H hosting program for Cloverbuds

The Montgomery County 4-H Teens for a Better Tomorrow Club is hosting a program for Cloverbuds, ages 5 to 8 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m at the Mid-County Park Activity Center in Christiansburg (Frog Pond). The program is open to all children in that age range. The program will include arts and crafts, games, movies, making Valentine treats, and story time.

Wednesday, Feb. 16:

American Business Women's Association luncheon Meeting

The American Business Women's Association, NRV Express Chapter, is holding its February luncheon Meeting from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Christiansburg-Blacksburg. 99 Bradley Drive. The cost is \$14.25. The guest speaker is Dana Hurt, who will explore the importance of friendships and the three required components to a meaningful relationship. RSVP by Feb. 14. Contact Terri Welch at christiansburg@wineanddesign.com.

NRCC human resources management program offered in February

Registration is open for New River Community College's online Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) Certified Professional of Human Resources program that begins February 17, 2022.

The SHRM Certification Preparation Course will broaden and update students'

knowledge and skills while delivering everything

needed to pass the SHRM-CP exam, all in an interactive "live" virtual class environment.

The course content reflects the SHRM Body of Competency and Knowledge and will be taught by a certified instructor who will provide expertise, insights, and one-on-one guidance. Students will acquire the knowledge and understand the behavioral competencies needed

to prepare to pass the exam as well as network, share experiences, and discuss best practices with a diverse group of human resources professionals.

During the course, students will cover competencies in leadership, ethical practice, business acumen, and global and cultural effectiveness. The course will also focus on the people side of human resources through strategic planning, employee engagement, and retention. Other topics in the course include organizational effectiveness, labor relations, diversity and inclusion, and U.S. Employment

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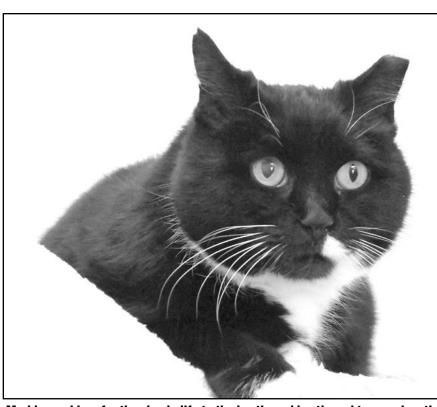
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Pets of the Week



Marble would prefer the simple life to the hustle and bustle and too much activity. Upon first meeting her, she may be a little shy but once she gets comfortable, she is a relaxed gal with an independent spirit. Stop by the Animal Care and Adoption Center to see if she is your purrfect match.



Her name may match that of a fearsome Harry Potter witch, but she is anything but that. Sweet Bellatrix is a happy, energetic girl who could cast a spell on anyone she meets. No matter if it's Slytherin or Gryffindor, she will need a home that can manage her health and keep her calm until she tests clear of heartworms.

Teaching COVID-19: VT faculty members help students explore the pandemic as an academic subject

By Melody Warnick

"Omicron," mused a student in Assistant Professor of political science Mauro Caraccioli's fall 2021 Plagues, Pandemics, and Politics class. "Doesn't that sound like a Transformer?"

A few months later, the COVID-19 variant with the Hollywood-villain name would be wreaking global havoc. But on that late November day, Omicron was merely the spark for a wide-ranging class discussion that hopped from vaccine inequity to supply chain issues to pandemic mental health. Like the rest of us, the 11 students in the small McBryde Hall classroom were experts on the course's principal subject matter: the COVID-19 pan-

Since 2020, Virginia Tech professors have been designing and teaching classes that turn COVID-19 into an object of study. Students want to understand the current moment. So do faculty members.

For the fall 2021 Pathways course he cotaught, called The Science of COVID-19, Ignacio Moore, professor from the Department of Biological Sciences in the College of Science, invited faculty from around campus to guest-lecture on various topics related to the virus. "Almost everything has been super inter-

esting to me," he said. For one class, Lauren Childs, assistant professor in the Department of Mathematics, passed out a deck of cards to show the math behind herd immunity. Black cards indicated immunity. Red cards meant susceptibility. "I think [students] all of a sudden got it," Moore said. "It became sort of real as opposed to

more abstract." In a twist on her usual medical geography class, Korine Kolivras launched Geography 4984, "The Emergence of COVID-19," in the 2021 spring semester. "We talked about how the disease spread around the world and the connections between people that led to that global spread," said Kolivras of the synchronous online course. "Geographic scale was kind of the big overarching theme."

With the pandemic ongoing, Kolivras constantly monitored and introduced the latest research, hoping it might battle rampant misinformation. In a Zoom discussion, she shared a new South Korean study that mapped how a ventilation system within a restaurant facilitated COVID transmission between tables 20

Immediately students popped into the chat: "Wait, so six feet isn't enough?" Some students shared personal stories about their work in restaurants and maybe some thought twice about going to an indoor party that weekend.

"I think they were a lot more engaged, because they were living it at the same time," said Kolivras, who works in the College of Natural Resources and Environment. "I think they were probably learning things that they applied outside

The course went so well that Kolivras got approval to teach it in future se

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PHOTO BY SAM DEAN FOR VIRGINIA TECH Geography professor Korine Kolivras turned her class about the geographic spread of COVID-19 into a permanent course offering called "COVID-19: Global Pandemic, Local Impacts.'





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Blacksburg's Anna first private, coeducational college. Today, Bridgewater College is home to ap-**Kender named to** proximately 1,500 students. **Bucknell's dean's list** Anna Kender from Blacksburg has

Local college students

excel, earn degrees

been named to the dean's list at Bucknell University for the fall semester of the 2021-22 academic year. She is an economics major. To receive dean's list recognition, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale

Diego Centeno of Blacksburg earns dean's list at Emerson College

Diego Centeno of Blacksburg is among the students named to Emerson College's dean's list for the fall 2021 semester. The requirement to make the dean's list is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher for that semester. Centeno is majoring in Media Arts Production and is a member of the Class of 2025.

Blacksburg's Garrett Knobl named to **University of Delaware** dean's list

Garrett Knobl of Blacksburg has been named to the University of Delaware dean's list for the fall 2021 semester. To meet eligibility requirements for the dean's list, a student must be enrolled full-time and earn a GPA of 3.5 or above (on a 4.0 scale) for the semester.

Three from Blacksburg graduate from Ga. Tech

Among the students receiving degrees in December from the Georgia Institute of Technology were Milad Abedi of Blacksburg, who received his Master of Science in Computer Science, Yaning Guo of Blacksburg, who received his Master of Science in Industrial Engineering, and Nikhil Plassmann of Blacksburg, who received his Master of Science in Computer Science.

Blacksburg's Dawn Owezarski earns master's degree at **Maryland-Global**

Dawn Owezarski of Blacksburg earned a Master of Science in Strategic Communications from the University of Maryland Global Campus in the fall of 2021. Celebrating its 75th anniversary, University of Maryland Global Campus is a world leader in innovative educational models with award-winning online programs in disciplines including biotechnology, cybersecurity, data analytics, and information technology that are in high demand in today's increasingly technical, global workplace.

Radford's Skylar E. Miles named to **Bridgewater College** dean's list

Skylar E. Miles of Radford was named to the 2021 fall semester dean's list at Bridgewater College. Miles is a Health and Exercise Science major. Students on the dean's list have attained a 3.4 or better grade point average out of a possible 4.0. Bridgewater College is a private, four-year liberal arts college located in the Central Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. Founded in 1880, it was the state's

Radford's Abigail Barnes earns dean's list honors at Hofstra

Abigail Barnes of Radford achieved a GPA of at least 3.5 to earn a spot on the dean's list for the fall at Hofstra University. Hofstra is a nationally ranked and recognized private university in Hempstead, N.Y., that is the only school to ever host three consecutive presidential debates (2008, 2012 and 2016). The university offers small classes and personal attention with the resources, technology and facilities of a large university. Students can choose from more than 165 undergraduate program options and 175 graduate program options in the liberal arts and sciences, education, health professions and human services.

Blacksburg's Sydney Forbes earns degree at **DePauw University**

Sydney Forbes of Blacksburg was among the students earning degrees from DePauw University in the December 2021 graduation exercises. Founded in 1837, DePauw University is a topranked, 100% residential, private liberal arts university in Greencastle, Ind. Through its College of Liberal Arts and School of Music, DePauw provides highly personalized education in small classes, with 95% of its graduates employed or in graduate school within six months of graduation.

Riner's Jessica **Musselman named** to president's list at Freed-Hardeman University

To be on the President's List at Freed-Hardeman University, a student must be full-time and have a 4.0 grade point average. Jessica Musselman, of Riner, who is earning a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry has been named on FHU's President's List. The mission of Freed-Hardeman University is to help students develop their God-given talents for His glory by empowering them with an education that integrates Christian faith, scholarship, and service. With locations in Henderson, Memphis, and Dickson, FHU offers bachelor's, master's, specialist's and doctoral degrees.

Four local students named to dean's list at **James Madison**

Emily Clark of Fairlawn, who is majoring in finance; Kerrigan Quesenberry of Radford, who is majoring in health sciences; Anthony Dodson of Radford, who is majoring in music, and Jonathan Woods of Radford, who is majoring in sport and recreation management, have been named to the dean's list for the fall 2021 semester at James Madison University. Students who earn dean's list honors must carry at least 12 graded credit hours and earn a GPA of between 3.5 and 3.899. Founded in 1908, James Madison University is a public university located in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley. With state-of-the art amenities and facilities, students have access to NCAA Division 1 athletics. JMU also has the highest post-graduation job levels of all Virginia colleges.

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Buddy King: A Three-Act play, Part 2

returned to the "Hook," Little Papi in tow, her new apartment mate. I am back in the office on Monday, telling the story to my workmates, Mary Beth and Denise, my secretary and my paralegal. That afternoon Denise yells out from her desk into my office, a common occurrence given her affinity for mood altering diet drugs and asks me to come out to see something.

D is reading the classifieds. Who reads is listed, and I call West Virginia. Again,

Now, Act III. Laura has the classifieds? For have good news and my younger readers that's where people news: my daughter run personal ads in the has your dog. The bad newspaper, like "1998 news: the poor thing Dodge Ram Charger is in Virginia, 4 and for Sale, 220,000 miles, 1/2 hours away. She three months left on inspection sticker." But seeming to focus on Denise has come across a how or why Fancy got classified that reads "Lost to the university. in the East View Section of Clarksburg, 6-year- daughter has a day old female Pomeranian, answers to name of probably be the next Fancy, sorely missed by weekend before we can owner." I paraphrase.

it, getting an older lady who is ecstatic when I tell her that I think we have her dog. I tell her that I

bad news. The good seems undaunted, not I explain that my

job and that it will transport her pup back A telephone number to Wild, Wonderful

she is overcome with joy, details be darned. I then call Laura and

tell her the good news and the bad news that we have found the owner, that the Pom is named Fancy, and that we need to work out logistics for the return. Laura, being the bighearted girl that she is and not wanting to keep Fancy from her owner any longer than necessary, and also not wanting to get more attached than she already was, says she will leave after work that day and drive to Clarksburg.

To make it less arduous, I tell her that house. Notwithstanding

when I can get away and head in her direction, connecting when we can. My thought was maybe Monterey or High Town, more or less midway points, but Laura apparently left earlier or drove faster, and we meet up in Buckhannon (about 3/4 of her drive) and

Joyce and I will leave

J and I then drove to the lady's house and dropped off her pet. We noticed that my girls had picked up Fancy at the end of the street her owner lived on, about three doors down from her

make the exchange.

the irony, the owner remained overjoyed and was effusive in her praise of how kind my daughters were and what a good deed they had performed. I told her

that was one way of looking at it. So that is my 3-act play. Act I - The Abduction, Act II - The Quandary, Act III - The

Exchange. A couple of good things came out of these events aside from a funny story. First, my grandpa name became "Big Papi" a couple of years later. And I love to play the song "Setting Fancy Free" to bring back the memory.

Buddy King: Finding little treasures on a snow day

days in January or during pandemics. Or both. inscribed in his handwriting on the first page I cleaned out spaces that haven't been looked at

an old piece of furniture called a secretary, I think, that sat at the top of the stairs in my grandmother and aunt's house on Junkin Street when I cleaned the house out after my aunt died. One of my prized possessions.

I came across a very old, little green book in one of the nooks and crannies of the desk titled, "Dear Sir." It was copyrighted in 1944 in the

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Michael Showell, Publisher

I did something today people do during snowy name of Juliet Lowell and had my Dad's name with the statement "June 22, 1945 Baltimore, Md." This would have been around the time In particular, I went through the drawers of he returned from Europe after the German surrender in May, 1945, at the end of World

While there was no introduction, the book from the time I remember anything until 1998, is obviously a compilation of letters written to draft boards or others during the war by potential draftees or soldiers and the occasional civilian. It probably was considered "off-color" then, "mild" during my college days, and Lord knows what in this era. I know one thing, the letters are pretty funny. Here are some printable - I received your notice of seduction and will

be there March 29.

- I have just finished a wonderful brake to put on airplanes. It can stop a plane that is going 400 miles per hour in just 10 feet. Now I am working on an invention that will stop the pilot from going through the windshield.

- My sergeant told me that if I studied nights, I might make a first-class idiot. Is this better than a 2nd lieutenant?

- In reply to your question, our death rate is the same here as elsewhere, one for every

- I got your letter asking is my child a boy or a girl. Of course, what else could it be?

The occupation I am best suited for is making a family. Seven so far. - I think I should be placed in 4F. My doctor

· I'm expecting to become a father in four months, but was told this won't keep me out of

says I have a tumor in my large intestical.

the draft. Please let me know, as I don't want to make a mistake and marry the girl.

New York, and moved to California. Can you tell

- I got a notice to come in for an examination in Hollywood. I gave my address as New York,

me how your nose got into my business? - I'm a lady looking for a defense job with you all sending someone to look after my children. They are a nuisance and I'm tired of caring for

- My platoon wants to buy an electric razor for our sergeant. You say yours is foolproof. Can you give a guarantee? You don't know our sergeant. - Please leave me out of the Army a little longer.

My wife's father has a problem. He got a life - Letter to the Navy Relief Fund: Enclosed find

my check for \$2.00. You'll pardon me for not signing it but I want to remain anonymous. - Letter to Rent Control Boss: This man reports I'm dirty. Why? I always clean between my tenants.

- After four months of Army life and much sober reflection, I have decided that I cannot support my wife in the manner to which she has become accustomed on my Army pay of \$50 a month. Kindly consider this my resignation from the armed forces.

- I want to inform you that my status has changed. My wife gave birth to a baby and I want to thank every member of the local board.

- I am asking you to reclassify my husband and take him in the draft. He ain't no use at home or to me and I think the Army is looking for men like him.

This proves how little treasures can suddenly appear in your life. Sure wish we could laugh at things like they used to back then.

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This year, the top five on the Fine Arts Center's awards in the Southwest website at FACNRV. Virginia region went org/scholastic-2022. to Fiona Aquilo who The Center will also is homeschooled and exhibit student winners her art teacher is Lisa at the Center located at Aquilo; Carys DeRolf Glenvar Visions nominees and whose teacher is Stephen Graves; Krisch Blacksburg High School, whose teacher is Katy Dryman; and Emalyn Sylvester-Johnson from the Burton Center for Arts & Technology in Salem, whose teacher is Natalie Strum. These five pieces and all of the Gold Key winners are now entered into the national competition with a chance for scholarships and additional awards. A celebration of the national winners is planned at a special awards ceremony at the world-famous Carnegie Hall in New York City in June 2022.

The Fine Arts Center of the New River Valley has been the official affiliate of the Scholastic Art Awards for Southwest Virginia for nearly 20 years. In 2021, the Fine Arts Center was honored with the Gold Key for Excellence in the Field by the Alliance for their management of the program. For more information about the Fine Arts Center, please visit our website at

FACNRV.org. More information about the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers and the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards can be found by visiting the Scholastic News Room at artandwriting.org.

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patients may have restricted visitation on a case-by-case basis as determined by clinical team. Visitation for end-of-life patients will

be allowed and coordinated by staff and administration.

Visitors are still required to wear a face mask for the duration of their visit.

Visitation is assessed on a weekly basis based on community positivity rate, spread of COVID-19, and mask compliance. Even as visitation restrictions are slightly relaxed, it remains critically important for community members to do their part to protect themselves against COVID-19. Wear a mask, wash your hands, practice social distancing. Most importantly, get vaccinated and boosted against COVID-19.

Before visiting a Carilion facility, the public should check visitation information at CarilionClinic.org/visitorguidelines for hospital and ambulatory/ outpatient settings.

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counseling. Applications be found at radfordva.gov. You may

may www. mail or deliver your proposal to: Melissa Skelton, 10 Robertson

St, Radford, VA 24141 or submit electronically melissa.skelton@ radfordva.gov Applications must be received by Feb. 28, 2022 to be considered

funding during this Annual Action you Plan cycle. If have questions, please contact Skelton at the email above or by phone at 540-267-3188.

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Akers, Ronald Dean

Ronald Dean Akers, 73, of Walton, died Monday, Jan. 31,

He was born in Montgomery County on March 10, 1948, to the late Archie Irvin and Frances Lytton Akers. He was also preceded in death by a special aunt, Hazel Lytton.

Dean played gospel music with different groups throughout the years, lastly having been in God's Country Boys.

He is survived by his wife, Edith Smith Akers; sons and daughtersin-law Ronnie and Debbie Akers, Justin and Alechia Akers, and Greg and Christina Akers; daughters and sons-in-law Crystal and David Musick and Rachael and Tim Quesenberry; stepsons and stepdaughters-in-law Joe and Judy Meyer, Lindsey and Vicki Akers, Toby Akers and Carmen Sansone; grandchildren Brandon, Brittany, Cody, Brooke, Adam, Keri, Austin, Rylee, Sarah, Lannie, and Stella; a great-grandchild, Mason; stepgrandchildren Shane, Allison, T.J., Kayla, Joe, and Elizabeth; sisters and brothers-in-law Dana and Tommy Lester and Teresa and Perry Hall; brothers and sisters-in-law Don and Carolyn Akers and Dale (Brown) and Sarah Akers; a special friend, Little Josh Thornsbury; as well as numerous nieces and

Funeral services were held on Friday, Feb. 4, 2022, in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Josh Graham and Pastor Eddie Gallimore officiating. Interment followed at Lytton Family Cemetery,

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association.

Bedwell, Reece Steve

Bedwell, of Steve Blacksburg, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 30, 2022.

Steve graduated from Blacksburg High School and obtained his CDL. He drove for Mayflower and worked for Adams Construction, the Town of Christiansburg, and Harvey's Chevrolet. He was an avid hunter

and fisherman enjoyed anything and everything about the outdoors. Steve enjoyed going to

races and spending time with his granddaughters and his great nieces and great nephew.

He is survived by his mother, Bee Bedwell of Blacksburg; a son, R. David Bedwell; a granddaughter,

Skyler, of Blacksburg; a stepson, Tony and Paige and their two daughters, Reese and

Tegan, of Staunton;a Karen and sister, Mack Brown; niece, Jada Brown; great-nieces Tatiana and Lilia; a greatnephew, Macsen; an aunt, Donna Oliver; cousins Brian and Darron Oliver and their families; and a very special friend,

Angela Sult, all of Blacksburg. Steve was preceded in death by his father, Reece Bedwell; a niece, Renee' Brown; and an uncle, Freddie Oliver. Services will be held privately. Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

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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. Sunday 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

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

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

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

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He [David] said to his men, "The Lord forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the Lord's anointed, or lay my hand on him; for he is the anointed of the Lord" (1 Samuel 24:6).

King Saul mercilessly pursued David intending to murder him, although David had done nothing against the king. Yet David would not retaliate despite the insistence of his men. Even when God permitted him to catch Saul at a vulnerable time, David refused to take the life of the Lord's anointed.

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Instead of slaying the man who was out to murder him, David put his trust in the Lord, seeking God's protection and justice.

While the worldly pummel each other with everything from words to bombs, an honorable faith like David's is the hallmark of those who walk in step with Christ. Jesus said to "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:44-45).

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Quicklook: 1 Samuel 24:1–12

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LUTHERAN

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

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS

Merrimac Pentecostal Holiness Church, Rev. Larry Christopher (540) 552-7194. 1.christopher695@comcast.net. Sunday school at 10 a.m. and morning worship is 11 a.m. Evening service at 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. Compassion Church, 1820 Second Street, Radford, 639-6287, Our music is passionate, our worship is real, and Pastor Chandler Jones brings relevant messages for everyone at any place on their journey, Sunday Worship Experience at 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM, Wednesday Family Night at 7 PM, Children Ministry provided for all services. Our vision is to see all Saved. Freed. Restored. Fulfilled. Find us on facebook and Instagram

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

731-1755. Lee Sarver, pastor. Sun. School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m. & 6: p.m., Wed., 7p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN

Join us at The Presbyterian Church of Radford, 201 4th Street, at the corner of 4th & Randolph. Sunday school at 10am; worship at 11am in the sanctuary, masked & distanced. Phone 639-2585. Watch the service live on Facebook: The Presbyterian Church of Radford. www. pcradford.org. We are called to share the love of Christ in this community & beyond. Kelsey & 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

Caldwell, Norma Sue Smith

Norma Sue Smith Caldwell, 80, of Check, Va., and formerly of Blacksburg, died Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2022 at her home.

She was born in Montgomery County on Oct. 6, 1941, to the late Pearlie (P.W.) and Easter Alls Smith. She was preceded in death by her husband, Îven Dail Caldwell; a son, Raymond Caldwell; three brothers; and three sisters.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Bruce and Teresa Caldwell, Dail Caldwell, Leon and Terry Caldwell, Andrew and Donna Caldwell, Lary and Bobbie Caldwell, and Jason Caldwell; 15 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two greatgreat-grandchildren; a sister, Tiny Dowdy; a brother, Eugene Smith; a sister-in-law, Pauline Smith; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to thank Carilion New River Valley Hospice and a special thanks to Dail Caldwell, Philip Caldwell, and Amber Sloan for their care of Mrs. Caldwell. A funeral service will be held on Monday, Feb. 7, 2022, at 2 p.m. in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Danny Collins officiating.

Interment will follow at Westview Cemetery, Blacksburg. The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 6, 2022 at McCoy Funeral Home Blacksburg.

Clark, Linda Lytton

passed away Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2022.

She was preceded in death by her father, Alfred Thomas Lytton; her mother and stepfather, Elizabeth Lytton and Claude Hill; her husband, Sherman Ray Clark; a brother, Thomas Lytton; and a sister, Valerie Pauley.

Survivors include her children and their spouses, Todd and Tricia Chandler of Woodlawn,

Vickie Criner of Riner, Brian Chandler of Christiansburg, and Michelle Chandler and Billy Cobbs of Pembroke; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Greg and Rose Hill of Radford; sisters Rhonda Altizer and Gary Pauley of Dublin and Sherlyn Lytton of Dublin; a sister-in-law, Judy Lytton of Christiansburg; a brother-

Linda Lytton Clark, 75, of Dublin, in-law, David Pauley; and many other relatives and friends.

The family would like to thank the second floor nurses station at LewisGale Montgomery Hospital for their loving care of Linda.

The family receive friends from 5 until 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2022, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2022, at the Fairlawn Church of God with the Rev. Markus Harrison officiating.

Interment will follow in Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin.

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

Newberry, Sue Hill

Sue Hill Newberry, 71, of Belspring, Velvie Proffitt (Raymond); a brother, passed away on Monday, Jan. 31, Jerry Hill; a special baby, Peanut;

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence and Goldie Hill; a son, Charles Newberry; her brother, Bobby Hill; and her sister, Lola Hicks.

Survivors include her husband and best friend, Basil Newberry; a son daughter-in-law, and James Newberry, Sr., and grandchildren Jessica;

Jr., Destiny, Kyleigh, and Andrew; a great-granddaughter, Everleigh; sisters and brother-in-law, Patricia Page, and and many other family members and friends.

The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until noon on Monday, Feb. 7, 2022, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Graveside services will follow in Brown Cemetery in Belspring with Evangelist Gary Proffitt officiating.

Gardner, Martha Blacksburn

Radford, entered her Heavenly home

on January 31, 2022. She was preceded in death by her parents, Garland and Stella Blackburn, and her brother, Timm Blackburn. She is survived by

her husband of 49 years, Doug Gardner; a daughter and sonin-law, Amanda and Michael Pollard; a son, Scott Gardner (Dave Winston); and numerous other

relatives and friends.

Martha was an insightful, discerning, and bright person who seemed to be able to do it all. She worked, crafted, cooked, raised a family, and did so much more, all while making it look effortless. Despite an avowed dislike of board games, she could peer over her children's shoulders during a Scrabble game and amaze them with her prowess.

Many described Martha as elegant, yet she was from humble roots. She was born in Galax feet first, a testament to her resilience in the face of obstacles. Her parents knew she was strong and would always be able to take care of herself, which she certainly did.

Her parents, both from Independence, instilled in her a make-do attitude, but they infused with it the ability to dream. When Martha was quite young, her parents moved to the Radford area, where Martha would spend her life. She graduated from Radford High School and attended New River Community College. As a student at the community

college, she caught the eye of her future husband, Doug, who asked her to join him for a Coke in the lounge. They married in 1972, and Martha was always a strong partner to her husband. She wasn't afraid to give a push, and some of her husband's proudest achievements stemmed from this.

Martha was the one who encouraged Doug to apply for a position in Facilities Management at Radford College. She was also the one who convinced Doug to have a child, Amanda, and then to have another, Scott.

Throughout her life, Martha was never too proud to do work

Martha Blackburn Gardner, 72, of that others might look down upon. Her professional career began at

Radford College in 1971 and ended in 2016 after 18 years as the administrative assistant for Giesen-Caldwell Realtors. In between these positions, she held jobs at Inland Motors and the school cafeteria at McHarg Elementary. She took a hiatus from work in the mid-1980s

to dedicate time to raising her family and taking care of her mother.

Martha's family was her world, and she strove to make sure her children always did well and that they always felt loved and encouraged. Her spirit lives on through Amanda and Scott, who both inherited Martha's determination, sarcasm, love for the past, ability to dream and, a need to collect.

Martha was a Christian and an active member of Calvary Baptist Church for 40 years. She was very willing to give of her time and talents. She and Doug operated the church's AWANA program for 22 years. She was known for her chicken casseroles at pot luck dinners and for her hot dog chili at the AWANA Grand Prix events.

In her final years, Martha's amazing skills were slowly taken from her by dementia. She entered this battle bravely, and she is now free from the cruel disease that robbed her of her mind and abilities. Despite its ravages, it never took away her essence. Deep down, Martha was always there, full of spirit, love, and compassion. For her family, Martha was an absolute

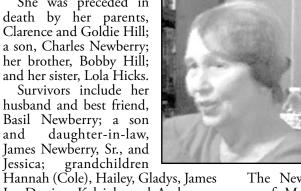
The family received friends from 4 until 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 4, 2022 at the Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory. Graveside services will be held at Noon on Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022, at the Bridle Creek Cemetery in Grayson County with Pastor Timothy Worles officiating.

Flowers are appreciated or contributions may be made to the Bridle Creek Cemetery Fund, Attn: Mary Young, 1624 Battlefield Dr., Independence, VA 24348.

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

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

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PUBLIC MEETING

The City of Radford will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, February 15 at 12:00 p.m. and Thursday February 17 at 5:00 p.m.in the City Council Chambers, 10 Robertson Street, Radford, VA 24141. The City of Radford is seeking participation as it initiates the preparation of its 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan. 2022 Annual Action Plan and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. The five-year Consolidated Plan will identify the affordable housing and community development needs in the City of Radford over the next five years.

Annually, the City receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. To continue receiving these funds, the City of Radford is required to identify and prioritize its needs, then explain how it will address these needs through local projects as part of the

Annual Action Plan for FY 2022 All citizens and organizations are invited to attend the public meeting to comment orally or in writing on funding needs and priorities. Questions regarding the grant program are also encouraged. The City of Radford will make

reasonable accommodations and services necessary for sensory-impaired and disabled citizens at the public meeting. Questions should be

directed to Ms. Melissa

Skelton, at

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Melissa. Skelton@radfordva. gov or at (540) 267-3188.

Legals -**Montgomery** County

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN OF **CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL**

The Town of Christiansburg Town Council hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on February 22, 2022 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to hear citizen comments concerning:

A. Conditional Use Permit request by Rockstep Christiansburg, LLC for operation of a Carnival from April 27, 2022 through May 8, 2022 on property located at 782 New River Road NW, further identified as Parcel ID 007741; Tax Parcel No. 435-((A))-41; in the B-3 General Business District. The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

B. Conditional Use Permit request by Taylor E. Linkous and Blair Lawton LLC for an Auction House, Business, on property located at 2790 Roanoke Street, further identified as

Legals -Montgomery County

Parcel ID 030021; Tax Parcel No. 501-((5))-2; in the B-3 General Business District. The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan

Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comment in-person at the time of this Public Hearing. 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 Benjamin Tripp, Planning Director, at (540) 382-6128, Ext. 1120 or by email at btripp@christiansburg.org with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

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RADFORD SPORTS

Blacksburg High School reopens football coaching search

Marty Gordon

NRV sports@ourvalley.org

Blacksburg High School's hiring of a new football coach will have to wait a little longer as a search committee interviewed as many as five people this past week and has decided to reopen the application process for two more weeks.

The position came open in November when Coach Eddie Sloss stepped down after four years at the school.

Blacksburg finished this past season winless, and the Bruins' record for the past three years was 6-21.

In Sloss's first year, 2018, the team completed a 13-1 season before losing to Woodgrove in the Class 4 state semis.

Prior to Blacksburg, Sloss spent four years at Carroll County High School from 2014-2017, where he compiled

signs with FHU

a 5-35 mark. He was a former assistant at Blacksburg and Christiansburg high schools, and is a graduate of Blacksburg High School.

Sloss replaced Thad Wells, who led the Bruins to a state title but left for another high school in North Carolina.



Evan Rupe has led Radford High School in scoring for two straight seasons.

Radford's Evan Rupe to play soccer at RU

Marty Gordon

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Radford High School's Evan Rupe has announced plans to continue his playing career at nearby Radford University. Rupe was first-team All-Three Rivers District and Region C last season, leading the Bobcats with 18 goals that included scoring five goals in one game against

At RU, he joins a team that posted a 5-11 record this past year, 3-5 record in Big South Conference play.

Chris Barrett was named the interim head men's soccer coach at Radford in November 2020. While interim head coach, Barrett led the team to a 3-5-1 overall record in a modified 2021 spring season. The Highlanders defense held opponents to one or fewer goals in four games that season, picking up wins over Gardner-Webb, VMI, and Winthrop.

Prior to being named interim head coach, Barrett was set to begin his third stint and 10th season overall (1995-98, 2006-10) as an assistant coach of the

Highlander men's soccer program. Barrett has also spent a decade (2010-19) as an assistant coach of Radford's women's soccer program.

Rupe, who expects to play center, is familiar with Barrett, having played when he was 10 on a travel team he coached.

"I love the coaching staff," said Rupe. "Also, the facilities are fantastic, and I like the school being in my hometown so I can have my family and friends come support me."

Rupe's goal is to claim a starting spot, score goals, and help the team to success. "It would also be great to push for a conference tournament championship, a conference regular season championship, or an NCAA tournament appearance," he In 2019, Rupe participated in an

Adidas Winning Generation Soccer Program's National Cup, playing and scoring overseas in the Gothia Cup. He also played with VBR Star in its USL pro academy this past summer.

Rupe is undecided on a major at RU as of yet.

Bobcat volleyball player

Marty Gordon

NRVsports@ourvalley.org

Another standout from the Radford High School volleyball team will play at the next level. Autumn Howard has signed a letter of intent to play at Freed-Hardeman Univer-

She was second-team all-Three Rivers District and Region C Libero and was a member of the 2019 Bobcat squad which won a state championship.

"I chose Freed-Hardeman because I love the small campus and the warm environment, being there feels like home," said Howard. "It has the

major I want with small classes so it will be easier to get to know the professors and ask them ques-

Freed-Hardeman University is a private university in Henderson, Tennessee with a current enrollment of 1,973. FHU is nicknamed athletically as the Lions and Lady Lions, is part of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Division I level. Until the fall 2020 semester, they primarily competed in the American Midwest Conference, but since have become part of the Mid-South Confer-

The Lady Lions volleyball team finished the 2021 season with a 10-19 mark. Todd Humphry begins his 22nd year as the head coach of the Freed-Hardeman University Lady Lion volleyball team. Throughout his 20+ seasons with the Lady Lions, Humphry has posted a 391-239 and currently ranks 22nd on the NAİA Most Winning Coaches List.

Howard hopes to major in biology and then after her four years at Freed-Hardeman plans to apply to a medical school and finish her degree to become a pediatric sur-

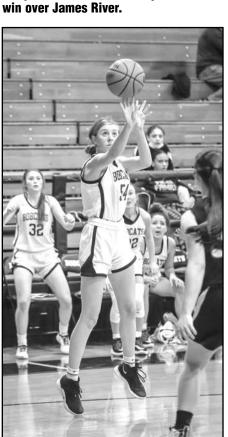


Autumn Howard (in middle sitting) has signed a letter of intent to play volleyball at Freed-Hardeman University. The Radford High School player announced the decision last week in the school's library in front of family, friends, teammates and coaches.

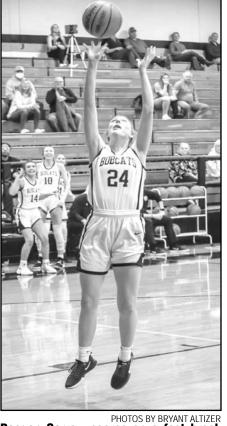
Radford girls defeat James River



Hollybrook Cline dribbles up court to start the Bobcats' offense in Tuesday's 67-31



Claire Fender scores on a jump shot in the win as Radford moves to 7-5 overall and 2-3 in Three Rivers District play.



Raegan Carrow scores on a fast break in Tuesday's big district victory. She finished with five points in the contest.

Takeaways from Tech's upcoming football slate

Virginia Tech's 2022 schedule was made official by the ACC Monday night, headlined by six home games in new head coach Brent Pry's first season back in Blacks-

New season tickets are still available for as little as \$350 with flexible pay-

ment plan options. While there is plenty of time until the Hokies' season opener at Old Dominion on Labor Day weekend, some of the early storylines are worth keeping an eye on this

Pry will meet a familiar foe in Week 1.

When Pry takes the field for his first game as head coach of the Hokies, he'll see a familiar face across the field in Old Dominion head coach Ricky Rahne.

In his third year in Norfolk, Rahne was previously part of Penn State's coaching staff alongside Pry from 2014-19. Pry was the defensive coordinator for the Nittany Lions, and Rahne served as Penn State's quarterbacks coach, tight ends coach, and offensive coordinator during his last two seasons in State College. The duo combined to win 57 games over their six years on PSU's staff together and remain close friends.

Tech's home schedule is front-loaded for the

second year in a row. After playing six of their first seven games in

Lane Stadium in 2021,

the Hokies will play four

of their first seven games in Blacksburg this fall, including three of their first four contests.

Hokie Nation will have to wait until Week 2 for Virginia Tech's home opener, an ACC cross-Boston College on Saturday, Sept. 10. Wofford 3 before Tech takes on West Virginia Thursday night, Sept. 22, concluding its three-game home stand. Following a pair of road games, the Hokies will return to Lane Stadium to face Miami (Fla.) in Week 7 on Saturday, Oct. 15.

Tech will play just two home games over the final six weeks of the season, against Georgia Tech on Saturday, Nov. 5, and against Virginia on Saturday, Nov. 26.

Thursday night football is back in Blacks-

For the first time since 2018, Virginia Tech will host a Thursday game under the lights in Lane Stadium. Tech's opponent for this season's match-up is West Virginia as the Mountaineers will make their first trip to Blacksburg in 15 years.

The Hokies have a long history of playing games on Thursday nights, starting with its first-ever Thursday night contest back on Sept. 22, 1994. Their opponent then was none other than West Virginia, a game that Tech won 34-6. Virginia Tech is 2-0 against

WVU on Thursday nights and owns a 12-6 mark on Thursday nights in Lane Stadium, having won

three of its last four. October will be a piv-

otal month. The ACC Coastal Dividivision game against sion race is always tightly contested, and the Hokies will have a chance to make visits Blacksburg in Week their case for supremacy with a stretch of three straight division games in

October. Tech travels to North Carolina on Saturday, Oct. 1, before visiting the Steel City for a clash with Pitt, last year's Coastal Division champion, on Saturday, Oct. 8. The Panthers will have to replace quarterback Kenny Pickett, who was the ACC Player of the Year and who finished third in the voting for the Heisman Trophy in 2021.

The Hokies return home the following weekend for a clash with Miami (Fla.) and new head coach Mario Cristobal on Saturday, Oct. 15.

Tech's open week comes right after this three-game stretch, giving the Hokies a chance to get some

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Hokies' 2022 football schedule features six home games

The Atlantic Coast Conference released its complete 2022 football schedule on Monday.

Brent Pry will make his debut as Virginia Tech head coach on either Friday, Sept. 2, or Saturday, Sept. 3 when the Hokies visit Old Dominion. Pry's initial home game at Lane Stadium will come against ACC foe Boston College on Sept. 10. The Boston College contest will mark the first of six home games for the Hokies in 2022, a slate that features a Thursday night contest vs. West Virginia on Sept. 22.

Virginia Tech fans will get their first opportunity to see Pry's squad at the 2022 spring game, which is set for 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 16. Further details for the event will be announced when they are finalized. The game will be broadcast live on the ACC Network.

Virginia Tech's 2022 home slate features a Commonwealth Cup matchup against Virginia on Nov. 26 to close out the regular season. The Hokies have won 21 of their last 23 meetings with the Cavaliers, including a streak of 11 straight victories at Lane Stadium.

Tech posted a 29-24 win last season in Charlottesville. The Hokies will also face ACC foes Miami (Oct. 15) and Georgia Tech (Nov. 5) in Blacksburg this season.

Three of Tech's four ACC road games in 2022 will take place in "The Triangle," composed of Raleigh, Durham, and Chapel Hill, N.C., marking the first time the Hokies have ever played road games at Duke, at North Carolina, and at NC State in a single season. The Hokies open their conference road schedule at

North Carolina on Oct. 1. Following an open date on Oct. 22, Tech will play at NC State on Thursday, Oct. 27, marking the first visit to Carter-Finley Stadium by the Hokies since a 41-30 win on Oct. 2, 2010. Virginia Tech rounds out its trifecta of games in

The Triangle with a matchup at Duke on Nov. 12. The Hokies own a combined 38-10 all-time record in ACC play against teams from the state of North Carolina: 15-3 vs. Duke, 14-4 vs. UNC, 5-1 vs. NC State and 4-2 vs. Wake Forest.

Virginia Tech's 2022 road schedule also features an

Oct.-8 contest at Pitt and a non-conference tilt on Nov. 19 at Liberty.

VIRGINIA TECH 2022 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

(home games in capital letters)

April 16 SPRING GAME September 2 or 3 at Old Dominion September 10 **BOSTON COLLEGE** September 17 WOFFORD September 22 WEST VIRGINIA (Thurs.) October 1 at North Carolina October 8 at Pitt October 15 MIAMI October 22 OPEN at NC State (Thurs.)

October 27 November 5 **GEORGIA TECH** November 12 at Duke November 19 at Liberty VIRGINÍA November 26

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much-needed rest ahead of their final few games. That may be mitigated to some degree since Virginia Tech's next opponent, NC State, also has an open week prior to the meeting on Thursday, Oct. 27.

New faces highlight the Smithfield Common-

wealth Clash.

This fall's Commonwealth Clash presented by Smithfield will feature new head coaches on both sidelines, as Pry and Virginia's Tony Elliott will lead their respective teams into the 2022 edition of this longstanding rivalry. In the series' 128-year history, this fall will mark just the 12th time that both programs will have new head coaches at the helm.

Tech will look to keep the Commonwealth Cup in its possession for a third straight season.

BITUARIES

Lester, Bernadine Groseclose

was the youngest of four daughters born to William Albert Groseclose and Nora Lee Copenhaver Groseclose in Pulaski on April 15,

Bernadine

After losing her mother to the Spanish influenza epidemic in 1918, Bernadine was raised by her father and her beloved aunt, Kate Parks, of Marion, Va./Harlan, Ky.

Bernadine married Ray Edwin Lester on Oct. 10, 1934. In 1954, they moved with

their three children from Pulaski to Christiansburg where Bernadine lived until her death. A devoted mother and grandmother, Bernadine was an active member of St. Paul United Methodist Church, had visited 48 of the 50 states, and enjoyed socializing with her canasta club well into her

Bernadine was preceded in death by her parents; her sisters Gillie Moyers, Rena Sue Ellis, and Alberta Payne; her husband Ray "The Meanest Man in Christiansburg" Lester; her daughter, Carol Lee Morrison (Tom) of Roanoke, and a son Ray Edwin "Eddie" Lester, Jr. of Riner; and Sandy Moyers of Pulaski, a nephew to whom she was especially close.

Surviving to celebrate her

Groseclose Lester indomitable spirit and to sustain her legacy of family and faith are

> Bernadine's daughter Katherine "Kathy" Hall (Spencer) of Riner; her daughterin-law, Joyce Lester; grandchildren Hudson (Diane) of Tim Louisa, Va., Hudson (Laura) of Dublin, Ohio, Lane Hudson (Rene) of Roanoke, Ray Edwin "Les" Lester,

(Beverly) of Meadowview, Va., Mark Lester of Christiansburg, Terry Rae Bodine (Bill) of Lynchburg, Hall of Ashburn, Va., Andrew Hall (Darien) of Charlottesville, Ryan Dean (after Bernadine) Hall (Shannon Moore) of Newport, Va. Bernadine leaves to cherish her memory 14 great-grandchildren and one great-grandchild (with another on the way). The family thanks Kindred Hospice and the staff at Commonwealth Assisted Living (where Bernadine resided for 16 years) for their kindness and care.

Visitation was held at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 220 W. Main St., Christiansburg, on Friday, Feb. 4, 2022, followed by a funeral

Arrangements with Horne Funeral Home & Crematory 540-382-2612.

Phillips, Doris Elizabeth

Doris Elizabeth Phillips, 87, of Pulaski, passed away on Tuesday,

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert Wilson and Glenna Yates; and her beloved husband, Laddie Ray Phillips. Survivors include her son, Joseph

S. Phillips; a daughter, Sandra

E. Phillips; and her grandsons, Michael Lee Phillips and Russell James Phillips.

Per her requests, no services will be held at this time.

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

Rollyson, Richard Austin

Richard Austin Rollyson, 89, passed away peacefully in his home in Fairlawn with his family by his side on Friday, Jan. 28, 2022.

He was born in Gassaway, W.Va., to the late Madalene and John Austin Rollyson. After he graduated from high school, he spent four years in the U. S. Air Force. He graduated from West Virginia Institute of Technology with a bachelor of science, majoring in mechanical engineering. He

built his home in Fairlawn, and he worked until retirement at the Radford Army Ammunitions Plant. He loved his farm, raising cattle and gardening with the help of all his children. Later, he was helped by his sidekick grandson, Austin, who spent all his spare time assisting PopPop with everything. Besides being a workaholic on the farm, he had a passion for motorcycle riding with his friends throughout the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. He will be greatly missed by his many friends and

Survivors include his five children and their spouses: John Mark and Sissy Rollyson; Sandra Ann and Robert Langley;

Terri Lynn and Mack Davis; Thomas Scott Rollyson and Roberta Dawn Rollyson;

grandchildren Brandy Young, Laura Rollyson, Rachael Walker, Kathlyne Rollyson, Dalton, Kailey Burr, Holly Spangler, Hailey Williams, and Austin Rollyson; 12 greatgrandchildren; his former wife and the mother of his children, Barbara Thomas Rollyson; and many other relatives and

friends.

Special thanks go to his wonderful caregivers who gave him the best of care for the last several years: Cristy Keener, Sherri Birkelbach, and his daughter, Roberta.

The family will receive friends from 1 until 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 6, 2022, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services will begin at 2 p.m. After his cremation, some of his cremains will be placed at the Sunrise Burial Park atop the hill near the flagpole overlooking Fairlawn, the place where he planted his feet.

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

McGuire, Lettie Kate Kegley

Fairlawn, went to be with the Lord on Friday, Jan. 28, 2022.

Kate was a registered nurse at McGuire Veterans Hospital for 35 years. She loved her Lord Jesus Christ and read her Bible daily. She loved Elvis and watching Virginia Tech football games.

She spent her last hours praying and singing the Old Rugged Cross, and her last words were "I love you all." She attended Belspring

United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her children, Sandra Thompson and Chet of Chesterfield, John McGuire, Jr., and Terry of Richmond, Diane Shane of Fairlawn, and Wanda James of

Lettie Kate Kegley McGuire, 83, of Roanoke; 16 grandchildren, 23 greatgrandchildren, and three great-greatgrandchildren.

She was predeceased by her parents, Elbert and Lettie Kegley; her husband, John McGuire; Thomas son, Elbert McGuire; and her siblings, Clyde,

Thelma, and Roger. The family received friends on Thursday, Feb. 3, 2022, at the

Mullins Funeral Home in Radford, followed by funeral services with the Rev. Ginny Tompkins officiating. Interment was private.

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

Teaching

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mesters as a Pathways course, Geography 2074. Its fitting name? "COVID-19: Global Pandemic, Local Impacts.'

Caraccioli, Mario from the Department of Political Science in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, has had students explore such issues as lockdowns and bailouts in the context of historical, political, even fictional responses to disease. In Plagues, Pandemics, and Politics, one assigned course reading was Octavia Butler's dystopian novel Parable of the

He also let students use class sessions to process their own pandemic experiences. "I wanted it to be a space for stu-

dents to express both questions and concerns as well as frustrations and hopes," said Carac-

Caraccioli hopes to publish some of his students' personal response essays as part of a "college COVID archive." Political scientists, he said, will be studying the pandemic for years to come.







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The RADical Change Commission presents "Cupids of Comedy"

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RADFORD - The RADical Change Commission is "calling all lovers of laughter for an evening of Valentines themed fun" to raise funds for a good cause.

The Commission is hosting a stand-up comedy show fundraiser "complete with charcuterie and sweet treats" at Sharkey's Up Top on

Monday, Feb. 14. "The bar will be open with adult beverages for purchase and we've got a star-studded line-up featuring

Virginia's best stand up comics, so

grab your friends and partners and come out for some Community Love, RADford," said event organizer and Commission chair Janiele Hamden. "Big RAD love and special thanks to Sharkey's Radford, Pazar Radford, Hodge Podge Cookies, and our Richmond Comedy Crew for making this event possible - we love our

The event is set for Sharkey's Up Top on Monday, Feb. 14; 7 – 8 p.m. Tickets are \$30 donation per person and available at http://paypal.me/RADicalChangeLove with "Cupids of Comedy" in the memo through Feb. 11.

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