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NAACP New River Valley Black History book drive seeks community support

A book drive to make African-American history more accessible to the community is halfway to its goal with three weeks to go.

The Education Committee of the Montgomery County-Radford City-Floyd County Branch of the NAACP is hoping the community will support the New River Valley Black History Book Drive and reach the goal of 186 books.

"African-Americans have impacted the economy, culture, and communities of the New River Valley and southern Appalachia," the local NAACP announced. "The purpose of the NRV Black History Book Drive is to make this local and regional history more visible by creating a collection of books and articles that will be donated to the

Montgomery Museum of Art & History in Christiansburg; Glencoe Mansion, Museum and Gallery in Radford; and other local cultural centers and museums. Collections will be available for community members to use during on-site reading and research, and for high school classrooms and community groups to borrow."

The book drive began Feb. 1. "We are already halfway to our goal of 156 books to be bought through Amazon," the NAACP reports. "In addition, we will be purchasing about 30 hard-to-find books from a variety of vendors. Monetary donations will support these purchases. Everyone is invited to make the local black history more accessible to the community and

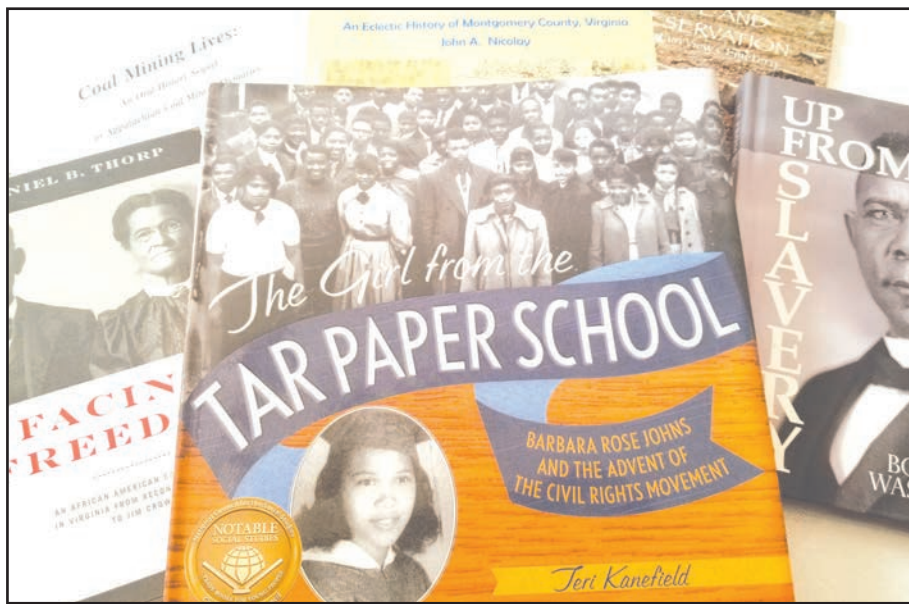


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secondary classrooms by participating in this book drive."

Books may be purchased at <https://www.mrfnaacp.org/>. Follow the links to the book drive. Books can be purchased online until April 1. Books purchased online will be delivered to the committee

for local distribution.

Also, individuals, churches, or other organizations can send donations by check to "M-R-F NAACP" with a note in the Memo for the "Book Drive." Send checks to M-R-F NAACP, P.O. Box 6044, Christiansburg, VA 24068.

Scholarship established in memory of RHS senior killed in car crash

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RADFORD - A memorial scholarship has been established to honor the memory of Radford High School senior Marilyn Alley, who recently passed away after a vehicle crash.

Alley died Saturday, Feb. 26, following the car accident on Feb. 23.

"It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that I inform you of the passing of Marilyn Alley, RHS class of 2022," said Radford City Public Schools Superintendent Robert Graham. "Marilyn

was a sweet, generous, and loving young lady who will be missed greatly by all who knew her."

Graham announced the establishment of the memorial scholarship and a GoFundMe account that has been set up for her family.

"Marilyn wanted to be a nurse and a missionary," reads the scholarship announcement. "She was a member of the FFA and the soccer team and had participated in the band. She has left an impact on our school community that will not be forgotten. Our school set up a memorial scholarship to

keep her caring spirit alive. Please consider donating."

Donate to the scholarship at https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=Q2ELW6ZWUJUSU.

"We are all so grateful for your prayers and blessing in this most difficult time," said Regina Wallace, who organized the GoFundMe site. "Your outpouring of love and support reminds us how special Marilyn was to so many people. In her short 17 years, she touched so many lives and continues to do so by donating the gift of life [as an organ donor]."

NRV train station's location narrowed to two sites

Representatives from the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPR) told New River Valley residents and business leaders Monday night that a future station would be located at one of two sites behind Uptown Mall, formerly known as NRV Mall. The sites were chosen from five finalists because of the "easy lay of the land" and their proximity to the current Virginia rail line.

During a virtual meeting, VPR representatives said the process has been a long one and will continue to be as the earliest a station could open is the fall of 2026.

Each of the final two sites would require a realignment of the Huckleberry Trail to allow tracks to be expanded.

In 2019, the state of Virginia signed a rail initiative with CSX, Amtrak, and CRE railroads to separate freight and passenger service. This past year, the state purchased 28 miles of the Salem to Christiansburg Virginia Line from Norfolk Southern to expand passenger service to the New River Valley.

Rail officials say an estimated 80,000 new riders per year would be able to use the service once it was expanded from the New River Valley to Northern Virginia.

Initially, the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority examined five sites: in Ellett, Merrimac, near the Christiansburg Aquatic Center, and the final two at Uptown Mall.

Certain parameters of need were used to eliminate all but the mall sites.

Location one is closer to the shopping mall near the current Regal Theater building and includes a pedestrian bridge that would allow people to move freely from both sides of the tracks.

Site #2 is closer to the Corning Plant, and access to the station would be via an expanded New River Road, south near a strip mall. It also would include a pedestrian bridge and would require the adjustment to the Huckleberry Trail. A new connector track would be added to join the Blacksburg Branch of the rail line, which would include sharing with Norfolk Southern freight traffic.

The next step for the rail authority is to meet with affected property owners and complete a secondary study on the impact of the station itself on the two locations.

Preliminary estimates show track improvements and construction of the station could tip the \$50 million mark. State money has already been set aside for the expansion and land acquisition.

This past January, Governor Ralph Northam announced the commonwealth had finalized the definitive agreement with Norfolk Southern Corporation (NYSE: NSC) to expand passenger rail service to the New River Valley for the first time since 1979.

The Western Rail Initiative expands passenger rail service to the New River Valley and complements Governor Northam's historic \$3.7 billion Transforming Rail in Virginia program, the commonwealth's road map for building a 21st-century rail

network.

"Transforming Rail in Virginia is an investment not only in our rail system, but also in the residents and businesses along the corridor and in the New River Valley," said the governor. "Together with our partners at Norfolk Southern, we are making essential improvements that modernize our transportation infrastructure and connect communities across the commonwealth. We look forward to continuing this important work to help move people and goods efficiently, reduce congestion and pollution, fuel tourism, and drive economic growth."

The Western Rail Initiative will add a second state-supported round-trip train between Roanoke and Boston later this year, which will be extended to the New River Valley upon completion of a new station, track, and signal improvements. The agreement also allows for a third train to operate in the future between Roanoke and the New River Valley. The expanded intercity rail service, which will create significant economic benefits and provide additional multimodal options for travelers along the Interstate 81 and Route 29 corridor, is expected to add approximately 80,000 new passengers in the first year after service is extended to the New River Valley. Further, the agreement preserves the existing freight rail service provided on the lines, helping to move the goods and materials for the Commonwealth's economy.

In an agreement with Norfolk Southern, the commonwealth is acquiring approximately 28 miles of the Norfolk Southern-owned "V line" right-of-way and existing tracks from Christiansburg to the Salem Crossovers and a passenger rail easement between the Salem Crossovers and the Amtrak Roanoke station platform. Norfolk Southern will continue to provide freight service on the line.

In addition, the commonwealth will invest in infrastructure improvements between Manassas and the Roanoke Yard to improve the reliability of passenger rail service over Norfolk Southern Railway-owned right-of-way.

On May 5, 2021, Governor Northam announced in Christiansburg that the Commonwealth reached an initial agreement with Norfolk Southern to expand passenger rail service from Northern Virginia to Southwest Virginia.

"This agreement with the Commonwealth of Virginia is a great example of government and business partnership," said James A. Squires, Chairman and CEO of Norfolk Southern. "Together, we have created a path forward to increase passenger rail service and ensure that freight rail customers continue to move the goods that power our economy. Importantly, this will yield economic dividends from Northern to Southwest Virginia, both through the necessary infrastructure improvements and additional use of the rail lines."

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Participants plunge into cold water to raise funds for Special Olympics

Participants in last Saturday's Polar Plunge jump into one of two above-ground pools set up for the event after the high water levels of the New River from recent rains prevented the event from being held at the river. The New River Valley Polar Plunge is an annual event held in Radford to raise funds for Special Olympics. "It was a chilly 38 degrees and overcast; the mood was festive and the water was cold," Radford Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Dan McKinney said. "The event raised over \$56,000 dollars; what a great achievement."



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Montgomery County African American storyboards to be unveiled in downtown Christiansburg

On March 20, 2022, Christiansburg Institute and the Montgomery Museum of Art & History will unveil three history and educational wayside signs for the 'Truth & Reconciliation Coalition: African American Memory & Storyboard Project' on the town square quadrant in front of the post office at 2 E. Main St.

in downtown Christiansburg. The event will be from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with the unveiling at 3:30 p.m. to be preceded by a brief program.

A formal orientation with introductions from event hosts will begin the ceremony,

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MARCH 19, 2022
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Now through April 30:

Free prom dresses

By appointment only, at the Meadowbrook Public Library. The library has prom dresses of all sizes available for free to anyone in Montgomery County, Floyd County, and throughout the New River Valley. Call (540) 268-1964 to make an appointment to try on and choose a free prom dress.

Saturday March 5:

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 needed to join.

Caturday

Meadowbrook Public Library; noon to 1 p.m. Sign up at the library for a 15-minute slot to read to a cat from the Montgomery County Animal Care and Adoption Center to practice reading and to socialize shelter cats. For all ages. Due to limited availability of guest cat(s), call the library at (540) 268-1964 before coming to verify that Caturday has not been canceled.

Teen DND

Blacksburg Library, 2 p.m. DND for Teens.

Monday, March 7:

Blacksburg Aquatic Center reopening

The Blacksburg Aquatic Center will reopen at 5:30 a.m. The center operating hours will be 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays, and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays. The pool will close 15 minutes before the building does.

Crafternoon Delight for adults only

Learn how to knit or crochet with library staff at the Radford Public Library from 1 to 2 p.m. Needles, crochet hooks and yarn will be available for tutorials and practice during this session of Crafternoon Delight. This group knits, crochets, embroiders, felts, and paints. Knowledgeable staff can help participants with their needlework craft. Projects will be available to learn how to put a blanket together for Project Linus with supplies provided.

Tuesday, March 8:

Domino's Pizza International Women's Day celebration

Domino's Pizza in Christiansburg, located at 1655 Roanoke St., will celebrate International Women's Day by donating 100% of its sales for the day to two local nonprofits: the Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley and Lishy's Gift in Roanoke. In honor of Women's Day, the store will also be 100% staffed by female team members.

Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting

Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784, will meet at 7 p.m. at Aly's Family Italian Restaurant, 3204 Riner Road. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are invited to attend. Will Reed will continue with Part Three of his series on "Confederate Small Arms." If Montgomery County Public Schools are closed on Tuesday or Wednesday of this week due to weather, the meeting is canceled. For further information, call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

Radford City School Board meeting

The Radford City School Board will hold a regular meeting at 6 p.m. at the School Administration Building, 1612 Wadsworth St. The meeting agenda is available at www.rcps.org.

Talking About Books: "Three Year Swim Club"

Blacksburg Library; 11 a.m. To be discussed is "The Three Year Swim Club" by Julie Checkoway. Call (540) 552-8246 to reserve a copy.

Mini-canvas art

Blacksburg Library; 4:30 p.m. Practice painting skills on a mini canvas. Email

mroach@mfrl.org with any questions. Registration is required. Open to all ages.

Brown Bag Book Club

Radford Public Library; noon to 1 p.m. To be discussed is the Printz-Award-winning book "Everything Sad Is Untrue (a true story)." Participants can join in person or access the group remotely via Zoom.

Wednesday, March 9:

Ortho Virginia presents "Living with Arthritis: Non-Operative Solutions"

Blacksburg Library; noon. Dr. Stephen Brett Whitfield, MD from Ortho Virginia will present "Living with Arthritis: Non-Operative Solutions." Topics will cover basic information about arthritis and pain management. The workshop will be offered in-person and virtually. Call the library at 540-552-8246 for the workshop link.

Evening Book Talk: "The Book of Lost Names"

Christiansburg Library; 6:30 p.m. This month "The Book of Lost Names" by Kristin Harmel will be discussed, in-person and virtually.

Thursday, March 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.

Talking about Books: "The Cadaver King and the Country Dentist"

Meadowbrook Public Library; 11 a.m. To be discussed is "The Cadaver King and the Country Dentist" by Radley Balko. Call (540) 268-1964 for more information or to reserve a copy.

Adulting 101: "Cooking for yourself without starting a kitchen fire"

Blacksburg Library; 6:30 p.m. For those who are about to leave home or live on their own for the first time, cooking can be intimidating. Come learn the basics of what is needed in a kitchen and how to make simple, nutritional meals without burning the place to the ground. Come for the free food and go home with resources and recipes to start your cooking adventures. Best for ages 16 and older. Registration is recommended. This program will be offered in person and online. Call the library at 540-552-8246 for the link to participate.

Friday, March 11:

AARP Tax-Aide assistance

Meadowbrook Public Library; 11 a.m. AARP Tax-Aide is the nation's largest free volunteer-run tax counseling and preparation service, preparing tax returns and answering tax questions free of charge. Membership in AARP and status as a senior citizen are not required to use this service. AARP Tax-Aide offers free electronic filing using IRS-provided tax preparation software. No business or farm returns will be done. Registration is required. Call the library for more information (540) 268-1964.

All ages storytime - now online

Virtual/Online; 11 a.m. Share stories, rhymes, music and movement, and a craft as a family. Develop early literacy skills and encourage a love of reading. Contact spahl@mfrl.org for the link.

Teen Game Day

Blacksburg Library; 1 p.m. Spend the afternoon playing games like Among Us and Jackbox in person with other teens. Library staff highly recommend bringing a device and downloading Among Us prior to the program. Pizza and beverages will be provided. Registration is required.

Sunday, March 13:

Chess Club

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

Monday, March 14:

Tiny art show - Registration required

Register to participate in a tiny art show at the Radford Public Library. The library will provide the supplies; participants will do the work. A small 3x3 canvas will be provided along with paint, and a paintbrush. Return a finished canvas for a tiny art show at the library. Kits can be picked up by registrants on March 14, and tiny masterpieces will need to be returned by April 4 for the Radford Public Library's Tiny Art Gallery.

Crafternoon Delight for adults only

1 to 2 p.m. Needles, crochet hooks and yarn will be available for tutorials and practice during this session of Crafternoon Delight. Knowledgeable staff can help with needlework crafts and with putting a blanket together for Project Linus with supplies provided.

Sunday, March 20:

Unveiling ceremony of the African American Memory & Storyboard Project

The unveiling ceremony for the Christiansburg Institute's African American Memory & Storyboard Project will be held in downtown Christiansburg at the square in front of the post office at 3 p.m.

Tuesday, March 22:

Radford Chamber of Commerce seminar series

A seminar on professional networking, linkedin and building career and relationships sponsored by the Radford Chamber of Commerce will be held at Long Way Brewing from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. No cost for chamber members. \$10 for non-chamber members \$10.

Wednesday, March 23:

Radford Army Ammunitions Plant Community Meeting

Christiansburg Public Library; 6 p.m. This community meeting will discuss modernization and environmental projects and compliance and corrective actions at the Radford Army Ammunition Plant. Staff members from the U.S. Army and BAE Systems will be on hand to engage with the public. Questions ahead of the meeting may be sent to usarmy.radford.peo-eis.list.rfaap-public-affairs@mail.mil.

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Dancers perform onstage for "Memphis Jookin': The Show."

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Lil Buck and crew evoke the powerful energy of the streets with 'Memphis Jookin'

On the heels of its recent premiere in Memphis, Tenn., renowned dancer Lil Buck brings his newest creation to the Moss Arts Center stage on Thursday, March 17, at 7:30 p.m. Buck is joined by 11 dancers for "Memphis Jookin': The Show," taking the audience on a journey to the fabled city where Memphis Jookin' was born to document how the art form emerged from local street dance to international phenomenon.

The performance will be held in the center's Anne and Ellen Fife Theatre, located within the Street and Davis Performance Hall at 190 Alumni Mall.

Charles "Lil Buck" Riley is a movement artist known for bringing a free-style-based street dance involving intricate footwork, called Memphis Jookin', to mainstream audiences. Raised in Memphis, Buck was introduced to the urban street dance style around the age of 13. He quickly made a niche for himself by adding his own style and imagination to create signature moves, which include gliding across space as if gravity doesn't exist.

"Jookin' was this diamond in the rough. It was raw, real, and gangster," Buck says. "I'd only ever seen people like Michael Jackson dancing on VHS tapes, living a superstar life that wasn't attainable. So when I saw Jookin' being done in my own backyard and being danced by people who looked like me, that blew my mind. I knew immediately: I want that so bad."

Buck catapulted into mainstream pop culture after director Spike Jonze uploaded a video of the dancer's improvisation with cellist Yo-Yo Ma as he performed Camille Saint-Saëns' "The Swan." The video quickly went viral, getting over 3 million views and making Buck a YouTube sensation.

Since then, Buck has worked with Cirque du Soleil for its production of "Michael Jackson: One," New York City Ballet and choreographer Benjamin Millepied, singer and actress

Janelle Monáe, and Madonna for her 2012 Super Bowl halftime show and two world tours.

Buck collaborated with dancer Jon Boogz and artist Alexa Meade to create "Color of Reality," a short film addressing gun violence, and starred in the nature-inspired short film "Honor Thy Mother," which addresses the need for humans to take better care of our planet. Buck is co-founder of Movement Art Is (MAI), an organization focused on using movement artistry to inspire change in the world.

Members of multiple Virginia Tech student dance crews will observe a private rehearsal of "Memphis Jookin'" and engage in a discussion with the performers. Area students in grades 7-12 will experience a special school-day performance of "Memphis Jookin': The Show," supplemented by a study guide with educational information, guiding questions, and resources for teachers' instruction.

Tickets for the performances are \$35 for general admission and \$10 for Virginia Tech students and youth 18 and under. Tickets can be purchased online; at the Moss Arts Center's box office, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday; or by calling 540-231-5300 during box office hours.

The Moss Arts Center adheres to the guidelines of the Virginia Department of Health and Virginia Tech in its operations, including protocols for face coverings and cleaning and sanitation.

Paid parking is available in the North End Parking Garage on Turner Street. Virginia Tech faculty and staff possessing a valid Virginia Tech parking permit can enter and exit the garage free of charge. Virginia Tech has also partnered with ParkMobile to provide a convenient, contactless electronic payment option for parking, which may be used at any parking meter, campus parking space, or lot with standard F/S, C/G, or R parking.

Virginia Tech celebrates 100 years of women with a month of programming in March

By Melody Warnick

The month of March brings two reasons to celebrate women: International Women's Month and the anniversary of 100 years of women at Virginia Tech.

In 1921, the first small group of white women was admitted as full-time students to Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College and Polytechnic Institute (VPI), completing its first year on campus the following spring. Mary Ella Carr Brumfield, Ruth Terrett, Lucy Lee Lancaster, Louise Jacobs, and Carrie Taylor Sibold graduated in 1925.

Not until 1958 would enrollment of women at VPI reach 200 (4.1 percent of the student body), and not until 1966 did the first Black women students join the student population.

In honor of Women's Month and to commemorate Virginia Tech's historic milestone for women, the university will hold a series of events throughout March, including exhibits, panel discussions, luncheons, tours, webinars, networking events, and a film screening. A highlight will be a conversation with 94-year-old Opal Lee, a 2022 Nobel Peace Prize nominee for her

work to make Juneteenth a national holiday, held on March 27 in Burruss Auditorium.

A partial schedule of events is as follows:

MARCH 8

The Twenties: Virginia Women after the Great War (Exhibition)

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tuesdays through Saturdays, Alexander Black House and Cultural Center Gallery. This exhibition of historic fashion will be on display through April 23 for visitors to enjoy. It is sponsored by the Department of Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management.

Hokies for Good: Modernizing Miss America

11 a.m., via Zoom

In honor of International Women's Day, Miss America 1979 Kylene Barker McNeill and Miss America 2020 Camille Schrier will take part in a virtual conversation. The talk will focus on their impact on modernizing the Miss America pageant. Hokies for Good is a series celebrating the exceptional members of the Hokie Nation who have dedicated their careers to humanity's most pressing issues. Co-sponsored by Virginia Tech Advancement/Chapter Programs.

International Women's Day at the Y

5 p.m., The YMCA at Virginia Tech, Lancaster House, 403 Washington St.

As the world celebrates International Women's Day on March 8 to acknowledge women's achievements, raise awareness against bias, and take action toward equity, the YMCA at Virginia Tech will participate in the global event for a second year. The celebration will take place on March 8 starting with a visit at 5 p.m. to the residence of the late Lucy Lee Lancaster, one of the first five women graduates of Virginia Tech — then Virginia Agricultural College and Polytechnic Institute — in 1925.

During the visit participants will learn about how Lucy Lee befriended the Y and became a steadfast supporter of its efforts to develop cause-driven college students who were positioned to create positive change in the world. To help ensure the Y's ability to continue this impact, Lucy Lee bequeathed her residence, the Lancaster House, to the organization.

After the short presentation, a ceremony

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Services for Students with Disabilities removes barriers within the Virginia Tech community

The access specialists team members of Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) ensure that the disability community at Virginia Tech is provided with the necessary accommodations to advance in their academic journey.

"SSD is critical to the success of many students. The role that we play has a lot to do with finding systemic barriers that students encounter in the classroom and finding accommodations that will remove those barriers for them, so that the classes remain just as challenging and not a challenge that wouldn't exist if they didn't have a disability," said Associate Director Christa Miller, who joined the SSD team this year.

SSD is vital for students who need classroom and academic accommodations. As part of Virginia Tech Student Affairs, SSD serves undergraduate and graduate students at all Virginia Tech campuses, as well as distance and online learners, international students, veterans, and students who attend the veterinary medicine and medical

schools.

The Americans with Disabilities Act defines a disability as a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities of an individual. Disabilities are present in three ways: hidden, visible, and emergent. Visible disabilities include wheelchair users, an amputee, or a blind person walking with a guide dog or a cane while emergent disabilities include broken limbs, concussions, and acute illnesses. Although some disabilities are not overtly obvious, such as ADHD, deafness, depression, or cystic fibrosis, they are just as impactful to a person and can still limit major life activity. Disabilities can alter the way a student takes notes, understands or interprets lectures, or the ability to attend class.

The staff at SSD offers students a number of services and accommodations, including the SSD testing center, note takers, alternate text, accommodations for deaf and hard of hearing students, among numerous other accommodations.

SSD currently has five access specialists that assist students with accommodations in specific departments throughout campus.

Donna Glass Smith works with students in the College of Engineering (last names A-G), and with students in both university studies, as well as the graduate population at the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine. She is a certified rehabilitation counselor who earned her master's degree in rehabilitation counseling in 2008 and her education specialist degree in counselor education in 2016, both from the University of Alabama. She's previously worked as an accommodations specialist at the University of Alabama and as an associate professor and counselor in the Virginia's Community College System. Glass Smith has served as a counselor at SSD since 2014.

Haylee Simpkins joined SSD in 2018 working with the front office and the Werth Testing Center. She works with students in the College of Agriculture

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

The access specialists and associate director pose for a photo outside of the Services for Students with Disabilities office in Lavery Hall. Left to right: Varie Lynn, Shequetta Gravely, Haylee Simpkins, Matt Shelor, Christa Miller, and Donna Glass Smith.

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Directions – From Christiansburg - Head northeast on W Main St toward S. Franklin St - Take Ellett Rd NE approximately 6 miles - Left onto Lusters Gate - Property on right, before clubhouse drive.

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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 southbound 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 late 2022.

LANE CLOSURES:
 A left lane closure will be in place on I-81 northbound between mile marker 104-106 beginning at 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 26 through 7 a.m. on Sunday morning, March 27.

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 nearing completion. Remaining work involves lighting installations at the intersections

and under the bridges. Lane closures may be possible. Work zone and reduced speed limit signs have been removed on I-81. Estimated completion is early 2022.

ROUTE 615 CULVERT REPLACEMENT – Beginning April 11, 2022, Route 615 (Pilot Road) will undergo a culvert replacement located at the intersection of Pilot Road and Old Pike Road, across from the Pilot Post Office. Single lane closures will be in place and will be maintained by utilizing temporary traffic signals.

Storyboards

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followed by a citizen's address from Dr. N.L. Bishop at 3:35 p.m. Jordin Harris, a senior at Christiansburg High School and a student intern at Christiansburg Institute, will speak at 3:15 p.m.

During introductions, Christiansburg Mayor Mike Barber will address the public and share a few words about this historic milestone achievement for all of the Montgomery County community.

Beginning in 2018, Christiansburg Institute and the Montgomery Museum of Art & History staff, board members, and local community members began to organize and take action to preserve and increase awareness about the county's deeply rich African American history and culture.

The group set out to do this work by

determining a set of shared values that would guide the project: truth-telling, honesty, and reconciliation, specifically around challenging and contested histories where generational harm and racial trauma are ongoing and narratives are competing. The outcome of this work was the construction and erection of three new history and educational storyboards in downtown Christiansburg in the town-owned quadrant in front of the post office.

The Town of Christiansburg granted approval for the project in July 2021 to cultivate this public space with the addition of the storyboards to illustrate African American history in Montgomery County. The signs are themed "Community Life," "Education," and "Slavery in Montgomery County."

Women's month

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at 6 p.m. at the YMCA at international women Virginia Tech will present and will acknowledge a special recognition of women members of the

community who come from different parts of the world and take an active part locally to make this area better for everyone.

MARCH 9
 Virginia Tech Softball International Women's Day Game

4 p.m., VT Softball Park
 The VT softball team will take on Norfolk State in a doubleheader at 4 and 6 pm to recognize International Women's Day and celebrate the 2022 Women's Month theme of 100 Years of Women at Virginia Tech. The day will feature a Pink Shaker giveaway. Sponsored by VT Athletics.

MARCH 10
 The Grey Area: How to Conquer Shame, Overcome Rejections, and Discover Joy during Adversity

6:30 p.m., Blacksburg Books

With her book launch on International Women's Day 2022, author Ally Shaw will discuss her book, "Chasing Tigers in the Dark," a raw and revealing memoir that explores her traumatic experiences while shining a light of hope on a beautiful love story proliferated from the ashes of a painful past. Hosted by Blacksburg Books.

MARCH 14
 Let's Embrace APIDA-

ness: Combating Ethnocentric Beauty Norms That Negate Our Unique Beauty

12:30 p.m. via Zoom
 Hanako Baker, M.S., is at Cook Counseling Center for the 2021-22 academic year during the last leg of her doctoral training. Baker is Japanese American and is passionate about serving the Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) community as a mental health professional. Co-sponsored by the Asian Cultural Engagement Center, the Cook Counseling Center, and the Women's Center at Virginia Tech.

MARCH 15
 Meeting of the VT Women's Alliance and Caucus

noon, Technology-enhanced Learning and Support (TLOS), 801 University City Blvd., Suite 21

Learn more about the Women's Alliance and Caucus, a group of faculty, staff, and graduate students dedicated to advancing equity at Virginia Tech.

Reception: The Twenties: Virginia Women after the Great War

6 p.m., Alexander Black House and Cultural Center Gallery

A reception celebrates this historic fashion exhibition, which runs through April 23. Co-sponsored by the Department of Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management and the Alexander Black House and Cultural Center Gallery.

MARCH 16
 Luncheon for the Women of Pamplin

11:45 a.m. The Inn at

Virginia Tech, Blacksburg campus and Room 333, Falls Church campus.

The Pamplin College of Business is hosting a luncheon for Pamplin women faculty and staff in honor of 100 Years of Women at Virginia Tech and National Women's History Month. Lunch will be available on both the Blacksburg and the Falls Church campuses. Sponsored by the Pamplin College of Business Office for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging.

Discover Chub – Builders of Deerfield Trail

12:30 p.m., Creativity and Innovation District LLC, 185 Kent St. First Floor Common Space.

Learn how graduate students are being included not only in research about the Bluehead Chub but also in creating artistic representations of this research. This presentation is about the SciArt Collaboration between fish and wildlife conservation. Faculty member Dr. Emmanuel Frimpong and his lab and Dr. Eugene Maurakis, C. Meranda Flachs-Surmanek, and Hiromi Okumura will discuss a fascinating fish species in which the male parent builds a pebble nest and guards the eggs. Co-sponsored by the Center for Communicative Science, the Department of Fish and Wildlife Conservation, the School of Visual Arts, and the Department of Theatre and Cinema.

The Past, Present and Future of Oysters in NYC's Harbor

7 p.m., Creativity and Innovation District LLC,

will serve Alexandria Burke Centre, Manassas, Culpeper, Charlottesville, Lynchburg, and Roanoke and will travel to and from Washington, D.C., and Amtrak's Northeast Corridor. Finally, the agreement acknowledges the potential for a future station in Bedford.

The commonwealth's Transforming Rail in Virginia initiative is expected to grow Virginia's economy by more than \$2 billion annually.

185 Kent St., Performance Room C

Oyster City AR is an augmented reality walking tour and game featuring the rise and fall and rise of oysters in New York City and its surrounding estuaries. Created by interdisciplinary artist Meredith Drum, the AR app is focused on the ecology of the harbor in relation to oysters as keystone species and economic, historical, and social product. It highlights the importance of oyster reefs as potential flood blockers and agents of bioremediation. Participants are invited to visit nine key sites across Governors Island, NYC. Sponsored by the Center for Communicative Science and the School of Visual Arts.

Women Leading in Science and Engineering

7 p.m., Webinar

In celebration of 100 years of women at Virginia Tech, this webinar features outstanding alumnae as they share their stories about opportunities and challenges in their careers, followed by small group discussions. Highlighted will be women leaders who have pushed boundaries within their fields. Featuring Ingrid Vaughan, Sector Vice President and General Manager, Navigation and Maritime Systems Division; and Roshan Roeder, Vice President, Communications, Airborne Sensors and Networks Division, both at Northrop Grumman Mission Systems. Sponsored by the College of Engineering

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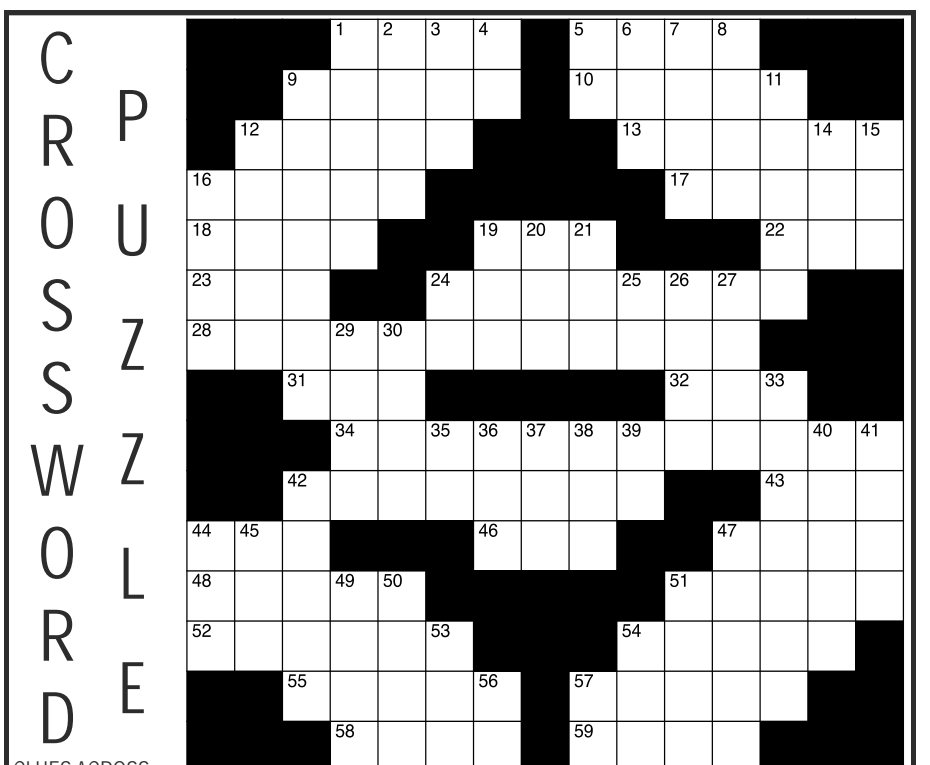
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OBITUARIES

Presley, Rose Mary

Rose Mary Presley, 74, of Thomas Presley, Jr., and Tatum; a Pearisburg, passed away at Carilion niece, Heather Presley; great-nieces New River Valley Medical Center on Kara, and Emma; feline companion Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2022.

She retired from the Virginia Employment Commission after 37 years of service. Rose Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Claude and Bernice Presley; a sister, Nancy Presley Watson; and a brother, Beverly Presley.

Survivors include her confidant and life partner, Shirley Garretson; her brother and sister-in-law, Thomas and Marilyn Presley; a nephew and his wife,



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

Shelor, Edward Eugene "Dobie"

Edward Eugene "Dobie" Shelor, 82, of Draper, passed away Monday, Feb. 28, 2022.

He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church in Pulaski. He retired from Volvo Trucks after 23 years of service and was a meat cutter at Garters Food Center and Food Fair.

Dobie loved restoring, rebuilding, and then selling old cars, and from that love of cars, he co-founded the NRV Street Rod Association. He was a loving family man and a friend to everyone he met.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Levi and Delsie Shelor; a brother, Vernon Shelor; and a sister, Kathleen "Kat" Cochran.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Mary "Pete" Burton Shelor; daughters and sons-in-law Gina and Rick Patton, and Kelli and Joe Russell; grandchildren

Kristopher Shelor-Bourne (Jennifer), Sara Russell, and Emily Russell; great-grandchildren Kayla Jones (Robby) and Ali Hodge; lifelong friends Jack and Mary Ellen Byrd; a niece, two nephews, and many other relatives and friends.



The family will receive friends from noon until 2 p.m. today, Saturday, March 5, 2022, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services will begin at 2 p.m. with Johnny Howlett officiating. Interment will follow in Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to Trinity Baptist Church, 4008 Robinson Tract Rd., Pulaski, VA 24301.

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

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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 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, 540-639-4419. Worship is broadcast live on 105.9 FM, 101.3 F, 1430AM.

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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.

EPISCOPAL

Grace Episcopal Church, 210 4th Street, Radford, 639-3494. A friendly, mission-

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Read Judges 17:1 through 21:25

Cities are racked by chaos. Innocents are cruelly victimized. People of all stripes—leaders and followers alike—lie and steal, thinking nothing of it. Rage, destruction, and brutality are the stuff of daily headlines. When did things get so bad?

This world is no stranger to dark times, including the period of the Israelite judges. Today's reading is full of horrific violence and inhumanity. After the miracles that brought the Israelites into the Promised Land, how did everything fall apart? Was it because they had no ruler to keep them in line? After all, it was repeatedly emphasized that "Israel had no king." But there's more to it than that.

In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit (Judges 21:25).

Our world is what it is because fit. God's every action demonstrates that He desires peace, compassion, and community—things sorely missing from this world. Until we have the mind of Christ, politics will never offer hope. Our world doesn't need a king. It needs God.

Prayer Suggestion: Father, remake my will from the inside out, so that I will desire what You desire.

Quicklook: Judges 21:15-25

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oriented spiritual community sharing the Word of God. ALL ARE WELCOME. In person and live-streamed services 10:30AM Sundays. Holy Eucharist twice a month. Morning Prayer twice a month. Fellowship and refreshments follow services. Find us on Facebook: Grace Episcopal Church and www.graceradford.org.

LUTHERAN

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

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS

Merrimac Pentecostal Holiness Church, Rev. Larry Christopher (540) 552-7194. l.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 provided. www.centralmethodistchurch.com.
St. Paul United Methodist Church, 220 W. Main St., C'Burg. Rev. Moonsup "Paul" Song (540) 382-2410. Sunday Worship 10am, Sunday School 9am. Live streaming Sunday Service - www.twitch.tv/stpaulumc.

OBITUARIES

Duffus, Nancy Ellen

Nancy Ellen Duffus (née Rooney), 76, transitioned peacefully on Feb. 26, 2022, surrounded by her three children in Radford.

Born in the Bronx, N.Y., on Sept. 21, 1945, she was preceded in death by her parents, Lawrence James Rooney and Mary Agnes (née Carque), of West Saugerties, New York.

Survivors include her children, Colin Duffus (Elizabeth) of Port Jervis, New York, Katie Newman (James) of Radford, and Kara Duffus of Los Angeles, Calif.; grandchildren Adri, Annabella, Winter, and Walker; a sister, Mary Jane Mosier of Harrington Park, N.J.; father of her children Robert Duffus, Jr., of Palm Coast, Fla.; lifelong friends and the tribe at Lindgren School in Closter, N.J.; and many other relatives and friends.

Nancy was a graduate of Dumont High School. She lived in San Francisco during the 60's with her sister, Jane, and friend Diane. She worked at U.S. News and World Report in Manhattan during the

blackout of '65. She taught at Lindgren School for 40 years and spent many years of her youth and her retirement in the Catskill Mountains of West Saugerties/Woodstock N.Y.



Nancy was a true rolling stone and free spirit who spent the last years of her life traveling from New York, New Jersey, Virginia, and California to visit her children, grandchildren, and friends. She lived life on her own terms, she had no regrets and absolutely loved her life with no exceptions.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date at Lindgren School in Closter, N.J. Anyone interested in attending can email NEDUFFUS@gmail.com.

In lieu of flowers, purchase a pass to a national or state park to use and create memories.

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

Shelton, Janet Altizer

Janet Altizer Shelton, 87, of Hiwassee, passed away Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022.

She was a member of Snowville Baptist Church and retired from Atmos Energy.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Shirley and Ocie Altizer; her husband, Cecil Clinton Shelton; a son, Cecil Clinton Shelton, Jr.; grandson Justin Smith; son-in-law Chipper Phillips; and her brother, Don Altizer.

Survivors include her daughters, Karen Cox and husband Jerry, and Patty Phillips and Les Hall; grandchildren Kim Cox Griffiths (Joe), Amy Cox Aust (Bryan), Alan Cox, Emily Smith McGrail (Ken Richardson), Ashley Phillips Hill

(Adam) and Holly Smith; nine great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; sisters and brothers-in-law Sandra White and Bob, and Bonnie Lucas and David; and many other relatives and friends.



Funeral services were held on Thursday, March 3, 2022, at Snowville Baptist Church with Pastor Tony Hart and the Rev. Neil Wood officiating. Graveside services were held on Friday,

March 4, 2022, in Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin. In lieu of flowers, the family requested contributions to Snowville Baptist Church.

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

Ag safety week encourages farmers to prepare, prevent and protect

The commonwealth's farmers are reminded to keep safety at the top of their minds during this year's Agricultural Safety Awareness Program Week, March 7-11.

Farming and agriculture jobs remain among the most hazardous, and that's why the American Farm Bureau Federation organizes a weeklong commemoration each year to promote safety and health in agricultural and rural communities.

This year's theme is "Prepare. Prevent. Protect." Throughout the week farming organizations will highlight

safety related to livestock, finances, disaster preparedness, youth, and equipment.

Youth all-terrain and utility task vehicle safety also will be addressed during the week. According to the National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety, more than 100,000 emergency room visits take place annually due to ATV- and UTV-related injuries, and about 650 people die in ATV and UTV incidents each year. Between 25% and 50% of the injuries and fatalities involve children.

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Offering 1 – This offering features +/- 30 acres of great pastureland with incredible views of Wills Ridge and Buffalo Mountain. There is a small pond on the tract which could be stocked and used for fishing! Approximately 4 acres of this offering is wooded and there are a few old farm buildings. Buy this property for farming, hunting, recreational use or for building a country home with views!

Offering 2 – This offering features +/- 25 acres with a 2 story 3 bedroom, 1 bath farmhouse. The home is on a well & septic and was built around 1900. There is a granary and a few old barns along with a small log cabin with rock chimney. The cabin is overlooking a small pond which would be great for fishing if kept stocked. Buy this property and enjoy the views of Buffalo Mountain and Wills Ridge. The land is mostly rolling pasture and would be great for farming. You could also purchase this property for hunting, recreational use or as a homestead.

Preview on Saturday March 5th @ 11 AM

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Blue Ridge Land & Auction Co., Inc

Christiansburg Domino's to celebrate International Women's Day by donating 100% of sales to charities

Domino's Christiansburg store, located at 1655 Roanoke St., will celebrate International Women's Day on Tuesday, March 8, by donating 100% of its sales to two local nonprofits: the Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley and Lishy's Gift in Roanoke. The store will also be 100% staffed by female team members March 8.

"We wanted to do something meaningful in honor of International Women's Day as it's a day that is very near and dear to our hearts," said Kevin Shaw, franchise owner of the local Domino's store. "We hope that the community comes out and supports these fantastic charities by ordering Domino's on March 8."

Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley provides programs and services to victims of sexual and domestic violence. The

female-run center has been helping those in need since 1977. Lishy's Gift is also a female-led nonprofit that aims to increase the quality of life for young adult cancer patients in the Roanoke area.

On March 8, Domino's will also host Ally Shaw, co-franchise owner of Domino's in Christiansburg and author of "Chasing Tigers in the Dark: Life Lessons of a Fierce Survivor." Ally Shaw's book is a revealing memoir about overcoming cancer, abuse, hardship, and trauma. A portion of the sale of each book sale will go to the two charities, Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley and Lishy's Gift.

Domino's will be open from 10 a.m. to midnight on March 8. To place an order, visit www.dominos.com or call 540-585-4010.

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 In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated January 25, 2006, in the original principal amount of \$43,700.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 06000887. 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 April 11, 2022, at 3:30 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THOSE CERTAIN TRACTS OR PARCELS OF LAND WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE SHAWSVILLE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AND BEING ALL OF TWO (2) TRACTS OR PARCELS OF LAND, AS SHOWN ON A

Legals - Montgomery County

 PLAT OF SURVEY STYLED "PLAT OF PROPERTY TO BE ACQUIRED BY NELL T. JEFFERSON", DATED JUNE 21, 1988, PREPARED BY CLEAN WATER ENGINEERS, INC., AND DESIGNATED AS DRAWING NUMBER S-8, WHICH MAP IS RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 14, PAGE 158. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten 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

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 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 www.bwvsales.com. 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, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWV Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsales.com. VA-307497-2.

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL
 The Town of Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on, Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

 A. Conditional Use Permit request by Jacqueline Marshall, owner, and Shaun Chuyka, lessee, to allow a contractor's equipment storage yard in the General Business District (B-3) on property located at 301 Depot Street, NW, Tax Parcel 526 - ((23)) - (BK1) - 12, Parcel ID 007535. The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

 B. Rezoning request by John D. and Arnela V. Elmore, owners, and Garand Hopkins III, contract purchaser, from Agricultural District A to General Business District B-3 for a

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 portion of the property located at 710 Peppers Ferry Road, Tax Parcel 435 - ((A)) - 23; Parcel ID 021274. The property is designated as Residential 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 application, 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

Hokie football assistants prepare for new chapter in coaching careers

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Pierson (PJ) Prioleau has fond memories of playing at Lane Stadium. Those memories are what convinced him to move his family to nearby Radford and set up shop.

"I have always called this home and when I left the NFL, Radford felt just right."

A fourth-round selection of the San Francisco 49ers in the 1999 NFL Draft, the defensive back played in 160 career regular season games (50 starts) with San Francisco (1999-00), Buffalo (2001-04), Washington (2005-07), Jacksonville (2008), and New Orleans (2009-10), accumulating 446 total tackles (348 solo), one interception, one safety, and four fumble recoveries.

He spent three years on the sidelines at Radford High School as the oldest son. When Justin Fuente took the head coaching job at Virginia Tech, Prioleau was happy to take a call that would bring him back to his alma mater in 2019 as director of player development. When Fuente left last December, he wondered if he had a job.

Then new coach Brent Pry took the reins and promoted Prioleau to safeties coach.

"You could call it a perfect storm for me and my family," Prioleau said. "This is home."

Prioleau was one of several assistant coaches who sat down Tuesday night with members of the media. He told writers that the staff was jelling in all the right ways. While many media members knew Prioleau, other coaches had to introduce themselves.

"There are a lot of hungry young coaches now on this staff," Prioleau said.

The new faces on the staff spoke about the relationship each had with Pry and what brought them to Blacksburg.

A 12-year coaching veteran, Tyler Bowen most recently served as the tight ends

coach for the Jacksonville Jaguars during the 2021 season and came to Blacksburg to serve as offensive coordinator.

Bowen previously worked with Pry at Penn State, serving as Penn State's co-offensive coordinator/offensive recruiting coordinator/tight ends coach during the 2020 season. He coached tight ends and handled the offensive recruiting coordinator duties for the Nittany Lions in 2018-19.

Prior to his tenure at Penn State, Bowen served as the offensive line coach at his alma mater of Maryland during the 2017 season. The Helena, Ga., native also spent two years at Fordham, serving as offensive coordinator/offensive line coach in 2016 after joining the Rams as offensive line coach in 2015.

"I am a small-town kid from Georgia that grew up farming," Bowen said. Thus he is finding his new home to his liking.

Media members were especially interested in what his Virginia Tech offense will look like.

Bowen joked that he wants to score as many points as possible. "You can't have one system to fit everyone. Instead, you have to have one that fits the personnel," he said.

Chris Marve comes to Virginia Tech after serving as defensive run game coordinator/linebackers coach at Florida State for the past two seasons. Marve helped the Seminoles make dramatic strides in their run defense in 2021. Florida State allowed 147.6 rushing yards per game this past season, an improvement of 51.6 yards per game over 2020.

Marve comes to Blacksburg as Pry's offensive coordinator.

He admitted to being a "relationship oriented person. "That is important to me," Marve told the group.

He began his coaching career at his alma mater of Vanderbilt in 2014 as a defensive quality control assistant where he became familiar with Pry, who was also on that staff. He had never been to Blacksburg until he stepped off the plane



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Virginia Tech safeties coach PJ Prioleau and other Hokie assistants met with members of the media Tuesday night in the player's lounge in the Merriman Center.

on Day 1.

His past includes time as a middle school math teacher and a runner for a legal firm. Neither career was for him, so he returned to the coaching realm.

Quarterback Coach Brad Glenn comes to Blacksburg following a three-year run as offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach at Georgia State and has previously been a Broyles Award nominee as the top assistant coach in the nation.

He owns a reputation for developing record-setting passers at virtually every stop of his collegiate coaching career, including Appalachian State quarterback Armani Edwards, who became the first two-time winner of the Walter Payton Award, presented annually to the nation's top FCS player.

Glenn also spent seven seasons as the associate head coach, offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Western Carolina from 2012-18.

Joe Rudolph spent the past seven seasons serving as associate head coach/run game coordinator/offensive line coach at the University of Wisconsin and is considered a big "get" for Pry and the Hokie program. Most media outlets have labeled him as the best offensive line coach in the country.

Rudolph said the opportunity to come here was just perfect timing and so many things lined up really well.

"I had heard an incredible amount about Coach Pry from the recruiting

process," Rudolph said. "Recruiting is interesting because you build relationships, and it is kind of different because in that relationship, someone says 'Yes, I want to be on your team or no, I don't want to be on your team,' but you learn a lot about people during that, including other coaches and when families that you recruit hold people in very high regard, you know they have something special about them as people and that's all I ever heard about Coach Pry."

The change in geography also gave his wife and him a chance to get closer to family. His wife is originally from West Virginia and has family in North Carolina. Joe grew up in Pennsylvania.

He also said his new coaching location had to be at a place where there were great academics. This is important when recruiting players, Rudolph said. Having a great fan base was another reason that brought him here.

"I am really pumped for the challenges that lie ahead in getting this thing right, and I am really enjoying the guys I am getting to do it with," Rudolph said. "I love the staff that Coach Pry put together. I think it speaks to his being a person about people because I think the people he hired have that same feeling."

Now the new staff will try to get acquainted with returning players and what they bring to the starting line. The first game of the 2022 season is Friday, Sept. 2 against Old Dominion.

Radford's Shaquan Jules, Jr., named to All-Big South Academic Team

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Radford University finished in the bottom of the Big South men's basketball standings this year and had only one player voted to the all-conference lists released Wednesday. Shaquan Jules, Jr., was selected for the league's All-Academic team.

Winthrop redshirt-junior forward DJ Burns, Jr., and Longwood head coach Griff Aldrich were voted the 2021-22 Big South Conference Men's Basketball Player of the Year and Coach of the Year, respectively, by the league's head coaches and media panel, the conference office announced Tuesday morning.

The panel voted High Point guard Zack Austin and USC Upstate guard Jordan Gainey Co-Freshman of the Year and UNC Asheville junior Drew Pember as the league's Defensive Player of the Year. Presbyterian College junior forward Owen McCormack was voted Scholar-Athlete of the Year by the league's Sports Information Directors.

Burns becomes the sixth different Eagle to receive Big South Player of the Year honors and the fourth in the last six years. The Rock Hill, S.C., native led Winthrop with 15.3 points per game and shot a conference-leading 63.5 percent from the field in 2021-22. He became just the fifth Eagle to reach the 1,000-point plateau before his senior season, as he shined in Winthrop's road win over Pac-12 opponent Washington with 24 points and nine rebounds.

Against conference opponents, Burns averaged 13.8 points per game and shot 64.1 percent from the floor. He received five first-place votes and 318 total points from the panel, ahead of Asheville's Pember (311 points, seven first-place votes) and Longwood's Justin Hill (297 points, 12 first-place votes).

Aldrich earned his first Coach of the Year honor and became the first Longwood coach to claim the yearly award. The Lancers were projected to finish second in the Big South's North Division in the annual preseason poll, but Aldrich led the team to the division championship and the outright Big South regular-season title, the program's first since joining the conference prior to the start of the 2012-13 season.

Longwood closed the regular season with a 15-1 conference mark and put together the program's longest winning streak since 1993-94 with 11 straight wins from Jan. 5 through Feb. 10. Longwood led the conference in scoring offense (76.1), scoring margin (+11.0), and rebounding (37.3). Aldrich received 23 first-place votes and 75 total points in the voting, ahead of USC Upstate's Dave Dickerson (three first-place votes, 38 points).

Pember becomes the first Bulldog since the 2017-18 season to earn Defensive Player of the Year honors. The junior from Knoxville closed the regular season ranked second in the Big South in rebounding with a 6.6 clip and paced the league with three blocks per contest. His 84 blocks on the season is the most by a Big South player since the 2013-14 season and ranks fourth all-time in program history. He shined on the defensive glass, as he ranked second in the conference with 4.7 defensive boards per game.

In Defensive Player of the Year voting, Pember received six first-place votes and 33 total points, ahead of Winthrop's Chase Claxton (27 points, six first-place votes) and Longwood's De-Shaun Wade (24 points, three first-place votes).

Austin (Winston-Salem, N.C.) becomes the first Panther to earn Freshman of the Year honors since 2012-13 and the third overall. The forward ended the regular season ranked seventh in the conference in scoring (14.5 points per game) and paced the league in rebounds (7.8). Against conference opponents, Austin averaged 15.1 points per game and was the only player to average more than eight rebounds per contest with an 8.1 clip. He led all freshmen with seven 20-point efforts on the season, headlined by a season-high 26-point game against UNC Asheville on Feb. 5. Austin claimed a Big South-record eight Freshman of the Week honors this season.

Gainey (Tucson, Ariz.) became the first Spartan to earn the Freshman of the Year award. Against Big South opponents, the guard tied for seventh in scoring at 16.3 points per game and was the only player to shoot over 50 percent from 3-point range at 54.1 percent. The seventh-time Freshman of the Week honoree also ranked sixth in field-goal percentage (49.4 percent) and eighth in free-throw percentage (81.2). He closed the regular season with 21 double-figure scoring games and scored 15 or more in 14 of his 16 conference games.

Austin and Gainey received 104 points each while Austin received 13 first-place votes and Gainey collected seven. It marks the first time since the 1992-93 season the Freshman/Rookie of the Year award has been split.

McCormack is a 3.85 student studying business administration with a data analytics concentration and economics. Earlier this season, McCormack was one of two Big South representatives on the CoSIDA Academic All-District team. This season, McCormack saw action in all 31 games with a couple of starts. He scored in double figures five times that included a season-high 13 points in Presbyterian's win over The Citadel on Nov. 15.

The league's tournament officially got underway this past Wednesday with Radford at the eighth seed.

VT's Justyn Mutts, Elizabeth Kitley earn ACC awards

Hokies graduate forward Justyn Mutts has been selected as the recipient of the ACC's 2021-22 Skip Prosser Award for men's basketball, and VT junior center Elizabeth Kitley has been honored as the recipient of the conference's Kay Yow Award for women's basketball for 2021-22. Kitley's award came on the heels of her being named Tuesday as the ACC's women's Player of the Year, the first Hokie to be so honored.

The Skip Prosser Award is presented annually to the top scholar-athlete in ACC men's basketball. It is named in memory of Wake Forest head basketball coach George Edward "Skip" Prosser, who passed away on July 26, 2007.

The Kay Yow Award is presented annually to the top scholar-athlete in ACC women's basketball. It is named in memory of legendary women's basketball coach Kay Yow, who won 737 games as a head coach while directing NC State to four ACC tournament championships and coaching the 1988 U.S. Olympic Team to a gold medal. Yow passed away in January of 2009 and is also remembered for her leadership and courage in her fight against breast cancer.

Mutts transferred from the University of Delaware after a year at High Point University, a Big South school, where he was named to the conference's All-Freshman team. He led High Point in blocks with 32.

At Delaware he played in all 33 games, starting 32 and averaging 12.2 points and 8.4 rebounds with 19 double-digit scoring outings and 13 double-figure rebounding efforts.

Mutts graduated from Delaware with a psychology degree and is currently pursuing a graduate degree at Tech in leadership studies with the Agricultural and Life Sciences program.

A Senior CLASS Award finalist, Mutts is on track for a second master's degree in educational psychology, which he will earn in May. The 2021-22 team captain was a 2021 ACC All-Academic Team selection and is a regular on the Athletics Director's Honor Roll.

Mutts scored his 1,000th career point on Feb. 2 against Georgia Tech. A native of Millville, New Jersey, Mutts is averaging 10.2 points and leads the team in rebounding (7.4), assists (3.5) and steals (1.2).

"Justyn is an exceptional student-athlete and ambassador for not only our basketball program, but for Virginia Tech," head coach Mike Young said. "His growth as a player on the court and as a student in the classroom cannot be overstated. The Skip Prosser Award is such a high honor, and Justyn is so deserving of it. That young man is going to finish college with three degrees. That's a big deal."

Kitley is the first Virginia Tech woman to be named first-team All-ACC in consecutive seasons. She averaged 17.6 points, 10.1 rebounds and 2.4 blocks per game this season. She shot a league-high 53.8% from the floor and won ACC player of the week four times, another ACC high.

The Summerfield, N.C., native put together 14 double-doubles, the most in the conference, and also registered 12 20-point performances this season. Kitley also had six games with five or more blocks. She scored

34 points twice.

She led the Hokies in scoring 17 times and rebounds 21 times.

Kitley was also the ACC Player of the Week three times her sophomore season. In 2021, she was a finalist for the Lisa Leslie Award, presented to the country's top collegiate women's center, was voted by the Virginia Sports Information Directors (VASID) as the Player of the Year, and was selected for the ACC All-Tournament second team.

She was named to the league's All-Academic Team both her freshman and sophomore seasons and in 2020 was named the league's Freshman of the Year. Three times she was the ACC Freshman of the Week.

She set program records this season with a field-goal percentage of .573 and 41 blocks. She scored a career-high 34 points against George Washington in November, setting a new program record in that game with 17 field goals.

Her sophomore season Kitley led the Hokies in scoring, averaging 18.2 points per game. She also averaged 10.4 rebounds and had 12 double-doubles, the most in the league. She was one of two ACC athletes to record a 20-rebound game and was the only ACC women's player to score 30 points in a game twice.

Her freshman season Kitley started all 30 games, averaging 12.5 points and 7.5 rebounds. She shot 56% from the field and had six double-doubles on the season. She scored a season-high 27 points in her collegiate debut against St. Francis.

