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Betty White memorial donations kickstart kitty condos at animal shelter

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RADFORD - The cats and kittens who have to call the Radford Animal Shelter home will have a new state-of-the-art habitat to await their adoption, thanks to an effort kicked off by Radford residents donating money to the shelter to memorialize Betty White.

When White, renowned actor and steadfast champion for animals, died at the age of 99 on Dec. 31, 2021, a worldwide effort to raise money for animal shelters commenced. It is estimated that effort raised more than \$13 million. In Radford, the total was \$8,300, and the Radford City Council recently voted to allocate funds taken into the city for shelter use to add to the donations and renovate the Radford Animal Shelter's cat cage area.

"I threw the idea out there that we could use the opportunity and donations to upgrade the accommodations in the cat adoption room," said Animal Control Officer Adele Katrovitz in an announcement on the Radford Animal Shelter's Facebook page. "As usual our community rallied and donated \$8,300, which is amazing, and we are blown away by your support."

Those donations kickstarted the larger effort to find funds to complete the project.

"One of our wonderful co-workers, Cindy Carroll, who is an administration superstar, got to work," said Katrovitz. "She was able to locate funds through prior donations and money reimbursed to us through the courts for care costs of the animals we care for while going through the court process, such as animal cruelty."

Katrovitz presented the plan to the Radford City Council and announced the council "appropriated the

funds to us for the upgrades and renovations to the cat adoption room."

"We are so excited and cannot wait for the new room to be morphed into a five-star cat hotel," she said. "Our animals are always our main concern, and we always strive to provide them the best we can while they are with us. These new towers will provide them with so much more space. They can exercise, play, de-stress, and eat food that will not be next to their toilets. Their health and vitality will be better for it."

Katrovitz said the new habitat will also have features to enhance the experience of people visiting the shelter to adopt cats.

"We plan to place seating areas in the room that are comfortable and create a peaceful, loving environment for your cat to be able to choose you; as we all know, they do the choosing," she said.

Two Radford University alumni selected as spring commencement speakers

RADFORD - A familiar face to many Radford shoppers years ago in downtown Radford will be among the two Radford University alumni who will serve as speakers at the university's Spring Commencement.

Nick Mayhugh '18, a Paralympic gold medalist and international track star, will serve as the keynote speaker for Radford University's Spring 2022 Commencement on Saturday, May 7, 2022, at 9 a.m. on the university's Moffett Lawn.

Also, Stacey Price '99, M.S. '01, will be the university's first graduate hooding ceremony keynote speaker. That ceremony is set for Friday, May 6, 2022, at 5 p.m. at the Dedmon Center. Price is the former owner of Encore! Artful Gifts and More, which used to operate on East Main Street in Radford.

This marks the first time two speakers were chosen to address graduates during Spring Commencement exercises.

"In a few weeks, we will gather as a collective community to celebrate the academic achievements of our graduates. Faculty, staff, family, and friends will come together on Moffett Lawn for this joyous occasion," said Radford University Interim President Carolyn R. Lepre, Ph.D. "This year, we are incredibly fortunate to have two outstanding Radford University alumni serving as our commencement speakers, Nick Mayhugh '18 and Stacey Price '99, M.S. '01. Their personal and professional success exemplifies how transformative a Radford education can be on the lives of Highlanders. We are thrilled to welcome them back to campus as they celebrate the achievements of our graduates and inspire us all."

Mayhugh, a former Radford University men's soccer player, traveled to Tokyo, Japan, in August 2021 as part of the U.S. Paralympic track & field team and dominated three of the four races in which he competed. He won gold medals in the 100- and 200-meter races and the 4-by-1 universal relay. He broke the world record in all three of those races and won a silver medal in the 400-meter race.

Mayhugh has a mild form of cerebral palsy. During his last year at Radford in 2017, he discovered that his diagnosis qualified him to try out for the U.S. Para 7-a-Side National Soccer Team. He has participated in six major competitions and played in seven different countries, all while scoring 34 goals and having 31 assists in only 25 appearances.

Price has two decades of experience activating community. Price, first an economic development consultant and now a talented curator, is on a mission to grow the maker economy. In 2017, she launched Shop Made in DC, a new generation incubator that uses inventive space to empower and scale Washington, D.C. artisans. Since opening, she and her team have launched Shop Made in Virginia and Shop Made in Maryland, supporting over 1,000 makers with access to customers, education, and capital. In less than five years, she has helped launch eight locations and generate nearly \$5 million back to local makers.

Price has a master's degree in corporate communication from Radford University, having completed thesis work in social capital and community engagement. She currently serves on the board of directors for Pyramid Atlantic, MESS HALL and on Kaiser Permanente's PFCC leadership team as a patient partner for the Mid-Atlantic region.



RADFORD UNIVERSITY PHOTOS

Angel Pacheco has both a stage role and has worked as the assistant costume designer.

Tony Award-winning smash musical comes to Radford

By Sean Kotz
Radford University

RADFORD - Musical theater will return to Radford University on April 12 as the Department of Theater and Cinema presents a Tony-award-winning comedy, *The Drowsy Chaperone*, a loving send-up of the Jazz Age musical.

The musical centers on a nameless character, "Man in Chair," who spends a dreary afternoon listening to his favorite cast recording of a fictional 1920s stage production, *The Drowsy Chaperone*. Before long, the forgotten musical comes to life in his living room with the man guiding the audience through it.

Radford Theater Professor Wesley Young, who plays the character, describes him as a "slightly agoraphobic, middle-aged man who is obsessed with musical theater who tends to turn to his cast recordings when he's feeling low."

But *The Drowsy Chaperone* is not a downer, by any stretch. It's packed with wild, over-the-top characters

and rousing musical numbers in the spirit of 1920s stage extravagance.

"It's a musical that tries to make you feel good," says director Molly Hood. "People are going to come and have a good time."

The Drowsy Chaperone is the first musical Radford's theater department has produced since Oklahoma! in 2018. It has drawn student performers from music, dance and even one biology major in addition to the school's top theater talent.

Sarah Lindsay Merriman plays Janet Van de Graaff, a Ziegfeld Follies-inspired showgirl suddenly driven to get married. Merriman researched this world of beautiful, poised women to prepare, right down to Ziegfeld's obsession with ankles.

"It's been fascinating to develop this type of character . . . how does she walk? How does she move?" Merriman said, snapping into an elegant, commanding pose. "And standing like someone who

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Fine Arts Center launches fundraiser

The Fine Arts Center is raising \$15,000 for new flooring in its historic building

Older buildings sometimes need a little extra TLC.

As part of Pulaski's Historic Commercial District, the current home of the Fine Arts Center was one of the first buildings built on Main Street and has served as home to several businesses since 1898. The Fine Arts Center moved into its current home in 1982 and has become an anchor in the downtown area, seeing many changes over time.

Last year the Center received a facelift as part of a revitalization project through the Town. This year, the work is moving indoors.

More than 15 years ago, the Center was the beneficiary of a generous donation of carpet and padding. The carpet has served the Center well with tens of thousands of visitors treading across it over

the years to view exhibits, take classes, or listen to performances. The carpet survived some repairs in the past, but the time has come for a new facelift, or perhaps more appropriately a "floorlift," to give the floor a new start.

The carpet will be replaced with new waterproof vinyl flooring that will stand up better to the foot traffic, be easy to clean, and will see the Center into its fifth decade of service to the arts in the community. The Center has launched a fundraising campaign to offset some of the cost. The fundraising goal is \$15,000 to cover the flooring materials and installation, some repairs to the subfloor, and a new coat of paint throughout the gallery.

You can donate on the Center's website at facnrv.org/donate or

in person at the Center when it reopens later this month. The Fine Arts Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and all donations are tax deductible.

The Fine Arts Center is located at 21 West Main Street in the Pulaski Historic Commercial District, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Center is supported, in part, by funding from the Town of Pulaski, Pulaski County, the C. E. Richardson Benevolent Foundation, the Randolph Foundation, and the Virginia Commission for the Arts as well as through membership and donations. For more information about the Fine Arts Center and to view other events or to sign up for a class, you can subscribe to their website at FACNRV.org.

Blacksburg man dies in jail

Authorities with the Western Virginia Regional Jail near Glenvar say a 27-year-old Blacksburg man has died in custody at the facility after a drug overdose.

Dylan Ray Hatcher was found unresponsive in his cell on Friday, April 1.

Lifesaving efforts were given that included the opioid antidote Narcan. He was transported to Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced dead around 6 a.m.

The state medical examiner's office confirmed the mode of

death as an overdose.

Hatcher had been in jail since October after being charged in Montgomery County on charges of larceny and failure to appear. He was also awaiting trial in Floyd County on a charge of drug possession with intent to distribute.

So far, jail officials have not said how Hatcher got the drugs or who might have slipped them into the facility. The Roanoke County Sheriff's Department is investigating the incident. No other details have been released.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Now through Tuesday, April 22:

Montgomery Chamber Best Places to Work Survey
Virginia Tech's Center for Economic and Community Engagement and the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce are asking businesses to participate in the annual Best Places to Work survey. Chamber membership is not required, and the survey is open to all businesses in Montgomery County. The survey has two components, one for the employer and the other for employees. The top 20 Best Places to Work will be announced on May 18 at the Leadership in Changing Times and Best Places to Work Conference. This survey will be open for only a three-week period until April 22. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/lcbestplaces22>. Contact marketing@montgomerycc.org with any questions.

Now through April 30:

Free prom dresses

By appointment only at the Meadowbrook Public Library, which 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.

Now through May 7:

Blacksburg Parks & Rec Toddler and Children Art Classes

Art & More for 2's S1

For 2-year-olds, 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. at the Parks and Recreation administrative offices. Fee is \$42 for residents, \$52 for non-residents. This class will introduce toddlers to art in a semi-structured setting. The classes will consist of a variety of art projects, story time and songs. Parent participation is required.

Art Smart S1

For three- and four-year olds at the Blacksburg Parks & Recreation administrative offices from 11 a.m. until noon. Fee is \$42 for residents, \$52 for non-residents.

Toddlers will be exposed to different media while learning how to use colors, shapes, patterns, and sizes. They will be encouraged to use imagination, expression, and communication through art. The emphasis will be on fun and social interaction.

Register online at www.blacksburg.gov/recreation, by phone 540-443-1140 or 540-443-1100 or in person at any Blacksburg Parks and Rec facility.

Saturday, April 9:

Noise alert: Skipper cannon fire

Skipper, the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets' cannon, will be fired once between 10:30 and 10:45 a.m. on the Drillfield as part of the opening celebration for The Big Event at Virginia Tech.

Sunday, April 10:

Chess Club

At the 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, April 11:

Crafternoon Delight

At the Radford Public Library; 1 to 2 p.m. For adults. Participants may bring their supplies and knit, crochet, and needlepoint at the library. Some crafting supplies will be provided.

Free GED Classes with NRCC

At the Radford Public Library; 9 a.m. to noon. Free GED prep classes offered by New River Community College in the library's community room. Call (540) 674-3682 for additional information.

STEM Club

At the Christiansburg Library; 1 p.m. A homeschool

STEM club will explore science, technology, engineering, and/or math. This month the club will be experimenting with stop-motion animation. For ages 8 and up.

Tuesday, April 12:

Radford School Board meeting

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

Family Reads with LVNRV

At the Radford Public Library; 5:30 to 7 p.m. Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley will provide English as a Second Language (ESL) lessons to parents of children ages 3-8 (older siblings are welcome). This will be a 7-week program starting Tuesday, April 12. Children will have fun activities to work on while parents learn to read English. Call (540) 382-7262 or email Anne Abbott at aabbott@lvnr.org for more information.

Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet at Aly's Family Italian Restaurant at 3204 Riner Rd. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are invited to attend. For further information, call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

"The Middle of Somewhere"

At the Radford Public Library; 7 to 8 p.m. Suzanne Stryk is an artist who finds equal fascination in the natural world and the visual arts. Her conceptual nature paintings and assemblages have appeared in solo exhibitions throughout the United States, and her portfolios and related writings have been featured in Terrain.org, Orion, Ecotone, and the Kenyon Review. She is the recipient of a George Sugarman Foundation grant and a Virginia Commission for the Arts fellowship for the project "Notes on the State of Virginia," the precursor to "The Middle of Somewhere." She lives in southwestern Virginia.

Volunteer tutors needed to help adults increase English language skills

A Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley (LVNRV) tutor information session will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Christiansburg. This session is for adult volunteers to help local adults improve literacy and language skills. Tutoring is one-to-one or small group and takes place at NRV-wide public locations or remotely, at times convenient to both the tutor and the adult learner. Volunteers are asked to make a minimum one-year commitment and meet with their students one to three hours per week. Volunteers receive training and support, and no previous teaching experience is required. Especially needed are volunteers who speak Spanish. Approximately 24,000 local adults struggle with reading English. To register or for more information, go to www.lvnr.org, call (540) 392-7262, or email info@lvnr.org.

Talking about Books: "American Sherlock"

At the Blacksburg Library; 11 a.m. To be discussed is "American Sherlock" by Kate Dawson. Call (540) 552-8246 to reserve a copy.

"Imaginary Witness: Hollywood and the Holocaust"

At the Blacksburg Library; 6 p.m. Visit the library for a viewing of "Imaginary Witness: Hollywood and the Holocaust." Marc Brodsky, Archivist at the University Libraries at Virginia Tech, will lead a discussion afterwards.

Craft and Chill

At the Christiansburg Library; 6 p.m. Drop by to be creative by using the library's craft supplies.

Wednesday, April 13:

Brown Bag Book Club

The club meets on the second Wednesday of each month for a casual book discussion. Participants may bring a lunch or enjoy Aaron's latest culinary creation. Discussed this month is "Apples Never Fall" by Liane Moriarty. To be discussed next month is "The Lost City of Z" by David Grann (on 5/11/22).

Loops Group

At the Blacksburg Library; 2 p.m. Attendees can bring their project and join the library's loops group for community and conversation. Everyone is welcome.

Spring eggstravaganza

At the Meadowbrook Public Library; 4:45 p.m. Children are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt in the courtyard. Take-home crafts and an Easter Basket drawing will be part of the fun. Children should bring an Easter basket and a camera.

Author Event with Daniel Thorp

At the Blacksburg Library; 6 p.m. VT Associate Professor of History Daniel Thorp discusses his new book, "In the True Blue's Wake: Slavery and Freedom among the Families of Smithfield Plantation," which tells the story of the people who were enslaved at Smithfield Plantation between 1774 and 1865.

Evening Book Talk: "The Lost Man"

At the Christiansburg Library; 6:30 p.m. Discussed this month is "The Lost Man" by Jane Harper, in-person and virtually.

Thursday, April 14:

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, in Radford. All skill levels of quilters are welcome. For more information, call Anna Handy, 540 320 7791.

Radford Army Ammunitions Plant community meeting

At the Christiansburg Public Library at 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 emailed to usarmy.radford.peo-eis.list.rfaap-public-affairs@mail.mil.

Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce's legislative wrap-up

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce's legislative wrap-up will explore what occurred during the most recent legislative session in Richmond. Attendees will have opportunities to hear from their legislators and ask business-related questions during the Q&A portion of the program. 7:30 a.m. at Warm Hearth Village, 2387 Warm Hearth Dr, Blacksburg. Reservations to attend will be due April 12 at noon: <https://bit.ly/april22legislative>. The cost is \$25 for chamber members and \$35 for non-members.

Saturday, April 16:

Radford Easter Egg Hunt

At Bisset Park; 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The schedule by age groups is as follows: noon: ages 3-5; 12:25 p.m.: ages 6-8; 12:30 p.m.: ages 9-12; 12:45 p.m.: ages 3 and under. Bounce houses, fire trucks, police cars, food trucks, and photos with the Easter Bunny will be a part of the fun. Children should bring a basket.

Thursday, April 21:

Still upright and headed downstream

At the Radford Public Library; 7 to 8 p.m. Author John Lane is an emeritus professor who taught creative writing and environmental studies at Wofford College. As an avid kayaker, he has written often about water and rivers. He will visit the library to discuss his new collection of poetry and prose, written over thirty-five years, about kayaking, rivers, and river people.

Saturday, April 23:

Spring Children's Consignment Sale

Blacksburg United Methodist Church (BUMC) will hold its semi-annual consignment sale of children's items at the Whisner Building of the main church campus, 111 Church St. in Blacksburg from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Families can get great deals on gently used kids' clothes and shoes, toys, books, games, movies, baby gear and accessories, sports equipment, maternity clothing, and more. Many items are like new (some even brand new). Some items will be half price between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. Proceeds will benefit local charities. Due to contact with young children, masks will be required.

Monday, April 25 through Wednesday, April 27:

Lifeguard instructor training

The Christiansburg Aquatic Center is offering lifeguard instructor training April 25-27. The schedule for Monday, April 25, is 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. The schedule for Tuesday, April 26, is 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the schedule for Wednesday, April 27, is 8 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The fee for the course is \$300. Persons interested in taking the course should contact Caroline Ratkus at cratkus@christiansburg.org.

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Christiansburg sorority donates to Radford's Valley Women's Clinic



Stephanie Hamrick, left, administrative assistant of Valley Women's Clinic in Radford, accepts donations of items from Kristen Talley, representing the Alpha Mu Master Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi of Christiansburg.

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Tech repair provider opens store in Christiansburg

CHRISTIANSBURG – Leading tech repair provider uBreakiFix® by Asurion has opened its 800th location in Christiansburg at 2611 Market St. NE. The store offers professional repair services for anything with a power button, from smartphones, tablets, and computers to game consoles, smart speakers, and drones—and everything in between.

While common repairs include cracked screens, battery issues, and water damage, uBreakiFix repair experts have fixed more than 14 million devices and can help with most any tech mishaps, with most basic repairs completed in two hours or less.

uBreakiFix Christiansburg is owned by Greg Lee and managed by Kyle Mills, who are both local to the area. Their first store is in Roanoke at 4750 Valley View Blvd NW, Suite 70.

“We’ve been looking forward to bringing this service to Christiansburg for some time, and were incredibly honored to learn this store would be the company’s 800th location,” said Lee. “We’re excited to serve this area with the quality and expertise of a nationwide brand, plus the hospitality and fa-

miliarity of a local business.”

The store’s repair technicians fix all types of electronics, regardless of make or model, and uBreakiFix is an authorized repair provider for some devices, including Samsung Galaxy and Google Pixel smartphones. Customers can book a repair appointment online or stop by the store for walk-in service. uBreakiFix offers free, no-obligation diagnostics on all gadgets, as well as a low-price guarantee and a 1-year warranty on all repairs.

uBreakiFix was founded in 2009 after co-founder Justin Wetherill dropped and shattered his own smartphone, sparking the idea for a convenient, affordable repair option. Wetherill partnered with David Reiff and Eddie Trujillo to bring the concept to life, and it has since grown from a single storefront in Orlando, Fla., to 800 locations across the U.S. and Canada. uBreakiFix joined the Asurion® family in 2019 and now operates as a subsidiary of the tech care company.

“We are excited to serve people in Christiansburg with fast and affordable tech repair,” said uBreakiFix CEO Dave



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Barbuto. “We all rely on our phones and laptops more than ever before, and at uBreakiFix our mission is bigger than repairing shattered screens and broken charge ports. We fix tech

because people rely on tech to stay connected to things that are important to them. I look forward to serving this community through our new Christiansburg location.”

Self-defense

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dents, employees, or Blacksburg community members. Courses teach participants basic self-defense, but the content varies depending on the class’s gender. The men’s class is called Resisting Aggression with Defense System.

“The women’s program is geared toward becoming aggressive and fighting off an attacker who is moving to abduct them or to assault in some way,” said Sgt. Micah Pasquarell, lead instructor of the RAD for Men program at Virginia Tech. “The men’s program is geared specifically to help a student — or whoever’s in the class — focus on de-escalation and removing one’s self from the situation.”

In the fall, the university formed a Sexual Violence Culture and Climate Work Group with the goal of enhancing preventative programming and ending sexual violence.

“Both of our self-defense programs touch on not just the immediacy of protecting yourself from a specific person at a specific time, but also talk about how we’re being a force for positive change in terms of looking out for and protecting people and respecting the dignity of others,” Pasquarell said.

Instructors begin the four-week courses with a presentation, then progress through tactical training, and conclude the training with dynamic simulations, or what Cpl. John Tarter, coordinator of the women’s program, refers to as “Fight Night.”

An officer wears RedMan gear — protective padding used in defensive training tactics — and students fight back, demonstrating the techniques they’ve learned in class. Through this exercise, students practically apply content from informational sessions and, most importantly, gain confidence in their abilities to legitimately defend themselves.

“The most important part is to empower people,” Tarter said. “There are people that will come back to me, and they’ll say, ‘I didn’t know I could yell, No!’ Just by yelling ‘no’ they felt empowered, and when they punch the bags and they go through the scenario, it’s the same thing.”

Though the first three instructional sessions are mandatory, the fourth is optional.

“They don’t have to fight,” Tarter said. “They can



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The Virginia Tech Police Department offers free self-defense courses for men and women. The classes are open to students and faculty and staff.

just come and watch, or they don’t have to come to that part at all.”

The department will offer a RAD for Women session this summer. It will begin May 24 and end June

14. “I find that usually if you take the class with a friend, you’re more apt to complete it all, and you’re more apt to have more fun in the class because you have somebody,” Tarter said.

‘An Anthem for Virginia’ ignites the home fires with early 30,000 streams in first two weeks

Just two weeks ago, local musician Stevie Oneshoes, (also known as Stephen Ward) released a personal and heartfelt love letter to Virginia, the place he calls home. Today that personal message has resonated and garnered love across the entire Commonwealth, gathering nearly 30,000 views and growing rapidly.

A travelog reflecting on his years on the road, the song and the accompanying video have achieved visibility and engagement on YouTube typically reserved for influencers and Internet celebrities. A lifelong songwriter, “An Anthem for Virginia” marks the fifth release from the artist and his most emotional and impactful release to date.

“Anthem” has struck a nerve and prompted an outpouring of support and community pride. Listeners have taken to social media to express their thanks and common experiences. From “Most definitely on my song list when God decides to take me to Heaven” to “I hope

we hear it on the radio soon” to “If you can see the tears running down my cheeks...,” fans are in collective agreement that “it’s a new anthem that I’ll enjoy the rest of my days.”

Indicative of its hardworking and humble creator, “An Anthem for Virginia” was conceived and largely written on the back of a tractor, in the historic battlefields of Manassas. A serial entrepreneur, local business owner, and active community leader, Ward is a man of many talents and experiences. His work has taken him around the world innumerable times, but his spirit and heart always yearn for home.

“Anthem” is that story, a journey through his life and his gift to the land and the people he calls family. The song and video were self-funded and produced, taking the past six months to capture the perfect images from around the commonwealth to complement the words.

“I’ve always said that

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Auctions

Public Auction

To enforce our owner's lien(s) by Craft Self Storage, 540-260-9563, 100 Roger St. Christiansburg VA, per 55-416 Code of Virginia, Virginia Self Storage Act; the following units will be sold by absolute auction unless payment in full is made to Craft Self Storage prior to auction start: Units H37, G65, and G-16. Auction date April 16th 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

Only registered bidders will be allowed into facility. Register at main office beginning at 9:30 am. No Parking in Bank or B&K lots allowed. Call for make-up date in case of bad weather.

Help Wanted - General

Home Based Coordinator

Responsible for the supervision of all Home Based staff. Provide direction, support and reinforcement to the Home Visitors. Ensure the Home Base Program exemplifies the Head Start philosophy of supporting and encouraging family goals and objectives, involving parents in the development and education of their children, and strengthening the capacity of parents and families to become self-sufficient and to support the general development of their own children. Serve as a resource person to Home Visitors and as the liaison between the Home Visitors and the Head Start Services Area staff.

Thorough experience and/or training with established organizational skills which will ensure the proper operation of the program.

Models respect and acceptance with staff and holds self just as responsible for the outcome of the program as anyone else.

Shows loyalty to staff for their dedicated work and acknowledges their success to the agency.

Demonstrated knowledge

Help Wanted - General

of preschool development, community resources and agencies that work with families.

A Bachelors Degree with concentration in early childhood development or related field.

Four years' experience working with families and young children.

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Notice of Public Hearing

The Radford City Council and Planning Commission will hold a joint public hearing to receive comments regarding a request from the Oakmont Atlantic, LLC, for a Special Use Permit to develop residential dwellings above the main floor, Tax Parcel's 13-(2)- SEC 1 - 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, located 644 West Main Street, Radford VA 24141. The hearing will be held on Monday, April 25, 2022 beginning at 7:00 P.M. E.S.T, at 10 Robertson Street, Radford, VA. Interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing and present their views on the proposed Special Use Permit. Written comments may be sent to 10 Robertson Street, Radford 24141; please allow adequate mailing time: Melissa Skelton, Community Development Director.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Veterans can count on VA

With the passage of the Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks (MISSION) Act in 2018, the Department of Veterans Affairs began a process to look at VA medical facilities nationwide as part of an Asset and Infrastructure Review (AIR) to help determine what was needed to support our veteran population into the future.

More than 1,700 recommendations were made nationwide and presented to the AIR Commission in March.

The Salem VA Health Care System is comprised of the main campus in Salem in addition to community-based outpatient clinics in Tazewell, Wytheville, Danville, Lynchburg, and Staunton. We serve more than 30,000 Veterans in

a 26-county area of southwest Virginia. We partner with community health care systems to provide high-quality care that meets the needs of our veterans. Salem VA Health Care System is known as an education and training facility for numerous health care disciplines as well as being an active participant in research initiatives.

Recommendations call for the construction of a new facility to replace the current Salem VA Medical Center buildings originally dedicated by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1934; the implementation of strategic partnerships with local health care providers for inpatient medical and surgical services and emergency department services; the creation of a new community-based outpatient clinic in Bedford County; and the closure of the current Salem VA Medical

Center facility once the new building is constructed.

The AIR report released in March and the recommendations it contains represent the earliest stages of a long and deliberative process and should not yet be considered final. A presidentially appointed AIR commission will use the next year to review the recommendations, gather more data as needed, and potentially modify the recommendations based on new information.

After the year-long review, the AIR commission will submit its recommendations to the president, and from there to congress where the recommendations will be voted on in their entirety. If approved, the VA will then begin a multi-year process of prioritization and funding approvals for projects. Because of this timeline, and the time to construct new

facilities, we do not expect any substantive changes for at least several years.

Regardless of what the AIR commission, the president, and congress approve, there is one thing that will never change: the commitment of the men and women of the Salem VA to promote the health and well-being of our veterans.

As the AIR commission begins its deliberations and potential changes to the recommendations emerge, I want to reassure veterans that we will continue serving the veterans in our community and will update you along the way as the AIR commission moves through this process. It is our great honor and privilege to provide health care services for veterans who dedicated their lives to secure our freedoms.

*Rebecca Stackhouse
Executive Director
Salem VA Health Care System*

WalletHub: Virginia is nation's third-most financially literate state

As the personal finance website WalletHub declares, after the Great Recession, it became clear that more people needed to learn financial literacy. The housing-market collapse and following financial crisis reminded Americans of our obsession with debt and the dangers of quick access to finances for under-informed consumers.

To determine the states with the best financial literacy, WalletHub examined each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia and ranked them accordingly

using 17 key metrics. Virginia emerged as the third-most financially literate state in WalletHub's rankings.

Among the key metrics that led to Virginia's high rank in the survey and Virginia's place in the respective metrics' rankings were the percentage of unbanked households, 23; the percentage of adults aged 18+ who compare credit cards before applying 26; the high school financial literacy grade, 1; median credit score, 24; and share of adults of save for their children's college education, 6.

The ten states with the best financial literacy, according to WalletHub, were 1) Nebraska 2) Utah 3) Virginia 4) Colorado 5) New Hampshire 6) North Carolina 7) Maine 8) Iowa 9) Minnesota and 10) New Jersey.

The ten places with the worst financial literacy, according to WalletHub, were 42) District of Columbia 43) New Mexico 44) Connecticut 45) West Virginia 46) Mississippi 47) Alaska 48) Oklahoma 49) South Dakota 50) Louisiana and 51) Arkansas.

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Reghan Cutler (left) and Sarah Lindsay Merriman (right) rehearse their roles as a couple of melodramatic stage divas in this raucous comedy.

thinks she's all that and a bag of chips is a lot of fun." Reghan Cutler plays the title character, the so-called "drowsy chaperone," aging actress Beatrice Stockwell, who is tasked with keeping the bride and groom separate until the wedding.

But the upstaging diva is not particularly good at this undertaking, says Cutler.

"She's very controlling and wants it the way she wants it, but she drinks a lot," Cutler said. "She's drowsy, let's just say that."

Iman Redmon plays Mr. Feldzieg, an anxious and overbearing producer whose sole interest is maintaining his show at all costs.

"This is the first musical I've done where it's just a party," Redmon said.

"You have to keep your stamina up," he noted. "There's a lot of dancing and running around and craziness in this show."



Iman Redmon rehearses his role as Feldzieg, a play on the name of the famous Zeigfeld Follies producer.

Angel Pacheco has the stage role of Trix, the Aviatrix, but has also worked as the assistant designer in the costume shop.

"It is a collaborative process," she explained. "It really does take every single person doing their job to the best of their abilities to do what we do."

The Drowsy Chaperone will run April 12 at 7:30 p.m., April 14-16 at 7:30 p.m. and April 17 at 2 p.m. in The Bondurant Auditorium. Tickets for the show are \$10 for general admission and \$6 for faculty, staff, students, seniors and groups of 10 or more.

There is also a Curtain Up! fundraiser on opening night with cocktails followed by dinner and the show. That event starts at 5:30 p.m. in the Scartelli Atrium in Covington Center for Visual and Performing Arts.

Tickets are available at <https://rutheatretickets.universitytickets.com> or by calling 540-831-5289.

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- Illumined
- Escargots
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- At this place
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- Removes writing
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- M. Ali's famous boast
- Damascus is the capital
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- Winglike structures
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- Translucent, greenish variety of chalcedony
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- Old English poet or bard
- Persian wheel used to raise water
- Spirit in "The Tempest"
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- Sound of a horse
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- Blood clams genus
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OBITUARIES

Carden, David Stern

David Stern Carden, 68, of Dennis and Pat Carden; three nieces; Dublin, passed away on Wednesday, April 6, 2022.

He was preceded in death by his father, Paul Dudley Carden; and his children, Tim, and Ashley.

Survivors include his significant other and special friend, Ramona Barte; his mother, Ruby Hooper; a sister, Terri Davis; a brother and sister-in-law, Crematory in Radford.



one nephew; and many other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford.

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

Duncan, Ira Hubert

Ira Hubert Duncan, 80, of Nicolas, Breanna, and Olivia; sisters and Christiansburg, went home to be with his heavenly father on Tuesday, April 5, 2022.

He was a member of the Childress Church of God, retired from Canteen Vending, and a faithful customer at the Radford Travel Center. Ira was preceded in death by his wife, Iva Dale Duncan; his parents, Hubert and Ellodia Duncan; a brother, Carl Duncan; and a step-daughter, Vickie Lawson.

Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, Tommy and Kathryn Hackworth; a daughter and son-in-law, Tammy and Jay Meriwether; grandchildren Amy (Jerald) Vann, and T. J. (Amanda) Hackworth; five great-grandchildren: Mason, Abby,



brother-in-law, Della and Boo Carroll and Betty Ritter, and Arleen Thompson; sister-in-law, Sharon Duncan; and many other relatives and friends.

The family received friends on Friday, April 8, 2022, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services followed with the Rev. Ronald Smith and the Rev. Frankie Graham officiating. Interment followed in Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin.

The Duncan 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 nurture meaningful connections to God and others through worship, spiritual growth, and 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: fbcradford.org 540-639-4419. Worship is in-person and live-streamed on Facebook and on our YouTube channel: First Baptist Church Radford.

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.

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Snowville Christian Church, 5436 Lead Mine Rd., Hiwassee, VA 24347, Pastor: Jerry King, Website: www.SnowvilleChristianChurch.com (and Facebook), Office: 540-633-3761, Email: office@Snowville-ChristianChurch.com, Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 a.m., Sunday School: 10:00 a.m., Thursday Bible Study: 6:00 p.m., We are: "Inspiring hope, helping people grow their

faith, and sharing God's love with others!"

EPISCOPAL

Grace Episcopal Church, 210 4th Street, Radford, 639-3494. A friendly, mission-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. lchristopher695@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. Join us for **Holy Week**: 4/14 Maundy Thursday Communion at 7pm; 4/15 Good Friday at 12pm; 4/16 Easter outdoor short service at 8:30am, indoor full service at 11am. Phone 639-2585. Watch the services live on Facebook: The Presbyterian Church of Radford. www.pcradford.org.

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.

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SICK WITH SIN

Read Psalms 37:1 through 38:22

Every one of the world's billions of people will face injury and illness in life. No one can escape pain and suffering. When we hurt, we usually seek help. We bandage wounds, take medication, visit a physician—all in an effort to gain healing.

Why aren't we as eager to cure sin? Why don't we deal with it as we do other ailments? God provided a solution for sin: repent, confess, and forsake the sin. Yet we often ignore it or let it go until it looms full-blown and potentially life-threatening (Psalm 38:5,6).

I confess my iniquity; I am troubled by my sin (Psalm 38:18).

The best time to address sin is when we first experience sin symptoms. It's best to remove a sliver before it gets infected, even though it may cause momentary discomfort. In the same way we should dig out any scrap of embedded sin before it leads to something worse.

Jesus is our Great Physician and the Bible our spiritual medicine chest. Our Divine Doctor prescribes daily doses as preventative treatment against sin.

Thought for Today: What remedy do you find today in God's Word?

Quicklook: Psalm 38:8-18

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OBITUARIES

Forest, Willard William

Willard William Forest, 68, of Christiansburg, passed away Sunday, April 3, 2022.

He was preceded in death by his parents, nine brothers, and two sisters.

Willard is survived by his loving wife, Serena Mae Forest; and sisters, Estelle Forest, Dorothy Cousin, and

Mary Forest. Memorial services will be held at 4 p.m. on Friday, April 15, 2022, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford.

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

Jones, William McKinley

William McKinley Jones departed his life, Bill's love for cars never diminished, including among his various jobs, working for the Chrysler Corporation in Washington, D.C. Also in Washington, he worked for the Democratic National Committee and several government agencies, including the U.S. Treasury.



Bill leaves to mourn not only his immediate family, but also a host of cousins and friends.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 10 a.m. at the chapel at Mullins Funeral Home.

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

After graduating from Radford High School, Bill remained in his home city and earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration from Radford University. Dating back to his childhood, he had a love for all things automotive and could give you the specs on most any vehicle. Throughout

Naff, Dorothy Christine Rutter

Dorothy Christine Rutter Naff was born on Monday, Aug. 14, 1933, to Charles and

Vera Rutter. Dorothy opened her eyes in the arms of Jesus on Sunday, April 3, 2022, at the age of 88.

Preceding her in death were her sister, Shirley Rutter Harris, and her brother, Jim Rutter.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband of 72 years, D. Arnold Naff, Sr.; her

sons, Steve Naff (Leisa), David Naff (Peggy), Darryl Naff (Beckie), and Byron Naff

(Missy); her daughter, Joan Handy (Kenny); 14 grandchildren;

22 great-grandchildren; her sisters-in-law, Dorothy Rutter, Helen Altizer, Joyce Moore, and Lola Clower

(Harless) and many extended family members.

Her celebration of life will be held at the Christiansburg Church of the Brethren today,

Saturday, April 9, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. officiated by Pastor Hal Sonafrank. Visitation will be held prior to the service from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Christiansburg Church of the Brethren P.O. Box 3050-24068.

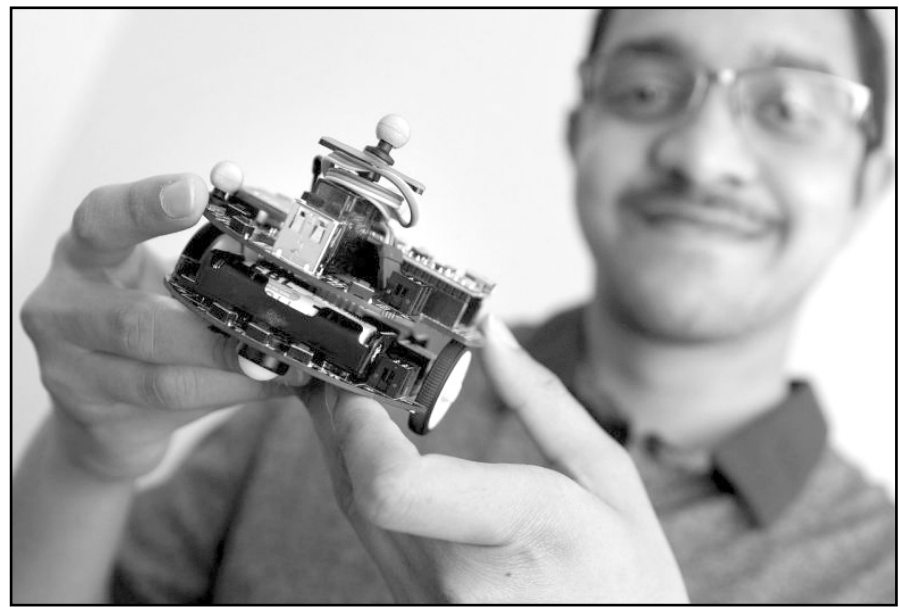


PHOTO BY RAY MEESE FOR VIRGINIA TECH

The CREATORS Virtual Institute will bring together cross-university student teams to learn about cybersecurity challenges and technology through a year-long project experience. Sandeep Kumar Bijnemula, a computer engineering student, holds a small robot at the Hume Center in Arlington.

Virginia Tech awarded \$1.5 million to cultivate diverse cybersecurity pipeline

By Lindsey Haugh

The need for evolving technical capabilities of defense systems and complex networks is increasingly more important to protect national security, but the cybersecurity workforce to develop these emerging technologies is lacking.

Nationally, there is a critical shortage of qualified cyber professionals, with approximately 600,000 cyber jobs available and more than 53,000 positions open in the Commonwealth of Virginia, according to Cyber Seek.

In working toward closing the cybersecurity workforce gap, Virginia Tech has been awarded \$1.5 million to engage undergraduate and graduate students from a variety of academic backgrounds enrolled in ROTC and other programs oriented to careers in defense and security.

The Griffiss Institute, which administers the Virtual Institutes for Cyber and Electromagnetic Spectrum Research and Employ program for the Department of Defense, selected Virginia Tech to lead the program called the Cybersecurity Research and Advanced Training of ROTC Students (CREATORS) Virtual Institute. Virginia Tech will partner with Old Dominion University and Norfolk State University, both of which are minority-serving institutions.

"As a senior military college, the establishment of a new Virginia Tech-led cybersecurity program leverages the strengths of our existing expertise in cybersecurity and related disciplines, but intentionally extends our reach to a variety of students that will allow us to diversify

the tech-talent workforce and, more specifically, the development of our nation's intelligence and defense communities," said Eric Paterson, executive director of the Virginia Tech National Security Institute.

The multi-university initiative will provide students opportunities to participate in experiential learning programs, summer internship experiences, and applied research projects to address the complex cyber environment and cultivate a diverse pipeline of cyber talent.

The CREATORS Virtual Institute will bring together cross-university student teams that will learn about cybersecurity challenges and technology through a year-long project experience. The first teams will launch this fall with applications being solicited in the coming weeks.

"The defense landscape is driven by increased computing and software-defined capabilities, wireless systems, and increasing network connectivity that requires the ability to process and learn from cybersecurity data artifacts and translate cybersecurity vulnerabilities into actions with operational impact," said Peter Beling, professor in the Grado Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering and associate director of the Intelligent Systems Division in the Virginia Tech National Security Institute who is also the principal investigator. "The future workforce needs to be better prepared to understand these vulnerabilities, work through them in relevant operational contexts, and leverage data to improve outcomes."

"Although cybersecurity and intelligent defense

have been the key areas for enhanced national technology and security, there has been a significant shortage for trained workforce in this domain across national labs, industry, and academia," said Jin-Hee Cho, associate professor of computer science and the director of Trustworthy Cyberspace Lab. "CREATORS will provide students with strong cybersecurity and defense knowledge and transdisciplinary experiences in developing innovative solutions for cyber problems."

Cho is a co-principal investigator of this project along with Ehren Hill, associate director for education and outreach at the Virginia Tech Ted and Karyn Hume Center for National Security and Technology. The Virginia Tech team is partnering with faculty members Yen-Hung (Frank) Hu and Mary Ann Hoppa; both from Norfolk State University; and Hongyi Wu and Chunsheng Xin; both from Old Dominion University.

The establishment of the virtual institute builds on Virginia Tech's momentum in cybersecurity education and research. This past fall, Virginia Tech announced the formation of its National Security Institute, aspiring to become the nation's preeminent academic organization at the nexus of interdisciplinary research, technology, policy, and talent development to advance national security.

Recently, Virginia Tech received a \$2.8 million grant from the Department of Defense to continue developing the Department of Defense (DoD) Senior Military College Cyber Institute (SMC2I), for a second year.

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remain in place though the duration of the project. Project completion is estimated by late 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. Lane closures on RTE 615 are expected to begin on May 5 and will be in place through August 2022.

Expected completion is October 2022.

ROUTE 643 PAVING PROJECT – A project is being scheduled to resurface an unpaved portion of Route 643 (Yellow Sulfur Road). The work area begins .7 mile south of the intersection with Route 642 (Jennelle Road) and ends 1.7 miles north of the bridge over Route 460. Traffic impacts will include intermittent flagging operations between these intersections. This project has an estimated completion date of May 2022.

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There are 3 buried fiberglass fuel tanks currently empty on property. DEQ approved and documented in bidder's pack. The 10,000-gallon tank with green lid contained Off Road Diesel or Dyed Heating Oil. The 6,000-gallon tank with brown lid contained Dyed Kerosene. The 2,000-gallon tank located at front corner of property contained Highway Diesel. Also two above ground Amerigas propane tanks. These tanks were leased from Amerigas and could be continued by new owner. The canopy/shelter over the 10,000- and 6,000-gallon tanks is 22'x32'.

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 Shah Development LLC to Terry Goode, 0.106 ac., lot 51, Midway Estates, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$252,000
 Stephen M. Davis Trust to Pulaski Development LLC, 1.879 ac., Christiansburg, \$1,050,000
 Terry D. Kingrea to David W. Kingrea, 2573 Pilot Rd., Christiansburg, 1.2381 ac., Riner Magisterial District
 Terry D. Kingrea to Candace K. Gillenwater, 2659 Pilot Rd., Christiansburg, 0.7340 ac., Christiansburg
 Franc Eric A. Wiedmer to Robert Thomas Stone, lot 18, Stroubles Mill, Blacksburg, \$579,000
 Charlie Ray Howard to Charlie Ray Howard, see legal, Riner Magisterial District
 MCB LLC to Robert E. Cole Trust, condo unit 307, Ph. 1, Patrick Henry Place Condos, Blacksburg, \$210,000
 Daniel R. Schroeder to Ivan V. Akhrymuk, lot 8, Kensington, Ph. 1, Christiansburg, \$290,000
 Geneva Graef to Moe Razavi, lot 45, Oak Tree Townhomes, Ph VI, \$67,500
 CC and B Development LLC to SAS Eagle Givens LLC, 0.239 ac., lot 85, Northside Park, Sec. XII, Blacksburg
 Ziaojin Z. Moore to Syed Maaz Hassaan Gardezi, lot 15, Ph 1, Shadowlake Village Subdv., Blacksburg, \$375,000
 Verabrum DG Christiansburg LLC to BMG Management LLC, metes and bounds, Christiansburg, \$10
 Vance R. Aif Vice to Katherine A. Turk, 0.591 ac., lot 541, Blacksburg Country Club Estates, Sec III, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$562,500
 Virginia Ward to Gary G. Reynolds, 2.481 ac., lot 14, Coal Bank Ridge Subdv., Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$935,000
 Joseph Douglas Phillips to Joseph Douglas Phillips, condo unit 34, Bldg. C, Cascades Pointe Condos, Blacksburg
 Terry Alolen Sowder to Terry Allen Sowder, 5404 Coles Road, Elliston, 3 ac., Shawsville Magisterial District
 Malcolm W. Beckett to T2AW LLC, lot 10, Rim Rock Estates, Sec. 1, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$20,000
 Edward A. Johnston to William K. Friedl, 1075 Arrington Road, Blacksburg, 1.435 ac., lot 1, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$395,000
 Charlie Ray Howard to Kimberly Reed, 12.1508 ac., Riner Magisterial District, \$10,500
 David Brumfield to Melissa Jane Jones, 2.060 ac., lot 2, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$26,000
 Michael Broecher to Don Joseph Bernardini, 0.186 ac., lot 38, Auburn Hills Villas, Ph X, Riner Magisterial District, \$449,000
 Nancy Felch to Nancy Jahier Felch Trust, 2035 Blue Jane Lane, Blacksburg, condo unit 9, Ph VIII, Woods Edge at Warm Hearth
 Joel G. Gibbs to Joel G. Gibbs, Christiansburg
 Richard T. Stanger to Richard Tyler Stanger, 1704 Camp Carysbrook Road, Riiner, 1.14 ac., metes and bounds, Auburn Magisterial District
 Scott W. Hill to SWB Real Estate and Holdings, lot 3 and portion of lots 4 and 2, Sec. 6, Blacksburg, \$780,000
 Spruce Hollow LLC to Joanna M. Signorelli Trust, 24.377 ac., Shawsville Magisterial District, \$339,900
]Lewis J. Quesenberry to Jose M. Delgado, 1 ac., metes and bounds, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$15,000
 James Darren Epperly to Triple JJJ LLC, Southside by Montgomery Street, Christiansburg
 Bo Zhang to Dwayne C. Brown, Jr., lot 50 Maple Ridge Village 3, \$435,000
 Neil A. Multispaugh to Neil A. Multispaugh, 2003 Broken Oak Drive, Blacksburg, lot 94, Woodbine PDR Subdv., Sec. IV, Blacksburg
 Robert Eugene St. Clair Trust To Adam P. Grodzki, lot 11, Ramble Ridge, Sec. 1, Ph II, Blacksburg, \$269,000
 Eileen Poff Pugh to Corey Joseph Scott, lot 13, Sec II, Phillips Acres Subdv., Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$370,000
 Rene Fonesca to Sean Murphy, lot 6, Christiansburg, \$190,000
 L. Leon Geyer to Geyer Living Trust, lot 1, Ph V, Preston Forest V, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District
 Martha Brookman Sink to William Michael Sink III, metes and bounds, Prices Fork Magisterial District
 Erven S. Tyler, Jr., to Veronica Lopez, lot 25, Craig Mtn. Sec 2, Christiansburg, \$335,000
 Trevor L. Johnson to Bissells Newton LLC, lot 27, Sec I, Ph III, Haymarket Square Townhouses, Blacksburg, \$296,000
 Susan D. Anderson to Keith C. Blevins, 0.500 ac., Christiansburg, \$210,000
 Jeremy Pedrotti to Erven S. Tyler, Jr., lot 7, Craig Mtn., Sec X, Christiansburg, \$290,000
 St. Clair Investment Properties to Barry Slone, Lot 35, Lee Hwy Court, Christiansburg, \$130,000
 John K. Shelton to Edward Via College, lot 7, Orchard View, metes and bounds, Blacksburg
 Brandon Grant Altizer to Twin Oaks Real Estate LLC, lot 6, Charleston Place, Christiansburg, \$165,000
 G. Douglas Jones Trust to Brian Meinhart, 5.777 ac., Riner Magisterial District, \$534,779
 Dennis L. Rakes to William Wyatt Link, lot 3, Blue Ridge Court, Sec III, Christiansburg, \$171,900
 Baker Investments LLC to Vernon H. Baker Living Trust, vacant land no address, Blacksburg, two parcels, 4 15/100 ac., and 5 ac., Blacksburg,
 Edward F. Baker Trust to Clay Street LLC, vacant land, no address, Blacksburg, two parcels, 4 15/100 ac and 5 ac., Blacksburg
 Edward A. Baker Trust to Virginia L. Baker, vacant land, no address, Blacksburg, two parcels, 4 15/100 ac. and 5 ac., Blacksburg
 Virginia L. Baker to Edward A. Baker Trust, vacant land, no address, Blacksburg, two parcels, 4 15/100ac. and 5 ac., Blacksburg
 Virginia L. Baker to Edward A. Baker Trust, vacant land, no address, Blacksburg, two parcels 4 15,100 ac. and 5 ac., Blacksburg
 Jared W. Barker to Jared W. Barker, lot 22, Oak Tree Townhomes, Ph IX, Christiansburg
 Robin Sheesley to Elvis Rosario, 1.1357 aqc., lot 4, Blacksburg
 Simandhar LLC to Om May Vaishno LLC, 2635 Roanoke St., Christiansburg, 3.23

ac., Christiansburg, \$2,250,000
 William Graham Thompson to William Graham Thompson, 12.89 ac., metes and bounds, Shawsville Magisterial District
 Terra Bella LLC to Karl M. Sorensen, lot 19, Sec II, Mission Hill Subdv., Blacksburg, \$358,500
 Lloyd B. Taylor Trust to Benny H. Hagy, Jr., 0.206 ac., Christiansburg, \$95,000
 Rengin Holt to Community Housing Partners, lot 38, Slushers Farm Subdv., Blacksburg, \$1,350,000
 Dana Greer Sheffield to Princess Lynn Belcher
 Zayne Hamm to Zayne Hamm, 0.7915 ac.
 Georgia Diane Linkous Keller to Lisa Ann Wade, 4169 Pilot Rd., Riner, 0.6556 ac., Riner Magisterial District
 Lisa Ann Wade to Timothy D. Price, 4169 Pilot Rd., Riiner, 0.6556 ac., Riner Magisterial District, \$45,000
 Justin James Fuente Trust to Brenton J. Pry, 4.1371 ac., lot 2, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$1,765,000
 Terry T. Perdue to Jerry T. Perdue, 10.0240 ac., tract 19, and 11.6288 ac., tract 20, Harman Farms Inc., Shawsville Magisterial District
 Adrian Yocum to William Nathan Booher, 1.000 ac., metes and bounds, Riner Magisterial District, \$12,000
 Debra A. Bailey to Garry Wayne Hunter, 3 tracts, 7.696 ac., 0.161 ac., 5.494 ac., Riner Magisterial District
 Donald Bailey to Timothy Holton, 1.000 ac., lot 1, Riner Magisterial District, \$240,000
 Eric Cade Schoenborn to CK Mountain Properties LLC, 5.803 ac., Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$317,000
 Paige Lauren Ward Executor to Lucas Quincey Weaver, 4.847 ac., Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$187,000
 Jessica W. Willis to Michael P. Gowen, Sr., 0.249 ac., Christiansburg, \$154,000
 Usip Elliston III LLC to 2121 Gardner Owner LLC, two parcels, 37.710 ac., and 21.150 ac., Shawsville Magisterial District, \$30,602,517
 Golden Triangle Development LLC to Linda G. Zeinalgol, 0.134 ac, lot 60, Christiansburg, \$305,900
 Richard L. Laclair to Richard Leonard Laclair revocable trust, lot 30, Dundas Heights, Blacksburg
 William Kincer Friedl to William Friedl, lot 11, Scott Subdv., Prices Fork Magisterial District
 William Kincer Friedl to William Friedl, lot 9, Scott Subdv., Prices Fork Magisterial District
 James C. Deemer, Jr., to William M. Deemer, two parcels, metes and bounds, see legal, \$175,000
 Bryan T. Huffman to David W. Hamilton, lot 2, Suburban Hills, Christiansburg, \$256,000
 JBC Properties LLC to Joshua Bowman, 1.0359 ac., tract B, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$265,000
 Susan C. Stade to Robert L. Lafon, 0.9861 ac., Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$295,000
 Shah Development LLC to Thaddius C. Ratliff, 0.061 ac., lot 54, Cambria Crossing, Ph I, Christiansburg, \$329,750
 Michael Gary Akers to Lois Akers Mann, 744 Triangle St., Blacksburg, metes and bounds, see legal, Blacksburg, \$67,000
 Timothy L. Stelter to Changqing Li, lot 32, Charleston Place, Christiansburg, \$194,000
 Donald James Douglas, Jr., to Michael Todd Willis, lot 16, LA Plateau Subdv., Christiansburg, \$266,000
 Christopher Rae Thomas to Christopher Rae Thomas, 2 ac., metes and bounds, see legal
 Zachary Williams to Brian Brooks, condo unit 6203, Bldg. 6, Knollwood Condos, Ph IV, Blacksburg, \$301,000
 Michael W. Via to Patrick C. Ryan, lot 36, Ph II, New River Village Subdv., Christiansburg, \$299,900
]Tyris Homes Inc., to Michael Via, lot 16, Hillcrest at Union Valley, Riiner Magisterial District, \$531,433
 Richard David Bartlett to Devin Dausin, condo unit M, Bldg 505, Sundance Ridge Condos, Blacksburg, \$211,000
 Mehdi Setareh to Mehdi Setareh, lot 11, Cedar Orchard, Ph IV-A, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District
 Free Clinic of the New River Valley to Terry A. Brizendine, 130 Akers Farm Rd., Christiansburg
 Satiah Chandrasekaran to Chandrasekaran and Jagadhee, lot 59, Echols Village Subdv., Ph II, Blacksburg
 Lauren Cooper to Eric Cooper Trust, lot 2, Montgomery Farmers, Prices Fork Magisterial District
 Nancy H. Mosely to Nancy Showalter Moseley, lot 21, Sec. B, Airport Acres, Blacksburg
 Richard G. Hyatt, Jr., to Atmosphere Plus Az 3 LLC, lot 19, Ph 3, Tremont Estates, Blacksburg
 Richard G. Hyatt, Jr., to Atmosphere Plus Az 3 LLC, 0. 503 ac., Blacksburg
 Richard G. Hyatt, Jr., to Atmosphere Plus Az 3 LLC, 0.278 ac., Christiansburg
 SAS Eagle Givens LLC to Cesur Dagli, 0.248 ac., lot 88, Blacksburg, \$489,558
 Holly S. Knott to Prime Property Rentals LLC, lot 5, Blacksburg, \$640,000
 William Kincer Friedl Executor to Rosent LLC, 0.158 ac., Blacksburg, \$275,000
 Judy L. Hoops to K&J Properties Contracting LLC, 10 ac., metes and b pounds, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$5,000
 Sara M. Roberts to Montezillo Investment LLC, lot 14, Sec. 2, Johnston Heights Extension, Christiansburg, \$197,000
 Anna M. Score to Jennifer Spencer, 0.152 ac., parcel B, Christiansburg, \$275,000
 Diana H. Blair to Katherine M B Hochella, 0.087 ac., lot 162, Village at Toms Creek, Ph III, Blacksburg, \$442,000
 Toby R. Borge to Charles Ross Blount Revocable Trust, 1.219 ac., lot 5, Heritage Place, Ph I, Riner Magisterial District, \$575,000
 John C. Ledoux to John C. Ledoux Trust, 710 Knob Hill Drive, Blacksburg, lot 2, Knob Hill Sec V, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District
 David B. Livingston to Brianna Leigh Schoen, 0.046 ac., lot 15, Hunters Ridge, Ph II, Christiansburg
 Michael J. McShane to Sebastian Muoki, lot 27, Walnut Creek, Ph I, \$375,000
 Robert John Bodnar Administrator to Marie Annette G. David, LOT 6, Woodbine PDR Subdv., Sec VI, Blacksburg, \$290,000
 K&J Properties LLC to Gregory Scott Akers, two parcels, 0.994 ac., parcel A; 2.399 ac., parcel B, Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$110,000
 David S. Meier to Joshua Kast, lot 3, Springview Subdv., Ph IV, Riner Magisterial District, \$169,000
 Gilmer Properties LLC to Jonathan Lee King, 0.258 ac., Blacksburg, \$450,000
 Crystal R. McClimans to Alexander K. Adams, 1130 Orange Leaf Court, Christiansburg, lot 35, Ph III, Oak Tree Townhomes, Christiansburg
 Jerry L. Shepherd, Sr., to Rambler Springs LLC, 0.4025 ac., Christiansburg, \$330,000
 Jennifer L H Nelson to Li Sheng Lu, lot 8, Carriage Hill Townhouses, Blacksburg, \$290,000
 Christopher W. Sweet to Christopher W. Sweet, metes and bounds, Riner Magisterial District
 Lucas Construction and Development to Stateson Homes LLC, 0.284 ac., lot 3, Kinloch Subdv., Blacksburg, \$93,500
 Olen W. Gardner to Evan M. Smith, 4.00 ac., Riner Magisterial District, \$369,900
 James L. Sallie III to Sallie Properties Christiansburg, lot 23, Arbor View Plantation, Ph IV, Christiansburg
 Douglas R. Sims to Stephanie Read, lot 516, Blacksburg Country Club Estates, Sec III, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$854,800
 Adrienne Whitney Berney to Gregory Michael Novack, lot 2, Countryside Estates, Blacksburg, \$466,400
 Wanda L. Dove to 1690 Jackson Street LLC, lot 6, Newcomb Heights, Christiansburg, \$195,000
 G. Douglas Jones Trust to Brian Meinhart
 Kevin M. Gordon to David Caulfield Schmauss, 2 lots, 0.921 ac., lot 6, and 1.299 ac., lot 7, Hillcrest at Union Valley, Riner Magisterial District, \$607,000
 Jarad W. Gautier to Jarad W. Gautier, 0.764 ac., Riner Magisterial District
 Tyris Homes Inc., to Tyler Clay Blankenship, lot 19, Hillcrest at Union Valley, Riner Magisterial District, \$435,141
 Aniruddh Roy to Priya Biju, lot 15, Clover Valley Estates, Blacksburg, \$277,500
 Robert L. Fisher to Mary Elln Munford Harder Trust, 0.184 ac., lot 7B, Misty Morning Meadows, Christiansburg, \$365,000
 Eugene G. Joseph to Ashley Neil Welch, lot 37, Brush Mtn West, Ph 6, Prices Fork



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Magisterial District, \$625,000
 Christopher L. Catron to John T. Jordan, lot 57, Belmont Estates, Sec II, Christiansburg, \$430,000
 Shah Development LLC to Laura Lucille Williams Negron, 0.067 ac., lot 36, Midway Estates, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$251,750
 Gregory Duane Earle to Cameron Joseph Earle, lot 19, Ph IV-B, Cedar Orchard, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District,
 Bobby L. Smith to Doris S. Smith, lot 15, Miniature Farms, Blacksburg
 Dovetail Properties LLC to Curt Porterfield, 0.499 ac., metes and bounds, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$60,000
 Montgomery County School Board to The Agape Center Corporation, 5.484 ac., Christiansburg, \$800,000
 BMG Management LLC to BMG DG Christiansburg District, 1.836 ac., metes and bounds, Christiansburg, \$10
 Daniel L. Davis to Daviel L. Davis, lot 7, Oak Tree Townhomes, Ph IX
 Kristopher Karl Schneider to Benjamin S. Lepene, metes and bounds, see legal, Blacksburg Magisterial District, \$217,000
 Christopher T. Dempsey to Leana Fischer, 0.378 ac., parcel 1, Old Parsonage lot, Christiansburg, \$245,000
 Caleb Y. Simon to Bryan M. Kearney, lot 12, Oak Tree Townhomes, Ph III, Christiansburg, \$261,000
 Mary Ann O’Ibeziako to James Marlin Witt, lot 6, Brush Mtn. Estates, Ph II, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$41,500
 Gregory D. Brickey to Justin E. Brammer, 6.000 ac., \$170,900
 Virginia Department of Transportation to Little River Road LLC, See Hwy Platt, \$500
 Colin A. Grant to Kevin M. Marsden, lot 320 Blacksburg Country Club Estates, Sec II, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$960,000
 Helen M. Young to Jeffrey Stuart Shelton, four parcels, parcel 1, metes and bounds. Parcel 2, metes and bounds; parcel 3, 4.884 ac., lot 3A; parcel 4, Riner Magisterial District, \$395,000
 James Willard Lark III to K. Mike Fleenor, Jr., lot 12, Ph 2, Oak Manor Townhomes, Blacksburg, \$165,000
 Doris J. Elliott to Virginia Capital Investments LLC, five parcels, see legal, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$595,000
 SWB Real Estate and Holdings LLC to F. Brad Denardo Trust
 Nathaniel Scott Stawarz to Rachel Keller, lot 6, Northside Park, Sec VII, Blacksburg, \$462,500
 Wilma A. Alderman to David Sisson, 190 Haymaker St., Christiansburg, lot 105, lot 138, lot 139, Snidow Heights, Christiansburg
 Wilma A. Alderman to Stacey Madison, 150 Darci Drive, Christiansburg, lot 5 Pepper Street townhomes, Christiansburg
 Carol Collins Bower to Donna Bower Wells, 0.223 ac., parcel B, Christiansburg
 Mohamad Elsayed to John M. Dodaro, lot 3, Blue Ridge Court Subdv., see Bk 424, Pg 892, Christiansburg, \$150,000
 Richard D. Youngberg to RW50 LLC, lot 28, Lions Gate Planned Community, Christiansburg
 Nicolaos Brad Totten to Arvind Rahar, condo unit 54, Bldg E, Cascades Pointe Condos, Blacksburg, \$240,000
 Terry R. Hanks to William L. Hanks, lot 13, Highland Park, No. 4
 Harold David Linkous Executor to William L. Hanks
 John A. Fedowitz to William J. Ferguson Trust, lot 47, Kelseywood, Ph II, Christiansburg, \$275,000
 Azim Eskandarian to Derek Devin Jones, lot 13A, Fiddlers Green, Blacksburg, \$1,130,000
 Lisa L. Schultz to Jeremy J. White, lot 39, Oak Tree Townhomes, Ph IV, Blacksburg, \$276,000
 Timothy M. Plafacn to Mazen Hasan, lot 20, Coal Bank Subdv., Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$1,125,000
 Carol Burch-Brown to Carol S. Burch-Brown, 0.744 ac., lot 736, Blacksburg Country Club Estates, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District,
 Stateson Homes LLC to Jinting Yang
 Scarlet P. Bishop to Jake T. Hinson, 1.406 ac., lot 1A, Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$125,000
 Mark L. Mear to Mark L. Mear, 279 Easy Street, Christiansburg, lot 16, Vicker Hts 3.175, \$20,000
 Lucas Construction and Development to Stateson Homes LLC, 0.244 ac., lot 2, Kinloch Subdv., Blacksburg, \$93,500
 Higher Living Ministries, Inc., to Shah Development LLC, 1.1182 ac., Riner Magisterial District, \$212,500
 Misty Lester to Michael Miles, lots 6 and 7, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$232,500
 Inge E. Pyle to Pyle Family Trust, unit 17, manor Unit of the Vistas, Blacksburg
 Shirley R. Doss to Dante Hebert, 0.36 ac., metes and bounds, \$319,750
 National Bank of Blacksburg Trust to Kent Square North LLC, 0.455 ac., Blacksburg, \$896,668
 Jacob Kaplan-Moss to Brian Lewis Newmark, 0.871 ac., Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$285,000
 Mariah-Katherine Hope Bragg to Jimmy Martin, 7.289 ac., lot 9, \$115,000
 Little River Holdings LLC to Paul Joseph Davidson III, 8.7626 ac., lot 7, Eagle View, Riner Magisterial District, \$145,500
 Jacob A. Levitt to Geoffrey Austin Wright, 0.315 ac., lot 15, Hardie Hills, Sec II, Blacksburg, \$560,000
 Kurt D. Giantonio to Julia Claire Swearingin, 0.1722 ac., lot 4B, Falling Branch Estates, Christiansburg, \$209,999
 Marvin A. Cromer to Vicki Euler, two ½ acre lots, metes and bounds, Blacksburg
 Rogers Woods PLC Trust to Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, 1564 Alleghany Spring Rd., Shawsville, \$93,821
 William J. Flack to Ian Y Ho, lot 44, Blacksburg, \$372,500
 Shah Development LLC to Andrew Boyd, 0.052 ac., lot 34, Midway Estates, Shawsville Magisterial District, \$251,750
 Penny Palmer Barker to Kelly Z. Hall, 3163 Pilot Road, Riner, 0.906 ac., parcel A, \$300,000
 Joseph G. Dance III to Kurt D. Giantonio, lot 38, Hans Meadow, Ph II, Christiansburg, \$190,000
 Mary Knight Kinzey Survivors Trust to William Howard Kinzey, metes and bounds, see legal, Prices Fork Magisterial District
 Samuel I. White PCSub Trust to Pennymac Loan Services LLC, 6.082 ac., Tract C, \$115,080
 Matthew C. Olmstead to Susan L. Olmstead, lot 15, Sec 1, Woodbine PDR Subdv.
 Joseph F. Biltz to Joseph F. Biltz Trust, 4630 Blue Heron Dr., Christiansburg, 2.508 ac., lot 19, Lucas Estates, Ph II, Riner Magisterial District,
 Miles Enterprises Inc. to GSC Custom Builders LLC
 Alexa Zalopany Casey to Su Fang Ng, two parcels, lot 67, Laurel Ridge, Sec. 2 and

3.281 ac., Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$424,900
 Walter D. Shields, Jr., to Walter D. Shields Living Trust, 440 Diamond Crest Court, Christiansburg, Lot 1, Diamond Crest
 Rebecca Plankeel to Julie Plankeel, lot 131, Oak Tree Townhomes, Ph II, Christiansburg
 Grant Brainard Sherman to Wallace King, 2.642 ac., Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$168,000
 TJH Properties LLC to MRJQ LLC, Condo unit 1210-1, Ph VIII, University Terrace Condos, \$220,000
 Carl D. Howell to Joshua P. Fizer, lot 23, Mt. Tabor Village, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$359,000
 David A. Bower to Max Mussomele, 7.8913 ac., tract 3, Riner Magisterial District, \$32,000
 An Nguyen to Zohaib Akbar, lot 54, Clifton, Ph 1, Christiansburg, \$420,000
 Professional Foreclosure Corporation to JB Klein, lot 9, Mtn. Top Estates, Ph 1, Christiansburg, \$265,000
 JB Klein to Dazed and Confused LLC, lot 9, Mtn. Top Estates, Ph 1, Christiansburg
 Mary M. Weaver to Jeremiah Cain Robertson, lot 3, Quesenberry Acres, \$231,500
 Machell Saunders Schmolitz to Machell Saunder Schmolitz, 9.463 ac., Mt. Tabor Magisterial District
 Powers Court Properties LLC to Sai Kiran Reka, lot 2, Old School Townhomes, Christiansburg, \$160,000
 Kent Alexander Adams to Vertex Development LLC, 1.0268 ac., tract B, Prices Fork Magisterial District
 William John Teerlinck to Michael P. Walsh, Jr., lot 38, Kipps Farm Subdv., Blacksburg, \$646,900
 Lucas Construction and Development to Stateson Homes LLC, 0.219 ac., lot 20, Kinloch Subdv., Blacksburg, \$93,500
 Anthony V. Heizman to Christopher Ramrattan, 2.055 ac., lot 10, Phillip Subdv., Riner Magisterial District
 John M. Hughes Trust to Kenneth James Harrah, lot 67, Highland Park Addition, Blacksburg, \$265,220
 Robert F. Simpson, Jr., to Eric D. Bateman, lot 10, Kensington Park, Ph VII, Riner Magisterial District, \$400,000
 Deborah Carter to Michael Klapproth, lot 56, Clifton, Ph 1, Christiansburg, \$415,000
 Edward Via College to Robert Ernst Ulfers, part of lot 7, metes and bounds, see legal, Blacksburg, \$275,000
 Charles W. Henderson to CSS Properties LLC, 1.103 ac., Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$18,101
 K&J Business Properties LLC to John A. Barr, Jr., 0.1960 ac., lot 9A, Christiansburg
 K&J Business Properties LLC to John A. Barr, Jr., family unit 45-E, Bldg. 8-R, Ph II, Piedmont at Blacksburg, Blacksburg
 Andrew F. Follin to Andrew F. Follin
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 Michael W. Burnop to Michael W. Burnop revocable trust, lot 723, Blacksburg Country Club Estates, Sec. III, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District
 Michael W. Burnop to Michael W. Burnop revocable trust, lot 724, Blacksburg Country Club Estates, Sec III, Blacksburg
 Michael W. Burnop to Michael W. Burnop revocable trust, 0.953 ac., Ph 1, Blacksburg
 Jerry L. McLawhorn to Lenzkes Clamping Tools, Inc., 0.200 ac., parcel 5-A, Christiansburg, \$155,000
 Michael W. Burnop to Michael W. Burnop revocable trust, Condo unit R, Bldg. 509, Sundance Ridge Condos of Blacksburg, Ph I, Blacksburg
 Jerry L. McLawhorn to IGGB Investment Properties LLC, two parcels, 0.442 ac, parcel 1; unbuilt alley, parcel 2, Christiansburg, \$80,000
 Shah Development LLC to Sean Christopher Lawmaster, 0.52 ac., metes and bounds, Riner Magisterial District, \$236,000
 Michael W. Burnop to Michael W. Burnop Trust, pardel 024, See legal, Blacksburg
 Joan E. Mitchell to Carlos Jose Perez Torres, 0.430 ac., lot 107 and part of lot 108, Highland Park, Blacksburg, \$530,000
 Caroline D. Capocelli to David Laplante, lot 8, Old School Townhomes, Christiansburg, \$185,000
 Darrin Slusher to Thomas Darr, Jr., lot 5, Sec 1, Blue Ridge Court, Christiansburg, \$177,000
 Economic Development Authority to Parkway Drive Christiansburg, 41.588 ac., Christiansburg, \$2,079,400
 Justin S. Terra to Bradley Kyle Mann, 9.2869 ac., Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$155,000
 John G. O’Shea to Idhammar LLC, lot 14, Hardee Hills Subdv., Sec II, Blacksburg, \$395,000
 Heidi M. Wengerd to Kristin Friesen, lot 20, Ph II, Robin Hood Estates, Christiansburg
 Charity I. Lindsey to Drake Vaughn, lot 19, Christiansburg, \$230,000
 Jonathan L. Waldrep to Jonathan Lee Waldrep Trust, 0.3597 ac., lot 53, Edgewood, Shawsville Magisterial District
 Rea Rentals LLC to Opossum Properties LLC, 1.699 ac., Christiansburg Industrial Park, Ph VI, Christiansburg, \$375,000
 Stuart E. White to Robert Henry Cursforth Trust, two parcels, 5.255 ac, parcel 7C; 0.199 ac., parcel 7D; Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$65,000
 Faye A. Pack to Phillip J. Linkous, 1 ac., Former Blacksburg Magisterial District
 Donald D. Burks to Torrance Battle, 0.5001 ac., metes and bounds, Christiansburg, \$312,000
 Shirley Lafon Hartman to Debbie Surdoval, tract 3, Shawsville Magisterial District
 John Louis Wasky to Christopher Brian McHone, 2.6454 ac., lot 39, Brush Mtn. West, Ph 6, Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$646,900
 James E. Ward to Stephen W. Oliver, 1.000 ac., \$189,900
 Saied Taheri to 354 Riverside Clinic Properties, lot 11, Oak Tree Townhomes, Christiansburg, \$214,900
 Gregory Lynn Wright to Nirmin Maarouf, 0.604 ac., Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, \$265,000

DEEDS TRANSFER UPON DEATH

L. Leon Geyer to Geyer Living Trust, lot 1, Ph V, Preston Forest V, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District
 Martha Brockman Sink William Michael Sink III Partnership, 4 ac., metes and bounds, Prices Fork Magisterial District
 Satish Chandrasekaran to Chandrasekaran and Jagadhee, lot 59, Echols Village Subdv., Ph II, Blacksburg
 Gregory Duane Earle to Cameron Joseph Earle, lot 19, Ph IV-B, Cedar Orchard, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District
 Carol Collins Bower to Donna Bower Wells, 0.223 ac., Parcel B, Christiansburg
 Heidi M. Wengerd to Kristin Friesen, lot 20, Ph II, Robin Hood Estates, Christiansburg

Anthem

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I don’t write a song so much as write it down. In this case, I didn’t set out to write a song for Virginia so much as listened to her tell-

ing me to do so. People that know me, know I’m a song in my heart, heart on my sleeve kind of guy,” said Ward.

“It always sounds cliché for people to say, ‘there’s no place like home.’ And that’s

why for me, saying it isn’t nearly enough, or close to a measure of how much I love this land and its people,” Ward said. “This song is a massive milestone for me as an artist, as a citizen and as a person. It’s a moment to stop and appreciate how blessed and lucky I am, and it’s a call to action for all of us throughout the commonwealth to appreciate what we have and to strive to make an even greater difference as a community.”

In addition to his business interests,

Ward is an active community builder. He spent years developing the Dulles South Youth Sports program, coached hundreds of children across various sports, and he and his wife of nearly 30 years have built an equestrian program at their farm, Morning Side Stables, that has given them the fortune of touching thousands of lives across their local community. In the coming months, Ward intends to take his song on the road with visits to all counties across Virginia.

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RADFORD SPORTS

Blacksburg lacrosse falls to Franklin County



Blacksburg midfielder Sam Purcell winds up for a shot against Franklin County during a Monday night home game. The Bruins lost to the Eagles in a very close game by the score of 11-10.



Blacksburg attacker Lake Gohlke gets by Franklin County's Wyatt Dickerson during a Bruin scoring possession in the first half.



Blacksburg's Rylan Pospichal shoots as Franklin County's Gabriel Campbell defends. PHOTOS BY JON FLEMING

CHS girls win track meet



Freshman Leila Haley took first place in the girls 100 meters with a time of 13:17 as the Blue Demons girl's squad took first with 95 total points. Salem was second with 56 and Pulaski third with 51 points.



Christiansburg's Summer Hamlin took first place in the girls 400 meters with a time of 1:03:78. Kayla Waters came in second with a time of 1:05:06.



Christiansburg's Tyrique Taylor came in first place in the boys discus event with a throw of 145-3. The Christiansburg boys' team finished third with 53 points. Pulaski was first with 107 total points. PHOTOS BY KYMN DAVIDSON-HAMLEY

Eastern Montgomery softball falls to Radford 21-6 in five innings



Alexis Artrip pitches for the Mustangs. Artrip had one hit, a walk, two stolen bases, and one run scored in the game.



Allison Bower also tossed some innings for the Mustangs. At the plate, Bower had a double, two RBI's, a stolen base, and scored a run in the loss to Radford.



Anna Ryan lines a base hit for the Mustangs. She had two hits, a walk, two stolen bases, and scored three runs. PHOTOS BY LAUREN TATE

Hokies among All-American swimmers at NCAA championships

Atlantic Coast Conference swimmers and divers totaled 165 College Swimming and Diving Coaches Association of America (CS-CAA) All-American honors for the 2021-22 season following their performances at the NCAA Championships.

ACC women piled up 102 All-American honors, and ACC men compiled 63 All-American performances.

Both the Virginia Tech men's and women's team placed several swimmers on the second-team list.

The awards were determined by a nationwide vote of CSCAA-member Division I head swimming coaches and head diving coaches. One additional vote was determined by the public via online polling.

WOMEN'S ALL-AMERICANS:
Virginia Tech
Emma Atkinson – 200 backstroke, 200 freestyle (second team), 400 freestyle relay (second team), 800 freestyle relay (second team)

Reka Gyorgy – 400 individual medley (second team), 500 freestyle (second team), 400 freestyle relay (second team), 800 freestyle relay (second team)

Anna Landon – 400 freestyle relay (second team)

Rose Pouch – 800 freestyle relay (second team)

Sarah Shackelford – 400 freestyle relay

(second team), 800 freestyle relay (second team)

Chase Travis – 1650 freestyle (second team)

MEN'S ALL-AMERICANS:

Virginia Tech

Carles Coll Marti – 200 breaststroke, 200 individual medley, 200 freestyle relay (second team), 200 medley relay (second team), 400 freestyle relay (second team), 800 freestyle relay (second team)

Luis Dominguez Calonge – 200 freestyle relay (second team), 400 freestyle relay (second team), 800 freestyle relay (second team)

Antani Ivanov – 100 butterfly (second team), 200 butterfly second team, 200 freestyle relay (second team), 200 medley relay (second team), 800 freestyle relay (second team)

Mario Molla Yanes – 400 freestyle relay (second team), 800 freestyle relay (second team)

AJ Pouch – 100 breaststroke (second team), 200 breaststroke (second team)

Youssef Ramadan – 100 butterfly, 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle (second team), 200 freestyle relay (second team), 200 medley relay (second team), 400 freestyle relay (second team)

Samuel Tornqvist – 200 backstroke (second team), 200 medley relay (second team)

Forest Webb – 100 backstroke (second team)

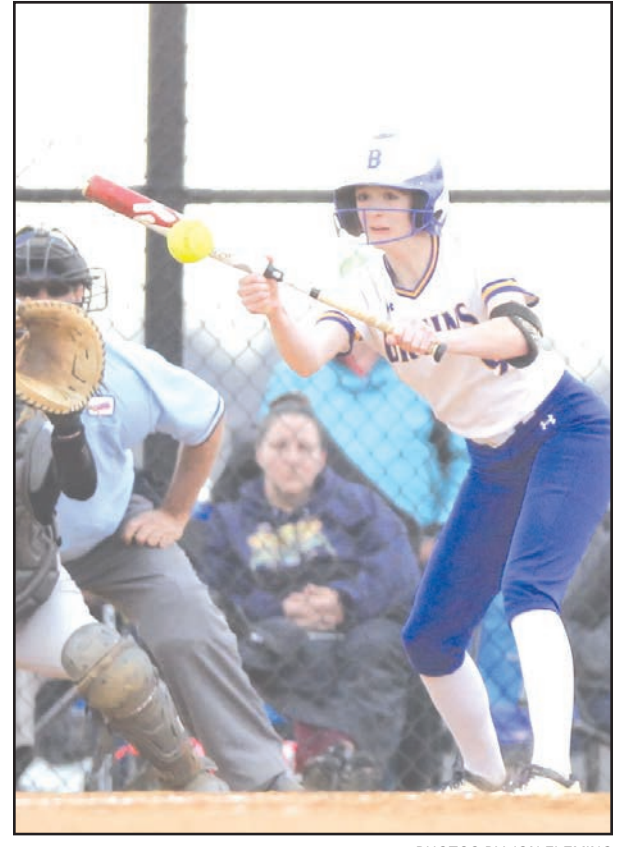
Blacksburg downs Salem in softball



Blacksburg's Lorelei Spradlin pitches during the Bruins' 11-1 win over Salem Monday night.



Blacksburg third baseman Aubrey Hudgins fires to first to get an out against Salem.



Blacksburg's Lilly Barnett lays down a perfect bunt to score additional runs for Blacksburg during a big first inning against Salem. After taking a 7-0 lead in the first inning, Blacksburg would go on to win 11-1 in Monday night's softball game.

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Harvey Chevrolet donates to Radford Parks & Recreation



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Harvey Chevrolet has continued its support of the Radford Parks & Recreation Department's youth softball-baseball programs with a donation that stretched the company's involvement to 10+ years. Pictured (left to right) are Brad Harvey, Assistant Recreation Director Greg Holbrook, and George Harvey.

Former Auburn high softball teammates together on diamond again

Former Auburn High School softball teammates, (pictured from left), Abby Wilson, McKenzie Lawrence, Skylar Dehart, and Tori Boyd were all back together this past week when Gardner-Webb University's team traveled to Radford to play the Highlanders. Lawrence plays for Gardner-Webb, while Wilson, McKenzie, and Dehart suit up for Radford University.



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