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Radford High School makes playoffs at quiz bowl nationals

Radford High School joined 109 of the top quiz bowl teams in the country from small public high schools for the 2022 Small School National Championship Tournament this past weekend, vying to determine who was the best.

The Bobcats Scholastic Bowl team made it to the playoffs and finished in eleventh place at the competition, held at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare.

Radford City Public Schools Superintendent Robert Graham offered congratulations to the team, adding, "I think our results show how special our school division is."

Quiz bowl is a competitive, academic, interscholastic activity for teams of four students. Quiz bowl teams use buzzers to answer questions about science, math, history, literature, mythology, geography, social science, current events, sports, and popular culture.

The matches feature a blend of

individual competition and team collaboration, since no individual player is likely to be an expert in all subject areas. Participation in quiz bowl both reinforces lessons from the classroom and encourages players to develop new intellectual interests.

The RHS team, in the Traditional Public Schools Division, was captained by Owen Saunders, who was joined by Lianna Almeida, Reagan Brown, Jaden Castillo, John Farmer, William Greene, Gavin Harris, Michael Hijduk, Lauren Price, Adalynn Turner, and Caleb Vaughan. The team was coached by Megan Thompson.

Radford High was one of four Virginia teams competing at the national championship.

Radford began the preliminary rounds with a four-game winning streak, defeating Martin County from Inez, Kent.; Itawamba Agricultural from Fulton, Missi.; Zane Trace from Chillicothe, Ohio;

and Evergreen from Metamora, Ohio. The Highlanders finished the preliminary rounds with a 7-3 record, which qualified them for the playoffs.

The team made it through some tense moments. For instance, the defeat of Martin County in round three was by the narrow margin of 250-245, and the team's win over Michigan's White Pigeon in round 11 was by a slim 215-190 score.

Radford was on the brink of elimination in round 17 when the students defeated Upper Sandusky from Ohio to stay alive. The team eventually lost to Westmont from Illinois, ending their shot at the title.

The Bobcats finished the tournament in eleventh place in the Traditional Public Schools Division. The champion in that division was Glasgow High School from Glasgow, Kent. The Open Division champion was the A team from St. Mark's School of Dallas, Texas.



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Sarah Carter, Museum Board Member and Gift Shop and Events Committee Chair, stands in the Glencoe Gallery and Gift Shop. The Gallery is benefiting from a grant from the Virginia Commission for the Arts.

Grants help Glencoe Mansion undertake new projects

RADFORD — Glencoe Mansion, Museum, and Gallery recently received three grants totaling more than \$9,000 from Virginia state agencies.

A \$3,520 grant from Virginia Humanities will assist the local non-profit in purchasing a new printer, but most important, said executive director Scott Gardner, "It will allow us to develop a new exhibit that attempts to shed light on the history of slavery in Appalachia and enslaved individuals' lives."

"As we enter the third decade of the 21st century, it's important to show our history and how our nation still reckons with its past and the ensuing legacy of years of oppression," Gardner said.

The story of Glencoe and its owners, Confederate Gen. Gabriel Wharton and his wife, "Nannie" Radford, provides a rich study of slavery in the western section of Virginia and brings to life the role of African Americans both as enslaved peoples and later as freedmen, Gardner said.

"The development of this exhibit has been assisted by our access to primary sources of more than 500 letters written between the couple during the American Civil War," he added.

The exhibit will open in late summer or early fall.

A second grant of \$2,500 from the Virginia Commission for the Arts has provided funds to expand hours temporarily for two part-time employees, who assist in social media development and management of the gift shop and art gallery. In addition, Gardner noted that these funds will help Glencoe expand its advertising at Virginia's Welcome Centers as well as its presence on social media platforms.

The grant was made possible as part of the American Rescue Plan appropriation through the National Endowment for the Arts.

The third grant of \$3,000 comes from the Virginia Department of Forestry to purchase plantings to help with reforestation and water conservation efforts at the Mary Draper Ingles Cultural Heritage Park as well as the adjoining Glencoe grounds. Located on 1.3 acres overlooking the New River, the park is home to an 8-foot-tall bronze statue of Ingles, who survived capture by Native Americans in 1755 during the French and Indian War and walked hundreds of miles from the Ohio region back to the New River Valley. The property also includes a train observatory, which was completed in 2019 as a joint project with students and faculty from Virginia Tech's School of Architecture + Design.

Gardner says the plantings will not only contribute to an improved environment but also will provide educational opportunities for families and make the property more inviting for picnics and walks along pathways.

"We're especially indebted to the Radford City Public Works Department and several groups of volunteers, including the Scouts BSA, for their help in making this project possible," Gardner said.

The park is open dawn to dusk, seven days a week.



RADFORD UNIVERSITY PHOTO

Justin Anderson, Ph.D., the Biology Chair and a Professor of Biology explains his field to accepted students.

Radford University sees highest Highlander Day attendance

RADFORD - Nearly 900 people attended Radford University's Highlander Day on Saturday, April 23, with about 315 of those attendees students accepted to the university, including students and their families on sponsored buses from the Tidewater and Richmond areas of Virginia.

It was the highest attended Highlander Day event this year and one of the largest on record.

"We are thrilled to have welcomed so many future Highlanders at our record Highlander Day," said Craig Cornell, vice president for enrollment management. "Some of our greatest strengths are our access to faculty and our state-of-the-art facilities. Highlander Days allow us to showcase both of those as students and families get to connect personally to their future faculty members, see their future residence hall, meet other students and experience what it is like to be a member of our family."

Highlander Day welcomes students and their families and friends to tour and interact with all of what Radford University has to offer as they make their enrollment decision for next fall. For many

students, this visit marks their first time on campus as admitted students. During their daylong experience, they had the opportunity to hear directly from current students, faculty and staff members about the opportunities available for them on campus.

Admitted students also stepped into immersive classroom experiences and witnessed their future professors and programs in action through tours and demonstrations. Current Radford University students welcomed Highlander Day guests into their residential halls for tours. Attendees also had the chance to eat in campus dining halls, meet with academic advisors and learn how to finance their college experience.

"Radford is a special place with a special focus on student success, and we are excited to be able to open the campus up to so many interested students wanting to join us this fall," said Cornell.

This was the third and final Highlander Day event of the academic year. In total, about 1,800 people attended the Highlander Day events; more than 600 of those were admitted students.

Concerts bring music to Radford this weekend

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RADFORD – Live music and food trucks will bring fun to Bisset Park Saturday, and Sunday features a concert at First Baptist Church to raise funds for Ukrainian refugees.

The Spring Wing Ding, hosted by the Radford Visitors Center and the Radford Chamber of Commerce is set for 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in Bisset Park. The event begins directly after the Highlander 5K, which starts at the Dedmon Center at 9 a.m. Barren

Minds, a band that plays a mix of 60s, 70s and 80s rock as well as some original material with a blues and rock influence, starts playing at 11 a.m. The band was originally formed when the members were students at Christiansburg High School. Food trucks include Cabo Food Truck, Salty's Lobster & Co., 800 Degrees Wood Fired Pizza, and Aloha Eddie.

On Sunday, First Baptist Church on Third Avenue will host a concert

See **Concerts**, page 4

Experience a Dark Sky Event at a Virginia State Park

International Dark Skies Week continues through today, Saturday, April 30, and events are being held across Virginia at four state parks throughout the spring and summer. Staunton River State Park, James River State Park, Natural Bridge State Park, and Sky Meadows State Park have been designated



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The night sky as seen from Staunton River State Park, one of four Virginia state parks that took part in Dark Skies Week, which concludes today, April 30, 2022. Staunton River, James River, Natural Bridge, and Sky Meadows state parks will host Dark Sky events throughout the spring and summer.

See **Dark Sky**, page 4

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, Saturday, April 30:

Spring Wing Ding

Bisset Park, Radford. Directly after the Highlander 5K; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Barren Minds concert (music from 60s, 70s and 80s) at 11 a.m. Cabo Food Truck, Saltys Lobster & Co., 800 Degrees Wood Fired Pizza, Aloha Eddie will be there for some grub. Adult beverages are available through the Radford Chamber of Commerce.

New Mount Olive United Methodist Church fish fry

From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.. Diners can choose from the following options: 1) Dinners are \$10 and include two pieces of deep-fried fish, baked beans, coleslaw, rolls and dessert; 2) fish sandwiches are \$6 (one piece of fish on bun with slaw); and an extra piece of fish is \$3. New Mount Olive United Methodist Church is located at 309 Russell Ave. in Radford (across from the Radford Fire Department). For call-in orders, call the church at 540-639-6425. Delivery is available in Radford or come by and pick up your order.

Blacksburg's shred-a-thon

Shred-a-Thon from 9 a.m. until noon at the Blacksburg Community Center Parking Lot at 725 Patrick Henry Drive. Those with documents to shred should bring them in a box, a plastic tote, or a paper bag. The limit is five containers per vehicle. Items that cannot be shredded include metal, 3-ring binders, composition notebooks, hardback books, and any non-paper material. This is a drive-thru event, so customers are asked to please stay in their cars. For more information, call 540-443-1212.

Creed Field Park opening day

Elliston, 9 a.m. The day includes a welcome to guests, a player parade, and remarks; 10 a.m. will be time to play ball. Concessions will be provided by the Eastern Montgomery High School Athletic Boosters and will feature burgers, hot dogs, chips, cold drinks, fresh popcorn, and candy. Special appearances will be made by Mugsy from the Salem Red Sox and Slider of the Pulaski River Turtles. For more information, call athletic supervisors Chris Slusher or Ashley Hadidian, athletic supervisors with MCPR, at 540-382-6975.

"Dancing on the Edge"

In the Bondurant Auditorium on Radford University's campus; 2 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children. RU students admitted free with ID. For tickets visit www.radfordactivities.com or call 540-831-5420.

Healthy Kids Day

From 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on the field and tennis courts between Cassell Coliseum and the YMCA Lancaster House on Washington St. SW. in Blacksburg, the YMCA at Virginia Tech will celebrate Healthy Kids Day, a national initiative to improve the health and well-being of kids. Healthy Kids Day is a free "summer kick-off" event with music, games, healthy snacks, crafts, and educational activities for families. Local organizations will also be promoting various summer programs and activities for kids.

All ages storytime

At the Blacksburg Library; 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.

Spring plant swap

At the Blacksburg Library; 2 p.m. Bring plants, bulbs, and seeds to swap. Vegetable plants, house plants, landscape plants, and flowers are all welcome. 2-2:30 p.m. to bring plants in and 2:30 p.m. for first swap, 2:45 p.m. for second round.

Mother's Day gift

At the Meadowbrook Public Library; 2 p.m. Drop in to make a special Mother's Day gift and give to someone special. Fill a fancy teacup with tea and treats and then gift-wrap it.

Sunday, May 1:

Radford concert for Ukraine

At the First Baptist Church Radford (Third Avenue); 2 p.m. Radford University music faculty and students will perform. Admission is free. A love offering will be received to be sent to CARE, which is supporting Ukrainian refugees.

Chess club

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

Sunday, May 1- 15:

Free prom dresses

By appointment only at the Meadowbrook Library, which has prom dresses of all sizes available for free to anyone in Montgomery County, Floyd County, and throughout the New River Valley. Please call (540)268-1964 to make an appointment.

Monday, May 2:

Christiansburg water and waste committee meeting

The Christiansburg water and waste committee will meet at the Town Hall in the Administration Conference Room, 100 East Main St. from 6 to 7 p.m.

Monday, May 2 – Thursday, May 5:

Blacksburg fire hydrant flushing

The Town of Blacksburg will be flushing fire hydrants in the Northwest Quadrant May 2 through May 5. Hydrant flushing can cause temporary pressure fluctuations and discolored water. These conditions will subside after the flushing is completed. For more information, contact the Engineering and GIS Department at 540-443-1300.

Tuesday, May 3:

Brick blast

At the Blacksburg Library; 4:30 p.m. Drop in to build with Legos. All ages welcome and all blocks are provided. Bring a camera to remember the creations as the Legos live at the library and cannot be taken home.

DIY cereal box organizers

At the Meadowbrook Public Library; 5 p.m. Participants can make their own organizers using cereal boxes and decorating supplies. Registration is required for this adult and teen craft. All supplies provided.

Thursday, May 5:

Virginia Tech Forest Landowner Extravaganza

The Virginia Tech College of Natural Resources and Environment and the university's Department of Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation are hosting this event from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. The day begins with catered lunch with speakers. After lunch, participants can choose from five opportunities. Transportation to off-campus sites will be provided. They are 1) Preparing for Generation NEXT Legacy Planning (workshop); 2) Tree Identification and Forest Ecology at Pandapas Pond (walking tour); 3) Agroforestry Options at Catawba Sustainability Center (walking tour); 4) Tour of Virginia Tech's Urban Forest (walking tour); or 5) Ongoing Research and Innovations in Forest Products (workshop). The event takes place concurrently with the Virginia Forestry Summit at Virginia Tech May 3-5. The cost is \$10 for summit attendees and \$15 for others. Register at www.vt.edu. For questions, Contact Jennifer Gagnon at 540-231-6391 or jgagnon@vt.edu.

American Legion meeting

The American Legion, Harvey-Howe-Carper Post 30 will meet at 7 p.m. at the VFW Post Home on 102 Watts St. in Radford. For further information, call 540-250-2283 or 540-239-9864.

Tuesday, May 10:

Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet at 7 p.m. at Aly's Italian Family Restaurant on 3204 Riner Road. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are invited to attend. Camp member James Evans will give a talk on the "CSS Hunley." For further information, call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

Thursday, May 12:

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.

Tuesday, May 17:

PATH Committee meeting

The New River Health District's PATH (Partnership for Access to Healthcare) Committee will convene from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at the Cross Point Foursquare Conference Center at 900 Life Dr. in Christiansburg for a discussion of PATH's future. The meeting will be in person with remote access available. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

Thursday, May 26:

Scrabble Tournament for Literacy

The 14th Annual Scrabble Tournament for Literacy will raise funds for the Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley (LVNRV) to help local adults learn to read. At the German Club Manor on Virginia Tech's Blacksburg campus from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The event will be emceed by Radford City Mayor David Horton. Local food offerings will be available.

Teams of three will play two games of Scrabble against two different teams with the scores from both games added together to determine the winner. Awards will be given to the top scorer, the longest word, the highest score word, and the most creative team name. Register as a team for \$100, or sign up as an individual for \$35, and the organization will match a player with a team. To register, go to www.lvnrv.org, email info@lvnr.org, or call 540-382-7262.

Ongoing:

Radford-Fairlawn Daily Bread seeks volunteers' names

Radford Fairlawn Daily Bread (RFDB), and its sister program, Meals on Wheels, are searching for the names of everyone who has volunteered with either service. Anyone who knows of past volunteers, especially those over the programs' first two decades, should contact feherzog66@gmail.com or by mail, addressed to Herzog, at RFDB, P. O. Box 3323, Radford 24143.

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.

Grab & Go meals

At the Meadowbrook Public Library. Free grab-and-go lunch and snack meals. Children 18 years and younger can come and get a weeks' worth of lunches and snacks every week. Sponsored by Feeding Southwest Virginia, an equal opportunity provider.

Phi Kappa Phi honor society inducts RU students

The following students at Radford University were recently initiated into Phi Kappa Phi honor society, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.

Everette Beaver of Radford, Sierra Coakley of Radford, Lucias Cordial of Radford, Abigail Fulop of Radford, Julia

Hartlage of Radford, Michelle Hazleton of Radford, Avery Howell of Radford, Ethan Humphrey of Radford, Brynn Miller of Radford, William Nape II of Radford, Haley Nicely of Radford, Carolyn Palmer of Radford, Julie Posey of Radford, Jalen Revell of Radford, Sivonna Stringham of Radford, Kaley

Weatherman of Radford, Kierstin West of Radford, Thomas Wilson of Radford, and Taylor Gibbs of Radford.

They are among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a

chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership.

Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

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YMCA at VT raffle ticket sales continue through May 17

The YMCA at Virginia Tech is holding a 50/50 raffle with only 2000 tickets available.

That means ticket purchasers have a 1 in 2000 chance of winning up to \$22,000. With the purchase of two tickets, the odds of winning improve to 1 in 1000.

This 50/50 raffle has a potential \$50,000 jackpot. Half of the proceeds (after expenses) go to the Y to support its community outreach programs while the other half goes to the raffle winner.

Tickets are selling fast, and the deadline for tickets sales online at www.vtymca.org

org/50-50-affle/ is 4 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17.

Funds raised by the raffle will support services offered to this community by the YMCA at Virginia Tech. The Y's community service programs include Meals On Main, feeding up to 300 children five days a week; international programs providing welcoming initiatives activities to raise awareness and highlight the contributions of different immigrant groups to the community; and Senior Connections, addressing issues of loneliness and isolation in the aging population.

Buy your tickets now for your chance to win up to \$22,000!

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Hokie Bird and Virginia Tech therapy dogs will make appearances at the YMCA at Virginia Tech's Healthy Kids Day today, April 30.

Hokie Bird and VT Therapy Dogs join YMCA at VT's Healthy Kids Day

Today, April 30, from 10 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on the field and tennis courts between Cassell Coliseum and the YMCA Lancaster House on Washington Street in Blacksburg, the YMCA at Virginia Tech will celebrate the 30th anniversary of Healthy Kids Day, a national initiative to improve the health and well-being of kids.

The celebration will include appearances by Hokie Bird and Virginia Tech therapy dogs.

Healthy Kids Day is a free "summer kick-off" event consisting of music, games, healthy snacks, crafts, and educational activities for families. Local organizations will also be promoting various summer programs and activities for children.

All parents must check in with the volunteers at the registration desk. The event is free, and free parking will be available in the Cassell Coliseum lot on Beamer Way on Virginia Tech's campus.

Montgomery among 16 school divisions to receive CTE grants

With Montgomery County among the school divisions receiving grants, Virginia State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jillian Balow recently announced the awarding of \$600,000 in competitive grants to 16 school divisions to upgrade equipment for career and technical education programs in schools and technical centers.

Each division will receive \$37,500 to purchase new equipment and make other improvements to enhance student learning.

"Technological change is a constant that impacts every career field, from agriculture to health sciences," Balow said. "These grants will help Virginia's career and technical education programs keep up and provide the up-to-date equipment and technology students need to prepare for the career opportunities of today and tomorrow."

The awards, by school

division, are as follows: Alexandria — Governor's Health Sciences Academy at Alexandria City High.

Campbell County — Altavista Combined School, Brookville Middle, Rustburg Middle and William Campbell Combined School..

Charlottesville — Charlottesville-Albemarle Technical Education Center.

Chesapeake — Governor's STEM Academy at Grassfield High.

Giles County — Giles County Technology Center.

Hanover County — Health Science Specialty Center at Hanover High.

Henrico County — Advanced Career Education Center at Hermitage High.

Henry County — Career Academy.

Lunenburg County — Central High.

Mecklenburg County — Mecklenburg County

High. Montgomery County — Governor's STEM Academy.

Northumberland County — Northumberland High.

Prince William County — Woodbridge Senior High.

Stafford County — North Stafford High.

Suffolk — The College and Career Academy at Pruden.

Wise County — Wise County Career and Technical Center.

The Virginia General Assembly established the CTE equipment grant program in 2016, and the Virginia Department of Education awarded the first grants to schools and technical centers in 2017. Since then, the program has provided \$3.6 million to help school divisions update equipment to enhance learning and experiences for career and technical education students.

Blacksburg planning, building receives request for conditional use permit for day care center

The Blacksburg Planning and Building Department has received a request for a Conditional Use Permit allowing a day care center use in the R-4 Low Density zoning district at Northside Presbyterian Church at 1017 Progress Street NW.

Northside Presbyterian Church, in partnership with YMCA-VT, seeks to create an after-hours school enrichment program for K through fifth-grade students on a 2.65 acre parcel known as the existing Northside Presbyterian church.

The program will run Monday through Friday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. during the school year and 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. during summer break hours. The program is asking for a maximum of 50 students, but a lower attendance count of approximately

30 students is expected. The program will provide a snack and an evening meal for all participants and provide recreational opportunities for students after school.

Busing plans through the YMCA or Montgomery County Public Schools are currently being worked out, but parent pickup is also available. The church parking lot is big enough to accommodate buses and/or parking for many vehicles so drop off and pick up will be within the safety of the building exterior.

To mitigate noise from recreational activities and traffic, Northside Presbyterian Church will plant additional trees and shrubs in vacant areas to bolster noise reduction. The church

also plans to erect a fence around the playground area for added safety from neighboring yards and the parking areas.

The future land use designation in the comprehensive plan is Low Density Residential.

The following meetings have been scheduled to consider this application:

Neighborhood Meeting: Thursday, May 5, 2022, 5:30 p.m. in the Blacksburg Motor Company Building large conference room, 400 South Main St.

Planning Commission Public Hearing: Tuesday, June 7, 2022, 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers, Second Floor Municipal Building, 300 South Main St.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Radford Appropriation Ordinance for School Board Budget Amendment

Radford City Council will hold a public hearing on May 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers located at 10 Robertson Street for the purpose of receiving public comments on the City's proposed appropriation ordinance of \$8,560,086 to the School Board for the expenditures associated with facilities, security upgrades, maintenance needs, and educational supplies.

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Legals - Montgomery County

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Virginia Department of Transportation and the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, in accordance with Section 33.1-70.01 of the Code of Virginia, will conduct a joint public hearing in the Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia at 7:15 p.m. on Monday, May 9, 2022.

The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comment on the proposed Secondary Six-Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2022/2023 through 2027/28 in Montgomery County and on the Secondary System Construction Budget for Fiscal Year 2022/23. Copies of the proposed Plan and Budget may be reviewed at the Christiansburg Residency Office of the Virginia Department of Transportation, located at 105 Cambria Street, Christiansburg, Virginia or at the Montgomery County Government Center located at 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia. All projects in the Secondary Six-Year Plan that are eligible for federal funds will be included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), which documents how Virginia will obligate federal transportation funds. Persons requiring special assistance to attend and

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participate in this hearing should contact the Virginia Department of Transportation at (540) 381-7201. Persons wishing to speak at this public hearing should contact the Montgomery County Government Center at (540) 382-6954.

Notice

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 1650 BOW HILL ROAD, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073. 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 June 6, 2022, at 11:00 AM, 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

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COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AND BEING ALL OF TWO (2) TRACTS OR PARCELS OF LAND, AS SHOWN ON A 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 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.bwwsales.com. 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: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com, VA-307497-2.

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New outdoor equine arena at vet teaching hospital allows year-round evaluations

A newly constructed outdoor equine arena will dramatically help provide diagnostic information on the horses brought to the Veterinary Teaching Hospital for lameness or performance issues. It also will allow for greater collaboration between veterinarians for equine surgery, sports medicine, and the farrier shop.

Nearly every day at the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine's outdoor arena, horses go through their paces, and this state-of-the-art arena has already proven invaluable during its first few months of operation.

Its open space and all-weather surface create a model setting for clinicians to conduct comprehensive assessments of horses for medical and performance issues, most commonly lameness.

"A safe, reliable surface is incredibly important for a lameness or performance exam. This new arena offers us the opportunity to evaluate the horse at all gaits, and it was thoughtfully designed and the footing carefully chosen to withstand all sorts of weather conditions so that we can evaluate horses year-round," said Lauren Trager, clinical assistant professor of equine sports medicine in the Department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences.

Examining horses while moving leads to more precise and effective diagnosis and subsequent treatment. Typically, the arena is used for lameness or gait evaluations, and it's large enough that horses can be ridden under saddle.

"Evaluation under saddle is often an important part of the exam, particularly

for those horses who present for poor performance or who are displaying issues that are only apparent with weight on their back. It's helpful to have the ability to ask the rider to get on and demonstrate what they've been feeling. And that's only feasible if you have an arena that is a suitable size for riding and has proper footing," said Trager.

The arena was also deliberately placed next door to the podiatry barn, where Travis Burns, associate professor of practice and chief of Farrier Services, unites the skills and experience of farriers with the college's veterinarian specialists to provide therapeutic foot care for horses.

For owner and trainer Katherine Abrams, who runs the Harmony Hills Equestrian Center, having the new arena

in Blacksburg and the veterinary team together is a winning combination. Her horse Reina, a 13-year-old Oldenburg, was the winner of the USA Dressage Final for Intermediate Open Freestyle in 2021.

"It's fantastic to have this so near to our stables, and I know many others that must travel so far to find similar services and facilities," Abrams said. "The combination of Travis, Dr. Trager, and the arena really helps keep my horses sound. My horses work so much it's essential to me to have this support."

"Good, level footing for evaluations is essential and a dedicated space to perform the exam is wonderful," Trager said. "Ultimately, all of these things enables us to best serve the horse, which is our main priority."

Dark Sky

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as International Dark Sky Parks by the International Dark Sky Association.

"As a state park, our goal is to conserve

Virginia's natural resources, which include the life that inhabits the park," Natural Bridge State Park Interpretive Ranger Summer Holiday

said. "Having a Dark Sky designation aids in preserving habitats we aim to protect by being a sanctuary relatively free from artificial light. These types of locations are becoming increasingly difficult to find.

"In metropolitan areas, you are only seeing a tiny fraction of what the night sky would look like in a place with no artificial light," Holiday said. "With little to no light pollution in our park, those that visit can see hundreds of stars they normally would not see. Our Dark Sky events

allow visitors to enjoy the view of our night sky and learn about the importance of preserving it by eliminating light pollution."

Dark Sky designation recognizes areas and organizations working to maintain spaces where the public can see stars more easily. Nighttime light pollution is common east of the Mississippi River and with natural nighttime darkness disappearing, this makes stargazing more difficult.

"On a clear night, there will be telescopes set up to allow visitors to fully appreciate the night

sky and depending on what is visible that time of year, visitors might be able to see nebulas, star clusters, planets and red giants," Holiday said. "Rangers will provide information on how to navigate the night sky, point out prominent constellations and discuss how visitors can reduce light pollution at home."

"Receiving a Dark Sky certification doesn't always guarantee protection from light pollution," Natural Bridge State Park Manager Jim Jones said. "Localities and businesses that develop

can potentially threaten that designation. We hope that through awareness, programs and advocacy of the community, friends, and government that these resources will be protected. That an awareness of how light at night can impact not only nature but our health and wellness."

Park events include self-guided nighttime hikes, astrophotography workshops, meteor shower viewing, lunar eclipse viewing and educational lessons about light pollution.

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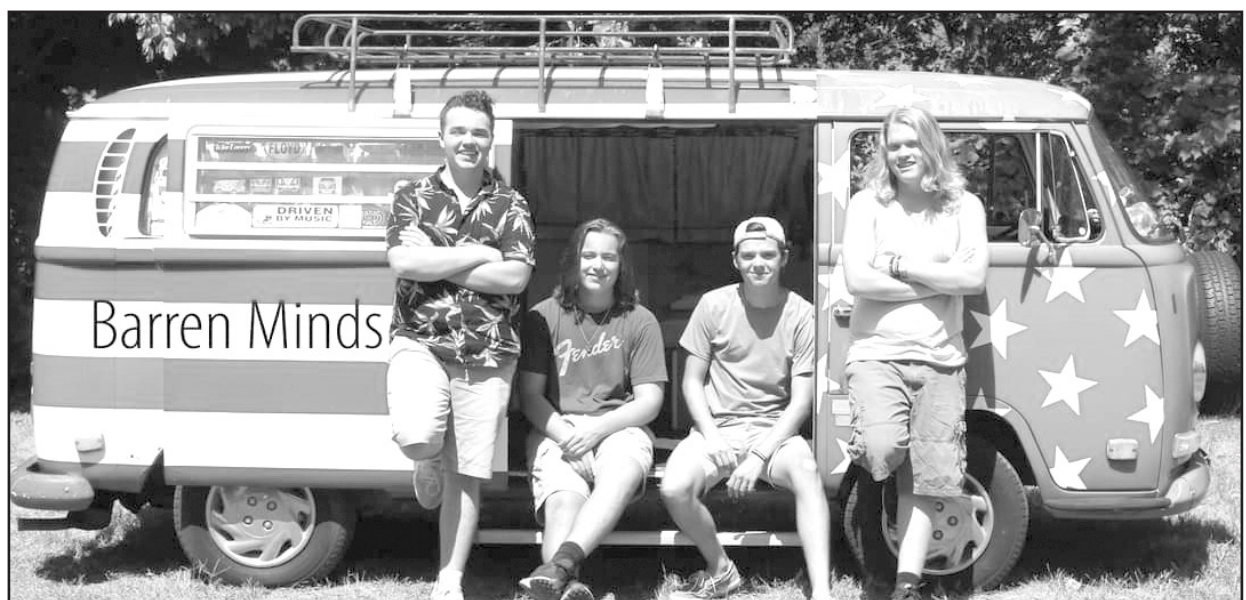
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Concerts

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to raise money for CARES for the needs of Ukrainians with performances by several talented Radford University Music faculty and students. Dr. Matt Cataldi, Radford University Music Professor and other Radford University music teaching faculty and students will be performing a secular music concert. It will be held in the

First Baptist Church (Third Ave. at Downey St.) sanctuary tomorrow, Sunday, May 1 at 2 p.m. Admission is free. A love offering will be received to be sent to CARE, for the organization's crisis response in Ukraine to reach four million people with aid and recovery, food, water, hygiene kits, psychosocial support, and cash assistance.

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10. British bathrooms
12. Assemblages of parts into one entity
14. Semitic fertility god
15. Dull & uninteresting
16. Yemen capital
17. Stare impudently
18. Banished persons
20. Heart failure & energy supplement
22. Reduction in force
23. Women's ___ movement
24. Polynesian wrapped skirt
26. Double-reed instruments
29. Own (Scottish)
30. Summer window dressings
35. Many not ands

CLUES DOWN

1. Vestment worn by priests
2. The trunk of a tree
3. Transmission line cable
4. Freshwater duck genus
5. Bulk storage container
6. Oil obtained from flowers
7. Shopping containers
8. Abnormal breathing
9. Brew
11. Bake eggs in their shells
12. Serviceable
13. A person in the navy
14. A child's slight injury
19. Fain
21. Supports trestletree
24. Parian Chronicle discovery site
25. Greek famous for fables
27. Farical afterpiece
28. Dispatches by mail

29. Hall of Fame (abbr.)

31. Aah
32. Unnaturally pale
33. Before
34. Fixed in one's purpose
39. Madames
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42. Baseball playoff
43. Cruise
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50. Precipitation
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OBITUARIES

Brown, Jr., Thomas Edward

Thomas Edward Brown, Jr., 79, detecting, and was an avid HAM Radio Operator. died Tuesday, April 26, 2022.

He was born in Baltimore on April 6, 1943, to the late Emma Bielefeld and Thomas Edward Brown, Sr. He was preceded in death by his stepmother, Gisela Brown, and a daughter, Shannon Brown.

He graduated from Johns Hopkins University and was a veteran of the United States Navy. Tom retired from A & N Electric Cooperative as an electrical engineer. He enjoyed traveling, hunting, and metal



He is survived by his wife, Faith; a daughter and son-in-law, Leslie and Nathan Green; his mother-in-law, Loretta Hornberger; and friend Joseph Gray. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Emmanuel Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 186, Oak Hall, Va. 23416. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

Cochran, Eric Landon

Eric Landon Cochran, 45, of Hillsville, passed away Wednesday, April 27, 2022.

He was preceded in death by his father, Joseph Lewis Cochran, and a sister, Phyllis Yvonne Cochran-Saunders.

Survivors include his mother, Margaret Elizabeth Graves Cochran; a sister, Linda Cochran-Welch; a brother, Michael "Jason" Cochran; and many nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Despite the many obstacles Eric faced, he experienced a full life supported by the unwavering love and dedication of his family, caretakers, and friends.

Whether taking field trips and learning with his teachers and cottage mates or

delighting in his mom's homemade peach cobbler and sweet tea, Eric's warm smile often communicated what he could not share in words. His sweet spirit was a gift to all who know him.

His family takes comfort in knowing Eric now rests in the loving care of our creator, and that one day we will be reunited with him in joy and perfect health.

The family would like to thank the staff at Good Neighbors for all the loving care they gave Eric. Memorial services will be private.

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

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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.sttof.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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540-633-3761, Email: office@SnowvilleChristianChurch.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. 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

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Walton Pentecostal Holiness Church, 4003 Morning Glory Rd., off Walton Rd. on Rt. 114. 731-1755. Lee Sarver, pastor. Sun. School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m. & 6: p.m., Wed., 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. 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.

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. 8:30a.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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God's COVENANT

Read Genesis 9:1 through 11:32

A covenant is a promise or contract between two parties. However, a biblical covenant involved much more. It was a permanent arrangement designed to promote friendship and understanding between God and man. After the flood, God made a covenant with Noah and every living thing.

I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth (Genesis 9:13).

This covenant had three parts. Never again would a flood devastate the earth. Season would follow season as long as the earth remained. Then God gave the rainbow to show that He could be trusted to keep His part of the covenant.

The rainbow speaks of God's grace and mercy. But His grace didn't stop with the rainbow. God wanted to have a relationship with us in spite of our unworthiness, so He sent us a Mediator—Jesus—who, by His death, opened up a new and better covenant, one that removed our sin and cleansed our conscience (Luke 22:20).

Prayer for Today: Lord, with Your help I will keep my part of the covenant—to love and honor You. Amen

Quicklook: Genesis 9:8–17

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Giesen, Richard Anthony

Longtime Smith Mountain Lake resident Richard Anthony "Tony" Giesen passed away April 5, 2022, at age 82 at Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

He was born Feb. 9, 1940, in Ada, Okla. His father was a surgeon in private practice as well as a provider of medical care to the Shawnee Indian reservation, and Tony made hospital rounds with his father from the age of five. His mother, Virginia Vaughn Giesen, was an opera singer. His family returned to Virginia when his father was called back to his hometown to start Radford Community Hospital.

Tony was a soloist in church and did local performances as young as age 6. When he was 13, he sang for Virginia Governor Thomas Stanley's inauguration and performed with the Roanoke Valley Choral Society.

Tony's grandparents were German immigrants, and he grew up immersed in the language. Starting in his school years he became an accomplished bridge player, mechanic, equestrian, and pianist.

He graduated from Radford High School in 1958, obtained a bachelor of science in rural sociology from Virginia Polytechnic Institute, a master of science in mathematics from Radford College, and did post-graduate work in mathematics at Princeton. In 2016, he was awarded an honorary doctorate from Ferrum College.

He was hired by Ferrum College in 1965 when he was 25. He was Ferrum's longest serving faculty member, spending 50 years as a math professor. He also started the college's equestrian program and taught German for nine years.

He loved Ferrum and in keeping with the college motto "Not Self But Others," he wanted to "give back in some way." To that end, he donated his Steinway grand piano as well as his collection of American Brilliant Cut Glass to the college. He had a lifelong passion for studying and collecting cut glass and spent over 60 years amassing hundreds of pieces. His collection



is housed in the Anthony Giesen Gallery of American Brilliant Cut Glass at Ferrum College and is one of only two college-based collections in the United States.

He was preceded in death by his father and his mother; brothers and sisters-in-law, Andrew Frederick Giesen, Jr., MD, and Virginia Conrad Giesen, Thomas Vaughan Giesen and Nancy Voege Giesen; and a nephew, Andrew Frederick Giesen III, PhD.

Tony is survived by one niece, Gwendolyn Conrad Giesen, and her husband, Keith George Milyo of Texas; five nephews, David Voege Giesen and his wife Jan Hamby, Richard Vaughan Giesen and his wife Victoria Hiott, Daniel Mark Giesen and his wife Ellie Henderson, James Thomas Giesen, and George Bradley Giesen and his wife Jennifer Norris; a niece-in-law, Linda Peterson Giesen; a sister-in-law, Deborah Smith Giesen; favorite cousins Sean and Greg Jeung; a goddaughter, Helga Thompson Goodale; and many great-nieces, great-nephews and extended family members.

Tony's funeral service with reception following is scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday, May 6, 2022, at St. John's Episcopal Church in Roanoke. A private burial for family only will be held at a later date.

The family would like to express appreciation to Dr's Demott, Kim, Kahn and the entire 8 South ICU staff at Roanoke Memorial Hospital for the exceptional care they provided Tony in his final weeks. The family extends a special thank-you to Ronald P. Johnson for his support and guidance during this time.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to The Defenders of Wildlife, The Nature Conservancy, The US National Parks Service, Rescue Mission of Roanoke, or the charity of your choice.

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

Hodges, Michael Gray

Michael Gray Hodges, 66, of Christiansburg, died Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at his home.

He was born in Roanoke on March 23, 1956, and was preceded in death by his father, Carl Gray Hodges, and a daughter, Crystal Hodges.

He recently retired from Community Housing Partners. Mike was a jack of all trades and a master of many. He is survived by his wife, Martha; his mother, Rachel Hodges; sons Derek Hodges and Thomas Walters; daughters and sons-in-laws, Letha and Tom



and Matt Weddle, and Lesley and Michael Lively; 18 grandchildren; and a sister and brother-in-law, Traci and Joe Pinto.

The family would like to express special thanks to Dr. Joseph Mock at Blue Ridge Cancer Care and Good Samaritan Hospice for their wonderful care. Services will be private.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 1, 2022, at McCoy Funeral Home 150 Country Club Dr. SW, Blacksburg.

Heidt, Nancy Karen Smith

Nancy Karen Smith Heidt, 68, passed away Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at her home in Dublin.

She was a retired nurse with Volvo Trucks.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, Alvin and Gladys Smith; her husband, Randall Vincent Heidt; her brothers, Tommy Sarver and John Smith; and a brother-in-law, Ron Heidt.

Survivors include her son, Chris Heidt and Trisha; a daughter, Karen Vandergrift and Michelle; granddaughters Ava and Brooke Heidt and Reghan and Harper Vandergrift; brothers-in-law Roger Heidt (Diane), Ray Heidt (Henri), Russell Heidt, Richard Heidt (Kathleen Dotson-Datum), Dean Heidt (Mary), and David Heidt (Cathy); sisters-in-law



Lavonne Bender (Steve), Marietta Heidt, and Sam Heidt; an aunt, Lois Hart; and many other family members and friends.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Monday, May 2, 2022, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Graveside services will follow at 2 p.m. at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin with Brian Cockram officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions to the SWVVC Volunteers, PO Box 11373, Blacksburg, VA 24062 or the Lung Transplant Foundation, Christiansburg, VA.

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

Midkiff, Ute Seybold

Ute Seybold Midkiff, 83, of Radford, passed away Monday, April 25, 2022.

She was born in Germany, the daughter of the late Karl and Maria Seybold.

She retired after many years of service with Kollmorgen where she was in quality control.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her husband, Robert Donovan Midkiff.

Survivors include her siblings Karlo in Germany and Waltraud in Greece; a daughter, Andrea M. Sarmadi and her husband, Homayoun; son, Kevin S Midkiff and his wife, Flor; grandchildren Paykon Sarmadi,



Kevin Midkiff II, Tatiana Midkiff, and Noah Midkiff; and six great grandchildren.

She had a gift to bring out the best in you and was able to touch the hearts of everyone she met. We miss her.

The family will receive friends from 10 until 11 a.m. today, Saturday, April 30, 2022 at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Memorial services will begin at 11 a.m. and interment will follow in West View Cemetery in Radford.

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

Shepherd, Teddy Dean

Teddy Dean Shepherd, 65, of Christiansburg, went home to be with his Heavenly Father on Monday, April 25, 2022.

Left behind to cherish his memory and legacy are his former wife and the mother of his children, Kim Hylton; sons, daughter, and grandchildren: Josh Shepherd and girlfriend, Sabrina Davis, and their daughter, Londyn Shepherd; Matt Shepherd, Kelli Linkous, and their daughter, Sophia Shepherd; and Sarah Brockmeyer, and husband, Ryan Brockmeyer, and their children, Selah and Josie. Also cherishing his memory is his mother, Ila Agee; a brother, Barry Shepherd; and a sister, Mavis Reed.

Teddy Shepherd was unapologetically authentic, blunt, unfiltered, and honest. He was a rare soul, so pure and refreshing in the fact that he felt no need to "perform" for anyone. He always said, "There is always



going to be someone bigger and badder than you," but he feared no man. You will never influence the world by being like it and Teddy embodied that. Now we will go on embracing his spirit and who he was and how he helped shape who we've become.

Teddy served our country in the United States Air Force and was honored in a graveside service at Sunset Cemetery in Christiansburg at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 29.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to help cover funeral expenses made out to McCoy Funeral Home, 150 Country Club Drive SW, Blacksburg, VA 24060 with Teddy Shepherd in the memo.

Arrangements are by McCoy Funeral Home Blacksburg.

Wolf, Dale Duane

Dale Duane Wolf, 89, passed away in his sleep on April 22, 2022.

Born on June 26, 1932, at the Wolf Family Farm in Harlan County, Neb., Dale was preceded in death by his parents, Leo and Alberta (Burton) Wolf.

Dale married Evelyn Lucile Zysset on Nov. 28, 1952. After 69 years of marriage, Dale is survived by Evelyn, their four children, and 11 grandchildren: son David, and wife Pat Wolf and their children, children Adam Wolf and Isaac Wolf of Roanoke;



daughter Laurie Wolf and their son Will Hunter of Roanoke; son Eric Wolf and his wife, Tammie Sarver and their children, Sarah Wolf, Emily Grace Sarver-Wolf, Elias Sarver-Wolf, Jeremiah Sarver-Wolf, and Eva Rose Sarver-Wolf of Floyd; and son Allan Wolf and wife Ginger West and their children, Simon Wolf, Ethan Wolf, and Jameson Wolf of Asheville, N.C.

Dale is also survived by brothers Marlyn Wolf of Gothenburg, Neb., and Wayne

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RADFORD SPORTS

Hunter, Kratz out at Christiansburg and Auburn

Marty Gordon

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Christiansburg and Auburn are both looking for new basketball coaches.

Mike Hunter has resigned at Christiansburg as the boy's coach, while Tabby and Ben Kratz will slide back into assistant jobs on the Auburn girls' bench.

Hunter made his announcement Monday, calling it a new chapter in his life. "I'm still going to coach. It's just that I am going to time away right now. It's a new chapter in my life, and I will still be a teacher at the school," he said.

Hunter has spent seven years as the head man on the Christiansburg bench. This past year, the team finished 10-14 including a 4-8 River Ridge District mark. His best year was in 2019 when the Blue Demons finished 14-9 overall. Hunter also spent time as the girls' coach

at Eastern Montgomery.

He would not rule out a return to coaching at a later date. "Maybe, in the near future, I will be an assistant somewhere," he said.

Eight people have already applied for the Christiansburg opening, which the school hopes to fill in the next 30 days.

This past year, Tabby and Ben Kratz took the interim position at Auburn to maintain continuity for the program last winter.

Athletic Director Paul Dominy said Auburn is now opening the position seeking a new head varsity coach, with Tabby staying on in her former role as assistant and Ben stepping back as he had planned to do this past season.

He did not list a deadline for the job.

Christiansburg is also looking for a new girls' cross-country coach, and Eastern Montgomery needs a new golf coach.



FILE PHOTO
Mike Hunter has resigned as the head coach of the boy's basketball team at Christiansburg High School.



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Radford University's men's tennis team won the program's seventh Big South tournament title in Charlotte Sunday afternoon.

RU men's tennis wins Big South championship

Radford University's men's tennis team (14-7, 6-1 conference) notched its seventh Big South Tournament title Sunday afternoon with a 4-3 win over top-seeded Campbell.

Konstantinos Raptis secured the final point on his court to clinch the victory.

The day began with a doubles point that would prove to be crucial by the end of the match. Despite falling on court one, the team rebounded with a pair of comeback wins on courts two and three.

On court three Aditya Balsekar and Robert Hagen trailed early, but the duo fought back to ultimately take the court 7-5. Meanwhile, Raptis and Guilherme Severin were in a tiebreaker on court two. They took an early 3-1 lead in the tiebreaker and went on to win 7-6 (3) to give Radford a 1-0 lead.

The Highlanders carried that momentum into singles play. Reigning Big South Player of the Year Demis Taramonlis faced an early 3-1 deficit on the top court but proceeded to win the first set and dominate in the second set 6-4, 6-0 to hand RU a 2-0 lead.

Campbell took court six to shorten the lead to 2-1. All four courts remaining were either in third sets or tiebreakers in the second set that decided the Highlanders' fate. After dropping his first set, Balsekar rebounded to give Radford a 3-1 lead. The sophomore won 3-6, 6-2, 6-0.

Campbell took both the second set tiebreakers on courts two and three which evened the match at three-all and left Raptis as the final Highlander competing. After Raptis dominated in the first set, the second

set went the Camels' way forcing a winner-take-all third set.

Raptis built a 5-1 advantage before Campbell fought back, winning the next two games to pull within 5-3. Raptis was able to serve once more with match point and took full advantage sealing the victory and holding on to win 6-2, 5-7, 6-3.

The tournament title was the second for head coach Rob Bareford and the second championship for four-year players Andres Silva, Will Crane, and Dylan Whitehead.

The Highlanders will take a break to celebrate before moving on to the NCAA Tournament. The selection show for men's tennis is scheduled for Monday, May 2 when the Highlanders will learn who their first-round opponent will be.

SPORTS NOTES

RU's Grant, Moran receive honors, VT lacrosse ranked No. 1

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In announcements made by the Big South conference office Monday afternoon, Radford University men's golf head coach Mike Grant was named Big South Coach of the Year, and Hannah Moran was named the Track Athlete of the Week for the second time this season after a record-breaking day at the Virginia Challenge.

Now in his 18th season at the helm of the Radford men's golf program, Grant secured his third career Coach of the Year award. He also earned the distinction in 2008 and 2014, making him one of the most decorated coaches in Radford Athletics history.

His team led the Big South with a 288.85 round score average and then tied for fourth at the Big South Championship, narrowly missing a spot in match play. Grant coached four players to Big South Player of the Week honors and had four golfers in the conference's top-12 for scoring averages on the year.

Bryce Corbett was one of the top competitors in the conference all year and he was rewarded with a First-Team All-Big South selection. The sophomore from Gainesville, Va., was named Big South Golfer of the Week on three separate occasions and finished fourth to make the All-Tournament team at the Big South Championships.

Corbett led the Highlanders and ranked third in the Big South with a 71.69 stroke average, including a season-best score of 65 in the first round of Appalachian State's Bash at the Beach. He played in all 10 tournaments for Radford

and secured four top-5 finishes.

Tyler Hull ended his standout career with a Second-Team All-Big South selection after averaging 72.97 strokes per round this year, good for seventh-best in the conference. The Toronto, Canada, native posted a pair of top-10 finishes on the year while playing in all 10 tournaments.

Patrick Gareiss gave Radford another all-conference member, making the Big South Honorable Mention list. The junior made a strong push late in the season and averaged 73.65 strokes per round in the six tournaments in which he played. He received a Big South Player of the Week nod of his own after finishing 10th with a -2 at the Wofford Invitational.

Moran track athlete of week

At the Virginia Challenge, Radford University's Hannah Moran took more than a minute off the previous school record in the 5,000m, finishing with a time of 15:54.32 to earn Big South Track Athlete of the Week honors. The time was a personal record by more than 30 seconds and made her the second-fastest woman in Big South history in the event as well as just the second athlete ever to break 16 minutes.

Moran took fifth overall in the event against a star-studded field that included winner Katelyn Touhy, who ran the fastest time in the nation this season en route to breaking the meet and facility records on the day. Moran's time ranks her 23rd in the nation and 11th in the NCAA East Region.

This was the second time Moran has earned Athlete of the Week honors.

Custis into alma mater Hall of Fame

In other sports notes, Virginia Tech's Ace Custis will be inducted into the Northampton Athletic Hall of Fame Saturday at Northampton High School.

At Northampton, Curtis was part of cross-country, basketball, and baseball. He grew in stature, eventually reaching 6'8", and excelled on the basketball court. The summer prior to his senior year, he was invited to play on the Boo Williams elite AAU basketball team in Hampton, Va. He played with two eventual #1 NBA Draft picks: Allen Iverson and Joe Smith. Before his senior season, he committed to Virginia Tech on a full athletic scholarship.

At Tech, Curtis was the third player (fourth overall) in VT men's basketball history to score 1,000 points and bring down 1,000 rebounds. He had his No.-20 jersey retired in 1997, just the third player in the history of the program to achieve such an honor. He also became a member of VT's Hall of Fame in 2007. Curtis graduated from VT in 1997 with a degree in marketing. His best college moment was winning the 1995 NIT Championship game over Marquette at Madison Square Garden.

After leaving VT, Curtis played professional basketball for 15 seasons. He was originally signed to a free-agent deal by the Dallas Mavericks in 1997. He played semi-pro for two years state-side in the CBA and the ABA and twelve seasons overseas. He played in Indonesia, Venezuela, Qatar, the Philippines, Syria, and Lebanon before retiring in Japan in

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VT cornerbacks room re-named 'The Fuller Room' after four Fuller brothers

The cornerbacks room in Merryman Athletic Center will now be named "The Fuller Room."

Vincent, Corey, Kyle, and Kendall Fuller represent one of the most notable families in both Virginia Tech and National Football League history as the only four siblings in NFL annals to all attend the same university and to all be selected in the NFL Draft.

The Baltimore natives are building on their legacy at their

alma mater by making a significantly generous financial pledge to the Virginia Tech football program.

The collective gift of the Fuller family signifies a substantial leap for Virginia Tech Athletics' \$400 million Reach for Excellence capital campaign and for the football program's efforts to encourage further financial support from alumni.

"We are incredibly proud and thankful to be a part of a special brotherhood that em-

bodies Virginia Tech football," said Vincent Fuller, who was a four-year letterwinner for the Hokies from 2001-04.

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Blacksburg girls finish second at Salem meet, BHS boys finish third



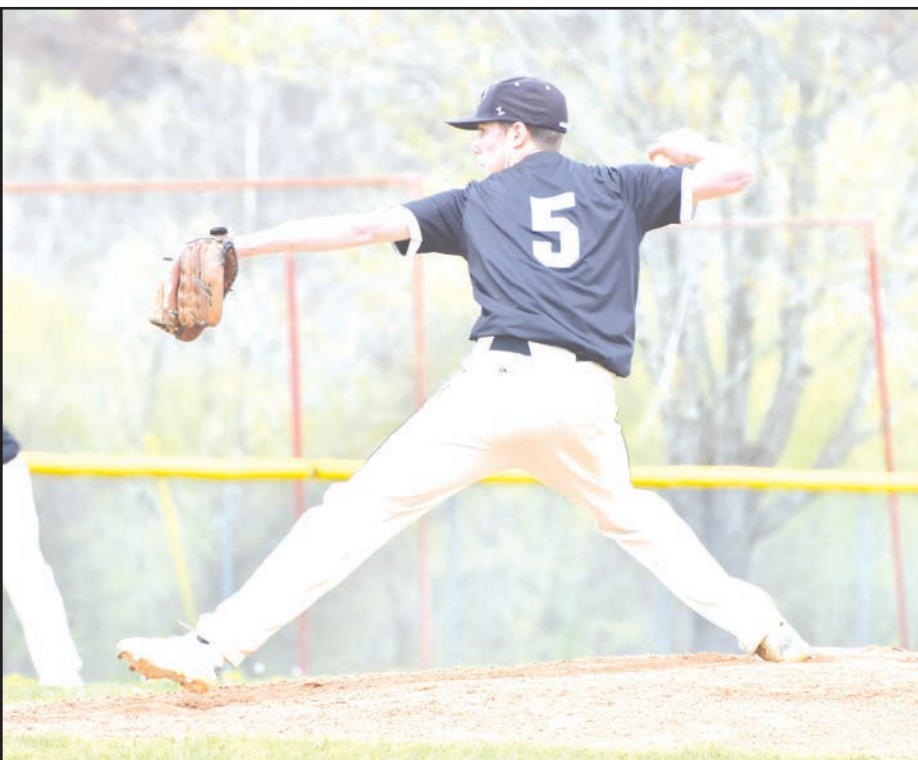
Clearing the bar at 4'9", Blacksburg's Anna Szefc placed second in the high jump at Wednesday's meet at Salem High School. The Blacksburg girls' squad finished in second place at the meet while the BHS boys ended up in third place.



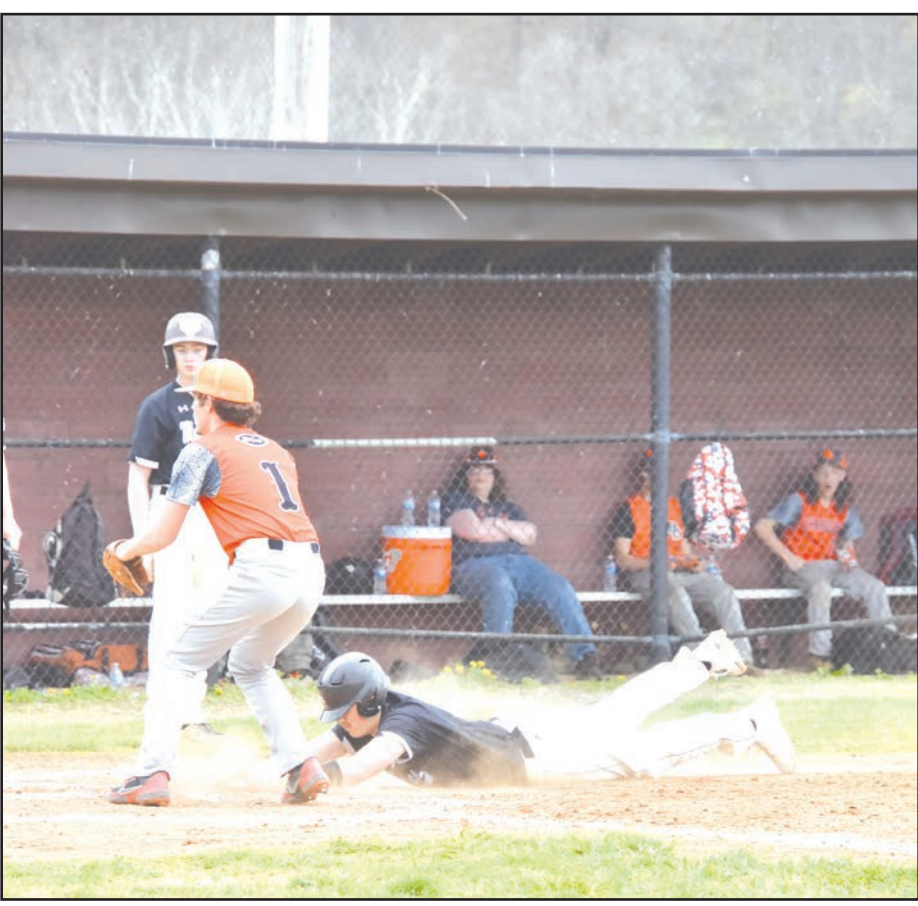
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Claire Langlinois of Blacksburg (center right) ran the girls' 400 meters in 1:04.37 to finish in second place Wednesday in Salem.

East Mont baseball beats Bath County 12-10



Eastern Montgomery's Junior Kobe Phoenix pitched 6 2/3 innings for the win over the Bath County Chargers.



PHOTOS BY LAUREN TATE

Eastern Montgomery freshman first baseman Austin Tate slides into home to score for the Mustangs. Tate had a hit and a walk in the 12-10 win.

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March 2012. Curtis then began a coaching career at Virginia State in Petersburg in 2013-2014. After the season, he joined the coaching staff at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) in Princess Anne, Md. At the conclusion of his fifth season at UMES, he returned to his alma mater as the Coordinator of Basketball Relations. He is currently the Special Assistant to the Head

Coach at Virginia Tech. VT lacrosse ranked No. 1 After handing formerly top-ranked Brigham Young its first loss of the season and downing conference rival and No.-4 Liberty University, Virginia Tech has ascended to the top spot in the New Balance MCLA Division I Weekly Coaches Poll.

The Hokies (12-1) gobbled up 24 of the 26

first-place votes cast this week to grab the No. 1 ranking, clearing No. 2 Concordia-Irvine (12-1) by 34 points.

Brigham Young (13-2), which also lost to No. 17 Texas (8-4) last week, dipped to No. 3 this week, although it managed to retain the final two first-place votes.

Despite the loss to Virginia Tech, Liberty (10-3) remained at No. 4, followed by Florida (13-1) in the fifth spot.

Fuller

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The eldest Fuller brother was selected by Tennessee in the 2005 NFL Draft and spent seven years in the NFL with the Titans and the Lions.

"This program has been instrumental in helping develop me and my brothers into successful people and players, as well as hundreds of other young men who have competed for the Hokies," Vincent Fuller said. "We hope our family's commitment can help continue that trend of future generations of players coming to Blacksburg and building successful careers."

In honor of their significant pledge to Virginia Tech football, the cornerbacks' meeting room will now be named "The Fuller Room." This space is used daily by coaches and student-athletes alike and is located in the Merryman Athletic Center.

"I am tremendously grateful to the Fuller brothers for their financial commitment to our football program," said Virginia Tech head coach Brent Pry said. "I believe we all share a great appreciation for the way the Fullers played the game and how they conduct themselves, both on and off the field. They exemplify the competitive spirit and the attention to detail which embodied Virginia Tech Football for so many years under Coach Beamer. On behalf of all our players and staff, we thank the Fuller family for their continued support and generosity."

The four Fullers excelled for Virginia Tech over a 15-year period. After Vincent initially paved the path to Blacksburg for the family, the next brother to follow was Corey, who competed on the Tech track and field team before serving as a wide receiver for the Hokies from 2011-12. He was selected by Detroit in the 2013 NFL draft and also spent time with the New Orleans Saints. After returning to his alma mater to work in the recruiting department, he joined the player personnel department of the Carolina Panthers in 2021.

"Coach Pry and the entire staff have

made a very concerted effort to connect with our alumni base and make us feel welcome in Blacksburg," said Kyle Fuller, who lettered for the Hokies from 2010-13. A first-round selection of the Chicago Bears in the 2014 NFL draft, he tied for the NFL lead with seven interceptions in 2017 when he earned first-team All-Pro honors and his first Pro-Bowl berth. He followed that up with another Pro-Bowl selection in 2018 and signed as a free agent with Denver in 2021.

"Our family and so many of the other alums are very encouraged by the momentum that Coach Pry and this staff have developed on the recruiting trail," Kyle Fuller said. "We all look forward to supporting this new staff and the team for years to come. We are blessed to be able to give back to a program that has done so much for us over the years."

The youngest member of this football quartet is Kendall, who played at Tech from 2013-15 and earned second-team All-America honors in 2014. He was drafted by Washington in 2016 and was later traded to Kansas City where he made the game-sealing interception for the Chiefs in their Super Bowl LIV victory. He subsequently returned to Washington as a free agent in 2021.

"The Fuller family represents so much that is great about Virginia Tech football," director of athletics Whit Babcock said. "Coach Beamer was fond of saying that a brother will always tell his other brothers how the coaches are treating them. The fact that all four of these fabulous players all came to Virginia Tech is a testament to Coach Beamer's leadership and the environment his staffs created in Blacksburg."

"I know Coach Pry has a great deal of admiration for how this program was built and those who built it, so we're all exceedingly proud to rename our cornerbacks room in honor of the many contributions the Fuller family has made to the Hokies," Babcock said.

Obituaries

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Wolf of Bryan, Texas, and sisters Rita King of Lakewood, Colo., and Letha Perks of Stockville, Neb.

Dale's education included a BS and MS in agronomy from the University of Nebraska in 1954 and 1959 and a PhD in agronomy, with a specialization in forage and pasture management from the University of Wisconsin in 1962.

His early teaching experience included vocational agriculture in Red Cloud and Arapaho, Neb. After graduate studies in Wisconsin, Dale became an assistant professor of agronomy at the University of Connecticut in Storrs.

In January 1967 he joined the faculty of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (now Virginia Tech). As a full professor, his responsibilities included the supervision of undergraduate and graduate students. His research and extension work emphasized forage crop management and physiology, biofuels production, and methods and instrumentation for measuring basic growth factors such as photosynthesis of intact plants and individual leaves attached to the plant (using small portable chambers).

Dale was a member of several scientific societies and contributed numerous research extension publications. He was an advisor and committee member for 154 doctoral and masters graduate students. He retired as a Professor Emeritus in 1995.

Dale was a longtime active member of the Blacksburg Presbyterian Church, was a deacon/elder, and taught Sunday School and pre-catechism class. He was a Cub Scout and Boy Scout leader and was on the board of directors for both cub and boy scouts. He loved gospel and country music and played in several local bands at retirement homes and other local events. He played guitar, dobro, six-string banjo, bass guitar, Qchord, and harmonica.

During his retirement, Dale and Evelyn spent 21 summers in Frontier County, Neb., where he managed their family farm that included a small herd of cattle.

Dale found joy in refurbishing several classic tractors. He contributed to a Guinness World Record by driving his 1937 F-20 Farmall in a parade with more than 1,000 other antique tractors. To many, Dale was synonymous with the smiley faces and the lollipops he would distribute to students, friends, family, and neighbors.

A celebration of Dale Wolf's life is scheduled for what would have been Dale's 90th birthday, Sunday, June 26, at 2 p.m., at the Blacksburg Presbyterian Church in Blacksburg.

In lieu of flowers or monetary donations, Evelyn asks that you honor Dale's memory by performing an act of kindness for someone, either a loved one or stranger.

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