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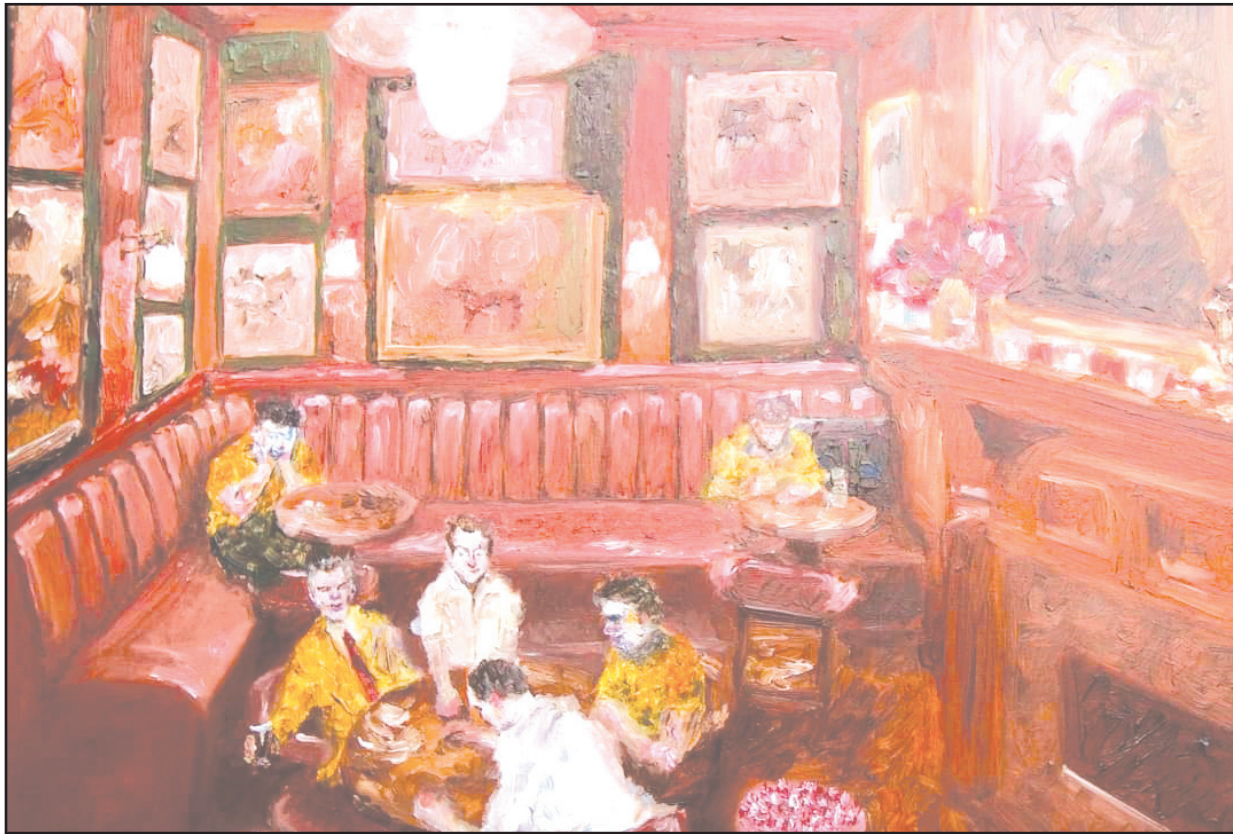
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Radford High School ninth grader Trent Hollandsworth celebrates his Gold Key Award, which led to a national medal in the 2022 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards.



Trent Hollandsworth's oil painting "Lonely Crows."

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

## Radford High art student wins national medal for work

**Heather Bell**  
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RADFORD - Radford High School student Trent Hollandsworth has been awarded a national medal in the 2022 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, the country's longest-running and most prestigious scholarship and recognition program for creative students in grades 7-12.

Hollandsworth, a ninth grader, won the award for his oil painting "Lonely Crows."

"More than 100,000 students submitted more than 260,000 works of art and writing to the 2022 Scholastic Awards," said RHS art teacher Savannah Leeman. "Fewer than 2,000 works received a national medal, which places Trent within the top one percent of all submissions."

Hollandsworth has been invited to Carnegie Hall in June to participate in the National Awards Ceremony and to attend art workshops led by professional artists.

"We honor hundreds of students and their educators with a star-studded ceremony in New York City," said the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers, the nonprofit organization that sponsors the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards.

Recent special guests include Oprah Winfrey, Tim Gunn, Alec Baldwin, Sonia Manzano, Tituss Burgess, Amy Schumer, Billy Collins, Whoopi Goldberg, and Sarah Jessica Parker.

"Entries are selected for awards without knowledge of the student's gender, age, ethnicity, or hometown by some of the foremost leaders in the visual and literary arts," the alliance explains on its website.

The Fine Arts Center of the New River Valley serves as the affiliate partner for the Scholastic Art Awards for the Southwest Region. Hollandsworth won a Gold Key Award at the regional exhibition to advance to the national level. In addition to Hollandsworth, two other Radford High School students were chosen for awards regionally. Maggie Bolling won a Gold Key Award for her mixed media piece "Mushrooms," and Sienna Carter won an honorable mention for her "Young Skelly" mixed-media piece. Bolling and Carter are John Dalton Intermediate School eighth graders.

National medalists are eligible for scholarships as much as \$10,000. The awards, which were founded in 1923, recognize student achievement in the visual and literary arts in 28 categories, including drawing and illustration, photography, flash fiction, poetry, film and animation, and journalism.

## City manager presents balanced budget to Radford City Council

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RADFORD - Radford City Manager David Ridpath presented the draft 2022-23 fiscal year budget to the Radford City Council Monday, which is balanced at \$66,999,753 with no tax or utility rate increases.

The budget draft keeps the real estate tax rate at its current 84-cents-per-\$100 in valuation and keeps utility fees and rates level as well with \$16.32 per 4,000 gallons for water, \$14.32 for sewer, .1112 cents per kilowatt hour of electricity, and \$22 per month for solid waste pick-up. The machinery and tools tax levy remains at \$1.76 per \$100 of assessed value, and vehicle tax remains at \$2.44 per \$100.00 of assessed value.

"This is a complicated budget as it includes much of the funding of McHarg renovation and enlargement," said Radford Mayor David Horton in a Facebook announcement. "This budget does not include the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. We will be appropriating that money as we develop and execute investments in economic development, parks and recreation, sidewalks and streets, and more."

The breakdown of the budget is as follows:

- GENERAL FUND: \$32,007,041
- STREETS MAINTENANCE FUND: \$2,406,565
- TRANSIT: \$3,380,793
- WATER/WASTEWATER FUND: \$5,315,340
- ELECTRIC FUND: \$21,258,021
- SOLID WASTE FUND: \$1,725,693

City council members and city staff will hold two work sessions on the budget on April 4 and 11. A public hearing is also scheduled for Monday, April 11, at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, after which the council is expected to take the first of two required votes on the budget and tax rates. The public hearing will also include the chance for the public to make comments on the 2022-23 budget for the Radford City School Board.

## RHS Cryptocats team wins regional Capture the Flag competition

RADFORD - Two teams of computer programming students from Radford High School recently performed well in an on-line Capture the Flag competition with one of those teams winning the region and advancing to the competition's final round.

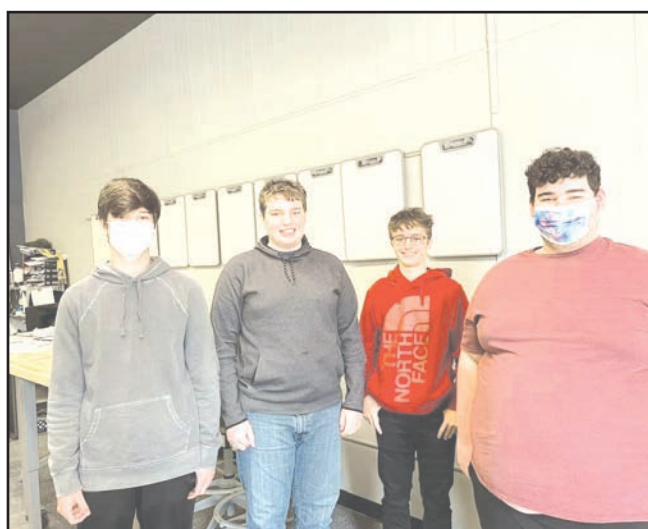
Radford High offered congratulations to the Cryptocats team of Brad Marion (captain), Adam

McGregor, Brendan Lineberry, and Gabe Halsey. They are the top team from Region 7 with 41,800 points and have qualified to compete in RU Secure's online final round on Saturday, April 23.

The Cryptocats placed 33rd out of 138 teams competing in the qualifying round. Each member thus earned a \$500 Radford University scholarship to study computer science, information

systems, and/or cybersecurity at RU with a chance to earn more.

"In addition, congratulations to our CYBERcats, Damean Ashcraft (captain), Tanner Crabtree, Owen Greene and Jacob Davidson for earning 24,000 points and placing 62/138 which meet our personal goal of staying in the top half of all teams competing," the RHS announcement reads.



The RHS Cryptocats team of Brad Marion (captain), Adam McGregor, Brendan Lineberry, and Gabe Halsey recently won the regional cybersecurity competition. Each team member thus won a \$500 scholarship to Radford University to study computer science, information systems, and cybersecurity.



Radford High's CYBERcats team earned 24,000 points to finish in the top half among 138 teams in the Capture the Flag competition.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

## 'Americans and the Holocaust' traveling exhibition returns to Virginia Tech libraries

By Ann Brown

Through May 4, University Libraries at Virginia Tech is hosting "Americans and the Holocaust," a traveling exhibition from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum that examines the motives, pressures, and fears that shaped American's responses to Nazism, war, and genocide in Europe during the 1930s and 1940s. The touring exhibition

— based on the special exhibition of the same name at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. — is on Newman Library's fourth floor next to the Prototyping Studio. Throughout April, the University Libraries will sponsor programming exploring American themes as they relate to the Holocaust.

See Exhibition, page 4

## Spilling the beans on a traditional staple of Appalachian cuisine

By Kelsey Bartlett

Row by row and seed by seed. That's how Victoria Ferguson remembers her childhood growing up in a coal camp in the heart of Appalachia.

By age 5, she was in the garden, watching as her father walked the land, using a special tool to dig tiny wells. She and her siblings followed along, working together to plant, cover, and water beans. She recalls her mother's words to her: "Honey, during the time of the dogwoods, you start to plant."

See Beans, page 4



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## 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.

## Saturday, April 2:

**Blacksburg leaf compost pickup**  
Loose and bagged leaves collected by the town are composted into leaf mulch. This mulch can be used as a soil additive for composting and is available to Blacksburg residents for pickup. This is an important service as composted leaf mulch keeps leaves out of the landfill. Leaves can take up valuable landfill space and produce harmful greenhouse gasses.

This year, the compost can be picked up today, April 2, from 8 a.m. to noon. To arrange for pickup, residents must register and follow these guidelines: Leaf compost service is for Blacksburg residents only. Register for a 15-minute time slot. Do not arrive more than 10 minutes early. Remain parked in the upper lot until town staff provide directions to the compost zone. There the staff will load up the vehicle. The limit is two cubic yards per vehicle. Do not block access to the road leading to the compost zone. Once the vehicle is loaded, please exit promptly.

**Creative writing**  
At the Meadowbrook Public Library; 10:30 a.m. In person or on Go-to-Meeting for support, feedback, and writing tips. Email [cminnick@mfrl.org](mailto:cminnick@mfrl.org) or call 540-268-1964 for more information. A Go-to-Meeting account is not necessary to join.

**All ages storytime**  
At the Blacksburg Library; 11 a.m. Share stories, rhymes, music and movement, and a craft as a family to develop early literacy skills and encourage a love of reading.

**PAWS to read with Derek**  
At the Blacksburg Library; noon. Sign up for a 10-minute time slot to read with a therapy dog. Call the library at 540-552-8246.

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

**“We Are Stardust”: A storytime celebration of the planet Earth**  
At the Meadowbrook Public Library; 1 p.m. Rachael Nunn and Trisha Rushing will use the book “You Are Stardust” by Elin Kelsey about finding hope and joy in the face of the Earth’s ever-changing natural world. This event will combine reading from “You Are Stardust” and Soyeon Kim’s picture books with art observation techniques, performance, visual art mak-

ing, and discussion to celebrate nature.

**Teen DND**  
At the Blacksburg Library; 2 p.m. DND for Teens.

**Lettuce bowl gardening**  
At the Christiansburg Library; 11 a.m. to noon. Limited space doesn’t have to stop would-be gardeners from growing food. The library’s master gardener will demonstrate how to start a salad bowl garden in a container. Participants should bring their own containers with a drainage hole at least six inches deep and 10 to 12 inches long. Supplies are limited. This event will occur outside unless inclement weather interferes. Registration is required.

## Sunday, April 3:

**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 4 - 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 from April 4-22. For more info visit <https://bit.ly/lcbestplaces22>. Contact [marketing@montgomerycc.org](mailto:marketing@montgomerycc.org) with any questions.

## Tuesday, April 5:

**50 Years in the Making: Celebrating old time, blues and bluegrass music**  
All ticket sales will benefit the Montgomery Museum of Art and History. The concert is presented by the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM) at the Moss Arts Center at Virginia Tech at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Children 12 and under are \$5. Seating is limited and tickets are now available online at <https://montgomerymuseum.org/events/50-years-in-the-making/>. Tickets can also be purchased in person at the Moss Arts Center box office during certain open hours. For more information, call the box office at 540-231-5300. A mask, photo ID, and proof of COVID19 vaccination or a negative test within 72 hours of the event are required for admittance.

**Montgomery County Chamber minority business accelerator meeting**

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce invites minority business owners to attend the 2022 visioning meeting for the Minority Business Accelerator to support these local businesses. The meeting will take place at 10 a.m. at the chamber office located at 210 Laurel St. in Christiansburg or via Zoom. Register now at <https://bit.ly/mba2022mcc>. Chamber membership is not required to participate. The meeting is free.

**Radford reads with Daniel Naveri**  
At Radford University’s Bonnie Hurlburt Auditorium; 6:30 p.m. Printz-Award winning author Daniel Nayeri was born in Iran and spent several years as a refugee before immigrating to Oklahoma at age eight with his family. He is the author of several books including “Everything Sad is Untrue (A True Story),” which has won numerous awards and was named Best Book of the Year by NPR, the New York Times, and the Wall Street Journal.

**Cooking with Dave and Daniel Navari**  
In the Radford Public Library community room; 3:15 p.m. Not only is Daniel Nayeri an award-winning author, but he has also been a professional chef. In addition to his presentation at Radford University, he will be a special guest Chef on RPL’s web show Cooking with Dave. They will be preparing Fesenjan (Persian Pomegranate Chicken), and Persian marinated olives to be enjoyed by a live audience. After the show, Daniel will be available to sign books, and Blacksburg Books will be present with copies of “Everything Sad Is Untrue” for purchase. In person or online via Facebook Live.

**Parks and Recreation program date change**  
The “Comedy Ain’t Easy” program with Steve Huppert has been moved from Tuesday, April 5, to Tuesday, May 3, at 1 p.m. at the Blacksburg Community Center. A veteran and former teacher, coach, guidance counselor, and town council member turned author, Steve Huppert presents an entertaining and informative event. He will talk comedy and comedians from the Vaudeville era to the 50’s. The event is free, but registration is required.

**Brick blast**  
At the Blacksburg Library; 4:30 p.m. Participants are challenged to put their building skills to the test.

## Wednesday, April 6:

**Talking about Books: “The Lincoln Highway”**  
At the Christiansburg Library; 11 a.m. To be discussed this month is “The Lincoln Highway” by Amor Towles, in-person and virtually.

**Loops group**  
At the Blacksburg Library; 2 p.m. Participants can bring a project and join the library’s Loops Group for community and conversation. All are welcome.

**Talking about Books: “The Cadaver King and the Country Dentist”**  
At the Meadowbrook Public Library; 6 p.m. Join a discussion of “The Cadaver King and the Country Dentist” by Radley Balko. Call (540) 268-1964 for more information or to reserve a copy.

## Thursday, April 7:

**American Legion Meeting**  
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.

**Physical Therapy Tips for Seniors**  
At the Blacksburg Library; 2 p.m. Heritage Hall Blacksburg will be discussing physical therapy from the different types of therapy to what each type helps with and tips for what can be done at home to improve health. A member of the library’s highly rated Encore Rehabilitation team will discuss all things therapy.

**Art, Community, and Social Health with Molly Smith**  
At the Blacksburg Library; 4 p.m. The School of Performing Arts at Virginia Tech presents Art, Community, and Social Health, a series of talks/workshops by nationally recognized artists and thought leaders on the power and practice of art and culture as essential elements of healthy communities. This colloquium will be available in person and via Zoom. Register for the online presentation.

## Friday, April 8:

**NRV Public Health Task Force and LewisGale Hospital Montgomery blood drive**  
At Blue Ridge Church, Roanoke Street, Christiansburg; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. American Red Cross Blood Drive. Help Fill 200 Donor Slots. The American Red Cross is still experiencing a nationwide shortage of blood resulting from a decrease in the number of blood donors. Register at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?order=DATE&range=10&zipSponsor=24073>.

## 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.

## Tuesday, April 12:


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

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

**Radford Army Ammunitions Plant community meeting**

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Destruction of Records Notice**

Radford City Schools will be purging Special Education records for any former student who graduated during the **2016-2017** school year. According to the Records Retention and Disposition Schedule of the Library of Virginia, records may be destroyed five years after a student graduates, completes a Board of Education program, transfers or withdraws.

If you were a student who received Special Education services while enrolled in Radford City Schools and would like your records, please call Radford High School at 540-267-3255 by **May 1, 2022**. Records can be picked up by appointment with Teresa Phillips, Registrar, at Radford High School, Dalton Drive, Radford, Va. Hours are Monday-Friday from 8:00am to 4:00pm.

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# Blacksburg's Torc Robotics forms autonomous group

Torc Robotics, a pioneer in commercializing autonomous vehicle technology, Wednesday announced the launch of the Torc Autonomous Advisory Council (TAAC) in support of its goal to be the first scalable, profitable, commercialized Level 4 truck solution.

The TAAC is comprised of key freight industry players who will provide strategic guidance to Torc as it integrates with the freight network and tackles challenges beyond highway driving.

Headquartered in Blacksburg, Torc Robotics is an independent subsidiary of Daimler Truck AG, the global leader and pioneer in trucking. Founded in 2005 at the birth of the self-driving vehicle revolution, Torc has 16 years' experience in pioneering safety-critical, self-driving applications. Torc offers a complete self-driving vehicle software and integration solution and is currently focusing on commercializing self-driving trucks.

"Torc has a history of collaborating with our partners who are experts in their field," said Michael Fleming, Torc founder and CEO. "The Torc Autonomous Advisory Council is the next step in the process of incorporating deep industry insights and expertise as Torc works to commercialize autonomous trucking."

"We view this council as a vital part of our work to integrate autonomous trucking into the existing freight

industry while ensuring autonomous trucking benefits are realized with optimum safety," Fleming said.

The cross-functional TAAC has various trucking industry backgrounds in courier and parcel delivery, less-than truckload, full truckload, technology, and logistics. It will provide significant insights into the needs of the freight industry, validate logistics and operations development (hub logistics, tracking, etc.), and optimize safe autonomous trucking operations in the existing network.

"We're committed to testing and providing the most effective vehicle technologies for our customers and driving innovation when it comes to mobility," said Paul Rosa, Penske Truck Leasing senior vice president, procurement and fleet planning. "We believe it's important to collaborate with other leading companies who are creating the next generation of transportation solutions to meet the future needs of our industry and enhancing the supply chain."

"Torc's Autonomous Advisory Council will help shape the future of the trucking transportation industry," said Rob Reich, Schneider executive vice president and chief administrative officer. "We see great potential for this technology to improve efficiency while helping to lower cost," Reich said. "Being part of the council allows carriers like Schneider to have a strong voice in how autonomous vehicles (AVs) are developed and tested and how this

technology will complement our professional over-the-road driver associates."

TAAC members include Baton, C.H. Robinson, Covenant Logistics, Penske Truck Leasing, Ryder System, Inc., and Schneider. Daimler Truck North America, a pioneer in autonomous driving, is the sole original equipment manufacturer on the council.

The council meets quarterly and focuses on interactive discussions and brainstorming on a variety of topics. TAAC recently held its first quarter 2022 meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Members have visited Torc's Albuquerque test center and have participated in demonstrations in Torc autonomous trucks. The expertise shared by members of the TAAC will bring Torc one step closer to commercializing self-driving trucks.

"At C.H. Robinson, we see the potential for AV technology to transform logistics and to essentially create a new mode of freight transportation," said Pat Nolan, C.H. Robinson vice president of North American Surface Transportation. "That's why we're joining the Torc Autonomous Advisory Council to help maximize the benefits for the industry, to ease the capacity crunch for shippers, and to serve as a voice for our 85,000 carriers. Making sure shippers have access to AV and making sure smaller carriers are represented in the conversation is critical. We know Torc shares that belief."



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Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 15.2-1800 and 15.2-1813, the Radford City Council will hold a public hearing on April 11, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the City Municipal Building, 10 Robertson Street, Radford, VA 24141.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to receive public comment on the proposed disposition of the City's interest in real property commonly known as Lot 10, Section 15, Plan A in the City of Radford, Virginia.

Copies of the proposed ordinance to approve the disposition of real property may be obtained by contacting the Office of the City Clerk at (540) 731-3603.

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### for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

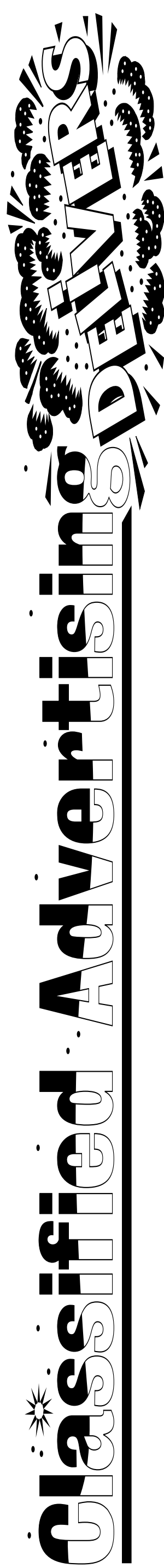
This budget synopsis is prepared and published pursuant to Section 15.2-2506 of Code of Virginia, for information and fiscal planning purposes only.

A hearing will be held by the Board of Supervisors on April 7, 2022 at 6:15 P.M. at the County Government Center Board Room, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia at which time any citizen of the County shall have the opportunity to attend and state his or her views on the advertised budget.

A copy of the Advertised Budget is available for inspection at the County Government Center, in the County Administrator's Office, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg; the Blacksburg Library, 200 Miller St., Blacksburg; the Christiansburg Library, 125 Shelton St., Christiansburg; the Meadowbrook Library, 267 Alleghany Springs Road, Shawsville; the Blacksburg Community Center, 725 Patrick Henry Dr., Blacksburg; the Christiansburg Recreation Center, 1600 N. Franklin St., Christiansburg; the Blacksburg Municipal Building, in the Town Manager's Office, 300 S. Main St., Blacksburg; and the Christiansburg Town Hall, in the Town Manager's Office, 100 E. Main St., Christiansburg.

| EXPENDITURES:                         | FY 2022               | FY 2023               | Increase (Decrease) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
|                                       | Budget                | Advertised Budget     |                     |
| <b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>            |                       |                       |                     |
| Board of Supervisors                  | \$ 282,503            | \$ 282,521            | \$ 18               |
| County Administration                 | \$ 2,139,175          | \$ 3,420,597          | \$ 1,281,422        |
| County Attorney                       | \$ 392,712            | \$ 395,987            | \$ 3,275            |
| Finance                               | \$ 1,026,940          | \$ 1,100,302          | \$ 73,362           |
| Insurance                             | \$ 210,695            | \$ 230,695            | \$ 20,000           |
| Information Technology                | \$ 2,166,844          | \$ 2,251,939          | \$ 85,095           |
| Commissioner of the Revenue-State     | \$ 604,072            | \$ 607,609            | \$ 3,537            |
| Assessment-100% County                | \$ 501,438            | \$ 483,425            | \$ (18,013)         |
| Treasurer-State                       | \$ 503,805            | \$ 494,464            | \$ (9,341)          |
| Collections-100% County               | \$ 501,782            | \$ 458,110            | \$ (43,672)         |
| Electoral Board/Director of Elections | \$ 480,599            | \$ 550,237            | \$ 69,638           |
| Commonwealth Attorney                 | \$ 1,363,990          | \$ 1,377,342          | \$ 13,352           |
| Courts                                | \$ 271,939            | \$ 275,888            | \$ 3,949            |
| Clerk of the Circuit Court            | \$ 777,980            | \$ 808,014            | \$ 30,034           |
| Sheriff-State                         | \$ 8,414,297          | \$ 8,260,821          | \$ (153,476)        |
| Sheriff-100% County                   | \$ 7,374,033          | \$ 7,473,269          | \$ 99,236           |
| Fire Departments and Rescue Squads    | \$ 1,494,981          | \$ 1,528,181          | \$ 33,200           |
| Animal Care and Adoption Center       | \$ 665,885            | \$ 696,830            | \$ 30,945           |
| General Services                      | \$ 6,775,341          | \$ 6,936,621          | \$ 161,280          |
| Children's Services Act               | \$ 1,651,969          | \$ 1,651,969          | \$ -                |
| Human Services                        | \$ 401,863            | \$ 393,713            | \$ (8,150)          |
| Public Health Department              | \$ 604,488            | \$ 615,000            | \$ 10,512           |
| Social Services                       | \$ 6,467,965          | \$ 6,814,076          | \$ 346,111          |
| Parks & Recreation                    | \$ 1,321,070          | \$ 1,424,223          | \$ 103,153          |
| Regional Library                      | \$ 2,398,052          | \$ 2,392,230          | \$ (5,822)          |
| Planning & GIS                        | \$ 965,982            | \$ 982,839            | \$ 16,857           |
| Economic Development                  | \$ 470,549            | \$ 482,054            | \$ 11,505           |
| Other Agencies                        | \$ 2,804,425          | \$ 2,860,159          | \$ 55,734           |
| Contingencies-General                 | \$ 536,307            | \$ 583,307            | \$ 47,000           |
| Contingencies-Special                 | \$ 8,141              | \$ 2,319,702          | \$ 2,311,561        |
| Revenue Refunds                       | \$ 195,000            | \$ 195,000            | \$ -                |
| <b>Subtotal:</b>                      | <b>\$ 53,774,822</b>  | <b>\$ 58,347,124</b>  | <b>\$ 4,572,302</b> |
| <b>Law Library</b>                    | <b>\$ 17,600</b>      | <b>\$ 17,600</b>      | <b>\$ -</b>         |
| <b>SCHOOLS:</b>                       |                       |                       |                     |
| School Operating                      | \$ 121,984,741        | \$ 126,380,044        | \$ 4,395,303        |
| School Capital                        | \$ 2,195,645          | \$ 2,259,973          | \$ 64,328           |
| School Nutrition                      | \$ 4,633,474          | \$ 4,633,474          | \$ -                |
| <b>Subtotal:</b>                      | <b>\$ 128,813,860</b> | <b>\$ 133,273,491</b> | <b>\$ 4,459,631</b> |
| <b>County Capital</b>                 | <b>\$ 3,580,645</b>   | <b>\$ 3,644,973</b>   | <b>\$ 64,328</b>    |
| <b>Debt Service</b>                   | <b>\$ 24,722,725</b>  | <b>\$ 24,722,725</b>  | <b>\$ -</b>         |
| <b>Economic Development</b>           | <b>\$ 380,000</b>     | <b>\$ 380,000</b>     | <b>\$ -</b>         |
| <b>COUNTY TOTAL</b>                   | <b>\$ 211,289,652</b> | <b>\$ 220,385,913</b> | <b>\$ 9,096,261</b> |
| <b>RESOURCES:</b>                     |                       |                       |                     |
| <b>REVENUE:</b>                       |                       |                       |                     |
| <b>General Undesignated Revenue:</b>  |                       |                       |                     |
| Current Property Taxes (1)            | \$ 103,807,971        | \$ 107,793,451        | \$ 3,985,480        |
| Delinquent/Other Property Tax Revenue | \$ 2,996,000          | \$ 3,359,323          | \$ 363,323          |
| Sales and Use Tax                     | \$ 10,202,157         | \$ 11,153,109         | \$ 950,952          |
| Undesignated Consumer Utility Tax     | \$ 1,628,000          | \$ 1,563,000          | \$ (65,000)         |
| Motor Vehicle Licenses                | \$ 800,000            | \$ 800,000            | \$ -                |
| All Other Local Taxes                 | \$ 1,325,000          | \$ 1,455,000          | \$ 130,000          |
| Interest on Investments               | \$ 113,268            | \$ 75,028             | \$ (38,240)         |
| All Other Undesignated Revenue        | \$ 520,384            | \$ 616,384            | \$ 96,000           |
| <b>Total Undesignated Revenue</b>     | <b>\$ 121,392,780</b> | <b>\$ 126,815,295</b> | <b>\$ 5,422,515</b> |
| General Designated Revenue            | \$ 15,115,770         | \$ 16,494,213         | \$ 1,378,443        |
| Law Library Designated Revenue        | \$ 15,000             | \$ 15,000             | \$ -                |
| School Operating Designated Revenue   | \$ 68,516,128         | \$ 70,811,431         | \$ 2,295,303        |
| Other School Designated Resources     | \$ 4,633,474          | \$ 4,633,474          | \$ -                |
| Debt Service Designated               | \$ 1,613,900          | \$ 1,613,900          | \$ -                |
| <b>Total Designated Revenue</b>       | <b>\$ 89,894,272</b>  | <b>\$ 93,568,018</b>  | <b>\$ 3,673,746</b> |
| Law Library Fund Balance              | \$ 2,600              | \$ 2,600              | \$ -                |
| <b>Total Fund Balance</b>             | <b>\$ 2,600</b>       | <b>\$ 2,600</b>       | <b>\$ -</b>         |
| <b>TOTAL RESOURCES</b>                | <b>\$ 211,289,652</b> | <b>\$ 220,385,913</b> | <b>\$ 9,096,261</b> |

(1) Real Estate Tax Rate based on \$0.89 per \$100 of Assessed Valuation. Personal Property Tax Rate Based on \$2.55 per \$100 Assessed Valuation. By Order of the Board of Supervisors: F. Craig Meadows, County Administrator County of Montgomery, Virginia



# Christiansburg spay-neuter clinic partners with VT students, faculty to construct storage facility

Mountain View Humane Spay Neuter Clinic in Christiansburg is partnering with students and faculty at Virginia Tech to construct an outdoor storage facility for its clinic at the Christiansburg Industrial Park.

This project, begun during the early days of the pandemic, has been a hands-on learning opportunity for multiple groups of students at Virginia Tech including Engineers without Borders, the Building Goodness Foundation, the Sustainable Facilities and Infrastructure Lab, and the BioBuild Fellows.

The project has also been supported by generous donations of time and materials from members of the community including volunteers from Habitat for Humanity, NRV Master Gardeners, the NRV TimeBank, the ACME Panel, ABC Supply, Riverbend Greenroofs, and the Myers-Lawson School of

Construction.

Working with faculty mentor Dr. Annie Pearce, students are using recycled materials recovered from local manufacturers, construction and demolition sites, and even Virginia Tech research projects to design and construct a building at no cost to the clinic that Mountain View can use to store extra supplies, records, and equipment not needed on a day-to-day basis.

The resulting building will be used both as part of ongoing master gardener training on green roof systems as well as a research study on green infrastructure at Tech. The building will also help Mountain View expand its operations with more storage space and will allow the facility to serve more furry clients as it works to manage pet overpopulation in the New River Valley and beyond.

The storage building will be featured as part of Mountain View Humane's Ribbon Cutting/Open House/10th Anniversary (+2) celebration on April 4, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. The ribbon cutting will begin promptly at 4:00 p.m. with activities to follow immediately after.

The celebration will include self-guided tours with staff/volunteers/vet students sharing information at stops along the way and refreshments. The facility is offering entry into a raffle for anyone who donates a 5-lb. bag or larger of dry cat or dog food for Mountain View's Pet Food Pantry. Featured will be a teddy bear repair station where vet students will perform on-site surgery for injured stuffed animals. Construction faculty and students will be on hand to explain the green features of the storage building.

## Beans

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The interim director of the American Indian and Indigenous Community Center at Virginia Tech, Ferguson was born and raised in West Virginia. Like many others in the region, her family harvested and dried beans to sustain themselves through mountain winters.

She refers to beans as a "second sister" because her family planted the crop alongside corn or the "first sister." After the corn plants reached "wrist to middle finger" in height, she knew it was time to plant the companion crop. Beans provide nitrogen-rich soil for

the corn plants while the corn offers a trellis for the beans.

Today, despite easier access to chest freezers, home canning, and store-bought foods, dried beans remain a beloved tradition throughout central Appalachia. Ferguson and Asheville, North Carolina-based chef Ashleigh Shanti were panelists during a Virginia Tech Humanities Week event in February, "Fall Beans, Shucky Beans, Soup Beans: Perspectives in Song and Story."

The discussion focused on how beans are grown, harvested, prepared, preserved, and shared throughout the southern mountains. "Shucky beans," or "leather britches," are green beans strung with needle and thread, dried, and then rehydrated in their pods while cooking; "soup beans" are shelled pintos slow cooked with salt, pepper, and seasoning meat.

Danille Elise Christensen, an assistant professor in Virginia Tech's Department of Religion and Culture, facilitated the conversation. She is a folklorist affiliated with the Food Studies Program, the Appalachian studies program, and the graduate program in material culture and public humanities, all at Virginia Tech.

Christensen said dried "fall" beans were an obvious choice to ground an interdisciplinary proposal for Humanities Week, a series of events that illustrated how the humanities enrich and connect our world. The week, sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, was the major focal point of the college's highlight month for the Virginia Tech Sesquicentennial Celebration. Christensen used clips of songs to introduce a thematic focus for each segment of the tripartite discussion.

"I started brainstorming songs — like 'Cornbread and Butterbeans' or the fiddle tune 'Leather Britches' — that show how beans offer a space for cultural commentary within popular expressive culture," she

said.

According to Christensen, the knowledge involved in growing and preparing beans ties together historically dominant populations in Appalachia, including those of Indigenous, African, and European descents.

"Within that large stream of tradition, there is so much interesting variation in the way people have selected bean varieties that exhibit the characteristics they really value," she said. "We're looking at the ways that values are made material in these actual objects and in the practices associated with them."

Shanti, with a bag of dried Sandy Mush greasy beans in tow, said it feels like she has been snapping beans since "before she could walk." She reminisced about summers spent threading and hanging beans along her aunt's porch near Danville, Va. Her culinary training inspired her to create dishes such as "buttermilk britches," which she describes as "the green bean casserole of your dreams." But, according to Shanti, there is nothing better than a simple bowl of beans. When she serves up "the perfect beans, that have the perfect story, that have been in the perfect conditions," she feels pride.

"In the same way these Michelin-star chefs have their ingredient worship, we in the South have it too. It just needs to be recognized," she said. "We love our ingredients. We love our farmers, and we do really great work to ensure these crops are preserved."

Ferguson said while she was growing up, wealthier communities shamed others for eating a pot of brown beans because they considered it "poor folks' food."

"I think we should try hard to change the social attitudes toward beans, because they are so good for you between the fiber and the nutrients," Ferguson said. A dietician, she spent years working as a historical interpreter of Monacan foodways at Natural Bridge State Park. "You can't beat a bowl of good, regular beans."

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## Exhibition

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Anthony Wright de Hernandez has taken the lead to bring this exhibition to campus. As the University Libraries' community collections archivist, he strives to make connections and promote understanding among diverse campus groups.

"We were scheduled to host this exhibit in the spring of 2020 and had just put it up in the library when everything shut down for the pandemic," said de

Hernandez. "Ultimately, the entire exhibit tour was delayed, but the American Library Association and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum wanted to be sure that all the libraries chosen as host sites had a chance to host the exhibit while they were fully open. So we are welcoming the exhibit back and inviting people to come and learn."

"Americans and the Holocaust" addresses important themes in American history, exploring the many factors — including the Great Depression, isolationism, xenophobia, racism, and antisemitism — that influenced decisions made by the U.S. government, the news media, organizations, and individuals as they responded to Nazism. This exhibition will challenge the commonly held assumptions that Americans knew little and did nothing about the Nazi persecution and murder of Jews as the Holocaust unfolded. The exhibit asks questions, it presents facts and stories, and it leaves conclusions to the viewers.

"This exhibit was designed to bring the unique and authoritative content curated by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum to parts of the country that have limited access to primary sources related to the Holocaust," said de Hernandez

"We're actually the closest host site to the museum itself, being only a five- or six-hour drive from Washington, D.C., yet that drive is still a significant barrier toward accessing the museum

and its educational opportunities. Having the exhibit here makes those educational opportunities available locally for people who might not be able to make that trip."

A series of events have been scheduled in conjunction with the exhibit.

Monday, April 4, 1-2:30 p.m.

Newman Library, Multipurpose Room and Zoom

Queer Conspiracies?: Lesbian and Gay Men in Nazi Germany

In association with the "Americans and the Holocaust" traveling exhibition and Virginia Tech Pride Week 2022, guest speaker Samuel Clowes Huneke will discuss lesbian and gay experience in Nazi Germany.

Tuesday, April 5, 6-8 p.m.

Lyric Theatre (135 College Ave.)

Film Screening: "Night Will Fall"

The Lyric Theatre will host a special free showing of the movie "Night Will Fall" with a post-screening discussion led by Virginia Tech Senior Instructor in the School of Performing Arts Karl Precoda.

Tuesday, April 12, 6-8 p.m.

Blacksburg Library (200 Miller St. SW)

Film Screening: "Imaginary Witness: Hollywood and the Holocaust"

University Libraries will host a special free showing of the movie "Imaginary Witness: Hollywood and the Holocaust" at the Blacksburg Public Library with post-screening discussion led

by Virginia Tech Public Services and Reference Archivist Marc Brodsky.

Thursday, April 21, 1-2:30 p.m.

Newman Library, Multipurpose Room and Zoom

American Immigration and Refugee Policy Throughout the Holocaust

Guest speaker Kathryn Perry Walters will discuss American immigration policy throughout the Holocaust, specifically focusing on refugee practices. The government's role in the Jewish Refugee Crisis of the 1930s and 1940s is a contested historical subject. This talk will elaborate on existing debate by examining the proposal of the Wagner-Rogers bill and the creation of the War Refugee Board to analyze the methods in which the U.S. approached refugee assistance. It also will provide background on where today's anti-foreigner attitudes evolved from and how refugee need had been downplayed, but also how it had been fought for, and will demonstrate Americans' role in international human rights protection.

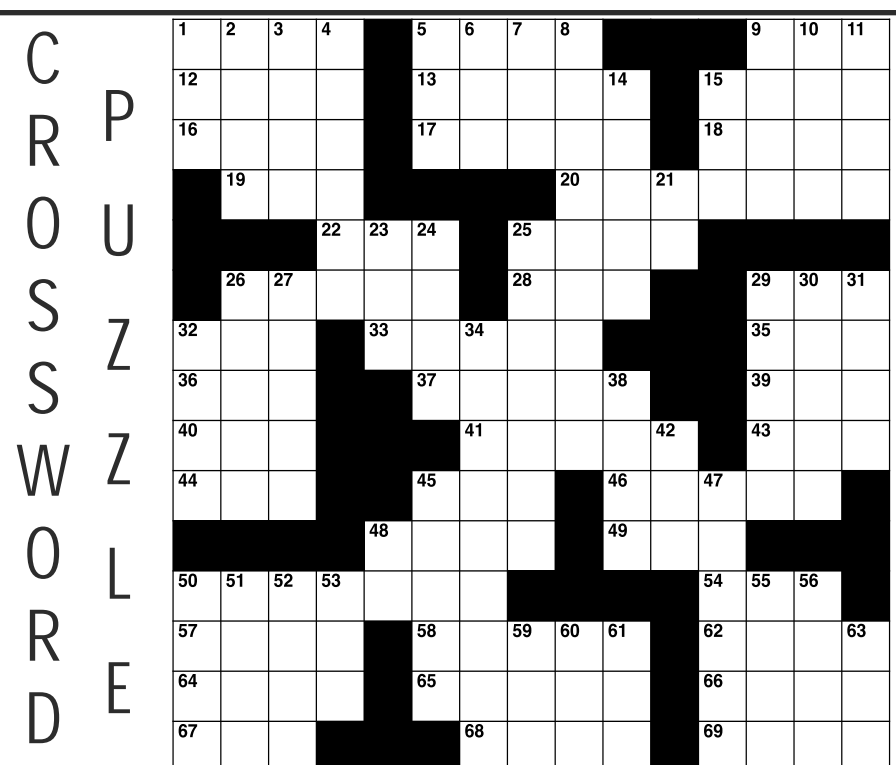
Thursday, April 28, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Virginia Tech Pylons (601 Drillfield Drive)

Yom Hashoah - Holocaust

Remembrance Day - Reading of the Names

This program by Hillel at Virginia Tech commemorates Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day). Volunteers will read aloud the names of both Jewish and non-Jewish individuals who perished during the Holocaust.



- CLUES ACROSS
1. Fishing hook end
  5. A jump forward
  9. Girl entering society
  12. Largest toad species
  13. Measure = 198 liters
  15. Jeff Bridges' brother
  16. Past participle of be
  17. SE Iraq seaport
  18. Paddles
  19. Biotechnology: \_\_\_\_omics
  20. Perfectly
  22. Japanese sash
  25. Flower stalk
  26. Bosnian ethnic group
  28. Longest division of geological time
  29. Hoover's organization
  32. Thigh of a hog
  33. Fabric woven from flax
  35. Upper limb
  36. Basics
  37. Satisfies to excess
  39. The cry made by sheep
  40. Go quickly
  41. Allied headquarters in WWII
  43. Paradoxical sleep
  44. Point midway between N and NE
  45. Refers to a female
  46. Tears down (archaic sp.)
  48. Increases motor speed
  49. Nocturnal winged mammal
  50. Integrated courses of studies
  54. Goat and camel hair fabric
  57. Papuan monetary unit
  58. Extreme or immoderate
  62. Free from danger
  64. Musician Clapton
  65. French young women
  66. Auricles
  67. Foot (Latin)
  68. Prefix for external
  69. Allegheny plum
- CLUES DOWN
1. Founder of Babism
  2. "A Death in the Family" author
  3. One who feels regret
  4. Maine's Queen City
  5. Research workplace
  6. A division of geological time
  7. Paid media promos
  8. Abdominal cavity linings
  9. Apportion cards
  10. Ranking above a viscount
  11. Not idle
  14. Former SW German state
  15. Constrictor snake
  21. Pica printing unit
  23. Where wine ferments (abbr.)
  24. Egyptian goddess
  25. Boils vigorously
  26. Oral polio vaccine developer
  27. Master of ceremonies
  29. Fr. entomologist Jean Henri
  30. Scottish hillsides
  31. Islamic leader
  32. Bakker's downfall Jessica
  34. TV show and state capital
  38. A citizen of Belgrade
  42. Supervises flying
  45. Sebaceous gland secretion
  47. Conditions of balance
  48. Ancient Egyptian sun god
  50. Part of a stairway
  51. Time long past
  52. Hawaiian wreaths
  53. Resin-like shellac ingredient
  55. Semitic fertility god
  56. 60's hairstyle
  59. Honey Boo Boo's network
  60. Soak flax
  61. Volcanic mountain in Japan
  63. Point midway between E and SE



# OBITUARIES

## Hunter, Sandra Louise

Sandra Louise Hunter, 64, of Blacksburg, died Tuesday, March 29, 2022.

She was born in Blacksburg on Nov. 22, 1957, to the late Carl Buford, Sr. and Reba Cook Hunter.

She is survived by her sister, Margaret Hunter; brothers and sister-in-law, Wayne

Hunter, Carl B., Jr., and Patty Hunter; nephew Nathan Hunter and wife, Kelly; and great-niece Kayleigh Hayes.

Graveside services were conducted Friday, April 1, 2022, in the Westview Cemetery with the Rev. Brenda Pack officiating. Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home Blacksburg.

Send community news and photos to [communitynews@ourvalley.org](mailto:communitynews@ourvalley.org)

## Mabry, David Lee

David Lee Mabry, 79, of Radford, passed away Wednesday, March 30, 2022.

He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church and retired from the U. S. Postal Service after 32 years of service.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Emma Mabry; his brothers, Harless and Donald Mabry; a sister, Barbara Croy; and a sister-in-law, Rachel Mabry.

Survivors include his wife, Patty C. Mabry; sons Michael, Christopher, and Scott Mabry; grandchildren Eric and Maya Mabry; a step-grandson, Max Dalglish; a step-great-granddaughter, Clara Dalglish; mother

of the grandchildren Akiko Okomoto; a brother and sister-in-law, William Randolph "Randy" and Alvaina Mabry; and a sister-in-law Nancy Keshishian.

The family received friends on Friday, April 1, 2022, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford, followed by memorial services with Pastor Timothy Worles officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to the charity of your choice.

The Mabry family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford. [www.mullinsfuneralhome.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.trinitycburg.org).

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

### CHURCH OF GOD

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

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

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

### 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.

### (DOC - DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

**Snowville Christian Church**, 5436 Lead Mine Rd., Hiwassee, VA 24347, Pastor: Jerry King, Website: [www.SnowvilleChristianChurch.com](http://www.SnowvilleChristianChurch.com) (and Facebook), Office: 540-633-3761, Email: [office@Snowville-ChristianChurch.com](mailto:office@Snowville-ChristianChurch.com), Sunday Worship Ser-

vice: 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](http://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](http://clcradford.org). 540-639-2671.

### PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS

**Merrimac Pentecostal Holiness Church**, Rev. Larry Christopher (540) 552-7194. [lchristopher695@comcast.net](mailto: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](http://www.pcradford.org). We are called to share the love of Christ in this community & beyond. Kelsey & Peter Hawisher-Faul, Co-Pastors.

### UNITED METHODIST

**Asbury United Methodist Church**, 500 Stuart Street, Christiansburg. 540-382- 0743. Rev. Ryan Schaeffer. Sunday School, 10:15 a.m., Sunday Worship, 11:30 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7pm, alternating month's with Schaeffer Memorial Baptist Church, Senior Bible Study Thursday, 10:30 a.m. All are welcome.

**Central United Methodist Church**, 803 Wadsworth Street, Radford. 639-3529. 8:30 a.m. Sunday Services: 8:30am (interpreter provided); 9:45am Sunday School (interpreter provided); and 11:00am. Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30pm. Child care is provided. [www.centralmethodistchurch.com](http://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](http://www.twitch.tv/stpaulumc).

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### REPUTATION

Read Psalms 3:1-8; 69:1-36

Whenever a Christian public figure sins, or any of God's people sins, unsaved people inevitably cry, "Hypocrite! I won't be a Christian if that's what they're like!" As the body of Christ, when one of us sins, we all share in the bad characterization. Because we represent Christ to the world, our good or bad reputation reflects on Him.

May those who hope in you not be disgraced because of me, O Lord, the Lord Almighty; may those who seek you not be put to shame because of me, O God of Israel (Psalm 69:6).

David had sinned before God, and was deeply repentant. David's main concerns were not that his transgression be concealed or that his reputation be saved. One of his foremost prayers was that God's reputation and that of God's people would be protected from disgrace and shame. Perhaps this is one of the many reasons why David was called "a man after God's own heart."

Prayer for Today: Holy Spirit, please help me to remember that secret sins are not secret. Please help me to focus on giving You a good name before the world and my fellow believers.

Quicklook: Psalm 69:1-6

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# OBITUARIES

## Dickinson, T. Ann Nester

T. Ann Nester Dickinson, 85, of Parrott, peacefully left this world to take her journey through God's other door on March 24, 2022.

Born a coal miner's daughter, Ann left Parrott in 1954 to join the U.S. Air Force to serve her country. There she met and married her husband and continued life as a military wife and mother living in Florida, Texas, Mississippi, Pakistan, and Germany.

She earned her degree in computer programming and began a career at NASA in the 70's. Her career as a civil service contractor of 20 years took her to many countries around the world. She retired to her cottage on the James River in Surry County until she returned home to Parrott in 1996 upon the birth of her granddaughter.

Remembered as a fiercely independent woman, Ann was a devoted and loyal daughter, sister, mother, Oma and friend.

She was predeceased by her parents, Irvin E. and Macy Ritter Nester; brothers Harold (Sonny) and William (Lewis) Nester; sisters Helen (Maxine) Demers,



Martha (Bossie) Hoggatt, Georgia Lovern, and a beloved first great-grandchild, Amelia Nancy Field.

Left to cherish many memories of a long life well lived are her daughter and son-in-law Gail and Michael Sojka of Parrott; her devoted granddaughter, Skylar Sojka (Austin Trundy) and granddogs Phoebe and Sadie; a son and his wife, Douglas and Nancy Dickinson of Dover, N.H.; a grandson, David (Amanda) Dickinson; a granddaughter, Sarah (Josh) Field; great-grandchildren Sophia and Noah Field; a special step-grandson and his family, Michael (Bubba) Chasity and Ty and Ariana Ramsey; a brother, Estell Nester; a sister-in-law, Patricia Nester, many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends, and a special lifelong friend, Joyce Booth and her family of Manchester, N.J.

A private family service with full military honors will be held at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery at a later date.

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

## Orange, David Vincent

David Vincent Orange went to his heavenly home on Monday, March 28, 2022.

He was born in Montgomery County to the late William "Bill" A. and Nancy M. Orange.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Pamela "Pammy" Orange and Susan Burton; a brother, Marvin Orange; and a daughter, Rebecca "Beck Beck" M. Orange-Newberry.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Sally Orange of Bassett; brothers Mike Orange, Daniel Orange and

wife, Susie, of Christiansburg; daughter April Taylor and companion, Chris McShane of Radford; son Andy Orange of Bassett; stepchildren Heather Johnson and Jamie Johnson of Pembroke; 11 grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Friday, April 1, in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Doug Reed officiating. Interment followed at Roselawn Memorial Gardens, Christiansburg. The family received friends prior to the service.



## Warren, Brenda Faye

Brenda Faye Warren, 70, of Dublin, passed away Wednesday, March 30, 2022. She was an I. T. Tech. Brenda was preceded in death by her parents, Orie and Avola Hunt.

Survivors include her sons, Sammy Warren and Roxann Hawley, and Jay and Robin Warren; grandson, Travis Warren; former husband and friend, Jerry

Warren; sister, Judy Hunt; and many other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends from 5 until 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at the Mullins funeral Home in Radford. Memorial services will follow with Dr. Paul Lane officiating.

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



# NRCC Fiddle, Banjo and Dance Club Jamboree to be held April 9

The music of The Country Boys and Slate Mountain Ramblers will be featured during New River Community College's Fiddle, Banjo, and Dance Club Jamboree on Saturday, April 9, 2022. Music will begin at 6 p.m. in 117 Edwards Hall at NRCC in Dublin.

The Country Boys have been playing traditional bluegrass and bluegrass gospel music throughout North Carolina and Virginia for over 40 years. The band originally formed in the late 1960s with several lineup changes throughout the years. The present band is made up of Donald Clifton, Johnny Joyce, Derrick Easter, Billy Hawks, Marsha Todd, and Doug Joyce. The band cites the Country Gentleman and the Osborne Brothers as some of their musical influences.

The Slate Mountain Ramblers is a family old-time group from Mt. Airy, N.C. The members are Richard Bowman,

Barbara Bowman, Marsha Bowman Todd, and Randy Hiatt. The Ramblers play for dances, shows, family and community gatherings, and benefits. The band has a winning tradition, placing at various fiddlers' conventions, and the group has traveled as far as Gainsborough, England, to perform.

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

The doors open at 5 p.m. for the show.

Admission is free; however, donations will be accepted to help offset the travel expenses for the musicians. The

jamborees are typically held the second Saturday of each month through April at NRCC, a Crooked Road affiliated venue.



A featured act at NRCC's April 9 Fiddle, Banjo, and Dance Club Jamboree, The Country Boys have been playing traditional bluegrass and bluegrass gospel music for over 40 years.



The Slate Mountain Ramblers will perform at NRCC's Fiddle, Banjo, and Dance Club Jamboree on April 9.

## Events

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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](mailto: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 this 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. At 7:30 a.m. at Warm Hearth Village, 2387 Warm Hearth Dr, Blacksburg, VA 24060. Reservations to attend are due April 12 at noon: <https://bit.ly/april22legislative>. 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.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF RADFORD, VIRGINIA

#### TAX LEVIES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022 AND F.Y. 2022-2023 BUDGET

Pursuant to Section 58.1-3007 of the Code of Virginia, notice is hereby given that a public hearing is scheduled for 7:00 P.M. April 11, 2022 on the proposed Tax Rates for Calendar Year 2022. Interest parties are invited to attend the public hearing and present their views. The hearing will be held in the Council Chambers located at 10 Robertson Street.

FURTHER, notice is given that the Council's intention to propose no increases in the following tax levies for Calendar year 2021:

1. Real Property tax levy remains at \$0.84 per one \$100.00 of assessed value.
2. Machinery and tools tax levy remains at \$1.76 per \$100.00 of assessed value.
3. Tangible personal property as listed and specified in Subsections 3 through 13 of Section 58.1-3503A, Code of Virginia, 1950 as amended, remains at \$2.44 per \$100.00 of assessed value.
4. Tangible personal property as listed and specified in Subsections 15 through 19 of Section 58.1-3503A, Code of Virginia 1950 As Amended, remains at \$1.76 per \$100.00 of assessed value.

Notice is also given that the City Council of Radford City scheduled a public hearing for 7:00 P.M. or as soon thereafter, April 12, 2022 on the **Advertised Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget** in the amount of **\$66,999,753**. The hearing will be held in the Council Chambers located at 10 Robertson Street.

The following is a synopsis of the 2022-2023 Budgets:

|                                 |                     |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>CITY OF RADFORD</b>          |                     |
| <b>GENERAL FUND</b>             | <b>\$32,007,041</b> |
| <b>STREETS MAINTENANCE FUND</b> | <b>\$2,406,565</b>  |
| <b>TRANSIT</b>                  | <b>\$3,380,793</b>  |
| <b>WATER/WASTEWATER FUND</b>    | <b>\$5,315,340</b>  |
| <b>ELECTRIC FUND</b>            | <b>\$21,258,021</b> |
| <b>SOLID WASTE FUND</b>         | <b>\$1,725,693</b>  |
| <b>*INTERNAL SERVICES</b>       | <b>\$906,300</b>    |

\*Not included in total above as this fund is allocated through all other funds.

Notice is also given that the City Council of Radford City will hear comments on the **Radford City School Board Budget** in the amount of **\$33,896,048**.

The Summary is as Follows:

|                                          |                     |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>RADFORD CITY SCHOOL BOARD</b>         |                     |
| <b>OPERATING FUND</b>                    | <b>\$24,258,866</b> |
| <b>SCHOOL NUTRITION FUND</b>             | <b>\$771,344</b>    |
| <b>GRANTS FUND</b>                       | <b>\$4,293,650</b>  |
| <b>TEXTBOOKS FUND</b>                    | <b>\$560,144</b>    |
| <b>CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND</b>             | <b>\$220,000</b>    |
| <b>HEALTH INSURANCE FUND</b>             | <b>\$2,635,398</b>  |
| <b>MCHARG SCHOOL ADDITION/RENOVATION</b> | <b>\$1,004,697</b>  |
| <b>REGION 7 VIRTUAL ACADEMY FUND</b>     | <b>\$151,949</b>    |

A copy of the document is available for review in the City Manager's office, the Radford Public Library, and on the City's website at [www.radfordva.gov](http://www.radfordva.gov).

BY THE ORDER OF RADFORD CITY COUNCIL



# RADFORD SPORTS

## Christiansburg girls defeat Bassett in 10-0 rout



Ava Rose kicks in the first goal of her three for the night, giving her a hat trick in Christiansburg's 10-0 win over Bassett Tuesday. The game was called with 20 minutes left in the second half due to the slaughter rule.



Jordin Harris slides in a goal for the Lady Blue Demons.



Christiansburg's Bridget Miller (center) dribbles the ball past centerfield to the forwards.



Defender Madison Farley launches the ball out of Bassett scoring territory.

PHOTOS BY KYMN DAVIDSON-HAMLEY

## After beating cancer, VT lacrosse player Mary Griffin continues the fight

Mary Griffin didn't let a cancer diagnosis in the middle of her sophomore year freeze her ambitions at Virginia Tech. Now, almost a year and a half later, the junior defender is focused on a successful 2022 season while spearheading some important charitable efforts.

Griffin felt sharp pains in a preseason workout months before the start of her sophomore campaign with the Hokies. After consulting with the team's athletic training staff, an abdominal scan discovered a lump on her pancreas.

"I remember the first question I asked was, 'Am I going to die?'" said Griffin, who was originally diagnosed with NET cancer on her pancreas by her doctor over a Zoom call. NET cancer is a condition in which the neuroendocrine cells develop into tumors. At the time of her diagnosis, the Sykesville, Md., native was fighting a COVID-19 infection and was in isolation. The diagnosis came with total optimism from Griffin's doctor that the cancer was treatable. Surgeons were able to successfully remove the malignant tumor in November 2020.

Griffin returned to campus in 2021 ready to get back to her normal life. The combination of the effects of her recovery efforts and the pandemic had isolated her from the traditional experiences of a student-athlete. That all changed when she reunited with her team-

mates.

"What really helped me was getting back to school and being surrounded by our coaches, the trainers, and my teammates," Griffin said. "It gave me structure. Week by week, I got back into more drills, and I tried to push myself very, very hard."

Slowly but surely, Griffin was reintroduced to team activities. She worked hard to rehabilitate, and as a result was able to return to the field for the Hokies' lacrosse team. On Feb. 12, 2021, four months after being diagnosed with cancer, Griffin jogged onto the field and played in Tech's 13-5 win over Liberty in Lynchburg.

While she was being reintroduced to the normal schedule of a Virginia Tech lacrosse student-athlete, Griffin connected with Pat Collelouri, an executive with the HEADstrong Foundation. The organization is dedicated to assisting families going through cancer treatment with financial, residential, and emo-

tional resources. Griffin was named one of two "heroes" for the foundation in 2022, and became involved in fundraising for HEADstrong. She helped lead the foundation's four-week "Game Hair Havoc" fundraising initiative that raised \$108,000 nationwide. Griffin got Hokies Lacrosse involved in the campaign during the team's home game vs. Louisville. Her team rallied around her charitable effort by wearing green and blue ribbons, the official colors of HEADstrong, in their hair during the game vs. the Cardinals. Griffin continues to represent the foundation by donning lime green laces on her cleats during the 2022 season.

"The game was a good reminder that we were playing for a bigger reason than ourselves," Griffin said. "HEADstrong has been around awhile, but now that I'm a part of it, their work has a whole new meaning to me. They do a great job of bringing the lacrosse community together."



Mary Griffin (right) has shown strong characteristics on the VT lacrosse field as a student-athlete and off the field in her battle against cancer.

PHOTO COURTESY OF VT ATHLETICS

### ONLINE AUCTION

Ends Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> @ 4 PM

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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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# Hokie wrestlers Robie, Lewis honored by ACC

Fresh off a memorable 2021-2022 season, Virginia Tech wrestling picked up two Atlantic Coast Conference season awards as NCAA silver medalist Mekhi Lewis was named the ACC Wrestler of the Year and head coach Tony Robie took home ACC Coach of the Year accolades.

The annual awards are determined by a vote of the league's head coaches.

Lewis made history in 2019 when he became Tech's first national champion while also adding the championship's Most Outstanding Wrestler award and snagging ACC Wrestler of the Year honors as a freshman. In his new weight class this year, he made history once again by becoming the program's first two-time finalist. Lewis is the fourth Virginia Tech wrestler to be voted ACC Wrestler of the Year and the first in program history to win the award twice.

Having recovered from the injury that forced him out of the 2021 national championship after reaching the quarterfinal round, Lewis, wrestled to his No.-2 seed by defeating No.-10 Clay Lutt of North Carolina and then pinning No.-3 Logan Massa of Michigan en route to his

second finals appearance. He then dropped a competitive bout in a tiebreaker to defending champion No.-1 Carter Starocci of Penn State.

Lewis's NCAA silver medal finish capped a season in which he posted a 24-2 overall record.

Coach Tony Robie's ACC Coach of the Year honors was his third award since he took the helm of the Hokies in 2017.

Under Robie's leadership this season, Virginia Tech earned a conference-leading, eighth-place NCAA finish and produced three All-Americans: Lewis (second), Bryce Andonian (third), and Korbin Myers (sixth) – for the ninth consecutive season, a streak shared with Penn State, Cornell, and Iowa. At the national championships, the Hokies scored the fourth-most points in program history.

Tech claimed three individual gold medals at the ACC Championships – Lewis, Myers, and Nathan Traxler – while placing second in team scoring. Tech's eight qualifiers for the NCAA Championships was the second most in the conference.

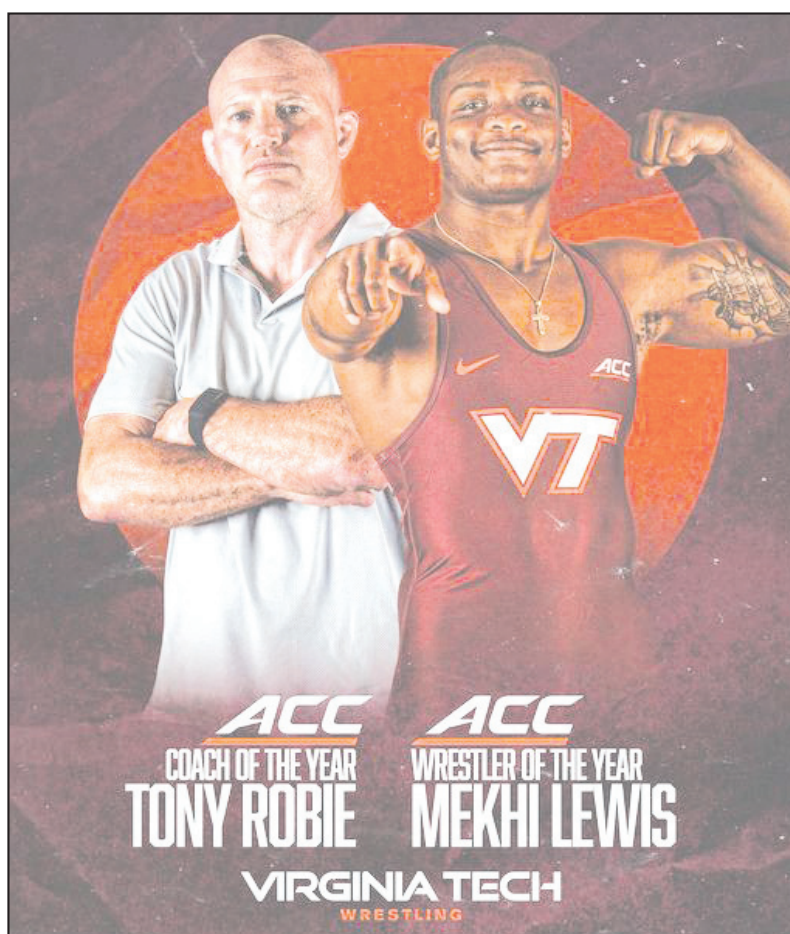


PHOTO COURTESY OF VT ATHLETICS

# VT hammers VMI 13-4 for the Hokies' fifth straight baseball win

LEXINGTON, Va. – Sophomore Cade Hunter put together a brilliant performance at the plate Tuesday, hitting two home runs and driving in five runs to help propel the Virginia Tech Hokies past the VMI Keydets 13-4. The win was Tech's fifth straight.

Senior Kiernan Higgins (1-0) picked up the victory out of the bullpen for Virginia Tech (15-6). The right-hander went 2.2 shutout innings while giving up two hits, allowing three walks and striking out three. Junior Graham Firoved also made an impact on the mound for the Hokies, throwing 1.1 shutout innings while allowing no hits with no walks and four strikeouts.

Hunter went 5-for-5 at the plate, supplementing his two home runs with a double while driving in five runs. Senior Conor Hartigan added to Hunter's awesome power-hitting performance by going 1-for-4 with a home run and two RBIs along with one walk. Sophomore Tanner Schobel also chipped in for the Hokies, going 1-for-3 with two walks and two RBIs.

### HOW IT HAPPENED

The Hokies got on the board immediately, starting their scoring with four

runs in the top of the first inning that included Hunter's first home run of the game.

In the third inning, Tech picked up three more runs including a Hunter home run, which upped the score to 7-1 in favor of the Hokies.

VMI narrowed Virginia Tech's lead to 7-3 in the third before the Hokies stretched the advantage to 9-3 in the sixth inning on Hartigan's two-run home run.

The Keydets closed the gap to 9-4 before VT added some insurance in the ninth with a four-run outburst highlighted by Hunter's two-run double. That put the 13-4 final on the scoreboard.

### GAME NOTES

Every Virginia Tech starter reached base safely in the win.

The Virginia Tech pitching staff combined to strike out 14 VMI hitters.

Virginia Tech's highest scoring inning was the ninth when the Hokies pushed four runs across.

VT took a 4-1 lead in the top half of the first and never trailed in the game.

Virginia Tech hitters hit three home runs and put together 15 total hits for



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**Hokie sophomore Cade Hunter hit two home runs Tuesday to lead Tech baseball to a 13-4 defeat of the VMI Keydets.**

the game.

The Hokies went 6-for-18 (.333) with runners in scoring position.

Virginia Tech pitchers faced 48 VMI hitters in the game, allowing six ground balls and seven fly balls while striking

out 14.

The Hokies drew 11 walks from VMI pitching.

VMI was led offensively by junior Will Knight, who went 3-for-5 with an RBI.

# RU volleyball welcomes eight newcomers to court

Radford head volleyball coach Sherisa Livingston has announced the addition of eight new players to the Highlanders' program for the upcoming 2022 season: Jackeline Nerro, Kennedy Robinson, Sara Johnson, Estella Sawyer, Peyton Ferree, Miranda Howard, Macy Pace, and Summer Campbell.

Jackeline Nerro | Setter | Tampa, Fla.

A four-year player at

Berkeley Prep School in Tampa, Fla., Nerro led her team in aces as a sophomore in 2019 and finished third in aces, assists, and digs in 2020. She was selected to the High-Performance Team Florida in 2018 and had a second-place finish in the championship. Nerro's team also placed third in the AAU National Premier Division in 2020.

Kennedy Robinson | Outside Hitter | Fort Mill,

S.C.

Robinson was an all-region selection at Fort Mill High School and was named the team's MVP in her senior season. She competed for the AVCA Phenom club team and is a three-time Junior Volleyball Association (JVA) watchlist honoree.

Sara Johnson | Outside Hitter | Saint John, Ind.

Johnson comes to Radford from Saint John, Ind.,

where she was a two-time varsity captain at Marian Catholic High School. Johnson was the team's MVP in 2021 in addition to being selected to the All-East Suburban Catholic Conference team twice (in 2020 and in 2021), the Daily Southtown All-Area First Team, and the Illinois Times All-Area Honorable Mention team. She was named to the Sue Garvick Var All-Tournament Team

in 2021-2, and was Marion Catholic's 2022 Athletics Student of the Month. Johnson competed in the club circuit and was a four-time JVA Watchlist honoree.

Estella Sawyer | Setter | Charlotte, N.C.

Sawyer is a highly decorated player out of Ardrey Kell High School in Charlotte, N.C. She led Ardrey Kell to a conference tournament championship in 2021, a regional title and a state runner-up finish. She was named to the SoMeck All-Conference Team and the NCVBCA all-region and all-state teams. As a freshman at Davidson Day School, Sawyer led the state in assists per set at 12.9, ranking third nationally among all freshmen in that category. She earned 2A all-conference honors twice (2019, 2020) and was an all-state honoree in 2020. Sawyer helped guide Ardrey Kell to a 31-2 record her senior season and finished her high school career with 2,739 total assists.

Peyton Ferree | Outside Hitter | Cedar Park, Texas

Ferree was a two-time team MVP at Westwood High School. She led her district in kills in the 2020 season, earning first-team all-district honors in the process. Ferree was twice named to the AVCA Pheno-

nom Watchlist and was a TCGA all-star alternate in 2020. In addition to her accolades on the court, Ferree also earned academic all-district honors three times (2019-21).

Miranda Howard | Libero | Wylie, Texas

Howard was a four-time all-district first-team selection at Wylie East High School. She was named her school's MVP in 2020 and 2021 and the defensive MVP in 2019. Howard won nationals with her U-15 club team and finished third in her U-17 season. She was the Texas

District 10-5A Defensive MVP in 2022.

Macy Pace | Middle Blocker | Grandy, N.C.

Pace was a four-year starter and all-conference player at Cox High School in Virginia Beach. She won a conference championship with Cox all four years of her career in addition to a state title in 2018. Pace was named to the 2021 all-region first team and was Cox's leading blocker in both the 2020 and the 2021 seasons. She was named to the AVCA Phenom Watch List in 2020.

Summer Campbell | Middle Blocker/Opposite Hitter | Washington, D.C.

Campbell was named the 2021-22 D.C. Volleyball Gatorade Player of the Year. She was also tabbed to the 2021-22 Washington Post Second Team All-Met and was a DCSAA state champion last season in addition to winning the tournament's Most Valuable Player award. Campbell was recognized as the 2021-22 Pigskin Girls D.C. Volleyball Player of the Year and is a two-time DCSAA Player of the Year (2019, 2021).

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