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## West End Wednesday concert series returns to Glencoe Mansion

RADFORD - The popular outdoor community event West End Wednesdays kicks off the 2022 season this Wednesday, May 11.

"MountainTrotter Arts is excited to announce the return of West End Wednesdays," the organization announced. "The 2022 series kicks off on May 11 with a free concert featuring Floyd's own Appalachian Space Train.

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets, family and friends to the upper lawn of Glencoe Mansion, Museum & Gallery from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Purchase food from the Paper Dragon food truck, or bring your own. Craft beer will be available for purchase (no outside alcohol allowed). A variety of handcrafted vendors and representatives from local organizations will also be on site.

Appalachian Space Train is a Floyd-based foursome that describes their sound as rockadelic funkabilly. There will be jams, there will be rock, but most of all, there will be a trainload of great energy and positive vibes.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MOUNTAIN TROTTER ARTS  
The crowd enjoys a previous West End Wednesday event on the grounds of Glencoe Mansion, Museum and Gallery. The 2022 season kicks off this Wednesday, May 11.



RADFORD UNIVERSITY PHOTO

Radford's Graduate Art Student Association raised \$1000 for Mill Mountain Zoo. Pictured (left to right) Heather Hagerman-Horn, Alexandra Leonetti, Amanda Kelly, Brandy Bembry, and Sydne Moseley.

## Radford artists raise funds for Mill Mountain Zoo

Sean Kotz  
Radford University

RADFORD - As a kid, when Amanda Kelly visited her dad in Roanoke, she treasured their days at the Mill Mountain Zoo. Like most youngsters, she connected with the animals and found them fascinating.

Today, Kelly is a first-year graduate student in Radford University's Master of Fine Arts program and the Vice President of the Graduate Art Student Association. She currently lives in Roanoke and wanted to do something to help the zoo.

"It's a staple of Roanoke and it has importance in the community," said Kelly. "I thought it would be a great opportunity for the Graduate Art Student Association to branch out into Roanoke and create art inspired by the Zoo and raise money to support their conservation efforts."

That inspiration motivated a collaboration between the zoo and

Radford's graduate artists who organized a silent art auction at the Mill Mountain Zoo. Kelly is one of five current artists working on Master of Fine Arts degrees at Radford who contributed paintings, ceramics and fine art. Despite wet and chilly conditions, the Graduate Art Student Association garnered \$1000 to aid the zoo through a silent auction.

Bambi Godkin, Mill Mountain Zoo's Education Manager, said she was excited when the students first ran the idea by her.

"Money raised through fundraisers like this is important," said Godkin, "because it helps us cover costs associated with animal care, such as food, medicine, enrichment and staffing."

She explained that the zoo is a non-profit requiring over \$1 million annually for operation but receives only a small portion of that in municipal funding, so every penny counts.

To learn more about Mill Mountain Zoo, go to [www.mmzoo.org](http://www.mmzoo.org).

## Long Way Brewing hosts photography show

RADFORD - In recognition of National Photography Month, the Radford Photo Club's works will be on display at Long Way Brewing of Radford throughout May.

Sale of the works will benefit the Lamplighters, the organization that supports Radford Public Library programs.

Radford Photo Club, which includes professional and amateur photographers from across the New River Valley, meets monthly at Radford Public Library. Programs, events, and outings are open to the public. Learn more by searching for Radford Photo Club on Facebook,

scanning the QR code at the show, or emailing [trulovesusan@gmail.com](mailto:trulovesusan@gmail.com).

Located at 501 Second St., Radford, Long Way Brewing opens at 3 p.m. on weekdays, noon on Saturday, and 1 p.m. on Sunday. It is closed on Monday. Learn more at [www.longwaybrewing.com](http://www.longwaybrewing.com).



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Joyce Sims of Radford with her winter scene photo, which is on display at the Radford Photo Club's show at Long Way Brewing through May.

## Virginia Breeze ridership rebounds, Radford becomes a popular stop

Ridership on the Virginia Breeze intercity bus service has been rebounding, with overall ridership up 56% from March 2021 to March 2022.

With the Highlands Rhythm launching last year, Radford has demonstrated itself to be a popular stop for riders. Ridership on the new route has nearly doubled since it started in November.

Highlands Rhythm launched in November 2021 with 639 riders. It had 1,126 total passengers in March 2022. After Harrisonburg, Radford is the second-most popular

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## Glencoe Mansion marks Earth Day with tree plantings

RADFORD - Some 15 representatives from local communities gathered on Earth Day, April 22, to plant trees purchased with money from a clean water and reforestation grant project underway at Glencoe Mansion and the Mary Draper Ingles Cultural Heritage Park in the City of Radford.

Nick Lancaster, Radford city horticulturist, told the group that the project represents much more than planting trees. "It also provides education and public outreach," he said. "The undertaking is the result of a partnership



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Glencoe Mansion and Museum board member Sarah Carter (left) and Radford City Council member Dick Harshberger turned out to plant trees on Earth Day.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Saturday, May 7:

### Mother's Day gift

At the Christiansburg Library; 11 a.m. Make a special Mother's Day gift and give it to someone special. Fill a fancy teacup with tea and treats and then gift-wrap it. Supplies are limited. Contact spahl@mfrl.org for more information.

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

### Teen DND

At the Blacksburg Library; 2 p.m. DND for teens.

## Monday, May 9:

### RCPS special education meeting

A Radford City Public Schools special education advisory committee meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. at the School Board Office, 1612 Wadsworth St., Radford. The public is invited to attend. The meeting will also be available virtually using Google Meet. To be invited using Google Meet, contact Josh Brown, Chairperson, at 731-3649, or Daniel Hill, Director of Special Education, at 267-3223, to obtain a virtual meeting link.

### STEM club

At the Christiansburg Library; 1 p.m. The library's homeschool STEM club explores science, technology, engineering, and/or math. Ages 8 and up.

### Crafternoon Delight for adults only

Participants can bring supplies to the Radford Public Library from 1 to 2 p.m. and knit, crochet, and needlepoint at the library. Some crafting supplies are provided.

## Tuesday, May 10:

### Homeschool science at the RPL

At the Radford Public Library; 11 a.m. Virginia Tech School of Plant and Environmental Sciences professor Dr. Meredith Steele and advisor Karen Drake-Whitney will teach interested students about the science found in the dirt with a special focus on understanding cities and their effects on water quality, ecosystem services, and biogeochemical cycles. This program is part of the library's programming series geared toward serving homeschooling families, teaching how science can be used in a variety of careers. Contact Morgan Esterhuizen at morgan.esterhuizen@radfordva.gov with questions about the program or to offer suggestions for a future homeschool science program.

### 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.

### Radford school board meeting

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

### Family reads with NRV literacy volunteers

Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley will provide English as a Second Language (ESL) lessons to parents of children ages 3 to 8 (older siblings are welcome). This is a 7-week program that started Tuesday, April 12. Children will have fun activities to work on while parents learn to read in English. Call (540) 382-7262 or email Anne Abbott at aabbott@lvnr.org for more information.

### Talking about Books: "The Good Neighbor"

At the Blacksburg Library; 11 a.m. To be discussed is "The Good Neighbor: The Life and Work of Fred Rogers" by Maxwell King. Call (540) 552-8246 to reserve a copy.

### Homeschool Creative Writing Club

At the Blacksburg Library; 1 p.m. Homeschoolers can take part in a time of creative writing. They will be able to workshop their pieces, bounce ideas off each other, and learn about different writing techniques.

## Wednesday, May 11:

### Brown Bag Book Club

To be discussed is the adult fiction book titled "The Lost City of Z" written by David Grann. At the Radford Public Library from noon to 1 p.m. Drop in whenever. No commitment is required to attend this book club.

### Early release craft: Painting with sugar

Radford High School students are invited to join in a fun after-school craft on this early release day. At the Radford Public Library from 1 to 2 p.m.

## 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.

### Turn a favorite book into jewelry

At the Blacksburg Library; 6:30 p.m. Participants can create a mini version of their favorite book and turn it into a keychain. Email the title of the favorite book to dmoore@mfrl.org by May 10.

## Friday, May 13, and Saturday, May 14:

### Radford Public Library book sale

At the Radford Public Library from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, May 13, and Saturday, May 14. Money raised from the sale goes to help with programs and other needs at the library. Hardbacks are \$1.00 and paperbacks \$.50. Children's books are half that.

## Saturday, May 14:

### Mount Tabor Ruritan Club Fish Fry

The Mount Tabor Ruritan Club will hold its May fish fry from 5 to 7 p.m. at Slusser's Chapel Picnic Shelter, 1543 Mount Tabor Rd, Blacksburg. A single serving of fish, fries and slaw; homemade desserts; and beverage is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 12. Children under 3 eat free. Carry-outs are also \$12. The fish fry will be held rain or shine. Call or text 540-449-6178 for further information. On Facebook at MtTaborRuritan.

## Monday, May 16:

### Book Tasting

From 5 to 6 p.m., the Radford Public Library is hosting its first-ever book tasting event. Students "taste," or sample, a selection of books that they have chosen ahead of time. They can rotate among tables to sample the books and record notes about the ones that interest them. Tables of middle-grade books will be set up. All books will be pulled from the J-Fiction and J-Nonfiction sections of the library.

## 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.

## Wednesday, May 18:

### American Business Women's Association May luncheon meeting

At the Holiday Inn Christiansburg-Blacksburg, 99 Bradley Drive, Christiansburg; 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$14.25 The luncheon will feature guest speaker Caitlyn Scaggs, who will share a message on how we can brag about our successes without being boastful. RSVP by noon on May 16, 2022. Contact: Terri Welch at: Christiansburg@wineanddesign.com.

## Monday, May 23:

### Eighth annual Radford Chamber of Commerce golf tournament

At the Virginia Tech River Course with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Radford Chamber Executive Director Dan McKinney said, "The traveling trophy is back at the chamber office ready to be presented to this year's winning team. We are truly appreciative of the businesses that support this fundraiser for us. We are looking forward to a full field again this year; we have several spots for teams still available, and we have sponsorships available.

"A special part of this year's tournament will be a Closest to the Pin on the new golf simulator that the River Course recently acquired. A portion of the money for this contest will go to our scholarship fund, and we have a great winning prize. We are inviting both the players and others to compete in this contest. Visit https://radfordchamber.com/annual-golf-tournament for more information."

## Thursday, May 26:

### Scrabble Tournament for Literacy

The 14th annual Scrabble Tournament for Literacy will raise funds for 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. Radford City Mayor David Horton will emcee the event. 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 scoring 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.

## Monday, May 30:

### MFRL closure

The Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library will be closed on Monday, May 30, for Memorial Day. All branches are closed on Sundays from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day.

## Saturday, June 18:

### NAACP Juneteenth Commemoration

The Montgomery County-Radford City-Floyd County Branch and Youth Council of the NAACP will celebrate Juneteenth, the traditional African-American commemoration of freedom from slavery, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Rosa Peters Playground, 300 Depot St. NE, Christiansburg.

Music and food will be available to purchase. The NAACP Youth Council will be selling hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks, and other snacks. An ice cream truck courtesy of Freedom First Credit Union will provide free ice cream to youth. All proceeds benefit local youth educational activities and programs.

Informative program on Juneteenth will start at noon, followed by swimming, children's games, a silent auction, a raffle, and door prizes. Various talents will be shared by youth and community members. NAACP and other community organizations will have informational booths and give-a-ways. If an organization wants to have a booth, please contact the organization at info@mrfnaacp or call the NAACP's branch at 540-382-6751. Entry is free.

## Ongoing:

### Radford-Fairlawn Daily Bread volunteer 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-and-Go meals

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

### Glencoe Mansion calls for art for Mary Draper Ingles show

Glencoe Mansion is calling for art for its July through August 2022 gallery exhibit, "Follow Her Journey," a multi-artist show themed on Mary Draper Ingles. Artwork should reflect or be based on the life and times of Mary Draper Ingles including depictions of local landmarks (for example, Ingles Farm, the Cultural Heritage Park, Ingles Tavern and ferry site), and Colonial style art.

All fine arts and fine craft media will be considered. Artists may submit up to three works for consideration. Applications will be accepted through 5 p.m. on June 3. Participation, which is subject to acceptance, is open to artists in and around the NRV area, ages 16 and up. Artists will be notified via email no later than June 15.

The show will be on display throughout July and August with an opening reception during the Mary Draper Ingles Festival of July 29-31. For more information go to www.GlencoeMansion.org or email Gallery Coordinator at art@glencoeMansion.org.

Send community news and photos to communitynews@ourvalley.org

# Home Builders Association presents Excellence in Building awards

CHRISTIANSBURG — The New River Valley Home Builders Association (NRVHBA) presented the Excellence in Building Awards at its annual gala event on Friday, April 29.

Justin Boyle, CFO of Green Valley Builders and President of the NRV Home Builders Association, announced the winners from among 27 nominees in eight different categories.

The nominees came from 16 different local businesses and/or individuals. Nominees are required to submit design plans, client letters of satisfaction, and before/after photography. The winners were chosen by their peers from among the 130 members of the New River Valley Home Builders Association.

Among the Design Excellence Awards, Slate Creek Builders won the Best Kitchen category for the fourth year in a row, Back to Nature Landscaping & Construction took home the Best Outdoor Living award for the fifth year in a row, and White Builders, Inc., was

awarded the Best Remodeled Home for the third year in a row. Blue Ridge Home Improvement won the Best Bath category while Tyriss Homes won the Best New Home award.

Jeff Nosenzo of Brown Insurance Agency was awarded the Association Service Award for his board service and outstanding volunteer work throughout 2021. Ferguson Enterprises was recognized as the NRVHBA Associate Member of the Year, awarded each year to a non-Builder member of the NRVHBA for outstanding service and contributions to the industry and association.

Slate Creek Builders also won the Builder of the Year award for building and operating with quality and integrity in mind, their consideration of community impact when planning and building, and having a high customer satisfaction rating.

“The SCB team is honored to be the recipient of the 2021 Builder of the Year



AARON SPICER PHOTOGRAPHY

The 2021 NRV Home Builders Association award winners are pictured above. They are top row (left to right) Cat White (Tyriss Homes); James Ulmer (Back to Nature Landscaping and Construction); Jeff Nosenzo (Brown Insurance); Cassidy Jones (Slate Creek Builders); Doug Ling (Slate Creek Builders); Susan Davidson (Blue Ridge Home Improvement); and Logan Lawrence (Blue Ridge Home Improvement); bottom row (left to right) Roger White (White Builders, Inc.); Isaiah Baker (Slate Creek Builders); Jackie Gardner (Ferguson Enterprises); and Sara Purpura (White Builders, Inc.).

award, which is truly only possible due to the support of our amazing clients and our many industry partners,” said Sean Beliveau, owner of Slate Creek Builders.

2022 NRVHBA President, Justin Boyle said, “The NRVHBA is

privileged to have the members that it does and is proud to showcase all their accomplishments over the last year. Each goes above and beyond for their clients to showcase their talents and abilities and truly make the NRV a better place to live.”



SUBMITTED PHOTO

(Left to right) Kevin Stieper, Hugh Van Ladingham, and Roland Byrd each won gold medals in their age group in the NRV Senior Games Pickleball Tournament on April 27.

## Three Warm Hearth Village residents earn senior games gold

BLACKSBURG — Warm Hearth Village (WHV) residents Roland Byrd, Kevin Stieper, and Hugh Van Ladingham each won gold medals in their age group in the New River Valley Senior Games Pickleball Tournament April 27.

Participants must be at least 50 years old to enter the games organized by the Town of Wytheville Parks and Recreation with participants from Blacksburg, Christiansburg, Floyd, Giles, Pulaski, Montgomery County, and Radford.

WHV partnered with the senior games this year for the first time. “We truly pride ourselves on connecting our residents to active recreational and social opportunities and on working in partnership with the greater commu-

nity,” said Marketing Consultant Ellen Rorres. “We are so proud of our residents and of all the seniors who participated.”

Byrd said the event was well-organized. “This is a significant annual event that promotes good, healthy recreation in a cross-section of sports,” Byrd said. “Our own pickleball court in the Village continues to offer an excellent opportunity for play. We plan to start offering times to teach basic skills for learning and improving. I enjoy facilitating pickleball at all levels.”

Warm Hearth Village is a nonprofit senior living community in Blacksburg that provides a full continuum of living options on its campus and in the home.

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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 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.

**Legals - Town of Christiansburg**

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

The Town of Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on, **Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 7:00 PM** in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

Conditional Use Permit request by **McNeil Property Management LLC, owner**, to allow a private school in the General Business District (B-3) on property located at **1650 Cambria St. NE, Tax Parcel 467-((A)) - 55, Parcel ID 020103**. The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comment in-person at the time of this Public Hearing. A copy of the application, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Benjamin Tripp, Planning Director, at (540) 382-6128 ext. 1120 or by email at btripp@christiansburg.org with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

**Legals - Town of Christiansburg**

**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 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 Mortgagee, 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](http://www.bwwsales.com). VA-307497-2.

## Two receive outstanding community service awards from DAR chapter

Anne Judkins Campbell and Debbie Sherman-Lee were honored for their outstanding community service in a variety of organizations at a luncheon in Christiansburg on Saturday, April 9.

The awards were given by the Alleghany Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution for Outstanding Community Service by Karen Spicer Finch, Regent of the Alleghany Chapter.

Anne Judkins Campbell, A lifelong resident of Blacksburg, Campbell is the president of the Sojourn Center for Hospice Care. The center will offer a home-like environment to the terminally ill, which means clients can avoid the impersonal nature of a hospital and have their families with them as they approach the end of life, yet have medical care available when needed.

In a progress report to the group, Campbell said there are no similar hospice facilities in the New River Valley at this time. In her remarks, she also said that twenty-seven acres of land in the vicinity of Warm Hearth and LewisGale Hospital-Montgomery have been donated for the project.

Campbell is a retired OB/GYN nurse practitioner with LewisGale Hospital-Montgomery and was at Radford Community Hospital as a registered nurse. She has been quoted as saying “Death is similar to birth in that we have only one chance to get it right.”

Campbell has also served on the Montgomery County School Board’s committee to develop the first Family Life Education curriculum and has served on various committees and boards including Planned Parenthood, Perinatal Care,

and as a teacher of various community and hospital-based education programs for teens and preteens, contraception, osteoporosis, and genetic testing in pregnancy. She was on the advisory committee for The Women’s Center at Virginia Tech.

Debbie Sherman-Lee is a Christiansburg native and a former teacher at Christiansburg High School. She is chair of the Board of Directors of Christiansburg Institute, has been active with the Montgomery County Christmas Store since it began in 1982, is a member of the Steering Committee for Dialogue on Race, and is a member of the board of Community Housing Partners. S Sherman-Lee was recognized for her work in preserving and restoring the remaining building of Christiansburg Institute, a school for African American students begun in 1866 at the conclusion

of the Civil War. At one time CI was the only Virginia secondary school for African Americans west of Roanoke. It was an academic, industrial and cultural training school modeled after the well-known Tuskegee Institute and Hampton Institute, the alma mater of Booker T. Washington.

Sherman-Lee spoke about the efforts to create a museum and restore the Edgar A. Long Building, named after the long-time superintendent of CI. She also gave a brief summary of the history of the school, which was the only accredited school in Montgomery County when school de-segregation caused the school to be closed. She spoke of regret that she was a student there for only one year before Montgomery County decided to close the school and send its students to the formerly all-white public schools.

## Breeze

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departure location with 86 people departing from there in March 2022. Another 85 people rode the Breeze to Radford as their destination stop, again, the second-most popular destination stop after Harrisonburg.

The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) launched the Virginia Breeze intercity bus program in 2017, providing a vital transportation connection between rural Virginia communities and the national bus network. The Virginia Breeze started with the Valley Flyer (Blacksburg-Washington), and then added two new routes — the Piedmont Express (Danville-Washington) and Capital Connector (Martinsville-Richmond-Washington) — in summer 2020. The Highlands Rhythm route connecting Bristol and Washington launched in November 2021.

“The Virginia Breeze opens the doors for people who

don’t have cars or don’t drive, who have limited means, to connect to other parts of Virginia and beyond,” said Jennifer DeBruhl, Acting Director of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation. “Intercity bus services are essential transportation infrastructure because they operate in areas that lack transportation options for Virginians.”

The COVID-19 pandemic hit the intercity bus industry hard, including the Virginia Breeze halting its service for almost four months from April to July 2020. Since then, ridership has steadily increased on all four routes. In March of this year, 4,834 people traveled on the Virginia Breeze across the Commonwealth.

Ridership for the Valley Flyer, which runs along Interstate 81 in western Virginia and is the busiest Virginia Breeze route, has returned to levels seen prior to the pandemic. In March, the Piedmont Express had its highest

ridership since beginning service in August 2020. The Capital Connector also saw year-over-year growth. And the Highlands Rhythm has nearly doubled its ridership since the route started.

The Virginia Breeze program is funded through the Federal Transit Administration’s Intercity Bus Program. Additionally, the Highlands Rhythm, which travels along most of Interstate 81, was among the first multimodal projects to receive funding through the Interstate 81 Corridor Improvement Program. The Interstate 81 funding offsets a portion of the Highlands Rhythm operating costs and will fund improvements at some stop locations.

The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation is currently conducting a study to explore the possibility of adding a fifth Virginia Breeze route, serving eastern Virginia.

## Earth Day

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**Radford Mayor David Horton (at right), Melissa Skelton, Radford Community Developer (at left) and Jenni Goodman, Radford Director of Communications (center) get down to work during the Earth Day tree-planting event at Glencoe.**

between Glencoe and the city. Not only do these plantings improve aesthetics, but they also add to the tree canopy and reduce runoff and erosion.”

Johnny Vest, area forester for the Virginia Department of Forestry, which funded the grant, pointed out that projects like this one help the commonwealth toward its goal of improving urban watersheds. “We’re also pleased to contribute to making this a beautiful, picturesque setting,” he said.

The city was also represented by

Mayor David Horton, who praised the project and shared his thoughts on how trees are time capsules that tell the story of a community. “This state grant helps us continue to make Radford the special place it is,” Horton said. “We’re bringing more public awareness to what trees can do for a community.”

Scott Gardner, Glencoe’s director, exceeded the program and talked about how the museum continues to bring recognition to the city. Gardner said that the facility has been recognized on both the Virginia

Landmark Register and the National Register of Historic Places.

“Our latest project, the Cultural Heritage Park, is home to a stunning statue of the colonial heroine Mary Draper Ingles and the award-winning New River Train Observatory,” Gardner said. The property, he added, has also been recognized as a Virginia Treasure by the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

The 15 plantings included black gum, crabapple, cherry, arborvitae, and flowering dogwoods, Virginia’s state tree.

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# OBITUARIES

## Altizer, Douglas Arwood

Douglas Arwood Altizer, 83, passed away Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at his home in Fairlawn.

He was a member of the Pulaski Church of Christ and retired after 40 years with the Virginia State Police. He was preceded in death by his parents, Archie and Nobie Altizer, and his sister, Carolyn Hines.

Doug is survived by his wife of 62 years, Jean Altizer; a daughter and son-in-law, Laura and Scott Strickland of Salem; a son, Woody Altizer of Radford; grandchildren Mindi (Nic) Bodin, Chase Altizer, Cara Altizer,



Lance Strickland, Neil Strickland, and Cassie (Jeff) Snell; great-grandchildren Harper Bodin and Everett Snell; and many other relatives and friends.

The family received friends on Friday, May 6, 2022, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Interment with full military honors followed in the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin.

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

## Cook, Dolly Lynn Murdock

Dolly Lynn Murdock Cook, 49, of Parrott passed away on Sunday, May 1, 2022, at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

She was preceded in death by her mother and step-father, Lovetta and Robert Bradley, Jr.; her father, Richard "Bucky" Murdock; and her nephew, Dustin E. Sarver.

Lynn is survived by her sons, Justin Hughes of Marion Va., Brandon Hughes of Parrott, Va., her daughter and son-in-law, Katie and Josh Dowdy of Pearisburg, her



sisters and brothers-in-law, Melinda and Jack Sarver of Parrott, and Rochelle Murdock and Lonnie Linkous of Blacksburg, her grandchildren, Zinna, Kiley, Shayleigh, Dakota, and Zayah, who will be here in June.

Also surviving are many nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

The family will receive friends today, Saturday, May 7, 2022, from 3 to 5 p.m. at McCoy Funeral Home, 50 Country Club Drive SW, Blacksburg.

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### ANGLICAN CATHOLIC

**St. Philip's Anglican Church**, 306 Progress Street, NE, Blacksburg, Virginia 24060, (540) 552-1771, www.stphilipsblacksburg.org. Reverend Fr. Wade Miller, Priest. Eucharist Sunday's at 11am and Wednesday's at 12pm.

**St. Thomas Anglican Church**- located at 4910 Hubert Rd, NW Roanoke, Va. Traditional Liturgical Lenten Services, Sunday at 10:30 am. Call (540) 589-1299 or visit www.sttofc.org for midweek masses and events. (In Roanoke, go E on Hershberger, L on Hubert to 4910).

### BAPTIST

**First Baptist Church**, 555 West Rock Road, Radford, 639-3873. Rev. Corwin C. Casey, Pastor. Worship with us: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.; Praise and Worship: 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service; Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye 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: fbradford.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.

### (DOC - DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

**Snowville Christian Church**, 5436 Lead Mine Rd., Hiwassee, VA 24347, Pastor: Jerry King, Website: www.SnowvilleChristianChurch.com (and Facebook), Office:

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# WORSHIP DIRECTORY

### OUR PATIENT GOD

**Read 2 Kings 14:1 through 16:20**

And since the Lord had not said he would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven, he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam son of Jehoash (2 Kings 14:27).

Reading through the Old Testament can seem like an exercise in frustration. We read about privileged people who regularly rebel against God and get themselves into trouble. God becomes angry at their constant attraction to sin, and threatens to punish them. From truly remorseful hearts, they repent in sackcloth and ashes, and God stays His hand. He keeps His word by punishing the ringleaders or by allowing them all to go into slavery. However, He always comforts and rescues them. Why, we wonder, do they never learn their lesson?

Interestingly, if we are honest with ourselves, we might just see our own failings mirrored in the lives of these Israelites. Like them, we, too, experience the loyal heart of a God who is unwilling to leave us in our sin and never ever willing to abandon us.

Challenge for Today: Read through the entire Old Testament this summer. Rejoice in God's long-suffering heart of love for you.

Quicklook: 2 Kings 14:23-27

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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!"

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### LUTHERAN

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

### PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS

**Merrimac Pentecostal Holiness Church**, Rev. Larry Christopher (540) 552-7194. l.christopher695@comcast.net. Sunday school at 10 a.m. and morning worship is 11 a.m. Evening service at 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

**Compassion Church**, 1820 Second Street, Radford, 639-6287, Our music is passionate, our worship is real, and Pastor Chandler Jones brings relevant messages for everyone at any place on their journey, Sunday Worship Experience at 9:30 AM

& 11:00 AM, Wednesday Family Night at 7 PM, Children Ministry provided for all services. Our vision is to see all Saved. Freed. Restored. Fulfilled. Find us on facebook and Instagram

**Walton Pentecostal Holiness Church**, 4003 Morning Glory Rd., off Walton Rd. on Rt. 114. 731-1755. Lee Sarver, pastor. Sun. School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m. & 6: p.m., Wed., 7p.m.

### PRESBYTERIAN

Join us at **The Presbyterian Church of Radford**, 201 4th Street, at the corner of 4th & Randolph. Sunday school at 10am; worship at 11am in the sanctuary. 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.

# Obituaries

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## Hundley, Pansy Fern Slate

*Your sun will never set again, and your moon will wane no more; The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of sorrow will end.*  
Isaiah 60:20

Pansy Fern Slate Hundley, 90, of Dublin, went home to her Heavenly Father on Saturday, April 16, 2022.

She retired from the Radford Hospital business office and was a lifelong member of the Church of God of Prophecy in Poplar Camp.

Pansy whole-heartedly loved Jesus, her family, and her many, many friends. She enjoyed reading Christian fiction novels, catching up with friends and family on the phone, and spending time with her kids and grandkids.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Duaine Hundley; her parents, Susie Hazel Dean



Slate and Johnson Martin Slate; sons Darrell Duane Hundley and Ricky Lee Hundley; a brother, Kenneth Slate; and a sister, Evelyn Yelton.

Survivors include her daughters and sons-in-law, Katrina Hundley and Joseph Roark and Debbie and David Herndon; grandchildren Michael (Mary) Herndon, Kevin Hundley, Katlyn (Robbie) Burton, and Klair Roark; great-grandchildren, Lawson, Bodey, and Dax; a sister and brother-in-law, Carolyn Williams (Clinton); and many other relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions to Samaritan's Purse, PO Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607.

Services will be held at a later date. The Hundley family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford.

## Ohanehi, Donatus

Donatus Ohanehi was called home to his Lord on April 14, 2022.

He was a research scientist and instructor at Virginia Tech in several engineering departments. He had also worked as a Senior Engineer for Kollmorgen Corporation.

He was born in Nigeria and came to the United States to attend college. He earned his PhD at Virginia Tech in 1980 and remained in Blacksburg. He was a dedicated Christian and had many close friends.

His beloved family grieves their

loss but rejoices that he is at rest with God. His sisters Anastasia Nwamarabia Okechukwu, Perpetua Ngozi Iloduba, and Mary Bernadette Ifunanya Ohanehi are in Nigeria and his brother, Emmanuel Emeka Ohanehi, is in Qatar.

A private burial will be held with a memorial gathering planned for this summer. "I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:14. Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

## Parks, Ella Mae Shepherd

Ella Mae Shepherd Parks, 84, of grandchildren; and many other family members and friends.



Austinville, passed away Sunday, May 1, 2022. She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Dollie Cole; a daughter, Penny Litteral, and a son, Michael Shepherd.

Survivors include her great-grandchildren, Kala Bailey and Brett Wingo; a great-great-grandson, Mavery Flack; a great-great-granddaughter, Alydia Wingo; numerous grandchildren and great

Graveside services were held on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 in Mabe Family Cemetery in Carroll County.

In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions to the American Cancer Society.

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

## Porter, Michael Albert

Michael Albert Porter passed away cold drink or a meal on a hot day. quietly on April 29, 2022 at LewisGale Hospital Montgomery, with his wife Linda by his side. He was 78 years old.

Mike was born to Arthur James Porter and Amelia Mitchell Porter on April 14, 1944, in Potters Bar, Hertfordshire, England.

He grew up there as a typical English schoolboy. He wasn't fond of school and sometimes got in trouble with the teachers although he did like to box and participated in some local contests. He was a hard worker and started working at a young age. He held several jobs in his formative years including stocking shelves at a pet store, gardening, a garage, and as a caddy at a local golf club where he worked with a young golfer named Tony Jacklin, who would later turn professional.

But it was his job in a machine shop that shaped his life's work. He learned to set up and operate screw machines. He was so good that in 1965, during the Vietnam war, he was recruited and immigrated to the United States. His first job was in the Boston area, but he soon moved on to other machining jobs in Canada and the U. S., eventually settling in the Chicago area.

It was there that he met his first wife in a park. After they married, he worked with her father in Dixon, Ill., and they relocated to Rockford, Ill. and had two children, Mike (Mikey) and Rebecca. Some years later, he met Linda at a singles dance. It wasn't long before they became a couple, and they would spend the next 35 years together, marrying in 2011.

He was drawn to the underprivileged and often bought the homeless man a



He enjoyed watching boxing and golf on television. He worked out, ran, and bicycled with his friend John Schafer. He liked little kids, but screw machines were really his life, and he sorely missed that when he was no longer able to work.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Clifford; his son, Mike Porter (Jennifer) of Georgetown, Texas; his daughter, Rebecca Johnson (Andrew) of Hattiesburg, Miss.; his sister, Elaine Rusted; nephews David and Neil Rusted, all of Leighton Buzzard in England; his grandchildren, Zachery Porter (Kassidy) Samantha Thomas (Nathan), Addison Porter, Rigley Porter, Brandon Lavelle Yawn, Lillian Grace Yawn, and Regan Michael Yawn; Linda's children, Edward Clifford, Jr. and Christina Scott; and special grandchildren Trevor Ford, Hanna Scott, and Reina Scott.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; his father, Arthur, and his mother, Amelia; his stepmother, Margaret; a brother-in-law, Keith Rusted; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Linda would like to thank the nurses, doctors, and staff at LewisGale Hospital Montgomery, at LewisGale Salem, and at Highland Ridge Rehab for the excellent care they took of Mike.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Radford Food Pantry or the Northern Illinois Food Bank in Rockford, Illinois.

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

## Robinson, Joan Reed

Joan Reed Robinson, 82, of E. Massie; great-grandchildren Kane Blacksburg, died Sunday, May 1, 2022, at her home.

She was born in Christiansburg on July 16, 1939, to the late Fred Aaron Reed and Edith Helms Reed. She was also preceded in death by her brothers, Denny Reed and David Reed.

She is survived by her husband, Douglas (Teeter) Matthew Robinson, Jr.; daughters and sons-in-law, Kitty R. Branch and David Branch, Teresa Kay Robinson, Kelly R. Massie and Jason Massie; a son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey D. Robinson and Andrea Robinson; grandchildren Nikole Branch Seavy and husband, Ryan, Kasey Branch Prigot and husband, Eric, Kelley E. Robinson, Will Sharpe, Matt Sharpe, Matthew E. Massie, Jenna N. Massie, Hannah



W. Prigot, Lennon E. Prigot, and McCall M. Prigot; a brother and sister-in-law, Rick Reed and Anita Reed; sisters-in-law Betty Jo Prater and Bertha Crabtree; and a brother-in-law, Jimmy Robinson.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, May 5, 2022, at Christiansburg Baptist Church with Pastor Sean Couch officiating. Interment followed in Roselawn Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959.

The family received friends Wednesday evening at McCoy Funeral Home, 150 Country Club Dr., SW, Blacksburg.

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## NRV Community Foundation's Third Thursday session set for May 19



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The New River Valley Community Foundation's Third Thursday May session will be held in person on Thursday, May 19, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

The 9:30 starting time is later than usual and will be held at the Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center at 1880 Pratt Dr in Blacksburg (the Concept Conference Room on the second floor).

The speakers for this leadership-focused session are both from Radford University: Jason Clayton, Director of the Center for Career and Talent Development; and Joe Wirgau, Director of the Office of Undergraduate Research & Scholarship.

Together, they will discuss how leadership and career readiness competencies can be shared at the workplace as they teach participants how they can learn more about how to develop and articulate their leadership skills.

# RADFORD SPORTS

## Tyrique Taylor honored as CHS Athlete of the Year



Tyrique Taylor came in first place in the boys discus at a recent quad track meet at Christiansburg High School with a throw of 145-3.



In a game earlier this year, Christiansburg's Tyrique Taylor (center) shoots under intense opposition from Magna Vista's defense.

**Marty Gordon**

*NRVsports@ourvalley.org*

After participating this past season in football, basketball, and track and field, Christiansburg High School's Tyrique Taylor was named the school's athlete of the year this past week.

As a football player standing 6'2" and weighing in at 225 lbs., Taylor was selected a first-team all-region defensive end, an honorable mention all-district and all region tight end, the News Messenger/News Journal all-county defensive lineman of the year.

Taylor led the Blue Demons with seven sacks while making 22 solo tackles and five tackles for loss.

In basketball, he was a first-team all-district and first team all-region player

and scored in double figures nine times this past season.

In track and field, Taylor was a state qualifier in both shot and discus, placing third in the state for discus last year. He holds the school record for the discus with a throw of 153'4."

All these awards and his success as an athlete came after Taylor often thought about quitting football. His freshman year, he was brutally honest in saying he thought about giving up on football.

"I guess it started earlier than that. I was always so much bigger than kids my age all the way back to recreation football. So, I never got to catch, run or throw the ball. I had to play the offensive and defensive line," he said.

Growing up, he came from a home with a single mother and admits the fam-

ily struggled. He credits his mother for being the driving force that kept him on the gridiron. "She was a great example for me and always had my back," he said.

Taylor tore an ACL that freshman year, so there was a second strike against the sport, and again he had his doubts about ever playing again.

"I said I never wanted to do it again, but thanks to my mom and coaches like (Zach) Leonard and (Alex) Wilkins I came back," he said.

The coaching staff placed him on the line and even allowed him to play some at tight end. This is when the next step in his career started to make a little bit more sense. He became a natural at defensive end.

"The coaching staff created a family-type atmosphere, and I think that is

something I needed," he said.

In the classroom, Taylor maintained an "A" average and was consistently on Christiansburg's honor roll.

"Sports being in my life helped me to maintain my grades," he said.

Taylor will attend Emory & Henry College in the fall. His long-term goal is to receive his degree and become a teacher and maybe even a coach.

"I think I have a lot to offer other kids like me. I wanna be an influence on them like others were for me," he said earlier this week.

He also reminded others that when things get tough, you can either sit down or run through it. Taylor chose to run through it and will carry that motto to the next level on the football field.

## Twenty-three CHS student-athletes sign letters of intent

**Marty Gordon**

*NRVsports@ourvalley.org*

Twenty-three student-athletes from Christiansburg High School have signed letters of intent to continue their playing careers in college.

The group made the announcement during an event Tuesday in the school's gymnasium.

Reid Allen will play football at Concord University. He played football at Christiansburg High School for four years and was a 2021 Honorable Mention All-River-Ridge linebacker selection. At CHS, he is a member of the National Honor Society. At Concord, Reid plans to study education.

Jaxson Clarke will attend Virginia Military Institute to play football. He played football for four years at CHS and was an all-district, all-county and all-region performer in 2022. At VMI, Clarke plans to study psychology.

Dillon Craig will attend Milligan University, a private Christian college in Tennessee, to run cross country and indoor/outdoor track. He ran cross country and track for the Blue Demons for four years. As a freshman, Dillon placed fourth in the region in the 3200. The 4x800 team of which he was a part placed second. In outdoor, he placed third in the region 3200. As a sophomore, in cross country he ran for a varsity squad that won the region and placed second at the 3A state meet. In indoor track, he placed third in the 3200 in region and ran with a 4x800 team that placed second in the state. He qualified for the New Balance Nationals and was awarded the ACE award. As a junior, he ran for the region champion and 3A

runner-up cross-country team and was named all-region. In indoor, he was all-state in the 1600 and competed in the 4x800 at the state meet. As a senior, Craig ran for the region runner-up cross-country team and earned all-region and all-state honors. At Milligan University, Craig plans to study Children's Education.

Casey Graham will attend Emory & Henry College to play football. As a senior, he was selected the All-County Player of the year, the All-County Offensive Player of the year, the NRV Crunch Offensive Player of the year, and the First Team All-County quarterback. He also received honorable mention honors as the all-region quarterback and was named the WFXR and Crunch Week 2 Player of the Week. He further received honorable mention All-District and All-Region Defensive all purpose honors. He was a three-year letter winner and a four-year leadership award winner. At Emory and Henry, he plans to study business and sports management.

Drew Lloyd also will play football at Emory & Henry College. In 2021, he was named first-team all-region defensive end, and in 2022, he was named second-team all-region running back and first-team all-county defense. At Emory & Henry, he plans to study exercise science.

Kenyon Johnson-Buchannon will attend Ferrum College to play football. In 2022, he was selected first-team all-district linebacker, second-team all-River Ridge District running back, and second team all-region defensive all purpose. He was also named the all-county defensive unit. At

Ferrum, he plans to study health and human performance.

Stephan Myrthril will attend Bluefield University to play football. In 2022, Myrthril was selected all-county running back, first-team all-district running back, second-team all-region running back and was named the team's most improved player. At Bluefield, Myrthril plans to study sports and business management.

Tyrique Taylor will play football and participate in track and field for Emory & Henry College. In football, he was selected first-team all-region defensive end, honorable-mention all-district and all-region tight end, and was named the News Messenger/News Journal all-county defensive lineman of the year. In basketball, he was a first-team all-district and first-team all-region player. In track and field, Taylor was a state qualifier in both shot and discus, placing third in the state for discus last year. He is CHS track and field school record holder for the discus with a throw of 153 feet, 4 inches.

Kayla Waters will attend Christopher Newport University to run cross country and track. She is a two-time all-region performer in cross country and was twice named the CHS cross-country runner of the year. At Christiansburg High School, she is on the honor roll,

the New River Community College's President's list and the New River Community College's dean's list. At Christopher Newport, Walters plans to study Kinesiology.

Emilee Horton will attend Tusculum University to participate in bowling. Horton has been bowling for 10 years and carries a 198 game average with a high game of 279 and a high series of 690. At Tusculum, she plans to study business and entrepreneurship education.

Natalie Jones will attend James Madison University for diving. She is a four-time Region 3D diving champion, was the 3A state diving runner-up as a freshman, and was a three-time state 3A Diving Champion. She was on the New River Community College president's list last fall.

At James Madison, she plans to study Psychology and Pre-Law.

Aiden Lacombe will attend Virginia Tech to wrestle. He is a two-time state champion. At Virginia Tech, he plans to study business education.

Luke Robie also will attend Virginia Tech to wrestle for his father, who is the head coach of the Hokies. He is a 2022 Virginia state champion and a three-time state placer. At Virginia Tech, he plans to study business management.

Anna Blaine will attend Ferrum College to play

soccer. She was a 2021 second-team all-region selection and has been a CHS student of the month. She is graduating early and at Ferrum plans to study physical education.

Kendall Britt will attend Concord University to play soccer. At Concord, he plans to study business education.

Nathan Fillipiak will attend Randolph College to play lacrosse. He was a three-year letterman in football and earned second-team all-district honors while winning the Positive Belief Award and the Attitude Award. He was named the Best New Player of the year in lacrosse and is a member of the National Honor Society. At Randolph, he plans to study environmental studies.

Dawson Gragg will attend Concord University to play baseball. He was a four-year varsity letterman at CHS. At Concord, he plans to study biological sciences.

Zander Grimes will attend Barton College to play Lacrosse. At CHS, he was the 2021 Most Valuable Player and was a 3-year captain. At Barton, Grimes plans to study exercise science.

Nate Hall will attend Concord University to play baseball. He played baseball for four years at CHS and is a four-year varsity letterman. At Concord, he plans to study sports medicine.

Jordan Harris will attend South Carolina State to play soccer. She is a four-year varsity letter winner, was named to the 2021 All-Region second team and is a 2022 team captain. She was the soccer MVP as an eighth grader, is in the top five percent of her class academically, is on the All-A's honor roll, the President's List at NRCC, and is a member of the BETA Club and the National Honor Society. In addition, she was a Girl's State attendee, president of the Boy Scouts of America, and is a student representative on the Christiansburg Recreation Advisory Board. At South Carolina State, she plans to study political science.

Baylee Reasor will attend Emory & Henry College to play softball.

Lily Shepherd will attend Concord University to play soccer and run track. She was a 2021 honorable mention all-

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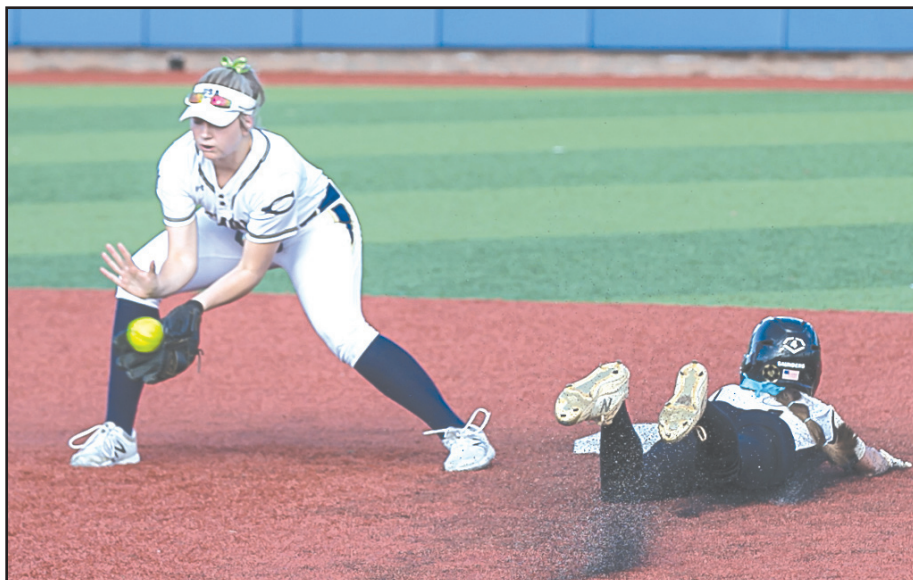
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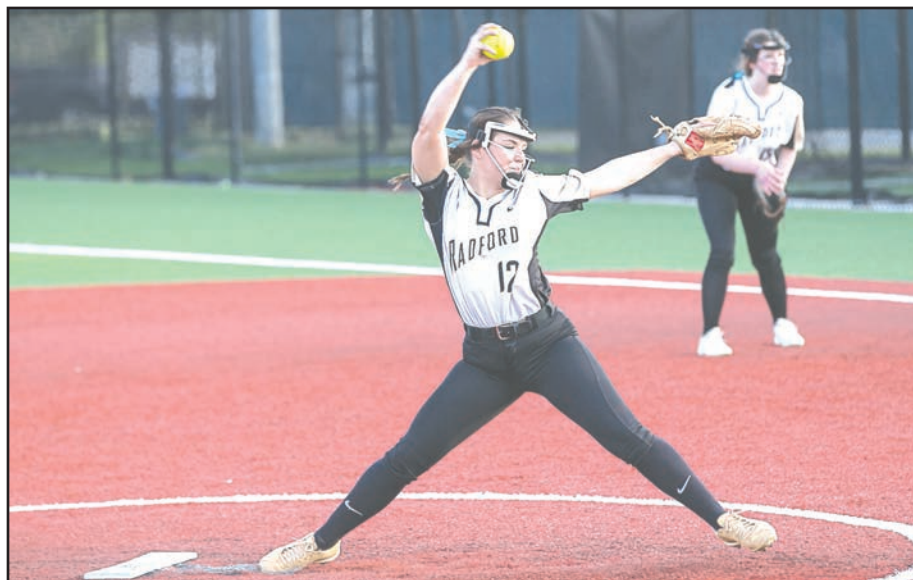
# Christiansburg downs Radford in softball 15-1



Radford leadoff hitter Addie Saunders (right) steals second base safely in Wednesday's 15-1 loss to Christiansburg.



Maggie Page snags a fly ball in left field.



Radford's Ally Brown was on the mound for the Lady Bobcats in Wednesday's game played at Christiansburg High School.



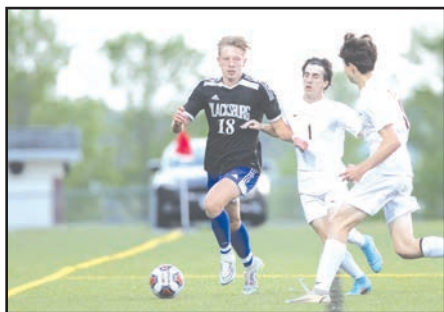
Ella Cox (left) tags out a Christiansburg base runner before she can score in the game between the two longtime rivals.

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## Blacksburg, Salem soccer ends in scoreless tie



Blacksburg's Andrew Neely sprints toward the Salem goal during the first half of a tightly contested match between the River Ridge rivals.



Blacksburg's Ayden Stosser brings the ball up along the sideline against Salem's Adam Clayton.



Blacksburg's Wyatt Eschenmann works to get around Salem's Carter Work during the second half of a 0-0 match.

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## VT pitcher Keely Rochard taken second in softball draft

Virginia Tech pitcher Keely Rochard was the second overall pick in the recent Athletes Unlimited Softball Draft. The senior pitcher was one of 13 players drafted. She is the first Hokie drafted professionally since Courtney Liddle was drafted in 2013.

Rochard was named the third All-American in program history in 2021 and the second first-team member. She was also named the 2021 ACC Pitcher of the Year. Earlier today and this week was named a Top-10 Finalist for USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year.

The right-hander went 22-2 in the regular season, leading the Hokies to the 2022 regular season ACC title. She currently leads the conference in strikeouts with 283 and ranks third nationally. She is averaging 11.6 strikeouts per inning with a 1.76 ERA.

The Athletes Unlimited sea-

son begins on July 29 with all games played at the Parkway Bank Sports Complex in Rosemont, Ill.

Currently in its 20th season, the USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year award is considered the most prestigious individual honor in Division I college softball and recognizes outstanding athletic achievement by Division I softball players.

The top three finalists for the award will be revealed on May 18 prior to the NCAA Women's College World Series, which is scheduled for June 1-10 at the USA Softball Hall of Fame Complex.

This is the first time Rochard has been named a Top-10 finalist. She currently has 93 wins in her career, tied for second in school history. She most recently posted her 1,000th career strikeout, the second Hokie in school history to do so.

## Auburn's Shepherd signs with Roanoke College

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One of the reasons for the success of the Auburn High School softball program has been the play of senior Hannah Shepherd. Wednesday, she announced her commitment to play next season at Roanoke College.

Shepherd said Roanoke was her choice for multiple reasons.

"It's a great school with lots to offer. I will be getting a great education and have the ability to continue to play the sport that I love. I get all of that

while still being close to home."

Shepherd has been a part of two state championships while at Auburn. So far this season, she is hitting at a .442 clip with 54 hits, 10 homeruns, 44 runs scored, 48 RBIs and 20 stolen bases.

Roanoke College is a private liberal arts college in Salem, Virginia with an enrollment of 2,000 students.

The college is a member of the Division III level of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), primarily competing in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) since the 1976-77 academic year.

This past week, Roa-

noke's softball team made it the Championship Series of the 2022 Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) Softball Championship Tournament and had a regular season record of 30-12.

Mike Mitchell is in his 14th year at the helm of the Roanoke softball program and has amassed over 300 wins at the school.

Shepherd expects to play outfield and maybe some first base for the Maroons.

"I have a lot of goals for my future in softball. I want to really earn my spot on the Roanoke team. I want to become stronger defensively and earn my spot as a first baseman.



Hannah Shepherd is the lone senior on this year's Auburn High School softball team, batting a whopping .442.

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I want to continue to thrive offensively as well," she said. Shepherd plans to major in Psychology at Roanoke College.

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region Soccer player and an all-state and region-champion performer in outdoor track. At Concord, Shepherd plans to study pre-school education.

Kenna Smith will attend Freed Harde-

man University to play tennis. At CHS, she was a regional qualifier her junior year in singles and doubles. She is the National Honor Society Historian, a student government co-president and past reporter, a

member of the BETA Club, serves on the Pharmacy Tech Advisory Committee, and is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. At Freed Hardeman, she plans to study biology.