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Anna Turk



Owen Saunders

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Partners for Excellence Foundation awards scholarships to RHS seniors

RADFORD - The Radford City Schools Partners for Excellence Foundation recently announced the award of the Foundation's two local academic scholarships.

Anna Turk, daughter of The Honorable Robert and Mrs. Laura Turk, received the \$2,500 Dobbins Family Scholarship. Turk will attend Randolph Macon College in the fall and major in nursing, as well as play on the Women's Soccer team. Turk was also the senior class president for the RHS Class of 2022. In her spare time, Turk says she enjoys "hiking, soccer, and hanging with friends."

Owen Saunders, son of Mr. Matthew and Mrs. Suzanne Saunders, was awarded the two-year, \$6,000 Radford

High School Swimming and Diving Scholarship. Saunders will attend New River Community College for one year before transferring to a four-year college. He says he is undecided about his major, but is interested in communication, possibly journalism, linguistics, or film production. Saunders says he enjoys "movies, writing scripts or short films, and spending time with family and friends."

The Partners Foundation is a 501(c3) organization that financially supports the academic, artistic, and athletic needs of the City's school division. The Foundation offers its "congratulations to both of these talented students and wishes them the very best in all their future endeavors."

Radford University Board of Visitors to consider 2022-2023 tuition and fees

The Radford University Board of Visitors will consider tuition and mandatory fee rates for the 2022-2023 academic year at a special called Executive Committee meeting on June 13, 2022 at 1 p.m. in the Mary Ann Jennings Hovis Memorial Board Room in Martin Hall.

The Board of Visitors will consider an increase between zero and 4.5 percent in both tuition and mandatory fees for undergraduate students.

"Radford University has maintained a strong

commitment to the Highlander educational experience remaining accessible and affordable for students and their families now and into the future," according to a university statement. "Radford University remains one of the lowest total cost public institutions in Virginia and has frozen tuition for Virginia students over the last three years."

Information released by the university says "several factors will determine the final increase, including: the anticipated budget for the Commonwealth of

Virginia and specific allocations to support the University, as well as student service initiatives contained in the University's 2018-2023 Strategic Plan, Embracing the Tradition and Envisioning the Future, rising operational costs and any state-mandated compensation increases."

The subject of tuition and fees was set to be a part of the April 28-29 Board of Visitors meetings, but a vote on tuition and fees was deferred. A public comment session was held on April 14, 2022.

Summer Arts Festival brings free family fun to Blacksburg

By Susan Sanders

The Summer Arts Festival will bring free family fun to downtown Blacksburg, offering a full schedule of music, theater, film, visual art, and other special events.

The festival is presented in partnership between the School of Performing Arts at Virginia Tech and the Town of Blacksburg. All events are free and open to the public.

New this year will be a series of Thursday night concerts at the Blacksburg Presbyterian Church, culminating in a performance of W.A. Mozart's famous "Requiem;" a production of "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder in Theatre 101 featuring actors from Virginia Tech and the community; and children's activities in the new campus Living Learning Community building.

Live music will take place Friday evenings on Henderson Lawn at the corner of Main Street and College Avenue from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. In case of inclement weather, the event will

be canceled.

The schedule for the outdoor concerts is as follows:

The Domino Band (R&B) July 8
Gerry Timlin (Irish folk) July 15
Root Down (jazz, funk, and blues) July 22

Lua Project (Mexilachian) July 29
Thursday night indoor concerts will be presented at the Blacksburg Presbyterian Church, 701 Church St. All concerts begin at 7 p.m. The Mozart Requiem is a community sing event.

The schedule for the indoor concerts is as follows:

Alex Hassan (piano) July 7
Victorian Madness (Brian Thorsett, tenor; Richard Masters, piano) July 14
Bach cello suites (Benjamin Wyatt, cello) July 21
Mozart Requiem (community sing) July 28

The Lyric Theatre will present a series of free classic movie showings with all movies beginning at 3 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

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PHOTO BY MEGHAN MARSH FOR VIRGINIA TECH

Students from Radford High School listen as Jamie King, Virginia Tech arborist, discusses his work.

Radford High School students visit Virginia Tech to discover careers in higher education

Radford High School's sophomore class visited the Blacksburg campus on May 23 to learn about career options in higher education and opportunities at Virginia Tech.

The 92 students visited several areas of campus and spoke to employees representing athletics; the Division of Campus Planning, Infrastructure, and Facilities; the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine; Virginia Tech Dining Services; and enterprise administrative and business services.

"We had a blast with the Radford High School students tour," said Randall Van Dyke, executive chef at Dietrick Dining Center. "We are so glad they could join us. The students were attentive, joyful, and inquisitive."

The program, named Tech Tracks, was a joint

effort by the Division of Human Resources and Jamie Little, Virginia Tech-K12 liaison for the Radford City Schools.

"It's the first time we've done anything like this," said Tara Grant, principal of Radford High School. "It was a great collaboration with Virginia Tech."

During the pandemic, sophomores did not have opportunities for field trips or to focus on career options, Grant said. "We need to continue to be innovative and expose kids to careers, including careers that haven't been invented yet," she said. "We want students to dream big."

One student returned from the trip to Virginia Tech and applied for a summer job with Dining Services, Grant said.

"We want to highlight that no matter

what your path after high school, Virginia Tech most likely has an opportunity for you," said Jeff Cumberland, talent acquisition manager. "Higher education is not just for professors."

The Tech Tracks program is part of Virginia Tech's new recruiting model. "How we recruit employees has changed," said Bryan Garey, vice president for human resources. "We're expanding our talent acquisition services and doing more outreach in new ways to attract applicants."

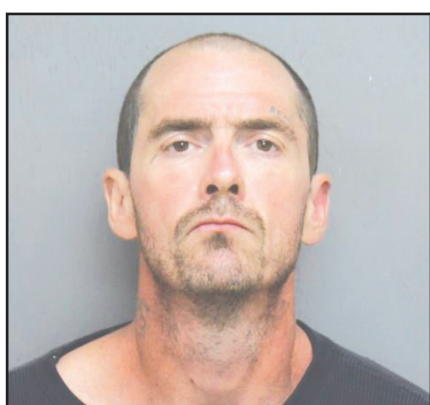
Minh-An Pence, outreach and engagement recruiting specialist, is working on developing additional programs with local schools. "We would like to expand the program to other high schools in the area," she said. "There is a big talent base all over the New River Valley."

James Hunter Stallard charged with murder in connection with death of Elliston woman

On Sunday June 5, 2022, deputies from the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office received a report of a missing adult. Friends and family had been unable to contact 44-year-old Crystal Hannah of Elliston.

During the course of the subsequent investigation Hannah's remains were located in a wooded area in the 2600 block of Northfork Road in Elliston.

After consulting with the Montgomery County Commonwealth Attorney, 38-year-old James Hunter Stallard has been charged with second-degree murder and concealing a dead body. Stallard is being held without bond in the Montgomery County Jail.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

James Hunter Stallard has been charged with second-degree murder in the death of Crystal Hannah, 44, of Elliston.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, June 11:

Mt. Tabor Ruritan Fish Fry
The Mount Tabor Ruritan Club will hold its June Fish Fry from 5 to 7 p.m. at Slusser's Chapel Picnic Shelter, 1543 Mount Tabor Rd, Blacksburg. The club will serve up helpings of fish, fries, and slaw with homemade desserts and beverages. The cost is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 12. Children under 3 will 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.

Second Annual Radford PRIDE March
Organized by the RADical Change Commission. The march begins with brief remarks at the Radford Public Library and then gets underway at 7 p.m. from the library to the City of Radford administration/police building. Any questions can be directed to the RADical Change Commission on Facebook.

Movie and a craft!
At the Christiansburg Library; 10:30 a.m. Swim on in to watch a movie about a clownfish who loses his way and make a craft.

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.

Teen Goldfish Taste Test Challenge
At the Meadowbrook Public Library; 1 p.m. Can you identify different goldfish flavors while blindfolded? Come put your taste buds to the test! Prize awarded to the winner. This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies. Registration Required. Ages 11 years and up.

Family Craft Time!
At the Blacksburg Library; 2 p.m. Decorate a small box for all the items that you find on your nature walks this summer. All supplies will be provided, and we will talk about responsible ways to collect nature's treasures. Appropriate for all ages, but those under 8 may need adult assistance in decorating their boxes. Registration recommended due to limited supplies. Call or stop by the circulation desk to register.

Music on the Lawn: Rag Top
At the Christiansburg Library; 6 p.m. Join us for the second show in our Music on the Lawn concert series. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. This free concert is rain or shine.

Mill Mountain Zoo at RPL
At the Radford Public Library; 11 a.m. Mill Mountain Zoo will bring their animal ambassadors for a fascinating educational visit. Learn all about these amazing critters - and you might even get to meet one or two up close for a quick pet! Join us in the children's area for this event. Sponsored by Radford Public Library Lamp-lighters.

Noise Alert: Drillfield Fireworks
As part of Reunion Weekend 2022 events, the university will host a party and dinner on the Drillfield for alumni and guests. Fireworks will be part of the evening's entertainment. The campus and surrounding community should be aware of potential noise amplification between 6:30 p.m. and midnight. Visit the Alumni Reunion Weekend page for a full list of events.

Monday, June 13, 20, 27:

Nature walk/library talk
Each Monday in June at 10 a.m. at the Meadowbrook Public Library Courtyard. Walk with babies or children in strollers, slings, or carriers. Participants will get together and walk, make new friends, talk about nutrition and feeding babies and toddlers, and learn more information about the library. Sponsored by the Family Nutrition Program of the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service of Montgomery County.

Monday, June 13:

Blood Drive
Red Cross Blood Drive, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Blacksburg Library. Register to donate blood at RedCross.Blood.org.

Teen Gaming
At the Meadowbrook Public Library; 1 p.m. Chal-

lenge your friends to a fun afternoon of Nintendo Video games, board, and card games. Snacks and drinks will be provided while supplies last. For ages 11-17 years.

STEM Club
At the Christiansburg Library; 1 p.m. Homeschool STEM club exploring science, technology, engineering, and math. Ages 8 years and up.

Crafternoon for Adults Only
At the Radford Public Library; 1 -2 p.m. It's not too early to begin another crafting project! Come to RPL and knit, crochet, embroider, cross stitch, etc. with new friends. Need help with a needlepoint craft? Library staff can help with that! Please join us - drop in when it suits. No commitment is needed. We'd love to have your crafting company!

Tuesday, June 14:

Radford City School Board meeting
The Radford City School Board will look at a small strip of land behind the stadium's concession stand at 5 p.m., and the regular meeting will begin at 6 p.m., at the School Administration Building, 1612 Wadsworth St., Radford. A copy of the agenda can be seen at www.rcps.org.

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 at 3204 Riner Rd. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy are invited to attend. For further information, call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

Seashell Collaging
At the Christiansburg Library; 3:30 p.m. Teens and kids of all ages are invited to get creative and join us for Seashell Collaging! Registration required.

Tuesday, June 14, 21 and 28:

Summer Backpack Program
At the Meadowbrook Public Library; 3:30 p.m. The Summer Backpack Program is intended to help families with children and teens stretch their grocery budget. The bags are filled with nutritious food. One bag per child per week. This is a drop-in program with crafts for the kids each week in addition to the bags of food. The program is drive-thru only at the curb side of the library. Open to residents of Eastern Montgomery County only. For more information, call the Meadowbrook Library at 540-268-1964.

Wednesday, June 15:

American Red Cross Blood Drive
At the Christiansburg Library; 11 a.m. Save a life! American Red Cross Blood Drive. Walk-ins welcome or sign up at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html>/donation-time.

Teen Yoga! Featuring In Balance Yoga
At the Blacksburg Library; 2 p.m. Teens and tweens are invited to attend a beginner's yoga class at the Blacksburg Public Library, courtesy of In Balance Yoga Studio!

Library Board of Trustees Meeting
At the Meadowbrook Public Library; 7 p.m.

Thursday, June 16:

Radford Photo Club Meeting
Edward Rhet of Christiansburg, an experienced photographer and a long-time member of the Radford Photo Club, will demonstrate photo editing software at the club's June meeting. Bring your laptop or a thumb drive and he will give you a copy of the software plus tutorials. The club meets Thursday, June 16, at 6 p.m. at the Radford Public Library. Meetings, events, and outings are open to the public.

Paint with Pride
At the Blacksburg Library; 6 p.m. Join us as we paint a masterpiece to celebrate Pride Month! Open to ages 11 years and up.

Saturday, June 18:

NAACP Juneteenth Commemoration
The local 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 will be played and food will be available to purchase. The NAACP Youth Council will sell hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks, and other snacks. An ice cream truck courtesy of Freedom First Credit Union will provide free ice cream. Proceeds from the event will benefit local youth educational activities and programs. The program will begin at noon and will be followed by swimming, children's games, a silent auction, and a raffle with door prizes. Various talents will be shared by youth and community members. Information booths from the NAACP and other community organizations will be on site. If an organization wants to have a booth, contact the NAACP at info@mrfnaacp or call the branch at 540-382-6751. Entry is free.

Caturday
At the Christiansburg Library; noon – 1 p.m. Sign up at the front desk for a 15-minute slot to read to a cat from the Montgomery County Animal Care and Adoption Center to practice reading and socialize shelter cats. All ages. Email shodges@mfrl.org for more information.

Wednesday, June 22:

Red Cross Blood Drive
The New River Health District in partnership with Blue Ridge Church, 1655 Roanoke St. in Christiansburg, is hosting a blood drive with the American Red Cross on June 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Friday, June 24:

Blacksburg Museum Sunset Rhythms 2022
The Blacksburg Museum and Cultural Center kicks off its summer concert series on the lawn of the Alexander Black House from 7 to 8:30 p.m. with singer/songwriter Grace Campbell. Spoons' shaved ice truck will have treats for sale. Guests are welcome to bring a picnic or other snacks as well. Tickets are \$5 for adults. Children ages 13 and under are free. All proceeds support the work of the Blacksburg Museum and Cultural Center. Visit www.blacksburgmuseum.org for more information.

Monday, June 27 – Friday, July 1:

Vacation Bible School
Mystery Island Vacation Bible School at the Fairlawn Church of God from 6 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. each evening with dinner served at 5 p.m. Activities are for all ages.

Throughout June and July:

"Turtle-y Awesome"- sidewalk obstacle course
Visit the Meadowbrook Library during the months of June and July and go through the tropical-theme sidewalk obstacle course located in the courtyard. Those who complete the course can enter for a special prize drawing.

Thursday, July 14:

River City Quilt Guild
The River City Quilt Guild meets the second Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in Grove United Methodist Church, 1020 Tyler Avenue, Radford. All skill levels of quilters are welcome. For more information call Anna Handy, 540-320-7791.

Ongoing:

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.

CITY OF RADFORD

The City of Radford is seeking citizen representatives to serve on various Boards and Commissions. The organizations listed below have terms coming to an end. For more information on a particular Board or Commission, please visit the "Boards & Commissions" section of our website, www.radfordva.gov.

Anyone who is interested in serving on a particular Board or Commission is encouraged to submit a resume and brief letter of interest by June 22, 2022 to:

City of Radford
Attn: City Clerk
10 Robertson St., Radford, VA 24141

# of open positions/Agency name	Length of appointment/any restrictions
(2) Agency on Aging	one year appointments ending 6/30/2023
(1) Airport Commission	four year appointment ending 6/30/2026
(3) Economic Development Authority	four year appointments ending 6/30/2026
(2) Library Board	four year appointments ending 6/30/2026
(1) Library Board (teen rep)	one year appointment ending 6/30/2023
(2) Recreation Commission	three year appointments ending 6/30/2025
(1) Building Code Board of Appeals	one year appointment ending 6/30/2023
(1) City/University Joint Advisory Commission (City Rep)	one year appointment ending 6/30/2023
(2) Tourism Commission	two year appointments ending 6/30/2024
(3) Planning Commission	four year appointments ending 6/30/2026
(4) Beautification Commission	three year appointments ending 6/30/2025

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Medical emergency expert offers 10 summer safety tips for enjoying outdoors

Stephanie Lareau, an assistant professor of emergency medicine at the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine, says a little common sense and the right preparation will go a long way in keeping summer plans safe and fun.

1. Wear sunscreen or sun protective clothing

While it's important year round, it's very important during the summer to wear sunscreen or sun protective clothing such as sun shirts and hats when outdoors. Not only is sunburn uncomfortable, but it can also increase the risk of skin cancer and predispose persons to heat-related illnesses. Re-apply sunscreen every two hours or more often in the water. About one ounce, which is a shot glass full, is recommended.

2. Check for ticks

Tick-borne illnesses are also common in summer months. It is important to check for ticks after being outdoors, especially in tall grasses or wooded areas. Use tweezers and grasp as closely to the tick's head as possible to remove ticks. Lyme disease is one of the more common tick-borne illnesses. It can present flu-like symptoms including muscle aches, joint pain, fevers, and a bull's-eye rash. A lot of alpha gel allergy can be present. This causes a red meat allergy and comes from the lone star tick, which is identifiable by a white spot on the tick's back.

3. Wear a bicycle helmet

There is an uptick in trauma, especially pediatric trauma, during the summer. Make sure children (and adults) wear helmets when biking or using scooters.

4. Take a boating safety course

Persons spending time on the lake should consider a boating safety course and also watch the lake monitoring information for areas unsafe for swimming. With heavy rains, agriculture and lawn chemicals and animal waste from farms can contaminate water.

5. Exercise early to avoid midday heat

Heat-related illness is more common in the summer months. Persons should get outside early to avoid midday heat, wear light colored, breathable clothing, and make sure to drink plenty of fluids. Exercise tolerance can decrease when it's hot, so plan accordingly and slowly increase exercise to help the body become acclimatized to increasing temperatures. Persons should adjust their activities accordingly on days with high heat indices and consider going for a swim or running on a treadmill indoors instead of running outdoors.

6. Stay hydrated while doing outdoor chores

Persons who work outdoors during the summer should stay well hydrated. A good rule of thumb for outdoor workers is to make sure their urine looks light yellow to clear. Outdoor workers should also make sure they have water available and are drinking it at regular intervals. They should also take frequent breaks and get out of the sun frequently. If possible, they should try to get work done in the early morning or the late evening when the temperatures are lower. Outdoor workers should look at the forecast and try to pick days with lower temperatures and lower heat indices, which take into account both temperatures and humidity. When the humidity is high, sweating is less effective, making it harder for the body to regulate temperature.

7. Take swimming lessons and wear a life jacket when needed

Every summer sees an increase in drowning deaths. Parents should make sure to have a designated person to watch children around the water and make sure children have well-fitting life jackets on in lakes and rivers. It's also a great time to get children enrolled in swimming lessons. If someone is spotted in danger of drowning, early CPR with rescue breaths are vital to improving chances of survival while waiting for help to arrive. Consider taking a CPR class.

8. Check water levels before tubing

Persons planning to tube or float a river should make sure to check water levels before they do so. Websites such as americanwhitewater.org show levels. Persons unfamiliar with the levels check with a local outfitter before they enter the water. Many rivers that are fun for tubing at low levels can be very dangerous at high levels and have new hazards. Everyone should wear a life jacket while on moving water.

Alcohol is also associated with an increased risk of drowning, even for good swimmers. It's also important to know where the dangers in waterways like low-head dams are to avoid boating accidents. Additional danger can come from downed trees and debris in rivers after storms. Consider taking a water-safety course.

9. Prepare for longer hikes and outdoor activities

When persons are taking longer trips in the summer, they should have adequate access to water. They should remember that in hot weather they make need more water than usual. Persons planning on obtaining water from streams or creeks should talk to those familiar with the area to make sure they aren't dry. In the case of strenuous activities, electrolyte drinks should be included to avoid exercise-induced hyponatremia. Hyponatremia means low sodium or salt levels, which can lead to confusion and even seizures.

Persons on medications for blood pressure, heart problems, or psychiatric conditions should talk to their doctor about these medications and their outdoor plans. Some medications can predispose outdoorsmen to heat illness or dehydration. As with any outdoor exercise in the summer sun, it's also helpful to get acclimated to the heat before embarking on ambitious adventures.

It's also important to have a plan if you get stuck in bad weather. The Southeast region typically sees a lot of pop-up storms over the summer. Have a plan to seek shelter and stay dry.

10. Prevent heat stroke

The most serious medical problem related to summer heat is heat stroke. Any time someone is out in the heat and starts having altered mental status – such as confusion or being unable to walk correctly – it's heat stroke. This is a medical emergency and is potentially life threatening. Those assisting the threatened individual should call 911 and work on cooling the person down. Simple things like spraying them with cool water, immersing them in water (if they are awake and able to help), and getting them out of direct sun can help while they are awaiting more help.

About Lareau

In addition to her work in the Carilion Clinic emergency department and teaching at Virginia Tech, Stephanie Lareau is a board member of the Wilderness Medicine Society, which helps medical professionals get additional training in environmental emergencies such as hypothermia, hyperthermia, and other weather-related outdoor problems.

Monster class project spawns 3D-printed masks highlighting fears and phobias

By Elise Monsour Puckett

Monsters such as Frankenstein, Freddy Krueger, and creepy clowns, plus imaginary monsters and the ones that haunt your dreams, spawned ideas for Sarah Fasco's class project.

Thoughts of all these frights entered Fasco's mind when she found out the theme of her Character Modeling with ZBrush class project was monsters.

"The instructions were pretty open-ended," said Fasco. "We just had to stick to the theme of monsters and use the software, ZBrush, as part of our project. I was pretty excited! ZBrush is a software I hadn't used before, so the theme 'monsters' gave me the ability to play around with it and not be worried about accuracy since monsters can look however you want them to look."

Fasco quickly got to work. She recently had been hired at the University Libraries as a student employee in Newman Library's 3D Design Studio, now Prototyping Studio, and took advantage of the library's free resources. She had interest in 3D scanning, and she thought faces seemed like a fun and curious thing to scan. Combining that with 3D printing and the monster theme, she decided to make 3D-printed masks based on peo-

ple's fears and phobias.

"It was a really helpful and fun experience," said Fasco. "Learning there was a 3D-scanning service was very important to the success of my project."

A creative technologies major, Fasco said the mediums are what drew her in.

"I really enjoy 3D modeling as well as physical art, so this project was a combination of both in a really cool way. The technical aspect was really fun, and then I got to paint the mask after it printed and have a physical form to display, which is really cool and fun as well," Fasco said.

She said the process of making the masks was actually quite simple. "The Prototyping Studio made it easy and has the tools and expertise to help you through every step of the process, and everything in the studio was new, exciting, and unfamiliar."

It was challenging to make sure the artifacts modeled on top of people's faces would print properly. "My first mask had creepy nails coming out of a person's face, and that definitely wasn't the best design choice," Fasco said. "I was able to fix it with super glue, but it taught me that I needed to think more about how my digital designs would translate into a physical world."

Touch-a-Truck NRV event to return for seventh year



PHOTO BY ASPIRE MARKETING AGENCY

The touch-a-truck event sponsored by the New River Valley Home Builders Association will return to Uptown Christiansburg's back parking lot on Saturday, Aug. 13, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

CHRISTIANSBURG – The New River Valley Home Builders Association's seventh annual touch-a-truck NRV event will return on Saturday, Aug. 13, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Uptown Christiansburg, 782 New River Road in the back parking lot.

Ticket sales will begin on July 1 and are \$5 per family (valid for up to four attendees) or \$2 per individual ticket. Children two and under are free.

Tickets may be purchased ahead of time online or the day of the event at the door.

Proceeds from this event will go toward the New River Valley Home Builders Association's donations to local trade education programs and the association's Builders Care fund, which funds scholarships for future

construction and trade students, charitable activities, and local workforce development initiatives.

This family event is a fun way to get children's imaginations in gear so they can learn about careers that involve big trucks, from construction to landscaping and even law enforcement vehicles. The children will have a safe and hands-on learning experience by safely exploring the vehicles, blasting the sirens, and honking horns while asking questions with the men and women who operate them on the job. For those with sensitive ears, the event will be horn and siren-free from 10 a.m. to noon.

The home builders association is inviting any NRV business or individual who has a vehicle that matches the event's goal of education to par-

ticipate. To enter a vehicle or to help sponsor the touch-a-truck event, contact the New River Valley Home Builders Association at info@nrvhba.com or 540-443-0090.

The event sponsors are as follows: Big Rig sponsor, 84 Lumber; Snow-pow sponsors: Eagle Construction and Shelter Alternatives, Inc., Bucket Truck sponsors: Foresight Design Services and SAS Builders. Uptown Christiansburg is a supporting sponsor.

The New River Valley Home Builders Association is a professional trade organization serving the residential and commercial building industry of the New River Valley since 1976. As the voice of the building community, the NRVHBA advocates, educates and gives back to better homeownership for all.



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Real Estate: Description: Beautiful Brick Ranch with Basement.. Bricked to Grade. 1580 Square Feet on Main Level. Additional 40 Square Feet Finished in Basement. Total Finished Square Feet, 1620. Heat Pump. Oak Hardwood Floors. Paved Drive. Front Porch 4 X 20. Concrete Patio 10 X 12. Main Level Family Room with Fireplace. 2nd Fireplace in Basement. 3 Bedrooms. 2 Baths. Kitchen Appliances Included. (GE Side by Side Refrigerator/Freezer with ice maker; Maytag Under Counter Dishwasher, Magic Chef Slide in Smooth Top Electric Range.) Numerous Kitchen Cabinets. Washer/Dryer Hookups. Public Water, Sewer & Electricity. 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, Family Room, Living Room and Eat in Kitchen.. Open House on Real Estate Only, Sunday, June 12 from 2 PM to 4 PM. Real Estate also shown by appointment by calling Auctioneer, Kem Darden at 540-639- 2870.

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Hokie generosity hits a new high

By Brian Snell

More than five years ago, Virginia Tech set an ambitious challenge before its alumni community. Hokie Nation has answered the call.

In his 2016 State of the University address, Virginia Tech President Tim Sands stated the goal to grow alumni giving participation from 9 percent to 22 percent by the university's 150th anniversary year, 2022.

Thanks to the dedication and generosity of Hokie alumni in all 50 states and dozens of countries, the community reached the 22 percent milestone for undergraduate alumni giving on Monday, June 6, more than doubling the participation rate from the end of the 2015-16 fiscal year.

"Together, Hokie Nation has done something remarkable that will shape our university for decades to come," Sands said. "Thank you to all Hokies who stepped up to make our university stronger. Philanthropy helps us attract and retain top faculty and

staff, who teach and inspire our students and conduct research aimed at improving the human condition. This support from our generous alumni will also help ensure that a Virginia Tech education is affordable and accessible."

Virginia Tech's annual Giving Day played a key role in making this achievement possible. In fewer than 48 hours, more than 15,700 alumni and other supporters made gifts to hundreds of funds spread throughout all of the university's colleges, units, and programs.

Other important occasions for Hokie engagement included the return of limited-edition, student-designed Hokie socks for donors who gave during Virginia Tech's award-winning Giving Tuesday campaign, a unique effort to integrate philanthropy into alumni events, a passionate group of students spreading the word to their peers about the importance of the Senior Class Gift, and a record-breaking show of support for Hokie Athletics' Drive for 25 campaign.



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Students write notes to donors during this year's Thank-a-Donor Day

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Festival

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Summer Arts Festival attendees enjoy a variety of events.

The schedule for the classic movies is as follows:

"Casablanca" July 2, July 6
"Wayne's Word," July 9, July 13
Buster Keaton classics, July 23 and July 27

"Wings," July 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Ben Model will provide live musical accompaniment for the Buster Keaton classics and "Wings." All movies, unless noted, begin at 3 p.m.

"The Godfather" July 30 & Aug. 3

The festival will also feature a live performance of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town," July 16 through July 18 in Theatre 101. "Our Town" won a Pulitzer Prize in 1938 for its intricate and at times heartbreaking exploration of human relationships. The performances will be directed by Amanda Nelson. Free reservations

will be available online beginning June 15.

Perspective Gallery will host an exhibit this summer of artwork by students who are non-art majors but are taking art classes in the Virginia Tech School of Visual Arts. Artwork will be on display June 13 through Aug. 28 in the Perspective Gallery, located on the second floor of the Squires Student Center. A closing reception will be held on Aug. 26 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The festival will also present interactive story time with Joelle, an action-packed 60 minutes of high energetic, imaginative, and interactive storytelling, reading, and creating. This is appropriate for all ages but especially for ages 3 through ten. Story time with Joelle will be held July 9 and July 16 at noon and 2 p.m. in the Creativity

and Innovation District Living Learning Community building, 185 Kent St., rehearsal room.

As a special event, the festival will feature Blacksburg Market Square Jams, an official Crooked Road affiliated venue that caters to traditional old-time music. The jams will be held every Wednesday through Sept. 28 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the corner of Draper Road and Roanoke Street.

An Independence Day Celebration on July 4 will include a downtown parade sponsored by the Mt. Tabor Ruritans, live music, and fireworks at Municipal Park.

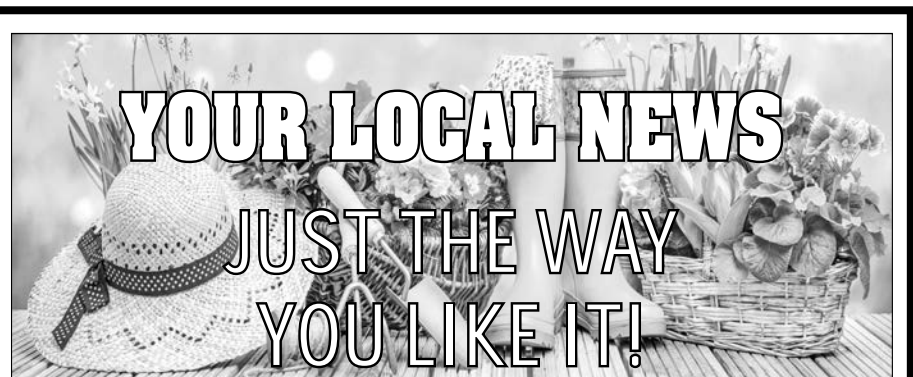
Art at the Market will celebrate Blacksburg's vibrant arts community with an outdoor exhibit. July 16 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The Steppin' Out Street Festival will take place Aug. 5 and 6 and will feature more than 200 exhibitors.

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 - 9. Workplaces
 - 13. A mount on a surface
 - 14. Small freshwater fish
 - 15. Double-reed instrument
 - 16. Canadian flyers
 - 17. Famed astronomer
 - 18. Smooth, shiny fabric
 - 19. Profited
 - 21. Conspiracy
 - 22. Infections
 - 23. Chum
 - 24. Secondary school (abbr.)
 - 25. Resistance unit
 - 28. Sound unit
 - 29. Ancient city of Egypt
 - 31. Crease
 - 33. Polished
 - 36. For goodness' sake!
 - 38. College basketball tournament
 - 39. Scorches
 - 41. Describe precisely
 - 44. Thick piece of something
 - 45. Frocks
 - 46. Indicates near
 - 48. Senior enlisted US Army member
 - 49. A note added to a letter
 - 51. A nose or snout
 - 52. Clumsy
 - 54. Satisfied to the fullest
 - 56. Display of strong feeling
 - 60. Popular awards show
 - 61. Cuisine style
 - 62. Expresses pleasure
 - 63. Monetary unit of the Maldives
 - 64. Utah city
 - 65. Fight
 - 66. Messenger ribonucleic acid
 - 67. Body part
 - 68. Suspiciously reluctant
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Fruit of the service tree
 - 2. At some prior time
 - 3. Mongolian city ___ Bator
 - 4. Strongboxes
 - 5. Russian river
 - 6. Gurus
 - 7. Horse mackerel
 - 8. Pearl Jam's debut album
 - 9. Confines
 - 10. First month of Jewish ecclesiastical year
 - 11. Famed Idaho politician
 - 12. Prevents from seeing
 - 14. Indicate time
 - 17. Male parents
 - 20. Tab on a key ring
 - 21. The Great Dog constellation: ___ Major
 - 23. Frying necessity
 - 25. Former CIA
 - 26. The leader
 - 27. Produces
 - 29. London soccer club
 - 30. Closes
 - 32. Region in the western Pacific Ocean
 - 34. Not present
 - 35. Small drink of whiskey
 - 37. Begat
 - 40. Helps little firms
 - 42. Pointed end of a pen
 - 43. Fencing swords
 - 47. Inches per minute (abbr.)
 - 49. Hymn
 - 50. Philippine island
 - 52. Flemish names of Ypres
 - 53. A way to inform
 - 55. Small lake
 - 56. Linear unit
 - 57. Central Japanese city
 - 58. Partially burn
 - 59. Sports award
 - 61. Part of your foot
 - 65. Atomic #21



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OBITUARIES

Burke, Carl Eugene

Carl Eugene Burke, 93, of Blacksburg, passed away on Sunday, June 5, after a long and full life.

Carl was born on July 25, 1928, to Richard and Emma Thiel Burke in Medina, N.Y. After Carl graduated from high school in 1948, he served four years in the US Air Force. Afterwards, he attended Niagara University, receiving a degree in accounting.

Following graduation, he started work at Haskins and Sells in Buffalo, N.Y. Five years later, he took a job as an auditor for Cornell University. In 1965, he came to Virginia Tech and worked in the accounting office, working his way up to Assistant Vice President for Finance and University Comptroller, and Assistant Vice president for University Affairs. He retired in 1993 but continued working with Virginia Tech for several more years as needed.

In 1960, Carl met Elsa "Kicki" Gronlund at Lake George, N.Y., and they married on Feb. 4, 1961, in Bronxville, N.Y. They went on to have two children, Matt and Christine.

After Carl retired, he enjoyed golf and racquetball. He was active in the Blacksburg Kiwanis Club and as a long-time volunteer at the Montgomery County Christmas Store, in charge of the men's senior section.

He was a very active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and was on the Board of Directors of Warm Hearth Retirement Community.

Carl was predeceased by his brother, Bob; his sister, Mary; his wife, Kicki; and his son, Matt.

He is survived by his sister, Helen Huver; his daughter, Christine, and her husband, Patrick Brady; and his grandchildren, Callie Secrist, Emma and her husband, Ben Webster; and Thiel Secrist.

A visitation was held Thursday, June 9, at McCoy Funeral Home, and a funeral mass was held Friday, June 10, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Blacksburg.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Montgomery County Christmas Store, PO Box 6154, Christiansburg, VA 24068.

Branch, Shannon Dee

Shannon Dee Branch, 46, Joe and Dolores Freeman; passed away Monday, June 6, 2022, at her home in Dublin.

She was preceded in death by a son, Aiden Bugg.

Survivors include her husband, Jerry Wayne Branch; sons Jacob Freeman (Summer), James Bugg II, and Noah Bugg; daughters Kirstin McVey (Dylan), April Bugg (Zach Jarrells), and Amberleigh Branch; nine grandchildren; her parents,



brothers Richard Evans, Wally Evans, Jr., John Evans, and Roger Evans; a sister, Pamela Pennock Wallis; and many other relatives and friends.

Services for Shannon will be private.

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

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ANGLICAN CATHOLIC

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

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

BAPTIST

First Baptist Church, 555 West Rock Road, Radford, 639-3873. Rev. Corwin C. Casey, Pastor. Worship with us: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.; Praise and Worship: 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service; Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Corinthians 15:58.

First Baptist Church on 3rd Ave., 215 Third Ave at the corner with Downey St. We nurture meaningful connections to God and others through worship, spiritual growth, and community ministry. We celebrate the dignity and worth of all persons, created in the image of God. Sunday Bible Study Groups - 9:45, Sunday Worship - 11:00. Website: fbcradford.org 540-639-4419. Worship is in-person and live-streamed on Facebook and on our YouTube channel: First Baptist Church Radford.

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

CHURCH OF GOD

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

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

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

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Radford Church of God in Christ, 206 Russell Ave., Radford. Supt. Ronald A. Watson, Sr.; Elder, 639-5948. Sun. School 9 a.m.; Prayer 11:30 a.m.; Worship 6 p.m.

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

EPISCOPAL

Grace Episcopal Church, 210 4th Street, Radford, 639-3494. A friendly, mission-oriented spiritual community sharing the Word of God. ALL ARE WELCOME. In person and live-streamed services 10:30AM Sundays. Holy Eucharist twice a month. Morning Prayer twice a month. Fellowship and refreshments follow services. Find us on Facebook: Grace Episcopal Church and www.graceradford.org.

LUTHERAN

Christ Lutheran Church. 201 Harvev St. Sun-

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Almighty God

Read Genesis 40:1 through 41:57

Joseph spent two years in a dungeon after interpreting the dreams of Pharaoh's cupbearer. Joseph had asked this man to mention him to the king upon being reinstated, but, as each day dragged on, no communication came from the Pharaoh. When Pharaoh had a dream and told it to all his wise men, no one could interpret it. The cupbearer finally remembered Joseph and told Pharaoh about him.

So Pharaoh sent for Joseph, and he was quickly brought from the dungeon. When he had shaved and changed his clothes, he came before Pharaoh (Genesis 41:14).

Joseph was going to be taken into the presence of the nation's highest ruler. His first order of business was to make himself presentable. His prison clothing and his haggard appearance were hardly appropriate to stand before royalty. Joseph prepared to see the king, honoring the authority and majesty of Pharaoh.

We have the privilege of an audience at any time with our King, Jesus Christ. May we never forget His majesty or approach Him with less than honor and adoration.

Thought for Today: Consider the majesty of God.

Quicklook: Genesis 41:1-14

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day 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.

St. Michael Lutheran Church, 2308 Merrimac Road, Blacksburg, VA 24060. Worship service each Sunday at 10 AM, Sunday School 9 AM. We are a community of God's people where people gather for worship, learning and service. Visitors and new members are always WELCOME! Google comments: "Wonderful, welcoming congregation...A place where all are truly welcome... Nice, friendly, competent staff." You will like our minister, The Rev. Michelle L. Stramiello. Her previous service was as Family Faith Formation Director at Cross and Crown Lutheran Church, Indianapolis, IN, Pastor of St Matthew Lutheran Church, Paducah, KY, and Hospice Chaplain in Largo, Fl. St. Michael started and administers Micah's Backpack which has great community impact, Micah's Soup for Seniors, Micah's Garden, Closet, and Mini Pantry. Also, partnering with Rainbow Riders and Total Action for Progress, we opened open the first Early Childhood Head Start in our community (6 weeks to age 3), and have numerous other programs including a Justice & Mercy Fund providing assistance for those needing emergency assistance with critical bills. Further St. Michael sponsors an awesome Scouting program of Boy & Girl Scout Troops, Venture Scouts for older youth, and a new Cub Pack for girls & boys kindergarten - 5th grade. Directions: From Price's Fork Road, turn onto Merrimac Road and St. Michael is 3/10ths of a mile down on the left. For more information about any of our activities: Phone 540 951-8951. Email hope@stmcl.us or visit our Website www.st-michael-lutheran-church.org

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS

Merrimac Pentecostal Holiness Church, Rev. Larry Christopher (540) 552-7194. l.christopher695@comcast.net. Sundav 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

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PRESBYTERIAN

Join us at **The Presbyterian Church of Radford**, 201 4th Street, at the corner of 4th & Randolph. Worship will be at 10 am 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.

UNITED METHODIST

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

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

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 220 W. Main St., C'Burg. Rev. Moonsup "Paul" Song (540) 382-2410. Sunday Worship 10am, Sunday School 9am. Live streaming Sunday Service - www.twitch.tv/stpaulumc.

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Howell, Eunice Hartsell

Eunice Hartsell Howell, 96, Deane Howell of Greensboro, N.C.; formerly of Dublin, passed away Sunday, June 5, 2022, at the Bridgewater Retirement Community.

She was a retired office manager with St. Albans Psychiatric Hospital and was a member of Fairlawn Presbyterian Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Ivory Belle Hartsell; her beloved husband, Herman F. Howell; and siblings Drema Poage, Corinne Atkinson, Kathryn Schmitt, Margaret Birch, and John S. Hartsell, Jr.

Survivors include her two brothers, Michael Hartsell of Boones Mill, and Joe Hartsell of Hardy; sons Taylor Howell of Harrisonburg and Garrett



grandsons Benjamin, Isaac, Jonathan, and Nicholas; great-grandchildren Jackson, Victoria, Jacob, Liam, Oryn, Case, Griffin, and Catherine (deceased); and many other relatives and friends.

The immediate family held a private service on Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Bridgewater Healthcare Foundations, 302 North Second St., Bridgewater, Virginia 22812.

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

Thompson, Roger Leon

Roger Leon Thompson, 78, of Christiansburg, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, June 4, 2022.

Roger was a devoted husband, father, and friend. He lived a full life, one of honor and service. As a Marine, he served our country during the Cuban missile crisis and continued by working for the Radford Army Ammunition plant for 40 years. As a husband and father, he doted on his wife and children, providing for their every need and making sure they knew what "home" meant. Roger provided a wonderful example of how a man should treat his wife and children. He loved his grandchildren and was involved in everything they pursued from sports to higher education. He was the typical brother, in on the mischief but there when he was needed. As a friend, Roger was there to provide the laughter but



ready to offer a helping hand. Roger was born on Sept. 9, 1943, to the late Clinton and Hallie Thompson of Merrimac, Va. He is survived by his beloved wife, Betty, of 55 years; daughters Kimberly Fanning (husband John) and Angel Anderson; grandchildren Alec Anderson, Brianna Fanning, Alaina Anderson, and John Fanning, Jr; brothers Larry (wife Nancy), Benny (wife Donna), Don; and sisters Linda Hollins and Judy Nester. Other family members include Delmas Lane, Phyllis and Bill Clarkson, Steve and Linda Lane, Tom and Rachel Lane, Allen Harris, Bobby Almany, and Howard and Barbara Ganoe.

Visitation was held Wednesday, June 8, and funeral services were on Thursday, June 10, at McCoy's Funeral

Home, 150 Country Club Drive SW, Blacksburg. A graveside service with military honors was conducted Friday morning at Southwest Veterans Cemetery, Dublin.

The family would like to thank the following persons and organizations: Dr. Mark Currie, Lewis Gale Oncology/Hematology; Dr. Harry Erba, Duke Hematology and Blood Cancer; Salem Veterans Hospital, The Fisher House, Houston, Texas; and MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas.

Johnston, Donna Lynn Walker

Donna Lynn Walker Johnston, 62, of Radford, passed away at her home on Tuesday, June 7, 2022.

Survivors include her husband of 27 years, Michael Colby Johnston; her sons, James and Christopher Fletcher; a granddaughter, Jennifer; Radford.



and many other family members and special friends.

Per her request, no services will be held at this time.

The Johnston family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in

McGlynn, Virginia Thomason

Virginia Thomason McGlynn, age 101, of Charlotte Court House, VA, passed away on Tuesday, June 7, 2022.

She was the daughter of the late Clarence and Fannie Thomason. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrance McGlynn; a son, Larry Allen; an infant daughter, Donna; a granddaughter, Joanne Mitchell; and a brother, Ralph Thomason.

Virginia is survived by a daughter, Janet Martin (Roy); a daughter-in-law, Irene McGlynn; grandchildren Larry Lewis (Cathy), Diane Peifer (Chris), Michael Foote (Melissa),

Dale McGlynn (Karen), Jill Rand (Robert), and Lee McGlynn; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was retired from Sears in Richmond and was a faithful member of Mt. Tirzah Baptist Church in Charlotte Court House.

Her remains will rest in Sunset Cemetery in Christiansburg. A memorial service will be announced later. Donations may be sent to Mt. Tirzah Baptist Church or the Charlotte County Rescue Squad. Browning-Duffer Funeral Home in Keysville, Va., is in charge of arrangements.

Follow safety strategies to prevent child injuries on the farm

M A N A K I N SABOT—When Marilyn Adams' 11-year-old son, Keith, suffocated in a gravity flow wagon on her family's Iowa farm in 1986, she made it her life's mission to spread awareness of childhood farm safety.

"A lot of times we give (youth) more than they can handle, and that's what we did with Keith," she said in a 2008 Iowa Public Television broadcast. "We gave him an adult job and expected him to react like an adult. I'll be the first to tell you that giving a child's life to farming is unacceptable."

Adams went on to establish the Farm Safety 4 Just Kids program.

Her story was shared with participants in a recent webinar organized by The National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety, hosted by AgriSafe. The NCCRAHS is celebrating 25 years of preventing

injuries associated with agricultural worksites, where children of any age may be present.

Motor vehicles, machinery and drowning are the most common causes of youth farm fatalities. Animals and vehicle incidents top the list of the most common causes of injuries on farms.

When youth are assigned tasks on farms, "the work they're doing must be age- and ability-appropriate," said Marsha Salzwedel, NCCRAHS project scientist and agricultural youth safety specialist. "A majority of injuries or fatalities are due to youth doing work that doesn't match their physical or cognitive abilities."

Goochland County Farm Bureau members Rachel and Thomas Henley are raising two young children on their family's dairy and grain operation. In addition to age-appropriate tasks and safety language,

they focus on teaching situational awareness. There are designated safe spaces on the farm where their children can do simple chores away from equipment or animals.

"It's always: Stay close, look and listen," Rachel Henley said. "We don't run up to animals, approach them from behind or even touch fences unless Mom or Dad says OK. And we never put them in the (animal) pens."

For working youth address hazards, provide personal protective equipment and ensure adequate training, Salzwedel recommended. While strategies vary by age, it's safest to keep children away from worksites and tractors, which can be an unpopular notion.

"Those of us who grew up on farms probably rode tractors with our grandpa and things like that, but just didn't realize at the time how dangerous those practices were," she said.

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RADFORD SPORTS

New girls basketball coach named at CHS

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Christiansburg High School has named Jacob Underwood as its new girls' basketball coach.

He is a former assistant on the boys' team and joins a program that has not won more than 20 games in the past two years.

Underwood said it has been his dream to be head coach, which became a reality this week.

"There are a multitude of reasons why I applied for this job," Underwood said. "Some people dream of playing in the big game and hitting a buzzer beater to win it. I dream of drawing up a play to get someone open for them to knock down the shot. I have always wanted to be a high school basketball coach."

Underwood has six years of coaching experience, including an assistant at Rural Retreat Middle School and several years in AAU basketball. He joined former boys' coach Mike Hunter's staff two years ago.

Recently, he has worked with the travel program, Xtreme, which included several of the middle school girls already in the Christiansburg program.

He was born in Bluefield, W.Va. His family moved to the Rural Retreat area when he was five years old. Underwood played four years of basketball at Rural Retreat High School before attending Bluefield University and was able to secure a degree in exercise and sport science concentrated in sports management, with a minor in communications.

"I am so excited about the future of this program," Underwood said. "I have been able to watch every single JV and varsity game of theirs over the last two seasons. This team has a good mix of young, hard-working ladies with a few upperclassmen who have been around varsity basketball for a while now."

"I am going to make a concerted effort to continue to work with the younger ages in the program so we can do our best to have a continuous flow of incoming talent," he

said. "I am hoping to instill a culture where we show up to workouts, practice, or a game and just get better every single day. No wasted days in the gym."

Underwood's number-one goal for the Christiansburg High School program is to be a team that when opposing coaches see them on the schedule, they think this is a team that plays hard every second on the floor.

"I don't expect us to make every shot, but I do expect us to be the first on the floor for every loose ball," the new coach said. "Another goal would be to be competitive in our district. The River Ridge is tough, but I think there are opportunities to be near the top of the standings when the end of the season comes. I don't want to get ahead of myself, this may be a long-term goal, we still have a ton of work to do but nothing would make me happier than to be able to take this Christiansburg team into the state tournament."

Underwood is looking into the potential of joining the school as an aide or a paraprofessional until he is able to secure a teaching license.

Blacksburg girls fall to Broad Run 2-1 in state quarterfinals



Blacksburg's Rebecca Webster controls a header against Broad Run's Taleiya Phommasack during the first half of Tuesday night's first-round state tournament match. Blacksburg lost 2-1.



Blacksburg's McKenzie Cheynet (left) and Kylene Monaghan (center) battle with Broad Run's Maya Greenhalgh and Lauren Cornfeld at mid-field as the Bruins hosted a first-round state tournament match Tuesday.



Blacksburg's Norin Bortz squeezes a pass by Broad Run's Maya Almeda.

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With transfer portal, door swings both ways for RU men's basketball

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The Radford University men's basketball team might need name tags when they come together for the first time this summer after eight players have left the program and nine players have made the Dedmon Center their new address.

Darris Nichols took over the program last year and is quickly making it his own.

The team will have three players returning next season: Shaquan Jules, Derrick Jones Jr., and Josiah Jeffers (using his COVID year). But the key is how Nichols is using the transfer portal.

Those former RU players have all taken advantage of the transfer portal, entering at different times during the offseason. Three others have taken advantage of the portal to transfer out of Radford to other schools. Xavier Lipscomb will be going to Mount St. Mary's, Lewis Djonkam will be going to grad school and playing at Morgan State, and Josh Walker will be attending West Chester University.

Nate Wise, RU's Director of Communications for Athletics, said first and foremost that the landscape of college basketball has changed with

the newfound importance of the transfer portal.

"It gives players more freedom to find the best situation for themselves and gives coaching staffs another avenue to fill out their rosters the best way they see fit," Wise said. "Coach Nichols and his staff know they will need to adapt to this new landscape and make the best of it to be successful."

More than 1,400 players from the Division I level around the country have entered the transfer portal, and Radford University is certainly not the exception when it comes to several players entering from one school.

The team will have three high-school recruits: Kenyon Giles, Kyle Burns, and Ibu Yamazaki coming to Radford. D'Aunray Pierce and Justin Archer are both junior college transfers, but the transfer portal also includes DaQuan Smith (Murray State), Souleymane Koureissi (Richmond), Onyebuchi Ezeakudo (Pittsburgh), and Madiav Niang (Florida Atlantic).

The latest newcomer, Bryan Antoine, is a former five-star rated player and a McDonald's All-American who started his career at Villanova. "Bryan came from a great family, and a great program,"

said Darris Nichols. "Bryan has

played at the highest level of basketball most of his career. We are excited to add Bryan to our program, university, and community."

Antoine rose to national prominence while playing at the Ranney School, ranking as the No. 15 player in the Class of 2019 by ESPN and No. 16 by 247Sports. The Tinton Falls, N.J., native averaged 20 or more points per game in all four of his seasons at Ranney while playing alongside Scottie Lewis, who went on to play for Nichols at the University of Florida.

Antoine brings a dynamic style of play to the court, showing the ability to knock down threes or make acrobatic drives to the basket. He continued his growth with Team Rio on the AAU circuit before committing to play for Jay Wright and the Villanova Wildcats.

Injuries impacted each of his first three seasons at the collegiate level, however, limiting him to just 405 minutes of action across 46 appearances. Shoulder injuries cost him significant time during his freshman and sophomore seasons, and a patella tendon injury cut into his 2021-22 campaign.

Antoine showed flashes of

his high ceiling when he was able to see minutes, posting career highs of nine points (11/21/19 vs. Middle Tennessee State), four rebounds (1/1/22 at Seton Hall), three assists (1/16/22 vs. Butler), and two steals (most recently on 2/8/22 at St. John's).

He is the first-ever McDonald's All-American game alum to come to Radford and is believed to be the first to play in the entire Big South Conference. His arrival will mark a new step up in the talent level that Radford attracts with the program's first trip to the NCAA Tournament since the 2017-18 season a primary goal.

Wise said Coach Nichols, his staff, and his team will work towards bringing another Big South championship trophy to Radford.

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THE NRV MPO SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT FOR TIP AMENDMENT #4

The New River Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is amending its 2021-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The amendment is to modify funding for Blacksburg Transit, Radford Transit, and New River Valley Community Services. It is available for review at the offices of the Towns of Blacksburg and Christiansburg, the City of Radford, and the Montgomery and Pulaski County. It is also available on the MPO website: www.newrivervalleympo.org

Written comments for this amendment will be received until 5:00 PM, June 15, 2022.

The public can also speak at the August 4, 2022 MPO Policy Board meeting at 2:00 PM at the Montgomery County Government Center.

This public notice and opportunity to comment on the TIP amendment meets the program of projects requirements as established by the FTA pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 5307(c).

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Hokies softball team visits rec league softball game



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Just two days after losing in the NCAA regional tournament to Florida, several members of the Virginia Tech Hokies softball team stopped by the final 10-and-under Babe Ruth softball game for the two Blacksburg Recreation Department teams. Players took pictures with youngsters and signed autographs.

Dudley, Looney split late-model twins at Radfords's Motor Mile Speedway



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Kyle Dudley was the winner of Late Model Race #1 Saturday night at Motor Mile Speedway.

The Late Model Stock Car division had a pair of twin-50 lap races at Saturday's races at Motor Mile Speedway in Radford with Kyle Dudley picking up his third win in a row in the first race by holding off a late challenge from Mike Looney, who then won the second race of the night.

Cory Dunn (third place) and Bryan Reedy (fourth) also kept it exciting by challenging the leaders at times and being in contention at

the end.

In the second race, the winners' order was inverted with Looney finishing first and Dudley coming in second. The top finishers had to work their way through a lot of traffic to get to the front again.

Before making it back to the front stretch, #14 Bryan Reedy and #7 Blayne Harrison got together. Reedy's car survived the incident, but Harrison, Dudley, and others were not as fortunate. NASCAR officials penalized Reedy

and sent him to the tail end of the lead lap.

The Sportsman Division also held a pair of twin-30 lap events with Daryn Cockram picking up a win in race one, and Karl Budzevski winning the second race.

Doodle Lang was the winner in the Mod 4's. Daniel Eakin won the Super Streets, Cory Thomason was the winner for the U-Cars, and William Hale won for Pure 4's in his first-ever visit to Motor Mile Speedway.



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