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RHS horticulture students hired by Virginia Tech Athletics to furnish banquet centerpieces

RADFORD - Virginia Tech Athletics hired Katie Givens's horticulture students to provide 45 centerpieces for the men's basketball tip-off banquet held last Friday.

VT sports analyst Mike Burnop opened the banquet with a shout-out to Radford High School for the beautiful arrangements. The students also participated in all aspects of the business part of

the experience from ordering to billing.

"Kudos to Katie and her students for a successful school-based enterprise experience," said RHS Principal Tara Grant.



PHOTO COURTESY OF RHS PRINCIPAL TARA GRANT

Floral centerpieces designed by Katie Givens's Radford High School horticulture students adorn the tables at the Virginia Tech men's basketball tip-off banquet held Friday, Oct. 21. Virginia Tech Athletics hired the students to provide 45 centerpieces for the event.

Radford University nursing programs named best in Virginia by registerednursing.org

RADFORD - Radford University's School of Nursing has been ranked the best in Virginia by registerednursing.org for 2023. The Radford nursing programs scored 98.53 out of a possible 100, landing it at the top of the list in the fifth annual ranking presented by the website.

Registerednursing.org ranks nursing schools each year in all 50 states using current and historical NCLEX-RN pass rates for all nursing programs available at an institution (Associate Degree in Nursing, Bachelor of Science in Nursing or direct-entry Master of Science in Nursing programs). The NCLEX-RN pass rates were analyzed using the five most recent years of available data. Schools' pass rates were averaged together and weighted by

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PHOTO COURTESY OF RADFORD UNIVERSITY

Wendy R. Downey, Radford School of Nursing interim dean

Coconuts celebrates opening with ribbon-cutting ceremony



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE RADFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The owners of Coconuts, located at 1027 East Main St. in Radford, celebrate the bakery's grand opening with a ribbon-cutting celebration earlier this month, attended by Radford Chamber Commerce representatives, Radford Mayor David Horton, friends, family members and well-wishers. Coconuts specializes in cupcakes and custom cakes. They also have other types of desserts available. También hablamos español.

James F. Wolfe, Edward Via College founding president, dies



PHOTO COURTESY OF VCOM

Founding President and President Emeritus of the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine James F. Wolfe passed away on Oct. 20.

James F. (Jim) Wolfe, Founding President and President Emeritus of the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM), passed away peacefully in his sleep at age 86 on Thursday, October 20, 2022.

Jim is survived by his loving wife, Nancy; his son John; his daughter Carolyn; and five grandchildren, Sawyer, Thomas, Niklas, Hayden and Carson.

He was the ultimate storyteller, embodying kindness, a keen intellect and a love for his work. He was always ready to talk in detail about his amazing family, his passion for golf and, of course, Virginia Tech sports.

His life was the embodiment of the old saying, "He never met a stranger."

Jim received his B.S. in chemistry at Lebanon Valley College and his Ph.D. in chemistry from Indiana University. What followed was an extraordinary career. He served as the founding president of the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine until his retirement in 2015.

He assumed this position in January 2001 and led the college through its initial stages of development and growth, including the opening of the Carolina campus of VCOM in Spartanburg, S.C., in 2011, and the opening of the Alabama campus in conjunction with Auburn University

in 2015.

He continued to serve VCOM as an active board member and held President Emeritus status. Dr. Wolfe was once asked if he had a particular favorite experience from his time at VCOM, and he answered, "It's been an almost daily collection of favorite experiences, so I can't say it's been just one. I'm just thankful to have been a part of it."

Prior to his leadership role at VCOM, Dr. Wolfe's career spanned 32 years at Virginia Tech. While at Virginia Tech, he served as the chair of the Chemistry Department Chair for nine years and Vice Provost

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Tips for protecting pumpkins from rotting

Before carving your Halloween pumpkin this year, Virginia Cooperative Extension horticulture expert Ashley Edwards says it's important to carve it as close to Halloween as you can to avoid early rotting.

If you want your pumpkin to look fresh for the holiday, Edwards says to be sure not to carve too early. Before carving, she recommends washing the pumpkin with cool, soapy water, rinsing it in a 10 percent bleach solution, and letting it dry completely.

After carving, Edwards recommends submerging the pumpkin again in a 10 percent bleach solution for at least 8 hours. This can be helpful in killing off bacteria that can cause mold to grow and the pumpkin to rot faster.

Edwards recommends lining the inside of the pumpkin with petroleum jelly to seal any cuts and prevent moisture loss. But, Edwards warns, don't use a real candle in the pumpkin but a battery-operated candle instead

since petroleum jelly is flammable.

To dispose of the pumpkin, Edwards says to add it to the compost pile as a good use of the leftover organic matter for future gardening. On the other hand, if the pumpkin shell is still intact and non-toxic decorative materials have been used, the pumpkin is still fit for processing and eating.

Pumpkins can also be fed to livestock or local wildlife if no toxic decorative materials have been used.



FILE PHOTO

To keep your pumpkin fresh for Halloween, Extension horticulture expert Ashley Edwards recommends washing the pumpkin with cool, soapy water, then rinsing it in a 10 percent bleach solution and letting it dry completely.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, Oct. 29:

Free movie matinee: Hocus Pocus

At the Radford Public Library at 11 a.m. The diabolical Sanderson sisters take off on a wild, wacky Halloween romp that’s fun for the whole family. PG; 96 minutes.

Pancake supper

The Pilot Community Center, 4449 Brush Creek Rd., will host a pancake supper from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

American Red Cross blood drive

At the Meadowbrook Public Library from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Schedule an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org. The blood drive will be held at the Waldron Wellness Center in the Carilion Community Room.

Quilting marathon/Make a quilt bookmark

At the Meadowbrook Public Library from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The Meadowbrook Quilters are hosting a quilting marathon, and the public is invited to see these skilled individuals quilting. The group will be working on individual projects and will also have supplies to make a quilt bookmark for all ages. Attendees may bring their quilting projects or questions, and the quilters will help. This program is open to all ages.

Movie and a craft: Halloween Edition

At the Christiansburg Library at 10:30 a.m. Participants can make their own mini-spell book while they watch this classic Halloween movie where after being accidentally conjured, a trio of witches sets out to cast a spell on the town and reclaim their youth.

Halloween bash

At the Blacksburg Library at 1:30 p.m. Celebrate Halloween with some yummy snacks, spooky crafts, and a good movie. Costumes are encouraged.

Jack-O-Lantern jubilee

At the Jessie Peterman Memorial Library at 2 p.m. Participants can put on their best cape and their finest ghostly outfit, grab a top hat and head to the library for a Jack-O-Lantern jubilee. What could be more fun than a dress-up Halloween party and a ghastly good time? The jubilee will feature plenty of games, snacks, a devilishly good story, and maybe even a scary dance party. All ages are welcome.

Monday, Oct. 31:

Downtown Blacksburg Trick-or-Treat

Downtown Blacksburg from 4 to 6 p.m. Trick-or-Treat at local businesses and enjoy games with Blacksburg Parks and Recreation. A costume contest will be held outside the Lyric Theatre at 5:30 p.m. A pair of haunted houses, one at Artful Lawyer and another at the Alexander Black House (a kid-friendly version from 4 to 5 p.m.) will contribute to the spooky and scary fun. Sponsored by Downtown Blacksburg, Inc.

United Way downtown Christiansburg trick or treat

The United Way of the New River Valley and participating downtown Christiansburg merchants will welcome trick or treaters on Monday, Oct. 31, from 5 to 7 p.m. Trick or treaters are encouraged to bring their pets dressed to impress as the evening will include a dog costume contest near the United Way office. The event is sponsored by Aesir Tech Consulting, the candy sponsors, New City Media, and Christiansburg Kroger.

DMV connect at the library

At the Blacksburg Library at 10 a.m. The DMV will be at the library providing most of their services. Walk-ins are welcome! No services will be available between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. for a lunch break.

Talking about books

At the Blacksburg Library at 11 a.m. To be discussed is “The Japanese Lover” by Isabel Allende. Call (540) 552-8246 for more information or to reserve a copy.

Drop-in Halloween crafternoon

At the Christiansburg Library at 3 p.m. All ghouls and goblins are encouraged to drop in for a Halloween crafternoon.

Thursday, Nov. 3:

American Legion meeting

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

Friday, Nov. 4 and Saturday, Nov. 5:

Book sale

At the Radford Public Library from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Hardbacks are \$1. and paperbacks \$.50. A free cart and table will be available..

Tuesday, Nov. 8:

The Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784, will meet at 7 p.m. at Aly’s Family Italian Restaurant, 3204 Riner Road. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are invited to attend. If Montgomery County Schools are closed on Tuesday or Wednesday of this week due to weather, the meeting will be canceled. For further information, call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

Wednesday, Nov. 9:

Montgomery County Chamber Buy Local Business Showcase

Connect with Montgomery County businesses at the 2022 Chamber Buy Local Business Showcase at the Inn at Virginia Tech and Skelton Conference Center, 901 Prices Fork Rd. Blacksburg,. Anyone interested in purchasing a booth may reach out to programs@montgomerycc.org. Business After Hours will be held in conjunction with Showcase at the Inn at Virginia Tech. Come for the showcase, stay for the mixer with prizes given away throughout the day. This event is free and is open to the public from 3:45 to 7 p.m. Open during the Chamber Business After Hours from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 10:

River City Quilt Guild

The River City Quilt Guild will meet at 9:30 a.m. at Grove United Methodist

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Looking for a Part-time delivery driver for the Salem-Times Register @ \$11 an hour. Please call (540)389-9355 for a more detailed description and to set up an interview.

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NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC HEARING

The Radford City Council and Planning Commission will hold a joint public hearing on Monday, November 14, 2022 at 7:00pm in the City of Radford Council Chambers, 10 Robertson Street, Radford, VA 24141. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning: Application by Jeffrey Stump (applicant/property owner) to rezone 10.628-acre property located at Tax Map #'s 26-(1)-14 & 26-(1)-15. The request is to rezone from R-3 Single Family Residential R- 4 Multi-Family for the develop of townhomes. Comments may be presented at the meeting and by phone or in writing prior to the meeting. Additional information on this request may be obtained in the Community Development Department, 10 Robertson Street, Radford VA 24141, 540.267.3188 or by email at Melissa.Skelton@radfordva.gov

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2022, at 2:45 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND APPURTENANCES THERETO, LYING AND BEING IN THE RINER MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AND FURTHER DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: ALL OF LOT 5, CONTAINING 3.524 ACRE WEYANOKE SUBDIVISION AS SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SURVEY ENTITLED "PLAT SHOWING MAJOR SUBDIVISION OF WEYANOKE LOCATED IN RINER MAGISTERIAL DISTRICTMONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA" WHICH SAID PLAT WAS MADE BY MARVI D. STINE, L.S. OF HIGHLAND SURVEYS, P.C., IS DATED APRIL 16, 1999, REVISED JUNE 22, 1999, IS DESIGNATED PLAN NO. P-7354, A COPY OF WHICH PLAT IS OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN PLATBOOK 19, PAGE 215 AND 216. PARCEL #035309, MAP #106-18 5. TERMS OF SALE: ALLCASH. 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

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deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-354944-1.

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request by **Cole/Burch Properties LLC, Property Owner, and Donnie Tignor, Lessee**, to allow a Contractor's Equipment Storage Yard on the property **located on the northeast corner of the intersection of Simmons Road SE and Alma Street SE (unopened)**, and southeast of 2095 and 2091 Roanoke Street; Tax Parcels 529-1-17, being a portion of Parcel ID 007704; and Tax Parcels 529-1-18 and 529-1-19, being all of Parcel ID 014069; zoned General Business District B-3. The property is designated as Mixed Use with Buffer (Residential/Business) 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.

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Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning: A. Conditional Use Permit request by Burch Properties LLC, Property Owner, and Montgomery County Moose Lodge #1470, Lessee, to allow a Lodge on the property located at 1637 North Franklin Street; upon a portion of Northgate Village Shopping Center, Tax Parcel 466 - ((A)) - 20C, Parcel ID 013214 zoned General Business District B-3. 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.

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, November 15, 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: A. Conditional Use Permit

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG PLANNING COMMISSION

The Town of Christiansburg Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, November 14, 2022, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the



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Christiansburg sorority donates soup, crackers, money to MCEAP



PHOTO COURTESY OF ALPHA MU CHAPTER TREASURER CAROLYN SOWERS
Alpha Mu Master Chapter of Christiansburg’s Beta Sigma Phi sorority recently donated soup and crackers and money to the Montgomery County Emergency Assistance Program, Inc. (MCEAP). Accepting the donations was Marjorie Vitale, MCEAP Operational Director and Manager, center. Presenting the donations were Beta Sigma Phi President Phyllis Durham, left, and Beta Sigma Phi Treasurer Carolyn Sowers, right.

RADFORD WEEKLY POLICE BLOTTER

Monday, Oct. 17:
12:24 p.m. Petit Larceny: less than \$200 not from a person, 500 New River Dr.
2:31 p.m. Monument: Unlawful Damage, no intent to steal, Robertson Street
Tuesday, Oct. 18:
9:30 p.m. offense left blank, 900 Jordan Ave.
Wednesday, Oct. 19:
12:52 a.m. Petit Larceny: less than \$200 not from a person, 600 Eighth St.
1:25 p.m. offense redacted, 1000 Downey St.
4:10 p.m. offense redacted, 300 Tyler Ave.
4:30 p.m. offense left blank, 1000 Preston St.
Thursday, Oct. 20:
12:35 a.m. Assault: (Misdemeanor), 400 Downey St.
10:42 a.m. Drug offense, 100 Jeffries Dr.

10:42 a.m. Possession of Controlled Substance, 100 Jeffries Dr.
12 p.m. Civil: Purchase/possession of nicotine under the age of 21, Dalton Drive
4:57 p.m. Assault: (Misdemeanor), 1000 East Main St.
Friday, Oct. 21:
7:30 a.m. School Property: fail to leave when directed, 300 Allen Ave.
11:35 a.m. Assault: (Misdemeanor) Dalton Drive
4:03 p.m. Obtain Money/etc.: False Pretense, Larceny under or equal to \$200, 100 Pulaski St.
Saturday, Oct. 22:
1:18 p.m. Mental Subject, 300 Calhoun St.
7 p.m. Monument: Unlawful Damage, no intent to steal ,1100 Grove Ave.
7 p.m. Firearm: Reckless Handling, 1100 Grove

Ave.
7 p.m. Weapon: Shoot Across Road or Street, 1100 Grove Ave.
7 p.m. Firearm: Shoot within 1000 feet of School, 1100 Grove Ave.
Sunday, Oct. 22:
3 a.m. Grand Larceny 100 Miller St.
1:26 p.m. Grand Larceny 1600 Fifth St.
4:36 p.m. Drug Offense 400 Clement St.
5:21 p.m. Assault: (Misdemeanor) 600 Seventeenth St.
5:53 p.m. Grand Larceny: Firearm, not from a person, 100 Fifth St.
Weekly Alcohol Round-Up:
DUI -0
Drunk in Public - 0
Underage Possession of Alcohol - 0

Danish String Quartet embraces classical works with energy and expressivity

Celebrated for its warmth, spontaneity, and unmatched ability to play as one, the Grammy-nominated Danish String Quartet comes to the Moss Arts Center on Friday, Nov. 4, at 7:30 p.m. to perform quartets from Mozart and Schubert, along with a selection of traditional folk music arranged by the ensemble.

The performance will be held in the center’s Anne and Ellen Fife Theater, located within the Street and Davis Performance Hall at 190 Alumni Mall.

Audience members raved about the Danish String Quartet’s streamed “HomeStage” performance presented by the Moss Arts Center in 2020, underscoring that even a treasured canon repertoire sounds new when performed by the ensemble. Now celebrating its 20th anniversary during its 2022-23 season, the ensemble is in demand on concert stages around the world.

Featuring Frederik Øland (violin), Rune Tonsgaard Sørensen (violin), Asbjørn Nørgaard (viola), and Fredrik Schøyen Sjölin (cello), the Danish String Quartet is known for impeccable musicianship, sophisticated artistry, exquisite clarity of ensemble, and an expressivity inextricably bound to its music. The musicians’ inventive and intriguing programming and repertoire choices have produced critically acclaimed original projects and commissions as well as popular arrangements of Scandinavian and other folk music.

As David Finckel, co-artistic director of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, described, “The quartet brought a love and reverence and magic and selfless dedication. It was so powerful and so intense, you stopped judging and gave yourself over.”

For its Moss in-person debut, the quartet will perform Mozart’s String Quartet No. 16 in E flat major, K. 428; Schubert’s gentle String Quartet in A minor, D. 804; “Rosamunde;” and a rich selection of traditional folk music featuring pieces from two of the ensemble’s recordings: “Wood Works,” a collection of the group’s favorite melodies from Nordic folk music, and “Last Leaf,” which took its initial inspiration from an unusual Christmas hymn, “Now Found Is the Fairest of Roses,” first published in 1732 by Danish theologian and poet H.A. Brorson.

This performance is one of 28 concerts the ensemble will perform in North America this season over the course of three tours. Additionally, the quartet is the artist-in-residence at London’s Wigmore Hall.

Related engagement events

Following the performance, the quartet will offer an open discussion about the evening’s program and its work. The ensemble will also invite Virginia Tech string students to observe its rehearsal in advance of the performance.



PHOTO COURTESY OF CAROLINE BITTENCOURT
The Grammy-nominated Danish String Quartet comes to the Moss Arts Center on Friday, Nov. 4, at 7:30 p.m. to perform quartets from Mozart and Schubert and some traditional folk music.

Trick or treat: How long is Halloween candy safe to eat?

Is Halloween candy safe to eat the next week? The next month? Even the next year? According to Virginia Tech food safety expert Alexis Hamilton, the answer is likely a treat. Just don’t get tricked by homemade candy.

Millions of kids go to houses every year for ubiquitous trick-or-treating. To ensure what’s put into each trick-or-treater’s bag is a treat when eaten, Alexis Hamilton, a postdoctoral associate and incoming assistant professor of food processing microbiology in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences’ Department of Food Science and Technology, has some tips and tricks.

“Being aware of how to safely consume or store your Halloween goodies can help ensure your holiday is all treats and no tricks,” Hamilton said.

“Most of the commercial candy products you’ll see handed out this year are safe to consume and store for several months after trick-or-treating, but homemade candies and treats require a little extra scrutiny.

“For those who are social distancing this year, making candy at home can be a fun way to participate in this Halloween tradition, but these treats typically won’t last as long as your store-bought favorites.”

Candy that is handed out to those in eerie-sistible costumes has a decent shelf life with some candies lasting for up to two years at room temperature. Hamilton suggests the following safety recommendations based on the National Confectioners Association:

Chocolate – All chocolate is made of cocoa butter and/or

cocoa powder, and the fats in chocolate normally oxidize over time when exposed to oxygen, causing it to become stale or causing off-odors and flavors. The higher the cocoa content, the longer the product will last, so dark chocolate has a much longer quality shelf life than white chocolate. Dark chocolate can be kept for one to two years if wrapped in foil and stored in a cool, dark, and dry place, such as a pantry or basement. Milk and white chocolate have a more limited storage time, no more than 8 to 10 months.

Hard candy – Hard candies can last up to a year when stored at room temperature or in a cool, dry location.

Jellied candies – If the packaging has been opened, soft candies should be stored away

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Marching Virginians plan reunion, food drive for November 4-5

The Marching Virginians will celebrate their alumni, their history, and their future at their 2022 Alumni Weekend on Friday, Nov. 4, and Saturday, Nov. 5 — and provide some memorable moments for all fans in Blacksburg for the Hokies’ game against Georgia Tech.

All Marching Virginians alumni are encouraged to join in the fun. All football fans are asked to bring a canned food item or monetary donation for the annual Hokies for the hungry food drive.

“Each year, we have students who go above and beyond and make the Marching Virginians better than

they were the year before,” said Polly Middleton, the Marching Virginians’ director. “Each alumni band day is special because it’s a chance to connect with all of these people who made the MVs what it is today,”

On Friday, Nov. 4, the Marching Virginians will host a concert and reception to celebrate the work of the late James Sochinski, professor emeritus and former director and music arranger for the band, who died Jan. 10. Sochinski’s arrangements for the band, including “The Hokie Pokie,” have been heard by millions.

The concert is free and open to the community.

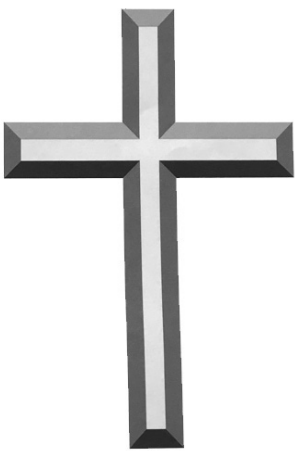


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The Marching Virginians will celebrate with an alumni weekend on Friday, Nov. 4, and Saturday, Nov. 5. Band members are asking football fans to bring canned foods or money to donate to their annual food drive.

International Days of Prayer for the Persecuted Church -
First Sunday in November
November 6th

“If we have faith worth living for, it is a faith worth dying for. Don’t YOU compromise the faith that we are living and dying for.”

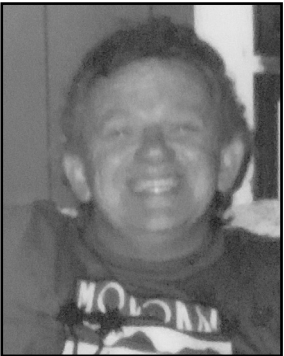
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OBITUARIES

Bain, Ralph William “Sonny”

Ralph William “Sonny” Bain, 76, from 11 until noon today, Saturday, Oct. 29, 2022, at the Bain Chapel Pentecostal Holiness Church in Radford. Funeral services will begin at noon with Pastor Jordan Myers officiating. Interment will follow in the Bain Family Cemetery in Montgomery County.



He was preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Mary Bain; his wife, Peggy Simmons Bain; a brother, Ronald Bain; and a sister, Glenna Linkous.

Survivors include his daughters and sons-in-law, Melissa and Gregory Osborne, Tammy and Dean Duncan, Rhonda and Todd Saunders, Dawn Hollins, Jennifer Bain and Lynn Harrell; 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a sister, Linda Graves; a special friend, Donna Carden; and many other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Bain Chapel Pentecostal Holiness Church, 4527 Bains Chapel Road, Radford, VA 24141.

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

Pierson, Adelene Ball

Adelene Ball Pierson, was born Sept. 22, 1924, at Pera, Va., in Amherst County and died Monday, Oct. 17, 2022 at the Kroontje Health Care Center in Blacksburg at the age of 98.

She was the daughter of John Letcher Wood and Bertha Tomlin Wood.

Adelene was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and a friend to many. She was known for her faith and love for God from a young age.

She was predeceased by her first husband, Elton Ball, with whom she lived in Richmond for 38 years; her second husband, Mearl Pierson, with whom she lived at Downings, Va., for 11 years, and a daughter who died at birth.

Adelene is survived by four sons: Donald (Glenda), Dale (Sarah), Gene (Suyapa), and George (Cathryn);

11 grandchildren: Sara, Kimberly (Rick), Derron, Kevin (Libby), Eric, Nathan (Katie), Steven, Nicolas, Mollie, and Emily; 13 great-grandchildren: Caroline, Lilian, Aurelia, Hattie, Nadia, Camille, Nora, Maddie, Kelsey, Bennett, Corban, Evy, and Lucas; a daughter, Helen Pierson Greenstreet, from her extended family, and numerous nieces and nephews. She is also survived by many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews in her extended Pierson family.

Funeral services will be held at McCoy Funeral Home, 150 Country Club Dr. S.W. in Blacksburg at 11 a.m. today, Saturday, Oct. 29, with visitation starting at 10 a.m. Burial of the remains will be at Westhampton Cemetery in Richmond at a later date.

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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 stedfast, 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 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

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WORSHIP DIRECTORY

The God With Heart

Read Luke 7:1 through 8:56

Visit any Sunday School, Bible study, or small group and during their prayer time you’re likely to hear of heartbreaking situations—financial difficulties, people dealing with cancer and other illnesses, teens getting killed in car accidents or gang-related violence, parents lamenting prodigal children, and so on.

When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, “Don’t cry” (Luke 7:13).

Troubles are nothing new in this world. The people in Jesus’ day had lives overflowing with trauma too. But Jesus didn’t ever say, “Oh, stop whining and get

on with life.” Instead, the Bible tells us “his heart went out to her” in compassion.

That feeling of compassion hasn’t changed. When we face minor troubles or major tragedies, God still lingers nearby, and His heart still goes out to us with compassion and mercy and love. He does not scold us for not trusting Him or tell us to get over it. He understands our feelings, pains, and frustrations. We do not serve a sterile God, but a God with a heart.

Thought for Today: When we cry, so many times God cries with us.

Quicklook: Luke 7:11–17

If your church is not listed and if you are interested, call Randy Thompson at 540-389-9355 or email at advertise@ourvalley.org

email and on website: clcradford.org. 540-639-2671.

Our Saviour Lutheran Church ELCA, 1845 Cambria St NE, Christiansburg. Worship each Sunday at 10 am, in person and online at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMsB-gbyjmV5ce9mr43dbCw>. Please visit our website at www.oslc-cburg.org and our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/oslcchristiansburg> to learn more about us. Little Free Pantry and Little Free Library located in our parking lot. Pastor Joshua L. Copeland; church office 540-382-2223.

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@stmhc.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. 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, for Sunday School at 10 am and Worship and Children’s Church at 11 am. Our Interim Minister is Steve Willis. Phone 639-2585. Watch the worship services on Facebook, which can be accessed through the church website at www.pcradford.org or through the Presbyterian church of Radford Facebook page. We are called to share the love of Christ in this community and 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. 8:30 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.

Obituaries

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Bland, Harry Lee

On Sunday, Sept. 25, 2022, Harry Bland passed away at 70 years old, in the comfort of palliative care at Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

Harry Lee Bland was born breech and just shy of 10 pounds in Gordonville, Va., on Oct. 29, 1951. It was often said that he came into the world feet first because he was eager to hit the ground running. It was also said that he came into the world backwards and that's where he got his unique perspective and his sense of humor.

He spent his early childhood in Ironto before his family relocated to Christiansburg. Harry would often reflect fondly upon memories of running, swimming, and jumping around in the sun of summer in Ironto where he enjoyed most of his younger years.

He graduated from Christiansburg High School in 1970 and attended New River Community College and Patrick Henry Community College. He studied to be an auto-diesel mechanic initially and then to be a teacher of the same craft.

He officially met a "pretty little redhead" named Mary Jane on Sept. 7, 1973, and asked her to marry him the same day. They were married in the Virginia Tech Chapel on June 1, 1974, in the company of many relatives and friends.

Life had other plans in store for him, though, when a house fire at their newlywed home in Martinsville called for a fresh start in the form of a move from Virginia down the coast to Daytona, Fla. His wife opened a dance school called DanceWorks where she taught ballet, which he encouraged from the very beginning while she was under another dance school's employment.

Harry started out in Florida working on Dune Buggies and Baja Bugs — always some sort of bug throughout the years that came after when he had several project VW

rides. Before pure luck and good timing sent him stumbling into a newly found gifted ability in jewelry repair and custom fabrication, Harry held jobs as a repo man, a bouncer, a bodyguard, and, after hours, a barfly.

Two years after they arrived in Florida, while working at the Daytona Mall alongside Henry Jordan, Harry found himself no longer just an apprentice but a co-owner as Henry recognized his unreal abilities with sizings, castings, brake repairs, etc.

In 1986, after a decade of heat, sand, and humidity (with no AC, mind you), they returned home with a move back to Virginia to be closer to their aging parents and to become parents of their own children.

Harry was a man of many talents: music, art, mechanical skills, construction skills, and most significantly, master jeweler's skills.

He was well-known in the New River Valley as a master jeweler, as he worked for different jewelry stores and ultimately opened his own shop, established in 1999, in Radford, originally named Harry's Jewelry Sales and Service, then shortened to Harry's Jewelers as time went by. In very little time at all, he was simply known as Harry the Jeweler.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James E. Bland, Sr., and Doris M. Bland.

Harry is survived by his wife of 48 years, Mary; his daughter, Emily; his son, Luke; sisters Lynn Duncan, Kaye Bland, and Delma Griffith; his brother, Jimmy Bland; numerous nieces and nephews whom he held very dear; some cousins and in-laws; and countless friends and patrons of his small but well-known local business, Harry the Jeweler, serving all of the New River Valley for around 15 years before retirement.

Celebrate the unconventional life of Harry Bland at Moose Lodge 1470 in Christiansburg between 2 and 6 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 30, 2022.

Price, Betty Roberts

Betty Roberts Price fell asleep in death in the afternoon of Oct. 11, 2022, surrounded by her family.

Betty was raised and attended elementary school in Elliston. She then completed her high school education at the historic Christiansburg Industrial Institute where she received a foundational education that prepared her for success.

She was employed at Christiansburg Garment Factory for a short period of time and then went on to work at Montgomery Floyd Regional Library where she held various positions. Betty was a diligent worker no matter what position she held until her retirement in 2011 after 36 and a half years of service.

She was first and foremost faithful to our loving Heavenly Father Jehovah as a Jehovah's Witness for over 60 years. This foundation enabled her to become a supportive wife, a devoted mother, and a caring family member and friend. As a sister, she stayed in close contact with her siblings to keep their bond intact. She was called "Aunt Betty" with tender affection by her nieces and nephews, but many other dear ones endearingly also claimed her as their "Aunt" or "Other Mom."

Today, she is resting in Jehovah's memory, the safest place to be. John 5:28,29 says there will be a resurrection of our dear loved ones, and Revelation 21:3 and 4 promise that our loving Heavenly Father will "wipe out every tear from our eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain



her three siblings, Larry (Carlton) Roberts, Janette (James) Pope, and Regina (Johnny); and a host of family and very close friends.

A very special thank-you goes to The Good Samaritan Hospice care team of nurses, social workers, and aides and to the loving family and friends who came and gave her special care.

Memorial services with a Zoom option will be held at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses at 105 Tower Rd., Christiansburg, on Nov. 19, 2022, at 3 p.m. To request Zoom information, please email bettyspecialmemories@gmail.com.

All governmental COVID-19 restrictions will be strictly adhered to at the services. Anyone experiencing any flu-like symptoms or who has been exposed or tested positive for COVID-19 in the five days preceding the service is asked to use the Zoom option. Whether or not to wear a mask while at the Kingdom Hall in person will be a personal choice.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating to donate.jw.org.

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

Kidd, Mary Kate Greene

Mary Kate Greene Kidd, 78, died Oct. 22, 2022, at her home in Fairlawn where she was a lifelong resident.

She was surrounded by family, following an extended illness related to COVID.

Mary Kate was a charter member of the Fairlawn Church of God. She served in numerous roles at the church, including youth and senior adult ministries. She worked as a lab assistant in the Biochemistry Department, at Virginia Tech and a phlebotomist at several local medical practices. Mary Kate loved to travel, regularly sharing vacations with her family. She also enjoyed attending auctions where she collected antiques and fine china.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Don Kidd; her children, Autumn (Kirk) Heflin, of Fredericksburg, and Burke (Deeann) Kidd of Kernersville, N.C.; her grandchildren, Joseph (Landon) Kidd, Abigail (Rob) Rodgers, Sarah Kate Heflin, and Elizabeth Heflin;



two brothers, Tony Long and William (Betty) Greene, along with many special nieces and nephews, whom she loved dearly. She was preceded in death by her parents, Tudor and Mary Burke Greene.

The family would like to thank all those who visited, called, and contacted them over the last few months as her illness progressed.

The family received friends from 3 until 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2022, at the Fairlawn Church of God. Memorial services followed with the Rev. Marcus Harrison officiating.

Graveside services will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions can be made in Mary Kate's name to the Missions Fund of the Fairlawn Church of God.

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

Hughes, Tracy Lynn

Tracy Lynn Hughes Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022. Tracy was born April 3, 1971, in Radford. She was 51 years old. She was raised in Southwest Virginia by her father, John Hughes, and her mother, Cathy Hughes.

She loved having a good time and spending time with her son, Michael Hughes, her daughter, Brittany Hughes, her grandkids, Natalie Hughes and Kamerynn Curry, her niece, Aaliyah Hughes, and her nephews, Lamar and Major McDaniel.

She is survived by her father,



John Hughes; her mother, Cathy Hughes; her son, Michael Hughes; her daughter, Brittany Hughes; her brother, Michael Wayne Hughes; her sisters Amanda Hughes and Tabatha Hughes, a niece Aaliyah Hughes, nephews Lamar McDaniel and Major McDaniel, and grandchildren Kamerynn Curry and Natalie Hughes.

Services for friends and family were held at McCoy Funeral Home on Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2022.

Hollins, Sr., Joseph Harold

Joseph Harold Hollins, Sr., 88, went to be with his Lord on Friday, Oct. 21, 2022, at his home in Radford surrounded by his family.

He was a retired rural postal carrier with 40 years of service and was a member of the Radford Church of God. He was preceded in death by his parents, Elson P. and Rosie B. Hollins; brothers Pearman, Jr., Frank and Johnny Hollins; and step-granddaughter, Regina.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 66 years, Lula Long Hollins; sons and daughters-in-law Joseph, Jr. "Joey" and Lois Hollins, and Steve and Marcy Hollins; daughters and sons-in-law, Cindy and Jay Dowdy, and Cathy and Darrell Smith; grandchildren Jeff, (Robin) Scott (Karen), Brian (Jessica), Courtney (Richard), Daniel

(Alison) and Micaela (Keigan); step grandchildren Renee, Rhonda, Jason (Lori), Michael and Morgan; great-grandchildren Lily, Abby, Becky, Chandler, Cassy, Emilee, Sully, Owen, Malachi, Ezra, and Amariya; step great-grandchildren Wes, Livy, Tauren, Laney, Landon, and Maddie; brothers and sisters-in-law Ted and Sandy Hollins, Roger and Martha Hollins, and David "Gene" and Pat Hollins; sisters and brothers-in-law Rosa Ann and Les Fisher and Charlotte and Raymond Akers; and many other relatives and friends.

The family especially thanks his loving caregivers, Mandy and Casey, and the Medi Home Health and Hospice team, Marsha, Barbara,

Shane, Diana Marie Simmons

Diana Marie Simmons Shane, 79, of Belspring, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2022.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Francis and Prudie Simmons; her husband, James Allen Shane; a grandson, Jamie Brown; sisters Elizabeth Cottrell, Dwanda Burack, and Virginia Sumpter; and a brother, Francis Simmons.

Survivors include her sons, Jeffrey Allen Shane and Christopher Ryan Shane; a daughter, Shannon Marie Shane; grandchildren Jesse Austin Shane and Kayla Marie Brown;



two great-grandchildren; a brother, Robert Simmons; a canine companion, Maggie May; and many other relatives, and friends.

The family received friends on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services followed with Ginny Tompkins officiating. Interment followed at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin.

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

ONLINE AUCTION

Ends Wednesday November 2nd @ 3 PM
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Location: Property is beside 2671 Julia Simpkins Rd. See sign.

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VDOT ROAD WATCH

The following is a list of forecasted highway projects that may impact traffic traveling in the 12-county Salem Transportation District this week. Work schedules and construction project timelines are always subject to change and weather dependent. The Salem District covers Bedford, Botetourt, Carroll, Craig, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Henry, Montgomery, Patrick, Pulaski and Roanoke counties.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY
I-81 NORTHBOUND AT EXIT 105 NEW RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY – Traffic on northbound I-81 has been switched onto the newly constructed bridge over the New River at the Montgomery/Pulaski County line. The old bridge is being demolished. Lane and shoulder closures may be in place near exit 105. Lane closure may be in effect during the week from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Shoulder closures may be in effect at any time during the week. Slow rolls may be performed on I-81 in the north and southbound lanes from mile marker 98 to 109. Speed limit is reduced to 60 miles per hour in the work zone. Shoulder closures will remain in place though the duration of the project. Project completion is estimated by summer 2023.

ROUTE 605: Intermittent flagging operations will be present on Route 605, located under the New River Bridge, for work overhead on the bridge.

LANE CLOSURES: Nighttime alternating lane closures will be in place on I-81 northbound between mile markers 104-106 from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning.

SLOW ROLLS: Slow rolls may be utilized periodically on both the northbound and southbound lanes from mile marker 98-109 for structural steel deliveries and setting beams.

ROUTE 615 CULVERT REPLACEMENT – The Route 615 (Pilot Road) culvert replacement is currently underway. It is located at the intersection of Pilot Road and Old Pike Road, across from the Pilot Post Office. The Road is now open. Flagging operations may continue to be in place. Route 615 will be limited to one 10-foot lane.

ROUTE 8 EVENT TRAFFIC CONGESTION - Route 8 may experience heavy traffic on fall weekends due to congestion related to tourist events at local farms in the area. If possible, motorists should utilize detours to avoid traveling on Route 8 between Christiansburg and Riner during the peak hours of 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

INTERSTATE 81
INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDENING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT EXIT 137 TO EXIT 141 – A \$179 million design-build project to widen

both directions of I-81 between mile markers 136.6 and 141.8 from two to three lanes is set to begin. Starting in February and continuing into the early summer, work will be performed on the inside and outside shoulders along a five mile section of both northbound and southbound Interstate 81 in Roanoke County and the city of Salem. The shoulders will be built up before a barrier wall can be installed for road crews to work behind. A barrier wall will be installed along the shoulders in the spring and summer. Two lanes of I-81 traffic in each direction will remain open during the project with periodic lane closures scheduled during nighttime hours or outside of peak travel times as needed. Drivers can expect the following lane closures and upcoming impacts on northbound and southbound I-81:

WORK ZONE SPEED: With narrow spacing in lanes due to barrier walls, lack of shoulders and lane shifts in various locations, drivers should adhere to posted 60 mph speed limits in the work zone and allow space when following a vehicle.

RAMP CLOSURES: Ramp closures at exit 137 are possible during nighttime hours, 12 a.m., to 5 a.m. Drivers should watch for message boards dates and times the ramp will be closed.

LANE CLOSURES: Alternating left and right lane and shoulder closures during nighttime hours between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, are possible. Lane widths will be reduced to 11 feet.

- o Northbound lane closures from I-81 mile marker 136 to 141.
- o Southbound Lane closures from I-81 mile marker 141 to 136.

Nightly lane closures may be in place along the right lane with possible nightly ramp narrows as needed for guardrail and shoulder strengthening.

Northbound I-81 lane closures from mile marker 138 to 142

Northbound I-81 exit and entrance ramp narrows possible at Route 311.

The project also includes replacing six bridges, widening two bridges, installing approximately 2.6 miles of sound barrier walls along northbound I-81, improving the southbound exit 137 off-ramp intersection at Wildwood Road and adding interchange lighting at exits 137, 140 and 141 are also included in the project. Expected completion in early 2026.

I-81 TROUTVILLE REST AREA CLOSURE - The Troutville Rest Area located on southbound Interstate 81 near mile marker 158 in Botetourt County will remain closed until before Thanksgiving to support holiday travel. The opening scheduled for the end of September has been rescheduled due to the contractor encountering challenges with a slope on the project.

Signage indicating the closure is posted in the rest area. A temporary concrete barrier wall will remain in place in front of the facility. The rest area facility, ramps and parking lot are closed to the public. This project will extend the ramp into the rest area by 500 feet and the ramp out of the rest area by 2,100 feet. It will also include expanding the truck parking area at the facility by about 10-13 spaces.

REST AREA OPTIONS: While the Troutville Rest Area is closed, southbound I-81 drivers can use the Fairfield Rest Area at mile marker 195 in Rockbridge County or the Radford Rest Area at mile marker 108 in Montgomery County. In addition, the Troutville Weigh Station, located on southbound I-81 at mile marker 149, will have portable toilets and parking will be temporarily available for commercial vehicles.

I-81 BRIDGE DECK REPAIRS – Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 81. Between mile markers 138 to 152, right and left lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

INTERSTATE 581
ROUTE 581 BRIDGE WORK OVER WILLIAMSON ROAD –On Route 11 (Williamson Road) drivers can expect intermittent and alternating lane closures between the intersections with Rutherford Avenue and Wells Avenue. Intermittent daytime and nighttime lane closures between the intersections above might be required, and will be in place utilizing flagging operations. Any impacts to I-581 will be minimal. The project is expected to be completed by December 2022.

LANE CLOSURES:
A left lane closure will be in place on northbound and southbound I-581 from mile marker 0-1, Monday at 7 a.m. through Wednesday at 7 p.m.

o A right lane closure will be in place on northbound and southbound I-581 from mile marker 0-1, Thursday at 7 a.m. through Saturday at 7 p.m.

o A left and center lane closure will be in place on northbound and southbound I-581 from mile marker 0-1, Saturday at 5 p.m. through Sunday at 2 p.m.

A right lane closure may be in place on Route 11 northbound between the intersections of Rutherford Avenue and Wells Avenue periodically.

Nighttime left lane closures for both the northbound and southbound directions of Route 11 are possible between the intersections referenced above.

I-581/220 LANE & RAMP CLOSURES FOR PAVING AND MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS IN

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Annetta, Sue, Robbie, and Megan for all their love and support.

The family received friends on Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2022, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services followed with the Rev. Joseph

Hollins, Jr. officiating. Interment followed in Mountain View Cemetery in Pulaski County.

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

Deisher, Sharon Lynn

Sharon Lynn Deisher, 45, passed away unexpectedly at home in Radford on Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2022. She was preceded in death by her father, Ronald Lee Rife.

Survivors include her mother, Diana Lynn Deisher; sons Tevin Black (Alli), Malik Toney, and Maurice Toney; grandchildren Jeremiess, and one on the way; and a host of other relatives and friends.



The family received friends on Friday, Oct. 28, 2022, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford.

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

Chrisley, Raymond Eugene “Gene”

Raymond Eugene “Gene” Chrisley, 79, of Radford, passed away Saturday, October 22, 2022.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Frances Chrisley; his parents, James Chrisley and Louise Turpin; a special brother and friend, Walter D. Chrisley; and a grandson, Cody Chrisley.

Gene served in Vietnam as a Navy Seabee. Upon his return home from Vietnam, he continued his work as a carpenter and contractor, traveling the United States doing various construction builds. While leaving his three sons with the knowledge of construction trades, Gene was always making jokes and never took anything too seriously. In his younger years he was



also enjoyed shooting matches and auto racing.

Survivors include his sons, Todd Chrisley and Melissa, Mark Chrisley, and Timmy Chrisley; seven grandchildren: Justin, Melanie, Ford, Lanie, Seleana, MaKayla, and Chelsie; two great-grandchildren: Lane and Levi; three brothers, and one sister; a special nephew, Kent Chrisley; and many other relatives and friends.

The family received friends on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford.

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

Graham, Margaret “Judy” Crouse

Margaret “Judy” Crouse Graham, 78, of Radford, passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2022.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Eldridge and Margaret Crouse; and her brother, Douglas Crouse.

Survivors include her husband of 58 years, Windell L. Graham; daughters Amanda H. Graham and Judith Spangler; grandchildren Emma is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford.



Mac Allen Crouse; and many other relatives and friends.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in her name to either Fairlawn United Methodist Church or to the Children’s Miracle Network.

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

Graham, Norma Jean

Norma Jean Graham, 88, went to be with the Lord on Oct. 24, 2022.

Born in 1934 in Crystal, W.Va., Norma attended McComas High School where she met Jack Graham, her future husband of 60 years. After graduation, she and Jack moved to Christiansburg in 1952, where they started a family that would include four children. She graduated from Radford University with a bachelor’s degree in education in 1970 and began teaching first through fifth grade at Christiansburg Elementary, and eventually sixth grade English at Christiansburg Middle School.

She spent a year also teaching in the gifted and talented program and went on to earn a master’s degree in education from Virginia Tech. Norma taught for 16 years in the Montgomery County Public Schools before retiring in 1986.

After retiring, Norma and Jack purchased a home in Shallotte, N.C., where they spent many years enjoying numerous family vacations at the beach with their children and grandchildren. Throughout her life, she shared her passion for travel with Jack, taking many vacations and visiting places such as Germany, Austria, Egypt, Canada, and Bermuda.

Norma was a proud patron of the Montgomery County Museum of Art and History in Christiansburg. She and Jack even found time to take flying lessons at the Virginia Tech Airport. In addition, Norma



loved cooking, sewing, knitting, and crocheting among her many hobbies. She was a member of St. Paul’s Methodist Church.

She is survived by her sister, Judy Grose; brothers Wayne and David Black; brother-in-law James (Dawn)

Graham and special aunt Mitzi East, all of West Virginia; children Becky Graham Wirt, Joel Graham, Elaine (Bill) Campbell, and Tracy (Melissa) Graham; grandchildren Joshua Wirt, Ben Campbell, Jordan Campbell, Caleb (Tashe) Graham, Camron (Callie) Graham, and Pallah Graham; great-grandchildren Landon Helman and Chloe Graham, and several nieces and nephews.

Norma was preceded in death by her husband, Jack; a granddaughter, Lesley Wirt; a son-in-law Carl Wirt; and a brother, Ted Black.

The family wishes to express their heartfelt gratitude to the entire staff of the Radford Health and Rehab Center for the special care and kindness they gave Norma and to all of the family. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Montgomery County Museum of Art and History; 4 East Main St. Christiansburg, VA 24073 <https://montgomerymuseum.org>.

A private celebration of life will be held at Roselawn Memorial Gardens, followed by interment.

Borman, John Robert

John Robert Borman, 72, of Manfred Borman, Christiansburg, died Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2022, at his home.

He was born in St. Charles, Ill., on Aug. 23, 1950, to the late Robert Charles and Phyllis Bragg Borman. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army having served during the Vietnam Conflict.

John enjoyed working at the Lyric Theatre for many years.

He was a member of Leon and McCoy VFW Post 5311.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy Smith Borman; sons Danny Maxey, Jr., and his wife, Jeannie, and Robert



grandchildren Emmy and Ally; great-grandchildren Noah, Cade, and Sky; sisters and brothers-in-law Linda and Bob Koelman, and Robin and Takashi Haruna; aunt Coanne Johnson; and several other relatives and special furry companions Cooper, Sweetie Pie, and Gibbs.

The family sends special thanks to Carilion New River Valley Hospice, especially to nurse Bruce and musical therapists, Kelly, Paul Smith, and Dan Maderic. Per John’s request, no services will be held.

HOME AND COUNTRY

by Slim Randles

Of Windy, Nurse Sprint, and flu shots

You get them flu shots ever’ fall? I try not to, but Doc has this year nurse that’s not only stouter’n a streetsweeper, but fleet of foot as well. This year’s Windy, a-course. So, yeah, I prit-nearly allus get one a-them shots each fall.

But I been workin’ on a way to either speed me up or slow her down. Ever seen on them summer Olympics the relay race? You know, when one guy’s runnin’ and he sticks out a stick and the next guy takes it for a while? Thass what that there nurse looks like in hot pursuit ‘cept it’s a hypothermic needle and not a stick in

her hand. Now you know ol’ Doc makes fun a-me ever’ dang time she catches up. A- course, she could stand to run off a few calories here and there, mostly there. Truth be told, wouldn’t hurt me none, neither.

When Doc stops laughin’ he usually says, “Windy, I don’t think you’re any faster’n you was last year.”

“Nope,” I admitted, “but I think she is.”

Oh, I tried to talk Doc out of it. Honest. I told him I been particler good this last year and took my vitermins and minerales and drank my fruity juice and all that stuff. See, I figgered if he got impressionated enough with my diet, I might could slip away from Vampira for one year.

But it seems like somethin’ always happens to that there plan a-mine.

For example, Doc looked at me while Nurse Sprint was in the corner, sharpenin’ her needle and lookin’

funny at my fanny.

“So Windy,” Doc said, “you been drinkin’ your fruit juices?”

“Yessir!” I replied.

“Let me guess ... was this juice mixed up with gin or vodka?”

“Well”

Doc nodded to the nurse. I didn’t even make it as far as the restroom door.

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Financial Focus: How should you pay for short-term financial goals?

As you go through life, you will likely have long- and short-term financial goals. But how will your strategies for meeting your long-term goals differ from those needed for your short-term ones?

If you’re like most people, your biggest long-term goal is achieving a comfortable retirement. And for this goal, a common strategy is putting away money in tax-advantaged retirement vehicles, such as your 401(k) and IRA.

So, how should you go about preparing for shorter-term goals, such as a family vacation, home renovation, a wedding or a major purchase?

For starters, determine what your goal is, how much you can spend on it and when you’ll need the money. Even if you can’t pinpoint a precise amount, you can develop a good estimate. Of course, the sooner you start this process, the better off you’ll be because you’ll have more

time to save.

Your next decision involves the manner in which you save for your short-term goal. Specifically, what savings or investment vehicles should you use? The answer will be different for everyone, but you need to make sure that your investments align with your risk tolerance and time horizon. And you’ll want to ensure, as much as possible, that a certain amount of money is available for you at the specific time you’ll need it.

If you aren’t able to save enough to reach a short-term goal, you have other options: You can borrow what you need, or you can potentially sell investments to cover the cost. How can you decide which choice is best?

To help make up your mind, you’ll first want to consider some of the most common borrowing options: credit cards, home equity loans, personal loans and

margin loans. (A margin loan lets you borrow against the value of investments you already own.) How might each of these loans fit into your overall financial strategy? Will the repayment schedule work with your cash flow and budget?

You’ll then want to compare the costs and benefits of borrowing, in whatever form, against selling investments. For example, if you can borrow at a lower interest rate compared to the return you think you can get from your investments, borrowing might be a reasonable choice. You’ll also need to consider other factors such as your credit score, taxes, fees associated with selling investments, and the time needed to repay debts. If, for instance, selling investments will trigger a large amount of taxes, borrowing might be preferable.

You’ll also want to consider whether there is a penalty or high costs associated with selling investments. In addition, if

you have a long-time horizon for a loan, you may want to sell investments to avoid paying interest for a longer period of time and thus driving up the overall cost of borrowing.

Finally, keep in mind that you may have built an investment mix designed to align with your goals and risk tolerance. If you were to sell any of these investments to meet short-term needs, you would want to consider the need to rebalance your portfolio to maintain your desired asset allocation.

As you can see, there’s a lot to think about when it comes to paying for short-term goals. But by carefully evaluating your options, you can make the choices that are right for your needs.

Submitted by local Edward Jones Financial Advisor Meghan Kuczmarski (540) 552-1421.

Road watch

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ROANOKE COUNTY– Weather permitting, crews will be milling and paving along Interstate 81. Right and left lane closures will be in place along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours. Drivers should expect possible delays.

I-581 BRIDGE REPAIRS – Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 581. Right,

center and left lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays. Scheduled traffic impacts include:

• Left or right lane closures may be in place on I-581 northbound from Orange Avenue to Valley View

Boulevard from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• Left or right lane closures may be in place on I-581 from Valley View Boulevard to Orange Avenue from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Flagging operations may be in place on Liberty Road NW from Lukens Street NE to Hunt Avenue NW from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Candy

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from heat and light at room temperature of about 70 degrees. Stored in this manner, the candy should last 6 to 9 months. If the packaging has not been opened, soft sweets will last approximately 12 months.

Candy corn – If the packaging has been opened, candy corn should be stored under the same conditions as soft candies and will last approximately 3 to 6 months. Unopened packages will last about 9 months.

Gum – As long as the packaging remains sealed, most gum products have a shelf life of 6 to 9 months. To maximize freshness, keep chewing-gum packages in a cool, dry place and out of any direct sunlight.

Caramel – Caramel treats should be kept covered, away from heat and light at room temperature. Stored properly, caramel should last 6 to 9 months and even up to 12 months in some cases.

As a rule of thumb, Hamilton said that partially eaten or opened candies should be stored in airtight containers, whether plastic storage bags or airtight containers, in order to increase its shelf life.

Homemade Halloween sweets, though, are best enjoyed shortly after concocted in the kitchen, such as caramel- or candy-coated apples, crispy rice treats, fudge, and more, Hamilton said.

“For items that are fully cooked to their crunchy and sticky best, these usually

last at room temperature for anywhere from four to seven days,” Hamilton said. “Coated apples are a risk if partially eaten and not kept in the fridge. These can be safely enjoyed for up to four days after partially eating them. Of course, these storage recommendations are only a factor if these aren’t gobbled up before they even make it to a container.”

Properly made fudge can be stored at room temperature for up to a week. Fudge, along with coated apples, jams or jammy-candies, and some fondant or cream-based candies could benefit from the added shelf-life of storing in the fridge, according to Hamilton, along with any candy that is partially eaten. Homemade food items – including those

in the fridge – should all be kept in airtight containers.

There are some easy ways to tell if items have gone bad, Hamilton says.

Off-odors or off-flavors.

If something fuzzy is growing, don’t eat it.

If a sealed package looks bloated, don’t eat it. The bloating likely means something is growing inside, especially if the package is pressed on and the bloating returns.

A recommendation as old as Dracula himself is when in doubt, throw it out.

If candy is left out to melt and stored in the fridge to resolidify, it is still generally safe to eat even if it looks like Frankenstein.

Events

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Church, 1020 Tyler Ave., Radford. All skill levels of quilters are welcome. For more information, call Anna Handy, 540-320-7791.

Sunday, Nov. 13:

Women’s only swim night

At the Christiansburg Aquatic Center, 6 to 8 p.m. This is a celebration of girl power. All participants, including the staff, will be women. The cost is \$6 and attendees must register by Nov. 7. Call 540-381-POOL to register.

Monday, Nov. 14:

Montgomery County Board of Supervisors meeting

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors will meet at the Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St. in Christiansburg with a closed meeting beginning at 6 p.m., followed by an open session at 7:15 p.m. Citizens are invited to attend and will be allowed to speak at each meeting. All regular meetings of the Board of Supervisors are rebroadcast on Montgomery County Comcast and Shentel Channels 190 daily.

Radford City Council meeting

The Radford City Council will meet in the Starnes Council Chambers at the Radford Municipal Building, 10 Robertson St.; 7 p.m. Agenda can be found at www.radfordva.gov.

Tuesday, Nov. 15:

Legislative update

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce will present a legislative update to discuss the chamber’s 2023 legislative agenda at Warm Hearth Village, 2387 Warm Hearth Dr., Blacksburg, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Several of the representatives from the Virginia House and Senate will be on hand.

Blacksburg Town Council meeting

The Blacksburg Town Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 S. Main St. These meetings are open to the public and are televised live on WTOB Channel 2.

Christiansburg Town Council meeting

The Christiansburg Town Council will meet at 7 p.m. in the council chambers of Town Hall (100 E. Main St.).

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High Point University and Gardner-Webb University on the women's side, along with the Longwood University men's basketball team, have been chosen as the favorites in the Big South Conference's annual preseason polls for the 2022-23 season.

For the first time since 2009-10 and just the second time in league history, two schools tied for the top spot in the women's poll. High Point, the 2021 Big South Champion, and Gardner-Webb each finished with 92 points from the voting panel.

HPU received five of the 10 first-place votes while GWU collected four top plaudits. The Panthers return five starters and 10 letterwinners from 2021-22, and

the Runnin' Bulldogs have four starters back along with 11 letterwinners. High Point is the preseason favorite for the second consecutive year and the third time overall while Gardner-Webb is in the top spot for the first time.

Receiving the remaining first-place vote, Campbell was voted third in the women's poll.

Radford placed fourth in the poll with 55 points, just ahead of UNC Asheville's 52 points.

Defending men's champion Longwood is the preseason favorite for the first time as the voting panel of head coaches and media bestowed 16 first-place votes and 195 total points upon the Lancers.

Winthrop followed in second place with 170 points and one first-place vote, followed by UNC Asheville in the third spot with 159 points and two first-place nods. Gardner-Webb landed in the fourth position with 136 points with High Point in fifth-place with 89 points.

Campbell and Radford tied for sixth with 88 points

each,

For the third straight year, Radford did not have a player listed on the men's or women's preseason team list.

UNC Asheville senior forward Drew Pember (Knoxville, Tenn.) was voted the 2022-23 Big South Conference Men's Basketball Preseason Player of the Year by the league's head coaches and media panel. Pember is the fifth UNC Asheville student-athlete to be voted Preseason Player of the Year, the first one since 2011-12. In his first season in a Bulldog uniform in 2021-22, Pember was voted the Big South's Defensive Player of the Year and was named First-Team All-Conference.

Gardner-Webb junior forward Alasia Smith (Johnson City, Tenn.) was voted the 2022-23 Big South Conference Women's Basketball Preseason Player of the Year by the league's head coaches. Smith is the first player from Gardner-Webb to receive the conference's top preseason honor.

Auburn's Avery Zuckerwar hits the ball back across the net during this week's 25-16, 25-12, 25-21 win over Bland. Zuckerwar finished with 10 kills and 12 digs.



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Madeline Lavergne passes the ball to an Auburn teammate during Tuesday's three-set defeat of Bland. Lavergne had 18 kills and eight digs in the win. Madison Ketterer added 33 assists.

Christiansburg's #5 Braelynn Williams and #14 Ela Shepherd go up for the block in the Battle of the Burgs Tuesday. Williams got credit for the block, but Blacksburg went on to win in three sets, 25-18, 25-23 and 25-22. Williams finished with seven blocks and eight kills.



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Christiansburg's Sierra Campbell pops the ball up for a teammate during Tuesday's Battle of the Burqs. won by Blacksburg.

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CPOs find baited blind

During the course of the 2021 early duck season, Virginia Conservation Police Sergeant Rich Goszka and Master Officer Mark Sanitra attempted to locate an excessive amount of shots in Cedar Run Creek between Fauquier and Prince William Counties but did not find the source.

On October 7, 2022, the officers again heard an excessive amount of shooting and, after investigation, located the hunting area. Upon inspection of the hunting area, the officers located a water impoundment adjacent to the creek with a blind and a cell trail camera focused on corn placed in front of it. Another blind was located on a sandbar in the creek and another cell trail camera focused on corn in the creek. The officers located numerous empty shell casings, but the group had left the area.

During the early morning hours of October 8, 2022, Sgt. Goszka, Master

Officer Mark Sanitra, and Officer First Class Roger Palmisano navigated to the remote area and began surveilling the baited blinds. At 6:30 a.m., four hunters entered the creek blind and began their illegal hunt. At 7:30 a.m., and after 21 shots were fired, the officers contacted the group. The group was found to have killed seven wood ducks and two that could not be recovered. Each member of the group knew the area was baited. Further investigation revealed that on October 7, 2022, the same group hunted the baited area, killing 14 wood ducks, and those carcasses were recovered. All four subjects were charged with two counts of hunting a baited area and one subject was charged with exceeding their limit of wood ducks.

~ Molly Kirk
Department of Wildlife Resources



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Motor Mile crowns 2022 champions

Motor Mile Speedway hosted the SMART Modified Tour Saturday night October 22, for what turned out to be the track’s championship night.

The SMART Tour was originally scheduled to be at Motor Mile Oct. 1, but the heavy rain from the remnants of Hurricane Ian forced a reschedule. SMART already had races scheduled for October 8 and 15 at other tracks so Saturday night was the only option. The shift in dates meant that SMART finished its points championship battle in front of the hometown crowd at Motor Mile.

The SMART Modified tour’s championship run is similar to that of the NASCAR Cup and other racing divisions. A “playoff” of sorts narrowed the field down to three drivers called the “SMART Three” headed into the weekend: Caleb Heady, Bobby Labonte, and Brandon Ward. Nineteen years old, Heady was the youngest rising star. Ward has raced many different disciplines over the years, and Labonte is most

well known as the 2000 NASCAR Winston Cup champion, the 1991 Busch Series champion and the 2001 True Value IROC championship.

Ward was the race winner at Motor Mile, but it was mathematically impossible to gain enough to beat Caleb Heady, who finished as the 2022 SMART Mod Tour Champ.

The night also included a special tribute to local racing legend Paul Radford who was on site and interviewed trackside before the race. The race was renamed “The Radford Race” in his honor.

In addition to the visiting SMART Tour, it was championship night for two of the local classes in the NASCAR Weekly Racing Series at Motor Mile, Super Street and Sportsman.

The Super Street drivers came in with a very tight points race with only five points separating first place veteran driver Hank Turman and second place youngster Bryce Blake. Third-place driver Ray Sowers was only 40 points back, and Joe White and Scooter Hollandsworth trailed

the leaders by only 60 points..

With a points race that tight and two races in the final night, the championship was up for grabs. The first race went to Mat Gusler, who was not a contender in the points as he missed two races earlier in the season. But the long shots 60 points back made the strongest finishes as White finished second and Hollandsworth cme in third.

Bryce Blake, Hank Turman, and Ray Sowers all were involved in incidents putting them out of contention and turning the points race upside down heading into the next race. In the second race of the evening, White came out on top, winning for the second time this season to claim the championship, edging out Hank Turman.

The championship was White’s first at Motor Mile in his 20-year racing career.

The Sportsman division, often referred to as “Limited,” already had its championship sealed up by 10-time winner this season, Karl Budzevski. But being named the champion before

the first lap was even taken did not stop Buzevski from driving the same way he had all year: wide open.

Budzevski won both races in the two-race championship night to break what is believed to be the record for Sportsman: twelve wins in a single season. Daryn Cockram and Eric Wallace rounded out the top three in race one, and Jacob Porter and Richard Caldwell completed the field of the top three finishers in the second race.

This event concluded the racing action at Motor Mile Speedway for the season. Asked about next year, President and CEO Mark Ebert said, “The ice out opener is set and much more information is still to come about next year. Big changes are coming that will lure even more big names to the track!” So that is a strong yes: Racing will be back next year.

Meanwhile, Motor Mile Dragway had “The Break In” 660 No-Prep Series today, Saturday, Oct. 29, and has “Madness At The Mile” scheduled for this weekend, Nov. 4-6.

WalletHub: Virginia has ninth-most powerful voters in House elections

With the 2022 election approaching and voters’ influence varying from state to state, the personal finance website WalletHub has released its report on 2022’s States with the Most and the Least Powerful Voters.

WalletHub compared the relative clout of 2022 voters in swinging the House, Senate and gubernatorial elections. To do that, WalletHub calculated a Voter Power Score for each state and for

each type of election.

The website determined that in the House elections, Virginia voters ranked as the ninth most powerful in the country.

The top 10 rankings by state clout were as follows:

Most Powerful Voters: House elections: 1. Minnesota 2. Alaska 3. Maine 4. Colorado 5. North Carolina 6. Georgia 7. Pennsylvania 8. Michigan 9.

Virginia 10. Florida.

Most Powerful Voters: Senate elections: 1. Wyoming 2. Vermont 3. Alaska 4. New Hampshire 5. North Dakota 6. South Dakota 7. Delaware 8. Montana 9. Rhode Island 10. Maine

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