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Council incumbents re-elected along with three newcomers



Heather Bell

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RADFORD - Radford Mayor David Horton and council member Jessie Foster were re-elected to four-year terms in Tuesday's election and will be joined by three new council members.

Horton, who was running unopposed, garnered 2,481 votes (77.27%), and 730 write-in votes (22.73%) were cast. Of the write -in votes, 519 were cast for former Radford vice-mayor Keith Marshall, 133 were cast for multiple individuals and 98 were invalid (Mickey Mouse, none of the above,

Foster received 1,715 votes (16.07%). Seth J. Gillespie (2,127 votes, 19.94%) earned the most votes in the council contest and will join Horton and Foster for a four-year term. Kellie Banks Artrip (1,702 votes, 15.95%) and Bobby L. Davis Jr. (1,491 votes, 13.98%) will fill the unexpired terms of two council members who resigned before their terms were finished and will serve until the end of

Artrip and Davis will begin their terms 'as soon as the Electoral Board Certifies and issues a certificate of Election" explained Radford Voter Registrar Tracy Howard. Gillespie's term will begin Jan. 1, 2023.

"[The certification] can't happen until Tuesday after certifying the remaining ballots on Monday," said Howard. "Their terms will end on Dec. 31, 2024. The next council election will be concurrent with the 2024 presidential election."

Howard said a few ballots remain to be

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Three new Radford city school board members elected

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RADFORD – Three new members of the Radford City School current members of the board this January Tuesday's election. three The

incumbents terms were up for Liz re-election Altieri, George "Lynn" Burris, and Lee Slusher - chose not to run for another term. The new members are Gloria W. Boyd, who earned 2,138 votes (28.76%), В. Calfee, who received 1,882 votes (25.32%), and R. Jane Swing, who garnered 1,710 votes (23.00%). It was a close race, with the Ed J. Dickenson, receiving 1,609 votes (21.64%). There were 95 (1.28%) write-in

Boyd, a retired open City Public Schools, said she hopes to be a voice for all stakeholders in RCPS.

"I could not be more by the support and of Adult Education and

vote of confidence I have been given," she said. "My pledge was, and is, to be a voice for families, teachers, students, and all stakeholders. I stand on that pledge and look Board will join two forward to serving. Thank you for entrusting me with the well-being after being elected in and education of your children."

Calfee has children whose who attend RCPS and said he looks forward to bringing commonsense

reasoning to the board. "I am honored to be elected to serve all citizens of Radford as a school board member," he said. "I appreciate the trust that was placed in me by everyone who voted for me. I also hope to show everyone that through my willingness to have conversations with anyone, and then relay that information remaining candidate, to the rest of the board team, then I can prove that I have the best interest of all parents, students, and staff of RCPS at heart. Through conversations, teacher from Radford fair consideration, and responsible commonsense reasoning we can make our schools great

and best serve everyone." Swing retired as the grateful and humbled Director of the Office



Literacy at Radford University and is also a former K-12 teacher. She said she is excited to help make the best environment possible for RCPS students.

"I am honored to have earned a seat at the Radford City School Board table," she said. "I look forward to learning more about the strengths and challenges facing our school system. I am excited to direct my experience and energies to working with all stakeholders to provide the best educational environment possible for all of our students. This is a great opportunity to focus our work on being united as Radford

The school board members are elected to four-year The new members join School Board Chair Jenny Riffe and Vice-Chair Jody Ray.

Bobcats."

Contest looking for Radford's best autumn photographs

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RADFORD - Planetary Produce, Nursery Natives, and Feeding Appalachia are teaming up for a new contest designed to get people out to appreciate Radford's finest natural sites.

The Fall into Radford Nature Photo

Contest is open to the public and entries are being taken now.

Jesse Nealy of Nursery Natives said he thinks the contest is a great way to get people outside and to foster community connectivity.

"Radford is so beautiful, and it's a wonderful time of the year," said Nealy. "We believe a photo contest encourages residents to get outside, appreciate nature, and share special moments with each other. Opportunities to connect creatively and appreciate our city can strengthen our community as a whole."

Katie McFall of Planetary Produce agrees. "I'm really excited to see areas in Radford that I haven't seen before," she said. "Most of us have a few favorite spots or vistas,

and with cameras on our phones, a photo contest is a highly accessible way for the community to be creative and to celebrate the beauty of our city together. It would be great to have the local photography community emerge for this contest, and I hope that we might open the door for more

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Scott Evans, a postdoctoral researcher with Virginia Tech's Department of Geosciences, at a 2021 dig for Ediacaran fossils at the Nilpena Ediacara National Park in South Australia.

Geobiologists shine new light on Earth's first known mass extinction event 550 million years ago

A new study by Virginia Tech geobiologists traces the cause of the first known mass extinction of animals to decreased global oxygen availability, leading to the loss of a majority of animals present near the end of the Ediacaran Period some 550

million years ago. The research spearheaded by Scott Evans, a postdoctoral researcher in the Department of Geosciences, part of the Virginia Tech College of

Science, shows this earliest mass extinction of about 80 percent of animals across this

This included the loss of many different types of animals, however those whose body plans and behaviors indicate that they relied on significant amounts of oxygen seem to have been hit particularly hard," Evans said. "This suggests

that the extinction event was environmentally controlled, as are all other mass extinctions in the geologic record."

Evans's work published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, a peer-reviewed journal of the National Academy of Sciences. The study was co-authored by Shuhai Xiao, also a professor

See **Geobiologists**, page 4

Intelligent.com rates Radford one of Virginia's best online colleges

Accelerated degree programs cited as one highlight of rating

RADFORD - A national higher education resource guide has included Radford University in its newly released review of Virginia's top online colleges for the upcoming year with praise specifically targeted at the school's accelerated degree programs.

Intelligent.com, which provides program ratings and higher education planning, ranked Radford University in the upper end of its recent list, "Best Online Colleges in Virginia 2023.'

This recognition is an endorsement of the good work Radford's faculty and staff have done to put many of our important courses and entire programs online, making them more available to students with work or family obligations, regardless of their geographic location," Interim Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Marten denBoer

The company's guide identifies top schools in the state based on tuition costs, the number of credits required to graduate, and the online coursework delivery format.

The list itself derives from a methodology that ranks each institution from 1 to 100 across six categories, comparing each school according to tuition, admission, faculty, reputation, and retention and graduation rates, as well as the resources

provided for online students. On that basis, Radford University was rated 94.69 out of 100.

Additionally, the website gave Radford its award for Best Accelerated Degrees.

"Some of its [Radford University's] remote programs are incredibly unique, like the Master of Fine Arts in Design Thinking, which can be completed in two years and prepares graduates for leadership roles in a variety of industries," editors for Intelligent.com wrote.

"The university also offers several degree-completion programs through its Davis College of Business and Economics that are intended for working professionals who already have an associate degree and are looking to earn a bachelor's degree quickly," it added.

Noting that Radford is one of Virginia's doctorate-granting public universities, Intelligent.com pointed out that three of its doctorates could be earned entirely online.

- Becky Brackin Radford University

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, Nov. 12:

Bingo! Bingo!

At the Meadowbrook Public Library; 1:30 p.m. This is an afternoon of fun Bingo. Children are welcome, but they must be accompanied by an adult.

Winter wreath workshop

At the Blacksburg Library; 2 p.m. Welcome the winter season with a holiday-themed wreath workshop. This hands-on event will provide all the materials required to make a grapevine wreath. The staff will even teach participants how to make a ribbon bow. This workshop is recommended for adults, but families can work together if they wish. One wreath per family please. Registration is required, but if participants are working as a family, only one person need register. Spots are limited.

Family movie fun

At the Radford Public Library; 11 a.m. Superman's dog Krypto, the Super-Dog, must rescue his owner in the DC League of Superpets. Rated PG for action, mild violence, language, and rude humor. (2022)

Sunday, Nov. 13:

Women's only swim night

At the Christiansburg Aquatic Center, 6 to 8 p.m. This is an evening of girl power. All participants, including the staff, will be women. The cost is \$6. Call 540-381-POOL to register.

Knit and chat

At the Christiansburg Library; 2 p.m. Participants can bring their newest work in progress to knit, crochet, spin, or weave.

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. A closed session will begin at 6 p.m. if needed. An open session will follow 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.

English Conversation for Adults

At the Blacksburg Library; 6 p.m. English Conversation for Adults will be led by Carole and Bob Dellinger. Call the library at 540-552-8246 for more information. No childcare is provided for this class.

Crafting for the holiday: Scrabble ornament

At the Radford Public Library; 1 p.m. Participants will use scrabble tiles, a hot gun, and a few other items to assemble an ornament. Supplies will be provided while they last.

Monday movie matineeAt the Blacksburg Library; 1 p.m. A Korean-American family moves to an Arkansas farm

in search of their own American dream. Amid the challenges of this new life in the strange and rugged Ozarks, they find the undeniable resilience of family and what really makes a home. Rated PG-13.

STEM Club

At the Christiansburg Library; 1 p.m. This is a homeschool STEM club in which students will explore science, technology, engineering, and/or math. For ages 8 and up.

National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week

At the Meadowbrook Public Library; 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Participants are invited to drop in to make toys for their dogs, cats, and other furry friends. No registration is needed.

Monday, Nov. 14 through Friday, Nov. 18:

Teen glow-paint gloves

At the Radford Public Library; 3 to 5 p.m. Teens can spend an afternoon chilling and decorating gloves with glow paint.

Tuesday, Nov. 15:

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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 28, 2022, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the 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:

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A. Rezoning request by Town of Christiansburg, Property Owner, to rezone an approximately 50.539 acre portion of the property located on Booker Washington Pkwy NW; Tax Parcel 435 - ((A)) Parcel ID 270079, commonly known as "Christiansburg Huckleberry Park", from Agricultural District (A) to Single-Family Residential District (R-1) and an approximately 12.25 acre portion of the same property from Agricultural District (A) to General District (B-3) property is designated as Business/Commercial and Parks/Open Space 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

Environmental Permit

Public Notice

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a proposed permit that will allow the continued land application of water treatment plant residuals in Pulaski County, Virginia. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: November 12, 2022 to December 13, 2022 PERMIT NAME: Virginia Pollution Abatement issued by the Department of **Environmental Quality** (DEQ), pursuant to applicable water laws and regulations APPLICANT/PERMITTEE NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: City of Radford Water Treatment Plant, 20 Forest Ave. Radford VA 24141: VPA02069 NAME AND LOCATION OF PERMITTED ACTIVITY: New River Valley Airport, 5391 C.V. Jackson Road, Dublin, VA 24084 Pulaski County PROJECT DESCRIPTION: City of Radford Water Treatment Plant has applied for the reissuance of a permit authorizing the land application of water

treatment plant residuals to

land at the New River Valley

88.34 acres of agricultural

Airport located within

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Pulaski County. The permit will limit the application of nutrients and metals contained in these liquids to amounts that protect water quality and human health. PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PERMIT DECISION PROCEDURES: DEQ's preliminary decision is to issue a permit. Based on comments received on the draft permit, DEQ may make a final decision on the permit, or hold a public hearing on the draft permit. HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DE accepts comments and requests for public hearing by hand-delivery, e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the name, mailing address or email address of the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND **ADDITIONAL** INFORMATION: Susan Edwards; Blue Ridge Regional Office, 901 Russell Drive, Salem VA 24153, Phone: (540)795-9749: E-mail: Susan.Edwards@deg.virgin

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR INVITATION FOR BIDS AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Before the Council of the Town of Christiansburg for Execution of a Naming Advertising, and Sponsorship Agreement with the Town of Christiansburg for Naming, Advertising, and Sponsorship at the Christiansburg Huckleberry Park Facility. Pursuant to 2100, 15.2-2101, 15.2-2102, et seq., Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, the Town of Christiansburg, Virginia (Town) hereby gives notice that the Town is inviting bids from qualified bidders to enter into a Naming, Advertising, and Sponsorship Agreement (Naming Rights Agreement) with the Town. Under the Naming Rights Agreement, the successful bidder will have the right to have its name on the facilities at the Christiansburg Huckleberry Park complex located at Booker T. Washington Parkway, N.W., adjoining Peppers Ferry Road, N.W., Christiansburg, Virginia (a portion of Montgomery County Tax Map No. 435 ((A)) - 3A; Parcel ID 270079), subject to certain terms and conditions of such Naming Rights Agreement. The term of the Naming Rights Agreement shall be ten (10) years, starting on April 1, 2023 and ending March 31, 2033. The term of the Naming Rights Agreement is also subject to termination as set forth in the Naming Rights Agreement or in accordance with the law. The Naming Rights Agreement will also allow the successful bidder to have certain exclusive advertising rights at the Christiansburg Huckleberry Park Facility within the successful bidder's Product Category, as that term is defined in the Bid Form and Naming Rights Agreement. Any such agreement, use, and advertising being subject to approval of the Town.
If the Town elects to award

a Naming Rights

Agreement, Town Council

will be requested to adopt

an ordinance granting such

an award, which ordinance

will provide in substance for

a Naming Rights Agreement

as set forth above. A copy

and a draft of the Naming

Rights Agreement are on

Manager, Christiansburg

Town Hall, 100 E. Main

Street, Christiansburg,

Virginia 24073. Any

the Office of the Town

file and may be reviewed in

of the full text of the

proposed Ordinance

Montgomery County interested entity is invited to

submit a written bid, including a completed bid form, for a Naming Rights Agreement as set forth above. Each bidder shall submit at a minimum the following information:

1. The legal name of the

entity submitting the bid,

including the Identification

Number issued to it by the

Virginia State Corporation

Commission.

2. The aggregate amount of the annual payments for the naming right to be made to the Town of Christiansburg for such Naming Rights

Agreement. The minimum

acceptable amount is \$750,000.00. 3. The amount of the payments for each year of the term of the Naming Rights Agreement. The minimum acceptable amount for the first year of the term of the Naming

\$200,000.00.

4. The agreement of the bidder to make payments during each year in accordance with the schedule of payments set forth in the Naming Rights Agreement.

Rights Agreement is

5. The identification of the bidder's primary business which will constitute the bidder's Product Category for all purposes in the Naming Rights Agreement. The term "primary business" is defined in the Naming Rights Agreement.

6. The name proposed by the bidder for the Christiansburg Huckleberry

Park facility.
7. The financial ability of the bidder to make the payments that will be due during the first year of the

term of the Naming Rights

Agreement.
8. Information that (i) demonstrates the character, judgment, integrity, experience, and reputation of the bidder in the conduct of its business and performance of its contracts and agreements, and (ii) demonstrates the bidder's ability and commitment to collaborate with the Town in the promotion of the Christiansburg Huckleberry Park facility.

9. The agreement of the

bidder to execute the Naming Rights Agreement. 10. The bidder acknowledges that this process is subject to § 15.2-2100, et seq. Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, the bidder agrees, if its bid is accepted, to post a bond with surety in favor of the Town pursuant to § 15.2-2104, Code of Virginia (1950), as amended. 12. Other information as the

bidder deems appropriate.

Bids are to be submitted in

a sealed envelope or

container to the Town

Manager at the address

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noted herein on or before 7:00 p.m., local time, Tuesday, December 13, 2022. The outside of the bid envelope should be marked as follows: "Bid for Naming Rights Agreement with Town of Christiansburg for Naming, Advertising, and Sponsorship at the Christiansburg Huckleberry Park Facility, Not to Be Opened Until the Bid Opening at 7:00 p.m. on December 13, 2022." The bid should be addressed to the Office of the Town Manager, Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Mai Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, 24073. All bids received will be held by the Town Manager, unopened, until 7:00 p.m., local time, on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at which time they will be opened in the Council Chambers, Christiansburg

Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, 24073, and thereafter be publicly opened and read aloud in accordance with § 15.2-2102, Code of Virginia (1950), as amended. The Town reserves the right to cancel this Invitation for Bids and/or to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality or irregularity in the bids received, and to accept the bid which is deemed to be in the best interest of the Town. The necessary bid form, a copy of the proposed Naming Rights Agreement, and the proposed Ordinance may be obtained from the Town Manager's Office at the above address after Tuesday, November 1, 2022. Pursuant to the requirements of §§ 15.2-2100, et seq., Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, notice is hereby given that the Council of the Town of Christiansburg will hold a public hearing on the above matter at its regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., local time, or as soon thereafter as Council is available, in the Council Chamber, Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, 24073. The bids received will be announced and any additional bids may be received at this time. All parties and interested persons may appear on the above date and time and be heard on the matter. For further information on this

matter, you may contact the

Office of the Town Manager

at (540)382-6128. If you are

hearing, please contact the

12:00 noon on the Thursday

Town Manager's Office at

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Blacksburg High School students and the Sharing the Road team in front of the VTTI

ruck.

Outreach team teaches local students about driver safety

By Jacob Levin

Research shows that car, pickup truck, and SUV drivers, including teens, initiate more than 75 percent of incidents involving heavy trucks. The Virginia Tech Transportation Institute (VTTI) Sharing the Road with Trucks program is dedicated to reversing this by educating this group of young drivers.

"Over the past 30 years, we've done a lot of research to identify contributing factors to heavy vehicle crashes," said Matt Camden, team leader for VTTI's Research to Practice and Outreach group. "This program puts those lessons learned to practice so that we can teach people what we know about these types of crashes and what causes them, which ultimately leads to a future of safer

Camden and VTTI researchers Mark Golusky and Scott Tidwell lead the VTTI Sharing the Road team that travels to high schools across the mid-Atlantic to provide engaging learning opportunities for new teen drivers. Since the program began, the team has instructed over 13,000 students in virtual and in-person visits across five states: Virginia, Delaware, North Carolina, Maryland, and West Virginia. Now, with a new \$600,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation's High Priority Grant program to continue the outreach, the team estimates that the Sharing the Road program will be able to reach up to an additional 9,000 students this academic year.

One of the events that helps to build toward this goal and the mission of increasing driver safety was at Blacksburg High School on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1. Across the two-day series of sessions, nearly 200 driver's education students learned how to safely share the road with trucks.

During the demonstration, teen participants had the opportunity to see a semi-truck up close and experience the large blind spots from a semi-truck driver's perspective from behind the steering wheel to reinforce how difficult it is to see surrounding objects.

Researchers: Highly processed foods can share the addictive qualities of tobacco

When someone feels stressed, they might end up reaching for a bag of chips or a pizza.

"No one is going and grabbing the broccoli," said Alex DiFeliceantonio, associate director of the Center for Health Behaviors Research at the Fralin Biomedical Research Institute at VTC

DiFeliceantonio and Ashley N. Gearhardt, a psychology professor at the University of Michigan, analyzed whether highly processed foods such as sugary soft drinks, baked goods, chips, burgers and fries can be considered addictive by comparing their properties to those of tobacco.

In a Nov. 9 opinion and debate article in the journal Addiction, they conclude that their addictive potential "may be a key factor contributing to the high public health costs associated with a food environment dominated by cheap, accessible, and heavily marketed" highly processed foods.

Gearhardt and DiFeliceantonio

Gearhardt and DiFeliceantonio applied three scientific criteria outlined in the 1988 Surgeon General's report on tobacco products to highly processed foods. They found that highly processed foods share the addictive characteristics of tobacco because they cause compulsive use; have psychoactive, or mood-altering effects on the brain; and are highly reinforcing. They added a fourth attribute, informed by an advanced understanding of behavior and the human brain, that the foods "trigger strong urges and cravings."

"What we knew about the brain in 1988 is kind of laughable," DiFeliceantonio said. "The idea that dopamine is important for these processes is actually relatively new."

There is a consensus that all addictive substances increase dopamine release in the brain's reward circuits. Gearhardt and DiFeliceantonio note that when delivered orally, highly processed foods and nicotine increase dopamine in the same part of the brain at a similar magnitude — 150 percent to 200 percent over baseline

for highly-processed foods compared to 150 percent to 250 percent for nicotine.

The hallmarks of highly processed foods are that they lack fiber; they include a significant amount of added sugar, salt and fat; and their nutrition labels include a long list of often unrecognizable ingredients. They have become a growing part of the American diet as manufacturers have produced inexpensive, convenient foods with a long shelf life.

"The ability of highly processed foods to rapidly deliver unnaturally high doses of refined carbohydrates and fat appear key to their addictive potential," DiFeliceantonio said.

"Minimally processed, nourishing foods, such as fruits and vegetables, do not meet these addiction criteria," Gearhardt said. Tobacco manufacturers and the general public were slow to accept that tobacco was addictive and harmful. "This delayed the implementation of effective strategies to address this public health crisis."

"There is no agreed upon amount by which a drug has to increase dopamine for us to consider it addictive," DiFeliceantonio said. "Even though we know a lot more about the neurochemical signature of a lot of these processes, we don't actually use them to define addiction."

So how does this help improve human health?

"Making a mistake and classifying these substances as addictive when they're not causes less harm than the other way around," DiFeliceantonio said. She hopes the debate gets more people thinking and talking about the addictive qualities of highly processed foods and their impact on human health, and that it drives demand for more research.

"I'm willing to see data on either side, but the truth is we need to run better experiments rigorously designed to test these ideas," she said.

- Leigh Anne Kelley,

Virginia Tech Dir. of Communications

New cows at veterinary college enhance learning opportunities

The cows have come home.

The Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine recently welcomed several new residents — of the bovine variety. The college is now home to 21 dairy cows that will aid in the education of veterinary students.

The cows will help

veterinary students learn many different skills. Under the guidance of faculty, students will learn handling, restraint, and basic husbandry as well as how to put cows into a chute for health checks and vaccines. As they progress through the curriculum, students will learn how to assess milk quality and how to perform diagnostic techniques such as rectal palpation.

"Virginia Tech was built as an agricultural university, that's part of our heritage. I think it's a cool thing to see that coming in," said Virginia Edwards, collegiate assistant professor and service chief of Animal Care for Education (ACE). The ACE team provides husbandry, care, enrichment to the animals who assist the veterinary teaching program.

"We absolutely need cows to teach veterinary students with," said Sierra Guynn, clinical assistant professor of production management medicine in the Department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences. "Dairy cows

are better because they're handled and have a much smaller flight zone as they are handled twice a day regularly."

In the past, the

veterinary college has used College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) facilities, but logistical issues have made the

new facility a necessity.

Having cows so close

to the college will help with class scheduling and student commute.

"The ability to come from class in the morning, to jump out here real quick, to go to class in the afternoon without 40

minutes of driving is a big

advantage," said third-

year student Josh Smith

of Syracuse, president of

the Food Animal Club.

"It's nice to be near the school because all of our supplies are here," said third-year student McKenzie Kyger of Ocean City, Md. "So if we need another clinician, they're right there. If we need more ultrasounds or palpation sleeves or anything like

that, it's close by."

In the future, the veterinary college plans on acquiring cows from other farms and will seek out cows of different ages, which will better represent what veterinary students will encounter in practice.

"We have the teaching herd for about two months in the fall and two months in the spring," Guynn said. "All three of the years will use the herd starting with The Normal Animal course in year one, then the Breathing and Circulating and Eating and Eliminating in year two, and then the third years will use them in Food Animal Theriogenology."

Getting the cows to campus has truly been a team effort, with many people across the university working in collaboration to bring the cows to the college. Several teams coordinated, including the veterinary college, CALS, Smithfield Plantation, and even Virginia Tech Athletics.

Casey Underwood, associate athletics director for facility management and capital projects, and Andy McReynolds, associate director of fields, were charged with coordinating a cattle crossing over the cross country track while keeping the track within ACC-level competition standards.

Crews led by Roy Hughes, Chuck Dietz, and Bobby Polly built the cattle crossing, improved the barn entrance, checked storm water management, and installed water lines.

Guynn, Edwards and Hollie Schramm, clinical assistant professor for large animal clinical sciences in the veterinary college, developed the program to support the well-being of the cows.

- Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine



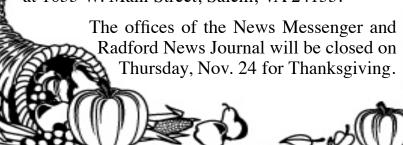
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The veterinary college is now home to 21 dairy cows that will aid in the education of students. Under the guidance of faculty, students will learn handling, restraint, and basic husbandry as well as how to put cows into a chute for health checks and vaccines.

EARLY DEADLINES FOR THANKSGIVING PAPER

There will be early deadlines for the November 23 issue because of Thanksgiving.

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counted, but it won't affect the outcome.

"Due to recent law changes, we still have outstanding ballots that can only be counted afterwards.," he said. "Late mailed ballots postmarked by yesterday have until Monday at noon to arrive. There are multiple provisional and same-day registration ballots that will be added to those on Monday as well. These are called post-election processing and currently consist of 48 votes remaining, that number may increase by Monday."

The remaining breakdown of the vote was Chad L. McClanahan (1,214 votes, 11.38%) Naomi R. Huntington (886 votes, 8.30%)

Janiele V. Hamden (753 votes, 7.06%)

Write In: 781 votes, 7.32%) Huntington is a current member of the Radford City

Council but announced she was dropping out of the race earlier this fall. She remained on the ballot since she dropped out after the deadline to qualify as a candidate, at which time the ballot is made. Voters also cast ballots for the U.S. Congressional election

in which incumbent H. Morgan Griffith, R, was re-elected.

Radford voters cast 1,990 votes (53.71% percent) for Griffith.

Democrat challenger Taysha Lee DeVaughan received 1,705 Howard said the turnout for Tuesday's election was robust, coming in slightly higher than the average election for U.S.

Congress and much higher than a local-only election. "For a normal November Congressional election, turnout

was slightly higher, and for a city council race, it was much large part to our citizens. Thank you for your continued faith higher," he said. "I attribute the increase to a couple of things. First, the availability of early voting. We voted more than 30 percent of overall turnout before Election Day and, second, the fact that all seats of council were available for election. Turnout was 3847 voters of 9523 registered, or 40.04%

There were 2470 election day voters and 1377 absentee and The winning candidates all say they are looking forward to

serving Radford.

"I am honored and humbled to be returning as Mayor for another four years," said Horton. "Our community has come so far in a really short time and so many wonderful things are on the horizon. We have the opportunity to grow and improve, to seek and discover new pathways, and to be the very best Radford possible, and it is all due to the citizens of Thank you Radford for trusting me four years ago to help

guide our progress and thank you for reaffirming your support yesterday," Horton said. "As Mayor and Council, we serve as your voice and your representatives as we work to make Radford the best it can be.'

Foster said she is looking forward to continuing work on the projects the council has undertaken. It is with great enthusiasm and tremendous honor that I

return for a second term to the Radford City Council," said Foster. "The prior council worked diligently to launch many exciting projects, and I am thrilled that the mayor, the new council, and I will be able to further advance them for the betterment of our citizens. "It is my ongoing mission to continue to seek opportunities

to expand our parks, foster business development, enhance tourism, support housing growth and update/repair aging infrastructure," Foster said. "I will continue to be transparent and responsive to the needs of our citizens while making fiscally sound decisions ensuring a healthy bottom line for "Radford is such a special place to call home, and that is in

in my service. A heartfelt note of appreciation must also be extended to my family as they know the many hours it takes to perform this role successfully."

Gillespie said he is ready to get to work.

"It's an honor and a privilege to have the opportunity to serve Radford," he said. "I can't say thank you enough to those who have helped me on this journey and the citizens who believed and trusted in me to take on this role. The real work now begins. I look forward to working with the new council to try and make Radford a better place for us all to

Artrip said she is humbled by the support of her fellow citizens.

"I feel so blessed to have this opportunity to serve our great city," she said. "It was truly surreal to see my name on the ballot, and I am so humbled to have the support of so many of our citizens. Thank you for putting your trust in me; I promise I will do everything in my power to not let you down. I look forward to serving the community and Radford with everything I have to give to ensure Radford continues to be the amazing city we know and love. We have a strong, knowledgeable council, and I have no doubt we will move mountains

Davis said he hopes to make a positive difference in

"I was humbled to listen to families' struggles while campaigning and people congratulating me after winning," said Davis. "To sum it up, it was a reconfirmation that I'm so glad that I ran to help make a positive difference. I'm looking forward to working with everyone to make Radford oneof the best cities in the state. I'm passionate about people and their needs."

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Photo contest from page 1 artistic events in the future."

Entries will be accepted from New

River Valley residents until November 20th at 12:00 a.m.. Anyone living in the NRV is eligible, but the photographs must be taken in Radford. There is a maximum of two submissions per contestant. Categories are: Category I: Ages 13 and under

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There is no cost for entry. Enter at this link: https://forms.

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an album collection within the "GROW Radford" Facebook group, so that group members are able to collectively determine the winner for each category listed above, based on total "likes" and

Voting will take place from Nov. 21 through Dec. 5 at noon.

Winners from each category will be published in the Feeding Appalachia Newsletter and will receive a prize.

Geobiologists from page 1 in the Department of Geosciences, and The warming of waters brought on

several researchers led by Mary Droser from the University of California Riverside's Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, where Evans earned his master's degree and Ph.D. "Environmental changes, such as

global warming and deoxygenation events, can lead to massive extinction of animals and profound disruption and reorganization of the ecosystem," said Xiao, who is an affiliated member of the Global Change Center, part of the Virginia Tech Fralin Life Sciences Institute. "This has been demonstrated repeatedly in the study of Earth history, including this work on the first extinction documented in the fossil record. This study thus informs us about the long-term impact of current environmental changes on the biosphere." What exactly caused the drop in

global oxygen is still up for debate. "The short answer to how this happened is we don't really know," Evans said. "It could be any number and combination of volcanic eruptions, tectonic plate motion, an asteroid impact, etc., but what we see is that the animals that go extinct seem to be responding to decreased global oxygen availability.' The study by Evans and Xiao is

timelier than one would think. In an unconnected study, Virginia Tech scientists recently found that anoxia, the loss of oxygen availability, is affecting the world's fresh waters. The cause?

by climate change and excess pollutant runoff from land use. Warming waters diminish fresh water's capacity to hold oxygen while the breakdown of nutrients in runoff by freshwater microbes gobbles up oxygen. "Our study shows that, as with all other mass extinctions in Earth's past,

this new, first mass extinction of animals was caused by major climate change another in a long list of cautionary tales demonstrating the dangers of our current climate crisis for animal life," said Evans, who is an Agouron Institute Geobiology fellow. Some perspective: The Ediacaran Period spanned roughly 96 million

years, bookended on either side by the end of the Cryogenian Period — 635 million years ago — and the beginning of the Cambrian Period — 539 million years ago. The extinction event comes just before a significant break in the geologic record from the Proterozoic Eon to the Phanerozoic Eon. Five known mass extinctions

stand out in the history of animals, the "Big Five," according to Xiao: the Ordovician-Silurian Extinction (440 million years ago), the late Devonian Extinction (370 million years ago), the Permian-Triassic Extinction (250 million years ago), the Triassic-Jurassic Extinction (200 million years ago), and the Cretaceous-Paleogene Extinction (65 million years ago). "Mass extinctions well

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recognized as significant steps in the evolutionary trajectory of life on this planet," Evans and team wrote in the study. Whatever the instigating cause of the mass extinction, the result was multiple major shifts in environmental conditions.

"Particularly, we find support for decreased global oxygen availability as the mechanism responsible for this extinction. This suggests that abiotic controls have had significant impacts on diversity patterns throughout the more than 570 million-year history of animals on this planet," the authors

Fossil imprints in rock tell researchers how the creatures that perished in this extinction event would have looked. And they looked, in Evans's words,

What comes next? Xiao said he and other researchers "are currently conducting field exploration in the Wernecke Mountains in Yukon to further test the hypothesis about the relationship between biological and environmental evolution." mountain range is in far northwest

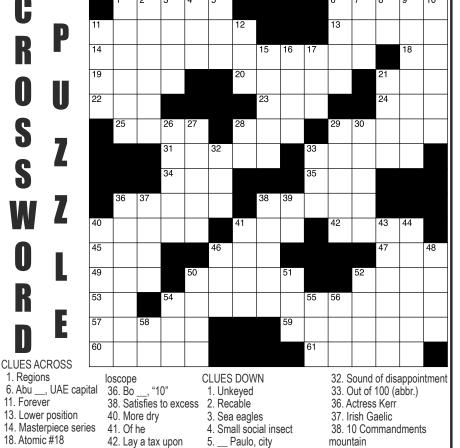
Evans will next head to Florida State University where he has landed a position as an assistant professor.

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Altizer, Megan Kaylie

Megan Kaylie Altizer died by suicide on the last day of October.

Her family and those who loved her sweet spirit are choosing not to let her final day define the 10,328 she shared with us. Megan was a daughter, sister, wife, cousin, niece, granddaughter, god-sister, friend, comedian, and confidant. She was a prolific artist, who attended the Savannah College of Art and Design and was a former police officer.

Megan was a creative soul and a virtual wizard in all things arts and crafts related. Among her extraordinary talents were painting, sewing, crochet, graphic design, needlework, cake decorating, baking, carpentry, calligraphy, sculpture, and origami. She was brilliant, beautiful, snarky, quickwitted, sly, sometimes loud, sometimes quiet, incandescent,

inventive, silly, playful, and curious about all things; but most of all, she was superlatively compassionate. Her megawatt smile and acerbic wit will be sorely missed.

Left to cherish and learn from her time here are her father, Terry Altizer; brother Devin Altizer; godmother Joy Smith; god-grandfather the Rev. Edward Smith (AKA the Boy Grand); husband Mohammad Hyder Ali Shaik; uncle and aunt Dennis and Cheryl Smith; grandfather Don Smith; god-sister LeeAnn Arnold, and her favorite canine companion, Nugget; and many other cousins and friends.

Meggie was preceded in death by god-grandmother Dorothy Smith

(AKA the Girl Grand); her loving mother, Dedra Lynn Smith Altizer; and her amazing grandmother, Anita Smith.

A time of remembrance will be held today, Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022, at noon at the Dublin First Church of God, 6330 Courtney Lane, Dublin, VA 24084. Visitation with the family will be from 11 a.m. to noon for those who would like to stop by. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting a donation be made to the National Alliance on Mental Illness at nami.org or to a mental health/addiction charity of your

'She was a free bird one minute: queen of the world and laughing. The next minute she would be in tears like a porcelain angel, about to teeter, fall and break. She never cried because she was afraid that something 'would' happen;

she would cry because she feared something that could render the world more beautiful, 'would not' happen." - Roman Payne, The Wanderess "Sometimes people leave you/Halfway through the wood/ Others may deceive you /You decide what's good/You decide alone/But no one

is alone" - Stephen Sondheim, Into the Woods You cannot let all the world's tragedies into your heart. You'll

drown. But the ones you do let in should count. Let them manifest action." - Lin Manuel Miranda

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

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ANGLICAN CATHOLIC

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

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

BAPTIST

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

West Radford Church of God, 1824 West Main Street, Radford, VA 24141, Sunday School -Morning Worship - 11:00A.M., 10:00A.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 639- 5948. Sun. School 9 a.m.; Prayer 11:30 a.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. **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



SPREAD THE WORD

Read John 12:1 through 13:38

A large banner on the semitrailer in the church parking lot announced, "Food Giveaway on Saturday." Sharon saw the banner as she drove by on her way to work. Just five years earlier, as a single mother of two, she had received two bags of groceries from the same church. This gift enabled her to get through a tough time after her husband deserted her. More importantly, it opened her heart to the message of Christ.

Now a growing Christian, Sharon takes time to tell others about the church's food giveaway and about the greatest gift of all:

The crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word (John 12:17).

Those who saw Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead just couldn't keep quiet. They kept talking about the miracle and generating interest in those who heard. The story of how Jesus has touched one person's life has the power to touch other people's lives.

Prayer Suggestion: Jesus, help me to spread the word about You boldly today.

Quicklook: John 12:17-19

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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 Ave., Radford. Supt. Ronald A. Watson, Sr.; Elder, 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@stmlc.us or visit our Website www.st-michael-lutheran-church.org

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS

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 Experi-

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:

ence at 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM, Wednesday Family Night

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.

Merrimac Pentecostal Holiness Church, Rev. Larry

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Clary, Donald Wayne

Donald Wayne Clary, 60, passed Hollins Clary and Cassandra, away on Monday, Nov. 7, 2022, at his home in Dublin after his years-long battle with a progressive neurological disease.

Don was born in September 1962 in Chase City, Va. He earned his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Hampden-Sydney College and his medical

degree from Eastern Virginia Medical School, and he completed his residency at Roanoke Memorial Hospital in family medicine. He was a devoted, loving physician and a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend.

Survivors include his loving wife of 28 years, Marie Barnes Clary; five children and their spouses: Jaime Barnes Graham and Jonathan, Robert Michael Barnes and LeAnn, Clayton



Carolyn Elena Clary, and Donald Clary and Madeline; seven grandchildren: Blake, Kaitlyn, Cameron, Caleb, Annabelle, Elise, and four siblings their spouses, Ronald Lee Clary, Jr., Thomas Ozlin Clary and Rhonda, Kenneth Eugene Clary and

Amanda, and Carole Clary Griffin and Koy; as well as numerous other family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ronald Lee Clary, Sr., and Carolyn Creedle Clary.

No funeral or service will be held in honor of his wishes. A celebration of life will be held with close family and friends at a later date.

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

Hypes, Billy Ray

Billy Ray Hypes, 79, of Blacksburg, died Friday, Nov. 4, 2022, at Pulaski Health and Rehab. He was born in Montgomery County on June 27, 1943, to the late Vernie and Gladys Jones Hypes. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Edwin Hypes and Robert

Hypes, and a niece, Theresa Reed. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Melissa and James

Hylton; grandchildren Hylton, Ariel Hylton, Noah Hylton, and Anthony Hylton; nephews Bobby Hypes and wife, Rhonda, and Steve Hypes and wife, A memorial service was held

on Friday, Nov. 11, 2022, in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Jimmie Lee Price officiating.

Jones, Michael Lee "Mike"

Michael Lee "Mike" Jones, age 75, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2022, in Peterstown, WVa. Born Jan. 3, 1947, in Pearisburg, he was the son of Betty Lou Lawrence Jones of Peterstown and the late

Mike worked as a police officer and retired as the Chief of Police from Virginia Tech in 2000. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle, and friend who will be missed dearly by all who knew him.

In addition to his father, Mike was preceded in death by one sister, Sherry Jones Baker. In addition to his mother, survivors

include his loving wife, Sue Hollaway Jones of the home; one son, Shane Jones and wife Katrina of Cashmere, WVa; and one grandson, Sean Anthony Bishop; seven brothers and sisters: Marshall and Pat Jones, Larry and Connie Jones, Jane and Bill Kersey, Tommie and Tony Noble, Rick and Sharon Jones, Tim Jones, and Missy Evans; a brother-in-law, Steve Baker; and many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends.

In keeping with Mike's wishes, he will be cremated. Memorial services will be

held at a later date.

The online guestbook can be signed or condolences may be sent to the family at www.broyles-shrewsbury.com. Arrangements by Broyles-Shrewsbury Funeral Home, Peterstown

McKenna, Dorothy Marie

Dorothy Marie McKenna, 96, of her two sons, Edward, Jr., and James. Christiansburg, passed away on Nov.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jesse and Addie M. James; siblings Jesse James, Jr., Frances Ingram, Denton James, Charlie James, Wayne James, Gary James; and her husband, Edward F. McKenna.

Dorothy is survived by her sons, James J. McKenna and Edward F. McKenna, Jr.; grandsons James J. McKenna, Jr., and Patrick L. McKenna; granddaughter Katie K. McKenna; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Born in West Virginia in 1926, she grew up during hard times. In 1949 she married Edward F. McKenna and enjoyed 55 years with him until his passing in 2004. During her marriage she was a devoted wife and mother to

After her husband passed, she lived with her son James and grandson James, Jr., in Christiansburg.

She enjoyed reading, her Christian faith, and her family. She always held them in her thoughts and prayers.

Visitation was held Friday, Nov. 11, 2022, at Horne Funeral Home. Graveside Services will be held today, Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022, at noon at Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans, W.Va.

The family would like to thank James, James Jr., Kelly Miller, and Lona Sowers for their care.

In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to Reagan Ranch, c/o Young America's Foundation, P. O. Box 2699, Santa Barbara, CA 93120-2699. Arrangements with Horne Funeral Home & Crematory 540-382-2612.

Reed, Sr., Kenneth Alvin "Butch"

Kenneth Alvin "Butch" Reed, Sr., 78, passed away at his home in Radford on Sunday, Nov. 6, 2022

He was employed by Reed Auto Parts for over 40 years. He was a lifetime member of the Radford Fire Department and attended Central United Methodist Church. He was preceded in death by his father, Donald "Mutt," and his brother, Billy Reed.

Survivors include his loving wife of 59 years, Bootsie Reed; sons and their spouses, Kenneth, Jr., and Brian Adams-Reed, and Keith and Katrina Reed; his mother, Louise Reed; grandchildren Shawn and Kailey; a brother, Jerry Reed; sisters and brother-in-law, Peggy Barber,

and Susie and Calvin Busby; and a host of other relatives and friends.

family The received friends on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2022, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Funeral Radford. services were held on Thursday, Nov. 10, 2022, with the Rev. Dennis Martin and Dwayne Martin

Interment followed officiating. in Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the local humane society.

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

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Legislative update

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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

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.).

Suicide Prevention Training with New

River Valley Community Services At the Radford Public Library; noon. Join NRVCS for a training on suicide prevention. Dee Frith and Caroline Mullins will teach

attendees about the QPR methodology, which is Question, Persuade and Refer. Those who attend will receive certification as 'gatekeepers' for learning this information. Suicide is the 12th leading cause of death in the United States. Learn how to get help. Get trained and save lives. This training is free and is provided in cooperation with QPR Institute. No registration is required.

NaNoWriMo Event: Story prompt challenge

At the Blacksburg Library; 6 p.m. From a list of over 60 one-line openings, participants will challenge themselves to write mini-stories from as many prompts as they can. All ages are welcome. Snacks will be provided.

Christiansburg Street Committee meeting

The street committee will hold a meeting from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room of Town Hall.

Wednesday, Nov. 16:

American Business Women's Association

luncheon meeting The American Business Women's Association will hold its November luncheon meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Christiansburg-Blacksburg Holiday Inn, 99 Bradley Dr. in Christiansburg. The cost is \$14.25. During the meeting, the association will present coats collected from their annual coat drive for the Women's Resource Center. The association also requests that those attending bring a nonperishable food item to donate to

the Montgomery County Christmas Store. Susan Brickhouse is the speaker sponsor for this event. Those planning to attend should RSVP by Nov. 14 by contacting Terri Welch at christiansburg@wineanddesign.com or Paige Godwin at godwinpaige@gmail.com.

Thursday, Nov. 17:

Community quilting bee At the Blacksburg Library, 10 a.m.

Participants can bring their supplies and tools and take part in quilting and conversation.

Friday, Nov. 18:

Children's yoga

Join Kelly McCoy of "The Whole You" and Alex Bowman from "Embark Pediatric and Family Chiropractic" for a children's yoga class. Children will learn mindfulness techniques at the library. If possible, children should bring their own yoga mats. Registration is required and space is limited. Call the library at 540-731-2621 or email Morgan at morgan.esterhuizen@radfordva. gov to register.

Saturday, Nov. 19:

Darin Handy reptiles

At the Meadowbrook Public Library; 1 p.m. Darin Handy is a certified wildlife rehabilitator who works with injured and orphaned wildlife. He'll be speaking about exotic animals and why they should not be kept as pets.

Family movie fun At the Radford Public Library; 11 a.m.

The hilarious minions return in Minions: The Rise of Gru. Rated PG for some action/ violence and rude humor. (2022)

Monday, Nov. 21: Crafting for the holiday: Birdseed

ornament At the Radford Public Library; 1-2 p.m.

Participants can create an ornament and feed birds in their yards with the finished craft. The library staff will demonstrate how to create a birdseed ornament for the cool weather. Supplies will be provided while they last.

Tuesday, Nov. 22:

Shrink art At the Blacksburg Library; 4:30 p.m. Participants will be using shrinking plastic to make key chains, earrings, and more. Registration is required.

NaNoWriMo event: Create found

At the Blacksburg Library; 6 p.m. Find words in magazines and newspapers to create a found poem. All ages are welcome. Snacks will be provided.

Chess club for teens and tweens

At the Radford Public Library; 6 to 7 p.m. Join Youth Services Specialist Dave in the community room for a game of Chess. For ages 8-17.

Wednesday, Nov. 23 – Sunday, Nov. 27:

Radford Public Library closed Closed for the Thanksgiving holiday

Monday, Nov. 28:

Crafting for the holiday: Open crafting At the Radford Public Library; 1 to 2 p.m. Participants can bring their own needlework, painting or other projects and work with others. These crafting afternoons are not guided and are at the participants'

leisure. Some craft items will be supplied.

Tuesday, Nov. 29:

Game On!

At the Christiansburg Library; 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Gamers of all ages are welcome to play a variety of Nintendo games. Connect with other gamers. Participants are encouraged to bring their portable device, but it is not required. Snacks will be provided. NaNoWriMo Event: We Draw What

You Write At the Blacksburg Library; 6 p.m.

Each group will have an image to write a description about, and the rest of the group will draw the image based on the description. All ages are welcome. Snacks will be provided.

Wednesday, Nov. 30:

Energy Check

Sustainable Blacksburg Lunch & Learn:

At the Blacksburg Library; noon. An introduction to home energy audits. Learn how to make the home more comfortable and energy efficient while maximizing returns from current tax incentives. The speaker represents Energy Check, a Blacksburg Home Energy Improvement

Company..

Tuesday, Dec. 6:

RSVP holiday recognition party

A holiday recognition party for RSVP volunteers will be heldd from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Christiansburg Recreation Center in Multipurpose Room 2. Everyone is asked to sign up by Tuesday, Nov. 22. RSVP will collect Toys for Tots from anyone wishing to donate to this holiday project.

Ongoing:

Holiday parade registration

Registration is now open for Blacksburg's annual holiday parade to be held on Friday, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. This year's theme will be "Hometown Holidays." The registration deadline is Friday, Nov. 18 at 5 p.m. For more information, contact David Goodman at degoodman@blacksburg.gov or 540-443-

Hand-in-Hand playground design concepts

The Town of Blacksburg has received design concepts from playground designer Leathers, Inc., for the new Hand-in-Hand playground. Check them out at https:// letstalkblacksburg.org/hand-in-hand.

Radford holiday parade registration Radford's Holiday Parade, themed "Jingle

All the Way", will take place on Thursday, Dec. 8, 2022 at 7 p.m. Lineup begins at 6 p.m. on East Main Street between Tyler Avenue and University Drive Bridge and will proceed westward along Main Street to the Central Square Shopping Center. Go to www.radfordva.gov to register. Deadline to register is Nov. 30.

Help the Veterans with your donations The Meadowbrook Public Library

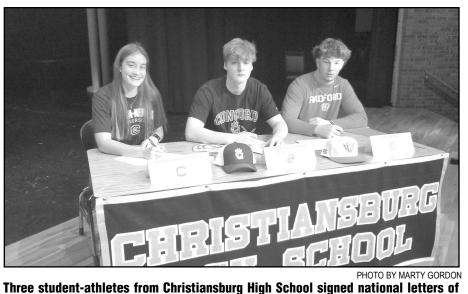
is a collection point for items needed at the VA Medical Center in Salem. The following items are needed and may be brought to the library during November: deodorant, denture adhesive, 3-in-1 body wash/shampoo/conditioner, body lotion, toothpaste, nail clippers, sweatpants, sweatshirts, t-shirts (size M, L, XL), and new baseball caps. Co-Sponsored by VFW Post 5311 and Montgomery-Floyd Regional libraries.

At the Meadowbrook Public Library, 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. New River Community College is offering free GED at the Meadowbrook Library every Tuesday and Thursday until Thursday, Dec. 15. For more information or to sign up, call the library at 540-268-1964.

Free GED classes

RADFORD SPORTS

Early signing day: Three sign letters of intent at CHS



intent on Wednesday to continue their playing careers in college. Pictured are: (from left) McKenna Spaulding (Carson-Newman), Marshall Basham (Concord) and

Mason Self (Radford University).

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Three Christiansburg High School student-athletes signed letters of intent to continue their playing careers during an early national signing day Wednesday in the school's auditorium. McKenna Spaulding will run track and cross country at Carson-Newman, Marshall Basham will play baseball at Concord, and Mason Self is headed to Radford

Spaulding has been running cross country and track for the past years, winning the 4X800 region championship and being a four-time all-region runner. She has also been a member of the

Beta Club, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, all-district band, and the National Honor Society. She is also a two-year varsity lacrosse player, a member of the varsity soccer team, and was the 2019 cross country female runner of the

At Carson Newman, Spaulding plans to major in exercise science.

Basham has played varsity baseball

at CHS for the past four years. He was named the first-team all-region 3D

catcher and second-team Class 3 catcher in 2022. He is also a member of (Health Occupations Students of America (HOŚA) and the Student Government

At Concord, he plans to major in health sciences with an emphasis in physical therapy.

Self has also played baseball for the past four years and was named to the first-team All-River Ridge District this past year at first base. He was also named the district player of the year. He was honored on the first-team Region 3D at first base and second team pitcher, in addition being named to the All-Class 3 team at first base.

This past month, he was named the Ray Bellamy Memorial winner by the Salem Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame. At CHS, he is a member of the BETA club, the National Honor Society, Health Occupational Students of America, and the Student Government Association. This past month, he was named the 2022 Christiansburg High School homecoming king.

At Radford University, Self plans to major in exercise science and

Auburn pitcher Kirsten Fleet signs to play softball at JMU

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Kirsten Fleet received a scholarship offer from the University of Georgia when she was a seventh grader. The Auburn High School softball pitcher had been heavily leaning that way as she finished her junior year, but a coaching change had her rethinking that decision.

Wednesday, she made it official, becoming the newest pitching recruit for James Madison University. She signed a national letter of intent in front of family, friends, teammates, and coaches at the Auburn High School library. As a sophomore, Fleet

led Auburn to the Class 1 state title, rolling up 260 strikeouts in 120 innings, compiling a 16-2 record with a 0.29 earned run average.

This past spring, she hit .538 batting average with 14 hits, two home runs and 14 RBI's. On the mound, she had six wins and one loss with 98 strikeouts and an earned run average of 0.525. She was named the Mt. Empire District and Region C Pitcher of the Year. The Virginia High

School League announced its 2022 Class 1 All-State softball team and Fleet was the Class 1 Player of the Year. Auburn's During

tournament run to a state championship, finished 8-0 with a .292 ERA in 48 innings with 116 strikeouts, three one-hitters, and two no-hitters, including a no-hitter in the Eagles' 10-0 win over Riverheads High School in the state finals and a perfect game in the 3-0 win over Buffalo Gap in the state semifinals.

Although she missed 10 games due to injury, Fleet finished the year with a 14-1 record, 203 strikeouts, and a 0.417 ERA. She allowed only 14 hits and five earned runs. In addition, she batted .500, with four home runs and 25 RBI's with an .820 slugging percentage.

The team picked up its third straight state title, finishing the 2022 season with a 22-5 record.

Fleet reopened her recruitment shortly after the College World Series when the Georgia coach announced her retirement. James Madison grabbed everyone's attention with its outstanding play in the CWS two years ago.

Fleet's early recruitment as an underclassman drew national attention, and two years ago, the NCAA instituted a rule change that would not allow coaching conversations with a player until the player was a junior in high school.

Fleet chose JMU over Auburn, Pittsburgh, and Applachian State.



Kirsten Fleet has officially signed a letter of intent to continue her softball career at James Madison University. Fleet is a senior for the Auburn High School team, which has won three straight state championships during her time at the school.

Hokies sign top-5 wrestling class

Virginia Tech wrestling United World Wrestling career. head coach Tony Robie Cadet Silver Medalist. Coa Wednesday announced the signing of six nationally ranked prospects, marking the third top-five class in five years and the fifth top-10 class in as many years for the Hokies with Robie at the helm.

Robie and staff signed six state champions: two from Pennsylvania, one from Virginia, one from New Jersey, one from Tennessee, and one from Indiana.

"We are incredibly about excited this incoming class and the competitive spirit they bring to the table," said Hokies wrestling associate head coach Jared Frayer. guys 'These crave competition and being the best at their craft, which is why they will continue to elevate this program to the next level."

Virginia Tech 2023 Recruiting Class

#8 Jimmy Mullen Kearny, New Jersey (St. Joe's Regional High School)

Mullen is the sixthranked pound-for-pound prospect, eighth-ranked in the graduating class, and top-ranked wrestler in the heavyweight division. Mullen signed to wrestle and to suit up for the Hokies on the gridiron. He is a two-time New Jersey State Champion and a three-star defensive end. In addition, Mullen has wrestled on the world stage where he was a

Coach Robie on Jimmy

Mullen: "Jimmy is your rare two-sport athlete who plans on playing football and wrestling for the Hokies. Growing up in North Jersey and attending St. Joe's Regional High School, he is battle-tested in both sports. He plays in one of the top high school football leagues in the nation and will keep the pipeline of great New Jersey wrestlers in Blacksburg alive. A Cadet World Silver Medalist and a multiple time New Jersey state champ, he is one of the top overall ranked wrestlers in the class of 2023. Jimmy is a tremendous athlete and an even better kid. He is not your typical HWT. He moves like a little guy. He will be fun to watch.'

#17 Mac Church – Waynesburg, Pennsylvania (Waynesburg High School)

Church is the thirdranked prospect in the 138-pound weight class and seventh overall in the Class of 2023 Big Board. He finished third at the Pennsylvania state tournament his freshman season before claiming the title in his sophomore and junior seasons. Church won a Super 32 title in 2019 and has finished top-three at prestigious tournaments Powerade, Fargo, and Ironman since the start of his high school

Coach Robie on Mac

"Mac committed to Virginia Tech early in the process. He and his parents have been on campus several times over the course of the last year. We feel like we know Mac very well at this point and know exactly what he's about. His commitment to the sport and his work ethic are at an elite level. He has established himself as the best wrestler in the state of Pennsylvania the last two years, as well as one of the best wrestlers in the country. It's hard to know exactly what weight Mac will end up at as he is still growing, but we are very excited that he's joining the program and are lucky to have him. He has all the attributes required to be an elite college wrestler and strives for excellence in every area of his life."

#30 Hunter Mason -Greeneville, Tennessee (Greeneville High School)

Mason signed with the Hokies as a three-time Tennessee state champion and is ranked fifth at 138 pounds. Mason has collected All-American finishes at Fargo, Beast of the East, and Super 32. He is on track to become Tennessee's second fourtime state champion as he enters his senior year.

- Virginia Tech Athletics

Radford's Evan Rupe commits to play soccer in hometown

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Radford High School soccer standout Evan Rupe will continue his playing career at nearby Radford University. He signed a letter of intent Wednesday in the school's gymnasium in front of family, teammates, and coaches.

Rupe was first-team All-Three Rivers District, Region C, and all-state last season, leading the Bobcats with 18 goals. He scored five goals in the game against James River.

He said he likes the idea of playing in his hometown so family and friends can support him. His goal is to land a starting spot, score goals, and help the team to success.

"It would also be great to push conference tournament championship, a conference regularseason championship, or an NCAA

tournament appearance," he said. Rupe participated in the Adidas Winning Generation Soccer Program's National Cup, played and scored overseas in the Gothia Cup in 2019, and played with the VBR Star in the team's

USL Pro Academy this past summer. This fall, Rupe decided to add to his playing resume by joining the football team, missing only one extra point as the kicker.

At RU, Rupe plans to major in graphic design.



Evan Rupe led Radford High School's soccer team in scoring for two straight

seasons, and this week, he made it official: His playing career will stay close to home at RU. Pictured at Rupe's signing are: (seated front row from left) Rupe's grandfather, Larry Masters; Evan Rupe; Evan's grandmother, Rebecca Masters (back row, from left)

Rupe's father, Dave Rupe; his mother, Cyndy, and his brother, Zane.





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Auburn defeats Giles to win another region volleyball title



Auburn's Madeline Lavergne delivers the boom in hitting the ball across the net during this week's regional final.



Auburn High School raised the Region C championship trophy Wednesday night after a 25-22, 14-25, 25-23



The Eagles celebrate after getting the final point to complete the defeat of Giles that wrapped up another Region C title.

Lady Hokies to face West Virginia in NCAA soccer tourney

For the fourth time within the last five seasons, the Virginia Tech women's soccer team is headed to the NCAA Division I Women's Soccer Championship as announced during

Monday's selection show.

Virginia Tech (10-6-2, 4-5-1 ACC) will travel to seventh-seeded West Virginia for a first-round match at Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium in Morgantown on Sunday, Nov. 13, at 1 p.m. The Hokies will be making their 13th NCAA tournament appearance and their 12th during Chugger Adair's 17 seasons in Blacksburg (12

seasons as head coach).

Monday's NCAA
tournament qualification
is a direct result of Tech's
demanding 2022 regular
season schedule that
featured seven regularseason matches against
RPI top-20 opponents.
Entering the selection
window, the Hokies

ranked No. 46 in RPI and spent one week of the season ranked inside the United Soccer Coaches top 25 poll.

Among the top performances of the 2022 season, Tech went on a three-game winning streak in the ACC, defeating No. 22 NC State (1-0) and Wake Forest (2-0) and finishing with a win at home versus No. 3 North Carolina on Oct. 1 (2-1). Two weeks later, Tech tied No. 13 Virginia (3-3) while hosting the Cavaliers in Blacksburg.

Tech is equipped with 12 goal scorers and 16 point earners. The Hokies are led by their 2022 All-ACC third-team and All-Freshman Team selection Taylor Price, who set the pace for freshman forwards in the conference during the regular season, accounting for eight goals and three assists.

Tech has the strength and skills to follow in

the footsteps of its 2013 team that advanced as far as the College Cup. As a program, the Hokies have reached the round of 16 on five occasions, most recently in 2018. In 2021, Tech defeated its firstround opponent Ohio State, 3-1.

West Virginia was seeded fourth in the Big 12's conference tournament. The Mountaineers knocked off top-seeded Texas, 1-0 during the semifinal round prior to defeating second-seeded TCU 1-0 in the title match.

The Hokies are 7-5-0 during NCAA tournament openers and boast a 6-2-1 record during home NCAA tournament matches (considering all rounds). This season, Tech went 5-3 across its eight regular-season away matches, scoring 15 goals with a +2 goal differential.

- Virginia Tech Athletics

Outdoor Report: Deer are on the move

Autumn is here and along with colorful leaves, crisp air and shorter days, deer are on the move. Fall is the breeding season for deer, so deer will be more active over the next couple of months than at any other time of the year.

Motorists will also be driving more often in the dark, increasing the likelihood of encountering a deer on the road. Colliding with a deer can cause considerable damage to the animal, people, and property.

The Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) recommends the following tips to avoid hitting a deer:

1. Slow down and be attentive, particularly at night (from dusk to dawn). If you see one deer, watch out for others.

2. Deer habitually travel the same areas. Use caution when you see deer crossing signs installed in these areas by the Virginia Department of Transportation.

- 3. Apply brakes, even stop if necessary, to avoid hitting a deer, but never swerve out of the lane to miss a deer. A collision with another vehicle, tree or other object is likely to be more serious than hitting a deer.
- 4. Always wear a seat belt. Even if a collision is unavoidable, you are more likely to avoid injury or death if you are wearing a seat belt.
- 5. If you hit or kill a deer or bear while driving, immediately report the accident to a Conservation Police Officer or other law enforcement officer in the county or city where the accident occurred. If you kill a deer or bear while driving, you may keep it for your own use if you report the accident to a law enforcement officer where the accident occurred and the officer views the animal and gives you a possession

- Paige Pearson, Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources



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Hixon, Micah Edward

Micah Edward Hixon of Blacksburg died Friday, Nov. 4, 2022, at LewisGale Hospital Montgomery. He was born in Blacksburg on Jan. 11, 1983, and was preceded in death by his father, William Wayne Hixon

father, William Wayne Hixon.

He is survived by his mother, Tammie Smith Hixon, and his loving furry companion, Maddy.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2022, in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel. Interment followed in the Smith Family Cemetery.



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