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Annual Claytor Lake calendar features photos submitted by the public

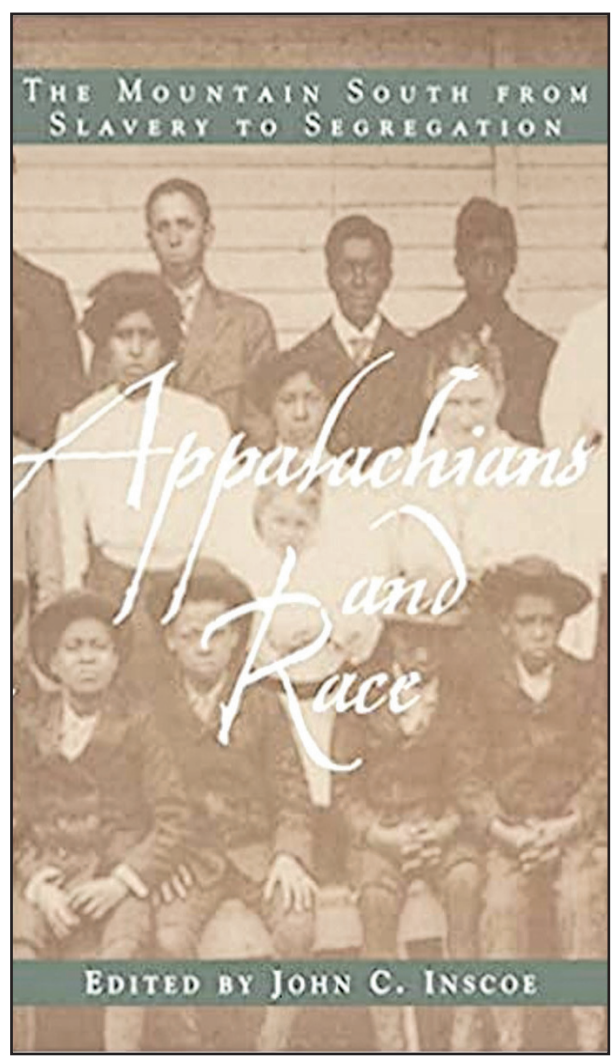
The newest calendar featuring Claytor Lake is ready and is now on sale by the Friends of Claytor Lake. The calendar features photographs of the lake submitted by the public, including this sunset shot. "You're going to love the 2023 lake calendar," said Ciara Harris, director of the Friends of Claytor Lake. "A huge thank you goes out to everyone who submitted photos to be considered."

The calendars are \$15. Text or call 540-395-3625, or email info@focl.org to place an order. The money raised helps continue the mission of the Friends of Claytor Lake of lake and shore clean-ups, educational outreach, and lake-related events.

Radford News Journal Staff report



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VDOE announces teacher apprenticeship planning grant for Radford University

RICHMOND — Radford University is among the universities that will receive grant funds to develop teacher apprentice programs with local school divisions.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Jillian Balow announced Monday the Virginia Department of Education is "awarding \$143,000 in grants to nine universities to develop teacher apprentice residency programs in partnership with nearby school divisions."

"The programs will allow divisions to hire classroom aides, paraprofessionals, substitutes, and other unlicensed school employees as teacher apprentices and provide a mentored pathway for them to complete the coursework required to become fully licensed teachers," according to the VDOE.

"The apprenticeship planning grants build on existing residency programs and local grow-your-own recruitment programs as a means of expanding the teacher pipeline," Balow said. "The grants and the partnerships are also aligned with the objectives of Governor Glenn Youngkin's September executive directive on addressing teacher short-

ages in the commonwealth's public schools."

Radford University will receive \$16,000 in partnering with Roanoke, Montgomery County, and Radford City Public Schools. The remaining grant recipients and partnering school divisions are as follows:

Bluefield University — \$14,000, partnering with Buchanan County, Bland County and Tazewell County (Region 7).

William & Mary University — \$16,000, partnering with Hampton and Newport News (Region 2).

George Mason University — \$20,000, partnering with Manassas Park, Fairfax County, and Loudoun County (Region 4).

Old Dominion University — \$20,000, partnering with Newport News (Region 2).

University of Mary Washington — \$14,200, partnering with Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania County, and Stafford County (Region 3).

University of Virginia's College at Wise — \$16,000, partnering with Buchanan County (Region 7).

Virginia Commonwealth University — \$16,000, partnering

with Prince William County, Fairfax County and Surry County (Regions 1 and 4).

Virginia State University — \$11,688, partnering with Chesterfield County, Dinwiddie County, and Hopewell (Region 1).

In November 2021, the U.S. Department of Labor approved K-12 teaching as an "apprenticeable" occupation, qualifying teacher apprentice programs for funding through several federal workforce-development grants administered by the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry. VDOE expects to complete the registration process with VDOLI by the end of the year.

VDOE will announce another round of grants early next year to support training for mentors, the hiring of new apprentices and tuition assistance. Priority will be given to partnerships that received a planning grant in 2022. VDOE will provide technical assistance to planning grant recipients, beginning next month.

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Radford University ranked among most engaged campuses for student voting

RADFORD - Radford University is one of the most engaged college campuses for student voting in 2022, according to a new ranking by the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge.

The ranking recognizes colleges and universities "for making intentional efforts to increase student voter participation," ALL IN wrote in a news release. Radford University joins a group of 394 higher learning institutions that completed a set of action items to institutionalize non-partisan civic learning, political engagement, and voter participation on their campuses. Those challenges were: Participating in the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge.

Sharing 2020 NSLVE Reports with campus voting data with ALL IN. Developing and submitting a 2022 democratic engagement action plan with ALL IN.

Having a current signatory to ALL IN's Higher Education Presidents' Commitment to Full Student Voter Participation. "College student voter turnout has increased since

2016, and this increase has been driven by students," said Jennifer Domagal-Goldman, executive director of the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge. "The ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge is excited to expand our ALL IN Student Voting Honor Roll to recognize these student voting champions across the country. These students registered voters, served on their campus voting coalitions, spearheaded voter

education efforts, advocated for campus polling locations, and organized other voter engagement efforts to ensure their peers were confident and informed voters."

The ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge (ALL IN) is a national non-partisan initiative of Civic Nation, which "strives to change civic culture and institutionalize democratic

engagement activities and programs on college campuses, making voter participation a defining feature of campus life," the organization said. The challenge currently engages more than 9 million students from more than 950 institutions in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Radford took on the challenge with Department of Political Science Profes-

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RADFORD UNIVERSITY PHOTO

Radford University student L'yonah Cartwright (left) played an important role in rallying students to register to vote. Pictured at right is Janet Hahn from the Radford League of Women Voters.

Montgomery-Radford-Floyd NAACP to present black history collection to Blacksburg Museum

The Education Committee of the Montgomery County-Radford City-Floyd County Branch of the NAACP (MRF Branch) has organized the NRV Black History Collection of books and pamphlets. The purpose of the collection is to make local African American history more accessible to the community by providing resources to local museums. The public, students, and commu-

nity groups can gather to research and experience local history through this robust collection.

On Friday, Dec. 2, at 5 p.m. at the Alexander Black House & Cultural Center, 204 Draper Rd. in Blacksburg, the Montgomery-Radford-Floyd NAACP Branch will formally present its Black History Collection to the museum.

The event is open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

Motorists should be sun-glare aware at sunrise and sunset this time of year



Causing an estimated 9,000 crashes each year, sun glare is the second-most environmental reason drivers get into accidents. Slick roads are the first.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, sun glare causes approximately 9,000 crashes each year. It's the second-most environmental-related reason drivers get into crashes with the first being slick roads.

"After the time changes from daylight saving time to standard time, the sunrise and sunset hours more closely align with morning and evening commuting hours, which means large numbers of drivers will encounter the sun low on the horizon during their morning and evening drives," said Lou Hatter, the Virginia Department

of Transportation public affairs manager for the Culpeper District. "In some locations the sun appears to hover just above the roadway, creating blinding glare that is difficult to avoid and can leave drivers unable to see the road and other vehicles around them."

In past years, seasonal sun glare has been determined to be a contributing factor in some vehicle crashes, particularly on interstate and primary highways. The effect is most acute in mid- to late October through the winter months because sunrise and sunset so closely correlate with peak com-

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, Nov. 30:

Sustainable Blacksburg Lunch & Learn: Energy check

At the Blacksburg Library; noon. An introduction to home energy audits. Homeowners will learn how they can make their homes more comfortable and energy efficient while maximizing returns from current tax incentives. The speaker represents Blacksburg Home Energy Improvement Company: Energy Check.

Thursday, Dec. 1:

American Legion meeting

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

Friday, Dec. 2:

Blacksburg holiday parade

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." For more information, contact David Goodman at degoodman@blacksburg.gov or 540-443-1106.

Friday, Dec. 2 – Sunday, Dec. 4:

A Festival of Nativities

Slussers Chapel, located at 1543 Mt. Taber Rd., Blacksburg, will be displaying over 70 vintage Nativity sets from across the U.S. and around the world. Included in the display will be Waterford crystal figures from Ireland, Fantanini figures from Italy, Hum-

mel figures from Germany and many others. The children will enjoy seeing the kitten and puppy manger scenes and of course "A Charlie Brown Christmas." The Christmas crèches will be on display in the fellowship hall Friday, Dec. 2, and Saturday, Dec. 3, from 5 to 9 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 4, from 3 to 8 p.m. Admission is free. For more information call 540-951-1757.

Saturday, Dec. 3:

Ron Peterson, Jr. at Meadowbrook Library

At 2 p.m. best-selling author, Ron Peterson, Jr., will discuss his latest book, "Eyes of a Monster," and give updates on his previous books, "Under the Trestle," and "Chasing the Squirrel." Books will be available for sale and for signing.

Breakfast with Santa

The Christiansburg High School Music Department presents "Breakfast with Santa" from 8 a.m. until noon in the high school cafeteria. The cost is \$5 for children 12 and under and \$8 for children and adults 13 and older. The breakfast will feature pancakes, and the morning will offer holiday fun and games and live music, plus a photo op with Santa Claus for a suggested donation of \$2. Santa's elves and reindeer will also be a part of the fun.

Holiday farmers market

On the field adjacent to Glencoe Mansion from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The market will feature gift items from farmers, crafters, and artisans and will also have pictures with Santa. The food truck from Bluegrass BBQ will be set up. The museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 4:

Puppet kingdom

At the Meadowbrook Library; 3 p.m. The Puppet Kingdom presents "The Christmas Express." This joy filled musical is set on a train and uses a large cast of colorful puppets to discuss the meaning of Christmas. This performance will be by the youth from Hope Valley Church.

Blacksburg Chamber Orchestra fall concert

Blacksburg Community Strings and Chamber Orchestra present a fall concert at 2 p.m. in the Christiansburg High School Auditorium. Selections include Mozart Symphony 25, Crusell Concerto No. 2 for Clarinet (featuring soloist Bruce McGarvey), Buxtehude Chaconne in E minor, a Back to the Future medley, and 'Happy' from Despicable Me 2. Admission is free and is open to the public.

Monday, Dec. 5:

Blacksburg 2022 Real Estate Taxes Due

Town of Blacksburg Real Estate Tax invoices for the second installment of 2022 have been mailed and are due by Monday, Dec. 5, 2022. Anyone not yet receiving a tax statement should call the Department of Financial Services at 540-961-1105. Payment may be mailed, made in person or placed in the drop box at 300 South Main St., Blacksburg, paid by phone with a credit card, or paid online at blacksburg.gov/payments. Visa, MasterCard and Discover are accepted.

A 10% penalty will be charged if taxes are not paid by Dec. 5. Interest will be charged at the rate of 10% per year beginning Jan. 1, 2023.

Tuesday, Dec. 6:

RSVP holiday recognition party

A holiday recognition party for RSVP volunteers is scheduled from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Christiansburg Recreation Center in Multipurpose Room 2. RSVP will collect Toys for Tots from anyone wishing to donate to this holiday project.

Montgomery County School Board meeting

The Montgomery County School Board will hold its regularly scheduled meeting at 7 p.m. at the Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg.

Thursday, Dec. 8:

River City Quilt Guild

The River City Quilt Guild will meet at 9:30 a.m. at Grove United Methodist Church, 1020 Tyler Ave., Radford. The guild welcomes all skill levels of quilters. For more information, call Anna Handy, 540 320 7791.

Radford holiday parade

Radford's Holiday Parade, themed "Jingle All the Way," will take place at 7 p.m. Lineup will begin at 6 p.m. The parade route will line up on East Main Street between Tyler Avenue and University Drive Bridge and proceed westward along Main Street to the Central Square Shopping Center.

Saturday, Dec. 10:

Handcrafted holiday pop-up market

At Glencoe Mansion, Museum & Gallery, hosted by MountainTrotter Arts. The market will feature local artisans, crafters, and more from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The food truck Empanada Nirvana will be on site as well. Santa will be available to take pictures on the Glencoe Mansion porch. Visitors can also enjoy Glencoe Mansion's Holiday Open House from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The rain date is Sunday, Dec. 11.

Monday, Dec. 12:

Radford City Council meeting

Radford University

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and Chair Chapman Rackaway, Ph.D., working with students to lead those efforts, which included "Voter REM," Rackaway said: "Registration, Education and Mobilization."

"Students often come to college of voting-eligible age but with no idea of how to harness the power of the ballot box," Rackaway said. "For me, getting students to understand why they should vote, ensuring they are eligible to do so and then giving them the civic skills to make responsible choices when they vote is an important part of my mission as a faculty member. So many students come to college unregistered that a more systematic approach is warranted, and that's what we did."

Rackaway began the process with a citizen leader project in his spring 2022 state and local government class. In addition to the ALL IN Challenge, Rackaway and his students worked with the Campus Vote Project (CVP), "which is important," he said, "because CVP hires students to serve as point people on campuses to help folks like me do voter REM as Democracy Fellows. We were accepted to CVP and ALL IN based on the strategic plan, and two excellent young people were appointed CVP Democracy Fel-

The Radford City Council will hold its regularly scheduled meeting at 7 p.m. in the council chambers of the Radford Municipal Building, 10 Robertson St., Radford.

Montgomery County Board of Supervisors meeting

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors will meet with a closed session if needed beginning at 6 p.m. and an open session beginning at 7:15 p.m. Citizens are invited to attend and 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.

Tuesday, Dec. 13:

Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting

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

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 beginning at 7 p.m. in the council chambers of Town Hall (100 E. Main Street). The public is welcome and is encouraged to attend with a citizen hearing time reserved at each meeting for residents to bring any matter they desire before the entire council.

Radford City School Board meeting

The Radford City School Board will at the School Board Office at 1612 Wadsworth St., Radford.

Wednesday, Dec. 14:

Page to Screen Movies: Rebecca

At the Radford Public Library; 5:45 p.m. This is a movie screening of the 1940 Hitchcock classic "Rebecca" on the library's big screen. The movie starts at 5:45 p.m. and has a 130-minute run time. This film is rated PG. Popcorn from Lil'Bit Corny LLC will be provided while supplies last.

Ongoing:

Radford Holiday Parade registration

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Help the Veterans with donations

The Meadowbrook Public Library is a collection point for items needed at the VA Medical Center in Salem. Those wishing to make donations should take any of the following items to the library throughout 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.

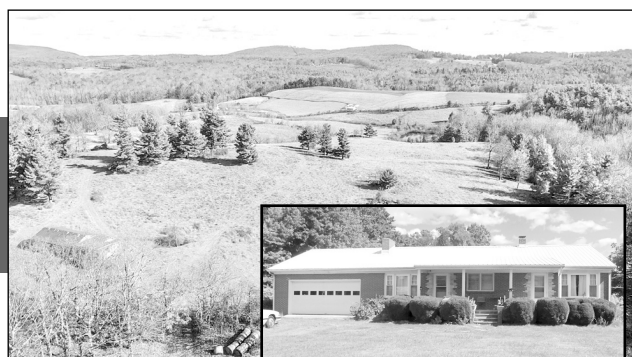
Free GED Classes

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

ONLINE AUCTION

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OFFERING #1 - 6.592 acres. Mostly open land on Fairview Church Rd. Has a spring on the property which supplies water to water box for livestock and to a hydrant on Offering 2.

OFFERING #2 - 12.915 acres. Mostly open with some wooded acreage on Fairview Church Rd. Has an old barn and large building on the property. Multiple home sites with great long range views. Hydrant located on this property and is supplied with water from spring on Offering 1.

OFFERING #3 - 2 BR, 1 BA, 1,276 sq.ft. brick ranch & 12.355 acres. Has a heat pump, newer metal roof and partial basement. Double attached garage and storage building on the property. Has spring water which is located on Offering 5. Acreage consists of mostly open pasture or hay land with some mature hardwood along back boundary.

House address is 707 Fairview Church Rd.

House Preview: Thursday, December 1st @ 4 PM

OFFERING #4 - 47.910 acres. Mostly open land with some wooded areas. Has creek frontage and 1,583 feet of frontage on Spring Dale Rd. Multiple building sites on gentle to level slope with long range views.

OFFERING #5 - 36.793 acres. Mostly open with some wooded land and long range views. Has a pond and creek frontage. Fronts on Fairview Church Rd and Spring Dale Rd. Spring rights will convey to Offering 3.

OFFERING #6 - 34.031 acres. Mostly wooded and level with some timber value. Has a small spring branch running along the northern boundary and discontinued State Route 715 along southern boundary. Fronts on Spring Dale Rd. Has an old pole shed on the property.

Directions - To Fairview Church Rd - From Floyd Stoplight, take Rt 8 South to right on Rt 717 (Fairview Church Rd) to property on both sides of the road. To Spring Dale Rd - From Floyd Stoplight, take Rt 8 South to right on Rt 714 (Spring Dale Rd) to property on the right.

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Warm Hearth Village, VT industrial design students team up to create innovative products for seniors

BLACKSBURG – For the 13th year, Virginia Tech’s industrial design students conducted research with Warm Hearth Village (WHV) residents and used their studio time to create products designed to help seniors continue to live independently.

SFCS Architects Senior Living Design, a Roanoke-based architectural firm, sponsors the project so that students and residents can team up and solve problems with mobility, vision, strength and dexterity, and other age-related issues.

Partnering with Warm Hearth Village gave the students real-world experience working with a client from concept to final product. This year’s creations included a solar-powered smart stove,

a smart mirror that doubled as a digital calendar and to-do list, an electric grabber, a digital clock that has extra storage and includes a charging station, an assistive kneeler, a can-opening aid, a pan with handle designed for easier lifting, easy-to-use shears, a battery-powered laser for night walking, and an in-home fitness chair.

The home fitness chair, called The Aerobic Vitality Enhancement Chair, was designed to blend in with ordinary furniture yet provide a safe way to do balance exercises, yoga, and step aerobics in the home. Dayani Harapanahalli, Mikayla Kaczmar, Susan Sale, and Cade Young, who created the chair, worked closely with WHV Fitness Director Kenny Harrah and fitness center members to

tailor the features of the chair to the needs of seniors who seek to maintain some level of fitness as they age.

Kaczmar said that the majority of the residents love staying active and practicing in group exercise but find it hard to exercise at home. “When talking to the residents, we found that they would love a way to practice the exercises they do at the gym in their own home setting,” said Kaczmar. “Our research showed there was no such thing as an aesthetic at-home exercise chair, let alone one targeted to seniors. The residents, fitness director, and personal trainers all helped us refine our design and its functions. They were key to the final design.”

William Lester, President & CEO of Warm

Hearth Village, was invigorated by the engagement between students and seniors and came away feeling very proud to be part of this long-term partnership. “These students are so impressive in the way they conduct their research and interact with our residents,” Lester said. “I think their products are truly outstanding and these partnerships focused on research and innovation which are what set Virginia Tech and Warm Hearth Village apart from the rest. We are so grateful to resident Loring Bixler for linking students with Warm Hearth Village and shepherding the relationship over the last 10 years.”

Submitted by Susan “Bix” Bixler, concierge, Warm Hearth Village



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY SUSAN “BIX” BIXLER, CONCIERGE, WARM HEARTH VILLAGE

Among the products created by Virginia Tech’s industrial design students in cooperation with Warm Hearth Village’s seniors was a revolutionary in-home fitness chair.

Service dog lends super sniffer to enable student to participate in horse lab



PHOTO BY MAX ESTERHUIZEN FOR VIRGINIA TECH.

Devin Wynne can participate in the horse lab because of her service dog, Gideon.

As Devin Wynne curried — a method that loosens dirt, hair, and more from a horse — Gideon watched. Not just with his eyes, but with his nose.

Gideon is a trained service dog that can smell seizures and potential cardiac events from Wynne, a senior from Mount Airy, Maryland. Gideon usually sits off to the side during class and only breaks his “down” to tap Wynne with his nose that he sensed something and that she needs to take a break. Without Gideon, Wynne wouldn’t be able to participate in Jessica Bedore’s horse lab in the College of Agricul-

ture and Life Sciences School of Animal Sciences.

“I’m able to go and sit down instead of interrupting the entire class with a medical issue,” Wynne said. “He allows me to participate in class, and I wouldn’t have been able to halter a horse and learn all these things in person. He helps me feel included.”

If Gideon senses something, he is trained to do compression therapy, where he lays on the chest and helps restore blood flow.

Both the safety of Gideon and the horses was taken into account in the horse lab. For example, any group of which Wynne is a part has priority for shade so Gideon isn’t exposed to

the constant sun. Also, for any area in which they worked, it was ensured that Gideon had a direct line of sight to Wynne to aid in response times.

“I want everyone with an interest in equine science to have an opportunity to be in my classroom. If you want to be here, we will make it happen,” said Bedore, an associate professor of practice in the school. “Hearing her stories has opened my eyes and helped me evaluate how our learning environments are constructed. There is also such joy in starting to normalize the involvement of persons of different abilities in the equine industry, which I think doesn’t often facilitate involvement all

that well. Horses are for everyone, and just like other animals, involvement with horses can have so many benefits on human health and wellbeing.”

The experience has been positive for the other students as well. The other students respect Gideon’s vest that shows he is a service dog. Without being asked, the other students ensure that Wynne and Gideon have what they need.

“From the bottom of my heart I appreciate the work that Dr. Bedore is doing in the general area of diversity and inclusion to make sure that I felt I was getting the same education as everyone else,” Wynne said.



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2 Homes on Big Mack's Creek in Hiwassee VA
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You can purchase this great recreational retreat on Big Mack's Creek in Pulaski County Virginia. This property showcases 17.55 acres of mostly wooded land with 705 feet of frontage on Big Mack's Creek. Property includes a 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 22-year-old double wide and an older single wide mobile home. The single wide has been built onto but is in need of repair. Both homes share a septic system and spring. Spring is located on adjoining property.

This would be a great potential homesite, recreational or hunting retreat, weekend getaway, etc. You could use the property for hunting, camping, ATV riding and more.

Property is located across the road from Grace Baptist Church and Camp Powhatan, which is a 1,400-acre scout camp. Property is close to the New River. Information on double wide mobile home provided in bidder pack. Double wide is currently leased on a month-to-month basis. Download Bidder Pack for information about homes, maps, terms and conditions, and property information.

Preview - Friday, December 2nd @ 4 PM

Directions: From Pulaski VA - onto VA 99 South (Count Pulaski Drive) – Left on old Route 100 – Right on Lowman's Ferry Road – Right on Julia Simpkins Road – Left on Max Creek Road – Property on Right. Access is by private drive in front of old farm house at 2717 Max Creek Road.

Terms - 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to final high bid to arrive at contract price. Earnest Money Deposit of \$10,000 required day of sale. Close in 45 days. Subject to seller confirmation. Property sold as is, where is with any and all faults. Buyer is expected to complete their own due diligence. Download Bidder Pack at VAAuctionPro.com

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OPINION

Slim Randles: Home Country: Pearls before swine

Dud was awfully quiet all through the daily dissemination of anything on page one of the Valley Weekly Miracle, which wasn't like him at all. Just sucked down caffeine and silently shook his head now and then. "Anita okay, Dud?" "Oh ... sure, Doc." "You okay?" He nodded, then looked up with a wistful, philosophical look that our guys don't usually

get until after the buttered toast. "Sometimes," he said, "I think it's pearls before swine, that's all." We waited. "Music, I mean. You know how you practice and practice and then you get good enough to actually do something? Well, I took the accordion and went to the accordion festival to compete ... well, you know I'm not really that bad any more..."

"You're getting pretty darn good on that thing, Dud." "Thanks, Steve. Well, we drove down to the capital and I got in the competition and did okay. Placed third in polka. I played that new piece. It's kinda hard because it has those minor bass buttons in it and it took me forever to learn not to miss them." "It was after that. You see, I put the accordion back in the

car and we went in for a lunch they gave everyone." "What's wrong with that?" "I forgot to lock the car. We were halfway through lunch when Anita asked me if I'd locked the car and then it hit me that I might not have locked it. She insisted I run right out and check and that's what I did. And that's when I lost my faith in human beings." "Oh, Dud," Doc said, "some-

one stole your accordion?" "No, it was still there in the back seat. But someone had put two more in there with it." He shook his head. "Pearls before swine." ----- Fans of the late Max Evans should check out Ol' Max Evans' letters to Jim Bob Swafford and family at Amazon.com. Jim Bob is Max's cousin.

Virginia gas prices continue downward turn

Average gasoline prices in Virginia fell 7.3 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.34/g Monday, Nov. 28, according to GasBuddy's survey of 4,081 stations in Virginia. Prices in Virginia are 13.9 cents per gallon lower than they were a month ago but are still 10.1 cents per gallon higher than they were a year ago. The national average

price of diesel fell 7.9 cents last week to stand at \$5.20 per gallon. According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Virginia was priced at \$2.29/g Monday while the most expensive was \$4.49/g, a difference of \$2.20/g. The national average price of gasoline fell 12.4 cents per gallon last week, averaging \$3.52/g Monday, Nov. 28. The

national average is down 22.7 cents per gallon from a month ago but is still 14.1 cents per gallon higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country. "As millions of Americans hit the road for Thanksgiving, we saw gasoline prices continue

dropping coast to coast last week, and a new record was set for the largest single day decline in the national average," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "In addition, 47 of the nation's 50 states have seen diesel prices falling as well, providing well-needed relief ahead of the holidays and helping to stem the rise in inflation," According to De

Haan, "All the metrics look very positive for motorists as this week is likely to continue seeing falling gasoline prices with many areas falling to the lowest level since Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February. It's entirely possible the national average price of gasoline could fall under \$3 per gallon by Christmas, which would be a huge gift to unwrap for motorists after a dizzy-

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NRCC offering free computer tune up

New River Community College will hold a Cyber Day event on Saturday, December 3. Anyone can bring their laptops, desktops, tablets and phones for a free tune-up and virus scan. The NRCC Computer Club is hosting the event from 9 a.m. to noon in room 127 at

the college's Christiansburg site located in Uptown Christiansburg. Several students and Dr. David Filer, NRCC information systems technology professor and club advisor, will be working on the systems at the event. Any Windows or Android device is welcome.

The NRCC Computer Club focuses on the skills of repairing and creating computers for campus and community use. Submitted by Kelly Kaiser, Public Relations Assistant, New River Community College

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muting hours, VDOT reported. "While we can control our own behaviors to prevent distraction while driving, it's important to also consider and plan for what we can't control, such as environmental factors like road glare," said David Tenenbaum, actuarial manager for Virginia Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co. and board member of DRIVE SMART Virginia, a nonprofit dedicated to raising traffic safety awareness among all road users

in order to save lives and reduce injuries on the roadways of Virginia. Safety experts shared tips for early-morning and late-afternoon drivers that may reduce the hazards: Be aware of sunrise and sunset times and the location of vehicles around you. Consider adjusting your drive time; starting just a few minutes earlier or later will change the sun's position relative to

the roadway. Reduce speed when approaching an area where the sun hovers above the pavement. Allow extra distance between your vehicle and others to reduce the risk of collisions. Do not swerve, slow, or stop suddenly; other drivers behind you may not be able to slow or stop. Courtesy Virginia Farm Bureau

CROSSWORD ANSWERS
Grid with filled-in letters for crossword puzzle answers.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE
Grid with 65 numbered squares.
CLUES ACROSS:
1. Single Lens Reflex
4. People of southern Benin
7. One who is learned (abbr.)
10. Neckwear
11. Solid water
12. A way to work the soil
13. Inspiring
15. Pick up
16. It wakes you up
19. Parcel
21. Popular dog breed
23. Lets out a sigh
24. Embedded into the surface
25. Hard liquors
26. One from Scotland
27. Satisfy
30. Used to introduce a contrasting statement
34. Antidepressant drug type (abbr.)
35. Similar
36. Winged horse
41. Soft drink maker
45. One who doesn't live up to expectations
46. Nursemaid
47. Inheritor
50. Hot, often dusty wind
54. Serves as an introduction
55. Earned top billing
56. Mansion
57. A partner to a carrot
59. War-horse
60. Midway between northeast and east
61. It checks the heartbeat
62. Aquatic salamander
63. CNN's founder
64. Being precisely suitable and right
65. Strongly alkaline solution
CLUES DOWN:
1. Pinochle trick
2. A system of connections
3. Emblems of royalty
4. Work with a soft hand
5. Plant cultivated in Peru
6. A timid man
7. Lacking intellectual depth
8. A way to order
9. Intoxicating
13. Mimic
14. Surfers use it
17. Small Eurasian deer
18. Popular Miller beer
20. Finds out about
22. Unusual
27. Unusual European viper
28. Indicates before
29. Birth swine
31. 7
32. Useful keyboard key
33. Letter of the Greek
alphabet
37. Edible mollusk
38. Stitched up
39. Utilized
40. ___ in tradition
41. A way to get through
42. Let off
43. Fashionable source of shade
44. In due time
47. Printing speed
48. A major division of geological time
49. Nocturnal, cat-like mammal
51. ___ de la ___
52. After B
53. Unusual
58. Former money of the EU

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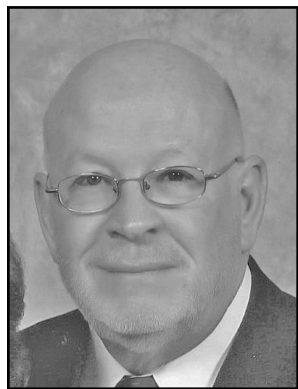
OBITUARIES

Kidd, Sr., Richard “Dick” Eddie

Richard “Dick” Eddie Kidd, Sr., 85, of Radford, passed away Saturday, Nov. 26, 2022. He graduated from both Bluefield College and Virginia Tech, followed by two years of service to his country in the U. S. Army. He was retired from Hercules where he was the H. R. Manager and was a faithful member of Grove United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Roy Cecil and Mattie Hartssock Kidd; and his son, Richard Eddie Kidd, Jr.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Geneta Gardner Kidd; daughter and son-



in-law, Mitzi and Steven Reed; brother, Don Kidd; and many other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends from 12 until 1 p.m. today, Nov. 30, 2022, in the fellowship hall at Grove United Methodist Church. Funeral services will begin at 1 p.m. at the church. Interment will follow in Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Grove UMC, 1020 Tyler Ave., Radford, VA 24141.

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

Kittinger, Fairy Coleen

Fairy Coleen Kittinger, 91, of Pilot, died Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2022, at the New River Valley Medical Center.

She was born in Grayson County, Va. on March 31, 1931, to the late Walter E. and Blanche Sutherland Mize. She was preceded in death by her husband, James R. Kittinger.

She is survived by nephews Sam and

Debra Kittinger, Larry and Pansy Kittinger, and David Mize and Bonnie; and best friends Conrad Bond, Darrell and Lisa Ervin, and Mike and Kathy Smith.

The family received friends Saturday, Nov. 26, 2022, and funeral services followed in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Charles Lutz officiating.

Lipsey, Lynn Carnahan Carey

Lynn Carnahan Carey Lipsey, 92, died on Nov. 24, 2022. She was born and grew up in New Orleans, La. where she graduated from the Louise S. McGehee School. She attended Mary Baldwin College, Southwestern at Memphis (now Rhodes College) and graduated from Newcomb College (now Tulane University). She was married to John Crawford Lipsey, M.D. who predeceased her in 2012.

She is survived by her children Crawford Carnahan Lipsey (Nancy) of Hebron, Ohio; Lisa Hall Lipsey of Blacksburg; and John Johnson Lipsey II (Rosabella); and five grandchildren Jessica Lipsey Sapp (Jordan) of Spring Hill, Tennessee; Elizabeth Lipsey Diyanni (Jason) of Columbus, Ohio; Catherine Lipsey Osburn (Eric) of Hebron, Ohio; Ian M. Lipsey of Blacksburg, Bryn L. Diener of Richmond. She is also survived by seven



great grandchildren: Nora, Layna, Rowan, and Rayne Sapp; Solomon, Mariam, and Gideon Diyanni.

She and John moved to Blacksburg in 1976 after living in Pensacola, Fla. since 1961, keeping a strong affection for both hometowns. She was an avid gardener and enjoyed visiting gardens in the area and around the world. She served as a docent at William Preston's Smithfield Historic house and volunteered at the Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry for many years. She was fond of tennis with her regular group well into her eighties. She finished a crossword a day for years.

A memorial service will be held at Blacksburg Presbyterian Church at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 1, 2022. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to her favorite charities, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, American Red Cross, and Doctors Without Borders.

Haynes, Jacqueline “Jackie” DeHart

Jacqueline “Jackie” DeHart Haynes, 69, passed away Friday, Nov. 25, 2022, at her home in Fairlawn.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John Dehart, Sr., and Katherine Kirtner Saul; her sisters, Priscilla Proco and Barbara D. Snider; a brother, Johnny DeHart, Jr.; and daughter-in-law, Amanda Haynes.

Survivors include her husband of 50 years, Richard “Rick” Haynes; sons and daughters-in-law Scott Haynes and Maeve, and Steve Haynes and Ferletta; daughter and son-in-law, Stacy Viers and Drew; grandchildren Olivia, Claire, Kelsey, Kendall, Campbell, Ke-



aton, Nora, Owen, and Grayson; brother and sister-in-law Randy and Becky DeHart; special friend Linda Turpin; and many other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends from noon until 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022, at Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Memorial services will begin at 2 p.m. with Pastor Greg Harrell officiating. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Fairlawn Baptist Church.

The Haynes family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory in Radford.

Conner, Jeffrey Todd

Jeffrey Todd Conner, born Feb. 16, 1963, left this earth in the early morning hours of Nov. 24, 2022. Todd was loved by many who enjoyed his jovial spirit and caring nature. Todd's door was always open to anyone in need and he was known for hosting many family gatherings and holiday dinners over the years. Although we all rejoice that he is in the embrace of Jesus Christ and pain free, Todd will be deeply missed by everyone who knew him.

Todd was preceded in death by his father, William Conner; son, Brandon Conner; and nephew, Darin Conner.

He is survived by his mother, Margaret Sue Conner; former wife and friend, Brenda Conner; son and daughter-in-law, Chris-



topher Conner (Crystal); sisters and brother-in-law, Wendy Roope (Charlie), and Tami Conner; brother and sister-in-law, Mathew Conner (Sandy); grandsons, Nicholas Conner, Gavin Roseberry and Keyton Warden; granddaughter, Evelyn Conner; and many nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Pulaski. Memorial services will begin at noon.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Trinity Lutheran of Pulaski Social Ministry Fund, 2 5th St., NW, Pulaski, VA 24301.

The Conner family is in the care of Mullins's Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford.

Lilly, Andrew Jackson ‘Jack’

Andrew Jackson ‘Jack’ Lilly, 77, of Blacksburg, peacefully passed away on Nov. 21, 2022, ultimately succumbing to his 16-year battle with cancer.

He was born in Princeton, W.Va., son of Estel A. Lilly and Gladys M. Lilly. He was a loving husband and father who was an avid supporter and donor to Virginia Tech, Concord College, and multiple philanthropic entities, including one of his favorites, The Montgomery County Christmas Store.

Known to his family and friends as Jack; and to his beloved fraternity brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon (Concord College, 1964) as ‘Tiger,’ he is remembered as a billiards, football, golf, and vintage western movies enthusiast. His positive attitude while facing a long and courageous battle with cancer without complaint, and with grit and grace left a lasting impression on all the lives he touched.



He was a retired faculty member of Virginia Tech and was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Eddie Lilly; and his stepsister, Nancy Price Lilly. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Judy L. Lilly; his son, Charles Andrew (Jen) Lilly; a grandson, Austin Andrew Lilly; his sister, Jennifer (Sherman) Lilly-Haynes; brother in-laws, Rick (Debbie) Duncan and Wayne (Janet) Duncan; and a sister in-law, Susan (Jeff) Duncan Aker. He is also survived by multiple nieces and nephews.

At his request, a private family service was held Saturday, Nov. 26. Burial was held at Westview Cemetery in Blacksburg. In lieu of flowers, Jack and the family requested that support be provided to either the Montgomery County Christmas Store, stipulating for Nursing Homes, PO Box 6154 Christiansburg, Va, 24068 or Concord University in Athens, WV, in his name.

Keister, Bobby Lee

Bobby Lee Keister, 82, of Lake Worth, Fla., passed away Nov. 17, 2022.

Bobby, called “Mamaw” by those who knew and loved her, will be lovingly remembered by her family, including her sons, Ira Lee Keister and Danny Keister (Amy); grandchildren Natalye, Ashley (Andrew), Kayla (Dennis), Rebecca, and Kendall, great-grandchildren Owen, Alice, Tyler, Cara, Hailey, and Jordan; and brother Franklin Shephard.

She was predeceased by her son, Butch



Keister.

The family received relatives and friends Sunday, Nov. 20, 2022, at Tillman Funeral Home and Crematory, 2170 S. Military Trail, West Palm Beach.

Further services for Bobby took place in Virginia under the care of McCoy Funeral Home, 150 Country Club Drive SW, Blacksburg, where a visitation took place

Saturday, Nov. 26, 2022, followed by a graveside service at Roselawn Memorial Cemetery in Christiansburg on Saturday.

Sigmon, Donald (Ray)

Donald (Ray) Sigmon, 62, passed away Friday, Nov. 18, 2022, at his home in Vinton.

He was a loving father to his two daughters, Ashley and Whitney; and grandfather to Kristen, Kristianna, Abby, Skylar, Alanna, and Daniel.

Ray was a stranger to no one and a jack-of-all-trades. He loved football and was a huge Miami Dolphins fan.

He was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Kristen; a brother, Michael; his mother, Doris; his father, Donald; a nephew,



Chris; and his longtime girlfriend, Terri.

He is survived by his two girls, Ashley (Chris) and Whitney (Daniel); grandchildren Kristianna, Abby, Skylar, Alanna, and Daniel; his brother, Ricky; his sisters, Taynia and Kay; and many other relatives and friends.

A memorial service was held to celebrate his life on Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2022, at Lighthouse Bible Church in

Vinton.

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

Ritchey, Elizabeth Ann Agnew

Elizabeth Ann Agnew Ritchey, of Blacksburg, passed away on Nov. 21, after suffering a stroke from which she was unable to recover. Liz was born on May 13, 1935, and was blessed with an eventful life, full of family, friends, travel, teaching, and outdoor adventure.

She grew up in Toronto, Canada, the only child of Robert and Marjorie Agnew, and graduated from Bloor Collegiate Institute in 1953. She was planning to pursue a degree in entomology if a guidance counselor hadn't told her this was not an appropriate major for women. Instead, she earned her bachelor's degree in health and physical education from the University of Toronto, where she made lifelong friends, including her “twin,” Dorothy.

With the spirit of adventure that informed her life, Liz left home and pursued a masters degree at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, where she met Sanford Jewell Ritchey, a fellow graduate student far from his home in Louisiana. Upon graduation, they married in September 1957 and embarked on a 65-year journey together that included a six-year stay at Texas A&M and then a move in 1963 to Blacksburg where they raised three children.

Liz taught on the faculty at both Radford University and Virginia Tech, earning her Ph.D. in health and physical education while also managing to be involved in many children's activities, including Cub Scout leader, Band Booster president at Blacksburg High School, and attendee at school and sporting events.

She also was involved in many community groups, including the Faculty Women's Club, the AAUW, and a weekly hiking group. She was a sister of and then later served in many advisory roles with



the Tri Delta sorority and is considered the founder of the Beta Nu chapter at Virginia Tech in 1973.

Closest to her heart was the Whitewater Women's Canoe Club that she started after retiring from teaching. Every Wednesday in the fall and spring, Liz, known as “the boss,” and the group that now includes 50+ current and past members, explored the rivers and lakes of southwest Virginia. A highlight for this family of river sisters was the annual canoe trip in February to a warmer climate.

Liz spent many memorable hours cheering for the Hokie football and basketball teams and enjoying concerts and programs at the Moss Arts Center. Although she enjoyed traveling to many places around the world, her favorite destination was her family's cottage on Lake Couchiching in Washago, Ontario, where she and now counting six generations of her family spent every summer. Here she reconnected with her Canadian friends and family, including cousins Joan and Susan and their families.

Liz was happiest being outside and on the water and passed down her passions to her family, including children Kenneth and wife Tracy, Eric and wife Pam, and Julia and husband Chris; and grandchildren Taylor and Jordan Ritchey and Samantha and William Marin. Inspiring everyone with her leadership, teaching, and encouragement, Liz will be remembered most fondly by her many friends and family when biking on a country road, hiking on a mountain trail, or paddling on a whitewater river.

Anyone wishing to donate to a local charity in Liz's name should contribute to Friends of the Huckleberry and the New River Land Trust. The family is planning a Celebration of Life for early January.

OBITUARIES

Tolley, Mary Juanita Saunders

Mary Juanita Saunders Tolley, 81, of Radford, passed away peacefully in her home on Sunday, Nov. 20, 2022 surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on Aug. 23, 1941, in Amherst County to the late Wade Hampton Saunders, Sr., and Charlotte Estelle Campbell Saunders. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Albert Claud Tolley, Sr.; a brother and sister-in-law, Wade (Bill) Hampton Saunders, Jr. (Peggy); sister Brenda Saunders Wheeler; brother-in-law Gary Sumner; and many other close family members who have now welcomed her home.

Here to cherish her memory include her very special and loving sisters, Martha Estelle Saunders (Tommie Massie) of Amherst, Jean Saunders Sumner of Amherst, and Teresa Saunders O'Brien (Mike) of Gladstone; daughter Sabrina Michelle Tolley of Radford; sons Albert (Bub) Claud Tolley, Jr. (Shirley) of Christiansburg, and Jonathan Eric Tolley (Denise) of Pulaski; grandchildren Monica Ann Tolley (Jameel) of Radford, Jonathan Wade Tolley of Radford, and Brandon Scott Tolley King of Radford; great-grandchildren, Homer (CC) Oakley James IV, Damarria (DJ) Otis James, Elijah Scott King, Jonathan Hunter Tolley, and Grayson Cole Tolley; step-grand-



children Zachary Harrell (Maria) of Wilmington, N.C., Nathan Harrell of Pulaski, and Alan Faustino of Pulaski; and a very special bonus granddaughter, Infinity Harmon. She had two pets whom she adored, Vincent and Nala.

She was a longtime member of Carter Street United Methodist Church where she sang in the choir and served the Lord. After graduating from what was then Radford College in 1961, she worked at Radford University for many years before retiring. Mary enjoyed spending time with her family, trying out new foods, traveling, watching crime shows and sports, and doing crossword puzzles.

The family extends a special thank you to Mary's village that allowed her to stay in her home and to work. Thanks also go from the family to Good Samaritan Hospice for the care Mary received.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Good Samaritan Hospice in the name of Mary S. Tolley.

The family received friends Monday, Nov. 28, 2022, at the Carter Street United Methodist Church in Radford, followed by services. Interment followed in the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin.

The Tolley family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory in Radford.

Walker, Jimmy Lynn

Jimmy Lynn Walker, 56, of Radford, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, Nov. 26, 2022.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Larry Eugene and Joyce Bratton Walker.

Survivors include his brothers and sisters-in-law, Kevin and Misty Walker of Snowville, and Randy and Chastity Walker of Radford; many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews, and other

family members and friends.

The family received friends Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2022, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services followed at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Frankie Graham officiating. Interment followed in Cecil's Chapel Cemetery in Hiwassee.

The Walker family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory in Radford.

Speed, Jr., Harold Harrington

Sonny Speed (Harold Harrington Speed, Jr.), of Christiansburg, entered into eternal rest on Nov. 22, 2022, after a brave fight against cancer. Sonny was born in 1937 in Bluefield, Va., the son of Harold Harrington, Sr., and Virginia Hazel (Gillespie).

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Eleanor Sue (Simpkins); his children, Hal (Val) of Austin, Texas, Pam (Brian) of Roanoke, Reine Lea (Michael) of Kensington, Md.; and his grandchildren: Alex, Andrew, and Patrick.

After graduating from Radford High School, Sonny attended VPI (Virginia Tech) as a proud member of the Corps of Cadets and the High-Tighties, majoring in mechanical engineering. In 1961, he was drafted into the Army – achieving the rank of Specialist – while serving as an artillery surveyor with the 27th Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Armored Division in Friedberg, Germany.

Subsequently, Sonny entered the Army Reserves, worked at Poly Scientific, and earned an associate degree in drafting and design from New River Community College. He married in 1967, became a father, and began his 31-year career as a letter carrier for the US Postal Service in Christiansburg.

When Sonny's children were young, he transformed into their favorite playmate upon returning home from work. As they grew older, he was often observed taking pictures and filming their various extracurricular activities: band



and chorus concerts, half-time shows, Boy Scout outings, track meets, gym class and prom. Sonny was a faithful alarm clock for his children, announcing "First call to Growley" on school days and rubbing butter on their noses as an extra-special birthday wake-up.

"Speedbuggy," as he was familiarly known, enjoyed a variety of interests and hobbies. Acquiring collectibles – especially comic books and vintage toys – was one of Sonny's primary endeavors. He loved trains, chasing the 611 throughout southwest Virginia and accumulated an extraordinary collection of Lionel trains.

He also dabbled in amateur photography and videography. As a result, he was regarded as a local historian and was frequently consulted to contribute his knowledge and memories of life in the New River Valley. Sonny was a fixture at the annual Virginia Tech homecoming parade, after which he would trek to the Drillfield for the Corps of Cadets' Pass in Review.

A graveside service was held Saturday, Nov. 26 at Hickman Cemetery in Radford.

The Speed family would like to express the utmost of gratitude to the following: Dr. Heather Brooks and the caring staff at Blue Ridge Cancer Care and Carilion Clinic NRV Hospice for their unwavering compassion during Sonny's final days.

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

POLICE REPORT

MONTGOMERY COUNTY JAIL ARREST LOG	COMMIT DATE	DATE	OFFENSE
NOVEMBER 12 THROUGH NOVEMBER 18	11/13/2022 01:58	11/16/2022 01:24	OFFENSE Narcotics possession
JESSEE, KEVIN COMMIT DATE 11/12/2022 00:04	OFFENSE	DORAN, JAMES COMMIT DATE 11/16/2022 02:17	OFFENSE Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language
OFFENSE	Distributing controlled paraphernalia; narcotics possession; larceny shoplifting altering price tags greater than \$200 (first time); possession of burglary tools	SWEENEY, ELENA COMMIT DATE 11/13/2022 03:39	OFFENSE Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language
MCCORMICK, RYAN COMMIT DATE 11/12/2022 00:26	OFFENSE	CABALLERO-GONZALEZ, ALEJANDRA COMMIT DATE 11/13/2022 04:06	OFFENSE Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language
OFFENSE	Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language	CLAESSON, HENRY COMMIT DATE 11/13/2022 06:47	OFFENSE Driving while intoxicated (first offense)
DAVIS, TIMOTHY COMMIT DATE 11/12/2022 00:44	OFFENSE	HALL, STEVEN COMMIT DATE 11/13/2022 16:36	OFFENSE Assault, simple assault against family member; vandalism; intentional damage to property or monument less than \$1,000
OFFENSE	Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language	BRAMMER, JONATHAN COMMIT DATE 11/13/2022 17:15	OFFENSE Felony probation violation
SOWDER, JACOB COMMIT DATE 11/12/2022 01:40	OFFENSE	CARLYLE, WILLIAM COMMIT DATE 11/12/2022 01:49	OFFENSE Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language
OFFENSE	Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language	GILMORE, CODY COMMIT DATE 11/12/2022 03:09	OFFENSE Traffic: Driving while intoxicated; driving on suspended license after DWI conviction
OFFENSE	Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language	BUSSELL, EVAN COMMIT DATE 11/12/2022 03:20	OFFENSE Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language
OFFENSE	Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language	KOTIAN, ANINA COMMIT DATE 11/12/2022 03:29	OFFENSE Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language
OFFENSE	Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language	BAILEY, PEYTON COMMIT DATE 11/12/2022 03:39	OFFENSE Driving while intoxicated (first offense)
OFFENSE	Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language	SAWANT, NIKASH COMMIT DATE 11/12/2022 03:46	OFFENSE Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language
OFFENSE	Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language	SAMBOLA, TARA COMMIT DATE 11/12/2022 08:22	OFFENSE Trespass after being forbidden to do so
OFFENSE	Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language	PAGAN, CHRISTOPHER COMMIT DATE 11/12/2022 16:12	OFFENSE Trespass after being forbidden to do so; larceny, unauthorized use of animal, auto, boat worth \$200 or more
OFFENSE	Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language	CARROLL, DANIEL COMMIT DATE 11/12/2022 20:52	OFFENSE DUI- (first conviction) less than .20
OFFENSE	Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language	CLARK, SAIQUAN COMMIT DATE 11/12/2022 22:20	OFFENSE Failure to appear to felony/misdemeanor summons (2 counts)
OFFENSE	Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language	FRANK, TIMOTHY COMMIT DATE 11/13/2022 00:32	OFFENSE Driving while intoxicated (first offense)
OFFENSE	Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language	JONES, TYSON COMMIT DATE 11/13/2022 01:33	OFFENSE Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language
OFFENSE	Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language	DAVIS, BROGAN	
		GRIGGSBY, BRANDON COMMIT DATE 11/14/2022 09:25	OFFENSE Assault; simple assault against family member
		WHITLOW, CHRISTOPHER COMMIT DATE 11/14/2022 11:33	OFFENSE Failure to appear to felony/misdemeanor summons (2 counts)
		WINNIE, JESSICA COMMIT DATE 11/14/2022 14:31	OFFENSE Narcotics possession
		GRIGGS, JON COMMIT DATE 11/14/2022 15:43	OFFENSE Family offense: consensual intercourse with child age 15 or more (not parent); kidnapping; abduction by force without justification
		FRAIERSON, ANTHONY COMMIT DATE 11/15/2022 01:15	OFFENSE Assault; simple assault against family member
		SMITH, DREW COMMIT DATE 11/15/2022 14:39	OFFENSE Assault, simple assault against law enforcement, fire/rescue personnel; carrying concealed weapon
		K, DURWOOD COMMIT DATE 11/15/2022 15:13	OFFENSE Disorderly conduct (2 counts) trespass after being forbidden to do so
		PAZOS, IGNACIO COMMIT DATE 11/15/2022 16:54	OFFENSE Assault; simple assault against family member
		RICHARDSON, MICHAEL COMMIT DATE 11/15/2022 21:46	OFFENSE Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language
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RADFORD SPORTS

An RU baseball team to remember

Radford has had better baseball teams than the 1990 squad, but I think of all the teams over the years, this is the one I am fondest of. Like so many RU baseball teams, I was their scorekeeper and publicist.

Those guys went through incredible ups and downs that define a brotherhood (or sisterhood) that sometimes only teammates can understand. The first thing to know is that the 1989 Highlander nine had posted the best record in school history, an improbable 27-19 mark, their first winning season ever, including a win over Virginia Tech in the programs' first meeting on the diamond.

At the time, the Highlanders were only five seasons removed from a disastrous 4-26 inaugural campaign in 1985, a year that included some unfortunate NCAA-record breaking standards, like a 38-0 loss to Campbell. (I'm proud to report all those records have since been purged in the NCAA record book by other Division I signatories. I know. I used to check every fall when the new record book arrived from the NCAA offices.)

In 1990, just five years later, the Highs were coming off a winning season with a talented team returning virtually intact for fiery coach Scott Gines in his second year. Gines changed the trajectory of the program after some foundational reconstruction by Greig Denny the two previous seasons. Now the program seemed ready to take off with Gines and assistant Matty Sutphin.

Alas, as is often the case in the "wait until next year" world of sports, the '90 squad never came together on the field as it seemed it would on paper.

First, No.-1 pitcher Phil Leftwich of Lynchburg, who would go on to be the first draft choice of the California Angels that summer, was slowed by a preseason knee injury. Tough-as-nails No.-2 starter Jeff Altergott from Michigan was lost for the season due to elbow surgery.

Two top-hitting outfielders didn't make their grades and had to sit out under university guidelines, although they were eligible by NCAA standards. Lynchburg's Travis Morgan, the catcher and a linchpin of the 1989 success on his way to certain stardom in pro baseball, never seemed to get all the way back from off-season back surgery.

Radford was 3-8 out of the gate, Leftwich dropping to 0-2 with a one-run loss the first of March. By mid-April, the team had battled to a 17-16 record before the injuries returned. Home run and RBI leader Phil Haney went down with a broken finger. Shortstop and clubhouse leader Mike Shipley was lost with an ankle injury. Nevertheless, RU was .500 after winning eight of nine games and would register victories at Virginia and then at George Mason when erstwhile utility infielder Todd "Toto" Tortorici tossed a no-hitter.

But in qualifying for their first Big South Conference Tournament in school history, Radford would unravel at the event in Conway, S.C. Leftwich did toss a four-hitter – with a slew of big league scouts watching – and the Highlanders won their first-round game 2-1 over Winthrop when .219-hitting third baseman/student trainer Dac Carbone singled in the winning run in the bottom of the ninth. Because of his unique position on the team, I called Dac "Doc," and love that he's forever remembered for the big hit in RU's first conference tournament win.

Two losses followed, though, eliminating RU. The team finished the season 24-27 in one of those agonizing years of "what-if."

The symbol of that team had to be 5-foot, 8-inch, tree-stump-tough second baseman Dave Kannon out of Wise, Va., a transfer from Walters State (Tenn.) Community College. Kannon had replaced RU's first scholarship player ever (he got \$100 that first year), graduated Ricky Saunders, and hit .320 as a junior in 1989, scoring 48 runs in 44 games and earning all-conference honors.

It has been so long that I don't remember the exact nature of Kannon's original injury. What I do remember is that his right throwing shoulder was so damaged that Gines ordered him to stop taking infield before games midway through the

season so opposing teams wouldn't notice Kannon had to put his arm back in the socket when he made a throw.

Very few people outside of the team knew how badly his shoulder hurt and that he refused to let the coach stop penciling his name in the lineup every day. His batting average dipped to .291, but his fielding percentage was up. Kannon was seemingly everywhere, making defensive plays and tough throws for a team that wouldn't quit.

Kannon looked like a walking bruise by the end of the season, setting a school record by getting hit by eight pitches, one of the last ones getting him in the eye and leaving him an all-star shiner.

I think he came to embody a team that had the highest of hopes but ended up facing losses much greater than baseball. A cloud just hung over those guys. Four players' fathers passed away that year.

Altergott was one of those players. He didn't throw a ball all season but was honored at the team's season-ending banquet at the old Valley Pike Inn in Pulaski. I think of Altergott whenever I hear those pampered-college-athlete stories. He threw himself into baseball more than ever, maybe because of his father, but mostly because he understood and believed what "team" meant.

The scholarshiped pitcher volunteered as a manager, washing his teammates' uniforms and practice gear every day, and putting in longer hours than anyone else. He also worked as head groundskeeper at the ballpark. He ached to help his brothers win and find a sense of normalcy among the things and people he loved.

At the banquet, when senior Todd Ford of Martinsville stepped to the lectern to make his farewell address to his teammates and coaches, you could see that some of the emotion of that year were starting to bubble to the surface. With his Southwest Virginia drawl, Ford spoke eloquently. A strapping 6-foot, one-inch outfielder/DH, he was headed into military service after graduation.

Ford had started early in the college baseball career at Radford but was "recruited over" and relegated to the bench his last two seasons as the team improved so dramatically under Gines.

Ford never once uttered a complaint.

Now, his last thoughts among his teammates and friends were of thanking them, particularly for the opportunity to play alongside Morgan, the great fallen hero who had replaced him in the batting order, and Leftwich, who everyone in the room knew was headed to the major leagues. Morgan, if not for the back injury, certainly would have joined him.

By the time the black-and-blue Kannon, post-dinner tobacco chaw inserted in cheek, limped to the podium, a dry eye couldn't be found in the house.

Watching all those big, strong, young, brave athletes fight so hard that night to keep their composure, and then finally giving in, letting out all that pent-up emotion, brought sports and friendship and sacrifice into sharper focus for me.

I still get a lump in my throat whenever I pass that exit in Pulaski off Interstate-81 where that restaurant used to be.

I learned that spring how truly important sports are, but only because of the people who play the games and the families and fans that support them.

And I learned that sometimes a team with a losing record can still be chock full of winners.

By Mike Ashley
Mike Ashley '83 was a national award-winning writer and columnist ("Sidelines") for the Radford University student newspaper *The Tartan* as an undergrad. Then Radford and the University just couldn't get rid of him. He worked in sports information for the Highlanders 1983-85, and again 1987-97, after two years at Virginia Tech. He has been a freelance sports-writer in Fairfax, Va., the past 25 years, still covering Radford and the Big South, along with other less important college teams for several national publications and online services.

Christiansburg downs Botetourt for region title

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Christiansburg used a steady running attack and a stout defense enroute to defeat Lord Botetourt 34-7 Friday night to win the region D, Class 3 championship.

The title was the first in almost 15 years for the school, but one that has been in the works since Alex Wilkens took over as head coach six years ago.

After the win, Wilkens recalled those first years that included back-to-back shutouts by the same school they had just beaten in the region title game.

"We (the coaching staff) said in Year One, Botetourt is the team we had to get by in order to reach the top rung of the ladder," Wilkens said. "They had set the gold standard, and we saw what we needed to do. It took a lot of hard work

and time in the weight room, but we did it."

Christiansburg, which finished 0-10 in that first year, finished this season with a 10-3 record. Curtis Altizer rushed 11 times for 129 yards Friday night as the visitors from the New River Valley tallied 308 total yards on the ground. Tanner Evans added 117 yards.

But the key was the defense, which shut down a potent Botetourt offense that came into the contest averaging 300 yards per game on the ground. Friday night Christiansburg held the six-time region champs to just 51 yards on the ground.

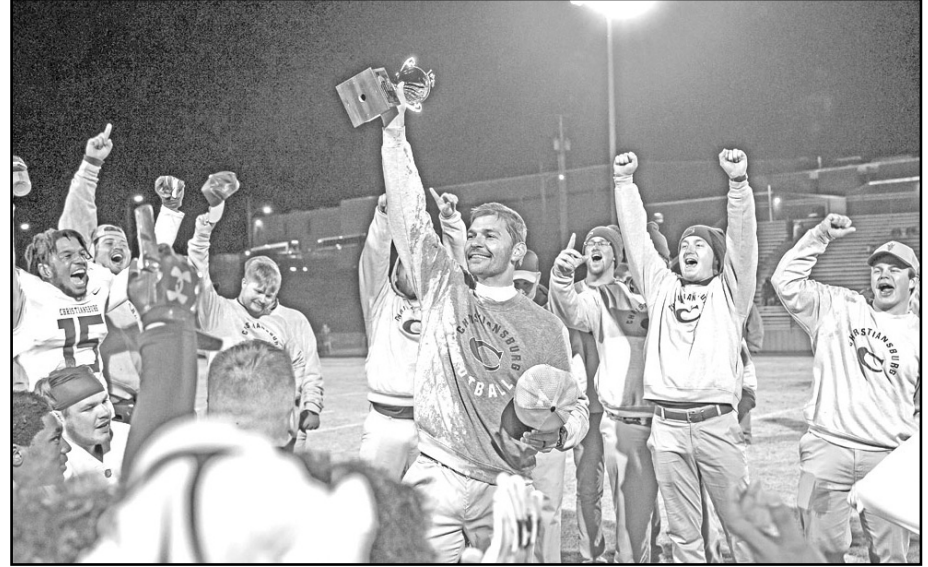
Next up for Christiansburg is Heritage High School, which claimed the Region C title over Liberty Christian Academy this past week.

Heritage enters the state semis with an 11-2

record, their only losses coming during the regular season 14-7 to Life Christian Academy and 49-7 to Dinwiddie. Heritage has wins over William Fleming 32-28, Appomattox 50-14, E.C. Glass 12-0, Rustburg, 34-22, Brookville 10-7, Jefferson Forest 24-0, Liberty 56-0, Staunton 35-0 and Brookville for a second time, 49-21.

The Region C champions outscored their opponents 392 to 192 this season.

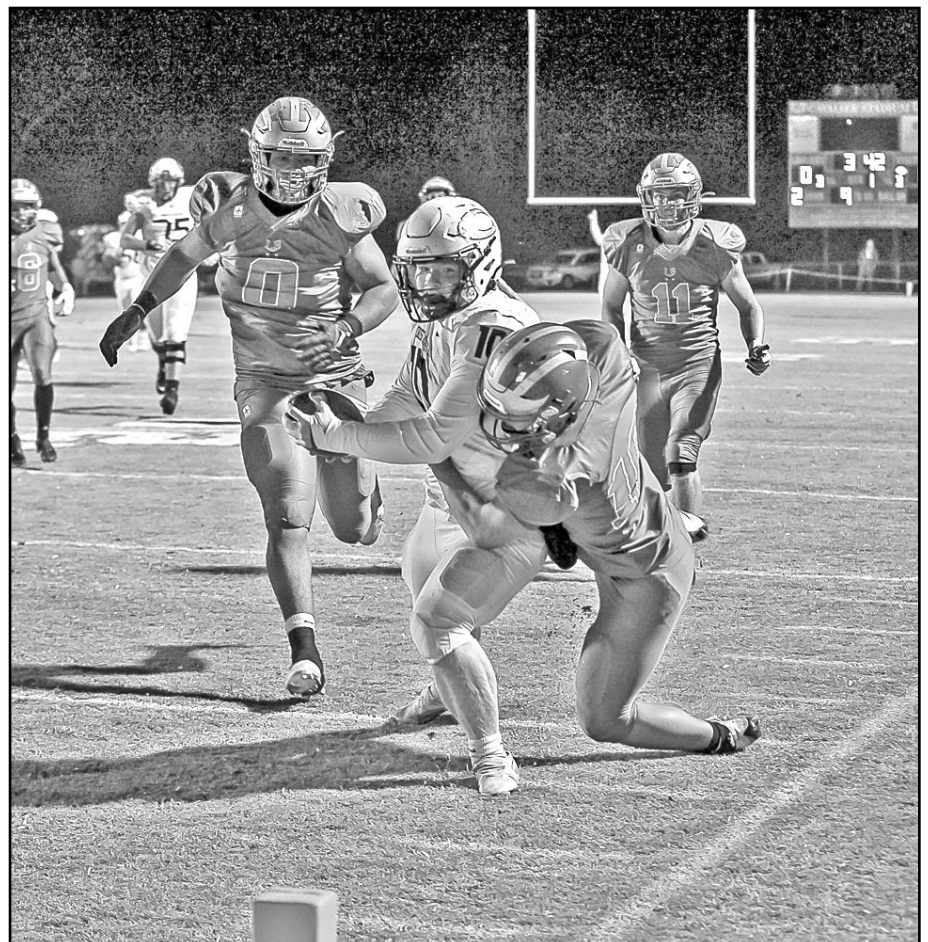
Against Life Christian Academy this past week, Heritage quarterback Hov Bateman rushed for 105 yards, pushing him over 1,000 yards for the season. He also passed for 86 yards and accounted for all of the team's three touchdowns. Rajan Booker added 45 yards rushing as Heritage won its sixth region title since Ron Bradley took over as head coach in 2012.



Christiansburg coach Alex Wilkens (center) is surrounded by the Blue Demons after his team won the Region 3D championship Friday night at Lord Botetourt High School.



Christiansburg's defense bothered Lord Botetourt quarterback Jajari Nicely all night long. Dishon Garrison sacks Nicely on this play.



With three linebacking defenders on his tail, Curtis Altizer (center, white uniform) makes it into the end zone, scoring a spectacular first touchdown for the Blue Demons.

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ACC, SEC announce ACC/SEC basketball challenge

GREENSBORO, N.C. — The Atlantic Coast Conference, the Southeastern Conference and ESPN Monday announced the formation of the ACC/SEC Challenge for men's and women's basketball, which will begin as part of the 2023-24 season.

ACC and SEC teams will square off as part of the annual challenge, one in men's basketball and one in women's basketball. Each of the 28 games (30 starting in 2025-26) will be carried on an ESPN platform, and each conference will host an equal number of home games.

Matchups and game times will be announced at a later date.

"The future ACC/SEC Men's and Women's Basketball Challenges will be outstanding events for our student-athletes, member institutions and fans," said ACC Commissioner Jim Phillips. "The SEC, led by Greg Sankey, and our partners at ESPN have been terrific, and there's great excitement for the first annual ACC/SEC Challenge next season. As part of this announcement, we'd like to acknowledge the Big Ten for its partnership on the ACC/BIG Challenge that spanned

more than 20 years."

"We are excited women's and men's basketball student-athletes will have the opportunity to compete with their colleagues from the ACC as we initiate a new basketball challenge experience," said SEC Commissioner Greg Sankey. "I appreciate the collaboration of Jim Phillips and the ACC members, along with our broadcast partner ESPN, to make possible the SEC/ACC Basketball Challenge which will provide our fans with exciting basketball early in the 2023-24 season. I also thank the Big 12

for the many great challenge games we experienced together in past years."

"We look forward to showcasing the talented men's and women's programs throughout the ACC and SEC in the years ahead through this exciting new collaboration with both conferences," said Nick Dawson, ESPN Vice President of Programming. "Since establishing the very first interconference challenge in 1999, these events have been a staple of our college basketball schedule for more than two decades. We thank both the Big

Ten and the Big 12 for their partnership in the final year of our existing events and look forward to finding more ways to creatively partner with both conferences in 2023-24 and beyond."

The creation of the ACC/SEC Challenge marks the end of the ACC/Big Ten Challenge, which ESPN established with the two conferences in 1999 as a first-of-its-kind event. The final installment of the 23-year-old event and the 15th edition of the ACC/Big Ten Women's Challenge will take place this week.

RU baseball releases 2023 schedule

The Radford University baseball team has released its 2023 schedule. It features 14 unique non-conference opponents, a full round-robin Big South schedule, and the renewal of several historic in-state rivalries.

The Highlanders will begin the season on Feb. 17 as they host Iona for a three-game series. It will be the first meeting between the two programs since 2013 and is just the second home season opener against Iona for Radford since 1994.

The following week Radford will travel to Chapel Hill, N.C., for a north-contest against North Carolina on Feb. 21. The meeting with the Tar Heels will be the first of four ACC opponents that the Highlanders will face, as they make trips to Virginia Tech (Feb. 28), NC State (Mar. 1), and Virginia (May 10).

Radford will also play host to Virginia Tech on Apr. 18. The Hokies come in as defending ACC regular season champions, having made the NCAA Super Regionals a season ago. Radford and Tech have met 66 times in their history, the most meetings

among any non-Big South member that Radford has played.

The Highlanders will also welcome non-conference opponents Wagner (Feb. 24-26) and Hartford (March 3-5) to Carter Memorial Stadium. Following the Hartford series, Radford will travel to Marshall for a non-conference matinee on March 7, and then play a three-game series against VMI

(March 10-12), with the Friday and Sunday games being played in Lexington, Va., and the Saturday game hosted in Radford.

In the Big South portion of the schedule, Radford will host defending Big South conference champions Campbell (March 24-26) as well as High Point (April 6-8), Charleston Southern (April 14-16), Winthrop (May 5-7), and Presby-

terian (May 18-20). The 2023 season will see the return of a full round-robin in conference schedule, as Radford will play all nine Big South opponents for a total of 27 conference games.

Elsewhere on the slate, the Highlanders will have home non-conference matchups against Rider (March 14-15) and East Tennessee State University (March 28). In addition,

Radford head coach Alex Guerra will reunite with his former team as the Highlanders will play host to James Madison University on March 21. Guerra was an assistant with the Dukes for seven years. Radford will make the return trip to Harrisonburg on April 12, renewing an in-state rivalry that has been played 51 times.

In total, the 2023 schedule features 56

games, 31 of which will be played at Carter Memorial Stadium. Other notable non-conference matchups include a three-game series at Western Carolina (March 17-19) and a mid-week contest at Charlotte (April 4). Radford will not face any teams that they have not played before this season, though the meeting with Western Carolina will be the teams' first since 1992.

SCHEDULE
RADFORD BASEBALL

Month	Game Dates	Opponent
FEBRUARY	17-19	IONA
	21	UNC
	24-26	WAGNER
	28	VIRGINIA TECH
MARCH	1	NC STATE
	3-5	HARTFORD
	7	MARSHALL
	10	VMI
	11	VMI
	12	VMI
	14-15	RIDER
	17-19	WESTERN CAROLINA
	21	JMU
	24-26	CAMPBELL*
	28	ETSU
31-2	GARDNER-WEBB*	
APRIL	4	CHARLOTTE
	6-8	HIGH POINT*
	11	ETSU
	12	JMU
	14-16	CHARLESTON SO.*
MAY	18	VIRGINIA TECH
	21-23	USC UPSTATE*
	25	ETSU
	28-30	LONGWOOD*
MAY	5-7	WINTHROP*
	10	VIRGINIA
	12-14	UNC ASHEVILLE*
	18-20	PRESBYTERIAN*

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