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Patton Logistics delivers warm coats to McHarg Elementary School



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Radford City Public Schools Superintendent Rob Graham, along with school administrators and school board members, receive a donation of coats from Patton Logistics representatives recently at the school.

RADFORD - Radford City Public Schools Superintendent Rob Graham, along with school administrators and school board members, received a donation of coats from Patton Logistics representatives recently at the school. "Patton Logistics held an Opera-

tion Warm Coats, which commenced today with them coming to all schools to provide us with new coats for over 150 students," said Graham via email on Dec. 19. "This was a very generous offer from the company. Many of our children who needed coats were pro-

vided with them just in time for the very cold weather later this week." Patton Logistics partnered with Operation Warm, a national nonprofit that manufactures brand-new coats for children in need, in the effort. - Radford News Journal Staff report

Radford Fairlawn Daily Bread faces critical funding need



IMAGE COURTESY OF RADFORD FAIRLAWN DAILY BREAD

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RADFORD - Record-high food prices and a significant increase in the number of meals served has led to a critical funding need for Radford Fairlawn Daily Bread (RFDB).

aid programs like ours provide dependable support to the most vulnerable in Radford. There are people we serve who would not have access to food without RFDB."

RFDB provides meals at no cost for people in need in Radford and Fairlawn through two programs: a takeout lunchtime meal from their facility on Second Street and Meals on Wheels for homebound individuals living in Radford or Fairlawn.

The food outreach program has already had to suspend a supplementary food box program that put non-perishable food into the hands of hungry folks, and the program's director says the organization's need for funding has never been greater.

The takeout meals are for anyone living in Radford or Fairlawn who would like to receive homestyle meals - no questions asked - simply come up to the door and ask for however many meals you need that day.

"The need for funding is critical," said RFDB Director Gretchen Dee. "We are in the midst of an economic recession and food price inflation, and we've seen a massive uptick of over 10,000 extra meals served since the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020."

"Without extra funds, we would have to restrict the number of meals served at our door greatly, which would hit many of the multi-generational and multi-children households we serve the hardest," said Dee. "We are already having to shut down

"Our budget for food and supplies has never been higher and the need in this area continues to climb," she added. "Low-barrier food

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Step into the new year with a First-Day Hike

Claytor Lake State Park is among several state parks with special events planned for Jan. 1, 2023

Starting off the new year with a First-Day Hike at any of the Virginia State Park locations has become a tradition for many people as well as the opportunity to get some exercise, explore the outdoors, and connect with nature while enjoying the park's unique beauty.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION

A First-Day Hike at a Virginia State Park is the perfect way to start the New Year, says the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Parking is free at all Virginia State Park locations on Jan. 1, 2023, and visitors to each park will receive a celebratory First Day Hike sticker while supplies last.

and activities. Hikers can join a Virginia Master Naturalist on a short hike in search of different bird species at 10 a.m., learn to make syrup at noon, and take a hike to the vernal pool at 2 p.m. Later on, hikers can enjoy the evening by viewing the lights on the lake from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. via taking a walk down to the gazebo behind the Howe House.

two miles long, begins at 9 a.m., and has several inclines and declines.

Hikers can choose a solo adventure or a ranger-led hike to help elevate the adventure of the visit.

Twin Lakes State Park offers a 3-mile Otter's Path trail for First Day Hikes. Hikers must stop by the park office first to grab the geocache list for the hike and make sure to download the geocaching app before visiting. For First Day Hikes, each Otters Path Trail cache will contain a card with information about people important to the history of the park, allowing guests to learn more about the story of this site while on the trail.

Anyone in or near the Virginia Beach area can visit First Landing State Park for a guided hike on Bald Cyprus Trail. Meet at the Trail Center picnic tables for this one-hour hike that is offered at 10:00 a.m., noon, and 2:00 p.m. Hikers can also enjoy a self-guided hike on the many other park trails.

Here are some locations to consider for a First-Day Hike:

Natural Tunnel State Park offers a guided hike to Lovers' Leap where park rangers will relate the tale of the star-crossed lovers. The hike is around

York River State Park, located in Williamsburg, offers a guided hike from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. along the banks of the York River and Woodstock Pond. The hike will cover 1.5 miles through upland woods and will end along the York River shoreline. Hikers can also enjoy a self-guided adventure along the several other hiking and multi-purpose trails.

Submitted by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation

Montgomery Museum to create emerging leaders board



The Montgomery Museum of Art and History will start the new year off by hosting a night of networking and conversation for the community's young adults. The occasion is the museum's creation of an Emerging Leaders Board.

onstrate leadership potential and to gain experience through serving on a non-profit board.

The purpose of the board will be to explore how to better engage young adults in Montgomery County and the New River Valley.

The evening will feature appetizers and adult beverages on the house.

The event will take place on Thursday, Jan. 12, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the museum, 4 E. Main St. in Christiansburg. It will serve as an interest meeting for the museum's Emerging Leaders Advisory Board. In 2023, the museum is creating a board of leaders aimed at enhancing the accessibility, involvement, and engagement of young adults. The board will be a means for young adults to dem-

The advisory board will meet monthly for one to two hours to advance the museum's mission and impact in the county while developing future leaders. The time commitment may also include opportunities to present to the Montgomery Museum of Art and History Board of Directors at monthly board meetings.

The advisory board is seen as a great way to gain professional development in leadership skills. Members will deepen their connection with the museum, increase their understanding of non-profit management, and develop the leadership skills needed for future board work and even their day job.

Rotary Club delivers gift cards for turkeys to United Way

Rotary Club of Christiansburg-Blacksburg President Dan Berenato delivered 50 gift cards for turkeys to Lynn Rogers, Interim Executive Director of the United Way of the New River Valley for inclusion in their holiday meal baskets. Berenato said "This is an annual project for our club. We are happy to help the United Way provide holiday cheer to our community."



SUBMITTED BY TERRI FISHER, PUBLIC IMAGE DIRECTOR, ROTARY CLUB OF CHRISTIANBURG-BLACKSBURG

Bringing blessings in a shoebox

'Tis the season for hope, and people diligently search everywhere for it. Some search in stockings, others through carols and cards, and many believe it comes in whatever sits at the base of a light-filled spruce on Christmas morning.

For one Virginia Tech alumna, hope came in a red and green shoebox.

Eighteen years ago, Elizabeth Henry Groff '17 received a shoe box filled with gifts, school supplies, and hygiene items as part of Operation Christmas Child, an initiative coordinated by Christian-based Samaritan's Purse, while living in an orphanage in Ukraine. In despair at the time and separated from her younger half-sister, the then-11-year-old remembered pulling a yo-yo from the box, an item that, to her, symbolized the "love and hope of Jesus."

Since then, Groff has devoted much of her life to packing and collecting shoeboxes filled with gifts for underprivileged children. Now a national spokesperson for Operation Christmas Child, she is preparing to return to Ukraine on the weekend of Jan. 20-22. Fittingly, Samaritan's Purse officials chose her to hand out Operation Christmas Child's 200 millionth shoebox since its launch in 1993.

"I think I'm still processing the whole thing myself," Groff said. "It's been 18 years since I received my shoebox, and now, being able to go back to my home country and share that same love and hope of Jesus in such a tangible way with a child in Ukraine, it truly is a dream come true. I'm just thankful for the opportunity to be able to do that and to be able to serve through this ministry."

Groff, who graduated with degrees in human development within the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences and psychology within the College of Science, spent most of her childhood in that Ukrainian orphanage. She participated in a local choir there, and that led to a trip to the United States. The host family whom she stayed with ended up adopting her two years later, bringing her to their home in Williamsburg.

Not long after arriving, she decided to help the family's local church pack and collect shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. She continued her mission while working toward her undergraduate degree at Virginia Tech. She even involved the Virginia Tech football team after becoming friends with Antone Exum, an All-ACC player who lived in the same residence hall as her.

Groff estimates that she, her family, and her Virginia Tech friends have packed and collected approximately 8,000 shoeboxes over the years.

"I can't share my life story without mentioning Operation Christmas Child because my life kind of fell apart once I lost my sister at the orphanage when we were separated," Groff said. "I felt like I had no will to live to be honest because she was my entire purpose. So when Operation Christmas Child came to my orphanage, it was a direct response to my prayer. ... It brought me so much hope, hope for the future, hope that someone cared, hope that things will be OK. Now that I'm here and I have the means to do the same for other children, when I do it, I think we're here for that exact purpose, which is to serve oth-



PHOTO COURTESY OF SAMARITAN'S PURSE.

Elizabeth Henry Groff has been helping pack shoeboxes in her role as national spokesperson for Operation Christmas Child, including at this particular event in Nashville.

ers." After graduating from Virginia Tech, Groff went to the University of Miami, where she earned her master's degree in public health. Her workload took her away from Operation Christmas Child duties for a while, but a reconnection with her half-sister last December led to her reinvolvement.

Groff found her half-sister after receiving a random Instagram message from a journalist in Ukraine who told Groff that her half-sister was looking for her. The journalist worked for a television show in Ukraine that reunited people and found video of Groff sharing at an Operation Christmas Child event about losing touch with her half-sister.

Groff ultimately flew back to Ukraine to meet with her sibling. At that point, she decided to get back involved with Op-

eration Christmas Child. She resumed her role as a national spokesperson and has traveled all over the world. Over the years, she has traveled to places such as Madagascar and South Korea, sharing her story and a shoebox to those who need both.

Groff and her parents worked to get her half-sister to come to the United States under a federal program called Uniting for Ukraine, which is a pathway for Ukrainian citizens and their immediate family members who reside outside the U.S. to come to the states and stay temporarily in a two-year period of parole. Groff's half-sister will be able to stay in the U.S. until May 2024.

Today, her half-sister now lives with Groff and her husband in Austin, Texas. Groff works remotely as an independent contractor for several ad-

vocacy organizations in Florida dedicated to helping low-income Floridians access dental care.

The war with Russia, which invaded Ukraine in February, continues to devastate many parts of her country and leaves her people desperately searching for exactly what many search for this time of year.

The upcoming opportunity to provide hope will be her most special yet. At least for one day, Groff hopes to leave a group of children feeling merry and bright, feelings befitting of the season.

"Children in Ukraine are right now suffering," Groff said. "They're being broken, and now more than ever, the children of Ukraine need hope. They need love. They need to know that they're not alone."

By Jimmy Robertson

POLICE REPORT

MONTGOMERY COUNTY JAIL ARREST LOG
DEC. 3, 2022 THROUGH
DEC. 9, 2022

FRY, HARRISON COMMIT DATE 12/03/2022 02:51
OFFENSE
DWI BY A PERSON UNDER 21; DRIVING WITH BLOOD ALCOHOL CONTENT .02 TO .07

THOMAS, JACOB COMMIT DATE 12/03/2022 04:41
OFFENSE
FAILURE TO APPEAR TO A FALONY/MISDEMEANOR SUMMONS

MURRAY, APRIL COMMIT DATE 12/03/2022 14:40
OFFENSE
NARCOTICS POSSESSION

COLLINS, THOMAS COMMIT DATE 12/03/2022 16:32
OFFENSE
BURGLARY DWELLING WITH INTENT TO COMMIT LARCENY - A&B,ETC.-DEADLY WEAPON
ASSAULT SIMPLE ASSAULT
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PREVENTION OF ARREST BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
ASSAULT SIMPLE ASSAULT ON LAW ENFORCEMENT - DOC - FIRE/RESCUE PERSONNEL
JONES, MATTHEW COMMIT DATE 12/03/2022 22:49
OFFENSE
FIRST CONVICTION, INFLUENCE OF DRUGS W/ CHILD

RUSSELL, JOHN COMMIT DATE 12/04/2022 01:35
OFFENSE
OBSCENITY DRUNK IN PUBLIC - PROFANE LANGUAGE

CADE, MONTREAL COMMIT DATE 12/04/2022 02:11
OFFENSE
DWI - FIRST CONVIC-

TION, INFLUENCE OF DRUGS

OWENS, JERRY, JR COMMIT DATE 12/04/2022 20:11
OFFENSE
ASSAULT STAB - CUT - WOUND WITH MALICIOUS INTENT

RAMSEY, BRANDI COMMIT DATE 12/04/2022 22:23
OFFENSE
PRISONERS POSSESS - SELL - SECRETE UNLAWFUL CHEMICAL COMPOUND
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ANDERSON, RYAN COMMIT DATE 12/05/2022 00:23
OFFENSE
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NORTON, JOSHUA COMMIT DATE 12/05/2022 02:39
OFFENSE
DWI - FIRST CONVICTION, INFLUENCE OF DRUGS

HAWKINS, HEATHER COMMIT DATE 12/05/2022 06:34
OFFENSE
FRAUD PUBLIC RECORD - FORGING
OBT IDENTIFYING INFO TO AVOID ARREST/IMPEDE INVESTIGATION
LARCENY SHOPLIFT - ALTER PRICE TAGS < \$200 (FIRST TIME)
RESTRICTING JUSTICE W/O THREATS OF FORCE
PROBATION VIOLATION - FELONY
FAIL TO APPEAR FEL/MISD/SUMMONS

LINKENHOKER, ISAAC COMMIT DATE 12/05/2022 12:27
OFFENSE
PROBATION VIOLATION - FELONY
PROBATION VIOLATION - FELONY
BARRETT, BOBBY COMMIT DATE 12/05/2022 16:01
OFFENSE
LARCENY LESS THAN \$200 NOT FROM PERSON

EDWARDS, MATTHEW COMMIT DATE 12/06/2022 06:18
OFFENSE
POSSESSION CONTROLLED PARAPHERNALIA, NARCOTICS POSSESSION

GEARHART, TIMOTHY COMMIT DATE 12/06/2022 10:48
OFFENSE
FAIL TO APPEAR FEL/MISD/SUMMONS

MURPHY, LOGAN COMMIT DATE 12/06/2022 18:00
OFFENSE
TRAFFIC - OPERATOR'S LICENSE LICENSE REVOKED-DRIVE WHILE - (FIRST OFFENSE)

TOWNS, ZACHARY COMMIT DATE 12/06/2022 19:05
OFFENSE
PROBATION VIOLATION - FELONY

DE LEON, LEONARDO COMMIT DATE 12/07/2022 01:12
OFFENSE
DAMAGE TO ATTENDED PROPERTY-DRIVER FAILS TO REPORT > \$1000.0
TRAFFIC - OPERATOR'S LICENSE DRIVE WITHOUT A LICENSE
PRISONERS FEDERAL - FELONY

RATCLIFFE, ERNEST COMMIT DATE 12/07/2022 06:20
OFFENSE
SUSPENDED SENTENCE VIOLATION-FELONY SENTENCE
PROBATION VIOLATION - FELONY

ROBBINS, KAREN COMMIT DATE 12/07/2022 13:18
OFFENSE
ASSAULT SIMPLE ASSAULT

PATTERSON, JONATHAN COMMIT DATE 12/07/2022 14:42
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COMMIT DATE 12/08/2022 00:30
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PROBATION VIOLATION - MISDEMEANOR

BLAND, JAMIE COMMIT DATE 12/08/2022 11:38
OFFENSE
LARCENY SHOPLIFT - ALTER PRICE TAGS < \$200 (FIRST TIME)

DUNCAN, MICHAEL COMMIT DATE 12/08/2022 11:41
OFFENSE
PROBATION VIOLATION - FELONY
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CRUMP, DARIUS COMMIT DATE 12/08/2022 14:08
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PERRY, TANGIE COMMIT DATE 12/08/2022 16:55
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TRAFFIC - OPERATOR'S LICENSE LICENSE REVOKED-DRIVE WHILE - (FIRST OFFENSE)

HENDERSON, KAREN COMMIT DATE 12/08/2022 18:33
OFFENSE
LARCENY SHOPLIFT - ALTER PRICE TAGS < \$200 (FIRST TIME)
FAIL TO APPEAR FEL/MISD/SUMMONS

KORCZYNSKI, JESSICA COMMIT DATE 12/08/2022 20:44
OFFENSE
NARCOTICS POSSESSION

SHOPSHEAR, CHRISTOPHER COMMIT DATE 12/09/2022 03:38
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BANKS, IVORY, JR. COMMIT DATE 12/09/2022 04:57
OFFENSE
ASSAULT SIMPLE ASSAULT - AGAINST FAMILY MEMBER - 3RD/SUBSQNT CONVICT.

BANKS, REBECCA COMMIT DATE 12/09/2022 05:08
OFFENSE
OBSCENITY DRUNK IN PUBLIC - PROFANE LANGUAGE

MITCHEM, AMBER COMMIT DATE 12/09/2022 05:23
OFFENSE
DWI - FIRST CONVICTION, INFLUENCE OF DRUGS

MCGRAW-DOYLE, BE LINDA COMMIT DATE 12/09/2022 11:03
OFFENSE
LARCENY SHOPLIFT - ALTER PRICE TAGS < \$200 (FIRST TIME)

MELTON, BENJAMIN COMMIT DATE 12/09/2022 13:13
OFFENSE

OBSCENITY DRUNK IN PUBLIC - PROFANE LANGUAGE
ASSAULT SIMPLE ASSAULT ON LAW ENFORCEMENT - DOC - FIRE/RESCUE PERSONNEL
ASSAULT SIMPLE ASSAULT - AGAINST FAMILY MEMBER

GLOVIER, ANGELIQUE COMMIT DATE 12/09/2022 14:59
OFFENSE
PROBATION VIOLATION - FELONY

DUNCAN, MONICA COMMIT DATE 12/09/2022 23:48
OFFENSE
PROBATION VIOLATION - FELONY

GATHERS, DERWIN COMMIT DATE 12/16/2022 03:20
OFFENSE
OBSCENITY DRUNK IN PUBLIC - PROFANE LANGUAGE

OPINION

Home Country: Being the official town dog is never easy

I don't mind Boots. He just curls up quietly against my belly and stays put. But sleeping with Desdemona can be a bit unnerving. She snores. Sometimes she gets little bad dreams and scratches me, too. But hey, I get to come in out of the cold and sleep with Aunt Ada's cats on her sofa, and a guy can tolerate a certain amount of cat snoring for that.

I was glad when I heard Aunt Ada pattering in the kitchen because I knew it was

time to get up. After she let me out, she fed me, and let me tell you ... that kibble was just as good this morning as it was yesterday. And then she petted me, called me her dear Billy, and let me out to do my rounds.

Don't let anyone tell you being the official town dog is easy. Nossirree. First, there are the kids. Me and Martin, the crossing guard, have to see them safely across the street and to school each morning.

Must be band day, because I see a lot of instrument cases. Martin gets smiles from the children. I get smiles AND ear rumples, so what do you think of that?

Once those kids are safely across, the time is pretty much my own until the final bell rings in the afternoon. That would be after I get snacks at the back door of the Mule Barn and after my nap curled up against the brick wall of the drugstore downtown. You ever

notice how those bricks hold the sunshine in them? Better than that white wall on the newspaper office.

This is a good day to stop by the Rest of Your Life Retirement Home and check on Pop Walker and Mabel Adams. Oh, I make the rounds and check on everybody, of course, but I have to admit those two are my favorites.

If today is band day at school, tomorrow will be sale day at the sale barn at the edge

of town. That's when the men bring their dogs in from the ranches to look at cows. They yell and talk funny. Not the dogs, of course. Getting your sniffing up to date is always a good thing.

Love, Billy

Give a great nose a helpful lift. Send a gift to the East Tennessee Bloodhound Rescue. et-bloodhoundrescue.org.

By Slim Randles

DEANS LISTS

Local students named to dean's list at Emory & Henry College

A number of local students were named to the fall 2022 dean's list at Emory & Henry College. To be named to the Dean's list, a student must be a full-time student and receive a 3.6 GPA for the semester.

Receiving dean's list recognition from Christiansburg were Richard Graham, Baylee Reasor, and Tyrique Taylor, Achieving dean's list honors from Fair-

lawn was Sariah Buchinsky.

From Blacksburg, Anna Becken was named to the dean's list.

Sophie Graham of Radford earned dean's list honors.

Emily Scaggs of Riner was named to the Emory & Henry dean's list for the fall

Radford's Ezra Lanoue inducted into Phi Kappa Phi honor society

Ezra Lanoue of Radford was recently

initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Lanoue was initiated at Berea College in Baton Rouge, La.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann, who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society, one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 325 campuses in the United States, its territories and the Philippines.

Since its founding, more than 1.5

million members have been initiated into Phi Kappa Phi. Some of the organization's notable members include former President Jimmy Carter, NASA astronaut Wendy Lawrence, novelist John Grisham, and YouTube co-founder Chad Hurley.

Each year, Phi Kappa Phi awards \$1.3 million to outstanding students and members through graduate and dissertation fellowships, undergraduate study abroad grants, funding for post-baccalaureate development, and grants for local, national, and international literacy initiatives.

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GO Virginia grant to VT's College of Engineering to bolster next-generation transportation, manufacturing workforce

A statewide initiative designed to encourage economic growth has awarded the Virginia Tech College of Engineering a grant to advance Southwest Virginia's manufacturing, transportation, and autonomous vehicles sector by scaling up the talent pipeline to train and retain workers.

The GO Virginia grant, which includes \$500,000 in state funding and \$251,300 from matching non-state sources, builds on a Virginia Tech-led coalition of more than 150 public, private, and nonprofit organizations that was one of 60 finalists for the U.S. Economic Development Administration's \$1 billion Build Back Better Regional Challenge. The Automated-Connected-Electrified (ACE) coalition includes a team of higher education and community partners as well as industry leaders such as Volvo, Torc Robotics, and Mack.

John Provo, executive director of the Center for Economic and Community Engagement, which serves as



PHOTO BY DIANE DEFFENBAUGH FOR VIRGINIA TECH. The College of Engineering's Pamela VandeVord (at right) and Brett Malone of the Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center talk about the Automated-Connected-Electrified coalition at the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute.

GO Virginia's regional support organization, lauded this new effort. He said the funding will allow the coalition to move forward with initiatives to help companies grow, build a shared identity for the cluster, and develop a diverse and technically ready workforce.

Pamela VandeVord, associate dean of research and innovation in the College of Engineering and the N. Waldo Harrison Professor of the Department of Biomedical Engineering and Mechanics, is principal investigator on the grant.

"Through the Industry 4.0 curriculum, we're teaching students using real-world transportation and air mobility problems," VandeVord said. "Our goal is to align the resources within Region 2 to

help companies find success and talent as well as attract business to the area."

GO Virginia Region 2 stretches from the New River Valley to the Lynchburg area and north to the Alleghany Highlands. Since 2018, more than \$8 million has been awarded to projects in the region, creating more than 700 jobs.

The ACE project will incorporate the findings of a previous GO Virginia planning grant focused on the training needs of Industry 4.0, a term used to describe today's manufacturing environment that incorporates smart technologies and the internet to better connect and automate the industrial process.

The Virginia Tech Roanoke Center and the Grado

Department of Industrial and System Engineering's Learning Factory partnered on that grant to gather manufacturers, economic development experts, and educators — including ones from community colleges around the region — to gain insights into skills gaps in the workforce, existing training opportunities, and how to best fill any holes.

"The resulting Industry 4.0 curriculum will include hands-on training for in-demand jobs as well as skills necessary to be successful in the competitive and rapidly developing automated transportation system industry," said Scott Weimer, executive director of Roanoke Regional Initiatives, which includes the Roanoke Center.

Daily Bread

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our meal box program which provides non-perishables to households."

Anyone who would like to make a tax-deductible donation to RFDB can send it to: Radford-Fairlawn Daily Bread, PO Box 3323, Radford, VA 24141.

In addition to monetary donations, Dee said, "We always appreciate new volunteers for both the Meals on Wheels and Meal Takeout Program. We also love when people hold food drives on our behalf, canned food drives go a long way for us."

The free takeout meals are served Monday through Friday 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. at 501 Second Street, Radford (lower level of Long Way Brewing, the stone building at the corner of Berkley and Second Street in Radford).

Meals on Wheels for homebound individuals living in Radford or Fairlawn are delivered to the recipient's door between 10 a.m. and noon Monday through Friday. For more information about the programs, log onto www.radfordfairlawndailybread.org.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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 14. Former OSS
 15. Early English printer
 16. Aphid genus
 17. General's assistant (abbr.)
 18. Aussies
 20. Dissuades
 22. Make law
 23. Drench
 24. Soak in a liquid
 28. Male child
 29. It cools your home
 30. Small constellation
 31. To call (archaic)
 33. Explores beneath the Earth
 37. Commercial
 38. W. hemisphere organization
 39. You can find it in a can
 41. "Land of the free"
 42. 36 inches
 43. Footwear
 44. Challenges
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USDA to invest \$810,000 in thirteen Virginia projects to combat climate change

USDA is investing \$285 million through the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) to help farmers, ag producers, and rural entrepreneurs lower energy costs and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This announcement includes 13 Virginia projects that will receive more than \$810,000 in total funding for photovoltaic arrays that will lower energy costs for these businesses.

The 13 Virginia projects are 1) Tuckahoe Plantation Stables, Inc \$9,275. This rural development investment will be used to purchase and install a 14 kilowatt (kW) photovoltaic (PV) system on a barn roof. This system consists of thirty-five 400 Watt solar modules and one inverter. The 16,209 kilowatt hours (kWh) per year of estimated solar generation will go towards the horse stable operations, which should cover 100 percent of their usage.

2) Skyfiber Ranch LLC \$9,417. This rural development investment will be used to purchase and install a 17.28 kilowatt (kW) roof mount photovoltaic (PV) system. This system consists of forty-eight 360 watt solar modules and eighteen inverters. The 24,006 kilowatt hours (kWh) per year of estimated solar generation will go towards the commercial operations only, covering about 67 percent of their usage.

3) Town and Country Towing of Virginia Inc. \$6,155. This rural development investment will be used to purchase and install a 7.225 kilowatt (kW) roof mount photovoltaic (PV) system. This system consists of seventeen 425 watt solar modules and one inverter. This property is leased to run towing operations. The 8,671 kilowatt hours (kWh) per year of estimated solar generation will go towards the commercial operations and will be sold back to the grid, covering about 170 percent of their usage.

4) Shenandoah Fiber Company LLC \$4,742. This rural development investment will be used to purchase and install a 6.08 kilowatt (kW) roof mount photovoltaic (PV) system. This system consists of sixteen 38 watt solar modules and one in-

verter. This property is leased to two entities for alpaca operations. The 7,685 kilowatt hours (kWh) per year of estimated solar generation will go towards commercially used electricity for creating and selling alpaca fibers and products, specifically associated to the grantee, and sold back to the grid, covering about 191 percent of their usage. Their first REAP grant was so successful, they applied for a second REAP grant to put solar on a different building.

5) Worthington Investments LLC \$20,000. This rural development investment will be used to purchase and install a 44.5 kilowatt (kW) roof mount photovoltaic (PV) system. This system consists of one hundred 445 watt solar modules and three inverters. Subject property is on 0.25 acres in Staunton County. This property is for its leasing operations. The 51,826 kilowatt hours (kWh) per year of estimated solar generation will go towards using electricity for leasing operations and selling back to the grid, covering about 191 percent of their usage.

6) Pippin Hill Farm and Vineyards LLC \$16,772. This rural development investment will be used to purchase and install a 28 kilowatt (kW) roof mount photovoltaic (PV) system on a newly constructed building to house chillers for the winemaking operation. This system consists of 70 400 watt solar modules, two inverters, and 70 optimizers.

Subject property is on 41.08 acres with a restored 1804 historical building in Albemarle County and is used for different venues such as offering food, wine, cooking classes, games, tours, and yoga. The 35,076 kilowatt hours (kWh) per year of estimated solar generation is about 13 percent of their estimated usage.

7) Fun-Tastic Farming LLC \$13,525. This rural development investment will be used to purchase and install a 18.36 kilowatt (kW) roof mount photovoltaic (PV) system. This system consists of 51 360 watt solar modules, two inverters, and 51 optimizers. Subject property is on 131.4075 acres with eight buildings and a single family

house in Fauquier county and is used as a property management company for the eight commercial buildings. The 26,840 kilowatt hours (kWh) per year of estimated solar generation is about 115 percent of their usage.

8) Solar General LLC \$250,000. This rural development investment will be used to purchase and install a 965.54 kilowatt (kW) roof photovoltaic (PV) system consisting of 2,099 460W solar modules and 23 inverters for five different public schools in Lee County. The estimated annual solar generation is 1,280,825 kilowatt hours (kWh), which is equivalent to powering 119 single family houses. Power Purchase Agreements are with Elk Knob, Jonesville Middle, Lee High, Lee Vot-Tech, and Rose Hill Elementary.

Solar General LLC is a Special Purpose Entity that was established 9/14/21 by parent company, Secure Futures, LLC to house this project as they do with many other solar projects. All funds are from the parent company and tax credit investors.

9) Virginia Artesian Bottling Company \$46,270 This Rural Development investment will be used to assist Virginia Artesian Bottling Company purchase and install a 102.125 kilowatt (kW) roof mount photovoltaic (PV) system. The estimated solar generation is 140,432 kilowatt hours (kWh) per year, which is comparable to powering about 13 single family homes. The parcel is 55.9 acres with a leased 16,172 sq. ft. commercial building. The business started with bottling water out of their home and has expanded operations tremendously since then. The business was officially established in 2003.

10) Innerspec Technologies Inc \$56,457. This rural development investment will be used to purchase and install a 147.6 kilowatt (kW) roof photovoltaic (PV) system. The estimated annual solar generation is 176,080 kilowatt hours (kWh), which is comparable to powering 16 single family homes. The parcel is 9.63 acres of commercial/industrial leased property. This small business was established in 1997



designing, manufacturing, and servicing ultrasonic equipment globally.

11) Elite Recycling LLC \$44,275. This rural development investment will be used to assist Elite Recycling LLC purchase and install a 106 kilowatt (kW) roof photovoltaic (PV) system. The estimated annual solar generation is 130,299 kilowatt hours (kWh), which is enough to power 12 single family houses. The project is located on a leased 18.16 acre lot with four warehouses and one manufacturing building in a distressed area in Campbell County. The family-owned business was established in 2011 to recycle scrap metal, expanding to bundling and exporting paper, plastic, and cardboard.

12) Solar Warrior LLC \$250,000. This rural development investment will be used to assist Solar Warrior LLC purchase and install a 2.24434 megawatt (MW) roof photovoltaic system for six different public schools in Wise County. The estimated annual solar generation is 2,960,728 kilowatt hours (kWh), which is equivalent to powering 276 single family houses. Solar Warrior LLC is a Special Purpose Entity that was established in September 2021 by parent company Secure Futures LLC, to house this project as they do with many other solar projects. All funds are from the parent company and tax credit investors.

13) Inspiratus LLC DBA Eupepsia \$83,816. This rural development investment will be used to assist Inspiratus LLC dba Eupepsia purchase and install two ground photovoltaic (PV) arrays totaling 237.6 kilowatts (kW). The leased property is on a 250-acre parcel and is used as a health retreat with 26 guest rooms, a greenhouse, a restaurant, a sports and fitness center, spa and therapy treatments, a movie lounge, and white-water rafting. Its estimated solar generation is 317,181 kilowatt hours (kWh) per year, which is equivalent to powering about 29 homes.

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Land Transfers

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rial District, \$265,000 Lawrence Wade Simpson, Jr., to Coral rojas, 0.232 ac., Lot 2, metes and bounds, Riner Magisterial District, \$139,000

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Edward L. Nelson to Pimintnelson Living Trust, 1.131 ac., Lot 9, Alice Drive, Blacksburg David Clarence Ferguson to Ferguson Living Trust, Lot 28, Maple Ridge Village, 3 Brittany Meadows, Blacksburg

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Road, Elliston, Va., 5.168 ac., Lot 23, Ph 3, The Ridges Subdv.

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RADFORD SPORTS

VT relay team wins first-ever 4x100 championship in school history



Virginia Tech men's track and field relay team of Cole Beck, Kahleje "KJ" Tillmon, Kennedy Harrison, and Torrence Walker claimed the first 4x100m relay ACC title in school history at the 2022 ACC Outdoor Championships with a school record time of 38.69.

Radford's Clark All-County/ All-City player of year



FILE PHOTO

Landon Clark passed for over 2,600 yards and rushed for over 400 this season for Radford High School's football team.

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Glenvar's loss was Radford's gain when Landon Clark decided to move for his freshman year of high school. Initially, it was to play basketball for a Radford program that had just won another state title. But somewhere along the line, he discovered he enjoyed playing football and was pretty good at it.

Basketball was out and football was in.

Only a junior, Clark rewrote the school's record book in almost every category.

In last month's 48-26 opening round playoff win over Gretna, Clark completed 16 of 24 passes for 267 yards with four touchdowns. He also ran for another score.

For the season, Clark was 146 for 216 passing with only one interception, throwing for 2,668 yards and 40 touchdowns. He also rushed 104 times for 412 yards with seven individual scores.

But there was some early doubt he might even play the position.

His first year on the varsity roster did not go as planned. Clark was ready to take the next step and begin his progression as the team's quarterback, but just weeks before the team's first game, he started having problems with his foot.

Doctors told him he had a "Jones fracture," which is a fracture of the bone on the pinky toe side of the foot, the fifth metatarsal bone. This fracture can happen when individuals increase training, increase pressure on their feet from gaining weight, or run on uneven surfaces.

Jones fractures have some of the highest risks of nonunion for all broken bones which as many as one in three people experience. Fractures can also damage the area around the injury in-

cluding muscles, nerves, blood vessels, tendons, and ligaments.

These fractures will sometimes heal on their own, but they may take months to heal without surgery, leaving Clark to wonder if football would fit into his 2021 plans.

"I didn't even want to play quarterback after the injury. I also didn't want to even play that season," Clark said.

After some encouragement from teammates and the Radford coaching staff, he jumped under center, and after five games and a playoff run in 2021, he entered the 2022 season as the team's signal caller.

More than 2,600 yards this season through the air and another 400 on the ground made 10 wins easy. The Bobcats suffered a close loss to Clark's old school, Glenvar, and lost another close game to Appomattox in the region semi-finals. "That stung," Clark said.

For his outstanding effort, Clark was named to the Class 1 first-team at quarterback and this week, Clark received another accolade as the 2022 All-County/All-City Player of the Year.

He admits the accolades are great because he knows his hard work has paid off, but the downside is not bringing home a state title. "I would much rather have been in the state championship game, but it didn't happen," he said.

Clark is optimistic about his senior season, and a new weight room at the school has added to that positive outlook. "I need to work on my footwork and can't hesitate in the reads. I have to trust myself in the pocket," he said.

He said if he can clean up those little things, he can be even better next year. Bad news for opposing defenses.

So far, colleges have not come calling, but Clark might just give them a reason in 2022 to attend a few Radford ball games.

VT cornerback Delane earns freshman All-America honors

BLACKSBURG – Virginia Tech cornerback Mansoor Delane has been named an honorable mention freshman All-America selection by College Football News.

Delane (6-1, 177) played in eight games as a freshman, making four starts while registering 38 tackles (17 solo). He defended nine passes, recording eight breakups

while making his first career interception at Duke (Nov. 12). Also an All-ACC honorable mention selection, Delane forced two fumbles in his debut season for the Hokies.

Rachel Baxter and Lindsey Butler win individual NCAA Indoor Championships

Across a magical two-day NCAA Indoor Championship meet, Virginia Tech Track & Field earned two NCAA titles, 14 All-American honors, and finished in sixth place on the women's side for the highest indoor placement in women's program history.

Lindsey Butler clinched Tech's second national championship of the weekend Saturday night, finishing first in the women's 800m final with a facility-record time of 2:01.37. Butler, who ran the fastest NCAA 800m

of the indoor season at the ACC Championships, set a new Birmingham Cross-Plex record with her title-winning run.

The Hokies' other national championship at the indoors was provided by Rachel Baxter in the pole vault, the 19th individual NCAA title in Virginia Tech women's track and field history.

Butler and Baxter's national championships means this weekend is the first time in Virginia Tech history that the Hokies have won multiple titles

at the same NCAA Indoor Championships, and only the third time in school history that Tech has claimed multiple titles at the same national meet.

In 2011 the Hokies swept the hammer throw outdoors as Dorotea Habazin and Alexander Ziegler won the women's and men's competitions, and in 2010 Queen Harrison became the first woman in NCAA history to win the 100m hurdles and 400m hurdles at the same Outdoor Championships.



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Lindsey Butler (left) finished first in the women's 800m at the 2022 NCAA indoor championships. Rachel Baxter (right) won the pole vault at the indoors.

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Christiansburg, Radford dominate all-county, all-city teams



Robert McCrea was trouble for opposing quarterbacks this season as he was constantly in the backfield during Christiansburg's run to the state semi-finals.

For the second straight year, Christiansburg and Radford high schools made it to the regional playoffs. Christiansburg even made it to the state semifinals before losing to Heritage, and as expected, the two teams dominated this year's all-county, all-city football as announced by this newspaper.

Christiansburg head coach Alex Wilkens was named the 2022 all-county, all-city coach of the year for his team's outstanding season with a 10-4 record. The Blue Demons outscored their opponents 377-to-192 this year.

Christiansburg "swiss army knife" Tanner Evans earned offensive player of the year honors. He started eight games at quarterback and another five at tailback. His teammate, Curtis Altizer, was named defensive player of the year after he finished the season with 130 tackles.

Evans is a junior, while Altizer is a senior. Evans was recognized as first-team running back along with Altizer, who also played linebacker and handled punting honors. Evans was also named to the all-county, all-city team at defensive back.

Evans rushed 193 times for 1,467 yards with 12 touchdowns while completing 38 of 73 passes for 696 yards and 13 touchdowns. Altizer rushed for 623 yards on 86 attempts with four scores and averaged 7.2 yards per carry.

Radford junior quarterback Landon Clark was named the 2022 all-county, all-city overall player of the year and was the first-team signal caller. Clark was also named on the defensive side of the ball as an all-county, all-city defensive back. He finished the season with 467 yards on 113 carries with eight touchdowns

and threw for 2,972 yards on 166 of 241 passes with a mind-blowing 44 touchdown passes.

Christiansburg linebacker J.T. Thompson was named the newcomer of the year, and Radford's Andrew Moore and Christiansburg's Ayden Conley shared linemen of the year honors.

Other all-county, all-city honors were given on offense as follows: offensive linemen: Carter Stallard (Christiansburg) and Brayden Demasi (Blacksburg); wide receivers: Marcell Baylor and Parker Prioleau (Radford), and Jayron Thompson (Christiansburg). Baylor had 66 catches for 972 yards, while Prioleau hauled in 62 passes for 1,011 yards; running backs: Xavier Brown (Eastern Montgomery) and David Woodward (Radford). Woodward rushed 99 times for 452 yards. kicker: Spencer Conner (Christiansburg); offensive specialist: Spencer Campbell (Blacksburg); punt returner: Parker Prioleau (Radford); Kick returner: Jayron Thompson (Christiansburg).

Defensive unit honors go to linebackers: Charlie Davis (Radford) and Xavier Brown (Eastern Montgomery). Davis finished with 108 tackles including 52 solos to lead the Bobcats. Brown had 58 tackles with 46 solos and four tackles for loss. Altizer, another linebacker honoree, finished with 128 tackles, 86 solos, two interceptions, and 3.5 sacks.

Defensive backs: Luke Poff (Blacksburg) and Gage Akers (Eastern Montgomery). Akers had 34 tackles. Clark, who was also a defensive honoree for Radford, had 40 tackles with five interceptions.

Defensive linemen: Brandon Thompson (Radford), Brandon Demasi (Blacks-



Xavier Brown played a critical role on both sides of the ball for the Eastern Montgomery Mustangs this past season.



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This fall, Radford receiver Marcell Baylor will continue his playing career at Virginia Tech.

burg), Brandon Kingery (Eastern Montgomery), and Jaxon Poole and Robert McCrea (Christiansburg). Kingery had 11 tackles for loss this season with six blocked kicks. Thompson finished with

49 tackles from his down position.

McCrea was also named the defensive specialist for the all-county, all-city squad. He finished the year with 48 tackles and 4.5 sacks.

Radford places four on all-state first-team football

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Radford High School finished the 2022 season with a 10-2 record after falling to Appomattox in the region semi-finals. For the team's outstanding perfor-

mance, four players were named to the Class 2 All-State football team announced last week.

Quarterback Landon Clark was joined on the first-team offense by center Andrew Moore and receiver Marcell Baylor.

Defensive back Parker Prioleau was named to the first-team

on the defensive side of the ball.

Graham High School landed the state defensive (Connor Roberts) and offensive (Ty'Drez Clements) players of the year. Graham coach Tony Palmer was named the state Class 2 coach of

the year.

Clark was also named the Region C player of the year as a quarterback.

Prioleau, Moore and Baylor were also named to the Region C first-team offense. Clark and Prioleau were also named first-

team defense at defensive backs. They were joined by Charlie Davis at linebacker.

Radford's Max Kanipe was named to the Region C second team at linebacker, and lineman Jordan Moore was named to the second-team offense.

Hokies ranked 28th in preseason baseball poll

Collegiate Baseball's Fabulous 50 preseason poll includes 10 ACC teams with three of them landing in the top 10. Louisville leads at No. 6, followed by

No. 8 Miami and No. 10 Wake Forest.

Defending ACC champion North Carolina checks in at No. 11, followed by No. 16 Virginia

and No. 23 Georgia Tech among the top 25. Virginia Tech is at No. 28, followed by No. 30 NC State, No. 32 Florida State, and No. 42 Clemson.

The season opens for all Division I teams on Friday, Feb. 17. ACC teams wrap up regular-season play on Saturday, May 20, with the ACC Baseball Champion-

ship set for May 23-28 at Durham Bulls Athletic Park in Durham, NC.

Two Hokies were included on Collegiate Baseball's 2023 Preseason All-

America Teams. Outfielder Jack Hurley was named to the second team, and right-handed pitcher Drue Hackenberg picked up a third-team honor.

Virginia Tech releases 2023 indoor track and field schedule

BLACKSBURG – Virginia Tech Track and Field head coach Dave Cianelli has announced the 2023 indoor schedule. The Hokies will compete at 10 meets throughout the regular season, hosting four home meets at Rector Field House.

The Hokies will kick off the new season with two consecutive home weekend meets in Blacksburg, starting with the Virginia Tech Invitational on Jan. 13-14 followed by the Hokie Invitational on Jan. 20-21.

After the first two home meets, the program will travel to Louisville, Ky. to compete at the PNC Lenny Lyles Invitational on Jan. 27-28.

The distance crew will take

the weekend off to prepare for the JDL Camel City Invitational on Feb. 3-4 in Winston-Salem, N.C. While the distance crew is in Winston-Salem, Tech will host the Doc Hale VT Meet on Feb. 3-4.

The weekend of Feb. 10 - 11 Tech will be split across three meets. Sprints, hurdles, and jumps will travel to Clemson, S.C. to compete at the Tiger Paw Invite while distance travels to the David Hemery Valentine Invitational in Boston, Mass. The throws group will be in Nashville, Tenn. competing at the Indoor Music City Challenge.

The regular season will come to an end with the Virginia Tech

Challenge on Feb. 17-18, while members of the distance squad return to Winston-Salem, N.C. for the JDL DMR Invitational.

The University of Louisville will host the ACC Indoor Championships on Feb. 23-25 in Louisville, Ky. The Hokies won the men's and women's ACC Indoor Championships in 2022, marking the first time in ACC history that a host school has won both titles. The men's team is looking for their third straight indoor championship title while the women look for their third win in the past four years.

The championship season will conclude on March 10-11 when the Hokies travel to Al-

buquerque, N.M. to compete at the NCAA Indoor Championships. At last year's national meet, Tech claimed two individual titles and 14 All-American honors. Lindsey Butler finished first in the women's 800m with a facility record time of 2:01.37 in Birmingham, Ala. Pole vaulter Rachel Baxter won the national championships with an ACC record clearance of 4.62m.

2023 Indoor Schedule
Jan. 13-14, Virginia Tech Invitational (Blacksburg)
Jan. 20-21, Hokie Invitational (Blacksburg)
Jan. 27-28, PNC Lenny Lyles Invitational (Louisville, Ky.)
Feb. 3-4, Camel City Invitational (Winston-Salem, N.C.)

Feb. 3-4, Doc Hale Virginia Tech Meet (Blacksburg)

Feb. 10-11 David Hemery Valentine Invitational (Boston, Mass.)

Feb. 10-11, Tiger Paw Invite (Clemson, S.C.)

Feb. 10-11, Indoor Music City Challenge (Nashville, Tenn.)

Feb. 17-18, Virginia Tech Challenge (Blacksburg)

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