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Glencoe Mansion to unveil new exhibit on slavery in Appalachia

RADFORD - Glencoe Mansion, Museum and Gallery will host a panel discussion on slavery in Appalachia as part of its new exhibit of the same topic, "Slavery in Appalachia," on Friday, Jan. 27.

The exhibit, which explores this "incredibly important and all too often underrepresented history," Glencoe announced, has been made possible through a grant from the Virginia Humanities.

The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a panel discussion at the City Council Chambers, adjacent to the Glencoe Mansion location. The panel consists of five historians and members of the community who have explored the history of slavery in the region and its effects.

The panelists are Dr. Theresa Burriss, Director of Appalachian Studies at Radford University; Sarah Carter, community historian and Glencoe Mansion Board Member; Howard Eaves, Sr., President of the Wake Forest Community Action Club; Dr. Michael Hickman, President of the Board of the Calfee Community and Cultural Center; and Dr. Daniel Thorp, Associate Professor of History at Virginia Tech.

Sarah Carter is a lifelong resident of Radford whose family has been in the region since 1792 because of slavery. Carter has been researching the history of her family, enslaved ancestors and local history since 1983. She serves on the Glencoe Mansion Board of Directors and is the Gift Shop and Events Committee Chair.

Dr. Theresa Burriss, Associate Professor, serves as the Director of Appalachian Studies and the Appalachian Regional and Rural Studies Center at Radford University. She was born and raised in Bristol, Tenn., focused her doctoral dissertation on the Affrilachian Writers and has published numerous articles and book chapters on the Affrilachians. She was tapped as an Honorary Affrilachian in 2006.

Howard Eaves, Sr. was born and spent his early years in the community of Wake Forest and attended Christiansburg Institute. An Air Force Veteran, Eaves is the President of the Wake Forest Community Action Club and serves as overseer of the Slave Monument located on Kentland Farms (now owned by Virginia Tech). As a team, he and his wife serve as curators of the Museum, which houses artifacts related to the



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This photograph by George Harper Houghton shows an enslaved family on the plantation of Dr. William F. Gaines, Hanover County, Virginia.

Wake Forest community.

Dr. Michael (Mickey) Hickman is the president of the Calfee Community and Cultural Center Board of Directors and chair of its museum and history committee. After attending Calfee Training School and Christiansburg Institute, he graduated from Pulaski High School, Wytheville Community

College, Virginia Tech, and Radford University. He retired after 42 years with Pulaski County Public Schools where he worked as a principal, high school history teacher and coach.

Dr. Daniel Thorp is an associate professor of history at Virginia Tech.

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Citizen involvement central to Radford City Council meeting

Heather Bell

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RADFORD - Citizen comments highlighted Monday's Radford City Council meeting, with potholes, electric sales, law enforcement officers, and more on the minds of the constituents.

Gary Harris and Claudia VanArsdale each raised concerns about paving, with Harris saying several Radford roadways need work on potholes and paving, and VanArsdale raising concerns about recent improvements at Bisset Park being made while the pathway at the park remains in bad shape in some places. She also raised concerns about trees being cut down at the park, reducing shade, and erosion mitigation needed at the park, as well as the condition of Radford's roads in general.

"I'm depressed about what happened at Bisset," she said. "I'd rather see us fix the roads than spend all that money [on the skate park, pickle ball courts and other added amenities]."

Radford Mayor David Horton and Radford City Manager David Ridpath said paving work will resume in the spring. The high cost of asphalt and supply chain issues limited the city's paving program last year, said Ridpath. Ridpath also said several trees in Bisset had to be cut down due to interference with power lines, and the removal of dead trees. Horton said new plantings will occur in the park this spring.

Bill Ratcliffe spoke about the importance of Radford's law enforcement officers. Monday, Jan. 9 was National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.

"They are called to serve and protect, and I think they do both very well," said Ratcliffe. "We owe them our thanks."

Bill Fleisher raised a concern about Radford University's plan to build a combined heat and power facility (CHP) on campus, which would reduce the amount of electric power the university purchases from the city. The City of Radford sells retail electric to residents and businesses in the city and Radford University is the city's single largest customer. Funding toward the CHP facility was included in the Commonwealth of Virginia's 2022-24 biennium budget.

"\$11.2 million of the proposed funding would allow Radford University to proceed with innovative sustainability projects, moving the university toward its commitment of net carbon neutrality by 2040," the university said of the state funding in Dec. 2021. "This includes plans to install a combined heat and power facility (CHP) to self-generate electricity and steam heat. The move comes as the university seeks to reduce green-house gas (GHG) emissions through increase energy efficiency. The CHP facility will reduce risks of rising energy costs, electric grid disruption and enhances energy reliability while providing the university with redundancy of critical systems."

Radford uses revenue from electric sales each year to help fund the city's budget. Council members each expressed concerns at Monday's meeting about the possible loss of revenue, and Horton said the city will be looking into the issue more in the coming months.

Council members expressed their appreciation of citizens coming to the council meetings and expressing their thoughts, and encouraged citizens to let them know if they see issues that raise concerns.

"When you're out and about, if you see a big pothole, or a big branch leaning over, or a sign that needs to be replaced, please let us know," said Council Member Jessie Foster. "Keep those suggestions coming."

Council also passed several appropriation ordinances at Monday's meeting. They include:

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Radford University senior and former Air Force staff sergeant Sara Schafer answers interview questions for her part in Military Makeover with Montel - Operation Career.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF RADFORD UNIVERSITY

Chandler Scott, a Radford University senior and active reserve U.S. Marine, gets his instructions before the camera rolls.

'Military Makeover with Montel' to feature Radford University students

RADFORD - Two Radford University students will appear on an upcoming segment of the television show "Military Makeover with Montel."

Sara Schafer, a senior criminal justice major, and Chandler Scott, a senior business administration and business management major, speak about serving in the military and how Radford helped them discover what was next in their lives. They are highlighted in Operation

Career, a segment that highlights businesses and organizations that help former military members and their families as they transition into civilian life after service.

Cullen Chavis also appears in a non-speaking role in the segment. Chavis served eight years in the U.S. Marine Corps and then graduated from Radford in 2019.

Also appearing on the show is Bret Danilowicz, Ph.D., president of Radford University. Danilowicz

speaks about the importance of serving those who have served us. He spotlights the university's Military Resource Center that provides assistance and space on campus for military veterans, active-duty, reserves and their dependents.

Military Makeover is hosted by someone quite familiar with the military and what life holds after service. Former talk show

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The NRCC Educational Foundation to host book reading for The Whartons' War

The NRCC Educational Foundation will host a book reading of personal communication between a Confederate War general and his wife on Wednesday, Feb. 8, at 7 p.m. at New River Community College in Edwards Hall Room 117.

The book, "The Whartons' War: The Civil War Correspondence of General Gabriel C. Wharton and Anne Radford Wharton, 1863-1865" is a long-awaited collection of historic letters published by co-editors William C. Davis and Sue Heth Bell.

Davis was a professor of history at Virginia Tech and is the author or editor of more than 50 books on the Civil War and southern history. Bell is the Whartons' great-great granddaughter. While rummaging in her parents' garage, she discovered the cache of letters that became the foundation for this book.

The book shares letters from March 1863

to July 1865 between Confederate General Gabriel Wharton and his wife Anne Radford, who were separated by 20 years in age, by politics, and by the social classes from which they sprang, but both were highly educated, articulate, well informed, and unflinchingly interesting. In 524 letters between them, writing sometimes twice or even three times a day, they illuminated their growing romance as two relative strangers got to know each other and love each other through their pens.

The letters describe with unusual candor, the Whartons' hopes, fears, dreams, and ambitions, all against the backdrop of the devastation of war in Southwest Virginia, the Shenandoah Valley, and the Confederacy at large. In the process, they revealed themselves to be almost 21st century people; she all business,

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It's Bobcat Day today at the Radford University Men's Basketball game

RADFORD - Radford University Highlanders Men's Basketball Coach Darius Nicholas and the Radford University Men's Basketball team have invited the Radford City Public Schools community to their community game today, Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023, at 2 p.m., against Charleston Southern.

Darius and his brother, Shane Nicholas, an

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Saturday, Jan. 14:

At the Christiansburg Library; 1:30 -3 p.m. Are you interested in beekeeping but not sure where to start? Now is the time to get all the answers to your questions! How much does beekeeping cost? How much time will it take? How much honey will I get? How important are honeybees for pollination? Can I keep bees in town? Learn about all this and more in our beginner's class - a free presentation/discussion, no sign-up required.

At the Radford Public Library; 11 a.m. Come watch "Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile." A handsome crocodile shares a house with a boy and his family in this musical tale based on a story by Bernard Waber. Rated PG; 106 minutes.

At the Radford Public Library; 2- 4:30 p.m. Bring a friend, bring a board game, or just bring yourself to get some quality board-gaming time in at the library! We have a collection of games here, but you're welcome to bring something from home and teach us how to play it.

The Montgomery Co., Radford City, Floyd Co. branch of the NAACP will celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. King, Jr. at 3 p.m. via Zoom. The guest speaker is Elder Marlin Reeves, the branch's Executive Member-at-large for his second term and subscribing Silver Life member. He serves as the Assistant Pastor of New Beginnings Church in Pulaski and as the Vice President of the NRV and Roanoke Markets of the Freedom First Credit Union. Program will include installation of the new 2023 officers by State NAACP President Robert Barnette; presentations, poetry and music by the branch youth council, and announcement of the two 2023 branch award winners of the MRF NAACP/Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service Awards.

Blacksburg Town administrative offices will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Blacksburg Transit will operate on Intermediate Service. All BT administrative offices will be closed. Blacksburg Aquatic Center and Blacksburg Community Center will operate with regular hours. There WILL be refuse and recycling pickup in the southeast quadrant. (Inclement weather could affect the schedules.)

The Radford Public Library and all branches of the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

At the Radford Public Library; 5 – 7 p.m. A free eight-week parenting class presented by NRV Cares. FREE dinner is provided from 5-5:30 p.m., and free childcare will be included for the duration of the class. Please register by email at Keli@nrvcare.org or by text to Julie at (540) 494-0806.

At the Christiansburg Library; all day. Each month the library will be exploring the feasts and festivals of different countries. This month, celebrating the Lunar New Year. Pick up a Lunar New Year craft kit that includes fun information about the holiday and a DIY paper lantern. Supplies limited.

At Meadowbrook Library; 5 – 8 p.m. New River Community College is offering free GED at the Meadowbrook Library every Tuesday and Thursday evening. The classes will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 17 and ends on Thursday, May 11. For more information or to sign up please call the Meadowbrook Library at 540-268-1964.

At the Blacksburg Library; 7 -9 p.m. English Conversation for Adults, led by Carole and Bob Dellinger. Call the library at 540-552-8246 for more information. No childcare is provided for this class.

World renown classical pianist, Nick van Bloss, will perform at Radford University for a free concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Davis Performance Hall in the Covington Center on Radford's main campus. No tickets are required and the event is free and open to all.

At the Radford Public Library; 6 – 7 p.m. Adi Ben Senior will present the first of three interactive workshops on the techniques of Street Photography. Save the dates: Part two on Feb. 15 and Part three on Mar. 16.

At the Radford Public Library; 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Save a life. Donate blood if you can. Walk-ins are welcome and appointments can be made in advance at redcrossblood.org

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

Public meetings are the second and fourth Monday of each month at the Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St. in Christiansburg. Closed sessions begin at 6 p.m. if needed. Open sessions begin 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.

Town Council meets in regular session the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month 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 televised live on WTOB Channel 2.

Regular Town Council meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month beginning at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers of Town Hall (100 E. Main Street). The public is welcome and encouraged to attend, with a citizen hearing time reserved at each meeting for residents to bring any matter they desire before the entire council.

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<i>Chad Osborne</i> <i>Radford University</i>	has a passion for the outdoor environment, and it shows.	feet wet in research by walking local streams in search of microscopic bugs to	to North America's northernmost city to collect core ice samples in
Gabi Richards '22	From getting her	bugs to traveling	in minus-20 degrees



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After recently graduating, Gabi Richards plans to return to Radford University to pursue a master's degree and become a teacher.

She plans to earn a master's degree in teacher education and become an educator, like her mom, because, she said, "I've always been drawn to tutoring and working with kids."

When Richards first stepped foot on the Radford campus, she decided right then that "this was where I wanted my home to be for the next few years," she said. That's one reason she chose to work toward her graduate degree here.

"It still feels like home," she said.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Council of the City of Radford will hold a public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting of

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Council on Monday, January 23, 2023 at 7:00 pm, in the City Council Chambers located in the City Administration Building, at 10 Robertson Street, Radford, Virginia to receive citizen comment and input regarding the Radford Transit application for FTA F.Y.24 Operating Funds, in the amount not to exceed \$2,550,000 and Capital not to exceed \$100,000. Interested persons may appear at the aforementioned time and place to present their views and comments. Comments may also be sent to Melissa Skelton, Transit Coordinator at 10 Robertson Street,

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Radford VA 24141 or Melissa.Skelton@radfordva.gov. For disable individuals who may require special auxiliary aids or services, reasonable accommodations will be make available by the City of Radford upon request five business days before the public hearing. For disable accommodations or additional information, please contact the City Manager's office at 540-731-3603 or 800-828-1120(TTD-Virginia Relay Center).

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Jon McNamara joins Community Health Center of the New River Valley

Jon McNamara has joined the behavioral health practice of the Community Health Center of the New River Valley as a counselor.

“Jon’s experience and commitment to working for the benefit of his patients and community will make him an exceptional asset,” said Michelle Brauns, the Community Health Center’s Chief Executive Officer.

McNamara earned his masters degree in social work from Radford University and holds a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Arizona. His experience includes interning with Carilion as well as coordinating, managing, and implementing programming at an area non-profit. His background consists of work in assessing community food system needs and urban food production.

McNamara is a guild-certified practitioner of The Feldenkrais Method of Somatic Education and holds certifications in ASSIST Suicide Prevention and non-violent crisis intervention.

The Community Health Center of the New River Valley provides affordable and high-quality medical, dental, behavioral, and preventive health care services to people of all ages, regardless of ability to pay. For more information about the Community Health Center’s services and programs in Dublin,



PHOTO COURTESY OF MICHELLE BRAUNS, CEO, NRV COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

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Christiansburg, Pearisburg, and Giles High School, visit www.chcnrv.org or call 381-0820.

- NRV Community Health Center

Radford’s Mattie Jenkins graduates Summa Cum Laude from Berea College

BEREA, KY – Mattie Jenkins of Radford received a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Science in Technology and Applied Design degree from Berea College conferred on Dec. 20, 2022.

Berea College recognized 74 students on Sunday, Dec. 11 during its Mid-Year Recognition Ceremony for December graduates. Carl and Ann Evans, a couple with deep Berea roots, addressed the seniors, who represented 17 states and 5 different countries.

Born and raised on Estill Street in Berea, Carl Evans was the grandson of the first College dentist, Dr. William Best, and the third child of alumna Ellen

Best Evans ‘30 and former dean of Labor, Dr. Wilson Evans ‘30. Steeped from birth in Berea’s values and raised on the kinship of the Berea community, Carl Evans graduated from Berea’s Foundation School in 1962.

Evans continued his studies at UNC Chapel Hill. When the Vietnam War began, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, where he served as a medic at RAF Lakenheath, England. It was there he met Ann Evans. They were married in 1970.

Born in Ohio and raised around the country, Ann served as a lieutenant, a captain, and an Air Force nurse. When she returned to the U.S., she completed her

bachelor’s degree at Butler University. She earned her nurse practitioner certificate, a master’s degree, and a doctorate at UNC Chapel Hill.

Carl went on to complete a Bachelor of Fine Arts at Indiana University’s Herron School of Art and Design before establishing a career as a professional artist and counselor. Ann’s professional roles have included healthcare provider, nursing faculty positions, director of a community medical center, and consultant to the Ministry of Health in South Sudan.

- News Messenger staff report

Study reveals Spanish to be most popular language to learn in Virginia

Spanish is the most popular language to learn in Virginia, followed by Korean and Japanese, according to a study conducted by Writing Tips.

Experts at Writing Tips analyzed the number of average monthly Google searches in each state for learning a language, including terms such as ‘how to learn X,’ ‘learn X,’ ‘X classes near me.’ The search volume for each term combined with the language were added together to discover the total average monthly searches in each state.

According to the results, Spanish received the most searches in Virginia. Almost 13% of the U.S population speaks Spanish. In fact, it is the second-most spoken language in the country. It also has the highest number of speakers in the family of romance languages.

In second place among Virginians is Korean, and then in third place among citizens of the commonwealth is Japanese.

Korean is ranked as the 13th most commonly spoken language in the world with around 77 million speakers. With Korean pop music gaining millions of U.S fans in recent years, including musicians like famous boy band BTS, it’s no surprise that Americans, including Virginians, are keen to learn the language.

A spokesperson from Writing Tips said about the findings: “Learning a new language has an abundance of benefits, from advancing a career to enhancing the connection to other countries and cultures, so it’s fascinating to see such different languages make the top of the rankings. Plus, it can even improve communication and vocabulary in the first language. With the sheer amount of searches for learning Spanish across the nation, it will be interesting to see how this impacts the number of speakers in the U.S.”

- News Messenger staff report

Nonviolent activist, storyteller, author George Lakey to speak in Blacksburg on Martin Luther King, Jr., Day

Nonviolent activist, storyteller, and author George Lakey will speak in Blacksburg on Monday, Jan. 16, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

He will be speaking about his efforts since the 1960s to the present to promote civil rights and

social/environmental/climate justice from the perspective of nonviolent revolution as well as on his memoir, Dances with History, and on his latest book, How We Win.

Lakey will speak from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the New River Valley, 1301 Gladewood Dr. in Blacksburg. The event is free and is open to the public.

It is sponsored by Preserve Monroe,

the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the New River Valley; the Appalachian Studies Program at Virginia Tech, and Protect Our Water, Heritage, and Rights (POWHR).

For more information, contact Maury Johnson maurywjohanson@yahoo.com; or Anita Puckett anitampuckett@gmail.com / (540) 239-3600.

Lakey is an 85-year-old Quaker who has been a constant force in successfully promoting the non-violent revolution movement from the 1960s to the present. He is a storyteller and lecturer who will encourage audience engagement to transmit his message of positive change through peaceful actions.

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Blacksburg Museum and Cultural Foundation to present ‘Films about Fashion’ series



PHOTO COURTESY PF JANEAN WILLIAMS, CURATOR, BLACKSBURG MUSEUM & CULTURAL FOUNDATION

“Funny Face,” starring Audrey Hepburn, is one of three films relating to the fashion industry to be shown in the Blacksburg Museum’s series “Films about Fashion.”

The Blacksburg Museum & Cultural Foundation, in conjunction with the current exhibit “Fashion History Moving Forward: Animating the Present, Considering the Past,” will present “Films About Fashion,” a series of three movies running from Thursday, Jan. 19 through Thursday Feb. 2.

The three films, showing at the Alexander Black House, 204 Draper Rd. SW in Blacksburg, are “Funny Face,” showing at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 19, “Phantom Thread,” showing on Jan. 26 at 6:30 p.m., and “Zoolander,” showing on Thursday, Feb. 2 at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free, and snacks will be available for purchase.

“Funny Face” is a 1957 classic starring Audrey Hepburn and Fred Astaire in a musical romantic comedy directed by Stanley Donen and containing songs by George and Ira Gershwin. All the famous landmarks of Paris serve as backdrops for Hepburn’s posing in Givenchy. “Funny Face” is the ultimate in Hollywood glamor that also slyly critiques the fashion world.

Paul Thomas Anderson’s “Phantom

Thread” (2017) features Daniel Day-Lewis in his final film performance. Day-Lewis portrays a gifted but obsessive and controlling dressmaker in 1950s London, who often stitches hidden messages into the linings of the haute couture dresses he makes. A cheeky model joins his design house and sparks a complicated love story. “Phantom

Thread” is Gothic and gorgeous and features an unconventional romance with breathtaking fashion creations.

The series ends with the cult-classic comedy, “Zoolander” (2001), the “seminal fashion comedy of our time.” Ben Stiller wrote and starred in the film, which is known for lines like, “Have you ever wondered if there was more to life, other than being really, really, ridiculously good

Looking?” and “If there is anything that this horrible tragedy can teach us, it’s that a male model’s life is a precious, precious commodity.”

- Radford News Journal staff report

Radford University students present research at 4th winter CARD

RADFORD – The Radford University Office of Undergraduate Research (OURS) recently sponsored the Fourth Winter CARD, or Creative Activities and Research Days. Working closely with faculty and other students during the fall semester, undergraduate students solved wicked problems society and the planet face. Students presented their research projects through poster projects or orally to an audience.

Participating students were Miranda Fatum, Poster: Sustainable Cities: Edmonton, Canada

Alyson Carneal, Story Map: Spotsylvania County Virginia Profile, Food Insecurity Poster; Food Insecurity From a Highlander’s Perspective Joseph Majewicz, Poster: The Effect of Footwear on Muscle Activation During a Deadlift Raeven Harris, Artwork Installation: Art History: Exploration of African Arts Trace Shepherd, Poster: An Investigation of Concussion Protocols and Concussion Symptoms Prior to Return to Play in NFL Players,

Luke Vongoedert, Food Insecurity Poster: Are Radford Students Hungry?, Kate Strong, Interdisciplinary Poster: The Differences Between the Gastrocnemius and Soleus While Walking with Shoes on and Shoes off; Interdisciplinary Poster: The Impact of the FDA Black Box Warning on Fluoroquinolone Prescription Rates in a Southwestern Virginia Medical Practice Michael Brown, Interdisciplinary Poster: The First Leg: Relating

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OBITUARIES

Akers, Kenneth Ray

Kenneth Ray Akers, 85, of Dublin, sister and brother-in-law, Phyllis and died Monday, Jan. 9, 2023. He was born in Christiansburg on May 20, 1937, to the late Henry and Bessie Musselman Akers. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Eula Albert Akers; brothers, Carl Akers, and Barry Akers; and sister, Dorothy Hodge. He retired from Virginia Tech after 35 years of service in the printing shop.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Donna and Rocky Miller; granddaughter, Chasity Miller and special friend, Mike Crockett; Kenneth's little buddy, Memphis Crockett; Richard Aliff; sisters-in-law, Eleanor King, Kitty Collins, Emily Oliver, Sandy Albert, and Phyllis Hudson, brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Mickey and Diana Albert; several nieces and nephews; and many special friends and neighbors from the lake. The family wishes to thank all the nurses and staff at Highland Ridge Rehab Center.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023 in the McCoy Funeral Chapel with the Preacher Terry Hodge officiating. Interment followed in the Roselawn Memorial Gardens.



Beamer, Bonna Sikes

Bonna Sikes Beamer, 81, of Dublin passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2023, at her home surrounded by family.

She was born in Grayson County to Robert and Ruth Sikes. She was a former English Professor at New River Community College and was an active member of the Dublin United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Larry Beamer.

Bonna is survived by her daughters, Terri Shelor of Dublin and Melissa Lawson of Wirtz; sons-in-law Don Shelor and Barry Lawson; grandchildren Beth and Logan Shelor; sisters and brothers-in-law, Janie and John Wayne Smith, and Dianna and Bobby Bowers; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Harold and Marilee Beamer; and many other nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends; and special caregiver, Emily Wesley.

Visitation was held Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023, at Dublin United Methodist Church, and funeral services were held Friday, Jan. 13. Bonna was laid to rest beside Larry at Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Dublin United Methodist Church or to the Radford University Brain Injury Center.

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

Send community news and photos to communitynews@ourvalley.org

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Radford WORSHIP DIRECTORY

Generations to Come

Read Exodus 10:1 through 12:51

Floyd looked forward to the times his grandchildren visited. They reminded him of his youth with their energy and vitality. Floyd loved telling them the stories of his childhood, especially when he told them of how he came to Christ.

God also gave Israel an important story to pass on.

“This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord—a lasting ordinance” (Exodus 12:14).

Several times in today's reading God told the nation of Israel to share the events of the Passover with the generations that followed. Even today, people cele-

brate the Passover every year, and this reminds Israel's descendants that God delivered His people from bondage.

We too should learn from their example and pass on our experience of God's goodness to our children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and any others in our spheres of influence. God wants everyone we know to come to the saving knowledge of Christ and will gladly use our testimony to point them to that relationship with Him.

Thought for Today: God wants us to testify of our experiences as Christians to those who come after us.

Quicklook: Exodus 12:11–16

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

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

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

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

First Baptist Church on 3rd Ave., 215 Third Ave at the corner with Downey St. We nurture meaningful connections to God and others through worship, spiritual growth, and community ministry. We celebrate the dignity and worth of all persons, created in the image of God. Sunday Bible Study Groups - 9:45, Sunday Worship - 11:00. Website: fbradford.org 540-639-4419. Worship is in-person and live-streamed on Facebook and on our YouTube channel: First Baptist Church Radford.
Trinity Community Church, 1505 N. Franklin Street, C'burg. John Altizer, Lead Pastor, Brian Cockram, Associate Pastor, 382-8121. Worship at 10:45 a.m., Outreach Ministries - 6:00p.m. Wednesday, Growth Groups - 5:00p.m. Sunday, Youth and Children's Ministry - 5:00p.m. Sunday, www.trinitychurch.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LUTHERAN
Christ Lutheran Church, 201 Harvey St. Sunday worship with communion at 10am; fellowship & snacks at 11am. All are welcome. Upcoming events and fellowship opportunities (Senior Brunch, Faith & Film, Rough Draught, etc.) detailed in weekly

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

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

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

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS
Merrimac Pentecostal Holiness Church, Rev. Larry

Christopher (540) 552-7194. lchristopher695@comcast.net. Sunday school at 10 a.m. and morning worship is 11 a.m. Evening service at 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Compassion Church, 1820 Second Street, Radford, 639-6287, Our music is passionate, our worship is real, and Pastor Chandler Jones brings relevant messages for everyone at any place on their journey, Sunday Worship Experience at 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM, Wednesday Family Night at 7 PM, Children Ministry provided for all services. Our vision is to see all Saved. Freed. Restored. Fulfilled. Find us on facebook and Instagram

Walton Pentecostal Holiness Church, 4003 Morning Glory Rd., off Walton Rd. on Rt. 114. 731-1755. Lee Sarver, pastor. Sun. School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m. & 6: p.m., Wed., 7p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN
Join us at **The Presbyterian Church of Radford**, 201 4th Street, at the corner of 4th & Randolph, for Sunday School at 10 am and Worship and Children's Church at 11 am. Our Interim Minister is Steve Willis. Phone 639-2585. Watch the worship services on Facebook, which can be accessed through the church website at www.pcradford.org or through the Presbyterian church of Radford Facebook page. We are called to share the love of Christ in this community and beyond.

UNITED METHODIST
Asbury United Methodist Church, 500 Stuart Street, Christiansburg. 540-382- 0743. Rev. Ryan Schaeffer. Sunday School, 10:15 a.m., Sunday Worship, 11:30 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7pm, alternating month's with Schaeffer Memorial Baptist Church, Senior Bible Study Thursday, 10:30 a.m. All are welcome.
Central United Methodist Church, 803 Wadsworth Street, Radford. 639-3529. 8:30 a.m. Sunday Services: 8:30am (interpreter provided); 9:45am Sunday School (interpreter provided); and 11:00am. Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30pm. Child care is provided. www.centralmethodistchurch.com.
St. Paul United Methodist Church, 220 W. Main St., C'Burg. Rev. Moonsup “Paul” Song (540) 382-2410. Sunday Worship 10am, Sunday School 9am. Live streaming Sunday Service - www.twitch.tv/stpaulumc.

Virginia Tech hosts award-winning costume designer Ruth E. Carter



PHOTO COURTESY OF VIRGINIA TECH
Academy Award-winning costume designer Ruth E. Carter will speak at the Moss Arts Center at 6 p.m. on Jan. 19 as part of Virginia Tech's celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.

Stories have a way of connecting people across space, time, culture, and beliefs. Academy Award-winning costume designer Ruth E. Carter is a transcendent storyteller. Her work spans more than 60 television and film projects and includes myriad generation-defining and culturally influencing work such as “Do the Right Thing” (1989), “Malcolm X” (1993), “Amistad” (1997), the television reboot of “Roots” (2016), “Selma” (2014), and “Black Panther” (2018), the film for which Carter received the 2019 Academy Award for Costume Design.

Carter will visit Virginia Tech to attend “A Conversation with Ruth E. Carter” on Thursday, Jan. 19, at 6 p.m. in the Moss Arts Center. The event is part of a weeklong series celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. at Virginia Tech. The event is free and open to the public.

Carter has described her work as “an expression of Afrofuturism, using imagination and technology to create costumes that tell stories about our culture.” She defines Afrofuturism as applying “technology and intertwining it with imagination, self-expression, and an entrepreneurial spirit, promoting a philosophy for Black Americans, Africans, and Indigenous people to believe and create without the limiting construct of slavery and colonialism.”

Carter’s work brings this philosophy to life by weaving culture, history, politics, race, technology, and education together in her costume pieces.

As the first African American to win in the costume design category, Carter’s work has moved audiences all over the world. Reflecting on this impact, Tyechia Thompson, event moderator and assistant

professor in the Department of English, spoke about the influence of Carter’s work on their personal journey and Black culture.

“She has really used stories to share our history, the Black college experience and aesthetic, Black royalty, many aspects of our culture all while educating audiences across time periods,” Thompson said.

Carter’s use of vibrant color and textured, nuanced, and unique statement pieces gives audiences the opportunity to reflect on the complexity of identity as they continue to learn and grow with changing times. Her work is influential in that it upholds and tells stories that bring together people of diverse backgrounds.

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Morphological Differences in Garden Spiders (Argiope) Based on Proximity to Water

Emma Duncan, Interdisciplinary Poster: A Sociological Analysis of Historical Trends of the Belief that Men are Better Suited for Politics

Cierra Bird, Interdisciplinary Poster: Questioning a Folio from a Medieval Manuscript

Mary-Amelia Wellman, Interdisciplinary Poster: Preventing Wrongful Convictions

Briana Hubbard, Interdisciplinary Poster: Reducing Mass Incarceration by Implementing House Arrest for Nonviolent and First-Time Offenders

Mackenzie Gardner, Interdisciplinary Poster: The Inclusion of Physical Therapists and Occupational Therapists in the Acute Treatment of Anorexia Nervosa and Recidivism Rates During Long-Term Follow-up

Elias Vance, Interdisciplinary Poster: Do Anthropogenic Impacts Affect Soil Content In Radford City?

Dustin Kirby, Interdisciplinary Poster: New Data From Selu Observatory

William Nape, Interdisciplinary Poster: RU TERRA Project - Thermal Energy Radiation Reflection with Arduinos; Interdisciplinary Poster:New Data from Selu

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Jared Hobbs, Interdisciplinary Poster: RU TERRA Project - Thermal Energy Radiation Reflection with Arduinos

David Brown, Interdisciplinary Poster: Coming of Age in the Gorilla Exhibit

Sarah Mullis, Interdisciplinary Poster: Excavation of a Roman Villa in Dacia

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Events

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Saturday, Jan. 28:

2023 Winter Summit Dialogue on Race

At Christiansburg Middle School, 1205 Buffalo Dr., Christiansburg; 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Coffee with Cops at 9 a.m. and main program begins at 10 a.m. Winter Summit Theme: Reflecting on our past. Facing the future. Program: 10 years of accomplishments, issue group progress reports, high school student panel and adult community panel. Register through Constant Contact.

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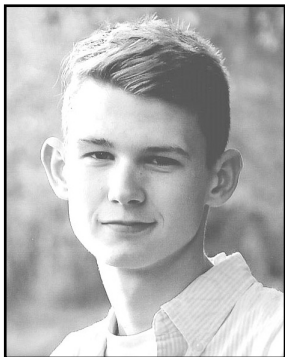
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Bryson, Andrew Joseph “A.J.”

Our dearly loved A.J. left p.m. at Belmont Christian Church this earthly home on Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023.

He is survived by his parents, Jeremiah and Mary Anne Bryson; a brother and sister-in-law, Alex and Alyson Bryson; nephews Grayson Bryson and Bryson Dobbins; a sister and brother-in-law, Alli and Corey Dobbins; nieces Bexley and Baylor Dobbins, and nephew, his best friend and love, Madison Webb; maternal grandparents Robert and Rita Beckner; his paternal grandparents, Terry Joe and Karen Bryson; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends who loved A.J. dearly.

Funeral services will be held today, Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023, at 1



in Christiansburg, 1500 Peppers Ferry Rd. with Pastor Chandler Jones officiating. Interment will follow at Newbern Cemetery. The family received friends from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Friday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Young Life Radford & Pulaski County, 117 3rd Avenue #A, Radford, VA 24141, or St. Jude Children’s Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Pl, Memphis, TN 38105.

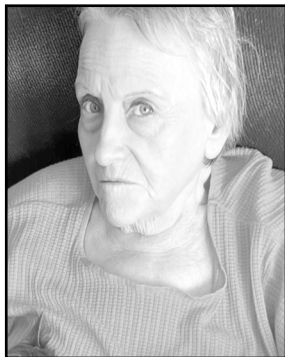
The Bryson family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford.

Lucado, Brenda Faye Goodwin

Brenda Faye Goodwin Lucado, 75, and Shannon Roope; great niece, Brittany Roope; and many other relatives, and friends.

The family will receive friends from 10 until 11 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 16, 2023, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. with Rev. Randall VanDyke officiating. Interment will follow in West View Cemetery in Radford.

The Lucado family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home in Radford.



Neece, Alma Magdalene Cox

Alma Magdalene Cox Neece, 93, Paige; great-great grandchildren, Lucy, Wyatt, Teegan, Easton, Karson, Zander and Vivian; brother-in-law and his wife, Harry Neece (Irene); and many other relatives and friends.

The family would like to thank Good Samaritan Hospice, and all the family and friends that touched Alma’s life.

The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Services will begin at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Wayne Poston officiating. Burial will follow in West View Cemetery in Radford.

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



Linkous, Roger Dale

Roger Dale Linkous, 74, of Lonzie (Wilda) Linkous, of Blacksburg, went to be with the Lord on Friday Jan. 6, 2023.

Roger was born Nov. 12, 1948, to the late Paul and Mildred Linkous. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Amelia Linkous, daughters Jennifer Linkous and Debbie Snell and a brother, Woody Linkous.

Roger is survived by daughters Teresa (Ron) Kenyon, of Blacksburg, and Stephanie (Raymond) Bishop, of Christiansburg; brothers Allen Linkous, of Blacksburg,



Dublin, and Bernard (Ellen) Linkous, of Blacksburg; five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews and special friend Debbie Main.

Funeral services will be conducted today, Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023, at 11 a.m. in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive friends from 10 to 11 a.m., before the service.

RADFORD SPORTS

Longwood-Radford basketball game set to air on ESPNU

The Radford men's basketball game against Longwood, originally scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 25, has been moved to Thursday, Jan. 26 at 7 p.m. and will be aired nationally on ESPNU, the Big South Conference announced Wednesday morning.

The Highlanders will host the reigning Big South champions on Carilion Clinic Court at the Dedmon Center in a pivotal contest for position in the conference standings, as well as bragging rights within the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Now in its second

season under the direction of Radford native Darris Nichols, Radford boasts one of the most talented squads in program history.

Murray State transfer DaQuan Smith leads the team in scoring while four-time Big South Freshman of the Week Kenyon Giles adds scoring punch off the bench. Former five-star prospect and McDonald's All-American Bryan Antoine continues to show why he was so highly touted before coming to Radford from Villanova. Returning veterans Josiah Jeffers and Shaquan Jules have paced the Highlanders in assists and rebounds respectively.

Longwood took a major leap forward last season, going 26-7 overall and 15-1 in conference play en route to an NCAA Tournament appearance. The Lancers' success has continued so far this year as they are currently the last undefeated team in the league.

Former Virginia Tech Hokie and Wake Forest Demon Deacon Isaiah Wilkins has played a huge role on Griff Aldrich's teams, but Longwood's roster features quality depth from top to bottom.

— News Messenger staff report



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Corey Moore, the 1999 Lombardi and Nagurski winner, had his jersey retired by Virginia Tech in 2010.

Former Hokie named to College Hall of Fame

The National Football Foundation and the College Football Hall of Fame announced Monday that Virginia Tech legend Corey Moore is one of 22 new inductees to the College Football Hall of Fame.

The class of 2023 includes 18 first-team All-American players and four coaches.

One of the most intimidating defensive linemen in college football in the 1990s, Moore left Virginia Tech as the most decorated player ever to put on a Hokie uniform. In 1999, he helped lead the Hokies to the BCS National Championship game. That season Moore won the Bronko Nagurski Award as college football's defensive player of the year, the Lombardi Award as college football's lineman of the year, the Big East Defensive Player of the Year award, and he was a unanimous first-team All-American.

Moore also earned

All-America honors in 1998 when he led the Big East with 13.5 sacks. He gained first-team All-America recognition from the Football Coaches Association, was a second-team pick by the AP and The Sporting News, and was a third-team choice of Football News. In three seasons, Moore amassed 166 total tackles and 35 sacks totaling a loss of 292 yards, 58 tackles for loss, six forced fumbles, and three blocked kicks. His No. 56 jersey was retired by Virginia Tech on Oct. 23, 2010.

Moore is the eighth inductee affiliated with Virginia Tech football to be enshrined into the College Football Hall of Fame. The others are Hunter Carpenter (inducted 1957), Andy Gustafson (inducted 1985), Carroll Dale (inducted 1987), Frank Loria (inducted 1999), Jerry Claiborne (inducted 1999), Bruce Smith (inducted 2006) and

Frank Beamer (inducted 2018).

The 2023 College Football Hall of Fame Class will be officially inducted during the 65th National Football Foundation annual awards dinner, presented by Las Vegas, on Dec. 5, 2023, at the ARIA Resort and Casino.

The inductees will also be recognized at their respective collegiate institutions with National Football Foundation Hall of Fame On-Campus Salutes, presented by Fidelity Investments, during the fall. Their accomplishments will be forever immortalized at the Chick-fil-A College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta, and each inductee will receive a custom ring created by Jostens, the official and exclusive supplier of National Football Foundation rings.

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PHOTO BY BRUCE INGRAM

Fresh turkey tracks in the snow could mean that a flock is nearby.

Outdoor report: Anything can happen during January turkey season

During the 2021-22 turkey season, one of the most exhilarating hunts I experienced was the morning I worked four jakes at the same time, all of them with hens, on a Botetourt County creek bottom. The gobbling was intense, the hen talk was non-stop, and, maddeningly, I had to leave that all behind when it was time for me to go to Lord Botetourt where I teach high school English.

My leaving probably didn't keep me from tagging a tom because all of my calling and setups had resulted in not even one jake leaving his females.

You may be surprised to learn that that scintillating action took place on a mid-January Wednesday during Virginia's two-week winter turkey season. I learned that day that January jakes can act just as henned-up as spring longbeards. DWR biologist Mike Dye explained why the Department of Wildlife Resources initiated this season, which runs January 14-28 in select counties.

"One reason for the January season was that we've had a steady decline in fall turkey hunting participation for the last 25 or so years," Dye said. "With no other big-game seasons open, [except the late archery one], we thought that this time period would be a good time for hunters who don't normally go after fall turkeys to be able to explore the sport. Another reason for the season was that it gave fall turkey dog hunters more time to practice their sport. Often when the season begins in October, it's too warm for them to run their dogs."

Dye said that another plus for the January season is that it's an excellent time to mentor adults or youth new to

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As my earlier anecdote indicated, just about any kind of turkey behavior can occur during the January season and Dye agrees.

"In January, you're starting to see a little bit of breakup of fall flocks," he said. "Jakes may have broken away from their mother hen flocks, and their testosterone level is rising, which can lead to pre-breeding behavior like you witnessed. They aren't ready to mate yet, but are just starting to begin the process of determining hierarchy and beginning displays and so forth."

Dye says mature gobblers sometimes gobble on relatively warm January days, and I also have experienced that happening during the winter season. One January I was even able to call in and kill a gobbler that came to my calling along with two other longbeards. And Dye added that mother hens with jenny and jakes, the traditional fall flock, can also be found in Virginia's winter woods.

This past January, with only three days left in the season, I busted such a flock on a day when snow covered the ground and the air temperature never topped 20. I ended up calling in and killing a jenny, which, frankly, was the biggest thrill I had the entire hunting season, especially with the brutal conditions.

— Bruce Ingram, Virginia DWR

Trio of Hokies reaches NIL deal with CMG Leasing

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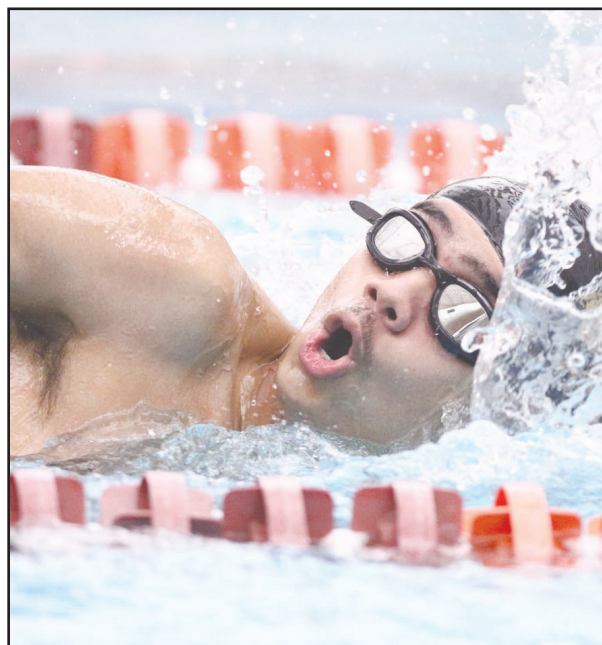
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High school swimming action at CAC



Radford's Mustafa Mohamed competes in the 100-yard freestyle, finishing 12th in a Tuesday night meet at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center.



Radford's Sophia Pugliese claimed a fifth place finish in the 100-yard freestyle (1:17.50).



Radford's Greg Vinson placed second in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:18.11.

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Virginia Tech football's 2023 schedule to be revealed on ACC Network Jan. 30

GREENSBORO, N.C. – Virginia Tech football's 2023 schedule will be unveiled Monday, Jan. 30, at 7 p.m. on ACC Network as part of the league's "ACC Huddle: 2023 Football Schedule Reveal" broadcast.

The ACC and ACC Network will unveil each team's 12-game schedule on the show, which will include the dates for each contest.

Tech's 2023 home

opponents have already been announced and include the likes of NC State, Old Dominion, Pitt, Purdue, Syracuse and Wake Forest. Five of those six teams made a bowl game this past season.

Join the interest list and be among the first to know when the Hokies' 2023 slate is finalized.

Fans who had season tickets this past fall can renew and in order to lock in your desired giving level

and benefits, necessary for tickets and parking, all giving to the Hokie Scholarship Fund must be completed by March 1.

Season tickets offer the best value when compared to single game tickets. Pricing will remain at the same price as the previous year, starting at \$350 per ticket.

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HOME AND COUNTRY

By Slim Randles

There was Steve, our resident cowboy, sitting at the round table in the Mule Barn Truck Stop, doodling on paper. Other members of the world dilemma think tank gravitated to Steve's table.

Steve appeared to be oblivious of the rest of us. "Downspout," he mumbled.

Doc nodded at Herb. "Downspout, Herb."

"I thought so, too," Herb said.

"Oh hi guys," said Steve.

"So Steve ... downspout?"

"Hot tub," Steve said, as if that cleared everything up. "For the cabin. You know. I'm going to put in a hot tub."

"And you need a downspout for this?" Herb said.

"For the rain," Steve said.

We looked at him.

"No water," Steve said. "You know, at the cabin."

"Let's see if I have this right," Dud said. "You want to put a hot tub in at your cabin and you don't have water."

"Exactly."

"So you need a downspout...?"

"For when it rains," Steve said. "To fill the hot tub."

"Okay. So how will you get it hot?"

"Going to wrap copper tubing around the stovepipe in the cabin, you see, and then send it on out to the hot tub. The tub will be outside on the porch."

"You don't have a porch."

"But I will by the time I get the hot

tub built," Steve said. "I'll bet that copper tubing will heat that water right up, and then I can have a good soak up there any time I want."

"Not quite," said Doc. "Not the way I figure it."

Steve looked at him. "Why not?"

"If the water comes down the downspout, around the stovepipe through the copper tubing and then outside to the hot tub, it looks to me like the only time you can soak in the tub is in a rainstorm."

Steve thought about that for a minute. Then sipped his cold coffee. Loretta heated it up.

"And Steve," said Doc, "you ever been on that mountain when the lightning's popping? If you're in that hot tub, with your moustache flopping around in the wind while you watch the surrounding countryside explode, well ..."

Steve wiped out what he was drawing with the pencil and started in on a fresh napkin.

He looked up after a few minutes. "Pool table," he said.

It's a good thing dreams are free.

Mother-in-law planning a visit? Here's some help. Try bagpipelessons@online.com.

In case we're not in the hot tub, try one of these: Slim Randles; (505) 306-6009 cell; 7308 Painted Pony Trail NW, Albuquerque, NM 87210; homecountry8@gmail.com.

VDOT ROAD WATCH

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

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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

INTERSTATE 81

INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDENING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT EXIT 137 TO EXIT 141 – A \$179 million design-build project to widen both directions of I-81 between mile markers 136.6 and 141.8 from two to three lanes is set to begin. Work will be performed on the inside and outside shoulders along a five mile section of both northbound and southbound Interstate 81 in Roanoke County and

the city of Salem. The shoulders will be built up before barrier walls can be installed for road crews to work behind. Barrier walls will be installed along the shoulders in the spring and summer. Two lanes of I-81 traffic in each direction will remain open during the project with periodic lane closures scheduled during nighttime hours or outside of peak travel times as needed. Drivers can expect the following lane closures and upcoming impacts on northbound and southbound I-81:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Triumph

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determining hierarchy and so forth." gobblers sometimes and beginning displays Dye says mature gobble on relatively

warm January days, and I also have experienced that happening during the winter season. One January I was even able to call in and kill a gobbler that came to my calling along with two other longbeards. And Dye added that mother hens with jenny and jakes,

the traditional fall flock, can also be found in Virginia's winter woods.

This past January, with only three days left in the season, I busted such a flock on a day when snow covered the ground and the air temperature never topped 20. I ended up calling in and killing

a jenny, which, frankly, was the biggest thrill I had the entire hunting season, especially with the brutal conditions.

- Bruce Ingram, Virginia DWR

Basketball

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assistant Highlander's basketball coach, both are Radford High School alumni. RCPS Day at the Radford University Men's Basketball Game will include a performance by the Radford Bands and cheerleaders, and the school division will be recognized.

"Let's bring the community together for a great event," said RHS Principal Tara Grant. "Get your tickets at Radfordtickets.com. Go Highlanders!"

- Radford University Athletics

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