

# NEWS JOURNAL

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## Radford University names new vice president for finance and administration

RADFORD – A dean from the University of Virginia has been named Radford University’s vice president for finance and administration new vice president for Radford University.

Robert Hoover will join the Radford University leadership team as vice president for finance and administration, effective March 1, 2023. Hoover most recently served as the senior associate dean for administration and chief financial officer at the University of Virginia’s McIntire School of Commerce, and previously was associate dean for finance and administration at the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing at Emory University in Atlanta.

According to Radford University, he “brings extensive experience in higher education finance and operations, as well as a background in admissions and student services.”

“Robert will be an excellent

addition to the university’s leadership team,” said Radford University President Bret Danilowicz. “His student-first approach to planning and operations is a superb fit for Radford, and he has a proven track record of leadership that is centered on effective collaboration and evidence-based decision making.”

Hoover earned an executive doctorate in higher education management at the University of Georgia in Athens. He received an MBA and a B.S. in business administration at Samford University in Birmingham, AL. He has served the University of Virginia as part of its Finance Strategic Transformation Leadership Council, the University Financial Model (UFM) 2.0 Review Committee, and the Organizational Excellence Leadership Council.

“Over the last eight years, Robert’s strategic approach at McIntire has helped the school enhance

its operational effectiveness,” said Danilowicz. “Stemming from his record of creativity and a team-based approach to leadership, he will be extremely valuable to the university as we work toward our strategic goals at both the main campus and Radford University Carilion.”

Hoover will take over for Stephanie Jennelle, interim vice president of finance and administration, who has served in that capacity since March 10, 2022.

“All of us at Radford University are extremely grateful to Stephanie for her outstanding leadership over the past year,” said Danilowicz. “I look forward to working with her as she continues in the role of associate vice president for finance and university controller.”

- Submitted by Radford University



PHOTO COURTESY OF RADFORD UNIVERSITY

Robert Hoover, associate dean for administration and chief financial officer at the University of Virginia, has been named Radford University’s vice president for finance and administration. He will assume his new duties on March 1, 2023.

## Expanded bus service in New River Valley begins Jan. 17



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Radford Transit is increasing its service from Radford to Christiansburg and Blacksburg starting Jan. 17.

Beginning Jan. 17, 2023, Radford Transit will expand the operations of its NRV Connect route, which connects the City of Radford to the towns of Christiansburg and Blacksburg.

“The route already operates while universities are in session,” Radford

Transit announced. “However, to better meet the needs of residence of the community, Radford Transit will operate the route throughout the year.”

The expanded route will run Monday-Friday from 6:50 a.m. to 9:50 p.m., Saturdays’ 9:50 a.m. to 9:50 p.m., with late night

service offered during full Service on Friday’s and Saturday’s.

For RT’s new schedule visit: <http://www.radfordva.gov/1239/Radford-Transit>.

Radford Transit (RT) and Blacksburg Transit

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## Radford man arrested after New Year’s standoff with police

RADFORD – A 20-year-old man in Radford was arrested following a nearly five-hour standoff with police on New Year’s Day.

According to Radford Public Information Coordinator Jenni Goodman, officers with the Radford City Police Department were dispatched to the 2000 block of Second Street for a disturbance on January 1, at approximately 10:15 a.m.

“It was reported that a male was threatening to shoot law enforcement and himself if police were called to the residence,” said the statement issued by the city. “Upon arrival at the residence, officers established a perimeter and attempted communication with the barricaded male

subject within the residence.”

“The on-scene investigation revealed that the male subject had assaulted a female victim prior to the disturbance call being placed,” it continued. “The Radford City Police Department SWAT team was called to the scene along with crisis negotiators from the Virginia State Police. Virginia Tech Police Department also assisted with providing resources during the incident. After nearly a five-hour standoff, the subject was taken into custody without incident.”

There were no injuries to the suspect or officers involved. Jonathan N. Jarels, 20, of Radford, was charged with one misdemeanor count of domestic assault and battery. Jarels is being



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Jonathan Jarels, 20, of Radford

held at the New River Valley Regional Jail.

“I am truly appreciative for the Virginia State Police and Virginia Tech Police Department for their assistance during today’s incident,” said Radford Police Chief Jeff Dodson on Sunday. “I am thankful for the skill and training of our SWAT team members in working to bring this critical incident to a peaceful resolution today.”

- Radford News Journal staff report

## Radford Chamber contest lights up the city

RADFORD – More than 1,200 votes were cast in each category of the Radford Chamber of Commerce’s 2022 Holiday Decorating Contest.

Radford Chamber Executive Director Dan McKinney recently announced the winners of the contest.

“Congratulations to all who displayed, voted, and went to see these great holiday light displays,” he said.

Coco-Nuts, a bakery on East Main St., won in the business category, and the house at 501 Eighth St. won the residential category. New River Community Action won the second-place business category, and Riverside Veterinary Clinic won third place. Second place in the residential category was 2005 Seventh St.; third place was 8 Second Avenue Extended, and fourth place was 2 Seventh St.

McKinney offered “special thanks to the businesses that donated the prizes: New River Radio Group, Gates Flowers & Gifts III, Ballpark Signs, Fanteva, BT’S Restaurant, El Charro Mexican Grill, Long Way Brewing, and Macado’s Radford.

- Radford News Journal staff report



Coconuts, a bakery located on East Main St., took first prize in the business category of the Radford Chamber of Commerce’s Holiday Decorating Contest.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE RADFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

This home on Eighth Street was voted the first-place residential winner in the Radford Chamber’s contest.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Monday, Jan. 9:

### Radford City Council meeting

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](http://www.radfordva.gov).

### Montgomery County Board of Supervisors meeting

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.

## Tuesday, Jan. 10:

### NRV Cares Parent Education: Parenting Young Children

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](mailto:Keli@nrvcare.org) or by text to Julie at (540) 494-0806.

### Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting

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

### Blacksburg Town Council meeting

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.

### Christiansburg Town Council meeting

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.

## Thursday, Jan. 12:

### River City Quilt Guild

The River City Quilt Guild meets the second Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in Grove United Methodist Church, 1020 Tyler Ave., Radford. If you are willing to share your knowledge and learn from others, this guild is for you. We welcome all skill levels of quilters. For more information call Anna Handy, 540 320 7791.

## On-going:

### Help the Veterans with your donations

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

### Free GED Classes

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



The Slate Mountain Ramblers are an old-time family group from Mt. Airy, N.C., who play for dances, shows, family and community gatherings, benefits, and fiddlers' conventions.



The Country Boys have been playing traditional bluegrass and bluegrass gospel music for more than 40 years.

## NRCC Concert Series continues with free concert on Jan. 14

The music of The Country Boys and the Slate Mountain Ramblers will be featured during New River Community College's Concert Series event on Sat., Jan. 14, 2023. Music will begin at 6 p.m. in 117 Edwards Hall at NRCC in Dublin.

The Country Boys have been playing traditional bluegrass and bluegrass gospel music throughout North Carolina and Virginia for over 40 years. The band originally formed in the late 1960s, with several lineup changes throughout the years. The present band is made up of Donald Clifton, Johnny Joyce, Hershie McMillian, Billy Hawks, Marsha Todd, and Doug Joyce. The band cites the Country Gentleman and the Osborne Brothers

as some of their musical influences.

The Slate Mountain Ramblers are a family old-time group from Mt. Airy, N.C. The members are Richard Bowman, Barbara Bowman, Marsha Bowman Todd, and Randy Hiatt. The Slate Mountain Ramblers play for dances, shows, family and community gatherings, fiddlers' conventions, and benefits. The group has traveled as far as Gainsborough, England, to perform.

Corporate sponsors of the jamborees include Anderson Audiology, Dublin; August Jewelers & Boutique, Inc., Radford; CCCKY, LLC – Fazoli's, Dublin; Deanie Hall – State Farm Agent, Dublin; Estes Auto & Truck Parts Inc., Pilot; First Community Bank, Pulaski; Gregory Seeding

and Landscaping Company, Pulaski; King Tire Service, Pulaski; Lee's Body Shop, Pearisburg; Martin's Pharmacy, Pulaski; Pepsi Cola Bottling Co., Dublin; Pulaski Patriot, Pulaski; SERVPRO, Montgomery & Pulaski Counties; and Southern Furniture Warehouse, Radford.

The doors open at 5 p.m. for the show. Admission is free; however, donations will be accepted to help offset the travel expenses for the musicians. The music events are typically held the second Saturday of each month through April at NRCC, a Crooked Road affiliated venue.

- New River Community College



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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 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, Radford VA 24141 or

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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).

Authorized by Radford City Council

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

The Town of Christiansburg Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:  
A. Rezoning request by Southwest Investment Co. LLC, Property Owner, and Southwest Excavating, Inc., Lessee, to rezone an

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approximately 1.87 acre portion of the property located at 200 Scattergood Drive NW, Tax Parcel 496 - 24 - 5; Parcel ID 033540, from General Business District B-3 to General Industrial District I-2. The property is designated as Mixed Use with Buffer (Industrial) on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comment in-person at the

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time of this Public Hearing. A copy of the application, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Benjamin Tripp, Planning Director, at (540) 382-6128 ext. 1120 or by email at [btripp@christiansburg.org](mailto:btripp@christiansburg.org) with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

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# Blacksburg Planning, Building receives conditional use permit application for Fit Body Boot Camp

The Blacksburg Planning and Building Department has received a conditional use permit application for a personal improvement service use in the office zoning district at 2200 S. Main St.

The building is currently being renovated for TRC (formerly Draper Aden Associates), who will occupy a 15,918 square-foot space for an approved by-right office use in the O-Office district. Fit Body Boot Camp is proposing to relocate to the 4,132 square foot portion of the existing two-tenant structure.

No exterior improvements to the building, parking, landscaping, or grounds are proposed for this project. All activities and classes for Fit Body

Boot Camp will be inside the building. The hours of operation are anticipated to be 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday with morning hours on Saturday. The future land use designation in the Town Comprehensive Plan is commercial.

A neighborhood meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers, Second Floor Municipal Building, 300 S. Main St.

The planning commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers, Second Floor Municipal Building, 300 S. Main St.

# Chamber to present panel discussion with reps from VT, RU athletic departments

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce will present its 2023 Eggs & Issues breakfast on Thursday, Jan. 12, from 8:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. at Warm Hearth Village, 2387 Warm Hearth Dr. in Blacksburg. Check-in and breakfast will precede the program at 8:00 a.m. with the program beginning at 8:30 a.m. The program will be a panel discussion

with representatives from the Virginia Tech and Radford University athletic departments. Representatives from The Hokie Way, Triumph NIL, and Commonwealth NIL will be on the panel. The moderator will be Ann Cassell of The Blacksburg Partnership. Investing sponsor of the program is Automation Creation.

Admission for the program is \$30 for chamber members and \$40 for non-members. Space is limited, and the chamber requests that reservations be made no later than Tuesday, Jan. 10 at noon. Registration can be effected at <https://www.montgomerycc.org/events/details>.

- Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce

# Aquatic Center schedule of events January 2023

**M A S T E R S SWIMMING GROUP**  
Winter Package Jan. 18-March 31 (19 total practices)

The masters swimming group is open to adult (18+) swimmers of all levels, including triathletes, open water swimmers, and anyone wanting to improve their fitness through swimming.

Workouts are designed to accommodate the ability levels and goals of all participants.

Registered US Masters members that are visiting the area can drop in on a workout for \$5 by showing a valid USMS membership card at the front desk. For non-US Masters members wanting to join a workout, a \$10 drop-in fee will be charged. Non-CAC members that are registered US Masters Members with a valid USMS membership, are eligible for the CAC member rates (They must present a valid USMS membership card at the front desk.)

Winter Package times and dates, fees

Jan. 18 through March 31 (19 practices) Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.; \$95 for residents/\$115 for non-residents.

Jan. 18 through Jan. 30 (six practices) Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. \$42 fee for residents; \$52 for non-residents

**FINS YOUTH SWIM TEAM**

The Fins Youth Swim Team is a non-competitive swim team designed to be an effective, easy and fun transition into the world of competitive swimming, or a good way for summer league swimmers and high school swimmers to continue training between seasons. The coaches will focus on competitive stroke mechanics and swimming endurance.

Participants must be able to swim 25 yards in two of the four competitive strokes.

Age: 6-18  
Minimum Enrollment:

5; Maximum Enrollment: 25

Practices are in the leisure pool lanes from Jan. 9 through Jan. 30 (six practices) from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday. Cost is \$40 for residents and \$50 for non-residents

**SWIM MEETS** with estimated number of swimmers

Jan. 6-7 H2Okie MLK Meet (200); Jan. 9 VHSL Dive Meet (25); Jan. 10 VHSL Swim Meet (150); Jan. 16 VHSL Dive Meet (25); Jan. 17 VHSL Swim Meet (150); Jan. 23 VHSL Dive Meet (25); Jan. 24 VHSL Swim Meet (100); Jan. 30 VHSL Dive Meet (25); Jan. 31 VHSL Swim Meet (100)

**L I F E G U A R D TRAINING**

Jan. 20 4 to 9 p.m.; Jan. 21 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Jan. 22 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Register online at [cacpool.com](http://cacpool.com) or call 540-381-7665.

- Christiansburg Aquatic Center



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# Fire protection association encourages prompt removal of Christmas trees as one-third of Christmas tree home fires occur in January

One-third of U.S. home fires involving Christmas trees occur in January according to the National Fire Protection Association. With this post-holiday fire hazard in mind, the association encourages home owners to keep the festive memories and remove the hazards by disposing of Christmas trees promptly after the holiday season.

"As much as we all enjoy the look and feel of Christmas trees in our homes, they're large combustible items that have the potential to result in serious fires," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at the National Fire protection Association. "The longer Christmas trees remain in homes, the longer they present a risk."

Carli notes that fresh Christmas trees, which continue to dry out and become more flammable over time, are involved in a much larger share of reported Christmas tree fires than are artificial trees.

According to the latest Christmas Tree Fires report from NFPA, on the average each year between 2016 and 2020, 160 home structure fires began with Christmas trees, resulting in two civilian deaths, 11 civilian injuries, and \$12 million in direct property damage. Overall, fires that begin with Christmas trees represent a very small but notable

part of the U.S. fire problem, considering that they are generally in use for a short time each year.

To safely dispose of a Christmas tree, NFPA recommends using the local community's recycling program if possible. Trees should not be put in the garage or left outside.

NFPA also offers these tips for safely removing lighting and decorations to ensure that they remain in good condition:

Use the gripping area on the plug when unplugging electrical decorations. Never pull the cord to unplug any device from an electrical outlet, as this can harm the wire and insulation of the cord, increasing the risk for shock or electrical fire.

As homeowners pack up light strings, inspect each line for damage, throwing out any sets that have loose connections, broken sockets, or cracked or bare wires.

Wrap each set of lights and put them in individual plastic bags or wrap them around a piece of cardboard.

Store electrical decorations in a dry place away from children and pets where they will not be damaged by water or dampness.

- Submitted by Lorraine Carli, NFPA Public Affairs

# NRCC to offer machine technology night classes in spring

New River Community College will be offering a group of four evening machine technology courses in the spring 2023 semester.

The courses to be offered are MAC 106 - Machine Shop Operations, MAC 107 - Technology of Machining, MAC 215 - Machining Techniques, and MAC 217 - Precision Machining Techniques. All four courses are eight credit hours each.

The classes will meet Monday through Thursday nights from 6:15 p.m. to 10 p.m. in person on NRCC's Dublin campus with

the first day of class on Monday, Jan. 23. NRCC faculty member Warren Crandall will be teaching the 14-week courses.


Current NRCC students may register for classes online by visiting their student accounts. New students or those who may need additional support to register can reach out to an advisor by emailing [advising@nr.edu](mailto:advising@nr.edu) or calling (540) 674-3609.

Prospective NRCC students may visit [www.nr.edu/registernow](http://www.nr.edu/registernow) for enrollment information. The class schedule is available at [www.nr.edu/schedule](http://www.nr.edu/schedule).

## ONLINE AUCTION

**Ends Thursday January 19th @ 4 PM**  
**Home and Land Near Claytor Lake for Sale!**  
**5100 Little Irish Rd, Hiwassee VA 24347**

**Bid Now at VaAuctionPro.com**



This auction features 112 +/- Acres being sold in 3 offerings ranging from 10 to 55 acres. Offering 1 features a 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath stone home and a few outbuildings. Offerings are completely wooded with ATV trails throughout. Sloping land with abundant wildlife. These would make great recreational or hunting properties as well as a nice private location for a new home. Properties offer exceptional mountain views and are located just minutes from both the New River Trail and Claytor Lake. Bidders desiring multiple tracts will need to be high bidder on all tracts desired. Each offering will stay open until all bidding is complete and all offerings will close simultaneously.

**OFFERING #1** - 46.46 Acres of wooded land with a 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath home. Home features over 2,200 square feet with hardwood floors throughout main level, heat pump, gas fireplace in living room and plumbing in basement for additional bath. Has a front porch, large back deck and stone patio to enjoy the views. Also has a woodshop and separate outbuilding. Property features driveway coming off Little Irish Rd and also has road frontage on Julia Simpkins Rd.

**OFFERING #2** - This offering consists of 55.1 acres of wooded land featuring a stream. Sloping land with abundant wildlife and trails throughout. Property has road frontage on Little Irish Rd.


**OFFERING #3** - This offering consists of 10.44 acres of wooded land. Features ATV trails throughout and an abundance of wildlife. Has road frontage on Little Irish Rd.

**Preview - Thursday January 5th & Friday January 13th @ 4 PM**

**Terms** - 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to final high bid to arrive at contract price. Earnest Money Deposit of \$5,000 per tract required day of sale. Close in 45 days. Subject to seller confirmation. Property sold as is, where is, with any and all faults. Buyer is expected to complete their own due diligence. Tracts are being offered individually and if bidder wishes to purchase multiple tracts, bidder will need to be the high/winning bidder on both offerings. Download Bidder Pack for full details at [VAAuctionPro.com](http://VAAuctionPro.com)

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# Library announces 2023 Radford Reads Reading Challenge

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- Read a celebrity book club book
- Read a non-fiction book
- Read a book that will reduce your stress
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- Read a book of poetry *mystery pin*

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RADFORD - The Radford Reads 2023 Reading Challenge has begun. "To get a fresh start in 2023, we challenge you to read an author's debut novel," the Radford Public Library has announced. "We've got a whole display put together to help readers find something good. To help you plan, we've also created a Book Planner you can stick into your new 2023 planner, or just use as an oversized bookmark. You can pick one up at the library."

Participants may sign up for the 2023 Reading Challenge in the Beanstack app or at: <https://radfordva.beanstack.org>

Also, to anyone who participated in the 2022 Reading Challenge, "Don't forget to log your reading and pick up your prize." Participants who made it at least halfway get a free book from the Itty Bitty Book Sale, and those who completed the challenge also get to pick out a fancy reading pin.

- Radford News Journal staff report

## Bus service

(BT) have collaborated on the regional connectivity. Riders who wish to travel Squires Student Center, will now Transfer onto Blacksburg Transits, Two Town Trolley (TTT) at Uptown Mall (NRCC). BT's, Two Town Trolley (TTT), provides stops to Walmart, Lewis Gale and Squires. BT's TTT schedule, please visit <http://ridebt.org/routes-schedule?route=TTT>

The expansion is due to approval by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) of three projects to expand transit services around the Commonwealth.

The projects are funded through the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation's (DRPT) Transit Ridership Incentive Program (TRIP) and were approved by the CTB in December.

According to the CTB, "the 2020 General Assembly session established TRIP with two goals: to improve the regional connectivity of urban areas and to reduce barriers to transit use for low-income riders. TRIP already supports zero or reduced fare at eight agencies as well as four regional connectivity projects around the

commonwealth."

"The Transit Ridership Incentive Program encourages transit agencies to be innovative and flexible in developing solutions to best meet the transportation needs of Virginians," said Jennifer DeBruhl, Director of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation. "These projects will improve the mobility of Virginians by closing gaps in transit service as well as enhancing economic opportunity."

Since TRIP's creation, DRPT has allocated \$24.5 million to multi-year zero-fare/low-income projects and \$11.6 million to multi-year regional connectivity projects. This newest round of projects is supported by an additional \$5 million the 2022 General Assembly approved for the state budget to put into TRIP. To receive TRIP funds, transit agencies must provide a local match.

- Radford News Journal Staff report

- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. \_\_\_ Dhabi, Arabian capital
  - 4. Invests in little enterprises
  - 8. Stalk of a moss capsule
  - 12. Beach material
  - 14. Maneuver in a game
  - 15. A castrated male chicken
  - 16. Write bad checks
  - 17. Sewer inhabitants
  - 18. Farewell (Spanish)
  - 19. Player makes 3 goals in one game
  - 22. Greek rainbow goddess
  - 23. Tax collector
  - 24. Make unhappy
  - 27. Hygienic
  - 32. Double-reed instrument
  - 33. Beetle Bailey's dog
  - 34. Fee, \_\_\_, foe, fum
  - 35. One dish meal
  - 38. Goatlike antelope
  - 40. Consumed food
  - 41. Peels
  - 42. Emerald Isle
  - 43. Duties helpful to others
  - 45. Fragments of cloth
  - 47. Frozen water
  - 48. Spanish river
  - 49. Stated an inquiry
  - 56. Laid-back California county
  - 57. Fearless and daring
  - 58. Sound after its source has stopped
  - 59. Blackboard rock
  - 60. A domed or vaulted recess
  - 61. Six (Spanish)
  - 62. French city
  - 63. Herringlike clupeid fish
  - 64. Oriental sauce
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Requests
  - 2. Spoken in the Dali region of Yunnan
  - 3. Up to the time of
  - 4. Common ankle injury
  - 5. Tedium
  - 6. 9th Greek letter
  - 7. Abnormal closed body sac
  - 8. One who obtains pleasure from other's pain
  - 9. Long narrative heroic poem
  - 10. Possessed by force
  - 11. Autonomic nervous system
  - 13. Treats with contempt
  - 15. Bears
  - 20. Before
  - 21. Light ringing sound
  - 24. Blends of soul and calypso
  - 25. Fall off in intensity
  - 26. Gives medicine
  - 27. Gross receipts
  - 28. Square measures
  - 29. Ablaze
  - 30. Incapable of flexibility
  - 31. Bears, sheep or goats
  - 33. An open skin infection
  - 36. Effeminate
  - 37. Competed in a speed test
  - 39. Supplies with air
  - 44. Short stays
  - 45. Sown a lawn
  - 46. 60 min. units (abbr.)
  - 48. Second largest Oklahoma city
  - 49. Fence picket
  - 50. 2nd largest Algerian port city
  - 51. Camel or goat fabrics
  - 52. 19th Hebrew letter
  - 53. Frosts
  - 54. 17th state
  - 55. Inquisitorial
  - 56. Manuscripts (abbr.)

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# OBITUARIES

## Akers, Joseph Cleveland

Joseph Cleveland Akers, 77, of Bond; and many other relatives and Christiansburg, passed away Tuesday, January 3, 2023. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army having served during the Vietnam War and spent over 20 years in the Reserves. He was owner and operator of A&S Home Repair. Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Daniel and Beulah Akers; brother, Oscar Akers; and sister, Eula Bremer.



Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Shirley H. Akers; son, Ricky Bond and Brittany; daughter, Ashley Williams; grandchildren, Kelsey and Emily Bond; close family friends, Jerry and Sandra

with full military honors will follow in the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin.

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

## Barton, Janice Marie Hill

Janice Marie Hill Barton, 79, Thode (Ralph), Barbara Stump (Bob), and Betty Oxley; and many other relatives and friends.



The family received friends on Friday, Jan. 6, 2023, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services followed with the Rev. Butch Hutchinson officiating. Interment was in the Princes Fork Community Cemetery.

Survivors include her sons, William, Larry, and Ronald Barton; a daughter, Patricia Barton; 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; sisters Helen

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

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### ANGLICAN CATHOLIC

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

**St. Thomas Anglican Church**- located at 4910 Hubert Rd, NW Roanoke, Va. Traditional Liturgical Lenten Services, Sunday at 10:30 am. Call (540) 589-1299 or visit www.sttofc.org for 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 steadfast, 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.trinitycburg.org.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

### CHURCH OF GOD

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

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

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

### CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

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

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### LUTHERAN

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# WORSHIP DIRECTORY

### Almighty God

Read Genesis 40:1 through 41:57

Joseph spent two years in a dungeon after interpreting the dreams of Pharaoh's cupbearer. Joseph had asked this man to mention him to the king upon being reinstated, but, as each day dragged on, no communication came from the Pharaoh. When Pharaoh had a dream and told it to all his wise men, no one could interpret it. The cupbearer finally remembered Joseph and told Pharaoh about him.

So Pharaoh sent for Joseph, and he was quickly brought from the dungeon. When he had shaved and changed his clothes, he came before Pharaoh (Genesis 41:14).

Joseph was going to be taken into the presence of the nation's highest ruler. His first order of business was to make himself presentable. His prison clothing and his haggard appearance were hardly appropriate to stand before royalty. Joseph prepared to see the king, honoring the authority and majesty of Pharaoh.

We have the privilege of an audience at any time with our King, Jesus Christ. May we never forget His majesty or approach Him with less than honor and adoration.

Thought for Today: Consider the majesty of God.

Quicklook: Genesis 41:1-14

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

**Our Saviour Lutheran Church ELCA**, 1845 Cambria St NE, Christiansburg. Worship each Sunday at 10 am, in person and online at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMsB-gbyjmV5ce9mr43dbCw>. Please visit our website at [www.oslc-cburg.org](http://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@stmcl.us](mailto:hope@stmcl.us) or visit our Website [www.st-michael-lutheran-church.org](http://www.st-michael-lutheran-church.org)

### PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS

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Christopher (540) 552-7194. [lchristopher695@comcast.net](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://www.twitch.tv/stpaulumc).

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## Burke, Bernard Anthony

Loving and cherished husband, father, brother, and grandfather Bernard Anthony Burke, 79, of Blacksburg, went home into the arms of the Lord on Jan. 2, 2023.

Born in Chester, Pa., Bernie worked for Sun Oil Company for 30 years. He enjoyed raising World Class White Tail Deer at his Raptor Ridge Deer Farm in Breezewood, Pa. In his spare time, he enjoyed creating ecosystems to support wildlife, especially frogs, fish, and waterfowl. He enjoyed visits from family and friends and was always the life of the party. His sense of humor and infectious laugh always filled the room with spirit and cheer. He will never be forgotten.



Bernie was the beloved son of the late Thomas Joseph Burke and Florence Myra Conrad; cherished brother of Thomas Burke and the late Genevieve Schmidt. He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Sarah; daughter Shannon (Rory Maguire), son Bernie (Shelby), and son Brian (Lauren); and grandchildren Erin, Alison, Connor, Flynn, Joshua, Shane, Ava, Camilla, Mackenzie, and Hannah.

In lieu of flowers, trees can be planted in Bernie's name at [alivingtribute.org](http://alivingtribute.org). A Memorial Mass will be held, today, Jan. 7, 2023 at St. Mary's Catholic Church at 11 a.m.

## Hammond, The Reverend Donald Michael

The Reverend Donald Michael Hammond, 70, of Radford, and formerly of Bluefield, W.Va., died Saturday, Dec. 31, 2022, at his home surrounded by his family.

Deacon Don was born Sept. 10, 1952, in Bluefield, W.Va. and was preceded in death by his parents, John Samuel Hammond and Carol and Robert Stafford, Sr.

Don graduated from Bluefield High School in 1970, attended Marshall University, served in the U. S. Navy from 1972 to 1977, and was then employed by Mountaineer Bowling Center and Sandy Valley Lanes.

In October 2004, Don was ordained a permanent deacon in the Roman Catholic church in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, W.Va. He was employed as Catholic Campus Minister at Concord University, Athens, W. Va. by the diocese and was also employed by Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Bluefield, W. Va. as pastoral associate. After retiring and moving to Radford, he was incardinated in the Diocese of Richmond in 2021 and assigned to St. Jude Catholic Church in Christiansburg.

Don had a charismatic gift of prayer and praise and, along with the Sacred Heart Music Ministry, led many to the heart of Jesus with his music. In 2011, he wrote "Mass in the Key of Praise" that has been used throughout the United States.

Pastorally, Don served Bluefield and Princeton Sacred Heart churches by witnessing marriages, visiting the sick, celebrating funerals and wake services, and baptizing parishioners.



In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Sean Michael Hammond and Sean's wife, Heidi.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Loretta; daughters Amy Hammond of Radford and Laura Hubble (Eric) of Christiansburg. He was Nonno to Andrew and Natalina Hubble of Christiansburg.

His siblings are Julie Francisco (John) of Scott Depot, W. Va., Lori Dorencamp (Craig) of Lantana, Fla., Robert Stafford, Jr., of Tazewell, Va., Sarah Bosco (Jay) of Lake Charles Shores, Fla., and John Hammond (Donna) of Dalton, Ga. He is also survived by his uncle, James Hammond of Richlands, Va.; his father's wife, Linda Hammond of Dalton, Ga.; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Monday, Jan. 9, 2023, at 11 a.m. at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Bluefield, with Celebrant Father Paul Wharton. Visitation will be one hour prior to the Mass.

A Memorial Mass will be held at a later date at St. Jude Catholic Church in Christiansburg where inurnment will be at St. Jude's Columbarium.

In lieu of flowers, Don has requested donations be made to the Sacred Heart Food Pantry, PO Box 608, Bluefield, WV 24701 or St. Jude Catholic Church, 1740 Tyler Road, Christiansburg, VA 24073.

The Hammond family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford, Virginia. [www.mullinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.mullinsfuneralhome.com).

## Lancaster, Dot Phillips

Dot Phillips Lancaster, 87, passed away at her home in Dublin on Saturday, Dec. 31, 2022.

She retired from Kollmorgen. Dot was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Elizabeth Phillips; sisters Barbara Phillips, Ann Baker, and Helen Monroe; a brother, Davis Phillips; and her first husband, John H. Midkiff, Jr.

Survivors include her husband, Lowell L. Lancaster; daughters Jonna Midkiff McGraw (Gary Joyce), and Cindy Midkiff Hartmann; a stepdaughter, Elizabeth B. Lancaster; a stepson, Jonathan P. Lancaster (Janet); grandchildren, Jonathan McGraw (Olivia) and Aaron Hartmann (Steph); three great-grandchildren and one on the way; a brother, John R. Phillips, PhD; a dear friend, Diane Lovern; and



many other relatives and friends. Dot was a hard worker all her life. She could fix anything that was broken and was a creative problem solver. She was an excellent seamstress and cook who enjoyed going on cruises, dancing, sitting on the beach, gardening, farmers' markets, and being with her family.

The family received friends on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford, followed by funeral services with Dennis Kinnan and Jim Holt officiating. Interment followed in West View Cemetery in Radford.

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

## Green, Aldora Keys

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A memorial service was held in McCoy Funeral Chapel in Blacksburg on Friday, Jan. 6, 2023.

## Selby, Peggy Ann

Peggy Ann Selby, 79 of Blacksburg, went to join her heavenly Father on Friday, Dec. 30, 2022. Peggy is survived by her daughter, Lourie and Lester Shaver of Blacksburg; sons, Leroy Linkous Jr. of Christiansburg, and Richard Linkous and Robert Croote of Riner; grandchildren, Bridgette Strup and husband Dan, and Amber Linkous; great grandchildren, Georgia and Penelope Strup; sister Lois and Malcom Woolwine; and best friend, Gloria Hilton. She leaves to cherish her memory, several nieces and nephews.

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Hubbell Lighting in Christiansburg. Our mom was a great inspiration in the way she gave of herself in caring for others. She was a wonderful cook, enjoyed gardening and loved her pets.

A memorial service will be held, Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023, at the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel, 150 Country Club Drive, Blacksburg, Va., at 3 p.m. Visitation will be prior to the service from, 2- 3 p.m. A special thank you to her caregivers, Laura Bentley, Penny Thompson, her furry companion Razz, and Good Samaritan Hospice caregivers, Brittany, Connie and Karen. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Good Samaritan Hospice can be made in Peggy's name.

# Virginia Tech National Security Institute taps top talent to form inaugural advisory board

By Isabella Rossi - Virginia Tech

Virginia Tech's National Security Institute (VTNSI) is engaging with national security leaders to form its inaugural advisory board.

This new advisory board was created with the Ted and Karyn Hume Center for National Security and Technology advisory board as its foundation, combining the 10 existing members with 10 new members.

"We are extremely grateful for the enthusiastic support from both the returning and new board members," said Eric Paterson, executive director of the Virginia Tech National Security Institute. "Many of the returning members have long experience advising the Hume Center and witnessed its remarkable growth over the past 15 years. The new members also bring a wealth of experience, especially looking through the lens of industry partners and government agencies who hire Virginia Tech students and look to us for our contributions to some of the most pressing issues facing our country

today." The board, composed of high-profile experts who represent government and higher education institutions, works with the institute's team to gain new insights, anticipate opportunities and future challenges, forge new connections, explore sustainable growth strategies, and cement the institute as the destination for talent, research, and innovation in the Commonwealth of Virginia and beyond.

"Over the next few years, advice from our advisory board will be critical as we scale up the vision so clearly defined by the founding of the Hume Center with an intentional focus on the intersection of research execution with student experiential learning," said Paterson. "We endeavor to see our model deployed to thousands of Virginia Tech students. The guidance from our board will be very important to make sure we align our faculty expertise with critical and emerging technologies that serve the needs of industry and government."

New advisory board members:

David Appel, vice president, national

security division of Amazon Web Services

Timothy A. Barton, Dynetics Group chief technology officer, Leidos

Kenneth Bible, chief information security officer, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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Leanne Caret, executive vice president and senior advisor, The Boeing Company

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Victor R. McCrary Jr., vice president for research, professor of chemistry, University of the District of Columbia

John Saad, partner, defense and security segment leader, Guidehouse

Robert Wilkie, former secretary of Veterans Affairs

Returning advisory board members, previously serving on the Hume board:

Charles Clancy, senior

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# Blacksburg's Sarah Weatherspoon named to Trine University dean's list

Blacksburg's Sarah Weatherspoon of Blacksburg earned Dean's List recognition for the Fall 2022 term at Trine University in Angola, IN.

Weatherspoon is majoring in elementary education/special ed dual licensure.

To earn Dean's List honors, Trine University students must complete a minimum of 12 hours and have a grade point average of 3.500-3.749.

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# RADFORD SPORTS

## Blacksburg player commits to play volleyball at RU



FILE PHOTO

Rylee Sloss had 281 assists and 271 kills this past season for Blacksburg High School's volleyball team.

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Rylee Sloss is coming off an outstanding senior season at Blacksburg High School and this past week, she announced her intentions to continue her volleyball career at Radford University.

This past season, Sloss had 281 assists, 271 kills, 134 digs and 43 blocks and was named to the first-team All-River Ridge District and Region 4D lists.

Sherisa Livingston is entering her third season as the head coach of Radford volleyball, becoming the 11th head coach in program history in 2020.

Livingston came to Radford with nearly seven years of coaching experience following a phenomenal

career as a student-athlete and a professional career. Most recently, she was the assistant coach at Big South Conference institution Winthrop University.

This past season, Radford finished 12-16.

Sloss said she chose Radford for a couple of reasons. "Being closer to home was extremely appealing to me when making my decision. Also, after visiting with Coach Livingston and Coach Forman, I felt welcomed and knew Radford was the best fit for me."

Sloss plans to major in communications with a goal on the court to build a strong connection with teammates. "My main goal on the court is to contribute to the team's success in whatever role possible."

## Collegiate official to lead Auburn girls basketball

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Collegiate basketball referee Jennifer Rezac is trading in her whistle to take over as the head coach of the Auburn High School girls basketball team.

Basketball has been a part of her life since she was a youngster. After her involvement with the sport as a player and as a recreational sports and striped official on the NCAA hardwood, she hopes to continue to impact the lives of young players through coaching and teaching the game.

"This game, both as a player, a professional, and as an official has provided so much for me in my life in teaching me lifelong skills such as leadership, time management, problem solving, communication, decision making, and good health,

I wanted to be able to continue to provide other young players those same skills through the game for their futures," she said.

While this is her first "real" coaching experience, Rezac has related to "coaching" for several years as an official. She is originally from Nebraska where she went to school at private catholic schools in Omaha.

She was a multi-sport athlete growing up throughout high school, playing softball, soccer, volleyball, and basketball. Due to several knee injuries in high school (three ACL tears between both right and left knees) as well as ankle injuries, she walked on at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln basketball

program. Injuries kept her sidelined, and she turned to a recreational sports career and to officiating.

Looking at her new adventure, Rezac believes the Auburn High School athletics program is strong, but the girls' basketball program has not proven to have success for any number of reasons.

"I want to change the mindset around the girls' program not only within the school but also in the Riner area," Rezac said. "Our plans not only are geared toward the high school but also toward the development of the girls' youth program in the Riner area for the future of the middle school."

Auburn is 3-6 in the 2022 part of its season as the New Year opens with the Mt. Empire District schedule.

## FROM THE SIDELINES

By Marty Gordon

### NFL incident reminds us of '97 incident

The cardiac event involving NFL player Damar Hamlin earlier this week brought back memories of a 1997 Roanoke Victory Stadium event that affected us here in Southwest Virginia.

I was there the night 6-1, 250-pound Pulaski County High School offensive lineman Lee Cook fell to the turf early in the second quarter against William Fleming. He was pronounced dead at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital, according to hospital officials. We watched as emergency personnel worked to revive him.

No really knew how serious Cook's injury was as he was rushed to the nearby hospital

Watching this week's incident on television rushed all those concerns back. I knew exactly what had happened and how quickly those emergency staffers were working to save his life.

Hamlin's life-threatening injury during Monday night's game against the Cincinnati Bengals resonated around the league and the world of sports.

In the first quarter of the game, Hamlin, a 24-year-old safety, tackled Bengals receiver Tee Higgins, taking him to the ground. Hamlin stood up after the tackle and took two steps but then collapsed to the turf.

He went into cardiac arrest, was administered CPR, and his heartbeat was revived on the field. He was then taken to the hospital in critical condition.

Cook, who was a high school junior back then, was injured on the first play after Pulaski got the ball back on downs. The game was halted for about 15 minutes as rescue workers and trainers attended to Cook. He was carried off the field on a stretcher.

Neither team was told of Cook's death

until after the game, won by William Fleming, 8-6. Cook died from what the medical examiner called a rare event.

According to the autopsy, Cook was hit as his heart was recharging for another beat, causing his heart to scramble its signals and stop.

The result, a condition called Commotio Cordis, occurs when an individual experiences a trauma to the chest that can cause additional waves of electricity to pass through the heart muscle. The extra waves throw off the normal heart rhythm, which can be deadly.

According to the American Heart Association, Commotio Cordis is a term applied to sudden death resulting from non-penetrating chest wall impact in the absence of injury to the ribs, sternum, and heart, thereby differing from cardiac contusion. The common causes include the impact of baseballs, footballs, lacrosse sticks, and hockey pucks.

Resuscitation within three minutes typically results in a survival rate of 25% (17 of 68 cases). Survival drops to 3% when resuscitation is delayed beyond three minutes.

In the last decade, Commotio Cordis events have primarily occurred in sports, and thus, this phenomenon has become more well known to the sports communities and physicians.

So far, doctors have not said that is what happened in the recent

Buffalo Bills contest.

Prayers are with the NFL player and hopefully he can recover from his incident. But for now, it is just a freak accident that took place in a very violent sport, which we have to admit is dangerous. Football is sometimes a distraction from life, but this week it reminded us there is so much more in life.

### Annual Marty awards, early '22 predictions

The remains of COVID continued to haunt the sports world this past year, making it tough to determine who deserved to receive our own version of the EPSY, in this case, a "Marty."

The first one is given to Christiansburg High School's offensive

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## Radford Bobcats win holiday tourney title



PHOTO COURTESY OF RADFORD BOBCATS

The Radford High School boys varsity basketball team won the First Community Bank Christmas Tournament this past week at Ft. Chiswell High School. Radford won all three games over East Wilkes 50-27, Narrows 58-34, and George Wythe 56-42. Pictured (left to right) are Max Kanipe, Mekih Martin, Conner Young, Sincere Taylor, Jeremiah Eaves, Gavin Cormany, Luke Woodard, Elijah Kelly, Parker Prisleau, Thomas Grant, Koreyon Ferguson and Daniel DeHart-Lewis.

## Broadcasts of Kenny Brooks Show to return on Jan. 9

The Kenny Brooks Show, which did three in-person shows in November and December, returns for the rest of the 2022-23 season, as its dates for the months of January and February are now set.

Evan Hughes, the voice of Virginia Tech women's basketball and a Jim Nantz award winner, returns to host the show and will continue to interview head coach Brooks, assistant coaches, and players.

Seven shows will be broadcast, starting on Monday, Jan. 9 at 6 p.m. and ending on Monday, Feb. 27. The shows will be a mix of in-person and virtual with fans being able to tune in to the virtual shows on the HokieSports app.

In-person shows will take place at the University Club, which fans do not have to be a member of to attend, and those shows will take place on Jan. 9, Jan. 24, Jan. 31, and Feb. 27, while the other shows on Jan. 17, Feb 7, and Feb. 20 will be virtual.

## Kenny Brooks Show schedule

| Date    | Location        |
|---------|-----------------|
| Jan. 9  | University Club |
| Jan. 17 | VIRTUAL         |
| Jan. 24 | University Club |
| Jan. 31 | University Club |
| Feb. 7  | VIRTUAL         |
| Feb. 20 | VIRTUAL         |
| Feb. 27 | University Club |

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# Craig downs East Montgomery 57-46



Grayson Caldwell lines up a jumper for Eastern Montgomery against Craig County in Pioneer District action.



East Mont's Talon Bruce scores on a fast break layup over Craig County's Seth Parsons.



Eastern Montgomery's Xavier Brown drives in for a layup against Craig County.



Eastern Montgomery's Camden Sutphin takes a shot over Craig County's Drew Duncan.

PHOTOS BY JON FLEMING

# Hokie lineman signs with Frankfurt Galaxy

## Marty Gordon

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Virginia Tech lineman Danijel Miletic has signed a professional contract with the Frankfurt Galaxy. The 6-3, 290 Miletic was a redshirt freshman and was expected back into the fold until his announcement on Monday.

He was listed as a backup offensive guard and was one of Tech's first international signees when he came to Blacksburg.

Previously, he played for the Darmstadt Diamonds club team near Frankfurt, Germany, and was a member of the PPI Recruits program that has placed more than 60 players in major Division I programs. He is originally from Serbia.

At the time of his signing in 2021, Miletic was ranked as the No. 2 player coming out of Germany. He chose Tech over East Carolina and the University of Central Florida.

The Frankfurt Galaxy is an American football team that

plays in the European League of Football (ELF).

The franchise was announced in November 2020 as part of ELF's inaugural season. In March 2021, ELF announced it had reached an agreement with the NFL to be able to use the team names from the days of NFL Europe.

Frankfurt finished 8-4 this past season and was 9-1 in 2021 when the Galaxy won the league championship.

# Docs for Morgan fundraiser to return to in-person basketball game

Jan. 3, 2023 --The Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine (VTCOSOM)'s annual Docs for Morgan fundraiser will feature, for the first time since 2020, an in-person basketball game pitting medical students against Carilion Clinic residents and physicians. The event, which supports the Morgan Dana Harrington Memorial Scholarship Fund at VTCOSOM, has been held in different formats in recent years because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Docs for Morgan will be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 1 at the Patrick Henry High School gymnasium at 2120 Grandin Road in Roanoke. Admission to the public event is free, and donations to the scholarship fund are encouraged.

"It really means so much that we can be back in person and welcome a crowd to cheer on the students and physicians as they battle it out on the court for a great cause," said Tracey Criss, associate dean for clinical science years 3 and 4 at the medical school. "This event is really about honoring Morgan and supporting the Harrington family. Over the years it has brought together the medical school, community, and Carilion Clinic. It's something we look forward to every year."

Dan Harrington recently retired from his role as vice dean of VTCOSOM, where he played an integral role in establishing the school. His daughter Morgan worked as an intern at VTCOSOM while a rising junior at Virginia Tech.

After Morgan's tragic death in 2009, the outpouring of support from VTCOSOM, Virginia Tech, Carilion Clinic, and the community helped the Harringtons on their path of healing. In honor of Morgan's life, they created the Morgan Dana Harrington Memorial Scholarship at the medical school, funded the Morgan Harrington Educational Wing at OMNI Village in Zambia, and founded Help Save the Next Girl, a national nonprofit that educates children and young adults about the need for safety and personal responsibility.

The first Docs for Morgan basketball game was held in 2013. The game and other fundraising efforts have helped the Harrington Memorial Scholarship generate more than \$500,000 to benefit students at VTCOSOM.



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**For the first time since 2020, the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine's Docs for Morgan fundraiser will feature an in-person basketball game with medical students taking the court against Carilion Clinic residents and physicians. The event will be held at 7 p.m. on Feb. 1 at the Patrick Henry High School gymnasium in Roanoke.**

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line for an outstanding season. Pass out the seven combination Martys. Also, hand another over to their coach, Alex Wilkens. He deserves to add one to his trophy cabinet.

Let's give a Marty to Auburn football coach David Seabaugh, who has coached two seasons but has yet to finish one. He deserves an award for sticking it out.

Former Virginia Tech kicker Joey Slye has found a home with the Washington Commanders. He deserves one of our special awards for his effort.

Blacksburg's Rebecca Minnick continues to move up the national rankings for frisbee golf and deserves a Marty.

Former Radford University athletic director Chuck Taylor passed in the fall and deserves a Marty posthumous award.

Former Christiansburg Recreation athletic supervisor Chuck Muncy retired from his longtime position but has taken the position as the new Christiansburg High School golf coach where he continues to build a program that really didn't exist until this year. He deserves a Marty.

Longtime Radford Recreation Director Kenny Goodyear announced his retirement after more than 25 years. Thanks, Kenny, for everything you have done for youngsters in the Radford area. You also gain a special Marty for all the programs you helped

to make successful. Enjoy retirement.

We also said goodbye to Pulaski County football voice Dan Callihan, who made a difference for the entire area and this sports reporter. He receives a Marty for his support of local athletics. Pulaski County High School has placed his name on the press box, which he called home for so long.

The injury bug hit Christiansburg football player Thaxton Henley in the third game of the season, knocking him out of his senior season after not playing in his junior year because of a similar knee injury. When he played, Henley made a difference for the team and deserves his own Marty.

Another Marty is given to the Auburn High School volleyball team for another state title. Sherry Millirons is close to having a Marty specially named after her.

A Marty also goes to the Eastern Montgomery girls' soccer team that has been playing the sport for only the past three seasons for winning the 2022 state title.

Raena Worley is one of the top gymnasts in the country at the University of Kentucky. She is from Christiansburg and deserves a Marty for her outstanding year.

These awards don't come with a little trophy like the EPSY. Instead they simply come with bragging rights.

Tampa Bay and Tom Brady will make the NFL playoffs, playing the Eagles in the NFC championship game.

Virginia Tech's baseball team will dominate competition and win an ACC tournament title. This comes on the heels of the Tech women's basketball team winning their own tournament title.

This all sets the stage for the Tech football team to record an eight-win season for Brent Pry.

### Other predictions:

A dog from the New River Valley will make it to the finals in the Westminster Dog Show.

The Washington Commanders will be sold for a record \$9.5 billion with one of the investors having a New River Valley connection.

The Virginia Tech golf course (on-campus) will officially close to allow for the future construction of a new residential community for the school.

A national flag football league will announce expansion to the New River Valley with plans to play in Christiansburg.

The Salem Red Sox will branch out and play several exhibition games throughout southwest Virginia.

A new sporting goods store will open in Christiansburg.

No matter what, enjoy the world of sports no matter your particular favorite. Make 2023 a memorable season to remember.

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