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Radford's community Day of Service honors MLK Jr.

Radford University students, faculty, and staff celebrated the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, Jan. 17, with a day of service throughout the Radford, Roanoke, and New River Valley communities.

The university's Center for Diversity and Inclusion (CDI) organized the daylong event.

"The day was great! We had 200-plus volunteers engage with the New River Valley community," said Ashley Offutt, director of Radford University's Center for Diversity and Inclusion. "It was a monumental time to witness the campus community engage in the atmosphere and the continued legacy of Dr. King."

Since its inception in 2014, the event has been celebrated on the

third Monday in January in conjunction with the National Day of Service, a federal holiday.

Each year, faculty, staff, and student volunteers go out into the New River Valley and Roanoke areas to work with community service projects at numerous service sites. This year, those included Feeding Southwest Virginia (Feeding America) in Salem, the Radford Women's Resource Center, the Radford-Fairlawn Daily Bread food kitchen and the Montgomery County Emergency Assistance program in Christiansburg.

Among those sites this year was Wonder Universe, a children's museum in Christiansburg, Student-athletes, Radford University Greek Life members and students



PHOTO COURTESY OF RADFORD UNIVERSITY

Student volunteers from the university's Schoolhouse living-learning community read stories and participate in activities with the children at Radford University's McConnell Library, which hosted a free day camp for children whose parents were participating in service day projects.

and faculty from the Department of English who volunteered at Wonder Universe, where

they cleaned, inventoried and organized materials inside the museum.

"We chose to

participate because it was an opportunity to contribute to our community on a day

that honors a person who contributed his all — literally his all," said Kim Gainer, Ph.D., professor of English and associate dean of the College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences.

Student volunteers from the university's Schoolhouse living-learning community read stories and participated in activities with the children at Radford University's McConnell Library, which hosted a free day camp for children whose parents were participating in service day projects. Camp kids had an opportunity to tour the Radford campus and visit the Radford Planetarium, Museum of the Earth Sciences and the Student Recreation and Wellness Center.

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Sweet & Savory Donuts and Bagels celebrates new ownership



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE RADFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Sweet & Savory Donuts and Bagels, located at 1026A Clement St., Radford, celebrates new ownership with a ribbon-cutting ceremony hosted by the Radford Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, Jan. 24. The shop is open Tuesday – Friday 6:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Three Radford programs among "Best Online"

RADFORD - Three of Radford University's online programs have been rated as among the best in their fields for 2023 by U.S. News & World Report.

Radford was included on the company's individual lists this year for Best Online Bachelor's Programs, Best Online Master's in Education Programs, and Best Online Master of Business Administration Programs, according to results released Tuesday, Jan. 24.

"We take tremendous pride in being recognized for our overall offerings of affordable, flexible, and accessible online degree programs," Radford University President Bret Danilowicz said of the news.

"The Davis College's online MBA, backed by globally recognized accreditation credentials, benefits working professionals by giving them the opportunity to study at their convenience in one of the most affordable programs in the commonwealth," he said.

"Radford University's reputation as one of Virginia's best institutions for educating teachers is significantly bolstered by the master's in education online degree programs in leadership, literacy, and mathematics,"

Danilowicz continued. "Among online bachelor's degree programs, Radford's five excellent healthcare programs will prepare individuals for high-demand and well-compensated careers across the industry."

To compile this year's lists, U.S. News evaluated more than 1,800 online bachelor's and master's degree programs across six fields of study. Methodologies vary by discipline, but each incorporates metrics specific to online learning, and they include only degree-granting programs offered primarily online by regionally accredited institutions.

This year's complete lists are available at: www.usnews.com/education/online-education/articles/us-news-ranks-best-online-programs.

To learn more about the U.S. News & World Report rankings and methodologies, go to www.usnews.com/education/online-education/articles/rankings-methodologies.

Radford's online MBA degree program has the same curriculum, admissions requirements, and experienced faculty as the on-campus program. It offers a range of choice and flexibility

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Montgomery Museum to present 'Art x History'

The Montgomery Museum of Art and History will present four new exhibits including the showcase piece, a fully-restored 1920 Maxwell automobile, on the lobby floor of the museum on Thursday, Feb. 2 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The museum is also hosting an open house

titled, "Art x History," which will feature two new art exhibits and two new history exhibits.

The 1920 Maxwell will be on display courtesy of Jackie Shelton and her family.

Additionally, the museum will bring back an old favorite, "Lewis Miller's New River Valley,"

Miller's travel-journal-style artwork and sketches offer a glimpse of New River Valley history and stories.

Art will also shine brightly as the museum presents two local and regional artists, David Petersen and Tom Jenssen. Petersen's art exhibit, titled "Tranquility," is

a display of local and distant "tranquil" places depicted in painting and photography, in color and black and white.

Jenssen's pottery exhibit, titled, "From Earth to Stone," features glazed ceramic with melted glass and painted

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Nominations sought for New River Valley Leading Lights volunteer awards

NRV Leading Lights is actively seeking volunteer award nominations from across the New River Valley.

The awards focus on

the impact of a volunteer's work and leadership.

The website is open to accept nominations for the fifteenth annual awards, and early nominations

are encouraged. The deadline for nominations is Feb. 17, 2023. The nomination form can be found online at <https://leadinglightsnrv.org/>

nominations.

Those who have been nominated before but not selected as a Distinguished Recipient may be nominated

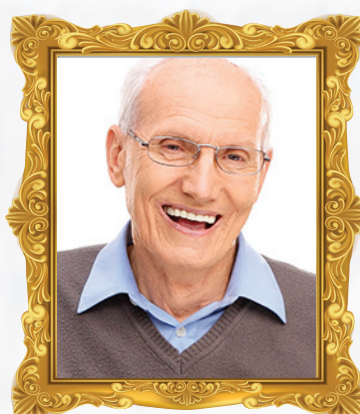
again. Individuals and organizations are highly encouraged to submit nominations for outstanding New River Valley volunteers they

know or volunteer with. Administrators, teachers, guidance counselors, club sponsors, and youth

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Grandpa's Coming Out of the Closet....

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Radford City Police Department Report

Jan. 9 - 22, 2023



Monday, Jan. 9:
12 p.m. Petit larceny: less than \$200 not from a person, 100 block of Ridgewood Ln.
1:37 p.m. Sexually explicit items: cause minor to perform, 200 block of Allen Ave.
11:43 p.m. Trespass, first offender violation, 500 block of Fairfax St.

Tuesday, Jan. 10:
3:05 p.m. Trespass: school/church property at night, Dalton Dr.
5:20 p.m. Medical emergency, 200 block of Allen Ave.
6:03 p.m. Assault: (misdemeanor) profane swearing or intoxication in public, 1400 block of Grove Ave.

Wednesday, Jan. 11:
9:23 p.m. Assault and battery - family member,

third-plus offense, 600 block of Auburn Ave.

Thursday, Jan. 12:
2:20 p.m. Petit larceny, 300 block of Berkley Williams Dr.

Friday, Jan. 13:
4:05 a.m. Mental subject, 900 block of Robey St.
12:33 p.m. Medical emergency, 400 block of East Main St.

Saturday, Jan. 14:
none

Sunday, Jan. 15:
11:57 a.m. Assault and battery of a family member, 1100 East Main St.

Alcohol round-up

DUI- 0
Drunk in Public- 1
Underage Possession of Alcohol- 0

Monday, Jan. 16:
12:45 a.m. Possession of controlled substance, unlisted offense, 1600 Tyler Ave.

Tuesday, Jan. 17:
none

Wednesday, Jan. 18:
1:47 a.m. Mental subject, 200 block of Allen Ave.
7:20 a.m. Traffic: defective equipment on vehicle, 700 block of Twelfth St.

12 p.m. Assault: (misdemeanor), Dalton Dr.
7:13 p.m. Monument: unlawful damage, no intent to steal, Burglary: enter house to commit larceny/assault and battery/etc.,

Assault: (misdemeanor), Possession of controlled substance, Profane swearing or intoxication in public, 300 block of Second St.
10:03 p.m. Assault and battery of a family member, Phone: damage line; prevent from summoning law enforcement, Roberts St.

Thursday, Jan. 19:
4 a.m. Monument: unlawful damage, no intent to steal, 1600 block of Staples St.
11:47 a.m. Monument: Intentional Damage, Value less than \$1000, FOREST AVE.
1 p.m. Assault: (m i s d e m e a n o r) , monument: unlawful damage, no intent to steal, 400 block of Sanford St.
2:09 p.m. Civil; selling tobacco to a

minor, 100 block of George St.
3:01 p.m. Identity theft: make/sell/fictitious ID card, 1300 block of Third St.
3:39 p.m. Assault and battery of a family member, 200 block of Allen Ave.

Friday, Jan. 20:
12:01 a.m. Petit Larceny: less than \$200 not from a person, Robertson St.
12:53 a.m. Alcohol offense, 600 Davis St.
2:22 a.m. Alcohol: Purchase/Possession By Person under 21, Profane Swearing Or Intoxication In Public
5:34 a.m. Monument: intentional damage, value less than \$1000, Obstruct/resist: with threats/force, Assault: on law enforcement/ judge/doctor/fire/ emergency person, 300

block of Third Ave.
10:08 a.m. Littering, Berkley Williams Dr.
2:35 p.m. Assault: (misdemeanor), 100 Berkley Williams Dr.
8:23 p.m. Possession of marijuana - civil, 700 block of Calhoun St.

Saturday, Jan. 21:
10:28 p.m. Profane swearing or intoxication in public, 100 block of Fifth Ave.

Sunday, Jan. 22:
12:11 a.m. Profane swearing or intoxication in public, 1000 block of Downey St.
1:41 p.m. Assault and battery of a family member, 100 block of Bolling St.

Alcohol round-up
DUI- 0
Drunk in Public- 4
Underage Possession of Alcohol- 1

Virginia unemployment claims are 13.64% lower than the previous week

According to the personal finance website WalletHub, the U.S. has reduced unemployment from record highs during the COVID-19 pandemic to near record lows. Now, however, the website warns, high inflation and the looming threat of a recession could cause unemployment claims to spike once more.

For the time being, the job market is still in good shape with new unemployment claims decreasing by 7.3% week-over-week. Currently

5.7 million Americans are unemployed, and it's important to look at some key stats for the latest week to get the full picture:

Every state had unemployment claims last week that were lower than in the previous week except for Oregon, Louisiana, New Mexico, California, Maryland, Rhode Island, Alaska, Idaho, Arkansas, Nevada, and Kentucky.

Virginia's unemployment claims fell by 13.64 percent in the most recent week, the

fifth best decrease in the country.

Every state had unemployment claims last week that were lower than in the same week pre-pandemic (2019) except for Nevada, New York, Indiana, California, Colorado, Utah, Rhode Island, and Ohio.

Surprisingly, 10 states – including Georgia, South Carolina and Colorado – had unemployment claims last week that were worse than the same week last year.

To identify where

unemployment claims are decreasing the most even amid costly inflation, WalletHub compared the 50 states and the District of Columbia based on changes in unemployment claims for several key benchmark weeks. The website also considered the number of claims per 100,000 people in the labor force.

According to WalletHub's survey, the ten places where unemployment rates decreased the most in order from most to least were 1. Tennessee 2. New

Hampshire 3. New Jersey 4. District of Columbia 5. Virginia 6. Delaware 7. Oklahoma 8. Kansas 9. Alabama 10. Missouri

On the other hand, the ten states where unemployment rates decreased the least according to WalletHub were 42. Arkansas 43. Ohio 44. Oregon 45. Alaska 46. Colorado 47. Idaho 48. Nevada 49. California 50. Rhode Island 51. Kentucky.

In making their determinations, WalletHub used the following metrics

to rank the states: 1) Change in Number of Unemployment Insurance Initial Claims in Latest Week vs. Previous Week 2) Change in Number of Unemployment Insurance Initial Claims in Latest Week vs. Same Week 3) Change in Number of Unemployment Insurance Initial Claims in Latest Week vs. Same Week of 2022 4) Number of Unemployment Insurance Initial Claims per 100,000 People in the Labor Force.

Submitted by WalletHub.com

MUSEUM

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A fully restored 1920 Maxwell automobile will be among the four exhibits being shown by the Montgomery Museum of Art & History on Thursday, Feb. 2, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the floor of the museum's main lobby.

imagery.

"We are kicking the year off with a bang as we display a wide variety of art and history in a multitude of mediums," said Casey Jenkins, the museum's executive director. "This event will offer

viewers a front-row seat at what it means to sit at the intersection of art and history in our community. You won't want to miss this."

This free community event and gathering will celebrate the art and history of the New River

Valley and will provide a chance to meet artists Petersen and Jenson. Free wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served, and live music will be provided by award-winning Appalachian folk singer-songwriter Ash Devine.

AWARDS

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mentors are asked to nominate young people for the high school and college awards. Groups and organizations cannot be nominated for awards.

Awardees are engaged in diverse volunteer activities across the NRV. Collectively they spend thousands of hours over their lifetimes volunteering with clothing banks, rescue and disaster relief teams, as youth mentors, managing holiday programs, overseeing weekend food backpack programs, helping at local food kitchens, serving with civic groups, community building, and volunteering with many other local charitable activities and programs.

Awards are given in three categories: community

(seven awards), high school (two awards), and college (two awards). In the community award category, an award is reserved for a volunteer in each county/city of the New River Valley (Floyd County, Giles County, Pulaski County, Radford City), two in Montgomery County (due to population size), and one across the entire NRV to recognize Lifetime Volunteer Achievement.

Nominees must be current residents of the NRV, or, if being nominated for a student category, they must be currently enrolled in a school/college in the NRV. Distinguished Recipients in each category will be selected on the following criteria: Strong community involvement

Demonstrated lifestyle of dedicated, continuous, long-term involvement to the community

Proven leadership

Creativity in initiating and implementing projects that lead to a better quality of life

The NRV Leading Lights organization recognizes volunteers in the New River Valley each year who are making community-changing impacts culminating in an annual celebratory event scheduled for April 13, 2023. The organization honors Distinguished Recipients by making a monetary donation to the non-profit of their choice.

Submitted by the Leading Lights award committee

MLK

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Special education major Katie Slaydon helped facilitate and lead a group of children at the camp in making a mural representing the "big words," she said, that Dr. King emphasized within his work. She, along with other Schoolhouse students, read a story about freedom walks in Washington, D.C., and helped kids make peace medallions.

"It is important for students here at Radford to reach out and volunteer," said the sophomore from Catawba, Virginia.

Radford University President Bret

Danilowicz was among Radford's many volunteers. The president visited Radford-Fairlawn Daily Bread in the morning and the Women's Resource Center and Wonder Universe in the afternoon.

"We are invested in and committed to equity and social justice. We chose a day on over a day off as just one small way of showing that," said Associate Professor of English Michele Ren, Ph.D., who organized the group from the English department, referencing the yearly theme for the

MLK Day of Service.

Senior Philosophy major Denagelo Nichols said participating in service projects "benefits others outside of yourself and opens the door for the establishment of new relationships that may last a lifetime, which I believe is a priceless gift. I think it's important not only for Radford students, but all people, to do community service if they can. The world won't change in a day, but every positive action makes the places we exist in just that much better."

Chad Osborne
Radford University

RADFORD

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for part-time students, who may participate in 90-minute interactive sessions – either weekly or every other week – with professors and students, just as they would in person.

Its bachelor's degree programs have been available online as far back as 2008. All

classes are recorded and archived so that students can access lecture material remotely and at their convenience.

Students in the Master of Education program enjoy flexible summer sessions and can choose between viewing classes live or recordings at a later time. Graduates

are prepared to teach dual enrollment courses in their school districts and can be eligible for salary increases. Radford boasts Virginia's largest graduate program for secondary mathematics teachers.

Those three programs made the magazine's "Best Online" lists last

year as well, and Radford University is a frequent fixture in U.S. News' various rankings.

In September, Radford was named in the magazine's 2023 Best Colleges report and was, for the first time, recognized among the top national universities, a category for schools

offering doctoral programs. This elevation to "national," above Radford's prior "regional" tier, was partially a result of the increased number of doctoral degrees the university has awarded recently.

Last April, Radford University was listed in U.S. News' rankings

of the Best Graduate Schools for 2023, which includes among others the Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.), the Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.), Psychology, and the Part-Time Master of Business Administration (MBA).

Neil Harvey
Radford University



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285, the Radford City Council will hold a public hearing on February 13, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the City Municipal Building, 10 Robertson Street, Radford, VA 24141. The purpose of the public hearing will be to receive public comment concerning the application filed by Jeffrey Stump to rezone Tax Parcel Nos. 26-(1)-14 and 26-(1)-15, consisting of a total of 10.628 acres, off of Lovely Mount Drive in the City of Radford, Virginia. The request is to rezone the property from R-3 Single-Family Residential to R-4 Multi-Family Residential for the development of townhomes. The general usage and density range of the proposed amendment is medium to high density residential development. The general usage and density range of the property as set forth in the City's comprehensive plan is low density residential use. Comments may be presented at the meeting and by phone or in writing prior to the meeting. Additional information on this request and a copy of the proposed ordinance may be obtained by contacting the Community Development Department, 10 Robertson Street, Radford VA 24141, 540.267.3188, or by email at Melissa.Skelton@radfordva.gov

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL

The Town of Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on, Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. 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 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.

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

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 1524 WALTON RD, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated April 26, 2007, in the original principal amount of \$107,950.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 2007004900. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Montgomery County, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia on February 27, 2023, at 4:15 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE RINER MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A ROD IN THE NORTHEAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF VIRGINIA STATE SECONDARY ROUTE NUMBER 663, CORNER TO NOW OR FORMERLY ROY D. BURTON; THENCE FROM SAID BEGINNING POINT WITH THE LINE OF ROY D. BURTON, THE FOLLOWING LINES: N 81 DEG. 28' E 241.14 FEET TO A POST; THENCE N 17 DEG. 00' E 29.06 FEET TO A POST; THENCE N 44 DEG. 15' E 20.87 FEET TO A DEAD LOCUST; THENCE N 54 DEG. 07' E 54.23 FEET TO A POST; THENCE N 50 DEG. 11' E 119.67 FEET TO A LYNN TREE ON BANK OF BRANCH; THENCE N 41 DEG. 35' E 25 FEET TO A STAKE; THENCE LEAVING THE LINE OF ROY D. BURTON, A NEW LINE, IN A SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION 100 FEET TO A STAKE; THENCE S 54 DEG. 07' W 250.0 FEET TO A STAKE; THENCE IN A SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION 241.14 FEET TO A STAKE IN THE NORTHEAST RIGHT OF

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WAY LINE OF VIRGINIA STATE SECONDARY ROUTE NUMBER 663; THENCE WITH THE NORTHEAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF VIRGINIA STATE SECONDARY ROUTE NUMBER 663, N 24 DEG. 29' W 36.85 FEET TO A ROD; THENCE STILL WITH THE NORTHEAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF VIRGINIA STATE SECONDARY ROUTE NUMBER 663, N 27 DEG. 30' W 73.15 FEET TO A ROD IN THE LINE OF ROY D. BURTON, THE POINT OF BEGINNING. TOGETHER WITH THAT DEED OF EASEMENT DATED 11/25/2003 AND RECORDED 12/8/2003 AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 2003020733. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-360092-1.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 & 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Montgomery County Planning Commission hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on February 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to hear citizen comments regarding the Planning Commission's intention to act on the following Ordinance: A request by Lisa W. Pendleton and Tina M. Wells (Agent: CESO, Inc.) to rezone 32.963 total acres from Agricultural (A1) to General Business (GB) to allow the property owner to request a Special Use

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Permit (SUP) to construct a travel center on 32.963 acres. The property is located at 5241 North Fork Road, Elliston, at the intersection of North Fork Road (State Route 603) and Pedlar Road (State Route 635). The property is further identified as Tax Maps 046-A 10 (Parcel ID: 015768), 1.8 acres, and 046-A 11 (Parcel ID: 15769), 31.163 acres, both zoned A-1 Agricultural in the Shawsville Magisterial District. The property currently lies in an area designated as Village Expansion in the 2025 Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan, and is further designed as Mixed Use in the Elliston-Lafayette Village Plan. AND a request by Lisa W. Pendleton and Tina M. Wells (Agent: CESO, Inc.) for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow for the construction of a travel center on 32.963 total acres. The use is defined as "travel center" in the Zoning Ordinance, and is permitted in the General Business (GB) Zoning District only by Special Use Permit. The property is further identified as Tax Maps 046-A 10 (Parcel ID: 015768), 1.8 acres, and 046-A 11 (Parcel ID: 015769), 31.163 acres, both zoned A-1 Agricultural in the Shawsville Magisterial District. The property currently lies in an area designated as Village Expansion in the 2025 Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan, and is further designed as Mixed Use in the Elliston-Lafayette Village Plan. AND a request by Lisa W. Pendleton and Tina M. Wells (Agent: CESO, Inc.) for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow a comprehensive sign plan pursuant to Section 10-45(a)(3)e of the County Zoning Ordinance for a travel center that exceeds the maximum number of allowed signs, maximum allowed height of signs, and maximum allowed square footage for total signage on the subject property. The comprehensive sign package proposed by the applicant requests the placement of three (3) freestanding signs on the property, exceeding the maximum of two (2) freestanding signs allowed on the subject property. The requested free-standing signs consist of the following: a high-rise sign with a proposed height of one hundred ninety (190) feet, exceeding the maximum allowed height of forty (40) feet; a street sign with a proposed height of twenty-five (25) feet, exceeding the maximum allowed height of twelve (12) feet; and an additional freestanding sign with a proposed height of twenty (20) feet, exceeding the maximum allowed height of twelve (12) feet. The comprehensive sign package proposed by the applicant would also exceed the maximum allowed square footage for total signage on the subject property. The applicant proposes a high-rise sign consisting of a total of 1167.88 square feet of signage, comprised of 5 individual signs, exceeding the maximum allowed square footage of five-hundred (500) square feet and four (4) individual signs permitted by the Zoning Ordinance. The comprehensive sign package also proposes a total of 1401.23 square feet of signage, consisting of wall, canopy, and other signage, exceeding the maximum allowed square footage of one hundred-eighty (180) square feet on the subject parcel. The property is further identified as Tax Maps 046-A 10

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Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 & 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Montgomery County Planning Commission hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on February 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to hear citizen comments regarding the Planning Commission's intention to act on the following Ordinance: A request by Eagle Construction of Virginia (Agent: Foresight Design Services) to rezone property identified as Tax Map 52-A-31 (Parcel ID: 017484), totaling 1.35 acres in the Price's Fork Magisterial District. The applicant requests a rezoning with proffered conditions of 1.35 acres from Agricultural (A-1) to Residential (R3) to support the subdivision of the property into two (2) lots for the construction of single-family dwellings. The subject property is addressed as 3940 Price's Fork Road, and is located approximately 0.27 miles west of the intersection of Price's Fork Road (State Route 685) and Stafford View Drive (State Route 1145) and 0.45 miles east of the intersection of Price's Fork Road and Brookfield Road (State Route 654). The property lies in an area designated as Village Expansion in the 2025 Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan and is further designated as Low Density Residential in the Price's Fork Village Plan. Copies of the proposed plans, applications, ordinances or amendments may be examined at the Department of Planning and GIS Services, County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Suite 2A, Christiansburg, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or at <http://www.montgomerycountyva.gov/pendingapplications>.

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Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. CL22002082-00 MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re MARCELA VAZQUEZ HOWARD v. EDGAR ALLEN HOWARD

Legals - Montgomery County

The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that EDGAR ALLEN HOWARD appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before MARCH 13, 2023. JANUARY 11, 2023 ERICA W. CONNER, CLERK

General Information

Health Resources and Services Administration

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

For Free Clinic of The New River Valley, Inc.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500 through 1508) and the HHS General Administration Manual Part 30 Environmental Protection (February 25, 2000), HRSA has determined that the New Clinic Construction proposed by Free Clinic of The New River Valley, Inc. will have no significant adverse impact on the quality of the human environment.

As a result of this FONSI, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared. The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) provides discretionary grant and cooperative agreement awards to support health centers expand their capacity to provide primary and preventive health care services to medically underserved populations nationwide. Free Clinic of The New River Valley, Inc. in Christiansburg, VA has applied for HRSA grant funding. The applicant proposes to use grant funds to construct a new two-story 28,900 square foot health center facility located at 130 Akers Farm Road. The applicant has submitted an Environmental Assessment (EA) that documents impacts of the proposed action. This EA is incorporated by reference into this FONSI. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Assessment for this project, which is on file at the following address for public examination upon request between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Free Clinic of the New River Valley
Also Known As: Community Health Center of the New River Valley

215 Roanoke Street
Christiansburg, VA 24073
Attn: Michelle Brauns, CEO
Phone: 540-381-0820

No further environmental review of this project is proposed prior to final approval from HRSA.

Public Comments

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on these projects may submit written comments to the Free Clinic of the New River Valley, Attn: Michelle Brauns, CEO at the above referenced address. HRSA will consider all comments received within 15 days of this "Notice" prior to final approval from HRSA.

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Financial Focus: Watch out for tax season scams

It's that time of the year when we do our taxes, but it's also the same time that tax scammers go to work. What scams should you watch for and how can you avoid being victimized?

Sadly, the list of scams is pretty long, including demands for payment or requests for "additional information" pertaining to your tax refund, in which the sender asks for your Social Security number and other personal information.

These scam emails can look quite official, often incorporating the IRS logo. You might also receive scam text messages containing bogus links claiming to be the IRS website or an online "tool"

that can help process your refund faster.

But keep these points in mind:

- The IRS generally won't contact you by phone and won't contact you by email, text messages, or social media channels to ask for personal or financial information. The IRS begins most correspondence to taxpayers through regular mail delivered by the U.S. Postal Service.

- The IRS won't call to demand you make an immediate payment through a prepaid debit card or wire transfer. If you owe taxes, the IRS generally will mail you a bill. And the IRS won't threaten to bring in the

police or another law enforcement group to arrest you for not paying your taxes.

In general, be extremely skeptical about any type of communication purporting to be from the IRS that sounds bullying or over-inquisitive and certainly don't give out any personal or financial information.

But these fake messages aren't the only tax-season scams out there. You might even receive a direct deposit from what appears to be the U.S. Treasury Department, but if you weren't expecting it, something's probably not right.

This payment could be a sign that a fraudulent tax return was filed in

your name, and it might be followed by a communication from a supposed IRS agent requesting this overpayment be sent to him. If this happens to you, you'll want to contact the IRS right away, and you could also ask your bank to return the deposit to the government.

Other scams don't claim to originate directly from the IRS as scammers pretend to be from real or imaginary tax organizations. For example, you could get a message from the Taxpayer Advocate Service, an independent organization within the IRS, but this agency won't contact you

without a legitimate reason. Or you could receive a message from the nonexistent "Bureau of Tax Enforcement." Your best bet is to delete these messages immediately or send them to your spam folder.

Not all tax season scams originate from fraudulent IRS representatives or fake agencies. You also need to be careful about whom you hire to prepare your taxes. If possible, get a recommendation from a trusted friend or a family member.

And keep in mind that a legitimate tax preparer must have a valid Preparer Tax

Identification Number and must sign your tax return. If someone doesn't have this number or is reluctant to sign your return, this may well be a sign that this individual is a "ghost preparer" who only wants to pocket your fee.

Tax scammers are, unfortunately, here to stay, but remaining vigilant can help you keep them from causing problems for you in this tax season and all the ones in the future.

This article was written by Edward Jones Member SIPC and submitted by local Edward Jones financial advisor Meghan Kuczanski (540)-552-1241.

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Home Country by Slim Randles: The true love story of Coalie and Wilma

It's coming up on St. Valentine's Day, so I thought I should share the love story of Coalie and Wilma, and every word is true.

Coalie was one of Sequoia-Kings Pack Trains' mules. Coal black of course, and if he should get a good shot, you could be kicked. Pack mule, not riding mule.

Wilma was a little brown mule belonging to Rock Creek Pack Station out of Bishop, some 40 miles north of us.

Well, my boss, Gene Burkhart, and Rock Creek's boss, Herb London, pastured their pack stock together each winter just outside Independence. Come June, we'd go catch our

stockout of this 110,000-acre mostly desert ranch, and string them together and lead them straight up about 10 miles to a little meadow called Onion Valley, where our headquarters were. It took days to get them all up there.

Herb's packers would truck his stock more than 40 miles north, through three towns and lots of rough country, to their pack station.

It was about three days after I'd led a string of mules overnight to the pack station, including Coalie, and got ready for our season. I went out in the morning and found a little brown mare mule giving muzzle snuggles to Coalie. From the brand on her, we knew

she was one of Herb's, so Gene called him and Herb drove all the way to get her.

Four days later, she was back in the mule corral making mulie smooches with her boyfriend. She had tracked Coalie from the winter pasture down 40 miles of highway 395, across five miles of desert and up nine miles of mountains. Twice.

Mules have gender, but are sterile hybrids and don't "mate" physically. They are a combination of a horse mother and a donkey dad.

Gene and Herb decided love was stronger than anything else we had around there, so Gene gave Herb a mule, and Wilma became ours. Well, Coalie's.

After that, for as long as they lived, if you took one, you had to take the other.

A few of the old packers said they'd heard about mules occasionally getting "married" but this was the first time seeing it, and it was the first for me, too.

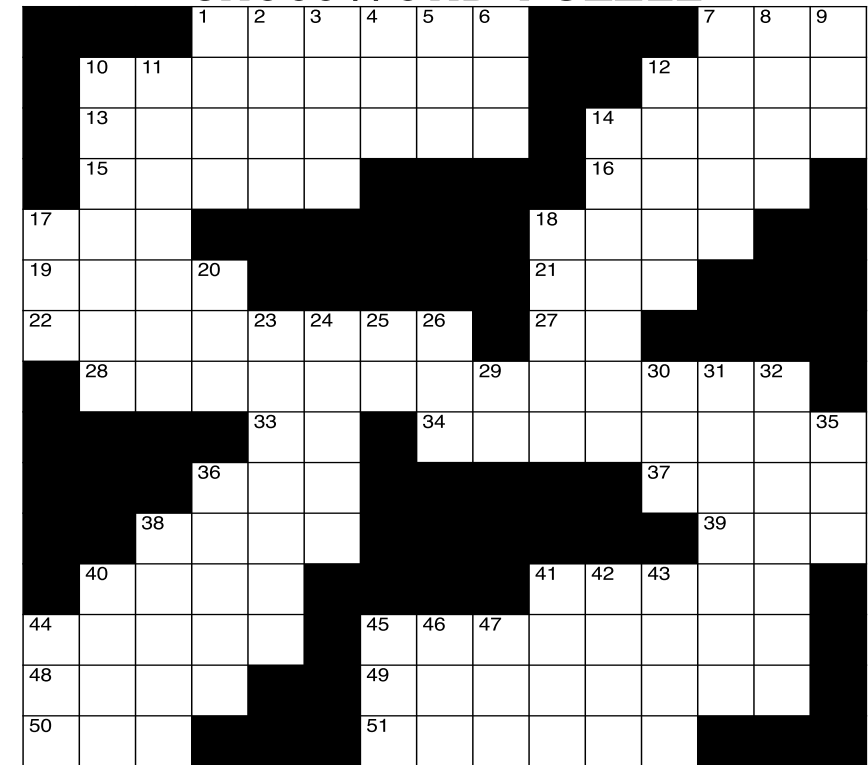
So Happy Valentine's Day, Coalie and Wilma, wherever you roam these days.

Thanks for setting a good example for the rest of us. The world loves lovers.

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- Switches
 - Legal financial term (abbr.)
 - Sweeties
 - Competition
 - Measures electrical resistance
 - Psychotherapy researcher
 - Causes injury to
 - Open
 - Polish peninsula
 - Hebrew calendar month
 - Whale ship captain
 - Children's accessory
 - Unknown person
 - Exists
 - Extremely confident
 - Expression of disgust
 - The government has many
 - Small constellation
 - Northern Indian city
 - The best pitchers
 - Naturally occurring solid
 - Apple computers
 - Portuguese city
 - Ancient Greek war dance
 - More reliable
 - Sailboat
 - Newspapers
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 - They dig for coal
- CLUES DOWN**
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 - The ___ of March
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 - Statesman Franklin
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 - Possesses
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 - Stake
 - Former British PM May
 - US battleships circa 1939
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 - Top lawyer
 - Fiddler crabs
 - Intolerant
 - Persons that cause extreme fear
 - Car mechanics group
 - Capital of Ghana
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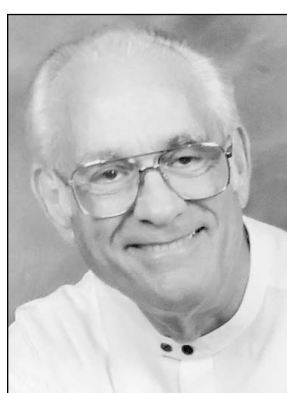
OBITUARIES

Brescia, Tony Rev.

The Rev. Tony Brescia, 93, went to be with the Lord on Friday, Jan. 20, 2023, at his home in Forest.

He was a minister with the Pentecostal Holiness Church in the Appalachian Conference in Virginia. Tony was preceded in death by his parents, Nicola and Mariantonia Brescia.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Drema Hill Brescia; son and daughter-in-law Nick and Marcy Brescia; daughter and son-in-law Tanya and Steve Dabler; six grandchildren: Susanna, Olivia, and Francesca Lucille Brescia, Leah Peterson (Jarrod), Melody Schmoyer (David), and Galyn Damiani (Joel); six great-grandchildren: Nathan, Caleb, and Ella Schmoyer, and Claire, Reese, and Brooke Peterson; and many other



relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 3, 2023, at Compassion Church in Radford. Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. with Pastor Mike Dotson and Pastor Ray Kingrea officiating. Interment will follow in the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in

Dublin.

In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions to Tree of Life Ministries – Homeless Ministry, 2812 Greenview Dr., Lynchburg, VA 24502 or online at www.tolm.net (select “give – other fund – homeless ministry”).

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

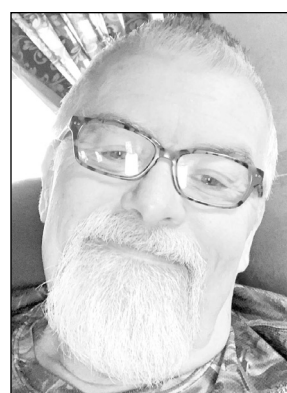
Martin, Eddie Saunders

Eddie Saunders Martin, 65, of Barren Springs, passed away with his family by his bedside after a courageous battle with cancer on Monday, Jan. 23, 2023, at Highland Ridge Health and Rehab.

Eddie enjoyed hunting, kayaking the New River, fishing, spending time at River Junction, and canoeing with family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Peggy Ann Hollifield Martin.

Survivors include his wife, Stella Melton; step-son and his wife, David and Erin Melton; step-daughter and her husband, Sandra and Kevin Allen; special great-grandchildren Jaxon and Remy Keith; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; his father and his wife, Buford (Sonny) and Bonnie Martin; a sister and brother-in-law, Lu Ann Martin



and Gino Chico; step-sisters, Gina W. Clodfelter and Donna and Bobby Brendle; sisters-in-law Doris (Jenny) Worrell and Margaret (Hope) Burton; brothers-in-law Johnny Bowman and Tommy Bowman; aunts and uncles Ralph and Pat Hollifield and Bill and Ramona Burkea; niece and her family, Brandi and Kenny Latham, children Ethan and Lillian; best friends Buddy, Pat and Richard Eller, Kevin Parnell, The Barnes Family, and Bill Gardner; beloved fur babies he adored and loved, Reno, Luna, and Jasper; and many other family members and friends.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

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

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: fbcradford.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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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

Radford

WORSHIP DIRECTORY

DEAR DIARY

Read Ezekiel 40:1 through 42:20

How do you handle the pain of loss or tragedy? Our natural tendency is to hold on to past pain and keep track of hurtful events. "Fifteen years ago today, my wife asked for a divorce." "Four years ago this week, our son drowned." "It's been twenty years, but I vividly remember the day dad died of cancer."

Remembering tragedy is not wrong, but God wants us to see our pain in light of what He can do to bring healing to our lives.

In the twenty-fifth year of our exile, at the beginning of the year, on the tenth of the month, in the fourteenth year after the fall of the city—on that very day the hand of the Lord was on me and he took me there. (Ezekiel 40:1).

Ezekiel and the exiles of Israel would always remember the painful years, but God was at work even during this dark season of their history. In our own lives, we can expect "that very day the hand of the Lord" will become evident in our circumstances.

Thought for Today: Are you measuring the days since your last heartache, or looking to the day of God's provision?

Quicklook: Ezekiel 40:1-4

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

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

St. Michael Lutheran Church, 2308 Merrimac Road, Blacksburg, VA 24060. Worship service each Sunday 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 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.

Local students earn academic honors

Blacksburg students named to University of Vermont dean's list

Two students from Blacksburg, Sophia Aronson and Nola Scott, have been named to the dean's list for the Fall 2022 semester at the University of Vermont.

Aronson is majoring in Latin American and Caribbean Studies and Spanish.

Scott is majoring in environmental studies.

To be named to the dean's list, students must have a grade-point-average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class in

their respective college or school.

Radford student named to JMU president's list

Radford resident Tali Vidal has been named to the President's List at James Madison University for the Fall 2022 semester. Students who earn president's list honors must carry at least 12 graded credit hours and earn a GPA of 3.900 or above. Vidal is seeking a BS degree in dietetics.

Founded in 1908, James Madison University is a public

university located in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley. With state-of-the-art amenities and facilities, students have access to NCAA Division 1 athletics. JMU also has the highest post-graduation job levels of all Virginia colleges.

Blacksburg's Brian Bush named to WCU's Fall 2022 Dean's List

Brian Bush of Blacksburg has been named to the Western Carolina University Fall 2022 dean's list.

To qualify for this honor, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or

higher while completing a minimum of 12 credit hours.

As the westernmost institution in the University of North Carolina System, WCU attracts students from around the globe for its nationally ranked programs, affordability through NC Promise, and exceptional student support. WCU offers residential, hybrid, and online programs for undergraduate and graduate degrees at its main campus in Cullowhee, NC, in Asheville located at Biltmore Park, and wherever students are

through distance learning.

Radford's Abigail Barnes achieves dean's list honors at Hofstra University

Abigail Barnes of Radford excelled during the Fall 2022 semester at Hofstra University in Hempstead, NY, achieving a GPA of at least 3.5 to earn a spot on the dean's list. Barnes's major is Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences.

Hofstra University is a dynamic community of nearly 11,000 students dedicated to civic engagement, academic excellence,

and becoming leaders in their communities and their careers. Hofstra's campus is a quick train ride away from New York City and all its cultural, recreational, and professional opportunities. Hofstra offers small classes and personal attention with the resources, technology, and facilities of a large university. Students can choose from more than 165 undergraduate program options and 175 graduate program options in liberal arts and sciences, education, health professions, and human services.

UPCOMING 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. to 1 p.m. Coffee with Cops begins the day at 9 a.m., and the main program begins at 10 a.m. The summit's theme is "Reflecting on our past. Facing the future." Program events include "10 Years of Accomplishments, the issuing of group progress reports, a high school student panel, and an adult community panel. Register through Constant Contact.

Family movie matinee: "Turning Red"

At the Radford Public Library; 11 a.m. Disney and Pixar presents the story of a young girl with a funny and inconvenient problem: Every time she gets overly excited, she turns into a giant red panda. The movie is rated PG with a run time of 100 minutes.

Quilting marathon

At the Meadowbrook Library; 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The Meadowbrook Quilters will host a quilting marathon, working on individual projects. The public is invited to see these skilled individuals quilting. Participants/visitors may bring their own quilting projects or questions for assistance. This program is open to all ages.

Monday, Jan. 30:

Crafting Like It's 2023: Painted terracotta pots

At the Radford Public Library; 1 p.m. Participants can bring their own projects or work on something new such as painting a small terracotta pot and filling it with whatever they want. Pots and paint are provided while supplies last.

Tuesday, Jan. 31:

English Conversation for Adults

At the Blacksburg Library; 7 to 9 p.m. This class will be led by Carole and Bob Dellinger. Call the library at 540-552-8246 for more information. No childcare will be provided.

Thursday, Feb. 2:

American Legion meeting
American Legion Harvey-Howe-Carper Post 30 will meet at 6 p.m. at the VFW Post Home at 102 Watts St. in Radford. If Radford City Public Schools are closed on Thursday or Friday of this week due to weather, the meeting will be canceled. For further information, call 540-250-2283 or 540-239-9864.

Friday, Feb. 3:

Game on
At the Christiansburg Library; 3 to 5 p.m. Gamers of all ages are welcome to play a variety of Nintendo games. Participants are encouraged to bring their portable device, but this is not required. Snacks will be provided.

Friday, Feb. 3, and Saturday, Feb. 4:

Book sale
The Radford Public Library will hold a book sale both days from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. As always, a large selection of free books will be available.

Saturday, Feb. 4:

Friends of the Library book sale

At the Meadowbrook Library; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Stock up on books, DVDs, and CDs by filling a paper grocery bag (provided) for \$5. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library.

Tuesday, Feb. 7:

Montgomery County School Board meeting

At the Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg; 7-9 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 9:

River City Quilt Guild

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

Free GED Classes

New River Community College is offering free GED classes at the Meadowbrook Library Tuesday and Thursday evenings through Thursday, May 11, from 5 to 8 p.m. For more information or to sign up, call the Meadowbrook Library at 540-268-1964.

Tasty Thursdays: The wonderful world of chocolate

At the Christiansburg Library; 3 to 4 p.m. Participants will learn fun facts about chocolate and will sample variations of the tasty treat's flavors.

Anime club for teens

At the Christiansburg Library; 6 to 7 p.m. Snacks, crafts, taste-tests, and anime are on the menu. Participants can hang out and discuss their favorite series or shows.

Valentine boxes

At the Blacksburg Library; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Participants will decoupage a small keepsake box with their favorite pictures, magazine clippings, song lyrics, poems, quotes and/or a special Valentine. Materials will be provided. Please bring photos for a more personal touch.

Friday, Feb. 10:

Tech bytes: Online job searching

At the Blacksburg Library; 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. This session will cover online classified sites, job search sites, company sites, and staying safe from scams. Registration is required. Register at <https://mfri.libcal.com/event/9981782>.

Saturday, Feb. 11:

Free tax assistance with NRCA

At the Christiansburg Library; 1 to 4 p.m. This class provides free tax prep assistance through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program and NRCA. Income limits may apply. For more information, visit <https://newrivercommunityaction.org/vita>

Monday, Feb. 13:

Radford City Council meeting

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

Montgomery County Board of Supervisors meeting

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors will meet in closed session at 6 p.m. and in open session at 7:15 p.m. at the Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St. in Christiansburg. Citizens are invited to attend and will be allowed to speak at each meeting. All regular meetings of the Board of Supervisors are rebroadcast on Montgomery County Comcast and Shentel Channels 190 daily.

Tuesday, Feb. 14:

Blacksburg Town Council meeting

The Blacksburg Town Council will meet at 6:30 p.m.

in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 S. Main St. The meeting is open to the public and is televised live on WTOB Channel 2.

Christiansburg Town Council meeting

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

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, 3204 Riner Rd. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are invited to attend. John Winebarger, SCV Virginia 6th Brigade Commander, will speak on "Confederate Surgeons." If Montgomery County Public Schools are closed on Tuesday or Wednesday of this week due to weather, the meeting will be canceled. For further information, call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

Radford City School Board meeting

The Radford City School Board will meet at 6 p.m. at the RCPS Administration Building, 1612 Wadsworth St., Radford.

Thursday, Feb. 16:

Radford Reads with Stephen Skripak

At the Radford Public Library; 6 to 7:30 p.m. Retired business professor and author Stephen Skripak will speak about his book "From the Boardroom to the Classroom" at the library. This event is free and is open to the public.

Middle schoolers discover Radford magic on Science Day

RADFORD - Inspire the next generation of scientists.

That has been the goal of Rhett Herman, Ph.D., for the past 20 years of organizing and hosting free Science Days at Radford University.

"Or inspire those who simply appreciate and understand science, and what it can do for them and for everyone," the professor of physics explained.

The most recent group of the young and curious was a group of about 230 sixth graders, along with 30 teachers and chaperones, from Chestnut Grove Middle School in King, North Carolina. The group traveled nearly 100 miles on white school buses to visit Radford University's Center for the Sciences on Jan. 11, 2023, to explore and learn from Radford faculty and students about astronomy, botany, chemistry, physics and

even some science involving zombies.

"We are trying to get them interested in science," said Professor of Chemistry Kim Lane, Ph.D., as she prepared for a series of chemistry magic shows that involved, among many spectacles, liquid nitrogen and setting a dollar bill on fire without it burning. "We want to capture their interest - make sure it's not just about the oohs and ahhs - but make sure they are learning something."

"We always say the difference between this and a regular magic show is we explain how we do things," she continued, "and not leave it a mystery."

Throughout the day, from 11 a.m. to a little past 3 p.m., the students, in groups of about 25, cycled through stages that included a campus tour and fun and informative lessons. They visited

the Radford University Planetarium, the greenhouse and various classrooms and tables, including a button-making station run by McConnell Library staff, set up in the Center of the Sciences first-floor lobby.

Physics majors Jonathon Hafferty, of Roanoke, and Sam Williams, of Virginia Beach, ran a scientific zombie detector on students who were willing to be outed among the undead. The duo created a device to measure body temperature, "and we're going under the assumption that zombies don't produce heat," Hafferty deadpanned.

About an hour into the science day, Chestnut Grove student Nevaeh Davis was smiling and enjoying the experience - "I really like this," she said, leaving the zombie-detection table, on her way to the chemistry show while neither confirming

nor denying she had tested positive for being a zombie.

Blake Burge stood in awe of all the Science Day and Radford University had to offer.

"It's a big college, and I've never toured a college before," he said. "It's a lot of fun. It has all kinds of cool stuff like sports and science."

Burge is into science, especially dissecting worms, despite their gooyness, he said, as he eagerly waited for his group's turn to enter the planetarium.

Harmon McGee was in line there, too, and talked enthusiastically about his earlier visit to the campus greenhouse, where he "learned some new types of plants that I didn't know about," he said.

"I also like the big dinosaur head in there," pointing to Stan, a replica T-rex skull prominently displayed inside the Museum of the Earth

Sciences.

When asked about what he plans to do when he grows up, McGee replied, "Uh, I haven't really thought about it a lot."

Many studies, Herman said later, show that inspiring young students is crucial "and needs to happen early in students' academic careers since that is when they start to see themselves as adults. I organize these Science Days to help spread our own excitement for what we do and to help these kids potentially see their future selves as scientists. And perhaps to see themselves specifically as scientists here at Radford University."

Many Radford science majors, Herman said, were first exposed to Radford University during campus field trips such as Science Days when they were in elementary school.

"They said during those visits that they could picture themselves here," Herman noted, "and that

came to pass. These visits have a lasting impact on both the students and on the university."

About 48 hours after their visit, the students still were buzzing with excitement.

"I have heard for the past two days 'how cool the planetarium is' and 'when will we learn about the moon?'" said Chestnut Grove teacher Kristen Jones. "Students who are not engaged in class with me were fascinated by the chemistry demonstration using dry ice. I had students tell me how they didn't realize that the Earth was so far from the sun."

"The greatest part about the whole trip, as a teacher," Jones continued, "was the student who was uninterested in school said on the ride home, 'That school was awesome! I want to go to that college when I graduate.'"

*Chad Osborne
Radford University*

RADFORD SPORTS

Blue Demon, Hokie wrestler honored by ACC

It's no surprise that the No. 8 Virginia Tech wrestling team has received another ACC Wrestler of the Week honor, and it's no surprise who it is this week: Christiansburg native and redshirt sophomore Andy Smith.

Smith was named this

week's award winner for his pivotal victory over Isaac Trumble last Friday night that proved to be the difference in Tech's defeating No.-5 NC State in the first edition of the Friday Night Duals.

Smith entered the dual meet ranked No. 26 and looking to improve his

record to 2-0 against Trumble. Their first meeting came in the summer in freestyle at the 2022 US Open. Smith did win in what proved to be the clincher for the Hokies' upset of the rival Wolfpack in an electric Cassell Coliseum.

After a scoreless first

period, Trumble got an escape in the second period in what was the only point of the period to lead 1-0 heading into the final frame. In the third, Smith got an escape of his own to tie the dual with 1:00 remaining and the fate of the dual on the line.

With just :40 on the clock, Trumble attacked, only to be met by Smith's stout defense and counter offense, giving the Hokie a 3-1 lead. Trumble then got an escape and looked to attack, nearly finishing, but Smith's defense was too much, and he held on for the

3-2 decision and the final win for the Hokies to secure the dual.

This marked the eighth time a Tech wrestler has garnered the award this season, and Smith became the fifth Hokie this season to be named conference wrestler of the week.

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Wrestling Tri-meet at BHS



Blacksburg's Ryan Ankrum won his 165-lb class match by pinfall against Franklin County's Zach Sanchez during Tuesday night's tri-meet hosted by the Bruins. Franklin County and Northside completed the field on Senior Night.



In 132-lb class action, Blacksburg's Braden Henderson defeated Franklin County's Brady Hazelwood by pin. Franklin County won the team competition by a score of 43-30 over the Bruins.

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Know the foe: Hokies' 2023 opponents

In less than a week, the ACC will reveal its highly anticipated 2023 football schedule, which will introduce the 3-3-5 model and eliminate the Atlantic and Coastal divisions.

Fans can tune in to ACC Network on Monday, Jan. 30, at 7 p.m. to watch the unveiling, which will include dates for all of Virginia Tech football's 12-game slate.

Let's take a look

at which teams will be making the trek to Blacksburg this upcoming football season.

NC State

Though the Wolfpack (8-5, 4-4 ACC) welcome a new quarterback, he is no stranger to Tech fans as former Virginia gunslinger Brennan Armstrong has taken his talents to Raleigh. With Armstrong in the fold, head coach Dave Doeren has a new offensive coordinator in

Robert Anae, who used to be Armstrong's OC before going to Syracuse last year as its OC. Known for its strong defense, the Wolfpack return all-ACC performer Payton Wilson at linebacker and cornerback Aydan White, who had four interceptions last season, and are coming off a year of ranking No. 11 nationally in rush defense

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Lady Bruins down Glenvar in thriller 54-52



Blacksburg's Mila Santsaver-Jones forces a jump ball against Glenvar's McKenzie Harris in a tense fourth quarter. For more photos see page 8.

PHOTOS BY JON FLEMING

VT softball players Lemley, Ritter named to watch list

Hokies Emma Lemley and Emma Ritter were named to the USA Softball Top 50 Watch List for 2023 USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year, the organization announced Wednesday

morning.

The Top 50 Watch List highlights athletes from 26 universities and nine athletic conferences from across the country. The ACC is represented with six athletes.

After a standout freshman season, Lemley's honors included ACC Freshman of the Year, First Team All-ACC, First Team National FastPitch

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RU picked seventh in Big South softball preseason poll

For the first time, USC Upstate has been voted the Big South Conference's preseason softball favorite by the league's head coaches, as announced Wednesday by the conference office.

The coaches' vote put Radford University in

seventh place.

In addition, the coaches voted USC Upstate Spartans' catcher Peyton Darnell (Fort Mill, S.C.) the league's Preseason Player of the Year, and Presbyterian College hurler Jenna Greene (Hamlet, N.C.) as

the Preseason Pitcher of the Year.

The Spartans' previous highest preseason Big South ranking has been second every year since becoming league members in 2019. Upstate, which

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Blacksburg's Madison Mann puts up a fast break layup as Glenvar's Rhyann Harris defends.

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Lady Bruins down Glenvar in thriller 54-52



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Blackburg's Riley Price attempts a shot after collecting an offensive rebound against Glenvar defenders Olivia Keen (left) and Kaelon Thompson. Price scored 10 points in the 54-52 defeat of Glenvar.

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was the Big South co-regular-season champion in 2022 with a 21-6 league record and a 48-10 overall record, received three first-place votes and 55 total points in the poll.

Presbyterian College finished second in the voting with 52 points, receiving two first-place votes for its highest-ever preseason ranking during its time in the Big South. Two-time defending champion Campbell collected two first-place votes and was third in the preseason ranking with 48 points.

Longwood, last year's tournament runner-up, was fourth in the voting with 45 points and received the remaining first-place

vote while Charleston Southern landed in the fifth spot with 28 points, just ahead of sixth-place Winthrop (26 points).

Then came Radford in seventh place with 21 points, followed by Gardner-Webb in the eighth and final position with 13 points.

Darnell is the first Spartan to be voted Preseason Player of the Year since Alyssa Oakes in 2020. She was the 2022 Big South Player of the Year and a First-Team All-Conference honoree as well as a Southeast All-Region Third-Team selection. She started all 58 games between catcher and designated player and finished the season with 106

total bases, 62 RBI, 53 hits, 16 runs, 15 home runs, and eight doubles. She had a .385 on base percentage, a .323 batting average, and a .592 slugging percentage.

Darnell had three multi-homer performances and batted .373 with six home runs, 27 RBI, and a .693 slugging clip in 27 Big South games in 2022. She received 15 points and four first-place votes in the balloting, ahead of Radford's Cori McMillan (12 points, four first-place votes) and Longwood's Jaden Pone (seven points).

Greene was 17-9 with a 2.05 earned run average and 203 strikeouts in 157.0 innings for the Blue Hose last

season. She held opposing batters to a .186 average, the second-lowest percentage in Presbyterian's Division I era, started 29 contests with 15 complete games, and collected the second-most wins of any PC pitcher over a single year.

Greene struck out 104 batters in Big South play while picking up 10 league victories and blanked four separate Big South opponents with 40 K's in those outings. She recorded double-digit strikeouts nine times, conceded three hits-or-fewer on 14 different dates, and became Presbyterian's single-season record holder in both strikeouts (203) and shutouts (9).

Greene received three

first-place votes and 15 points in the voting, ahead of Campbell's Isabella Smith (two first-place votes and 12 points), and Charleston Southern's Annah Junge (two first-place votes and seven points).

The 2023 softball season begins Friday, Feb. 10, while the first conference weekend is scheduled for March 17-19. The 2023 Big South Softball Championship is slated for May 11-13, and the four-team double-elimination postseason tournament will be hosted by Radford University. The tournament champion receives the Big South's automatic bid to the NCAA Championship.

--Big South Conference

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Coaches Association (NFCA) All-Region, ACC All-Freshman Team and a (NFCA)/Schutt Sports Division I Freshman of the Year Top-3 Finalist. She helped provide a dominant 1-2 punch in the circle, going 16-6 with a 2.12 ERA, six shutouts,

three saves, 212 strikeouts and a .186 opponent batting average.

Lemley finished the season ranked ninth nationally in strikeouts per seven innings (10.7). The freshman went 6-2 with two saves and three shutouts in ACC

play. She threw her first career no-hitter against Longwood, striking out 13.

Ritter was named an NFCA All-America Third Team selection a season ago while also earning First Team NFCA All-Region and First Team

ACC honors. She batted .400 on the season and led the team with a .661 slugging percentage and a .474 on base percentage.

The sophomore also contributed four triples, 11 doubles, eight home runs and 40 RBI. Striking out only six times, she

led the ACC and ranked 12th in the nation as toughest to strikeout. She ranked second in the ACC in batting average (.400) and third in stolen bases (23). She also maintained a perfect fielding percentage in the outfield with 45 putouts.

The Top 25 finalists for Player of the Year will be announced on May 3, followed by the Top 10 on May 3 and Top 3 on May 17. The Player of the Year will be announced prior to the NCAA Women's College World Series.

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Old Dominion

Beginning the season with the Monarchs for the second year in a row, Virginia Tech will play host to ODU this time around at Lane Stadium in its season opener. Former coordinators together at Penn State, ODU head coach Ricky Rahne and Tech head coach Brent Pry will face off for the second time, following last year's game in Norfolk.

The Monarchs, who went 3-9 (2-6 Sun Belt) last season and ranked No. 12 nationally in red-zone defense, return their leading tackler in linebacker Jason Henderson, an All-American who led the nation with 186 tackles. Conversely, the Hokies

welcome former All-Sun Belt wide receiver Ali Jennings from ODU.

Pitt

Following a 37-35 win in the Sun Bowl over then-No. 18 UCLA, Pitt (9-4, 5-3 ACC) enters 2023 on a five-game winning streak and welcomes another fellow ACC quarterback to its roster in Boston College transfer Phil Jurkovec. But Pitt loses a bevy of All-ACC picks, including running back Israel Abanikanda (1,805 all-purpose yards, 21 TDs). Pat Narduzzi will coach his ninth season at Pitt this fall and is one of the ACC's longest-tenured head coaches. He faced Pry when the VT head man was the defensive coordinator at Penn State. With Abanikanda off to

the NFL, the Panthers will lean on Rodney Hammond, Jr. (460 yds, 5 TDs) to be the go-to guy at running back.

Purdue

In the ACC-Big 10 challenge, the Boilermakers (8-6, 6-3 BIG) enter their first season with Ryan Walters, formerly the defensive coordinator at Illinois, as their head coach. He was named the 247Sports Defensive Coordinator of the Year last month and hired Graham Harrell (offensive coordinator; formerly West Virginia's OC) and Kevin Kane (defensive coordinator; formerly Illinois' linebacker coach). Purdue is coming off a Big Ten West division championship and Big Ten title game

appearance, but loses its starting quarterback, its No.-1 wide receiver and its first-string tight end. Harrell will look to build around Texas transfer Hudson Card at quarterback while Walters and Kane will expect safety Sanoussi Kane, the team's top tackler in 2022 (72), to carry the torch defensively.

Syracuse

Last season was a fascinating tale of two halves for the Orange (7-6, 4-4 ACC). They won their first six games and then lost six of their last seven. Head coach Dino Babers, who enters his eighth season with 'Cuse, welcomes two new coordinators while losing his star running back in Sean Tucker. Tucker finished his career as

Syracuse's third all-time leading rusher (3,182 yards) and will be big shoes to fill heading into 2023, but the Orange do return their quarterback in Garrett Shrader (2,640 passing yards, 26 TDs).

Defensively, the Orange have new defensive coordinator Rocky Long, a respected coach who has 20 years of head coaching experience at the FBS level, and he will look to maintain the 3-3-5 defense 'Cuse has executed recently and will lean heavily on star linebacker Marlowe Wax (team-high 91 tackles) to lead the defense.

Wake Forest

The Demon Deacons (8-5, 3-5 ACC) picked up eight wins last year and had three losses that were one-possession games, including ACC champion

Clemson in overtime. Led by head coach Dave Clawson (10th season), the Deacons lose their quarterback Sam Hartman, who transferred to Notre Dame, and is expected to turn to Mitch Griffis under center. Griffis had a nice outing versus VMI last fall. He will have plenty of options on the outside to get the ball to with the Deacs returning two wide receivers who scored nine touchdowns each in 2022: Taylor Morin and Jahmal Banks. Meanwhile, Wake will have two of its top three tacklers back, including linebacker Chase Jones (74 tackles, six for loss) and defensive back Chelen Garnes (71 tackles, one interception).

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