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City of Radford and Radford University announce joint initiatives

Business support center, amphitheater and river crossing among potential projects

RADFORD – In a joint work session Monday, Jan. 30, leadership from the City of Radford and Radford University discussed areas of potential partnership and pathways for mutual success.

The meeting confirmed the formation of The Hub at Radford, an initiative shared by the city and the university. The Hub will serve as an economic development support system and help businesses thrive in Radford and across the New River Valley. It will also be the home of the Vinod Chachra IMPACT

Lab which provides innovative, online, self-paced, competency-based education in high-demand workforce areas. The Hub at Radford will be located on East Main Street in the former Suntrust bank location, and planners project the first phase of the venture will open in mid-2023.

At the meeting, the City of Radford noted its focus on river enhancements and its work with the New River Valley Regional Commission and the New River Valley Watershed to establish the



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New River Water Trail. With federal support of \$1.5 million, work on the Radford and Pulaski County joint area of the project should begin in 2023. The 61-mile trail project includes four additional boat launches, website upgrades and kiosk signs at boat landings. At Shelter No. 3 in Bisset Park, addition of a “walk-in” site will significantly enhance kayak, canoe and tubing access to the New River.

“From the moment my wife, Kay, and I first set foot in Radford, we were charmed by what the city of Radford has to offer and its potential to grow alongside the university,” Radford University President Bret Danilowicz

said. “This partnership will set a course for a future of economic growth and recreational development that will benefit Radford University students and residents of the city.”

Under consideration is an amphitheater that would serve the citizens of Radford and the students and employees on campus. “The hope is to plan construction such that events might be held at the venue within three to five years,” said Danilowicz.

In another joint effort, a group of local regional partners will explore development of a river crossing that

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Radford woman wins NAACP Community Service Award

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RADFORD – Vondelear Hubbard, of Radford, has won one of two NAACP Community Service Awards from the Montgomery-Radford-Floyd Chapter of the NAACP.

Branch Secretary Shirley Akers recently announced the winners of the annual awards, given in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The awards were given at the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Community Celebration, held Jan. 15 online, with about 100 people virtually viewing the celebration.

“Mrs. Hubbard has devoted her entire life to community service,” said Akers in the announcement. “Loving children and teaching, she has served as the PTA President at McHarg Elementary School and currently works as a substitute teacher with the Radford City Schools. Mrs. Hubbard is a member of the Radford City Police Chief Advisory Board and at the onset of the coronavirus pandemic, she personally handmade comfortable mask extenders for the officers and for the local Fire Department workers. When the news about this service spread, a mother of a



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY THE M-R-F NAACP
Vondelear Hubbard participates in the ZOOM awards ceremony of the Montgomery-Radford-Floyd NAACP in January, during which she won the annual Community Service Award.

young child with a medical condition from another state reached out to her to make mask extenders for her daughter to provide her also with some comfort. She

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Upcoming NRCC free concert series features Blue Connection and Nobody’s Business

DUBLIN - The music of Blue Connection and Nobody’s Business will be featured during New River Community College’s Concert Series event on Sat., Feb. 11, 2023.

Music will begin at 6 p.m. in 117 Edwards Hall at NRCC in Dublin.

Blue Connection is a hard driving traditional style bluegrass band that was formed in 2013.

They play traditional standard bluegrass and country songs with some contemporary country and rock as well. The band includes Matt Spence, from Catawba, on bass, lead



PHOTO COURTESY OF NRCC
Nobody’s Business is one of two bands playing at NRCC’s free concert on Feb. 11.

and harmony vocals; Kenny Hamblin, from Catawba, on banjo, lead and harmony vocals; Paul Boone, from Hardy, on mandolin, lead and harmony vocals; and John Hamilton, from Eagle Rock, on guitar, lead and harmony vocals.

Nobody’s Business is an old-time band from the Grayson Highlands mountain region of Southwest Virginia where the state meets North Carolina and Tennessee. The band is steeped in

the traditions of rural old-time mountain music that have been passed down through generations in this unique area of the Blue Ridge mountains. Nobody’s Business shows feature a diverse and entertaining collection of hard driving fiddle/banjo tunes, mountain ballads, old time sacred songs and square dance music. The band includes Jackson Cunningham, from Grayson County, on

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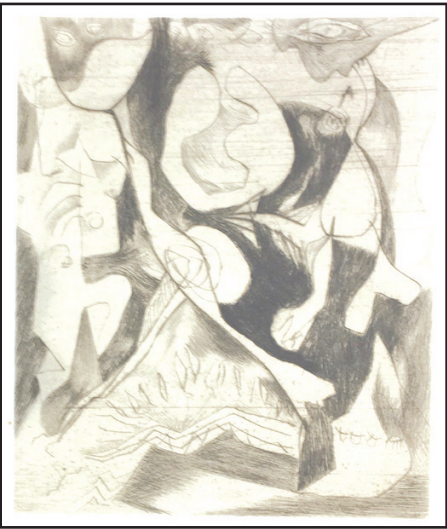
Experimental Print collection comes to Radford University gallery



Sue Fuller’s “Clown” intaglio with stencil.

Sean Kotz
Radford University

RADFORD – A new exhibition that explores art created at the end of World War II, including nine prints created by



PHOTOS COURTESY OF RADFORD UNIVERSITY
Jackson Pollock’s “Untitled” engraving and drypoint.

American abstract expressionist, Jackson Pollock, is coming to Radford University. The exhibition opens Wednesday, Feb. 8 at Radford University’s Art Museum in

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PHOTO COURTESY OF CHAPTER PRESIDENT TAYLOR EMERY
Students at the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine have established the newest chapter of the National Association of Black Veterinarians.

Only 1.2 percent of veterinarians are black; this club chapter wants to change that

By Sarah Boudreau

Students at the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine have established the newest chapter of the National Association of Black Veterinarians (NABV), working to provide education and promote inclusion within an overwhelmingly white field.

According to a 2021 report by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, only 1.2 percent of veterinarians in the United

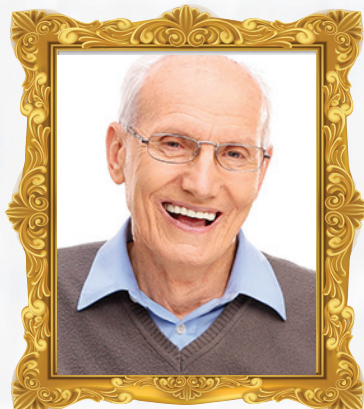
States are black. This means that support and mentorship can be hard to find, and many black veterinarians have to deal with clients who react negatively when they find out the person treating their animal is black.

These challenges motivated chapter vice president Takia “Kia” Williams to open up dialogue about diversity in veterinary medicine. Williams is a member of the Class of 2025, and she is

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, Feb. 4:

Book Sale

There will be a book sale at the Radford Public Library from 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. Prices are very reasonable and as always large free selections are available. Come and support the Radford Library.

Friends of the Library Book Sale

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

Take Your Child to the Library Day

At the Radford Public Library; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Today is Take Your Child to the Library Day! As a thank you to every child who stops by on Feb. 4, a special prize can be picked up. Thank you for supporting your local library.

Monday, Feb. 6:

Valentines Crafternoon: No-sew Pet

Scarf

At the Radford Public Library; 1 - 2 p.m. Make a no-sew scarf for your beloved pooch in honor of Valentine's Day! Supplies provided!

Tuesday, Feb. 7:

Montgomery County School Board meeting

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

Friends of Southwest Virginia Showcase networking event

Learn about the latest arts, music, and creative economy happenings in SWVA. At the Montgomery Museum of Art & History; 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Stories, Paintings and Fantasies

Dr. Robert Trent takes the stage. "Stories, Paintings and Fantasies" features songs inspired by literature, visual art and the music of Spanish Gypsies. The recital is free and open

to the public. Please join us at 7:30 p.m. in the Davis Performance Hall, Covington Center, for an evening of inspired music.

Thursday, Feb. 9:

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.

Free GED Classes

New River Community College is offering free GED at the Meadowbrook Library every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 5 - 8 p.m. The classes began on Tuesday, Jan. 17 and end on Thursday, May 11. For more information or to sign up please call

the Meadowbrook Library at 540-268-1964.

Tasty Thursdays: The Wonderful World of Chocolate!

At the Christiansburg Library; 3- 4 p.m. Join us as we learn fun facts about chocolate and try different flavors of this tasty treat.

Anime Club for Teens

At the Christiansburg Library; 6 - 7 p.m. Snacks, crafts, taste-tests, and anime! Come hang out and discuss your favorite series or shows.

Valentine Boxes

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

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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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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT: 2948 Den Hill Road, Christiansburg, Montgomery County, Virginia 24073
Tax Map# 082-A-41 / Parcel ID: 021649 IN EXECUTION OF A DEED OF TRUST IN THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$60,000.00, DATED THE 2nd DAY OF AUGUST, 2013, RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 2013007664, DEFAULT HAVING OCCURRED IN THE PAYMENT OF THE NOTE SECURED THEREBY, AND AT THE REQUEST OF THE HOLDER OF THE NOTE, THE UNDERSIGNED SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, WILL OFFER FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, LOCATED AT: 55 EAST MAIN STREET, CHRISTIANBURG,

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VIRGINIA 24073, ON FEBRUARY 28, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M., THE REAL ESTATE WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, LYING AND BEING SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, STATE OF VIRGINIA AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: ALL OF THE FOLLOWING TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE SHAWSVILLE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: BEGINNING at a locust tree on the north side of Virginia Secondary Highway No. 641 located 283 feet west from intersection of Route No. 460 and Route 641; thence a new line thru lands of (now or formerly) Raymond H. Baker, et al in a northwesterly direction 100 feet to a point; thence in a southwesterly direction 150 feet to a point; thence in a southerly direction 100 feet to a point located on said Virginia Secondary Highway No. 641; thence in a northeasterly direction with said road 150 feet to the point of BEGINNING. Tax Map No. 082- A 41 Parcel No. 021649 BEING THE SAME REAL ESTATE CONVEYED ERBIE G. YOUNG AND DOROTHY YOUNG, HUSBAND AND WIFE, TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY WITH SURVIVOR SHIP, FROM RAYMOND H. BAKER AND ROXIE BAKER, HUSBAND AND WIFE, BY DEED DATED SEPTEMBER 13, 1961, AND OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN DEED BOOK 230, PAGE 207, REFERENCE BEING MADE TO SAID DEED. SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS, RESERVATIONS, EASEMENTS, COVENANTS, OIL, GAS OR MINERAL RIGHTS OF RECORD, IF ANY SALE WILL BE MADE SUBJECT TO ALL EXISTING EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS AS THE SAME MAY LAWFULLY AFFECT THE REAL ESTATE. TERMS OF SALE: CERTIFIED FUNDS OR CASHIER'S CHECK. A BIDDER'S DEPOSIT OF TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE SALES PRICE, WITH FULL SETTLEMENT TO BE MADE WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS FROM DATE OF SALE. ADDITIONAL TERMS MAY BE ANNOUNCED AT THE TIME OF SALE. THIS NOTICE IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLACE OF SALE: FRONT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT 55 EAST MAIN STREET, CHRISTIANBURG, VIRGINIA 24073 DATE OF SALE: FEBRUARY 28, 2023 TIME OF SALE: 10:00 A.M. FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel D. Hamrick, Agent for Daniel D. Hamrick, P.C., Trustee 104 South Franklin Street Christiansburg, VA 24073 (540) 382-0131

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANBURG 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.

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.

Order of Publication

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, CHRISTIANBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re MARCELA VAZQUEZ HOWARD v. EDGAR ALLEN HOWARD 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

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

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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 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: 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 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

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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 (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. 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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Route 685) and Stafford View Drive (State Route 1145) and 0.45 miles east of the intersection of Price's Fork Road and Brooksfield 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>

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANBURG PLANNING COMMISSION

The Town of Christiansburg Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 21, 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 Conditional Use Permit request by SHAH Development, LLC, Property Owner, to allow a Contractor's Equipment Storage Yard on the property located at 1130 Cambria Street NE; Tax Parcels 497-(2))-A and 497-(2))-B; Parcel IDs 018651 and 120350; zoned General Business District B-3. The property is designated as downtown/Mixed Use and Residential 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 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.

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Mar 10 – 12	Philadelphia Flower Show	\$750	Aug 21	Bristol Casino/ Bristol, VA	\$50
Mar 11	Highland Maple Festival	\$90	Aug 24 -26	Strasburg Railroad/ Red Caboose Hotel	\$985
Mar 18	Highland Maple Festival	\$90	Aug 26	Mitchie Tavern/ Swannanoa Mansion	\$95
Mar 18	Asheville Outlets/ Spring Shopping	\$85	Aug 27 – Sep 6	West Coast Baseball	\$4,750
Mar 18	"Ain't To Proud" / Stephen Tanger Center	\$195	Sept 2	North Carolina Zoo/ Asheboro, NC	\$90
Mar 20	Bristol Casino	\$50	Sept 3 – 5	Wind Creek Casino/ Bethlehem, PA	\$540
Mar 20 – 26	Spring Training/ Florida	\$1,965	Sept 6 – 9	Creation Museum/ Ark Encounter	\$865
Mar 25	Vintage Market Days/ Charlotte, NC	\$80	Sept 7 – 10	Myrtle Beach, SC	\$1,070
Apr 2 – 4	Wind Creek Casino/ Bethlehem, PA	\$540	Sept 8 -10	Washington, D.C / Mount Vernon	\$625
Apr 7 – 13	Charleston/ Savannah/ Jekyll Island	\$2,430	Sept 8 – 13	Las Vegas & Grand Canyon Fly / Land	\$2,805
Apr 7 – 8	"Moses" / PA Dutch/ Lancaster, PA	\$490	Sept 9 -16	Trains of New England	\$2,905
Apr 8	Biltmore House & Gardens / Festival of Flowers	\$175	Sept 10 – 16	Best of Ozarks/ Branson/ Eureka Springs	\$1,690
Apr 8	"Aladdin" / Belk Theatre / Charlotte, N.C	\$200	Sept 11 – 23	Nova Scotia / New England in the Fall	\$3,065
Apr 13 – 29	Great Southwest California	\$4,045	Sept 14 – 16	"Moses" / Lancaster, PA / PA Dutch	\$735
Apr 14 – 16	Washington, D.C/ Cherry Blossom Festival	\$640	Sept 15 – 16	Gandy Dancer/ Tygart Flyer	\$480
Apr 15	"Hamilton" / Altria Theatre/ Richmond, VA	\$255	Sept 16 – 22	New England in the Fall	\$1,685
Apr 17	Bristol Casino/ Bristol, VA	\$50	Sept 16 - 27	America's Southwest Land / Fly	\$4,350
Apr 22	Biltmore House & Gardens / Festival of Flowers	\$175	Sept 18	Bristol Casino/ Bristol, VA	\$50
Apr 23- 26	VA Military Tattoo/ Mermaid Bash	\$1,315	Sept 19 – 23	Vermont in The Fall/ Stoweflake Lodge	\$1,910
Apr 24 – May 3	Texas "Lone Star State"	\$2,435	Sept 19 – 25	Mystery Tour...	\$1,830
May 6	Billy Graham Library/ Stowe Botanical Gardens	\$90	Sept 23	Andy Griffith's "Mayberry Days"	\$85
May 6 – 16	Tennessee Music Pathways	\$4,840	Sept 23 – 24	Washington Nationals Baseball	\$585
May 9 – 12	Tulip Festival/ Holland, MI	\$940	Sept 29 – Oct 1	Neptune Festival/ Virginia Beach, VA	\$685
May 10	Andy Griffith "Mayberry" Mt. Airy, NC	\$85	Oct 1 – 5	Niagara Falls / Toronto	\$1,365
May 10 – 13	Creation Museum / Ark Encounter	\$865	Oct 2 – 8	New England in the Fall	\$1,685
May 11 – 13	"Moses" / Lancaster, PA / PA Dutch	\$735	Oct 3 – 6	Rockin' the Boardwalk/ Virginia Beach, VA	\$1,190
May 12 – 14	New York Springtime	\$1,200	Oct 5	Cass Railroad / Cass, WV	\$195
May 13	North Carolina Zoo/ Asheboro, NC	\$90	Oct 6 – 7	"Moses" / PA Dutch/ Lancaster, PA	\$490
May 15	Bristol Casino/ Bristol, VA	\$50	Oct 6 – 8	Nashville/ Music City USA	\$1,005
May 20 – 21	Tangier Island	\$470	Oct 7	Billy Graham Library / Stowe Botanical Gardens	\$90
May 21 – 26	Oklahoma Oil/ Osage Nation/ Pawhuska, OK	\$1,405	Oct 7	Bushy Mountain Harvest Festival	\$75
May 26 – 28	Nashville/ Music City USA	\$1,005	Oct 9	Cass Railroad / Cass, WV	\$195
May 27	Mitchie Tavern / Swannanoa Mansion	\$95	Oct 10 – 14	Haunted Halloween/ Boston & Salem	\$1,370
Jun 4 – 7	Resorts Casino & Hotel / Atlantic City, NJ	\$765	Oct 11 – 17	Pioneer Women/ Magnolia Market	\$1,930
Jun 5 – 8	I Love Lucy/ Pennsylvania Grand Canyon	\$1,165	Oct 14	New River Gorge Bridge Day/ Fayetteville, WV	\$100
Jun 6 – 10	Two Stadiums/ Philadelphia/ Baltimore	\$1,480	Oct 14	Carolina Balloon Festival / Statesville, NC	\$85
Jun 9 – 11	Washington D.C / Mount Vernon	\$625	Oct 17 – 20	Oktoberfest in Helen, GA	\$1,290
Jun 9 – 19	Nova Scotia/ Atlantic Provinces of Canada	\$2,650	Oct 23	Bristol Casino/ Bristol, VA	\$50
Jun 15 – 20	White Mountains/ Purple Moose	\$1,825	Nov 3 – 5	Sunshine Tours/ Family Reunion	\$900
Jun 15 – 21	Mackinac Island / Michigan	\$2,030	Nov 9	Southern Christmas Show/ Charlotte, NC	\$90
Jun 18 – 24	Best of the Ozarks/ Branson/ Eureka Springs	\$1,690	Nov 9 – 12	Biltmore House / Smoky Mountain Christmas	\$1,435
Jun 18 – 24	Niagara Falls/ Montreal/ Toronto/ Quebec	\$1,755	Nov 10	Southern Christmas Show/ Charlotte, NC	\$90
Jun 19	Bristol Casino/ Bristol, VA	\$50	Nov 11	Southern Christmas Show/ Charlotte, NC	\$90
Jun 25- July 13	Hitching a Ride on Route 66	\$4,905	Nov 11	Concord Mills / Bass Pro Shop/ Charlotte, NC	\$85
Jun 26 – 29	Gilded Age of New York	\$2,035	Nov 12 – 18	Florida Keys/ Sunset Celebration	\$3,235
Jun 29 – July 2	Grandkids of Country Music/ Clarksville, TN	\$1,105	Nov 13	Bristol Casino / Bristol, VA	\$50
July 1 – 8	Summer in New England/ Martha's Vineyard	\$1,990	Nov 22 – 25	Macy's Thanksgiving Parade/ New York	\$1,580
July 1 – 10	Hawaii Honolulu/ Waikiki / Aloha	\$5,050	Nov 26 – 29	Wind Creek/ Bethlehem/ New York	\$900
July 2 – 6	Niagara Falls USA / Erie Canal	\$1,470	Nov 29 – Dec 4	Currier & Ives Christmas/ Burlington, VT	\$1,910
July 2 – 16	Canyonlands / Scenic Tour	\$3,655	Dec 1 – 3	Christmas at Myrtle Beach	\$660
July 2 – 30	Alaska/ Canada's Yukon/ Motorcoach	\$7,700	Dec 1 – 3	Radio City Christmas / New York	\$1,365
July 7 – 10	Atlanta Motor Speedway	\$1,020	Dec 1 – 3	Christmas Opryland Hotel	\$1,215
July 10 – 26	Yellowstone T.V Series Tour	\$6,425	Dec 2	Christmastown USA / McAdenville, NC	\$75
July 16 – 19	Wind Creek/ Bethlehem/ New York City	\$900	Dec 2	Premium Outlets / Charlotte, NC	\$85
July 17 – 20	Red Neckin' Toe Tappin/ Pigeon Forge, TN	\$1,490	Dec 2	Grove Park/ Gingerbread House	\$165
July 21 - 23	Nashville/ Music City USA	\$1,005	Dec 3 -7	Bavarian Holidays / Frankenmuth	\$1,090
July 24	Bristol Casino/ Bristol, VA	\$50	Dec 4 – 8	Christmas Mystery Adventure	\$1,345
July 24 – 27	New York Baseball/ Yankees vs. Mets	\$1,160	Dec 5	Tanglewood Park/ Christmas Lights	\$85
Aug 1 – 20	San Fransisco/ California / Pacific NW	\$5,050	Dec 5 – 7	Blue Christmas at Graceland	\$1,460
Aug 3 – 5	"Moses" / Lancaster, PA / PA Dutch	\$735	Dec 6 – 10	Boston's Gingerbread Christmas	\$1,295
Aug 5 – 6	Tangier Island	\$470	Dec 7 – 8	"Miracles of Christmas" / Lancaster, PA	\$490
Aug 8 – 12	Wind Creek/ Encore / Maryland Live Casino	\$1,015	Dec 8 – 10	Radio City Christmas/ New York	\$1,365
Aug 13 – 17	Elvis	\$1,375	Dec 8 – 10	Christmas Opryland Hotel	\$1,215
Aug 13 – 16	Resorts Casino & Hotel/ Atlantic City, NJ	\$765	Dec 9	Biltmore House & Gardens Christmas	\$230
Aug 13 – 24	America's Northwest Land/ Fly	\$4,895	Dec 10 – 16	Joyeux Noel/ Louisiana	\$1,870
Aug 16 – 18	Choo Choo Ch' Boogie / Rocky Gap Resort	\$965	Dec 16	Biltmore House & Gardens Christmas	\$230
Aug 19 – 20	Great Smoky Mountains Railway	\$575	Dec 26 – 31	Christmas Disneyworld/ Universal Sea World	\$1,900

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the Covington Center. The exhibition is called Pollock & the Artists of Atelier 17: Experimental Printmakers in the Age of World Conflict. It features a selection of prints by artists who worked at Stanley William Hayter's famous Atelier 17 in New York from 1944-1945. Atelier 17 first opened in Paris in 1927, but when the Nazis invaded France in 1940, Hayter was able to move the studio to New York where it remained until 1950 when it relocated back to the French capital. While in New York, Atelier 17 had a profound impact on

American printmaking, especially after a groundbreaking 1944 exhibit at the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA). Hundreds of artists from around the globe spent time at Atelier 17 from its early days until it finally closed in 1988 with the death of Hayter. In addition to Jackson Pollock, Marc Chagall, Salvador Dali, Sue Fuller and Dorothy Gillespie were there. Guest curator and former chair of the art department, Arthur Jones, is bringing the exhibition to Radford University. "Initially, I only wanted

to acquire Atelier 17 artworks by the famous abstract expressionist Jackson Pollock, who made several engraving and drypoint prints there between 1944-1945," Jones explained. "After acquiring Pollock's prints," he said, "I decided to expand the collection by adding original prints by other artists active at Atelier 17 around the same time." Pollock's work was part of the landmark MoMA show entitled Hayter and Studio 17: New Directions in Gravure, which subsequently toured the country

and brought national attention to avant-garde printmaking. In total, more than 30 artists are included in the Radford exhibition, with 24 prints that were featured in the original MoMA show nearly 80 years ago. The collection features the work of several women artists, reflecting the female presence at the 1944 exhibition. Jones says he is most impressed by the high level of creativity to be found in this collection, despite the fact that the world was slogging through a grim and terrifying time. "Several prints in the

Radford University show allude, at least somewhat, to the traumatic realities of the time," he said, "but many others are more abstract or surreal and do not—at least not on the surface. Perhaps these artists viewed their creative drive as a way to rescue the world and the human spirit from utter destruction. Pollock & the Artists of Atelier 17: Experimental Printmakers in the Age of World Conflict will open at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8 and run through April 1. Jones will discuss the collection prior to the opening at 4 p.m.

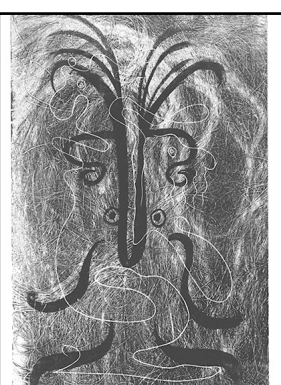


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Ian Hugo's "Night Gods" engraving.

in Davis Performance Hall in the Covington Center. All events are free and open to the public.

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guitar and mandolin; Trevor McKenzie, from Wythe County, on fiddle; Stu Geisbert on bass; and Corbin Hayslett, from Floyd County, on the five-string banjo. Corporate sponsors of the jamborees include Anderson Audiology, Dublin; August Jewelers & Boutique, Inc., Radford; CCKKY, 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. For more information about the NRCC Concert Series, please contact Tim Jones at (540) 674-3625 or visit www.nr.edu/concerts.
Submitted by Kelly Kaiser of New River Community College



PHOTO COURTESY OF NRCC
Blue Connection will be playing bluegrass at the upcoming NRCC concert in Edwards Hall.

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freely donated and shipped the masks straps so that the child too would have some additional comfort since she had to wear masks continuously due to her medical needs. Hubbard was nominated for the award by Radford City Police Chief Jeff Dodson. Hubbard said she was honored to be nominated, especially for an award given in the name of one of her heroes. "When I was told I had been nominated for this award, I was surprised and honored," said Hubbard

via email. "To receive this award is more than I could have expected. I am humbled and honored to be associated with such a great leader, humanitarian, warrior for peace, love, justice and equality." "Martin Luther King Jr. stood for things I believe in, and his dream is my dream as well," she continued. "As a youth watching his life's work on our black and white television, I marveled at his courage, and strength, determination, patience, and drive to fulfill his commitment to the Civil

Rights movement. His love for all people is what I felt and feel in my own heart." Hubbard said she considers winning the award a personal call to action and service. "Receiving this award is a greater awakening in my spirit that much work still needs to be done," she said. "God's word in Luke 12:48; 'To whom much is given, much will be required'." "This Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service Award is a constant reminder for me

to be more devoted to doing more, giving more, encouraging more, and to keep reaching back to bring others up higher and higher," she continued. "I am grateful that having been nominated, as well as receiving the award, means that someone saw my way of life, as a witness to helping to fulfill Dr. King's dream. I am humbled by knowing our city has so very many others who are just as deserving. I don't take it for granted that I have been given this wonderful honor and blessing."

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could utilize a former rail trestle in east Radford. "Enhancements along the New River near the Dedmon Center will offer our students unique educational and recreational opportunities, without having to leave the campus," Danilowicz added. "I'm excited to explore these opportunities together as we build the Radford community of the next 50 years," said David Horton,

mayor of the City of Radford. "Strengthening this partnership for the benefit of the entirety of Radford is crucial and the result should be a bright future for all citizens of our community with sustainable growth and resources that lead to an even better quality of life here. Our entire City Council and City Staff are working diligently to help advance these priorities through our engagement with citizens, boards, commissions,

and working groups." Refurbishment and improvements along East Main Street are planned for the next 24 months with the city, university and private stakeholders working together to address blighted and damaged structures, street upgrades and paving, lighting, and overall utilization.

Submitted jointly by the City of Radford and Radford University

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

CLUES ACROSS

- Got paid
- Sets free
- Domestic hybrid cattle
- Quality of one's character
- Doctor's helper
- Not holding back
- Type of degree
- Short but severe
- 007's creator
- Linguistics icon
- Large integers
- Upset
- Former
- Peyton's younger brother
- An Irish dance
- Title of respect
- Small lump
- Baroque musical instrument
- The third sign of the zodiac
- The 1st letter of the

CLUES DOWN

- Nix
- Indicates position
- Quantitative facts
- Strong and healthy
- Former measure of length
- Dads tend to be this
- Parts of a movie
- An animal's foot
- Expression of sorrow or pity
- Saudi Arabian money
- One billion gigabytes
- Smallest musical interval
- A rugged box (usually made of wood)
- Cheese dish
- An ugly, evil-looking old woman
- Widely used
- Makes into pages
- Afflict in mind or body
- Set up
- Toilets
- "Life of Jesus" theologian

- A big deal on Wall St.
- Western Thai people
- Free from contamination
- Type of dog
- Revolver
- High schoolers' exam
- San Diego ballplayers
- Hit the sack
- Suitable for crops
- Red mineral
- Yellowish-brown
- Lowest point between two peaks
- Late TNT broadcaster
- Thin strip to align parts
- Swiss wind
- A way to chill
- Jewel
- Rhodium
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OBITUARIES

Swafford, Jerry 'Dan'

Jerry "Dan" Swafford, project associate and curriculum specialist for Virginia Cooperative Extension, has passed away at his Christiansburg home.

Swafford was an enthusiastic member of the National FFA Organization and was a certified drone pilot. On a clear day, he could most likely be found at Kentland Farm in Blacksburg, mentoring students and faculty alike in the art of flying drones and using them to conduct valuable research. In 2018, Swafford and his research team were featured in a local news media segment highlighting the benefits of drone technology on area farms.

During his time with Virginia Cooperative Extension, Swafford was instrumental in developing and implementing innovative STEM programming and research. He initially developed impactful energy education programs and then branched out to help broaden STEM education offerings for both 4-H and FFA. In 2011, he received the Outstanding Service Award from the Virginia Association of Agriculture Educators and in 2020, he was inducted into the Virginia 4-H All-Stars.

Prior to his service to Virginia Tech



and Virginia Cooperative Extension, Swafford worked as a teacher in Buckingham, Appomattox, Goochland, and Montgomery counties. He spent 29 years of his 39-year teaching career at Christiansburg High School.

Swafford earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri and a master's degree from the University of Central Missouri. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve for 17 years.

He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Bettibel Kreye; a twin brother, Dean Swafford; his daughter, Amanda Swafford (Justin Packard); bonus children Charlie Kreye (Jessica Kreye), Katharina Kreye Alcorn, and John Kreye (Fallon Kreye); grandchildren Campbell, Abigail, Carliegh, Scarlett, Kennedy, Bondurant, Keegan, and Gus.

A celebration of life gathering will be held for Swafford in the spring or summer of 2023.

The family asks for any donations to be sent to Virginia FFA Association, Dan Swafford Legacy Fund, 115 Hutcheson Hall (0908), Blacksburg, VA 24061.

Weddle, Luther Roosevelt

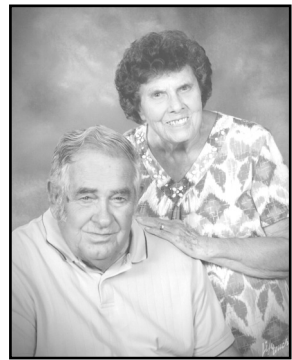
Luther Roosevelt Weddle, 87, passed away Monday, Jan. 30, 2023, at his home in Fairlawn.

He retired from Volvo Trucks and was a member of Fairlawn Presbyterian Church. He served his country in the U. S. Navy.

Luther was preceded in death on Jan. 9, 2022, by his wife of 63 years,

Bonelene "Bonnie" Weddle; his parents, Edwin and Mary Weddle; brothers Joe, J. C., and William Weddle; a sister, Maye Salyers; and a son-in-law, Kevin Houston Gray.

Survivors include his children, Allen Luther and Annette Weddle of Radford, Kendall Kline and Judy Weddle of Floyd, and Crystal Gray of Pulaski; seven grandchildren: Travis, Logan, Christopher, Whitney, Adria, Ariel, and Jessica; 13 great-grandchildren; a sister, Edith Johnson of Baltimore, Md.; and many other



relatives and friends.

Due to COVID, the family was never able to have services for Bonelene.

Funeral services for both Bonelene and Luther will be held at 11 a.m. today, Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023, at Fairlawn Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Allison

Unroe officiating. Interment with full military honors for Luther will follow in Sunrise Burial Park in Radford.

The family received friends from 5 until 7 p.m. Friday, February 3, at the church.

In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions to the Fairlawn Presbyterian Church Building Fund or Radford/Fairlawn Daily Bread.

The Weddle 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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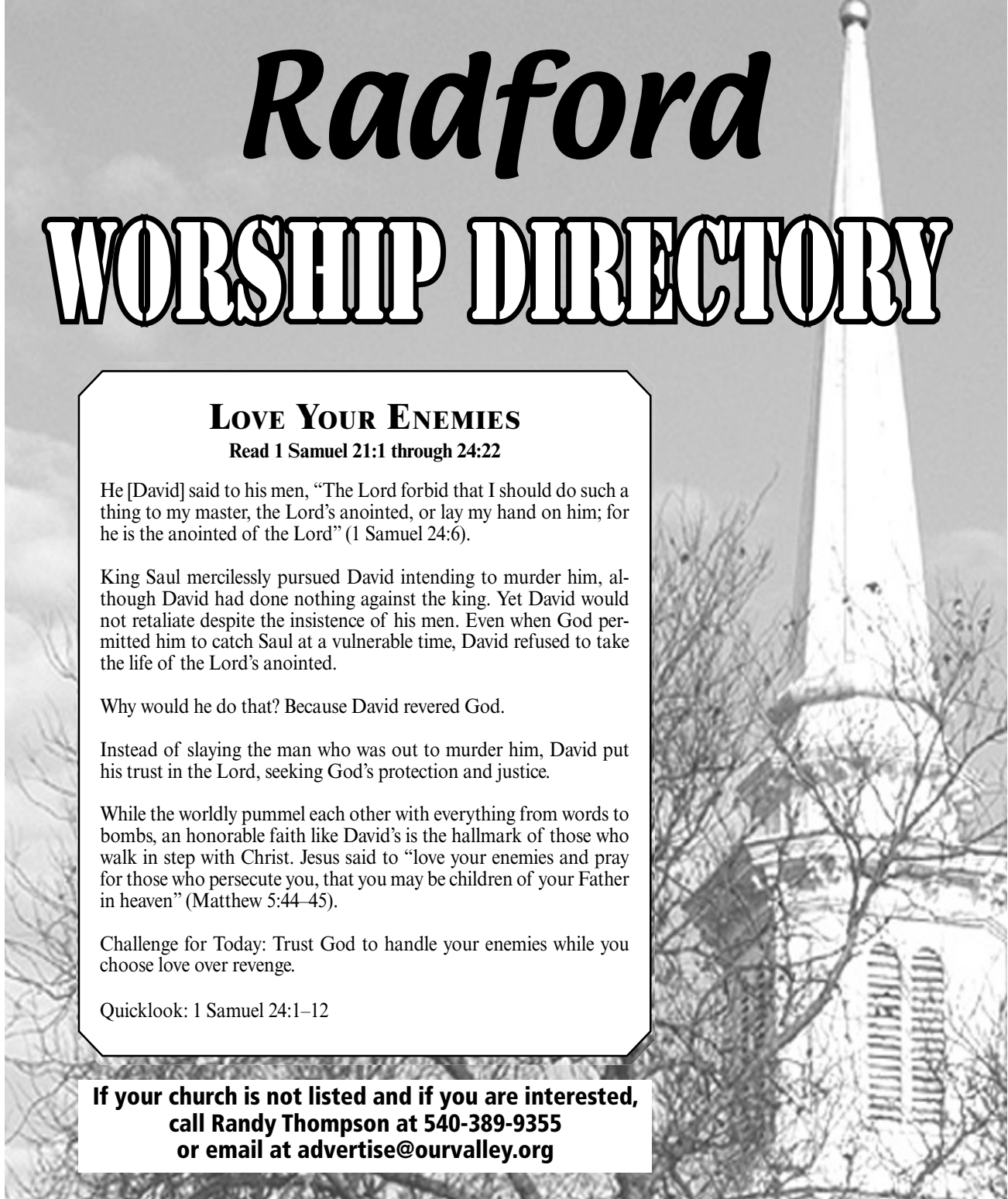
Snowville Christian Church, 5436 Lead Mine Rd., Hiwassee, VA 24347, Pastor: Jerry King, Website: www.SnowvilleChristianChurch.com (and Facebook), Office: 540-633-3761, Email: office@SnowvilleChristianChurch.com, Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 a.m., Sunday School: 10:00 a.m., Thursday Bible Study: 6:00 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



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LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

Read 1 Samuel 21:1 through 24:22

He [David] said to his men, "The Lord forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the Lord's anointed, or lay my hand on him; for he is the anointed of the Lord" (1 Samuel 24:6).

King Saul mercilessly pursued David intending to murder him, although David had done nothing against the king. Yet David would not retaliate despite the insistence of his men. Even when God permitted him to catch Saul at a vulnerable time, David refused to take the life of the Lord's anointed.

Why would he do that? Because David revered God.

Instead of slaying the man who was out to murder him, David put his trust in the Lord, seeking God's protection and justice.

While the worldly pummel each other with everything from words to bombs, an honorable faith like David's is the hallmark of those who walk in step with Christ. Jesus said to "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:44-45).

Challenge for Today: Trust God to handle your enemies while you choose love over revenge.

Quicklook: 1 Samuel 24:1-12

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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. l.christopher695@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.



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Radford announces board and commission vacancies

RADFORD - The Radford City Council has vacancies on the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals.

Any Radford citizens who are interested in serving on one of these

two boards are asked to please email Jenni Goodman at Jenni.Goodman@radfordva.gov a letter of interest and a resume.

- City of Radford

4-H to host dog project day

On Saturday, March 11, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Montgomery County 4-H will host a day of learning about 4-H dog project opportunities including clubs, competitive events, shows, and more.

The day will have sessions on topics including general dog care, obedience, agility and rally training, scent work, canine good citizens, showmanship, canine research, and service dogs.

Participants will take part in four

workshop sessions.

For more information, visit the Montgomery County Extension website at: Virginia Cooperative Extension, Montgomery [montva.com]. A flyer and registration information is posted there. Space for the day is limited to 60 youth, so early registration is advised.

Submitted by Michelle Dickerson, Montgomery Co. 4-H Extension Agent

Upcoming events

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Downtown Christiansburg Vision Night

Kick off the new year with Downtown Christiansburg as we host a night of visioning, networking, and conversation for everyone in our Christiansburg community. Enjoy appetizers on us! A great chance to get involved with our local change-makers. At Iron Tree Brewing Company; 5:30-7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 10:

Tech Bytes - Online Job Searching
At the Blacksburg Library; 1:30 -2:30 p.m. For this session, we will cover online classified sites, job search sites, company sites, and staying safe from scams. Registration required. Register at <https://mfml.libcal.com/event/9981782>.

Saturday, Feb. 11:

Free Tax Assistance with NRCA
At the Christiansburg Library; 1 - 4 p.m. Come in for 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>

Free Family Movie Matinee: Addams Family 2
At the Radford Public Library; 11 a.m. Enjoy the animated sequel "Addams Family 2." Take a road trip with this quirky family in a haunted camper. Rated PG; 93 minutes.

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

Monday, Feb. 13:

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.

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.

Valentines Crafternoon: Valentines Cards

At the Radford Public Library; 1 - 2 p.m. Make a hearty card for your Valentine's Day love using buttons and creativity! Supplies provided.

Tuesday, Feb. 14:

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.

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 on 3204 Riner Rd. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to attend. Mr. 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 is cancelled. For further information, please 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.

Feasts and Festivals Around the World
At the Christiansburg Library; all day. Each month we will be exploring the feasts and festivals of different countries. This month we are celebrating Valentine's Day in South Korea. Pick up a Valentine's Day craft kit that also includes fun information about the holiday. Supplies limited.

Wednesday, Feb. 15:

NRCC offering free health screenings

Radford nursing faculty member receives 2023 AANP State Award for Excellence in Virginia

In recognition of her excellence in clinical practice, Radford University associate professor of nursing Katie Katz, D.N.P. '13, M.S.N. '09, is being honored by the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) as the 2023 recipient of the AANP State Award for Excellence in Virginia.

Each year, nurse practitioners (NPs) across the nation are nominated by their colleagues to receive this prestigious award.

"I am very honored to have been selected to receive this award," Katz says. "I have been blessed to have wonderful mentors, colleagues, and patients who have all contributed to this recognition."

In addition to her teaching role in Radford's School of Nursing, Katz works with Everside Health, overseeing a workplace wellness clinic at a manufacturing facility in Salem, Virginia. She says

her clinical practice helps keep her experience current and relevant, which benefits her students in the nursing program. Plus, Katz says she enjoys the work.

"I provide care to the employees at no charge to the patient, and we have a strong focus on risk-factor reduction and wellness," Katz says. "This is a great clinic where I've been privileged to develop long-lasting patient-provider relationships."

A two-time Radford alumna, Katz is a registered nurse, board-certified family nurse practitioner, board-certified advanced practice holistic nurse and a certified nurse educator.

The AANP State Award for Excellence was established in 1991 and is given to an NP in each state who demonstrates excellence in clinical care. In 1993, the AANP Advocate State Award for Excellence was added to highlight the efforts of individuals who have made a significant contribution toward increasing the awareness and recognition of NPs.



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Katie Katz, D.N.P. '13, M.S.N. '09

Awards are distributed to the recipients throughout the year, with recipients honored during the annual AANP national conference. AANP is the largest professional association for NPs of all specialties, with more than 121,000 members and headquarters in Texas and Washington, D.C.

Mark Lambert
Radford University

New River Community College practical nursing students host Love Your Health event, where anyone can stop by several free health stations run by NRCC practical nursing students for health information, educational games for kids, vitals checks, and Covid-19 vaccine administration. At the Uptown Christiansburg Mall, near NRCC's location; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Misty Rice, associate professor of nursing, at mrice@nr.edu or (540) 674-3600, ext. 4349.

Thursday, Feb. 16:

Radford Reads with Stephen Skripak
At the Radford Public Library; 6 - 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 open to the public.

Community Quilting Bee

At the Blacksburg Library; 10 a.m. - noon. Join us for our weekly quilting and sewing group. Bring your supplies and join us for conversation.

Friday, Feb. 17:

NRCC offering free health screenings
New River Community College practical nursing students host Love Your Health Event. Free health stations run by NRCC practical nursing students for health information, educational games for kids, vitals checks, and Covid-19 vaccine administration. At the Uptown Christiansburg Mall, near NRCC's location; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Misty Rice, associate professor of nursing, at mrice@nr.edu or (540) 674-3600, ext. 4349.

Saturday, Feb. 18:

Free Tax Assistance with NRCA
At the Christiansburg Library; 1 - 4 p.m. Come in for free tax prep assistance through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program and NRCA. Income limits may apply. Walk-In Only! For more information visit <https://newrivercommunityaction.org/vita> or call 540-320-3217.

Sunday, Feb. 19:

Chess Club
At the Blacksburg Library; 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Come learn chess with US Federation member Rishi. Ages 8+ all skill levels welcome. Supplies provided.

Tuesday, February 21:

Lviv National Philharmonic Orchestra of Ukraine
The Lviv National Philharmonic

Orchestra of Ukraine will perform at Radford University's Bondurant Auditorium in Preston Hall at 7:30 p.m. This unique opportunity brings audiences a chance to hear these remarkable Ukrainian musicians lead by Theodore Kuchar, one of the world's most recorded and decorated conductors. You won't want to miss this. Tickets available online, at the Hurlburt Hall Information Desk or by calling 540-831-5420.

Thursday, March 2:

Crab Creek Watershed Project kick-off meeting

Come to the Crab Creek Watershed Project Kick-Off Meeting to learn about how to get involved and receive funding to install watershed-friendly landscaping on your property! At the Loft at Great Road on Main (100 W Main St. Christiansburg); 6 - 7 p.m.

On-going:

Cap and Gown Drive
Support the 2023 BHS Senior Class by donating extra caps and gowns for use during graduation! The Town of Blacksburg Sustainability Office is partnering with Blacksburg High School and Sustainable Blacksburg to encourage re-use of previous years' graduate gear for the 2023 senior class. Typically, graduation caps and gowns are used only once; with an average graduating class of 320, that's a lot of waste. The 2023 senior class is looking to the Blacksburg community to donate graduation gear that can be re-used for 2023 and beyond. Gowns (blue only from 2018 and later), caps, stoles, and cords are accepted. Donations can be made between 8:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m., Monday-Friday at the Main Entrance of Blacksburg High School. In an effort to keep project costs affordable, it is appreciated if materials are dry-cleaned before donation, though it is not required. For more information, please contact the Town of Blacksburg Sustainability Office at 540-443-1617 or sustainability@blacksburg.gov.

Blacksburg 2023 Citizens Institute
Want to learn more about the Town of Blacksburg? Are you a new resident, retiree, or just someone who wants to get involved in the community? Join us for the 2023 Citizens Institute to meet town staff and to learn about the functions of your local government. Classes will be held on Monday evenings beginning April 6, from 6 - 8 p.m. Participants must be 18 years of age or older, and residents of the Town of Blacksburg. Space is filling up fast! To register, call the Community Relations Office at 540-443-1090 or email cro@blacksburg.gov.

Veterinarians

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a part of the food animal track.

"In the food animal industry, there's not a lot of people who look like me," said Williams. "I look forward to breaking down the barriers not only within food animal medicine, but also within veterinary medicine as a whole and having open conversations about diversity and inclusion amongst all. When an industry like vet med is stifled by homogeneity, it can breed a culture of leaders often inflexible to change. I made it a goal to bring as much awareness, support,

and change to societal norms because the future of the veterinary profession is dependent on our ability to serve society as a whole.

"Our goal is to provide an inclusive environment to black veterinarians, but also for a sense of community in general," said chapter president Taylor Emery, a member of the Class of 2025. Emery also serves as the student representative on the NABV board. "We want to give options for education and extra resources for those who may not have that, being a minority in this

field. We also want to be a social and safe space,"

The chapter intends to continue to hold social events for fundraising and community-building. Its members plan on visiting local schools, not only to get students excited about veterinary medicine, but to show them diversity in the field. Additionally, the organization plans on working with minority veterinarians to provide mentorship opportunities for students.

"We want to make sure that this club is educational, inclusive, and a safe space," said Williams.

RADFORD SPORTS

Christiansburg's Kady Camper commits to play softball at Purdue

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Earlier this week, Christiansburg High School's junior softball star Kady Camper announced her commitment to continue her playing career at Purdue University.

Last year as a sophomore, she put together a season at the plate that finished with 43 hits, including 36 runs batted in and nine home runs. On the mound, she had 13 wins with 103 innings pitched and 173 strikeouts. Opponents' batting average was .130, and her earned run average was 1.43 at season's end. She also tossed a one-hitter.

She was named to the all-state Class 3 first-team and was named the River Ridge District Player of the Year.

She made her announcement on Twitter and admitted she chose Purdue because it felt like home the first time she stepped on campus.

"The coaches felt like a second family to me," she said. "I also chose Purdue because they have a high-level academic field. I am a very huge competitor, and it felt awesome to know that they have skilled competition in the Big 10. I look forward to being able to compete with the top teams in the country. It was always my dream to be able to play in a Power 5 Conference."

She still has two years remaining at Christiansburg High School and is optimistic about what she and the team can accomplish, including a possible state title and maybe being named the Virginia Gatorade Player of the Year.

Two years ago, Camper helped the Virginia Unity Johnson 14U win a championship at the Premier Girls Fastpitch Nationals.

Purdue University is a public land-grant research university in West Lafayette, Indiana, and has a current



FILE PHOTO
CHS junior softball star Kady Camper has announced her decision to continue her career at Purdue University.

enrollment of 35,517 students.

The university is home to 18 Division I/I-A NCAA teams including football, basketball, cross country, tennis, wrestling, golf, volleyball, and ice hockey. Purdue is a founding member of the Big Ten Conference and played a central role in its creation.

In softball this past season, the Purdue Boilermakers finished 24-31 overall, 7-15 in the Big Ten. The team's current roster includes four players from the commonwealth.

At Purdue, Camper hopes to be a starting pitcher as a freshman and contribute to the team's winning a Big 10 championship and getting back to the College World Series.

Camper plans to major in sociology and minor in psychology.

Hokies add defensive lineman on national signing day

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BLACKSBURG – Virginia Tech football head coach Brent Pry announced on Wednesday that defensive lineman James Jennette, who is the No. 1 ranked JUCO edge rusher according to 247Sports, signed with the Hokies on national signing day.

Jennette, who most recently comes from College of the Canyons, played in 2021 at William & Mary following a standout high school career at Jordan High School in Durham, North Carolina.

2022 at College of the Canyons: Played in seven games. Finished the season with 24 tackles (14 solo), five tackles for loss, and 1.5 sacks.

2021 at William & Mary: Saw action in four games as a redshirt freshman. Finished the season with six tackles including five stops at Virginia. Also made a tackle in the win at Colgate.

2021 (spring) at William & Mary: Reserve linebacker who saw action in two games. Finished the season with seven tackles and one tackle for loss. Recorded five tackles against top-ranked James Madison. Posted two stops and a tackle for loss in the win over Elon.

THE JENNETTE FILE

Hokies baseball presents 2023 English Field visitors guide

BLACKSBURG – One week away from opening single-game ticket sales to the public (Feb. 8), the Virginia Tech baseball program presents its 2023 visitors guide to English Field at Atlantic Union Bank Park.

BALLPARK ACCESS
Gates and ticket booths at English Field will open 90 minutes before first pitch on game days.

TICKET PLANS & PRICING
Season Ticket Flex Plans are currently on sale for access to Tech's five ACC home series against Boston College (March 10-12), Virginia (March 31-April 2), Georgia Tech (April 14-16), North Carolina (April 28-30) and Clemson (May 12-14).

Single-game tickets for Tech's ACC home games will be made available on Wednesday, Feb. 8. Individual tickets are priced at \$10 while youth ages 6 to 18 are set at \$5 (children ages 5 and under are free). Virginia Tech students receiving tickets through the student lottery portal may also access home games for free.

As during previous years, all non-conference home games, including the Hokies' non-conference weekend series, will remain free to the general public. Seating for all home games at English Field at Atlantic Union Bank Park – for both conference and non-conference games – is

general admission in all stadium sections besides the section immediately adjacent to the first base dugout (reserved seating for visiting team ticket-holders only).

MOBILE & CASHLESS TICKETING

As introduced before the 2022 season, Virginia Tech athletics has transitioned to mobile ticketing for all athletic events in an effort to provide a more convenient, sustainable and secure gameday experience.

The majority of Tech baseball season tickets, partial plan and single-game tickets will be delivered digitally. English Field premium seating areas will remain distributed as physical tickets. Fans are strongly encouraged to download their tickets before arriving at the ballpark to guarantee the quickest entry experience possible. All walk-up ticket sales on gameday will move to cashless payment and will require a debit or credit card for purchase.

CASHLESS CONCESSION STANDS

In efforts to improve the flow and speed of transactions, English Field concession stands will remain cashless in payment this season and will require a debit or credit card for purchase. This practical

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PHOTO COURTESY OF VIRGINIA TECH ATHLETICS

VT's 2023 football schedule announced

Virginia Tech football's 2023 schedule was officially announced Monday night on ACC Network, and there is plenty of momentum buzzing in Blacksburg heading into Year 2 of the Brent Pry era.

A recently signed top-five recruiting class in the ACC, according to 247Sports, seven new mid-year transfers have been added to the roster and six home games await Lane Stadium, including a classic Thursday night contest, are just to name a few.

HOME

Tech's home slate features five teams that made a bowl game last fall, the 2022 Big Ten West divisional winner, and a fan-favorite

Thursday night contest.

The Hokies will have three games in Lane Stadium in September, beginning their season playing host to Old Dominion (Sept. 2) and then playing Purdue (Sept. 9) the following weekend. To close the month, Tech will host Pitt (Sept. 30).

Wake Forest (Oct. 14) will be the first contest in Lane in October, which will be followed by an open week, and then the Hokies will face Syracuse on Thursday, Oct. 26. It marks Tech's second straight season with a Thursday night game in Blacksburg.

Tech's final home game of the season will come against NC State (Nov. 18), which will be Senior

Day.

AWAY

Playing on the road in back-to-back weeks in September, Tech will face Big Ten foe Rutgers (Sept. 16) and then head to Marshall (Sept. 23).

A trip to Tallahassee awaits the Hokies to begin October to face Florida State (Oct. 7). Then three of their last four games will be on the road, including Louisville (Nov. 4), Boston College (Nov. 11) and Virginia (Nov. 25).

SPRING GAME

Late last week, Tech announced that its spring game will be held on Saturday, April 15, at 3 p.m. on ACC Network Extra.

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2023 VT Football Schedule		
Date	Opponent	Location
Sept. 2	Old Dominion	Lane Stadium
Sept. 9	Purdue	Lane Stadium
Sept. 16	at Rutgers	Piscataway, N.J.
Sept. 23	at Marshall	Huntington, W.Va.
Sept. 30	Pitt	Lane Stadium
Oct. 7	at Florida State	Tallahassee, Fla.
Oct. 14	Wake Forest	Lane Stadium
Oct. 26	Syracuse	Lane Stadium
Nov. 4	at Louisville	Louisville, Ky.
Nov. 11	at Boston College	Chestnut Hill, Mass.
Nov. 18	NC State	Lane Stadium
Nov. 25	at Virginia	Charlottesville, Va.

Manager Clark Crist returns for River Turtles

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Having notched a pair of top-two finishes in the Appalachian League East division in his first two seasons of competition as the manager of the Pulaski franchise, Crist is returning for his third season with the same approach to the game.

"The goals are the same," said Crist. "We want to provide a positive environment for the players to work in, we want to teach and develop, and we want to win it all. But all of those things have to fall in place in the right order."

"First, you have to make the players feel comfortable. Secondly, you have to know that they trust you and that the information that you are giving them will make them better. Then you take off," said Crist. "That happened in our first year. You saw how the team was struggling while we were getting to know each other, and then they got better, and at the end of the

season we were as good or better than any team in the league."

Following a magical 2021 campaign that came within two outs of a victory in the Appalachian League Championship Game, Crist's leadership was tested in 2022. Several key injuries early on, coupled with a bullpen beleaguered by attrition, set the stage for a roller coaster season. Despite the adversity, Crist led the River Turtles to 27 wins and a second-place finish in the Appalachian League East division standings.

Looking back, Crist credits his experience in helping to navigate the challenges of the 2022 season.

"The difference between the first year and the second year for me was getting used to the environment and knowing what to expect," Crist said. "Last year I

was a little more relaxed throughout because I understood the process.

It is a development league, but it's also a very competitive league. That balance is important: we compete hard, but these young players are still learning. Having that understanding and that experience is key to getting the most out of the players."

Crist understands development as well as anyone in the Appalachian League. The Tucson, Ariz., native's playing career included a collegiate national championship as the starting shortstop for the 1980 University of Arizona team. Drafted by the Seattle Mariners in the 14th round of the 1980 MLB June Amateur Draft, Crist spent four seasons in Minor League Baseball, eventually serving as a player-coach for the Mariners' Double-A affiliate, the Chattanooga

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game time AT THE SUPERBOWL

Valentine Specials at NRV SuperBowl (Feb. 13-16th)

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Regular price \$27.00
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Auburn girls defeat Giles



Morgan Mundy pumped in nine points as Auburn beat Giles 51-14 to move to 10-11 on the season.



Rhyland Rorrer led Auburn with 18 points in the win. Giles fell to 1-18 with the loss.

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Virginia Tech Athletics, Hokie Club announce Elevate Her campaign in support of women's athletics

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BLACKSBURG – In celebration of National Girls and Women in Sports Day, Virginia Tech Athletics and the Hokie Club have announced their comprehensive campaign to uplift women's athletics, "Elevate Her."

This initiative helps to meet the most pressing needs for each of Virginia Tech's 11 women's sport programs and will assist in generating leadership development programming specifically targeted to more than 240 women student-athletes.

Elevate Her is built to empower Hokie women to become all that they can be both during their time in Blacksburg and beyond. The campaign is aimed

at achieving three major goals for women student-athletes and teams: Championships, Leadership, and Equity.

"It's important that our women who are competing feel like they have just as good of an experience as our male student-athletes," said Reyna Gilbert-Lowry, who serves as Tech's Senior Associate Athletic Director for Inclusive Excellence and Alumni Engagement and Senior Woman Administrator. "Looking into the future, I would love to see more opportunities and exposure for our young women, and I look forward to seeing this become possible with Elevate Her."

It's been more than half a century since Title IX further opened the doors for opportunities for women in sports and education.



PHOTO COURTESY RU ATHLETICS

ESPNU to return to Radford for Feb. 9 game against Gardner-Webb

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - ESPNU will make its return to the Dedmon Center on Thursday, Feb. 9, as the Radford University men's basketball game against Gardner-Webb will be nationally televised.

The Big South Conference made the announcement Monday morning.

Riding a seven-game winning streak and currently in sole possession of second place in the conference standings, the Highlanders will play on ESPNU for the second time this season. Nearly 2,500 fans were in the house to witness a thrilling 63-59 victory over Longwood last week.

Radford is 14-9 overall and is 8-2 in Big South play so far this season with road contests at Presbyterian and Winthrop on this week's schedule.

The Runnin' Bulldogs of Gardner-Webb are on a tear as of late as well, winning three straight games to get back to .500 on the year and improve to 6-4 against conference foes. Now in his tenth season as head coach, Tim Craft has his team playing some of the best defense in the country with only 64.4 points allowed per game.

In their first meeting this season, the Highlanders escaped Boiling Spring with a 63-59 win over George Washington University.

DaQuan Smith paced Radford with 15 points and seven rebounds while Southeast Missouri State transfer DQ Nicholas led the Runnin' Bulldogs with 17 points, five assists, and four boards.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at radfordtickets.com or by calling the Radford Athletics ticket office during normal business hours at (540) 831-7889. Remaining tickets will be available for purchase at the ticket office inside the Dedmon Center on game day.

Radford University students will be admitted free of charge.

- RU Athletics

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Lookouts, from 1982-85.

Crist's major league tenure included scouting roles for the Houston Astros (1985-92), the Boston Red Sox (1992-94), the Cleveland Indians (1994-95), the New York Mets (1995-97), the St. Louis Cardinals (1997-2006) and the Cincinnati Reds (2006-15). Crist oversaw the signing of many notable names during his

career as an MLB scout such as All-Stars Kenny Lofton and Albert Pujols, Covelli "Coco" Crisp, Mike Leake, Tommy Pham, Chris Duncan, and Amir Garrett.

Anchored by the anticipated return of a nucleus of second-year players, Crist has high expectations for his incoming roster of athletes.

"I enjoy the players. I enjoy the ballpark. I

enjoy the town," Crist said. "There's such a buzz in Pulaski about baseball. They support us, and they come out and root for us. That environment makes it worthwhile to me. For me, after 41 years of professional baseball, to be part of this team is a blessing. It feeds that side of me that needs to still be a part of the game."

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adjustment, designed to minimize wait times, eliminates the exchanging and handling of currency as the overwhelming majority of concession stand purchases are already made via credit card.

Fans who do not have access to a debit or credit card should consider buying a prepaid card at Kroger in advance of the game. To those who wish to still pay in cash, the Hokie Shop will have a limited amount of gift cards available for cash purchase.

FAN-FRIENDLY CONCESSION PRICING & ALCOHOL SALES

After debuting at Lane Stadium during the 2021 football season, fan-friendly concession pricing will continue at English Field this season. Fans can expect to find classic gameday items like hot dogs, popcorn, nachos, Coca-Cola fountain drinks, and bottled water available for \$3.00 each.

Additionally, select beer and seltzers will continue to be available for purchase at English Field. All fans will be required to show proper identification to purchase any alcoholic beverages. Alcohol will be

sold until the start of the seventh inning on game day.

CLEAR BAG POLICY

Virginia Tech's clear bag policy remains in place for English Field. This policy helps provide a safer environment for spectators and expedites fan entry into the ballpark.

Approved bags are limited to:
 Bags that are clear plastic, vinyl or PVC and do not exceed 12" x 6" x 12"

One-gallon clear plastic freezer bag (Ziploc bag or similar)

Small clutch bag approximately the size of a hand, with or without a handle or strap and no larger than 4.5" x 6.5"

For more information, visit HokieSports.com/ClearBag.

GAME DAY PARKING

Fans accessing English Field on game day are encouraged to utilize free parking in Lot 16 ("The Cage"), located northwest of the stadium along Duck Pond Drive. Parking in front of the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine (Lot 7), located immediately across from English

Field, is prohibited.

Fans parking in public lots other than Lot 16 Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. will need to pay to park using the university's ParkMobile platform.

For parking-related questions, email parking@vt.edu or call (540) 231-3200.

THEME GAMES, IN-VENUE PROMOTIONS, AND GIVEAWAYS

Fans can expect a number of themed games this season, including Country Night, Decades Weekend, Game Show Day, Hammer Time Hokies, Lightsabers and Sledgehammers, Military Appreciation, Sandlot Night, Welcome to the Danger Zone and more.

On weekdays, fans can load up on feature concessions promotions such as Tater Tuesdays, Wing Wednesdays and more. Fans are also encouraged to keep up-to-date with themed concessions promotions at select weekend series games.

For every series finale, Tech will host Sunday Fundays at the ballpark, during which youth teams (ages eighth grade and

below) may enter for free admission with the purchase of one adult ticket. Kids may also run the bases after each home series, weather permitting.

A number of notable in-venue promotions will return to Tech home games this season at English Field, including live in-venue hosts at select games. Giveaways this season will include foam Hammer Time sledgehammers, baseball trading cards, and T-shirts.

Coming soon: Click here for more information on Tech baseball promotions.

MAROON & ORANGE MEMORIES

Fans will once again be able to purchase exclusive experiences to enhance their game day through Maroon & Orange Memories. To access the platform, download the HokieSports mobile app and use the menu in the top left corner. Experiences for Tech baseball will be made available closer to the season.

- Virginia Tech Athletics