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RHS Forensics team headed to state competition



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The Radford High School Forensics team celebrates their recent win at the Super Regional Competition. The team is heading to the state competition on March 25.

The Radford High School Forensics team won the Class 2 C/D Super-Region competition on Saturday, March 4 and 15 students have advanced on to the State competition, to be held on March 25.

The results at the Super-Region competition were:
 Mickey Baron- Fourth Place Impromptu
 Justin Anzziani- Third Place Original Oratory
 Abbey Napalitano- First Place Original Oratory
 Princeton Stevens- Second Place Prose
 Amani Scott- First Place Prose

Addie Vice- Fifth Place Poetry
 Erin Wilson- First Place Poetry
 Caroline Pappas- Fourth Place Storytelling
 Summer Fisher- First Place Storytelling
 Ali Schepisi- Fourth Place Humorous Dramatic Interpretation
 James Riffe- First Place Humorous Dramatic Interpretation
 Seth Baron- Third Place Serious Dramatic Interpretation

Ashante White- First Place Serious Dramatic Interpretation
 Katherine Woinski and William Johnson - Second Place Serious Duo
 Jackson Barnett and Olivia Spaulding - Second Place Humorous Duo

- Radford High School

Radford University hires provost and senior vice-president for academic affairs

RADFORD - Bethany McKay Usher, Ph.D., will join Radford University as provost and senior vice president of academic affairs on June 12, 2023.

She will take the helm from Marten denBoer, Ph.D., who has served as interim provost since July 1, 2022, and will continue to assist in this role until June 30.

Usher is currently associate provost for undergraduate education at George Mason University, where she has served in progressive leadership roles since 2010. After conducting research as a Fulbright Scholar studying social and biological patterns in medieval Danish cemeteries, she earned her Ph.D. in biological anthropology at Pennsylvania State University, her Master of Arts degree in bioarchaeology from Arizona State University, and her Bachelor of Arts degree in anthropology and biology from the University of Virginia.



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"We are delighted to welcome Dr. Usher to Radford University," said President Bret Danilowicz. "The interview process highlighted her understanding and support of our culture of student engagement, and drive to improve student success at Radford University."

Usher's background reflects her focused interest in providing transformational, high-

impact undergraduate education for all students. Early in her career, at State University of New York, Potsdam, she received a Department of Education grant and alumni donation and became the founding director of the Center for Undergraduate Research, her first opportunity to support an institutional initiative.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF NEW RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Adam McPeak and Mountain Thunder is composed primarily of young bluegrass musicians from Virginia.

NRCC Concert Series to hold free concert today

The music of Adam McPeak & Mountain Thunder and Blue Ridge Girls will be featured during New River Community College's Concert Series event today, Sat., March 11, 2023.

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

The band Adam McPeak and

Mountain Thunder is composed primarily of young bluegrass musicians from Virginia, with mandolin player Adam at the helm. The band includes Mike McPeak, Adam's father, who plays guitar and sings lead and harmony vocals; Nikki Wright who

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Intellectual Disability Agency asks for donations from the community

The Intellectual Disabilities Agency of the New River Valley (IDA), established in 1965, supports therapeutic, educational, social and recreational programs for persons with Intellectual Disabilities in the New River Valley.

Resources are provided to enable clients of all ages access to educational, recreational and developmental programs. These activities give them opportunities to participate more fully and actively in their community and provide some respite to their families. IDA is one of the few organization that offer events and activities for this population.

During Covid, IDA had to cancel all programing for its clients, as they were more vulnerable to the disease. The lack of outside activities negatively

affected them physically and mentally as well. Funding for the programs was greatly restricted.

Under the new Executive Director, Denise Helland, expanded activities are underway.

These activities include art classes, stretchercize classes and Bingo. Previous activities will continue as well, including cooking classes, dances, the Fishing Rodeo and collaboration with Special Olympics for bowling, basketball, volleyball and other events.

To re-energize the agency's efforts, the Board of Directors is arranging for two fundraising events: The Annual Wine/Beer Tasting and Silent Auction, Friday, April 21, 6 - 8:30 p.m., and The Annual Golf Tournament, Monday, August 14, in the afternoon.

Both events will take place at the Blacksburg Country Club in beautiful Ellett Valley. The IDA is seeking auction items for the silent auction, as well as tee sponsors and prizes for the golf tournament.

Earl Brown, President of the Board of Directors, says the IDA provides important quality of life benefits for its clients.

"The children and adults who participate with this agency will always need these services," said Brown. "When children begin participating with IDA, they will most likely be accessing these activities for their lifetime. In fact, most adults have been participating with IDA since they were children. Participation has steadily grown over the years,

See Donations, page 4

Police Department tries to reunite owners with lost and found items

RADFORD - Radford City Police Department is advertising a list of found and unclaimed property currently being stored in the department's evidence room.

If you have lost property and it matches the descriptions below, please call (540)731-3624 to identify and claim your property by March 31.

Items include: bicycles, wallets, backpacks, U.S. currency, cell phones, computers, firearms, flashlights, chainsaws, medical equipment, baby strollers and carriers, tobacco products, hygienic products, documents and paperwork, machetes, knives, personal defense devices, keys, purses, jewelry, coins, cameras, clothes, radios, electronics, fishing equipment, and construction materials/ equipment.

You must show proof of ownership or provide a detailed description of your property. All unclaimed property will be disposed of after April 1, 2023.

- Radford News Journal staff report

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, March 11:

“Seth and the Secret of the Butterfly”

At the Radford Public Library; noon to 2 p.m. Author Sally Chinn and Illustrators Harriet Anderson, Carolyn Turner, and Cindy Moore will sign books and speak informally about their new book, “Seth and the Secret of the Butterfly.” Chinn is a former middle school English teacher. Anderson is a biology professor at New River Community College. Together and with the help of illustrators Turner and Moore, they have published a book about children with disabilities and the many gifts they have despite challenges that face them. The event is free, and its encouraging message is to love the gifts that make you YOU! Books will be available to purchase for \$12 (cash or check only).

Grownup Board Game Club

At the Radford Public Library; 2 to 4 p.m. Participants can bring a friend and a board game, or just themselves to get some quality board-gaming time. The library has a collection of board games on hand, but players are welcome to bring a game from home.

Kitchen supply swap

At the Meadowbrook Library, 1 to 3 p.m. The kitchen supply swap provides a space to meet up, give away items no longer needed, and find items that need a new home, all while participating in sustainable living. The event is free and is open to anyone and everyone. Participants can bring any kitchen items, utensils, gadgets, and thingamabobs that are in good condition, clean, and usable to swap for other items. Participants may also bring a recipe to share. Any leftover items will be donated to the Eastmont Thrift Store, a part of the Eastmont Community Foundation.

Monday, March 13:

Radford Community Garden signups

Radford Community Garden will begin signup for the 2023 season on March 13, 2023, in the City Administration Building. Previous gardeners will have priority for a plot. Plots cost \$20 for a 20 x 20-foot plot and \$10 for a 10 x 20-foot plot.

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 open session at 7:15 p.m. in the Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St. in Christiansburg. Closed sessions begin at 6 p.m. if needed. Citizens are invited to attend and will be allowed to address the board with any issues or concerns they may have. All regular meetings of the Board of Supervisors are rebroadcast on Montgomery County Comcast and Shentel Channels 190 daily.

Virtual Author Talk with David Epstein

This is an online event from 1 to 2 p.m. What's the most effective path to success in any domain? Participants are invited to find out during a conversation with New York Times bestselling author David Epstein

as he chats about his most recent book, Range: Why Generalists Triumph in a Specialized World. Register at <https://libraryc.org/radfordlibrary/24580>.

Starlight Storytime

At the Radford Public Library; 6:30 to 7 p.m. This is an evening storytime for children with stories and friends. Pajamas and stuffies are encouraged.

Tuesday, March 14:

Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet at 7 p.m. at Aly's Italian Family Restaurant, 3204 Riner Rd. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are invited to the meeting. 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.

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. These meetings are open to the public and are 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 Christiansburg Town

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Department of Transportation, located at 105 Cambria Street, Christiansburg, Virginia or at the Montgomery County Government Center located at 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia. All projects in the Secondary Six-Year Plan that are eligible for federal funds will be included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), which documents how Virginia will obligate federal transportation funds. Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate in this hearing should contact the Virginia Department of Transportation at (540) 381-7201. Persons wishing to speak at this public hearing should contact the Montgomery County Government Center at (540) 382-6954.

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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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Christiansburg Huckleberry Park Facility

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\$500,000.00.

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Chambers, Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, 24073, and thereafter be publicly opened and read aloud in accordance with § 15.2-2102, Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

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comments regarding the Board of Supervisors' intention to act on the following Ordinance: A request by Fotheringay LLC (Agent: CF VA Solar 105 LLC) for a Special Use Permit to construct a 5-megawatt ground mounted solar array on approximately 35 acres, consisting of a 2 acre portion of Tax Parcel 072-156, a 24 acre portion of Tax Parcel 072-A 2, and a 9 acre portion of Tax Parcel 072-A 4. The use is defined as "solar energy system, major" in the Zoning Ordinance, which is permitted in the A-1 Agricultural Zoning District only by Special Use Permit. The properties are located along Roanoke Road (US Route 11), approximately 0.07 miles southwest of the intersection of Roanoke Road and Eastern Montgomery Lane (State Route 9257). The properties are further identified as Tax Map 072-156 (Parcel ID: 013681), 37.824 acres, Tax Map 072-A 2 (Parcel ID: 023523), 53.343 acres, and Tax Map 072-A 4 (Parcel ID: 013680), 188.1 acres, all zoned A-1 Agricultural in the Shawsville Magisterial District. The property is located in an area designated as Resource Stewardship in the 2025 Comprehensive 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>.

Legals - Montgomery County

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, March 28, 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. Conditional Use Permit request by Rockstep Christiansburg LLC, Property Owner, to allow a Carnival from April 29, 2023 through May 17, 2023 on the property located at 782 New River Road NW, Tax Parcel 435 - ((A)) - 41, Parcel ID 007741, zoned General Business District B-3. The property is designated as Business/Commercial 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.

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

The Town of Christiansburg Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 20, 2023, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning: A. Rezoning request by Jones Real Estate Investment & Recycling Company, Inc., Property Owner, to rezone an approximately 1.1 acre parcel located between the south side of Scott Street NE and the north side of Roanoke Street, and identified as Tax Parcel 499 - ((A)) - 10, Parcel ID 008134; and approximately 1.21 acres located at 1413 Scott St. NE, identified as Tax Parcel 529-7-76, Parcel ID 008136; and approximately 0.26 acres located adjacent to the east side of 1413 Scott St. NE, identified as Tax Parcel 529-7-76, Parcel ID 008136; from General Business District B-3 to Multiple-Family Residential District R-3. The property is designated as 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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ADVERTISEMENT FOR INVITATION FOR BIDS AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Before the Council of the Town of Christiansburg for Execution of a Naming, Advertising, and Sponsorship Agreement with the Town of Christiansburg for Naming, Advertising, and Sponsorship at the

Pursuant to the requirements of §§ 15.2-2100, 15.2-2101, 15.2-2102, et seq., Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, the Town of Christiansburg, Virginia (Town) hereby gives notice that the Town is inviting bids from qualified bidders to enter into a Naming, Advertising, and Sponsorship Agreement (Naming Rights Agreement) with the Town. Under the Naming Rights Agreement, the successful bidder will have the right to have its name on the facilities at the Christiansburg Huckleberry Park complex located at Booker T. Washington Parkway, N.W., adjoining Peppers Ferry Road, N.W., Christiansburg, Virginia (a portion of Montgomery County Tax Map No. 435 - ((A)) - 3A; Parcel ID 270079), subject to certain terms and conditions of such Naming Rights Agreement. The term of the Naming Rights Agreement shall be ten (10) years, starting on July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2033. The term of the Naming Rights Agreement is also subject to termination as set forth in the Naming Rights Agreement or in accordance with the law. The Naming Rights Agreement will also allow the successful bidder to have certain advertising rights at the Christiansburg Huckleberry Park Facility. Any such agreement, use, and advertising being subject to approval of the Town. If the Town elects to award a Naming Rights Agreement, Town Council will be requested to adopt an ordinance granting such an award, which ordinance will provide in substance for a Naming Rights Agreement as set forth above. A copy of the full text of the proposed Ordinance and a draft of the Naming Rights Agreement are on file and may be reviewed in the Office of the Town Manager, Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. Any interested entity is invited to submit a written bid, including a completed bid form, for a Naming Rights Agreement as set forth above. Each bidder shall submit at a minimum the following information:

1. The legal name of the entity submitting the bid, including the Identification Number issued to it by the Virginia State Corporation Commission.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 & 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on March 27, 2023 at 7:15 p.m. in the County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to hear citizen

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RADFORD WEEKLY POLICE BLOTTER

Radford City Police Department Report
Feb. 27 – March 5, 2023

Monday, Feb. 27:
None

Tuesday, Feb. 28:
2:20 a.m. Assault: (Misdemeanor), 200 block of Allen Ave.
9:05 a.m. Service call, 1600 block of Second St.
1:17 p.m. Domestic disturbance, 200 block of Allen Ave.

Wednesday, March 1:
10:10 a.m. Possession of controlled substance, 700 block of Twelfth St.

1:18 p.m. Assault: (misdemeanor), Dalton Dr.
2:23 p.m. Drugs: sell/provide for resale schedule I or II, 100 block of Jeffries Dr.
3:49 p.m. Threat to extort money, 1900 block of Smith Ave.

Thursday, March 2:
10:39 a.m. Public records: forgery, 100 block of Chestnut Acorn Rd.
1:33 p.m. Medical emergency, 100 block of George St.
1:59 p.m. Petit larceny: less than \$5 from a person (pick pocket), 400 block of Sanford St.
3:42 p.m. Vehicle accident, 100 block of Miller St.

Friday, March 3:
1:05 a.m. DUI/DUID: Refusal of blood or breath test (second offense), Obstruction/resisting with threats/force, Driving motor vehicle, engine, etc. while intoxicated, etc. (DUI/DUID), Accident: driver no report, unattended prop damage greater than or equal to \$250, 1600 block of Downey St.
9:30 a.m. Civil; purchase/possession of nicotine under the age of 21, possession of marijuana – civil, Dalton Dr.
1 p.m. Trespass, Grand larceny, Conspire/aid/abet to commit larceny greater than \$200, 100 block of Gibsondale Dr.
8:23 p.m. Well-being check, 300 block of Fairfax St.

Saturday, March 4:
none

Sunday, March 5:
10:01 a.m. Domestic dispute, 1300 block of West Main St.
11:13 a.m. Assault: (misdemeanor), 600 block of Bolling St.
6:59 p.m. Petit Larceny: less than \$5 from a person (pick pocket), 1600 block of Tyler Ave.

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

Radford City Council to meet Monday night

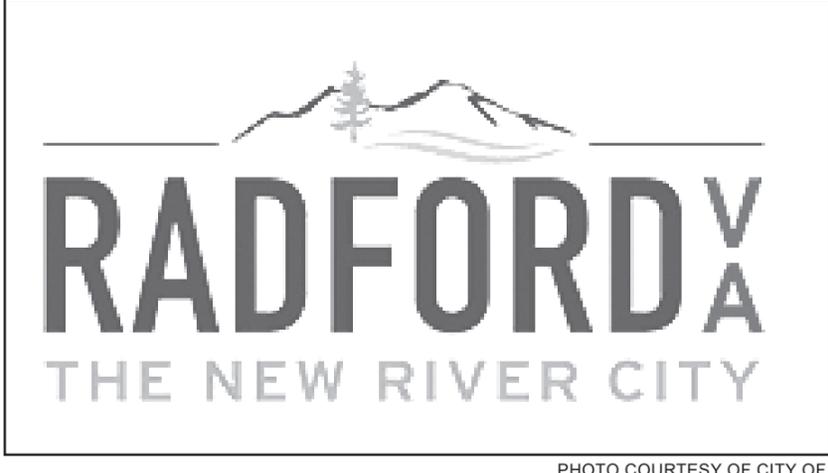


PHOTO COURTESY OF CITY OF RADFORD

RADFORD – City Council will hold its regularly scheduled meeting this Monday, March 14 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held in Council Chambers, 10 Robertson St., Radford. Monday’s meeting has a light agenda. Items include:
CITIZEN COMMENTS ON PUBLIC MATTERS: (Please state your name for the record – Please limit comments to 3 minutes or less)
MINUTES APPROVAL: February 27, 2023
PRESENTATIONS:
Nursery Natives-Redbud Festival
Mountain Trotter Arts Upcoming

Programs
PROCLAMATIONS:
Women’s History Month
Emergency Management Professionals Week
OLD BUSINESS: none
NEW BUSINESS: none
CITY MANAGER COMMENTS
COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS
Adjourn
Future Meetings: March 27, 2023-Regular Meeting - 7 p.m.
- Radford News Journal staff report

Blacksburg Museum and Cultural Foundation to present exhibit inspired by Georgia O’Keeffe play

Blacksburg Museum and Cultural Foundation, in partnering with The Lyric Theatre’s production of Lucinda McDermott’s one-woman-play, O’Keeffe!, presents “What’s Yours, What’s Mine? Artists’ Boundaries and Balance: A Georgia O’Keeffe Inspired Exhibit” at the Alexander Black House main galleries, 204 Draper Road SW in Blacksburg. The exhibit will be on display beginning March 21 and will run through May 6. Admission is free. Exhibit hours are Tuesday

through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. An opening reception will be held on Friday, March 24, in the Alexander Black House from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. It will be free to the public. In collaboration with The Lyric Theatre’s presentation of McDermott’s play, the drama’s O’Keeffe summons the audience to answer Georgia O’Keeffe’s question, “Was it me or was it my mentor?” The play takes the audience on a journey with O’Keeffe from

1915, when she tears up her work to date and starts over in black and white abstractions, developing a personal language to better express her feelings and ideas. She moved to New York in 1918, where she found recognition but existed in the shadow of manager and husband Alfred Stieglitz. Was it his photographs of her (more than 200) that enticed the art world, or was it her own craft that led to fame? In early February, the museum sent out an open call for art work



PHOTO COURTESY OF VNM

Learn how to become a Virginia Master Naturalist at upcoming meetings

The New River Valley Chapter of Virginia Master Naturalists will be offering its 2023 basic training program beginning August 10 through mid-November. Classes will be held on Thursday evenings from 6 - 8:30 p.m. and will be a combination of on-line and in-person instruction. In-person classes will be held at the Blacksburg Community Center, 725 Patrick Henry Drive, Blacksburg. In addition to 40 hours of classroom instruction, several Saturday field trips covering Tree identification, Stream Assessment, Wildflower/Botany and Bird Walks will be included. On-line applications will be

available on May 10 via the chapter website – <http://tinyurl.com/NRVnaturalists>. Class size is limited. To learn more about becoming a Virginia Master Naturalist, please join us at one of the upcoming information sessions:
April 13, 6 -7:30 p.m. at the Radford Library, 30 W. Main St, Radford;
April 15, 1 -2:30 p.m. at the Jessie Peterman Memorial Library, 321 Main St., Floyd;
April 18, 6:30 -8 p.m. at the Christiansburg Library, 125 Shelton St., Christiansburg;
April 25, 6 -7 p.m. at the Pulaski Library, 60 3rd St. NW, Pulaski; and
April 29, 11 a.m. -

12 p.m. at the Pearisburg Library, 209 Fort Branch Rd, Pearisburg. The Virginia Master Naturalist program is a volunteer organization sponsored by the Virginia Cooperative Extension and several other state agencies. Virginia Master Naturalists are volunteer educators, citizen scientists and environmental stewards helping Virginia conserve and manage natural resources and natural areas in their communities.

- Submitted by The New River Valley Chapter of Virginia Master Naturalists

inspired by Georgia O’Keeffe, with the themes of boundaries, life challenges, and ownership. The museum received submissions from both local and international artists. The twenty works of art selected for this exhibition include paintings, photographs, and sculpture.

- Blacksburg Museum and Cultural Foundation



PHOTO COURTESY OF BLACKSBURG MUSEUM & CULTURAL FOUNDATION

“Imprisoned in the Valley of the Totems” by Charles Compo, part of the exhibit at the Blacksburg Museum and Cultural Foundation on display from March 21 through May 6 inspired by the one-act play “O’Keeffe!”

Events

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Hall (100 E. Main Street). The public is welcome and is encouraged to attend, with a citizen hearing time reserved at each meeting for residents to bring any matter they desire before the entire council.

New Tuesday night zumba class
Blacksburg Parks and Recreation is offering a Tuesday night Zumba class with Jui-Ling. Classes will be held from 6 to 7 p.m., will begin March 14, and will continue through April 25. Passes can be purchased at the Blacksburg Community Center for \$35 for residents and \$45 for non-residents. The passes are good for 13 visits and are interchangeable with morning and evening classes (excluding Yoga Flow). For more information, call 540-443-1142.

Thursday, March 16:

Radford Photo Club meeting
At the Radford Public Library; 6 p.m. The program is the final session on Street Photography led by Adi Ben Senior. The photo challenge for March is Street Photography. The Radford Photo Club is made up of professional and amateur photographers from throughout the New River Valley. Meetings, events, and outings are open to the public. Email Lucy Gilmore at lucyg.gilmore@gmail.com or mborgarelli@gmail.com with any questions.

Saturday, March 25:

Spring children’s consignment sale
Blacksburg United Methodist Church will hold its spring children’s consignment sale from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Whisner Building at the Church Street campus, accessed through the rear entrance at Lee and Penn Streets. Families will be able to get great deals on seasonal kids’ clothes and shoes, toys, books, baby gear, sports equipment, maternity clothing and more. Many items are like-new (some even brand-new). Some items will be half-price between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. Cash or checks only. No card or electronic payments.

Wednesday, April 5:

Coping Techniques for Caregivers
Commonwealth Senior Living at Radford will host a seminar, “Coping Techniques for Caregivers.” The seminar will discuss ways to care for a senior loved one while also caring for yourself.

Wednesday, April 12:

Coping Techniques for Caregivers
Commonwealth Senior Living at Christiansburg will host a seminar titled “Coping Techniques for Caregivers.” The seminar will discuss ways to care for a

senior loved one while also caring for yourself.

Thursday, April 13:

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.

New River Valley Chapter of Virginia Master Naturalists
At Radford Library; 6 to 7:30 p.m. Learn about becoming a Virginia Master Naturalist and the training program that begins in August 2023.

Ongoing:

Lifeguard training
The Christiansburg Aquatic Center is hiring high school students age 16 and above for the summer season. A lifeguard training course is mandatory and will be held March 17-19. If students are hired, the training class is free. Enroll at www.cacpool.com.

Cap and gown drive
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. Gowns (blue only - from 2018 and later), caps, stoles, and cords are accepted. Donations can be made between 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at the main entrance of Blacksburg High School. Dry-cleaning materials that need it will be appreciated, but this is not required. For more information, contact the Town of Blacksburg Sustainability Office at 540-443-1617 or sustainability@blacksburg.gov.

Blacksburg 2023 Citizens Institute
The Town of Blacksburg is sponsoring a citizens institute beginning April 6. Classes will be held on Monday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. Participants will meet town staff and learn about how Blacksburg’s government functions. Participants must be 18 years of age or older, and residents of the Town of Blacksburg. To register, call the Community Relations Office at 540-443-1090 or email cro@blacksburg.gov.

Free GED Classes
New River Community College is offering free GED classes at the Meadowbrook Library every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 5 to 8 p.m. The classes are now in session and will end on Thursday, May 11. For more information or to sign up, call the Meadowbrook Library at 540-268-1964.

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which reflects the quality of the activities and programs.”

The Board would like to thank individuals and merchants for their generosity over the years supporting IDA to make its fundraising activities successful. In the upcoming weeks, members will

be contacting business owners and individuals regarding donations for the two fundraisers.

If you are interested in assisting, donating or attending these events, please contact Denise Helland, Executive Director, at denise@idanrv.org or by text/ phone 540-381-0310.

We thank you in advance for your generous support.

~ Submitted by The Intellectual Disabilities Agency of the New River Valley

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plays fiddle and sings lead and harmony vocals; David Chrisley who plays bass and sings harmony vocals; and Steve Chrisley, David's father, who plays banjo. The group began playing at fiddler's conventions and then went on to play their own shows and participate in competitions. They placed 9th and 10th at Society for the Preservation of Bluegrass Music in America National Band Championship events in Nashville. They have also appeared on public television's "Song of the Mountains."

The Blue Ridge Girls, like their name, invoke a picturesque simplicity with their take on

traditional mountain music. The trio features Martha Spencer, Jamie Collins, and Brett Morris and features a variety of old time, bluegrass and country songs, flatfooting to fiddle and banjo tunes, original songwriting, and unique takes on other familiar crowd-pleasers. All three women grew up in musical families and are working to preserve and promote the Blue Ridge's rich musical heritage. The Blue Ridge Girls traveled to historic Muscle Shoals, Alabama during the summer of 2021 to record their first album.

Corporate sponsors of the jamborees include Anderson Audiology, Dublin; August Jewelers & Boutique, Inc.,



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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.

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Based on George Mason University's first Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) to build a campus-wide and undergraduate research program, Usher was recruited to take the Students as Scholars initiative from concept to implementation. She and a team of administrators, staff and students built a model that gave every student, no matter their background or major, the opportunity to engage in scholarly activities.

"The focus on the faculty and student shared experience is what really has drawn me to Radford," Usher said. "I was impressed by how the faculty valued their teaching and their students and how students' were excited about being at Radford. It demonstrated there is a shared understanding of the essential value of the Radford

experience that will be at the core of strategic planning in the future.

"Her leadership in enhancing the retention and success of traditionally underserved students fits our aspirations of providing similar support to our increasingly diverse student body," Danilowicz said. "She has led successful strategic efforts across academic affairs ranging from reform of general education to the significant expansion of undergraduate research."

With numerous accomplishments to her credit, Usher's proudest moments have been teaching and working alongside her students. She says some have earned Ph.D.'s in anthropology and many others are working in health care, education, policing and more.

"I look forward to building on Radford's well-deserved national

reputation of teaching through student-centered experiential education," said Usher. "I am particularly excited to see student and faculty work on display in every program, and highlighted in the new Arts Center, the IMPACT Lab, the Venture Lab in the Business School, and the health programs at RUC."

Usher's decade at SUNY Potsdam included eight years in the department of anthropology, serving as chair in 2007-08, before moving on to direct the department of undergraduate research. Prior to her time at Potsdam, Usher was a researcher and instructor at Penn State and Shippensburg University.

~ Becky Brackin, Radford University

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OBITUARIES

Austin, Cheryl Hagy

Cheryl Hagy Austin, 72, of Christiansburg, passed away at her home on Monday, March 6, 2023.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Bertha Hagy; and her siblings, Mary, Harold, Betty, Lois Ann, Bobby, Opal, Sanford, and Martha Hagy.

Survivors include her husband of 52 years, Charles William Austin; her son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Michelle Austin; grandsons Tyler William and Coy Landon Austin;



and many nieces, nephews, and other family members and friends.

The family will receive friends today, Saturday, March 11, 2023, at the Lighthouse Family Ministries Church, 365 Union Valley Road, Riner, from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. A memorial service will begin at 11 a.m. with Pastor Buford Linkous officiating.

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

Cyre, Walling R.

Walling R. Cyre, of Fredericksburg, Virginia, passed away on Feb. 19. He was 80 years old.

Cyre was an associate professor in the Bradley Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) at Virginia Tech from 1989-2005. Upon his retirement from Virginia Tech in 2005, he was conferred the title of associate professor emeritus of electrical and computer engineering in the College of Engineering.

Cyre is survived by his wife of 56 years, Susan; sons and daughters-in-law James and Julie, and Jeff and Kristin; five grandchildren; brother-in-law George and wife, Ellie; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was predeceased by his brothers, Kenneth and Ronald.

Cyre was born in New Jersey and grew up in Jacksonville, Fla. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering and eventually his Ph.D. from the University of Florida.

Prior to joining Virginia Tech, Cyre was a consultant for Control Data Corporation, a mainframe and supercomputer firm. Based in Minneapolis, Control Data Corporation was a major developer of computer systems. Cyre also served as an assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, early on in his career.

In the late 1980s, Cyre was part of the initial ECE faculty group at Virginia Tech that implemented and taught the department's new computer engineering degree. Prior to that time, the department was known as the Harry Lynde Bradley Department of Electrical Engineering.

Cyre was a pioneer in the broad research field of electronic design automation and authored nearly 50 scholarly publications during his time at Virginia Tech. He was also one of



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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.sttof.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

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WALK IN HIS STEPS

Read Deuteronomy 32:1 through 34.12

"What would Jesus do?" Pastor Charles Sheldon of Topeka, Kansas, asked his congregation this question in 1896 when he preached a series of messages on the topic. Sheldon then wrote a book of fiction titled In His Steps. The book asks what Jesus would do when confronted with poverty, racism, pride, and homelessness. In the 1990s the motto was revived and people wore bracelets and T-shirts with the letters WWJD?

Before he died, Moses reminding the Israelites to consider God's truths.

"Take to heart all the words I have solemnly declared to you this day, so that you may command your children to obey carefully all the words of this law. They are not just idle words for you—they are your life" (Deuteronomy 32:46-47).

Teaching the next generation is the responsibility of the present generation. We do this best by leading by examples. When we face tough issues, we can be sure people are watching our reactions. At these times, it is good to ask ourselves, "What would Jesus do?"

Prayer Suggestion: God, with Your help, I will walk as Jesus walked.

Quicklook: Deuteronomy 32:44-47

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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.

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the co-inventors on the department's cognitive engine patent alongside Christian Rieser, Tom Rondeau, and Charles Bostian.

He also served on several professional societies and committees, including IEEE and the Technical Committee on Artificial Intelligence

and Expert Systems for the International Association of Science and Technology for Development. Additionally, he counseled numerous master's and doctoral students, helping them achieve their career goals in the electrical and computer engineering profession.

Eaton, John LeRoy

John LeRoy Eaton died on Saturday, March 4, 2023.

Born September 21, 1939, in Decatur, Ill., he was the son of the late George Wesley Eaton and Hazel Katie Eaton.

He is survived by his wife of almost 62 years, Margaret A. "Peggy" Eaton; a brother, Steve Eaton, and his wife, Charlotte, of Sonora, Calif.; sons Marc Eaton and his wife, Diann, of Christiansburg, and Kent Eaton and his daughter, Leah, also of Christiansburg; a granddaughter, Eliza Eaton Kerr and her husband, Morgan, of Asheville, N.C.; and a grandson, Neal Eaton and wife, Stephanie, of Christiansburg.

John was preceded in death by a son T. Scott Eaton, who died in 2001.

John spent his childhood in Decatur, Ill. His free time was spent in the fields exploring the woods and the waters of nearby Stevens Creek. Through this experience he developed a lifelong love of outdoor activities, which ultimately led him to the career as an insect physiologist.

Upon graduating from Stephen Decatur high school in 1957, John served active and reserve duty in the Army. He began college at Millikin University where he met Peggy, and they were married on Sept. 3, 1961. John transferred to the University of Illinois in 1960 where he received B.S. and Ph.D. degrees in entomology.

His first position was as an assistant professor of biology at Kalamazoo College in 1966. In 1969, he accepted the position of assistant professor of entomology at Virginia Tech where for the next 18 years he conducted basic

research on the anatomy and physiology of Lepidoptera and rose to the rank of professor. In 1988 he accepted the position of Associate Dean of the Virginia Tech Graduate School. Serving there he was part of a team that conceived of and led the implementation of the electronic dissertation project.

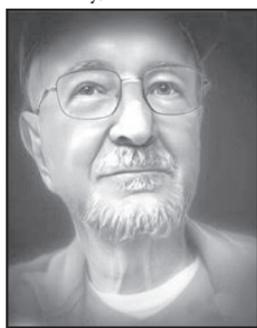
John retired in 2002 as professor of entomology and graduate dean emeritus. He then took on his most important role as Papa, a position that he excelled at for the rest of his life.

The family would like to thank the caring folks who helped John with his struggle with Parkinson's: Christy, Emma, Ashley, Atasha, Reba, Crystal, Yana, Sabrina and Misti, and hospice providers Teresa and Morgan.

A gathering to celebrate John's life will be held at the Warm Hearth Village Center on Sunday, March 19, at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please consider contributing to the T. Scott Eaton Memorial Scholarship Fund through the Community Foundation of the New River Valley of Virginia.

"Do not stand at my grave and weep. I am not there, I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow. I am the diamond glint on snow. I am the sunlight on ripened grain. I am the gentle autumn rain. When you wake in the morning hush, I am the swift, uplifting rush of quiet birds circling in flight. I am the soft starlight at night. I live in the memory of all who knew and loved me. Only when they die will I too be gone." *Mary Frey, 1932, amended by John L. Eaton 2012*



Flynn, Bobby Rollins

Bobby "Pannie" Rollins Flynn, 86, of Radford, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, March 5, 2023.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Edward Flynn; her parents, William McKinley and Annie Virginia Nelson; brothers Garnett Wymms, Idian (Owens) Wymms, and Walter (Ray) Wymms; sisters Paulita Snell, Christine Lewis, Francis Wymms, and Chrystal Nelson; nieces Elrica Parker and Eugenia Anderson; and nephews Walter (Tiny) Wymms, Paul Wesley Snell, and Johnny Wymms.

Survivors include her first husband, Archie Rollins; sons Larry Rollins (Brenda) and Bobby Nelson, all of Radford; daughters Paula Moore (James) of Accokeek, Md., Tena Fisher of Radford, Anita Dawn Woodson (James) of Radford, Rosalind Nelson (Phillip)

and Stacie Nelson of Radford; step-children Rosemary Flynn Hodge, Roy Flynn, and Micheal Flynn; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from noon until 1 p.m. on Friday, March 17, 2023, at the Radford Church of God in Christ. Funeral services will begin at 1 p.m. with the Rev. Jerry Wymms officiating. Interment will follow in Sunrise Burial Park in Radford.

In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions to the American Heart Association.

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



Flynn, James T., Jr.

James T. Flynn, Jr. passed away on March 5, 2023 in Richmond. He was born on July 4,

1941, in Queens, New York, to the late James T. Flynn, Sr. and Margaret Flynn.

He is joining the love of his life and wife of 54 years, Gretchen Aulbach Flynn, in Heaven along with his parents, his brother, Bill Flynn and his sister, Mary Kate Flynn.

Jim was the loving father to Gretchen Flynn Morris of Richmond (Michael Morris) and Jamie Flynn of Dallas, Ga. He is survived by his grandchildren: Claire, Spencer, Keagan, Colton, and Amelia. He leaves behind many more family and good friends.



A visitation in his honor was held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

on Friday, March 10, 2023, at Bliley's Staples Mill (8510 Staples Mill Road, Richmond). A service will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Blacksburg at 11:00 a.m. on March 23, 2023 followed by a burial with military honors at Southwest Veterans Cemetery, in

Dublin at 2:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, gifts in Jim's memory can be made to the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets

Class of 1964 Vietnam Memorial Scholarship Fund or the VTCC Gretchen A. & James T. Flynn, Jr. M Co. & 64 Scholarship #860732.

Gravelly, Jr., Richard Arnold

Richard Arnold Gravelly, Jr., 71, of Radford, passed away on Friday, March 3, 2023.

He was preceded in death by his father, Richard Arnold Gravelly, Sr.; and his grandmother, Alma Blevins.

Survivors include his mother, Charlotte Blevins Gravelly; children and their spouses, Stephanie Holton (Greg), Richard Gravelly, III (Amanda), Joshua Gravelly, Benjamin Gravelly (Meredith), Matthew Gravelly, Grace Gravelly, Elijah Gravelly, Faith Gravelly, and Zachary Gravelly; grandchildren Kamryn, Kaleb, Chelsey, Parker, Bryce, Maddison, and

Payton; great-grandchildren Kylie, Deven, Renesmae, and Willow; sister and brother-in-law, Wanda Shepherd (Jerry); brother Randall Gravelly; and many other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at the Abundant Praise CH Church on Denby Street in Radford. Interment will follow in Highland Memory Gardens.

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

Horne, Rev. Richard Hubert

Rev. Richard Hubert "Dick" Horne, of Christiansburg, went to be with his Lord on March 3, 2023. He was 76 years old.

He is survived by his daughter, Dr. H. Leveta Horne and her husband, Eric Brown; his four granddaughters, Rachel Altizer and her husband, Daniel Altizer, Grayce Woodrum and her husband, Preston Woodrum, Quinn Horne, and Makenna Horne; two great-grandchildren, Theo Horne and Rory Altizer; sister-in-law, Katinka Hawley and her husband, Dale Hawley, and their children John Hawley and Jeff Hawley; brother-in-law, Michael Knowles; cousin, Linda Stone; and loving caretakers who became family, Dora Byrd, Brooklyn McDonald, Brittany Townley, and Brianna Lambeth.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hubert and Louise Horne; aunts, Ernestine Slusher and Donna June Baber; his wife, Patricia Horne; and his son, Brian Richard Hubert Horne.

The son and honorary grandson of funeral directors, he grew up in the profession. He and his parents lived in the funeral home until his teenage years. Dick was licensed by the Virginia Department of Health Professionals in 1969 and, in 2019, he was awarded his "Golden License" for 50 years of service to the profession. He considered it an honor to serve his community through his profession.

Dick was born and raised in Christiansburg and was a member of Christiansburg High School's class of 1965. He continued his studies earning degrees from Ferrum College and Lynchburg College. He was ordained as a minister in the Southern Baptist Church in 1968 and preached at a variety of churches and different denominations including Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian. Dick felt led to return to the church of his childhood, Christiansburg Presbyterian Church, and served as a faithful member for several decades until the time of his death. He



performed more than 940 funerals and performed dozens of weddings.

Dick was dedicated to community service and began first in the Ambulance service through the funeral home and, in 1969, joined the Christiansburg Life Saving Crew, later known as the Christiansburg Rescue

Squad when they took over the ambulance service. He served there for eight years as chaplain and training officer. He was certified as a Basic and Light Duty Rescue instructor by the Virginia Association of Rescue Squads and was an American Red Cross First Aid instructor for many years. He also served as a Disaster Response Coordinator for FEMA. He also served for more than four decades on the Christiansburg Fire Department as a proud volunteer firefighter and in officer positions of chaplain and secretary-treasurer. The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors presented him with a 50-year service award.

A longtime local history buff, Dick served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Montgomery Museum.

Dick was a member of the Christiansburg's Chapter # 86 McDaniel Mason's lodge for more than 50 years.

Dick and his wife Pat were animal lovers and their home often became a refuge for many stray animals who somehow knew they would find a loving home with them, and they did. In lieu of flowers, Dick requested donations be sent to the Humane Society of Montgomery County.

The family received friends on Friday, March 10, 2023, at Horne Funeral Home. There was a Masonic Rites Service Friday evening in the Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral Services will be Saturday, March 11, 2023, at 11 a.m. in the Funeral Home Chapel, with Father Alex Darby officiating. Graveside Services will be private in Sunset Cemetery.

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RADFORD SPORTS

Local schools release '23 football schedules

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The high school football season might be five months away, but several area schools released their 2023 schedules this week.

Auburn, who has yet to complete a full-season in almost two years because of the lack of players, will open Aug. 24 at home versus Narrows. Out-of-district games this season will include Craig, Eastside, and Bath County. The annual battle with crosscounty rival Eastern Montgomery is set for Sept. 15 at home.

Galax, Giles and Grayson will all travel to Auburn

for games..

Blacksburg will face Glenvar in a benefit game on Aug. 25 at Glenvar. Perennial state power Lord Botetourt will invade Bill Brown Stadium on Sept. 1.

On the Blacksburg schedule are home games against Rockbridge County, Pulaski, Hidden Valley, and the season finale against Salem on Nov. 3.

Blacksburg will hit the road for games at Floyd, Cave Spring, Patrick Henry, and Christiansburg.

Christiansburg will have two interesting games on the schedule this fall at Riverheads (Sept. 29) and at Abingdon (Sept. 1).

Home games for the defending 3D region winners

are Floyd (Aug. 25), William Byrd, Cave Spring, Blacksburg, and Patrick Henry.

CHS will hit the road for games against Pulaski, Hidden Valley, and Salem.

The Blue Demons will benefit from an open date on Nov. 3 to help prepare for future playoff appearances.

One of the biggest changes will be in the realignment of Class 3's Region D, which will have 13 total teams with the addition of Pulaski County. The region lineup will now be Christiansburg, Pulaski, Abingdon, Bassett, Carroll County, Cave Spring, Hidden Valley, Lord Botetourt, Magna Vista, Northside, Staunton River, Tunstall, and William Byrd.

Bobcats to play #1 team in country in tonight's state finals

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Radford High School's boys basketball team is headed back to tonight's (March 11) state championship, and they will have their hands full against an undefeated John Marshall squad that is ranked number one in the country.

JM is only a Class 2 school but has dominated opponents this year with only three wins by fewer than 40 points. The Justices have also scored 100 points 11 times this season including last week's 112-49 win over Brunswick.

Radford is coming off a 17-point comeback that ended in an overtime win over Floyd this past Monday.

Radford High's Rick Cormany is the winningest active coach in the commonwealth, but for Radford to win, he will have to figure out how to slow down an offense that definitely knows how to score.

JM did have three close games this season, all in big invitational tournaments, including 69-62 over Dematha and 65-53 over Greensboro Day School. For the season, the Justices outscored their opponents 2,307 to 1,335.

Three players are shooting 38 percent or better from behind the three-point arc. 6-8 freshman Latrell Almond had 83 blocks this season to go with 214 rebounds. His average is 3.5 blocks and nine rebounds per game.

The school is located in downtown Richmond, which means tonight's (Saturday's) championship game will be a home one for JM, which has won three titles in the past five years. Of course, JM dropped from Class 4 to Class 2 over the past seven years.

Last year, JM was 22-4 and beat Radford for the trophy by an 82-42 score. In 2019-20, JM downed Gate City for another championship.

Facts about John Marshall:

- The school has 496 students, which places them in Class 2.
- John Marshall had 15 dunks and 16 three-pointers in the team's defeat of Brunswick.
- Coach Ty White helps run one of the state's popular AAU programs.
- N.C. State commit 6-4 Dennis Parker averages 20 points per game with the team going 10 deep on the bench.
- As a team, John Marshall averages 62 percent shooting from the field this season.
- In the region championship, John Marshall forced 23 turnovers. In most of their big wins, they have double figure takeaways.

Radford and John Marshall will square off at 6:30 p.m. tonight at the Virginia Commonwealth University basketball arena. Those unable to attend the game can listen to it on BobcatsLive or watch on the NFHS.com website.



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Radford University and Blacksburg High School alum Jessica Wollmann has been awarded an NCAA postgraduate scholarship.

Blacksburg, RU's Wollman receives NCAA postgraduate scholarship

Radford University's women's soccer alumna Jessica Wollmann '19 was one of a select few student-athletes in the nation to be awarded an NCAA postgraduate scholarship.

The NCAA awards up to 126 postgraduate scholarships annually. The scholarships are awarded to student-athletes who excel academically and athletically and who are at least in their final year of intercollegiate athletics competition.

The one-time non-renewable scholarships of \$10,000 are awarded three times a year corresponding to each sport's season (fall, winter and spring). Each sports season 21 scholarships are available for men and 21 scholarships are available for women for use in an accredited graduate program.

All former student-athletes who earned an undergraduate degree from an NCAA member school are eligible to be nominated by that school for an NCAA graduate degree scholarship, regardless of when they received their undergraduate degree.

"In order to provide Ms. Wollmann with the best reference possible, we had a series of Zoom interviews and email exchanges," said Radford Athletics' NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative Holly Cline. "I have enjoyed getting to know Jessica on a

personal level," Cline said. "She is smart, kind, and extremely impressive. She has a clear vision as to why she is pursuing a PhD. And it is no wonder why she competed so fiercely in her sport. Within ten minutes of talking to her, I could tell that she was driven to achieve her graduate degree and destined to be successful."

Wollmann finished her undergraduate studies with a perfect 4.00 GPA while majoring in anthropological studies. She was named the 2019 Virginia Collegiate Honors Council (VCHC) Scholar of the Year, the Big South Woman of the Year, and the Scholar-Athlete of the Year. She was also named an Academic All-America First Team member by the college sports information directors of America. Most recently the Big South honored her as its Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

Wollmann was a Top-10 Finalist for the Senior CLASS Award and is a recipient of the Big South's prestigious Christenberry Award for Academic Excellence.

The Blacksburg native was also awarded the Radford Artis College of Science and Technology Outstanding Student Award at the end of her senior year. Wollmann's

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Orndorff, Elizabeth

Elizabeth "Betty" Orndorff, 84, of Christiansburg, passed away peacefully on March 5, 2023.



Betty is survived by her husband of 56 years, P. Barry Orndorff; their three children and spouses, Stephen and Carrie Orndorff (Bailey, Emily, and Chase) of Christiansburg, Jon and Jennifer Orndorff (Evan) of Winston-Salem, N.C.; and Paul and Deborah Amos (Carter and Griffin) of Chesterfield, Va.; and her very special great-granddaughter, Lilli Elizabeth Davis.

She is also survived by her sister, Margaret Heberlein of New Bern, N.C., as well as numerous nieces and nephews spread out across the country. Betty was preceded in death by her parents, George and Mildred Steeb.

Betty was born in Buffalo, N.Y., on February 12, 1939. In 1960, Betty graduated from Syracuse University with a bachelor of music (Organ) degree and a master of music (Organ) degree in 1963. Additionally, she studied under the world-renowned organist and Johann Sebastian Bach scholar, Helmut Wacha, in Germany.

Betty taught music and German at Marion College in Marion, Va., in the mid-1960s. While at Marion, Betty's life changed after being set up on a blind date with Barry. The two were engaged five days later, married in 1967, and spent the last 56 years together

with moves to Florida, Michigan, West Virginia, and finally back to Virginia.

She served for several years as the organist and choir director at Ebenezer Lutheran Church in Marion, and Calvary Episcopal Church in Ashland, Ky., as well as an organist at other churches. Upon her first visit to Christ Episcopal Church in Blacksburg in 1994, she was offered and accepted the organist and choir director positions in the church. She was a member of The Order of the Daughters of the King and the American Guild of Organists.

Betty was a faithful volunteer at LewisGale Hospital Montgomery. She was a fixture at the front information desk for 28 years and was proud of her 5,200 hours of service. That dedication earned her recognition as a LewisGale Volunteer of the Year.

In remembrance of Betty Orndorff and in lieu of flowers, the family asks that any donations be directed to Christ Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 164, Blacksburg, VA 24063-0164; Website: Giving | Christ Episcopal Church (christchurchblacksburg.org).

A service will be held at Christ Episcopal Church, 120 Church Street NE, Blacksburg, at 1 p.m., on March 18, 2023. The family will receive guests at a reception at the church immediately thereafter.

Price, Earl Mason

Earl Mason Price, 85, of Christiansburg, passed away at his home on Saturday, March 4, 2023.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Oliph Oren Price and Lois Louverie Reed; his wife, Wilma Odham Price; his son, Earl Larry Price; his granddaughter, Lexie Elizabeth Stump; and his brother, Charles Price, Sr.

Survivors include his daughter, Lori Christine Price (Brian Barrett); his grandson, James Mason Stump (Charles Edmonds); a special niece, Catherine Linkous (Damon); brothers Henderson and Robert; a sister, Nancy; and many other relatives and friends.

Earl lived a full life. He loved his family and friends and worked his entire life in the

construction field. He worked on many local historical landmarks but enjoyed cabinetry the best.

The last few months were hard on him. He lost his son and most of his lifelong friends. Yet he found happiness in spending time with his daughter, Lori, and her husband Brian, cooking and going on local adventures.

We also filled the time with stories about Daddy's years in the service. About all the adventures and unusual places his commitment took him. Daddy took such pride in his service to his country and proudly wore his

Korean Vet hat every day.

Earl also loved sunshine, being out in the yard growing random things like rhubarb. I am thankful to God for his blessings of the last year with Earl Mason Price: Daddy, soldier, friend, cook.

The family received friends on Friday, March 10, 2023, at Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. A graveside service followed at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Christiansburg.

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

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Radford advances to state finals with defeat of Floyd



Max Kanipe scores in the paint against Floyd as the Bobcats rallied in overtime to win and advanced to the state Class 2 finals tonight, March 11, in Richmond.



Mekih Martin glides in for a layup in the Bobcats' victory in front of a home crowd at the Radford University Dedmon Center.



Parker Prioleau sweeps in for an easy basket to help Radford advance to the state championship game.

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Lady Hokies win ACC championship

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Virginia Tech's women's basketball team won their first championship of the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) Sunday by defeating Louisville 75-67 Sunday at Greensboro Coliseum and is now headed to the 2023 NCAA basketball tournament, possibly as a number one seed. But that will not be known until the seedings are announced later this week.

This is the Lady Hokies' third straight appearance in the NCAA tournament. VT head coach Kenny Brooks and the Hokies will be part of the live broadcast of the NCAA Selection Show from Cassell Coliseum on Sunday, March 12.

Doors will open at 7 p.m. with the event beginning at 7:30. The Selection Show will air live on ESPN at 8 p.m.

Coach Brooks and his team will host

NCAA action in Blacksburg for the first time since 2004. The Hokies are expected to be playing at home during the postseason.

In the finals against Louisville, Georgia Amoore collected 25 points and Elizabeth Kitley added 20 to lead the Hokies to the tournament crown and the clinching of an automatic bid for the NCAA Tournament.

The Hokies (27-4) entered the tournament as the No. 3 seed and defeated Miami (Fla.), Duke and Louisville enroute to the league tournament championship. Tech's defense was fantastic yet again, holding Louisville shooters to only 37.3 percent from the field.

The Hokies never trailed after taking a 21-14 first-quarter lead. Amoore, Kitley, and Taylor Soule combined to account for 77 percent of the Hokies' points.

Virginia Tech had a 35-34 edge on the boards in the win and got a team-high seven rebounds from Cayla King.

Amoore made 14 three-pointers during Tech's three games in Greensboro, setting a new tournament record and clinching tournament MVP honors.

The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame and the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) announced the five finalists for the 2023 Lisa Leslie Award, and for the second straight season, Elizabeth Kitley was a finalist.

Named after three-time All-American, 1994 National Player of the Year, and Class of 2015 Hall of Famer Lisa Leslie, the annual award in its sixth year recognizes the top centers in women's NCAA Division I college basketball.

The other four finalists are Mackenzie Holmes (Indiana), Monika Czinano (Iowa), Jessika Carter (Mississippi State),

and Aliyah Boston (South Carolina).

Kitley was named the ACC's Player of the Year for the second consecutive season, the conference office announced Tuesday evening. She became the tenth woman in ACC history to win the award in consecutive seasons.

The Summerfield, North Carolina, native ranks fourth in the conference in scoring per game (18.78), second in field-goal percentage (.569), first in rebounds per game (10.74), first in blocks per game (2.3), first in double-doubles (18) and is the only athlete in the conference to record a 20-rebound game.

She won ACC-Player-of-the-Week honors four times, the most of any athlete, including each of the last two weeks as she has recorded four consecutive 20-point double-doubles while shooting 60.2% from the field.

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volunteer activities include the Blacksburg Girls Soccer Program, Martin Luther King

Day of Service, the Montgomery County Special Olympics, and Fear 2 Freedom –

student-made kits for when sexual assault survivors are released from the hospital. She was also involved in the Radford University community with the Center of Accessibility Services, Student Government, the Anthropology Club, and the Board of Visitors.

Wollmann finished her playing career at Radford University with 63 starts across 69 games played. She scored 20 career goals and added 19 career assists for 59 total points in

her career.

Since leaving Radford, Wollmann has been working toward a graduate degree at the University of Toronto and will pursue her Ph.D. as well. Among her many passions, she hopes to inspire future scientists by curating museum exhibits geared to scientific and creative inquiry.

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Virginia Tech alumna takes love and hope to native Ukraine

Return trips to her native Ukraine always bring forth conflicting feelings for Elizabeth Henry Groff '17, and her recent journey created a cauldron of joy, sadness, worry, and hope.

A national spokesperson for Operation Christmas Child – an initiative sponsored by Christian-based Samaritan's Purse – Groff was chosen to travel to the war-torn country in mid-January with a team of Samaritan's Purse staff to hand out Operation Christmas Child's 200 millionth shoe box.

Each year, volunteers worldwide fill shoeboxes with gifts, school supplies, and hygiene items for underprivileged children across the world to share the love and hope of Jesus.

"It was really an amazing experience," Groff said.

Groff received the invitation because of her back story. She was separated from her younger half-sister and grew up in a Ukrainian orphanage before being adopted by a Williamsburg, Va., couple at the age of 13. She vividly remembers opening those shoeboxes and the hope that those gifts provided her.

Groff expected to see that same hope in the eyes of the Ukrainian orphans in Lviv, a city of more than 700,000 about 45 miles from the border with Poland that has avoided the worst of the nation's war with Russia. At a special distribution event where the 200 millionth shoe box was to be handed out, Groff received more when she helped an 8-year-old girl named Natalya open the 200 millionth shoebox.

The child expressed joy over a wind-up flashlight because the gift provided light for her to go down to the basement when the lights go out during air raids or when the city loses power.

"This is a child, an 8-year-old child, and this is what she's thinking about," Groff said. "So she's not being a child. She's not allowed to be a child right now because of what is going on in Ukraine, so that was really sad."

"But for that moment in that time when she was going through her shoe box, it felt like

she was able to be a kid for a little while and to just really be joyful and to enjoy that shoe box and smile and just forget for one second that she is in a country that is being torn apart by war. I think it was heartbreaking, but also a really joyful moment for me to be able to share that with her."

Groff, who graduated with dual degrees in human development from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences and psychology from the College of Science, felt trepidation about returning to Ukraine. She hadn't been since the end of 2021 when she reunited with her younger half-sister and ultimately brought her to the U.S. as part of the Uniting for Ukraine program. She felt uneasy about returning to a place where she experienced so much heartbreak and a place currently fighting for its existence.

But seeing the people there taking care of each other during the toughest of times inspired her, and probably more importantly, brought her hope.

"I'm so glad I went because, going back and seeing how people have really come together, how many people are serving in Ukraine, the Samaritan's Purse team, other organizations, actual residents of Ukraine are coming together to ensure that people of Ukraine are being taken care of. ... It was just amazing. It made me proud to be a Ukrainian. It made me proud to be born there. It made me proud to go back and to see my country, and it was just a really great experience."

The nine-hour return trip from Krakow, Poland, to Charlotte allowed her time both to reflect and to think about her future. On the trip, a colleague shared a Bible verse, Revelation 12:11, that has inspired Groff to continue working with Samaritan's Purse and to continue sharing not just her story, but what she is seeing others do, particularly what she witnessed in Ukraine. The verse says, "And they overcome him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony."

- Jimmy Robertson, Virginia Tech