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DEQ grants move forward city's potential foundry project

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RADFORD – Radford City Council voted Monday to contract with Haley and Aldrich, an environmental and geotechnical engineering consultant firm, to complete an updated environmental report on the former Radford Foundry site.

In late October 2022, the city negotiated a six-month option to purchase the 80-plus acre property owned by Virginia Castings pending an updated environmental study on the site. That study is being funded by two Virginia Department of Environmental Quality grants totaling \$100,000.

“When we ventured down this road, we knew we had to do a couple of things if we were gonna consider being able to buy this property,” said Radford Mayor David Horton at council’s Monday, Feb. 27 meeting.

“We had to update the environmental report and make sure there was not a huge liability we would be taking on and putting in our taxpayers’ way, and also see if the Department of Environmental Quality would be a partner with us on this, and they have stepped up big time.”

“The grants are an important indication of their dedication to getting this site cleaned up and useful,” Horton continued.

City leaders have said the potential redevelopment of the former foundry site could have important commercial and quality-of-life impacts on Radford. When they reached the agreement in October, Radford Economic Development Director Kim Repass said the property could be a “game changer” for the city.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE CITY OF RADFORD

This overhead shot shows the 80-acre property, former site of the Radford Foundry, that the city has approved an option agreement on for a potential future purchase. An environmental study, funded by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, is currently underway.

“We are taking the necessary steps to clean up and redevelop the former foundry site which will bring economic development, job creation, and investment to our community,” said Repass at the time. “The ability to acquire new industry and commercial businesses on this property will be a game changer for the City of Radford.”

Horton said Monday the possibilities are exciting.

“This is really exciting,” he said. “This is a huge part of the future for the City of Radford. The business and commercial activity that could take place with these 80 acres is tremendous and, if nothing else, cleaning up this site is important.”

The option includes the larger, eastern

portion of the former foundry site, not the western portion that includes the empty Grede building and a parking area.

The foundry has been a part of Radford’s industrial base since 1880 as the Radford Iron and Coal Company. According to the city, it employed approximately 1,500 people at its peak in the late 1970’s. The foundry produced

ductile iron products, from water/sewer pipes to auto parts, until it closed permanently in 2013. The site has been vacant for the past decade.

Radford City Manager David Ridpath said the updated environmental study will be completed by the first week in April. The city has until April 26 to act on the option to purchase the property.



PHOTO BY ETHAN BELL

The Highlander Hotel is set to open this spring. The hotel announced its leadership team this week.

The Highlander Hotel Radford announces executive chef as grand opening gets closer

Trained at The Inn at Little Washington, Executive Chef James Kirby brings farm to table cuisine to hotel

RADFORD – The Highlander Hotel Radford, opening in spring 2023 on Tyler Avenue, has hired fine dining veteran Executive Chef James Kirby for its rooftop restaurant.

The hotel’s new leadership team is made up of a mix of local and incoming executive talent. Rachel Pegues has relocated to the area from Charlotte to serve as the property’s General Manager, local Ginger Clark has been appointed Director of Sales and Marketing after leading several other successful area properties, and Tidewater native John O’Conner will serve as Director of Food and Beverage.

Executive Chef James Kirby is an alumnus of the prestigious Johnson and Wales Culinary Program and the three Michelin-star northern Virginia restaurant, The Inn at Little Washington, where he worked for five years and rose to sous-chef during his tenure.

Kirby has also worked at other notable D.C. restaurants including the Blue Duck Tavern, the Watergate Hotel, and L’Ardente. He spent the better part of the last two decades developing his culinary skills across Virginia and has helped train the next generation of chefs

by teaching culinary arts at Stratford University. For several years Kirby also ran an organic farm in the Shenandoah mountains catering to Washington D.C. restaurants. He brings a passion for local and seasonal cuisine to The Highlander Hotel Radford.

“I plan to use seasonal ingredients to highlight the special, regional cuisine we will offer at our new restaurant, Bee & Butter,” Kirby said. “We’re planning to work with local food producers in as many creative ways as possible - bringing an exciting but relaxed, new culinary experience to the area - one that is worthy of this new rooftop facility with its jaw-droppingly beautiful view but appropriate for both everyday dining and special family events.”

Kirby will work closely with new Director of Food and Beverage John O’Conner, who joins the team with extensive experience in fine dining, resorts, and wineries across the state.

O’Conner first developed his passion for the hospitality industry after staying at the Williamsburg Inn during the holiday season as a child. That’s where

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Radford design students’ work featured at New River Gorge National Park



PHOTO COURTESY OF LAURA KIMBALL

The artwork of Radford University design students is currently on display at New River Gorge National Park.

Each year, Laura Kimball challenges her Fall semester Design Fundamentals class (DSN 100) to use a national park as inspiration for two-dimensional and three-dimensional

abstract compositions.

This year the inspiration was Yellowstone, which celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2022.

Students have two weeks to research,

design and execute their projects. Inspiration may come from the topography, wildlife, flora, history, indigenous people, environmental

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NRCC Library to host book talk with local author

New River Community College will host a book talk with Radford University English professor Dr. Rick Van Noy on Tuesday, March 14, at 6 p.m. in 225A Martin Hall inside the NRCC Library on campus.

Van Noy will discuss his most recent book, “Sudden Spring: Stories of Adaptation in a Climate-Changed South.” The book is based on stories from his travels in the American South, as well as from conversations with government, geological, and conservation experts.

“Sudden Spring” “is a portrait

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Cabins at Natural Tunnel State Park.

Virginia State Parks campgrounds open for the 2023 season

Virginia State Parks campgrounds opened on Friday, March 3 for the 2023 season.

Full-service campgrounds with bathhouses are open from the first

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, March 6:

Carilion Clinic Free Chronic Disease Screening
At the Meadowbrook Library; 1- 3 p.m. Interested in meeting with a health professional to assess your current health risk? Stop by during the allotted event time to receive free preventive health services including: blood pressure screening, diabetes risk assessment, and stroke risk assessment. No registration is required.

Radford Electoral Board meeting
At the Radford City Courthouse, Elections/Voter Registration Office, 619 2nd St. Room 143, Radford; 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 7:

I-Spy DIY
At the Christiansburg Library; 4 -5 p.m. Make your own I-Spy box scene filled with all the tiny things! Have your friends and family try to find all of the items you have hidden. Ideal for ages 8-plus.

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

Thursday, March 9:

River City Quilt Guild
The River City Quilt Guild meets the second Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at 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.

Women's Leadership Conference
At the Inn at Virginia Tech and Skelton Conference Center. The deadline to register is March 2. Register at <https://montgomerychamber.chambermaster.com/eventregistration/register/9932>.

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.

Talking About Books: Raising Lazarus
At Meadowbrook Library; 11 a.m. - noon. Join us for a discussion of "Raising Lazarus" by Beth Macy. Call (540) 268-1964 for more information or to reserve

a copy.

Friday, March 10:

Luther Memorial Lutheran Church Hosts Mr. Jefferson's Bones Trombone Quintet
Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, 600 Prices Fork Rd., Blacksburg, is hosting a very special concert by Mr. Jefferson's Bones, a professional trombone quintet at 4 p.m. The New River Valley community is invited to attend.

Saturday, March 11:

Kitchen Supply Swap
Join the Kitchen Supply Swap at Meadowbrook Library, 1 - 3 p.m. Space to meet up, give away items you no longer need, and find items that need a new home - all while participating in sustainable living. This event is completely free and open to anyone in the community. Bring any kitchen items, utensils, gadgets, and thingamabobs that are in good condition, clean, and useable to swap for other items. Have a recipe to share? Bring that as well! Any leftover items will be donated to the Eastmont Thrift Store, a part of the Eastmont Community Foundation.

Craft Supply Swap
At the Blacksburg Library; 2- 3 p.m. Clean out your craft area and bring items in to swap with other crafters. The event is free and open to everyone, even if you don't have supplies to swap. All leftovers will go to benefit library craft programs and the Creative Reuse Center.

Monday, March 13:

Radford Community Garden sign ups
Radford Community Garden will begin sign up 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 and \$10 for a 10 x 20 plot.

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.

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 at 3204 Riner Rd. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to this meeting. If Montgomery County Public Schools are closed on Tuesday or Wednesday of this week due to weather, the meeting is cancelled. For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

Blacksburg Town Council meeting
Town Council meets in regular session the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 S. Main St. These meetings are open to the public and televised live on WTOB Channel 2.

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

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

Wednesday, March 22:

Parks and Recreation/Warm Hearth spring luncheon and bingo
Blacksburg Parks and Recreation and Warm Hearth Village will co-sponsor the annual spring luncheon and bingo from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Blacksburg Community Center. The day will include food, fun, and great company. The cost is

\$7 per person, and the fee includes a meal of glazed spiral ham, green beans, macaroni and cheese, rolls, and dessert and beverages. Participants should bring \$1 in quarters for bingo prizes to enjoy the expert bingo calling skills of Joy Herbert Bingo PhD. To register, call 540-443-1100.

Saturday, March 25:

Spring Children's Consignment Sale
Blacksburg United Methodist Church will hold its spring children's consignment sale on 9 a.m. - 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. but you will want to shop early for the best selection! Cash or checks only. No card or electronic payments.

On-going:

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

Free prom dresses for NRV students
Meadowbrook Public Library in Shawsville, a branch of the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library system, is excited to announce another year of offering free prom dresses to area high school students. High school students in the NRV are invited to make an appointment by calling (540) 268-1964 to browse the library's collection of donated prom dresses. The dresses are available in a variety of sizes, styles and colors. Each student is eligible to choose one dress from the collection for free. The library asks that students who are interested in selecting a prom dress make an appointment in advance. It is open to any current high school student who needs a dress for prom.

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

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<p>LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG PLANNING COMMISSION</p> <p>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 portion of a 2.002 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)-A, Parcel ID 008135; 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</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG PLANNING COMMISSION</p> <p>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. Conditional Use Permit request by Jones Real Estate Investment & Recycling Company, Inc., Property Owner, to allow a Planned Housing Development for 49 single-family attached townhouses on the property located at 1413 Scott St. NE, further identified as Tax Parcels 499 - ((A)) - 10; 529 - (7) - A; 529 - (7) - 76; 499 - (17) - 48 through 56; 529 - (7) - 44 through 47; and 529 - (7) - 75; Parcel IDs 008134, 008135, 008136, and 210197, zoned 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</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>ADVERTISEMENT FOR INVITATION FOR BIDS AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>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 Christiansburg Huckleberry Park Facility</p> <p>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</p>	<p>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:</p>	<p>Number issued to it by the Virginia State Corporation Commission.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The aggregate amount of the annual payments for the naming right to be made to the Town of Christiansburg for such Naming Rights Agreement. The minimum acceptable amount is \$500,000.00. The amount of the payments for each year of the term of the Naming Rights Agreement. The minimum acceptable amount for the first year of the term of the Naming Rights Agreement is \$100,000.00. The agreement of the bidder to make payments during each year in accordance with the schedule of payments set forth in the Naming Rights Agreement. The identification of the bidder's primary business which will constitute the bidder's Product Category for all purposes in the Naming Rights Agreement. The term "primary business" is defined in the Naming Rights Agreement. The name proposed by the bidder for the Christiansburg Huckleberry Park facility. The financial ability of the bidder to make the payments that will be due during the first year of the term of the Naming Rights Agreement. Information that (i) demonstrates the character, judgment, integrity, experience, and reputation of the bidder in the conduct of its business and performance of its contracts and agreements, and (ii) demonstrates the bidder's ability and commitment to collaborate with the Town in the promotion of the Christiansburg Huckleberry Park facility. The agreement of the bidder to execute the Naming Rights Agreement. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The bidder acknowledges that this process is subject to § 15.2-2100, et seq., Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, the bidder agrees, if its bid is accepted, to post a bond with surety in favor of the Town pursuant to § 15.2-2104, Code of Virginia (1950), as amended. Other information as the bidder deems appropriate. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope or container to the Town Manager at the address noted herein on or before 7:00 p.m., local time, Tuesday, April 25, 2023. The outside of the bid envelope should be marked as follows: "Bid for Naming Rights Agreement with Town of Christiansburg for Naming, Advertising, and Sponsorship at the Christiansburg Huckleberry Park Facility, Not to Be Opened Until the Bid Opening at 7:00 p.m. on April 25, 2023." The bid should be addressed to the Office of the Town Manager, Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, 24073. All bids received will be held by the Town Manager, unopened, until 7:00 p.m., local time, on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at which time they will be opened in the Council 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. The Town reserves the right to cancel this Invitation for Bids and/or to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality or irregularity in the bids received, and to accept the bid which is deemed to be in the best interest of 	<p>the Town. The necessary bid form, a copy of the proposed Naming Rights Agreement, and the proposed Ordinance may be obtained from the Town Manager's Office at the above address after Tuesday, April 25, 2023. Pursuant to the requirements of §§ 15.2-2100, et seq., Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, notice is hereby given that the Council of the Town of Christiansburg will hold a public hearing on the above matter at its regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., local time, or as soon thereafter as Council is available, in the Council Chamber, Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, 24073. The Bids received will be announced and any additional bids may be received at this time. All parties and interested persons may appear on the above date and time and be heard on the matter. For further information on this matter, you may contact the Office of the Town Manager at (540) 382-6128. If you are a person who needs accommodations for this hearing, please contact the Town Manager's Office at (540) 382-6128 before 12:00 noon on the Thursday before the date of the hearing listed above.</p>

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Employment

Wanted: Caregiver for adult male with special needs in Christiansburg.

Adult male is non-verbal and must have assistance with all aspects of daily living. We are looking for a long term person with a good employment record who has experience with a non-verbal adult. Safety is a priority. Candidates must be reliable; have kindness and patience; and show creativity (Music ability a plus). Hours will vary according to the needs of the gentlemen and his family. Pay is through a medicaid waiver and CDCN. Candidates must pass a criminal background check and must have recent references (at least 3). No cellphone use while working except for emergencies. If interested, please call 540(838-5037) for an interview.

Positions Wanted

Quality Inn
Hiring Full/Part Time Housekeeping and Front Desk. Apply in Person. Ph-540-639-3000

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 2828 RALEIGH CIRCLE, SHAWSVILLE, VA 24162.

In execution of a

certain Deed of Trust dated August 20, 2003, in the original principal amount of \$83,020.59 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 03014311. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Montgomery County, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia on April 3, 2023, at 1:15 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH ALL THE APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE SOUTH FORK OF ROANOKE RIVER, WHICH POINT IS N. 2 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 44 SECONDS W. 50 FT. FROM THE CENTER LINE OF VIRGINIA SECONDARY ROUTE NO. 637, AND BEING THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF PARCEL NO. 2, AS SET FORTH AS SECOND IN DEED TO FERDINAND W. WASKIEWIEZ, JR. AND TERESA A. WASKIEWIEZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE, DATED JUNE 16, 1977, RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 385, PAGE 46, IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA; THENCE LEAVING SAID ROANOKE RIVER, S. 2 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 44 SECONDS W. 513.06 FT. TO A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY LINE OF THE PROPERTY OF THOMAS F. WOOLWINE (SEE DEED BOOK 380, PAGE 488); THENCE WITH THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID THOMAS F. WOOLWINE PROPERTY, N. 87 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 56 SECONDS W. 177.91 FT. TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE N. 5 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 40 SECONDS W. 102.03 FT. TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE N. 4 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 20 SECONDS E. 99.00 FT. TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE N. 11 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 20 SECONDS E. 333.0 FT. TO THE SOUTH FORK OF ROANOKE RIVER THENCE S. 80 DEGREES 53 MINUTES E. 139.23 FT. TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 2.072 ACRES AS SHOWN ON SURVEY MADE FOR ALFRED T. WHITELOCK BY JACK G. BESS, CERTIFIED LAND SURVEYOR, DATED OCTOBER 17, 1978.

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TOGETHER WITH A ONE-HALF INTEREST IN THE WATER LINE AS APPURTENANT TO SAID REAL ESTATE, LEADING FROM SAID HOUSE AND LOT SOUTH ABOUT 560 FEET TO THE SPRING AS SAID PIPE LINE IS NOW LOCATED, TOGETHER WITH NECESSARY EASEMENT FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF SAID WATER LINE FROM THE SAID HOUSE AND LOT TO THE SAID SPRING, WITH THE RIGHT OF INGRESS AND EGRESS UPON THE LANDS OF D.V. AND EFFIE M. JEWELL AS SET FORTH IN DEED FROM JEWELL TO LEWEY OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA IN DEED BOOK 107, PAGE 437, AND ALSO RIGHT TO TAKE WATER FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES FROM THE SPRING AS SET FORTH IN DEED FROM EFFIE JEWELL SISSON AND HUSBAND TO JAMES L. SISSON, DATED FEBRUARY 5, 1958, AND OF RECORD IN SAID CLERK'S OFFICE IN DEED BOOK 208, PAGE 52. THIS IS EXCEPTED FROM THIS CONVEYANCE THAT PART OR THE LAND CONTAINED IN VIRGINIA SECONDARY ROUTE NO. 637, AS CONVEYED TO COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA IN DEED BOOK 171, PAGE 304, IN THE AFORESAID CLERK'S OFFICE. THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO 12 FT. ROAD RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT ALONG THE WESTERLY SIDE OF CAPTION PROPERTY LEADING FROM VIRGINIA SECONDARY ROUTE NO. 637 TO ADJOINING PROPERTY; TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set

BWW# VA-325893-2 aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagor or the Mortgagor's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-325893-2.

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

The Town of Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on, Tuesday, March 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. 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.

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 13, 2023 at 7:15 p.m. in the County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to hear citizen comments regarding the Board of Supervisors' 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

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Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan, and is further designed as Mixed Use in the Elliston-Lafayette Village Plan. AND A request by Lisa W. Pendleton and Tina M. Wells (Agent: CESO, Inc.) for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow a comprehensive sign plan pursuant to Section 10-45(a)(3)e of the County Zoning Ordinance for a travel center that exceeds the maximum number of allowed signs, maximum allowed height of signs, and maximum allowed square footage for total signage on the subject property. The comprehensive sign package proposed by the applicant requests the placement of three (3) freestanding signs on the property, exceeding the maximum of two (2) freestanding signs allowed on the subject property. The requested free-standing signs consist of the following: a high-rise sign with a proposed height of one hundred ninety (190) feet, exceeding the maximum allowed height of forty

(40) feet; a street sign with a proposed height of twenty-five (25) feet, exceeding the maximum allowed height of twelve (12) feet; and an additional freestanding sign with a proposed height of twenty (20) feet, exceeding the maximum allowed height of twelve (12) feet. The comprehensive sign package proposed by the applicant would also exceed the maximum allowed square footage for total signage on the subject property. The applicant proposes a high-rise sign consisting of a total of 1167.88 square feet of signage, comprised of 5 individual signs, exceeding the maximum allowed square footage of five-hundred (500) square feet and four (4) individual signs permitted by the Zoning Ordinance. The comprehensive sign package also proposes a total of 1401.23 square feet of signage, consisting of wall, canopy, and other signage, exceeding the maximum allowed square footage of one hundred-eighty (180) square feet on the subject parcel. The property is further identified as Tax Maps 046-A 10 (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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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 2680 MADISON AVE, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073. In execution of a

certain Deed of Trust dated May 5, 2014, in the original principal amount of \$273,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No 2014002921

The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Montgomery County, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia on May 1, 2023, at 3:45 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL OF LOT NO. 4, AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF FOX HOLLOW SUBDIVISION, PHASE I, PREPARED BY MARKS & ASSOC., LTD., DATED 19 AUGUST 1988, WHICH MAP IS OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGE 22, AND TO WHICH MAP REFERENCE IS MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY HEREBY CONVEYED. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagor or the Mortgagor's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-362147-1.

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can be made between 8:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m., Monday-Friday at the Main Entrance of Blacksburg High School. It is appreciated if materials are dry-cleaned, but not required. For more

information, contact the Town of Blacksburg Sustainability Office at 540-443-1617 or sustainability@blacksburg.gov.

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.

Parks

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Friday in March through the first Monday in December with the exception of Douthat, Hungry Mother, Pocahontas, and Shenandoah River state parks, which have full-service campgrounds open year-round.

Due to a campground renovation project, camping at Claytor Lake State Park will not open until April 1.

The camping options at Virginia state parks are plentiful and vary from cabins and bunkhouses to yurts and primitive camping with each park offering different scenic camping options.

Visit the camping web page for more details

about reservations, cancellations, and severe weather procedures. ICampers traveling with horses should be sure to visit the equestrian camping page for all the policies dealing with horses while camping.

Reservations can be made online or by calling 1-800-933-PARK (7275) and choosing option 5. Lodgers can make lodging reservations up to 11 months in advance or, for camping, up to 2 p.m. on the day of arrival.

All parks with campgrounds now offer site-specific reservations for campsites. This new reservation system allows a camper to view an interactive map and choose

an available site to reserve.

Managed by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, Virginia State Parks offers more than 1,800 campsites with options ranging from primitive camping to RV sites with electric and water hookups.

Submitted by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation

Van Noy

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of what climate change looks like in specific Southern places to specific people.” Van Noy is an author and professor of English at Radford University.

Van Noy said he wanted to write the book because “the short answer is that I wanted to move it out of abstraction, to bring it down to a local level in ways that real people experience it. Downscaling is a term climate change experts use

to bring global forecasts down to community impacts.

“All of my books look at particular places but with a different kind of mapping,” Van Noy said. “Using techniques of creative nonfiction—including narrative, scene, humor, and dialogue—I try to zoom in on large-scale processes happening at the local level, offering personalized depictions happening both on the ground

and beneath the surface.”

The event will include light refreshments and a few copies of the book to give away.

For more information about the event, contact Sandy Smith in the NRCC Library at ssmith@nr.edu or (540)674-3600, ext. 4345.

Submitted by New River Community College



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Rick Van Noy will discuss his recent book, “Sudden Spring” on Tuesday, March 14, at 6 p.m. at Martin Hall at New River Community College.

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Students

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issues, tourist attractions, and various other aspects of the park.

For many students, this is the first time they have done a project like this which asks them to use

both design principles and an artistic approach.

Last year, the inspiration was the New River Gorge National Park which had just attained its official status. The completed

projects went on display at the Canyon Rim Visitor’s Center and was such a hit, this year’s student work has been invited back again. In all, visitors can see 96 projects from 44

students. The exhibit runs February 24 - April 26, 2023.

Submitted by Radford University

Highlander

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he first realized he could play a part in giving people lifelong memories.

His career now includes work at impressive establishments such as Colonial Williamsburg Resorts, the Williamsburg Inn, and Shield’s Tavern. O’Conner also served as a manager of the Williamsburg Winery and led operations for the Kabana Rooftop and Lounge as well as Belle & James restaurant in Richmond, Virginia.

“No matter the venue, my passion has always remained the same: to give people a unique experience they will never forget,” O’Conner said. “We’re working with several celebrated local producers to put together an exciting food and beverage program that will include excellent locally produced wines and spirits to complement our menus and atmosphere and, of course, everything is inspired by this region’s Highlander roots.”

Director of Sales and Marketing Ginger Clark will oversee the opening of the new hotel and its

meeting and group sales operations. Clark brings more than 20 years of sales and marketing experience to the new hotel. Prior to joining Aimbridge last August, Clark spent the last seven years leading sales with Hilton properties in the Roanoke, Blacksburg, and Radford markets.

“I love the hospitality industry and have worked with hotels since I was in college,” said Clark. “Everyone is so enthusiastic about this new property, me included, and we couldn’t be more excited to launch with a clear focus on bringing the best of the entire region to each guest who walks through our doors. This team is amazing, and I expect this property will quickly be renowned for its incredible hospitality and impeccable experience design.”

General Manager Rachel Pegues is responsible for overarching hotel operations, including staff management and guest satisfaction. Pegues has worked with the hotel management firm, Aimbridge Hospitality, for more than three

years. She started her career on her family farm, moved into restaurant management after college, and has since rapidly excelled in hotel management having served successfully in general manager positions with Marriott, Hilton, and Hyatt properties.

“We’re all looking forward to bringing the Highlander Hotel Radford to life as a distinguished new hotel and event space for the region. As someone new to the area, it is especially exciting to get to work closely with so many new friends in the community on creative collaborations,” Pegues said. “Watch this team closely over the coming months, we are going to have a lot of new announcements to make.”

The announcement of staff comes after the hotel’s late 2022 announcement that they are accepting reservations for spring of 2023. Reservations can be made at highlanderradford.com/.

Submitted by the Highlander Hotel

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OBITUARIES

Cole, David Eli

David Eli Cole, 65, of Floyd, and CJ; one sister, Edwina Martin; two uncles Robert Cole and Cecil Sutphin (Margie); his mother-in-law Annie Lawson; and several nieces and nephews.



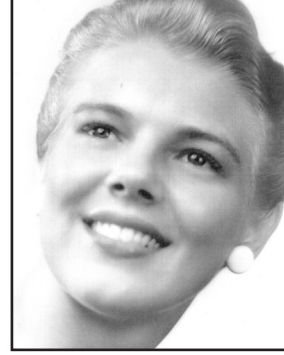
Funeral services will be conducted today, Saturday, March 4, 2023, at 2 p.m. in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Chuck Thomas and the Rev. Dan Agee officiating. The family will receive friends today from 1 to 2 p.m. at McCoy Funeral Home 150 Country Club Dr. S.W., Blacksburg.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 38 years, Diane Linkous Cole; his children, Megan (Chase) Vaughn and Jason Cole; his grandchildren Luna

and became a pilot. Their military journey included living in Corpus Christi, Texas, Chula Vista, Calif. and Pensacola, Fla. In each state they welcomed a daughter: Tracey, Laurie, and Mitzi. After retiring from the Navy, the family returned to Radford where Violet pursued her passion for nursing. She became the head adolescent nurse at St. Albans Psychiatric Hospital in Radford.

Hartwell, Violet Anne Dalton

With much love and great sadness in our hearts, our family announces the passing of our beloved mother.



Violet Anne Dalton Hartwell, 87, of Roanoke, passed away peacefully on Feb. 22, 2023.

Violet "Vi" was born on April 20, 1935, in Fries, Va., the only child of Allene Rosemond Sexton Dalton and Frederick Murel Dalton.

The family soon moved to Radford where Violet excelled in countless activities. She was a head cheerleader, a pageant queen, and an excellent student.

She met her high school sweetheart, HR "Snapper" Hartwell at Radford High School. They dated throughout high school and college and eventually married in Charlottesville on Aug. 14, 1956. At that time, Snapper was a student at the University of Virginia while Vi was pursuing her dream of becoming a nurse. She graduated from Lynchburg University in 1956 with a degree as a registered nurse.

Snapper soon joined the Navy and became a pilot. Their military journey included living in Corpus Christi, Texas, Chula Vista, Calif. and Pensacola, Fla. In each state they welcomed a daughter: Tracey, Laurie, and Mitzi.

After retiring from the Navy, the family returned to Radford where Violet pursued her passion for nursing. She became the head adolescent nurse at St. Albans Psychiatric Hospital in Radford.

Violet was predeceased by her mother, Allene, and her father, Frederick Dalton.

She is survived by her three children, Tracey Lynn Hartwell Harris, Laurie Anne Hartwell, and Mitzi Suzanne Hartwell; three grandchildren: Jordan Leigh Courtner, Taylor Michelle Courtner, and Zachary Ryan Hartwell; as well as her best friend for over 45 years, Susan H Cox.

Send community news and photos to communitynews@ourvalley.org

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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: 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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Read Judges 17:1 through 21:25

Cities are racked by chaos. Innocents are cruelly victimized. People of all stripes—leaders and followers alike—lie and steal, thinking nothing of it. Rage, destruction, and brutality are the stuff of daily headlines. When did things get so bad?

This world is no stranger to dark times, including the period of the Israelite judges. Today's reading is full of horrific violence and inhumanity. After the miracles that brought the Israelites into the Promised Land, how did everything fall apart? Was it because they had no ruler to keep them in line? After all, it was repeatedly emphasized that "Israel had no king." But there's more to it than that.

In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit (Judges 21:25).

Our world is what it is because fit. God's every action demonstrates that He desires peace, compassion, and community—things sorely missing from this world. Until we have the mind of Christ, politics will never offer hope. Our world doesn't need a king. It needs God.

Prayer Suggestion: Father, remake my will from the inside out, so that I will desire what You desire.

Quicklook: Judges 21:15-25

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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 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.

Miller off Main Street Galleries presents "Exchanges"

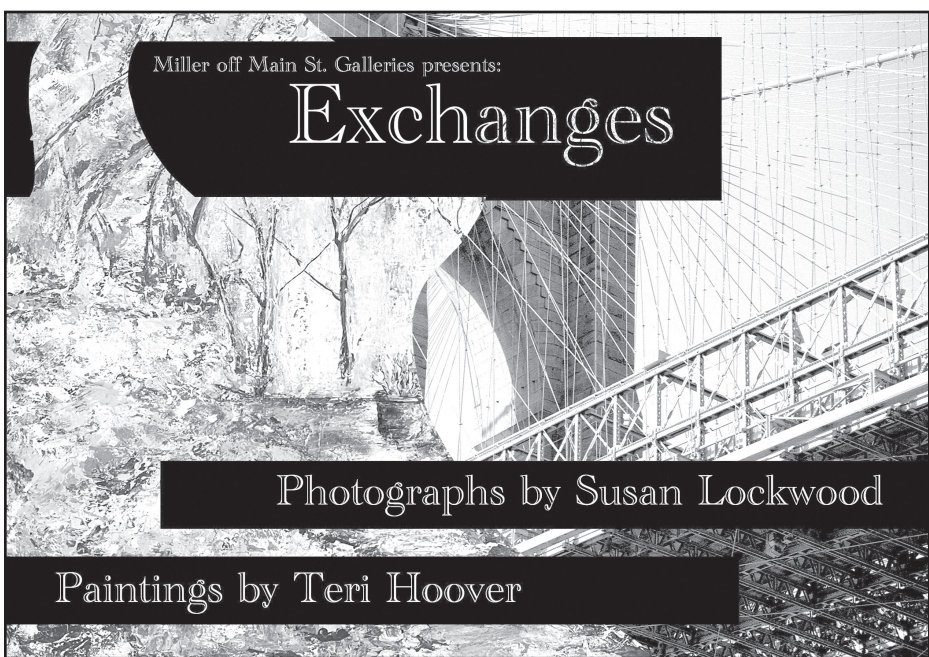


PHOTO COURTESY OF MILLER OFF MAIN ST. GALLERIES

Miller off Main Street Galleries, 211 Wilson Ave. in Blacksburg, presents "Exchanges," an exhibition of the paintings of Susan Lockwood and Teri Hoover.

Exhibited side by side, Hoover's paintings see the natural world in colorful layers of paint as details disappear the closer one gets to the painting.

Lockwood's paintings capture essential elements of a subject or place, creating an image that evokes strong emotions.

The exhibit runs through April 28 with a reception for the artists on March 31 from 5 to 7 p.m.

- Radford News Journal staff report

Meadowbrook Library offering free prom dresses

As of Wednesday, March 1, Meadowbrook Public Library in Shawsville, a branch of the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library System, is offering free prom dresses to area high school students.

High school students in the New River Valley are invited to make an appointment by calling (540) 268-1964 to browse the library's collection of donated prom dresses. The dresses are now available in a variety of sizes, styles, and colors to suit every student's individual taste. Each student is eligible to choose one dress from the collection for free.

Meadowbrook Public Library understands that the cost of attending prom

can be a significant financial cost for families. Thus, the library believes in supporting the community in any way it can, such as offering free prom dresses to alleviate some of the financial strain and thus allow students to enjoy their prom.

The library asks that students who are interested in selecting a prom dress make an appointment in advance. It is open to any current high school student who needs a dress for prom.

All dresses are absolutely free.

Submitted by Cindy Minnick, Branch Manager, Meadowbrook Public Library

Obituaries

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Our family will honor her wishes and will assemble privately to celebrate her life.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Violet's name

toward Project Linus <https://www.projectlinus.org/donations/>.

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

Roop, Dustin "Dusty" Wayne

Dustin "Dusty" Wayne Roop, 39, and Sharon Roop; a sister, Ayesha Roop (Brian Shook); a special friend, Roxie Dishon; uncles Jim Roop, and Ricky, Shane, Jimmy, Timmy and Joey Simpkins; aunts Karen Wills, Gloria Minnick, and Patsy Bishop; and many other relatives and friends.

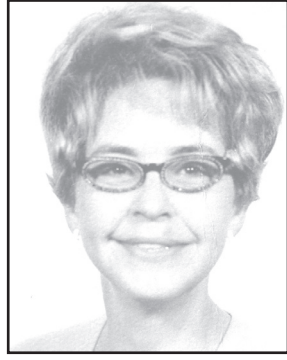


Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, in Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Christiansburg.

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

Whitson, Alma Omega Adkins

Alma Omega Adkins Whitson, Annjel W. (Louie) Amadore of Chicago; her son, Jerome V. Whitson of Pulaski; a grandson, Paul B. Hinic; a brother, Jack Adkins of Radford; a sister, Lillie Hamblin of Radford; and many friends.



All services will be private.

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



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE NRV HOME EXPO

Kids ages 4-17 from throughout the New River Valley are invited to submit entries of their best custom home creation for the LEGO Home Building Contest, taking place at the 2023 NRV Home Expo April 1-2 at the Christiansburg Rec Center.

Registration underway for Lego Home Building Contest at the 2023 NRV Home Expo

CHRISTIANSBURG — The New River Valley Home Builders Association (NRVHBA) is excited to announce the opening of registration for the LEGO Home Building Contest, sponsored by Carter Bank and Trust, taking place at the 2023 NRV Home Expo April 1-2 at the Christiansburg Rec Center.

Kids ages 4-17 from throughout the New River Valley are invited to submit entries of their best custom home creation.

Best in Show winners will be chosen from among three age groups. Entries will be judged at the 2023 NRV Home Expo by NRVHBA members. Each entry will receive scores based on Overall Design, the Best Use of LEGO Elements, and the "Cool Factor" (overall creativity and originality). An award will also be given for the People's Choice. Attendees at the NRV Home Expo will be invited to vote for their favorite entry. Each age group winner and the

people's choice winner will receive a custom-made medal and a \$50 gift card. Winners will be announced at the NRV Home Expo on Sunday April 2.

There is no entry fee. Entry spots are limited and available on a first come, first-serve basis. For contest details, submission guidelines, and to sign up, please visit www.nrvhomeexpo.com.

- Radford News Journal staff report

Sheep shearing remains a valued skill despite market challenges



PHOTO COURTESY VIRGINIA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

With spring on the way, Virginia wool sheep will get their annual haircut. That is, they will get sheared, a centuries-old practice that is a harvest of the animals' wool.

As the winter turns to spring, thousands of Virginia wool sheep will get their annual "haircut."

Sheep shearing, or the process of harvesting wool, is a centuries-old practice that can be traced back to the dawn of sheep domestication. In modern times, the unique fiber continues to surprise producers with its versatility, according to Scott Greiner, a professor and Virginia Cooperative Extension specialist in the Virginia Tech Department of Animal and Poultry

Sciences. "I think the most common one that consumers think about is wool garments, but there's all kinds of additional uses for wool," Greiner said.

Following the shearing process, a vast majority of Virginia wool is sold for processing into everything from carpets to stuffed toys, or virtually anything with padded material. The natural oil of sheep, lanolin, is used in a variety of moisturizers, hand lotions, and skin creams.

The industry continues to search for additional uses amid a dwindling demand for the high-quality fiber. Along with the emergence of cheaper alternatives, COVID-19's impact on exports brought the wool market to "a screeching halt," Greiner said.

In addition, professional shearers are becoming harder to find, and the cost of their services often exceeds the value of the shorn wool. Greiner believes teaching younger generations how to shear can help tackle labor shortages and reignite interest in the profession.

Highland-Bath County Farm Bureau president Kari Sponaugle recently did just that when she introduced the next generation to the skill during a sheep shearing

workshop in Highland County, which is home to around 89,000 sheep.

Students learned the basic mechanisms of shearing, including blade selection and how to properly hold the sheep.

Sponaugle said the workshop was fun, informative and "near and dear to (her) heart." She showed sheep and other animals as a young 4-H member, and her grandfather was a champion sheep shearer in the community.

"And to be able to hold a workshop to train the next generation this skill: It's really necessary if you're going to be a wool sheep breeder," she said.

Despite lingering challenges, the centuries-old commodity may spike in popularity again with today's movement toward renewable and biodegradable products.

"Wool is a renewable source, and it fits very nicely with people's interests in terms of a product that's widely grown and locally available," Greiner said. "It's just a matter of finding what those new opportunities are. That's an ongoing effort in the industry."

- Virginia Farm Bureau Federation

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RADFORD SPORTS

RU reinstates Nichols

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Radford University has announced that Darris Nichols will resume his full duties as head men's basketball coach on Monday, March 6. His brother and assistant coach, Shane Nichols, has been serving as the acting coach following Darris's arrest for DUI two weeks ago.

Shane will direct the Highlanders during their run through the Big South Championships, which will be held at Bojangles Coliseum in Charlotte this weekend, March 3-5.

The third-seeded Highlanders began postseason play on Friday, March 3, with an 8 p.m. tip against the sixth-seeded Winthrop Eagles. A potential semifinal contest would take place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 4, followed by the Big South championship game at 1 p.m. on Sunday, March 5.

Darris's Feb. 19 incident was the result of Radford police finding him sitting in his car. He refused a sobriety test, but later his blood alcohol level was two-times the legal limit.

Within three days, Darris pled guilty and moved the charge along quickly. His license was suspended for 12 months, and he paid a \$2,500 fine. He will also have to use an ignition interlock device on his car and was further sentenced to 180 days in jail with all but two of them suspended.

Darris issued an apology following the legal decision.

"There is no excuse

for driving under the influence, and I accept full responsibility for my actions," he wrote Friday morning in an email to The Roanoke Times. "I am thankful to those who took the steps to ensure my safety and appreciate the professionalism exhibited by our law enforcement.

"I apologize to the entire Radford community," Darris said, "a community that has supported me and my family for decades. I am deeply troubled by the pain my actions have caused my family, Radford University, its administrators, students, and alumni; I pray that the community and those affiliated with Radford University will accept my apology.

"There is no justification for my actions," Darris said, "but I pledge that my actions that evening will not define me going forward."

The Radford native was hired two years ago after serving as an assistant at the University of Florida. During a press conference at his hiring, RU Athletic Director Robert Lineburg praised him back home. Lineburg is also a Radford High School graduate.

Darris played basketball at West Virginia University and climbed the ranks as an assistant coach all the way to the University of Florida position in the SEC.

Darris helped lead Radford High School to four appearances in the state Group A playoffs, averaging in double-figures every season. He

coached seven seasons at Florida, helping lead the Gators to a 108-65 record that included four straight 20-win seasons and three consecutive NCAA Tournament bids.

Darris garnered a spot in ESPN.com's 40 Under 40 list in the summer of 2020, rated #17 on the national list that included both head coaches and assistant coaches. He was also rated the #2 assistant coach in the SEC in a Stadium poll of coaches around the league.

A four-year letter-winner at West Virginia under Bob Huggins and John Beilein, Nichols helped the Mountaineers to a 26-11 record and a trip to the 2008 NCAA Sweet 16 his senior season.

At WVU, Darris shined as a player in the Big East. He scored 993 career points and handed out 399 assists while shooting at a .375 clip from 3-point range. He averaged 10.7 points per game and 3.2 assists per game as a senior on the way to WVU's Sweet 16 run. He was also a member of the 2007 NIT Championship team, and the 2006 Sweet 16 and 2005 Elite Eight teams.

He finished his collegiate career among the top five players in WVU history with the most wins. After graduation, Darris played professionally overseas in the Hungarian League.

His coaching stops have included assistant positions at Louisiana Tech, Northern Kentucky, and Wofford, where he coached for current Virginia Tech's head coach Mike Young.

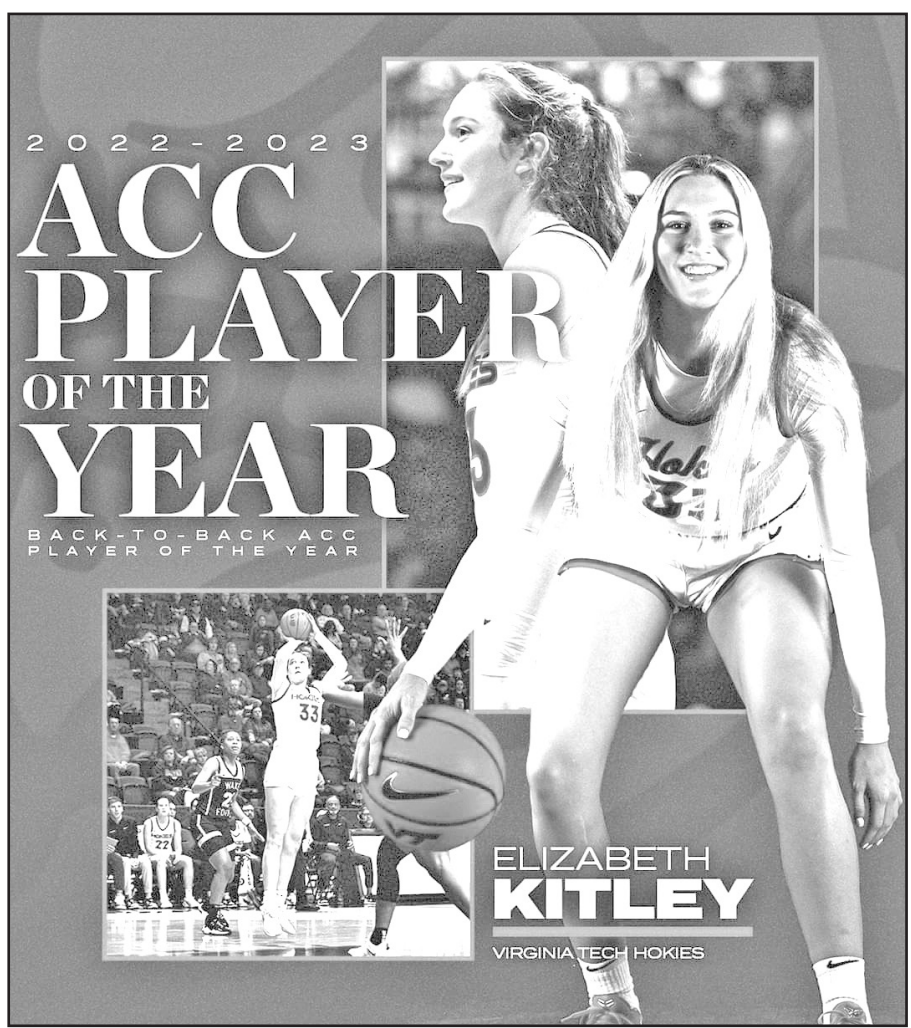


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Elizabeth Kitley named ACC Player of the Year for a second time

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

The Summerfield, N.C., native ranks fourth in the conference in scoring (18.78), second in field goal percentage (56.9%), first in rebounds per game (10.74), first in blocks per game (2.3), and first in double-doubles per game (18). She is the only athlete in the conference to record a 20-rebound game.

She has won ACC Player of the Week 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.

With her Player of the Year Award comes a third First-Team All-ACC nod, the most in program history. Kitley was also recognized as an All-Defensive Team member for the second consecutive season. She leads the conference in rebounding, defensive rebounds, and blocks per game this season.

Kitley is the 20th woman in league history to be named First Team All-ACC three times.

Hokie point guard Georgia Amooore also earned First-Team honors after averaging 14.6 points and 5.39 assists per game this season.

She averaged 16 points per game during conference play and had seven 20-point games. Amooore earned ACC Player of the Week on February 13 after a 52-point week helped the Hokies to wins over two ranked squads. She also eclipsed 1,000 career points during that stretch.

The Australia native also led the conference in 3-point shooting, hitting 80 this season or 2.86 per game. She has climbed to fourth in program history in that category.

Hokie forward Taylor Soule has earned Second Team All-ACC honors, the fourth All-ACC accolade of her career. The West Lebanon, New Hampshire, native has averaged 11.4 points and 5.7 rebounds per game this season and shoots at a 51.7% clip from the field.

This season she has recorded two double-doubles and scored at least 20 points twice, scoring 24 points against both High Point and Louisville.

She is on the Cheryl Miller Small Forward of the Year Award midseason top 10 list.

The Hokies, who won a program-record eight straight ACC games, went 14-4 in the league for the first time and earned the three seed in this week's ACC Women's Basketball Tournament in Greensboro, N.C.

—VT Athletics

Auburn volleyball's Madeline Lavergne commits to King Univ.



FILE PHOTO

Madeline Lavergne helped lead Auburn High School to yet another state volleyball championship this past fall.

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Auburn High School volleyball player Madeline Lavergne has announced her intentions to continue her playing career at King University near Bristol, Tenn., this fall.

She is the latest senior to move on the next level after Auburn won back-to-back state championships.

Lavergne said she fell in love with King during a recent visit. "The campus is small, which is what I was looking for in a college, and it is a small Christian community," she said. "I met some members of both the men's and women's volleyball teams and got to talk with them. My coach (Ryan Booher), coaches both teams, and the volleyball community is amazing," she said.

"All the players from both teams are close friends and are always looking out for each other," Lavergne said. "The small campus atmosphere feels like a family, and I could definitely see myself fitting in as a member of the team. King feels like home and I could feel God telling me that that is where I belong."

Lavergne missed over half of her senior season after pulling an abdominal muscle. She played only 56 out of 106 sets but managed to have the highest ace percentage on the team, averaging 3.4 kills per set.

She was named first-team All District, first-team All Region and

first-team All State and was a captain in both her junior and senior years. She had a career-high number of kills (23) in the team's state championship game against Rappahannock.

King has a current enrollment of 1,360 students, is a member of the Conference Carolinas, and finished 15-16 this past season.

Lavergne has several goals for the court. "My goals are to always try my best in everything whether that includes practice, games, scrimmages, etc. I always strive to be the best player I can be and show good sportsmanship to my teammates and opponents."

At King, Lavergne hopes to major in exercise science and minor in coaching.

RU March Madness begins with Big South Tourney

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Radford University began March Madness with a trip to the Big South Conference tournament Friday, March 3, at 8 p.m. against Winthrop after the team finished 18-13 this season, including a 12-6 record in Big South play.

The RU men's basketball program has gone 31-33 in 64 all-time games in the Big South Tournament dating back to the beginning of the league. The Highlanders have appeared in eight

championship games and won three of them: 1998, 2009, and 2018. Their last appearance in the title bout came in 2019 when Gardner-Webb came to the Dedmon Center and escaped with their NCAA Tournament ticket punched. Radford played just one game at Bojangles Coliseum last season, falling to No. 9 N.C. A&T, 78-71, in

overtime. The Highlanders racked up four Big South postseason awards for the 2022-23 campaign. DaQuan Smith headlined the honors with a Second-Team All-Big South selection while Bryan Antoine earned an honorable mention nod, Kenyon Giles made the Big South All-Freshman Team, and Shaquan Jules took his place on the Big South All-Academic See Big South, page 8

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Radford boys win the Region C championship



The Radford Bobcats hold the Region C championship trophy they won Monday by defeating Floyd 57-46.

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Blacksburg boys win Class 4 indoor track championship

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The Blacksburg High School boys are the Class 4 indoor 2023 champion. The Bruins took the 4X400 relay and finished with 64 total points. Deep Creek was second with 44.5 points, and Salem was third with 40 points. Connor Rutherford gave Blacksburg first place in the 1,600 meter event with a time of 4:14.9. He recently was named the state's Gatorade boys

cross-country runner of the year. Western Albemarle took the girls' title with 73 points while Blacksburg finished second with 69 points. Blacksburg's Katja Kehlenbeck won the high jump event at 5-2. In Class 3, Christiansburg's Madelyn Moles brought home another state title with a 12-04 leap in the pole vault. The Christiansburg girls finished eighth as Heritage and Abingdon were 1-2. The Christiansburg boys' team was a distant 12th as Heritage and Tabb took first and second places.



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHS

Pole vaulter Madelyn Moles of Christiansburg brought home another state indoor title this past week with a 12-04 mark, her second straight championship. Moles is headed for James Madison University.

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Team for the second straight year. Meanwhile, the Radford women are also poised for tournament time. The team has earned the fourth seed in the Big South Tournament and began play in the Quarterfinals on Thursday, March 2, at the Bojangles Coliseum in Charlotte. Should the Highlanders

advance, the semifinals will tip at 6 p.m. today, March 4, and the championship game will be at 6 p.m. on March 5. Radford's visit to Charlotte will mark the 34th time in program history the team has competed in the Big South Tournament. Over that span Radford has played in 67 tournament

games with an overall record of 42-25, the most tournament wins of any woman's team in the big South. This year's seeding marks Radford's first-ever appearance in that slot in the Big South Tournament. During the McGuire decade, Radford has posted seven wins including two championship appearances and a tournament win in 2019.

Vanessa Blake and Carmen Williams each averaged more than eight points per game.

Defensively, LaLonde has been Radford's best rebounder all year averaging 8.9 boards per game. Blake averaged 5.4 rebounds per game and led the team with a whopping 80 offensive rebounds. Traylor also led the squad in steals this season, nabbing 60 thefts while Wagner, Williams and LaLonde all have more than 35 steals. As a team, Radford ranks fourth in the Big South, averaging 8.55 steals per game.

The Highlanders currently own top-five marks in the conference for multiple stat categories. Radford ranks fourth in scoring (62.8 ppg) and third in points allowed (61.0 ppg), good for a fourth-best ranking in average scoring margin (1.8). The women are shooting 42% overall from the floor and 31% from beyond the three-point arc, also good for a fourth-place ranking in the Big South. The team is also in the league's top four spots in per-game totals for blocks (3.17), steals (8.55), assists (12.97), defensive rebounds (27.9), and free throw percentage (69.9%).

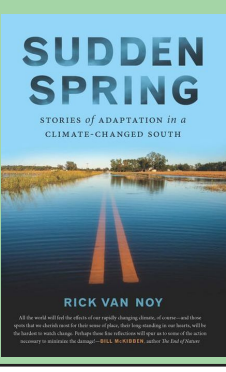

Two Highlanders earned postseason Big South awards this year. Ashlyn Traylor became only the fourth player in RU women's basketball history to be named the Big South Freshman of the Year. Traylor was also named to the conference's second-team and all-freshman team. Vanessa Blake was named to the conference's all-academic team.

Freshman Traylor was also the team's leading scorer at 12.7 points per game. She led the team in scoring 15 times in individual games this season. Traylor also reached the 20-point scoring mark four times this season, another team-best mark.

Senior Rachel LaLonde isn't far behind, averaging 9.3 points per game with 13 different 10+ point performances this season. Sophomores

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