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A new sign has been put in place at the West Main Street site of what was previously known as Kollmorgen.

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Kollmorgen sold to new company

Radford's Kollmorgen plant has new owners and signage was changed Wednesday.

No local announcement has been made, but business insiders say that Regal Rexnord has acquired Alta Industrial Motion, the parent company of Kollmorgen.

According to RR, the combined company will offer improved service capability breadth, technology content and domain expertise.

"The addition of Altra will mark

an important milestone in Regal Rexnord's ongoing journey to become a higher-performing enterprise, and one with a more balanced portfolio of differentiated products and solutions that solve our customers' challenges by "energy-efficiently converting power into motion," said Regal Rexnord CEO Louis Pinkham.

Altra designs and manufactures a wide range of highly engineered motion control, automation, and power transmission solutions. The

combined company's enhanced power transmission portfolio creates an even more compelling partner for distributors, and better positions Regal Rexnord to offer industrial powertrain solutions in a broader set of end markets.

"This acquisition opens up many new avenues for profitable growth. In particular, Altra's Automation & Specialty platform transforms our existing automation portfolio - namely ModSort and Automation Solutions (formerly Arrowhead) - into a

meaningful, global automation solutions provider. The automation business has highly attractive growth prospects and margins, serving many markets that have anticipated secular growth tailwinds, including factory automation, medical, aerospace, and warehouse and logistics," Pinkham said.

"The transaction also significantly enhances our power transmission portfolio, in particular our industrial

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The City of Radford is a Tree City USA community as designated by the National Arbor Day Foundation. Radford City Council passed a proclamation in honor of Arbor Day on Monday.

Radford City Council celebrates 151st Arbor Day

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RADFORD - At its meeting Monday, March 27, Radford City Council passed a proclamation in honor of Arbor Day and for Environmental Awareness Month, celebrated in April.

Radford has been a Tree City USA community, a designation through the National Arbor Day Foundation, for the past seven years. Mayor David Horton said Monday the designation is the result of a lot of effort to make trees a priority.

"Last year was the 150th anniversary of Arbor Day, and we set a goal of planting at least 150 trees in the City of Radford," said Horton. "We exceeded that goal by several dozen trees, and we are looking to do similar things in 2023."

The proclamation cites the many benefits of trees to the community.

"Trees can reduce erosion of our precious top soil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life giving oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife," said Horton in reading the proclamation. "Trees are a renewable resource, giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and beautifying our community."

"The City of Radford's commitment to the preservation and propagation of trees has been demonstrated over many years and recognized by the National Arbor Day

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Professor, student assistant explore history of Civil War Black regiment



PHOTO COURTESY OF RADFORD UNIVERSITY

Radford University professor and Department of History chair Sharon Roger Hepburn, Ph.D., at left, and her student, Demiah Smith, of Christiansburg, work on their research.

John Lovejoy Murray's letters to his mother sat in a box for more than 150 years before a diligent researcher unearthed them from the National Archives and brought his words back to life.

The African American soldier served as a private in Company E,

102nd USCT (United States Colored Troops), and throughout the Civil War, he drafted 56 letters to send back home to his mother, many describing his experiences in the fight.

Radford University professor and Department of History chair Sharon Roger Hepburn, Ph.D., is the

researcher who found Murray's letters while combing through the mountains of research she has compiled for more than a decade.

Roger Hepburn more broadly focuses her explorations into the

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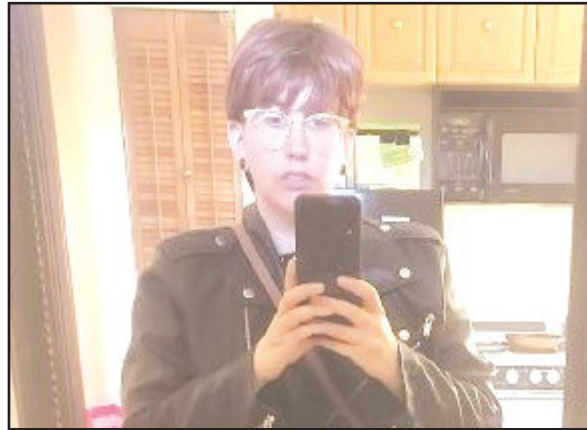


PHOTO COURTESY OF THE CITY OF RADFORD

Radford police are asking the public to be on the lookout for Jean Lisbeth Miller, of Radford, who is missing.

RCPD requesting public help locating missing person

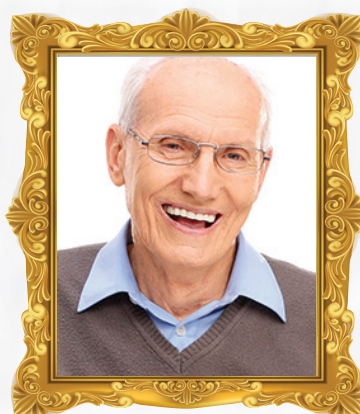
RADFORD - The Radford City Police Department is asking for the public's assistance in locating 31-year-old Jean Lisbeth Miller, of Radford.

She was last heard from on March 23, 2023 by family and they are now concerned for her well-being. She is described as a white female, 5'3" tall, weighing 155 pounds, with brown hair and blue eyes.

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Grandpa's Coming Off the Shelf....

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, April 1:

Skipper cannon firing
Skipper, the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets cannon, will be fired once between 10:30 and 10:45 a.m. on the Drillfield as part of the opening celebration for The Big Event at Virginia Tech. The Big Event is a student-run day of service. Thousands of students and university employees come together to complete nearly 1,200 community service projects throughout Blacksburg, Christiansburg, and the New River Valley.

AARP Tax Aide Assistance
At the Meadowbrook Library; 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. AARP Tax Aide is the nation's largest free volunteer-run tax counseling and preparation service, preparing tax returns and answering tax questions free of charge. You don't have to be a member of AARP nor a senior to use this service. AARP Tax Aide offers free electronic filing using IRS provided tax preparation software. No business or farm returns will be done. Registration required by calling the library at (540) 268-1964.

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

Tuesday, April 4:

Author Talk with Matthew Vollmer and Soraya Palmer
At the Blacksburg Library; 6:30 p.m. Join us for Matthew Vollmer's book launch, *All of Us Together in the End*. Blacksburg Books will be on hand to sell copies of the book. Matthew will be joined by, and in conversation with author and former student Soraya Palmer whose debut novel, *The Human Origins of Beatrice Porter and Other Essential Ghosts*, comes out this March. Visit the book's website for more info about *All of Us Together in the End*.

Wednesday, April 5:

VR Wednesday
At the Radford Public Library; 2 – 3 p.m. Come take a hike, paint a masterpiece, or explore the international space station at the library! Try all these things and more using our new Meta Quest 2 VR headset, or just come spectate and learn about VR.

Coping Techniques for Caregivers
Commonwealth Senior Living at Radford will be hosting seminar titled "Coping Techniques for Caregivers." Seminar will discuss ways to care for a senior loved one while also caring for yourself.

Spring Eggstravaganza
At the Meadowbrook Library; 4:45 – 5:30 p.m. Children are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt in the courtyard. There will also be take-home crafts and an Easter Basket drawing. Don't forget your basket and camera.

Thursday, April 6:

American Legion meeting
The American Legion, Harvey-Howe-Carper Post 30 will meet at 6 p.m. at the VFW Post Home on 102 Watts St. in Radford. For further information, please call 540-250-2283 or 540-239-9864.

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

Friday, April 7:

Skipper Cannon Firing
Skipper, the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets cannon, will be fired once between 4:30 and 4:45 p.m. on the

Drillfield during the opening ceremony for Relay for Life. Relay For Life at Virginia Tech is a student-run yearlong fundraising initiative for the American Cancer Society focused on raising funds for critical research as well as lifesaving patient support programs.

Saturday, April 8:

Spring Plant Swap
At the Blacksburg Library; 2 -3 :30 p.m. Bring plants, bulbs, and seeds to swap. Vegetable plants, house plants, landscape plants, flowers, and empty plant pots all welcome. Bring plants in from 2-2:30 p.m. and the first swap will begin at 2:30 p.m., then 2:45 p.m. for the second round.

NRCC Campus Cruise-in
New River Community College's Campus Cruise-In will be held 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in parking lot H at NRCC in Dublin, featuring classic cars from regional car club members. Event is sponsored by the NRCC automotive technology department. Automotive students will judge the cars. Trophies awarded for the first three places. Event is family-friendly, open to the public and free of charge. Registration will be held on the day of the event and is \$5 per car to enter the competition. Call (540) 674-3600, ext. 4285 for more information.

Monday, April 10:

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, April 11:

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

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

Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting
The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet at 7 p.m. at Aly's Italian Family Restaurant on 3204 Riner Rd. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to attend. Camp Member James Evans will speak on "Life in a Northern Prison Camp". For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

Kids Cooking Club
At the Radford Public Library; 2- 3 p.m. Join us for our very first program with our mobile kitchen, the Charlie Cart! We will be making Johnnycakes, and kids should be ready to assist in the kitchen! Registration is required, and spots are limited. Please email [morgan.esterhuizen@radfordva.gov](mailto:esterhuizen@radfordva.gov) or call 540-731-3621 to register. For kids ages 7-12.

Wednesday, April 12:

Coping Techniques for Caregivers
Commonwealth Senior Living at Christiansburg will be hosting 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 meets the second Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in Grove United Methodist Church, 1020 Tyler Ave., Radford. If you are willing to share your knowledge and learn from others, this guild is for you. We welcome all skill levels of quilters. For more information call Anna Handy, 540 320 7791.

New River Valley Chapter of Virginia Master Naturalists
At the Radford Public Library; 6-7:30 p.m. Join us to learn more about becoming a Virginia Master Naturalist and our upcoming training program which starts in August 2023.

Saturday, April 22:

Montgomery County/ Blacksburg Kiwanis Club Brunswick Stew fundraiser
At Prices Fork Elementary School (PFES), 4021 Prices Fork Rd., Blacksburg; noon – 2 p.m. Fundraiser benefits programming at PFES and local youth charities supported by Kiwanis. Pre-orders are encouraged by calling (540) 951-5834 or emailing pfesstew@gmail.com. Payment accepted by cash or check upon pickup. Kindly make checks payable to PFES. Drive-thru service will be available the day of pickup. Price is \$10/quart or \$9 /quart for five quarts.

Sunday, April 30:

Christiansburg Presbyterian Church Spring Concert
Christiansburg Presbyterian Church will offer its annual Spring Concert at 4 p.m. This year's guest artist will be classical guitarist Justin Craig. Justin is a graduate of Radford University with a Master of Music degree in classical guitar performance. He is a busy regional guitarist, jazz performer, recording artist, and teacher. He performs often as a soloist and leads a variety of groups including a modern jazz and Brazilian group. This concert is free and open to the public.

On-going:

Registration open for annual Scrabble tournament for literacy
Registration is now open for the Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley 15th Annual LVNRV Scrabble Tournament, which will be held Thursday, April 27, 2023 at Sinkland Farms in Christiansburg. All proceeds from the fun evening support free tutoring for adults to provide them with the skills they need for personal independence and family self-sufficiency. Programs include one-on-one tutoring, Skill Up NRV and Family READS programs, GED and U.S. Citizenship preparation classes, and Bridge to Digital Learning initiative. Register at www.lvnrv.org or call 540-382-7262.

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. -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.

Play Scrabble with friends for a great cause April 27

Love playing Scrabble? Here's your chance to play for a good cause with friendly competition!

The 15th Annual Scrabble Tournament for Literacy will raise funds for Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley (LVNRV) to help local adults learn to read, speak English, and reach their goals for personal independence and family self-sufficiency. The friendly word play competition will be held Thursday, April 27 at Sinkland Farms in Christiansburg from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Emceed by WDBJ7's Andrew Webb, the evening will kick off with a selection of local food offerings and Scrabble play will commence at 6:15 p.m. Teams of three will play two games of Scrabble against two different teams with the scores from both games added together to determine the winner. Awards will be given to the Top Scorer, Longest Word, Highest Score Word, Most Creative Team Name, and more. Register as a team of three for \$100 or sign up as an individual for \$35 and the organization will match a player with a team. Teams may choose from "competitive" or "just for fun" play

categories. Players can buy a "peek" at the dictionary for \$3 or purchase a "cheat sheet" for \$5. To find out more and register, visit www.lvnrv.org or call 540-382-7262.

Approximately 20% of New River Valley residents, ages 16 to 74, have below basic literacy skills, and 24,000 adults struggle with very basic reading and even higher proportions struggle with numeracy skills. Although most adults in our area are employed, the need for basic skills in most of the population makes keeping a job or getting a better job challenging.

LVNRV, a United Way partner agency, provides free instruction in reading, writing, math, basic computer skills, ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages), and assistance preparing for exams such as the GED, U.S. Citizenship test, and driver's license to help adults achieve their goals. Tutoring is provided by trained volunteers through one-to-one, small group, and class instruction at the Christiansburg learning center as well as public locations throughout the New River Valley. LVNRV also provides family literacy programming to help parents learn to read to their children and support their children's



PHOTO COURTESY OF LVNRV
The Annual Scrabble Tournament for Literacy has teams of players raise funds for Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley. Pictured, from left, Susan Arrington, Laura Belmonte, and Peter Potter.

education.
To purchase tickets for the Scrabble Tournament or for more information on LVNRV, please go to www.lvnrv.org, email info@lvnrv.org, or call

540-382-7262.

Submitted by Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley

Kick off your home projects this weekend at the 2023 NRV Home Expo

CHRISTIANSBURG — The New River Valley Home Builders Association's (NRVHBA) annual Home Expo takes place this weekend April 1-2, 2023 at the Christiansburg Rec Center, 1600 N Franklin St.

Looking for inspiration to kick off your home projects? The NRVHBA has put all your home care needs into one convenient location. This is the place to be if you are looking to build a new home, remodel your current home, find your mortgage lender or real estate agent, or meet service providers to help you with your current project list. "As springtime approaches, we are excited for our annual Home Expo weekend," said Justin Boyle, President of the NRVHBA, "This is such a great event every year that gives our NRV Community the chance to come out to meet our local vendors to see what's

new about the services they offer. Whether you are looking to build a new home, remodel a room or just some updating, the show will have plenty to offer!"

The Expo will have a floor full of local, trusted professionals who are available to answer your home care questions, provide you reliable resources and quick quotes, as well as show you samples of their skills and services. Exhibitors include builders, remodelers, landscape designers, flooring specialists, home product and service providers and more. A full list of exhibitors can be viewed online at www.nrvhomeexpo.com.

In addition to meeting exhibitors, attendees can also vote for their favorite LEGO home in the LEGO Home Building Contest and bid on items in the Silent Auction, featuring items such as home appliances,

service gift certificates, sports experiences and more. Online bidding is available. Activities for the kids will also be available on Saturday April 1, including a building station, provided by Lowes, and a painting station, provided by Paint n' Fun Ceramics.

The 2023 event will also highlight building trades education and a job center, sponsored by Capps Home Building Center. There will be informational materials about potential construction career paths and from local trades education programs available onsite. In the Job Center booth, available jobs from NRVHBA member companies, along with event exhibitors, will be posted.

The event hours are Saturday, April 1 from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. and Sunday April 2, 2- 5 p.m. Admission is \$7 for adults on the day of the event, but \$5 if you purchase your



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE NRV HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION
Exhibitors include builders, remodelers, landscape designers, flooring specialists, home product and service providers and more.

ticket online before the event. Children under 18 are free when accompanied by a paying adult. Be sure to look for \$2 off coupons online, in stores, and in your mailboxes. Tickets can be purchased online at www.nrvhomeexpo.com.

Submitted by the New River Valley Home Builders Association

**Radford City Schools
Destruction of Records Notice**

Radford City Schools will be purging Special Education records for any former student who graduated during the 2017- 2018 school year. According to the Records Retention and Disposition Schedule of the Library of Virginia, records may be destroyed five years after a student graduates, completes a Board of Education program, transfers or withdraws.

If you were a student who received Special Education services while enrolled in Radford City Schools and would like your records, please call Radford High School at 540-731-3649 by May 1, 2023. Records can be picked up by appointment with Teresa Phillips, Registrar, at Radford High School, Dalton Drive, Radford, Va. Hours are Monday-Friday from 8:00am to 4:00pm.

Missing

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Miller may be driving a 2021 Grey, Subaru Crosstrek with VA license plate: USY-6926.

Her disappearance poses a credible threat to her health and safety due to her being in need of

medication," according to the RCPD announcement.

If you have seen Miller or her vehicle, please

contact the Radford Police Department at (540) 731-3624 or your local police or sheriff's department.



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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 Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com.

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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.

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, April 11, 2023, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning: A. Rezoning request by 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 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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Summons and Notice: Child in Need of Protection or Services Matter (CHP-114)

State of Minnesota District Court County of Pine Judicial District: 10th Judicial District Court File Number: 58-JV-23-32 Case Type: CHIPS In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child of: Christine Carole Holman and Heath Allen Hamilton Skinner Summons and Notice Child in Need of Protection or Services Matter (CHP-114) NOTICE TO: Heath Allen Hamilton Skinner, Above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s). 1. A Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition has been filed in the Juvenile Court alleging that the child(ren) of the above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s) is/are in need of protection or services. 2. This is your notice that this Child in Need of

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Protection or Services case is scheduled for a remote hearing before the Juvenile Court located at 635 Northridge Drive NW, Suite 320 Pine City Minnesota 55063, on April 14, 2023 at 10:30 AM or as soon after as the case can be heard. Please contact court administration to get the remote hearing information. 3. YOU ARE ORDERED to appear before the Juvenile Court at the scheduled time and date. 4. You have a right to be represented by counsel. 5. If you fail to appear at the hearing, the Court may still conduct the hearing and grant appropriate relief, including taking permanent custody of the child(ren) named in the Petition. BY: Jessica Howe Dated March 7, 2023 Pine County Court Administration 635 Northridge Drive NW, Suite 320 Pine City Minnesota 55063 320-591-1500

Trustee's Sale PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN: The Riner Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia Containing 1.586 acres, more or less Commonly Known as: 3395 Radford Road, Christiansburg, Virginia

IN EXECUTION OF A CERTAIN DEED OF TRUST OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 200800295, DATED FEBRUARY 1, 2008, SAID DEED OF TRUST WAS MODIFIED BY MODIFICATION OF DEED OF TRUST DATED FEBRUARY 6, 2020, RECORDED IN THE AFORESAID CLERK'S OFFICE AS INSTRUMENT NO: 2020002980, AND BY SUBSTITUTION OF COLLATERAL AND RELEASE DATED MARCH 10, 2020, RECORDED IN THE AFORESAID CLERK'S OFFICE AS INSTRUMENT NO: 2020002979. DEFAULT HAVING BEEN MADE IN THE PAYMENT OF THE DEBT THEREIN SECURED AND BEING REQUIRED TO DO SO BY THE NOTEHOLDER, THE UNDERSIGNED SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, AFTER GIVING FOURTEEN (14) DAYS DUE NOTICE TO THE OWNERS OF THE REAL ESTATE OF THE DATE, TIME, PLACE AND TERMS OF SALE, WILL OFFER FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION, IN FRONT OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 55 EAST MAIN STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA, ON WEDNESDAY, April 12, 2023, AT 10:00 A.M., THE REAL ESTATE WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON KNOWN AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS. All that certain tract or parcels of land, with the

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improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate, lying and being in the Riner Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia, and described as follows: All of the 1.586 acres as shown on plat pf survey entitled "Plat of Boundary Line Adjustment Between Tax Parcels 90-(A)-34A & 90-(A)-34E situated along Radford Road, U.S. Route 11 Near Plum Creek Riner Magisterial District Montgomery County, Virginia" dated June 28, 2016 prepared by Ralph O. Clements, L.S. for Gay and Neel, Inc. recorded in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office of Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument Number 2016004742. Tax Map No: 090-A 34A; Parcel No: 024574 More commonly known as: 3395 Radford Road, Christiansburg, VA 24073 SALE WILL BE MADE SUBJECT TO ALL EXISTING EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS AS THE SAME MAY LAWFULLY AFFECT THE REAL ESTATE. TERMS OF SALE: CASH, SETTLEMENT WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS OF SALE. A BIDDERS DEPOSIT OF TEN PERCENT (10%) MAY BE REQUIRED. PLACE OF SALE: FRONT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, AT 55 EAST MAIN STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA. DATE OF SALE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2023 TIME OF SALE: 10:00 A.M. Daniel D. Hamrick, PC Substitute Trustee FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel D. Hamrick, P.C. 104 South Franklin Street Christiansburg, VA 24073 (540) 382-0131

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 April 10, 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 Derek M. Lytton (Owner) to rezone property identified as Tax Map 07-A 72D (Parcel ID: 032267), totaling 1.228 acres in the Riner

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Magisterial District. The applicant requests a rezoning with proffered conditions of 1.228 acres from Residential (R1) to Agricultural (A-1) to place a manufactured home on the lot. The subject property is addressed as 3040 Spaulding Road, and is located approximately 0.15 miles off of Walton Road (State Route 663) and 0.47 miles west of Switchback Road (State Route 719). The property lies in an area designated as Rural in the 2025 Montgomery County 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>.

Notice of Hearing

Notice is hereby given to Troy Thomas Cox that a hearing will be held in the Family Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia on June 6, 2023, at 1:00 pm at the Family Court of Pocahontas County, 900 10 th Ave. #D Marlinton, WV 24954 on Petitioner's Abby Snead Cox Petition for Modification of Parenting Plan. In Civil Action 20-D-9 In Re: The Matter of Abby Snead Cox and Troy Thomas Cox. Copies of the Petition may be obtained from the Pocahontas County Circuit Clerk, 900 Tenth Avenue Marlinton, WV 24954 Phone Number 304-799-4604. Answer to the Petition shall be served upon the Pocahontas County Circuit Clerk and served upon counsel for Abby Snead Cox, Christine B. Stump, Attorney at Law, 230 West Randolph St., Lewisburg WV 24901

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Sale April 8, 2023 at 9am. 3950 South Main St Blacksburg (540)953-4022 Unit B35 belonging to Crystal Bennett Unit C1 belonging to Matthew Price Unit C34 belonging to Cheyenne Daugherty Unit D8 belonging to Tia Litz Unit J105 belonging to Arjae Willey Unit I4 belonging to Elizabeth Cook Unit I37 belonging to Madelyn Gobble Unit I91 belonging to Christina Pack

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 & 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Montgomery County Planning Commission hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on April 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to hear citizen comments regarding the Planning Commission intention to act on the following Special Use Permit request: A request by the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors for a Special Use Permit (SUP) on property owned by the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors to allow a lighted park. The proposed Special Use Permit would allow the installation of lighting at Auburn Park. The proposed lighting plan consists of twenty-one (21) 60-foot light poles, one (1) 70-foot light pole, and eight (8) 80-foot light poles on the athletic fields currently under development. A total of one hundred forty-four (144) individual LED downcast lighting fixtures would be installed on the poles, with fixtures installed at a height of 16 feet and/or at the maximum pole height. The property is located at 3595 Riner Road (St. Rt. 8), and is located approximately 0.1 miles North of the intersection of Riner Road (Route 8) and Turnberry Ln. The property is further identified as Tax Map 119-A 23 (Parcel ID: 019113), 45.683 acres, zoned Agricultural (A-1) in the Riner Magisterial District. The property currently lies 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>.

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Regiment

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regimental history of the 102nd United State Colored Infantry and its Civil War service, but when she found Murray's letters, it was a "wow moment," the professor said. Those letters had been undisturbed in the soldier's pension records folder since the 1870s.

"Whenever you put evidence in the pension system, it has to stay there," explained Roger Hepburn, who in 2022 was recognized by the university as a Dalton Eminent Scholar for her teaching and research. "So, the letters were never returned to the soldier's family."

That inactivity proved to be valuable to the professor's research, as well as other historians. "Otherwise, the letters would have been lost," she said, "because he had no siblings, never married and had no children."

Discovering the letters forced Roger Hepburn to slow her broader research to focus on Murray's correspondence and records. That work led to her latest book, "Private No More: The Civil War Letters of John Lovejoy Murray, 102nd United States Colored Infantry (New Perspectives on the Civil War Era Service)," published by University of Georgia Press and available March 15, 2023.

"The letters represent a perspective distinctly from a Black soldier in the Union army," Roger Hepburn explained. "Although many of his experiences may have been typical, John Lovejoy Murray himself, a literate, freeborn, northern Black man, was atypical among Union Black soldiers."

Roger Hepburn began researching the 102nd United States Colored Infantry in 2011 as a regimental study, "but also a social study after the war," she said.

The regiment mustered and trained in Michigan for seven months before they entered the field.

Through her work, Roger Hepburn has accumulated an extensive number of documents that includes enlistment papers, pension files, census records and letters written by and to the 1,642 soldiers in the 102nd regiment. Roger Hepburn found much of her collection in the National Archives, the Michigan state archives and local and county historical societies scattered around the United States.

boxes of documents are stored in her office, and she has eight terabytes of information on a hard drive at home.

The research alone can be grueling but organizing it all for publication can be exhausting and overwhelming.

"I'm still transcribing documents from pension folders," said Roger Hepburn, who teaches African American history, American slavery and the American Civil War at Radford. "Most of them are hundreds of pages, and the largest one is 885 pages."

"It takes a long time," she said, drawing out the word "long" for emphasis. "Plus, they are 150 years old, and the handwriting is atrocious."

Luckily for the professor, she has students who share her interests. One in particular is Demiah Smith.

"I sucked her into it," Roger Hepburn said with a laugh.

Smith enrolled in Roger Hepburn's digital archives class in the fall of 2021, and "I totally fell in love with it," said the senior history major from Christiansburg, Virginia. "She's right; I did get sucked in."

Her work included taking a "minuscule amount of the pension files," Smith explained, and transcribing the contents. That work led to two projects of her own making. One involved creating a website that included records of four of the soldiers, while another involved constructing a detailed online map that followed the regiment through the duration of the war, from Detroit to Hilton Head to Savannah to Winnsboro, South Carolina.

"I love this," Smith said. "I love uncovering history that no one knows about yet. Plus, it makes history more personal, and it makes lectures and textbooks come alive and seem more real. History is often thought of on a grandiose scale, and all of the everyday people who live through history are often forgotten."

Smith fell head over heels in love with history in second grade while studying ancient Egypt, she explained, sitting in Roger Hepburn's office in Hemphill Hall.

"It's always ancient Egypt," her professor chimed in, with a chuckle, about the topic that sparks many kids' interest in history.

In about the fourth or fifth grade, Smith made the decision to pursue museums and archives as a college major and career. That decision, and the fact that her parents are Radford alumni, shined a light on her path to Radford University. "My mother (Sarah Smith '00) was, of course, excited for me to become a Highlander," Smith said while also explaining that her father, David Smith '02, passed away in 2005.

"I'm sure he'd be excited for me to be at Radford," she said. "Coming to Radford has allowed me to feel closer to both my parents," she continued, "and it's the life they wanted to build for my brother and me."

Similar family bonds helped Smith feel at home at Radford, particularly among the close-knit group of students and faculty in the Department of History. That feeling had a comforting influence on Smith's decision for her future.

She soon learned Radford is an excellent place for research

opportunities, like her work with Roger Hepburn, and diverse areas of study, like her minors in religious studies and applied history, which delves into such areas as digital archives and GIS mapping.

"I get to nerd out and do one of my favorite things all day, every day," Smith said.

"Dr. Roger Hepburn was the one who planted the idea of doing my research project," she continued. "Her faith in me meant the most because I had not been one to believe that research was a strong enough suit for me to take on such a challenge."

Smith has taken challenges head-on during her nearly four years at Radford, including presenting her research twice in front of Radford President Bret Danilowicz, once at the university's Board of Visitors meeting in September 2022 and another at Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF) program that same year.

"The second time wasn't nearly as bad because I was well versed," she said, smiling.

Smith also guides other Radford students with their projects by serving as an Elevate Research Mentor. "That allows me to show others that anyone, regardless of the field or area of interest, is capable of doing a deeper level of research beyond Google searches."

All this experience has led Smith to opportunities outside of campus as well. In the spring of 2022, she secured an internship at the Christiansburg Institute, which, thanks to the knowledge and skills she gained working with Roger Hepburn, led to a job at the institute as a scanning technician.

In addition to backing from faculty, Smith has found support in her academic pursuits through scholarships, including the Red and White Scholarship and the Highlander Scholarship.

"Those took the worry away from struggling to cover my education financially, and instead," she said, "let me focus on reaping the benefits of using every avenue of my education."

Smith is scheduled to graduate in May and plans to attend graduate school to pursue a master's degree in library science with a concentration in archival studies.

Through their research, Smith and Roger Hepburn are making extraordinary contributions to their communities and the world around them. Occasionally, someone will hear about the professor's work and contact her, asking for information about an ancestor. She generously sends any information she has available.

During one of Smith's presentations, a military veteran approached and thanked her for the work she is doing, preserving the memories of those, like himself and John Lovejoy Murray, who served their country. "This was important to him," Smith said, reflecting back. "I think the most rewarding part of this work is bringing the identities of these men and their families back to light."

Chad Osborne for Radford University

Arbor Day

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Foundation through the designation of Radford as a Tree City USA community once again this year."

The proclamation urges citizens to "support efforts to protect our trees and

woodlands and plant trees to gladden the heart and protect the well-being of this and future generations."

The designation of April as Environmental Awareness Month includes

half-price pick-up of brush, appliances and other large load items from homes.

Residents can call the city Public Works department and schedule a pick-up which, from April 1 - 30,

costs \$22.50 for a small load and \$45 for a large load.

Radford City Council's next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, April 10 at 7 p.m.

Kollmorgen

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powertrain offering, by adding complementary products in brakes, gears, and clutches, while extending the number of end markets in which we actively participate. Both organizations prioritize integrity, customer success, continuous improvement and a passion to win. We share a commitment to teamwork, and a belief in the power of diversity, engagement & inclusion. For all these reasons, we are excited to welcome Altra associates to Regal Rexnord and look forward to all that we can accomplish together once we complete the transaction," Pinkham added.

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The company's history says: "Attracted to the City of Radford, Hugo decided to move farther inland into a city-owned building formerly occupied by a ribbon mill. On November 1, 1958, an advance

party of six employees from the Pearl River plant, including Hugo, set up shop on 501 First Street. At the time, Hugo thought the facility was much larger than what he needed. Little did he know that in just four years, Inland would not only use up all of the building's space, and would still need more space for offices. By the end of 1960, all of Inland Motor was in Radford."

The local facility employs an estimated 400 people at two locations.

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 - 12. Largest toad species
 - 13. Measure = 198 liters
 - 15. Jeff Bridges' brother
 - 16. Past participle of be
 - 17. SE Iraq seaport
 - 18. Paddles
 - 19. Biotechnology: ___omics
 - 20. Perfectly
 - 22. Japanese sash
 - 25. Flower stalk
 - 26. Bosnian ethnic group
 - 28. Longest division of geological time
 - 29. Hoover's organization
 - 32. Thigh of a hog
 - 33. Fabric woven from flax
 - 35. Upper limb
 - 36. Basics
 - 37. Satisfies to excess
 - 39. The cry made by sheep
 - 40. Go quickly
 - 41. Allied headquarters in WWII
 - 43. Paradoxical sleep
 - 44. Point midway between N and NE
 - 45. Refers to a female
 - 46. Tears down (archaic sp.)
 - 48. Increases motor speed
 - 49. Nocturnal winged mammal
 - 50. Integrated courses of studies
 - 54. Goat and camel hair fabric
 - 57. Papuan monetary unit
 - 58. Extreme or immoderate
 - 62. Free from danger
 - 64. Musician Clapton
 - 65. French young women
 - 66. Auricles
 - 67. Foot (Latin)
 - 68. Prefix for external
 - 69. Allegheny plum
- CLUES DOWN
- 1. Founder of Babism
 - 2. "A Death in the Family" author
 - 3. One who feels regret
 - 4. Maine's Queen City
 - 5. Research workplace
 - 6. A division of geological time
 - 7. Paid media promos
 - 8. Abdominal cavity linings
 - 9. Apportion cards
 - 10. Ranking above a viscount
 - 11. Not idle
 - 14. Former SW German state
 - 15. Constrictor snake
 - 21. Pica printing unit
 - 23. Where wine ferments (abbr.)
 - 24. Egyptian goddess
 - 25. Boils vigorously
 - 26. Oral polio vaccine developer
 - 27. Master of ceremonies
 - 29. Fr. entomologist Jean Henri
 - 30. Scottish hillsides
 - 31. Islamic leader
 - 32. Bakker's downfall Jessica
 - 34. TV show and state capital
 - 38. A citizen of Belgrade
 - 42. Supervises flying
 - 45. Sebaceous gland secretion
 - 47. Conditions of balance
 - 48. Ancient Egyptian sun god
 - 50. Part of a stairway
 - 51. Time long past
 - 52. Hawaiian wreaths
 - 53. Resin-like shellac ingredient
 - 55. Semitic fertility god
 - 56. 60's hairstyle
 - 59. Honey Boo Boo's network
 - 60. Soak flax
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 - 63. Point midway between E and SE

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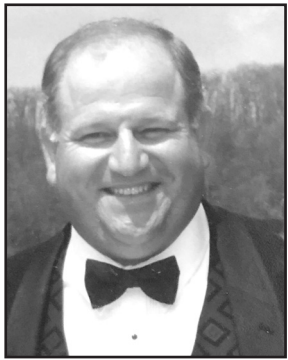
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OBITUARIES

Compton, Brian Quintin

Brian Quintin Compton, 65, other loving friends and relatives. Brian was a loving father, grandfather and friend to so many who enjoyed his sense of humor and big-hearted laugh. He was a 1984 graduate of the University of Tennessee with a Bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering. He also received a Master's in Business Administration from Kaplan University in 2012.



He was preceded in death by his father, Reynard Ray Compton. He was born in Bluefield, Va. and is survived by his mother, Ruth Barbour Compton along with his three children, daughter Sarah (Tom) Compton Wright of Knoxville, Tenn.; son, Tucker Compton of Whispering Pines, N.C.; and son, Liam Compton of Whispering Pines, N.C.; brothers, Barton (Bev) Compton of Chesapeake, Va. and Aaron (Dawn) Compton of Lynchburg, Va.; sister, Brenda (John) Compton Lech of Greensboro, N.C.; two grandsons, Cooper Thomas and Mason Edward Wright; nephews, David and Luke Compton, and many

Condolences are welcome at weaverfuneralservices.com.

Earthman, Dr. Glen Irving

Dr. Glen Irving Earthman, Associate Professor Emeritus in Educational Leadership at Virginia Tech, passed away peacefully at his home in Blacksburg on March 26, 2023.



He was born on Aug. 13, 1927, in Denver, Colo. to the late Clyde and Christina Earthman. He was preceded in death by his three sisters, Arlene Fletcher, Lucille Lehrer, LaVerne Turner; and daughter Barbara Sieloff, all of Denver.

He attended South Denver High School, graduating in 1945. He immediately joined the Merchant Marine and subsequently the US Naval Reserve. Following the war, he attended The University of Denver receiving his B.A. in history/English and M.A. degree in English/Education. He was awarded his EdD degree in Educational Administration from The University of Northern Colorado. Glen loved life and his family very much and worked his entire life in a profession he enjoyed and admired.

He started teaching in 1950 and never quit the profession for over 70 years.

He spent 46 years at Virginia Tech teaching Educational Leadership and Planning and advising doctoral students. He also compiled an impressive record of research. He was recognized both nationally and internationally. He made many presentations of his work, including to the European Development Bank.

He was awarded the Researcher of the Year in 2015 by the Virginia Educational Research Association for outstanding research efforts in Virginia. Glen's research is listed in several Internet sources and is accessed by many students and professors worldwide. He chaired over 80 doctoral dissertations in his tenure.

He was involved in legal suites in several states concerning fiscal equity of state funding of school facilities. He presented his research in the famous

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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).

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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

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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!"

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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 Psalms 3:1-8; 69:1-36

Whenever a Christian public figure sins, or any of God's people sins, unsaved people inevitably cry, "Hypocrite! I won't be a Christian if that's what they're like!" As the body of Christ, when one of us sins, we all share in the bad characterization. Because we represent Christ to the world, our good or bad reputation reflects on Him.

May those who hope in you not be disgraced because of me, O Lord, the Lord Almighty; may those who seek you not be put to shame because of me, O God of Israel (Psalm 69:6).

David had sinned before God, and was deeply repentant. David's main concerns were not that his transgression be concealed or that his reputation be saved. One of his foremost prayers was that God's reputation and that of God's people would be protected from disgrace and shame. Perhaps this is one of the many reasons why David was called "a man after God's own heart."

Prayer for Today: Holy Spirit, please help me to remember that secret sins are not secret. Please help me to focus on giving You a good name before the world and my fellow believers.

Quicklook: Psalm 69:1-6

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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.

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Williams vs California landmark case of funding equity.

In 1997-98 he served as the first Director of the National Clearinghouse on Educational Facilities for school facility planning. Prior to Virginia Tech, Glen served as the Executive Director for School Planning in the Philadelphia Public Schools for almost a decade. Glen also served as an Assistant Professor at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, and also served as a teacher and elementary school principal in Denver before he received his terminal degree at The University of Northern Colorado in Greeley.

Glen maintained membership in both the Council of Educational Facility Planners, International and The International Society for Educational Planning. He served on the Governing Board of both organizations for numerous years. He also served as President of the International Society for Educational Planning. Glen was an accomplished pianist and organist. He substituted for organists in several churches in the Blacksburg area.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Julie Gilbertson Earthman, to whom he owes so much for his health and happiness; his beloved children, Erik Earthman and his wife, Carrie Earthman, Andrew Earthman and his wife, Victoria Earthman, Catherine Reinhardt, Douglas Mackall, and Suni Mackall, who were the delight of his existence. He is also survived by his wonderful grandchildren; Sorrell Perka, Mimi Perka, Gunder Perka,

Bronwyn Earthman, and Gillian Earthman, all of whom were a very special and enduring part of his life. In addition, he has surviving nieces and nephews, Joan Mackey, Sandra Woetz, and Paul Fletcher all of whom live in Denver.

Glen and Julie loved to travel and visited many exotic places such as Tibet, China, Taj Mahal, Petra, Jordan, South Africa, Timbuktu, The Grand Bazaar in Istanbul, Machu Picchu, sailed The Amazon River and the Yangtze River, rode camels on the Sahara Desert, visited the Soke in Marrakech, the Salt Mines in Poland, Hungarian castles, and almost every country in Europe and Scandinavia. They spent many Easter Sundays attending services in the Dome in Berlin, Germany. They also spent considerable time in northern England every year for at least 30 years where they rented a cottage in Kirkby Lonsdale for weeks upon end just to spend time together.

Glen was an active member of both Luther Memorial Lutheran Church and Christ Episcopal Church in Blacksburg. During his 50-year membership, he held different church offices.

The funeral service was held at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church Thursday, March 30, 2023, with The Revs. Monica Weber and Scott West officiating. A reception greeting family and friends was held immediately following the service. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Luther Memorial Lutheran Church Memorial Fund.

Long, Thelma Frances

Thelma Frances Long, of Long, Renee (Ronald) Keister, and Laurie Blacksburg, died Sunday, March 26, 2023.

She was born in Floyd County on September 9, 1933, to the late Fred and Annie Thompson. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Maury Richard Long, Jr.; son, Vernon Long; daughter, Jeannette Hatcher; grandson, David Lee Long; son-in-law, Jack Graham; sisters, Geraldine, Jenny, Barbara, and Reba; and brother, Fred.

She is survived by her children, Jerry (Pat) Long, Ronnie (Sandra) Long, Darrell Long, Danny Long, Diane Graham, Cathy (John) Hughes, Gail



(Terry) Dove; special grandchildren, Brandon, Justin, Michael, Scott, Billy, John, Michael Wayne, Tracey, Brandy, Shannon, Hanah, Sarah, Bethany, and Sabrina; sister, Ann Yopp; brother, Harvey Oliver; and very special granddaughter, Makena "Princess."

Funeral services were held, Wednesday, March 29, 2023 in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Jimmie Lee Price officiating. Interment followed in the Zack Price/ James R. Long Cemetery. Visitation was held before the service.

Naff, David Arnold, Sr.

David Arnold Naff Sr., 93, Nancy Naff; 14 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.



He was born to the late Archie and Melissa Naff on Oct. 11, 1929.

Preceding him in death was his wife of 72 years, Dorothy Christine Rutter Naff; six brothers: Preston Naff, J.T. Naff, Elbert Naff, Paul Naff, Bill Naff, and Harold Naff; and three sisters: Ruth Ziegler, Melba Bryant, and Dianne Trump.

Those left to cherish his memory include five children: Stephen Naff (Leisa), David Naff (Peggy), Darryl Naff (Beckie), Joan Handy (Kenny) and Byron Naff (Missy); three sisters: Helen Altizer, Joyce Moore, and Lola Clower (Harless); two sisters-in-law: Dorothy Rutter and

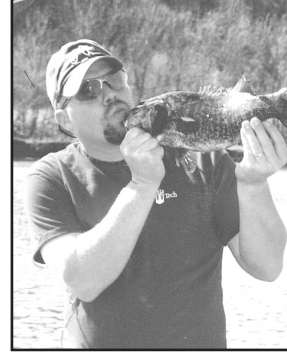
A celebration of life service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 8, 2023, at Christiansburg Church of the Brethren. Following the service, the family extends an invitation to a reception and visitation with family and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Music Department at Christiansburg Church of the Brethren Post Office Box 3050 Christiansburg, VA 24068.

If you would like to send flowers, please contact Northside Flower Shop at (540) 639-9351 or 5964 Belspring Rd, Radford, VA 24141.

Walker, John Clinton "JC"

John Clinton "JC" Walker, 48, (Cindy); special aunt, Joyce Rickey; the love of his life, Dawn Walker; and many other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.



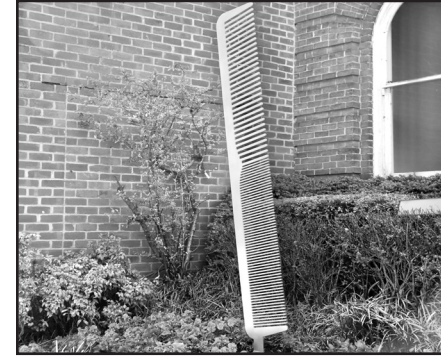
The family received friends Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. A memorial service followed.

He was formerly a Volunteer Firefighter for the City of Radford and enjoyed fishing in his spare time. He was preceded in death by his father, Johnny Lee Walker; and his son, Connor Douglas Walker.

Survivors include his son, Peyton Andrew Walker; daughter, Shawna Grace Walker; his mother, Wanda Louise McCraw; brothers, James Tracy Walker (Jamie), and Tony Travis Pritchard

The family would like to thank Carilion and Good Sam Hospice for the care that they provided "JC".

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



Tracy Burlingame's photo outside a beauty shop tied for second in the Radford Photo Club's March challenge.



Tracy Burlingame's photo at McGraw's Lamp Repair won first place in the Street Photography challenge of the Radford Photo Club.

March photo club winners announced

RADFORD - Tracy Burlingame, of Riner, won the Radford Photo Club's March challenge, Street Photography, and tied for second with a photo taken outside a beauty shop.

Linda Waggaman of Radford tied for second in street photography.

"While trying to complete our assignment of street photography, I was taken by a view between two buildings in downtown Radford," she said.

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.

The next meeting will be April 20 at 6 p.m. at the Radford Public Library. Becky Lattuca, director of the Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley, will provide instruction on matting and framing photos. Attendees are invited to bring photos they would like to discuss how to frame for maximum impact or those that are not a standard size.

If you have questions about the Radford Photo Club, email Lucy Gilmore at lucy.gilmore@gmail.com or mborgarelli@gmail.com.

- Radford News Journal staff report

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF RADFORD, VIRGINIA TAX LEVIES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023 AND FY. 2023-2024 BUDGET

Pursuant to Section 58.1-3007 of the Code of Virginia, notice is hereby given that a public hearing is scheduled for 7:00 P.M. April 10, 2023 on the proposed Tax Rates for Calendar Year 2023. Interest parties are invited to attend the public hearing and present their views. The hearing will be held in the Council Chambers located at 10 Robertson Street.

FURTHER, notice is given that the Council's intention to propose no increases in the following tax levies for Calendar year 2023:

1. Real Property tax levy remains at \$0.84 per one \$100.00 of assessed value.
2. Machinery and tools tax levy remains at \$1.76 per \$100.00 of assessed value.
3. Tangible personal property as listed and specified in Subsections 3 through 13 of Section 58.1-3503A, Code of Virginia, 1950 as amended, remains at \$2.44 per \$100.00 of assessed value.
4. Tangible personal property as listed and specified in Subsections 15 through 19 of Section 58.1-3503A, Code of Virginia 1950 As Amended, remains at \$1.76 per \$100.00 of assessed value.

Notice is also given that the City Council of Radford City scheduled a public hearing for 7:00 P.M. or as soon thereafter, April 10, 2023 on the **Advertised Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget** in the amount of \$71,784,499. The hearing will be held in the Council Chambers located at 10 Robertson Street.

The following is a synopsis of the 2023-2024 Budgets:

CITY OF RADFORD	Total for City
GENERAL FUND	\$34,033,899
STREETS MAINTENANCE FUND	\$2,541,025
TRANSIT	\$3,560,319
WATER/WASTEWATER FUND	\$5,972,031
ELECTRIC FUND	\$23,026,633
SOLID WASTE FUND	\$1,619,292
*INTERNAL SERVICES	\$1,031,300
*Not included in total above as this fund is allocated through all other funds.	

Notice is also given that the City Council of Radford City will hear comments on the **Radford City School Board Budget** in the amount of \$39,194,498.

The Summary is as Follows:

RADFORD CITY SCHOOL BOARD	Total for Schools
OPERATING FUND	\$30,796,232
SCHOOL NUTRITION FUND	\$940,965
GRANTS FUND	\$2,019,620
TEXTBOOKS FUNDS	\$738,099
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$1,820,000
HEALTH INSURANCE FUND	\$2,721,251
REGION 7 VIRTUAL ACADEMY FUND	\$158,331

A copy of the document is available for review in the City Manager's office, the Radford Public Library, and on the City's website at www.radfordva.gov.

BY THE ORDER OF RADFORD CITY COUNCIL

RADFORD SPORTS

Brooks has led Lady Hokies in six consecutive winning seasons

Who is this guy named Kenny leading Hokies to promised land?

Kenny Brooks was named the seventh head women's basketball coach in Virginia Tech women's basketball history on March 28, 2016 and concluded his sixth season at the helm of the Hokies' program in 2022.

Since Brooks' arrival in Blacksburg, the Hokies have enjoyed six consecutive winning seasons, and made consecutive appearances in the NCAA Tournament. Tech has posted numerous records when it comes to ACC win totals, ranked wins and athletes earning postseason accolades.

For the first time in program history, a Hokie, Elizabeth Kitley earned a place on an AP All-American Team in 2022. She also became the school's first ACC Player of the Year and Kay Yow Scholar Athlete of the Year and for the second straight season was a Lisa Leslie Award finalist.

Brooks recruited and developed guard Aisha Sheppard, who graduated in 2022 as the program's all-time leader in points with 1,883 and the ACC's leader in career 3-point field goals with

402. She earned three All-ACC awards and earn honorable mention AP All-America accolades in 2021. She owns the top three single season totals in 3-point shooting in program history and played in the most games and most minutes of any Hokie.

In 2022, the Hokies set a program record with 13 ACC victories and five ranked wins. The squad advanced to the ACC Tournament Semifinals for the first time ever.

Brooks won his 450th career game with a 65-54 win at No. 16 Duke earning a sweep of the Blue Devils for the first time in program history.

Tech's 2020-21 season was a special one in several regards, with the Hokies winning their First Round NCAA Tournament game against Marquette, the team securing the program's first win over an AP top four team, a program record six-game winning streak in ACC play, and for the first time, two student-athletes were honored as First Team All-ACC performers. Brooks was awarded VaSID Coach of the Year honors in 2021. He won his 100th game as a Hokie at the 2021 ACC Tournament with a 72-64 victory over



Kenny Brooks has climbed the ladder winning game after game in six seasons in Blacksburg.

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Miami.

The 2019-20 Hokies accomplished numerous milestones that included the program's first ever ACC Freshman of the Year, ACC Sixth Player of the Year and five players named ACC All-Academic. On the court, Tech won a record 11 ACC games, won four ACC contests in a row for the first time, had a three-game road winning streak for the first time, and went 13-2 defending their home floor at Cassell Coliseum. Along the way, Tech collected the program's first win at Notre Dame and earned the highest ACC Tournament seed after finishing tied for fourth.

To begin his tenure, Brooks and the Hokies reeled off 15 straight wins to open the 2016-17 season, Tech's strongest

start to a season in 18 years. Behind that strong start, Tech climbed to as high as No. 15 in the AP Poll.

Brooks has ushered in a new era of up-tempo basketball at Virginia Tech, as his Hokies have reset the team scoring record in each of his first two seasons as well as reset the mark for most 3-pointers made each season.

During his time in Blacksburg, Brooks has recruited and developed All-ACC performer Taylor Emery, who set the single season scoring record in 2017-18 at 667 points. She also scored the most field goals in a single campaign with 236. Emery became the first Hokie to ever earn first team All-ACC honors with her selection in 2019. She would go

on to be undrafted but sign with the Minnesota Lynx of the WNBA.

Brooks' tenure has also seen numerous players score their 1,000th career point, including forward Regan Magarity who became the program's all-time leading rebounder during the WNIT run in 2018. Magarity set the ACC record with 1,299 career rebounds. She was a third round WNBA Draft pick in 2019, going to the Connecticut Sun with pick number 33.

In 2019, Brooks won his 400th career game, an 85-63 rout of Wake Forest in Greensboro, North Carolina at the ACC tournament.

With the Hokies, Brooks has coached nine student-athletes who earned All-Conference honors, including ACC

Freshman of the Year Elizabeth Kitley (2020) and numerous players have received All-ACC Academic accolades, including the entire starting five in 2020.

In Blacksburg, Brooks is 5-0 in the annual ACC/Big Ten Challenge with victories over Nebraska, Illinois, Rutgers, Purdue and Wisconsin in consecutive seasons. In those games, the Hokies have won by an average margin of 19 points.

Brooks joined the Hokies after an impressive 14-season stint as head coach at James Madison University where he compiled a record of 337-122 (.756), making him the winningest coach in that school's history. Brooks guided the Dukes to 11 consecutive

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FROM THE SIDELINES

No respect for Hokies

Marty Gordon
Contributing writer

The Virginia Tech ladies are a number one seed and have won 30 games this season, but throughout the NCAA tournament, announcers have dissed the Blacksburg team.

Rodney Dangerfield once said it best in one of his movies, "No respect. They give me no respect."

The deep end should not be in play, but during the Ohio State contest this past week, the announcers kept singing OSU's praises and making excuses for why they were losing to the ladies called Hokies, which they kept asking the listeners "What is a Hokie?"

Virginia Tech is doing its best to make everyone in southwest Virginia proud. I guess the NCAA cannot find any neutral announcers that do their research and homework. The tournament has lost its glitter because the broadcasters seem to be one-sided.

Doing our research, there was nothing to be found they were Ohio State alumni. But you would never know it.

This was also true in the previous two games as Rodney could be heard repeating himself over and over.

No one seems to believe in the Hokies except the Hokies and its faithful fans. Maybe, the athletic department can find the color broadcaster's home addresses and send them a Christmas card.

Of course, all of it could be silent if the ladies can pull off another one or two upsets, as the announcers said.

Upsets. The Hokies might not call them that. It would give them a little national attention. Respect might still be a long way off.

The university will have to continue to prove itself in every sport. Another ACC title and who knows, a national one could cure all of this bad medicine. It might not come this year, but it will somewhere in the near future.

Let's just hope whatever the tournament is, they can find some neutral voices that care about their profession. National collegiate sports need more ones who can talk sensibly in a neutral environment and maybe sound intelligent. Not this week.

Rodney, we feel you.

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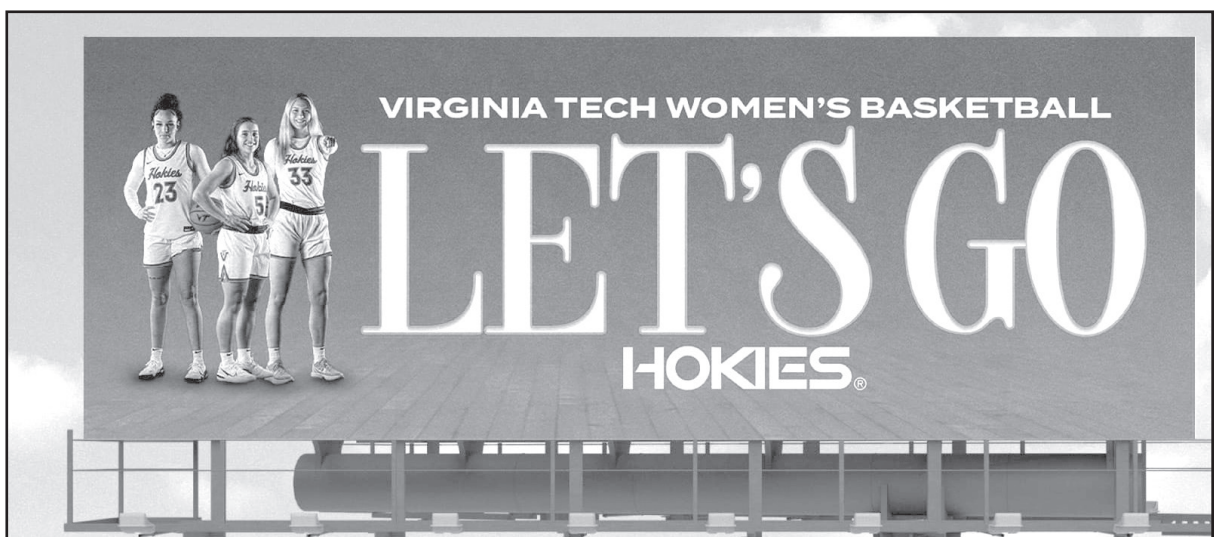


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This billboard is located 1/2 mile north of American Airlines Center off of I-35E in Dallas, Texas near this weekend's Final 4.

Hokies have written their own story

The words 'first time' sure have been said a bunch the last few weeks for Virginia Tech women's basketball.

The first time in its history making the Final Four. The first time racking up 31 wins in a single season. The first time Tech has had a two-time ACC Player of the Year, just to name a few.

But what comes with success is more pressure, and that pressure hasn't gotten to the Hokies.

Facing just a one-point lead with six minutes left in its Sweet 16 game against No. 4-seeded Tennessee Saturday, Tech didn't back down, going on an 8-0 run to punch back, as it never relinquished its lead. In fact, Tech led for its first 128 minutes (!) in the NCAA Tournament, before No. 3-seeded Ohio State took the lead at the 1:49 mark in the first quarter Monday.

So, how would they handle that? They haven't had their backs against a wall in a hole in quite some time, with the Buckeyes owning a five-point advantage early on in the second quarter. And even though a two-possession game is not

insurmountable, it had been a bit since they had to claw back into one.

But that fight. That will power. That drive has been a pleasure to watch. If you look at social media recently, countless fans have shown their support of these hard-working women and how they represent Virginia Tech the right way. And, hey, even one of the best point guards of all-time was hyped for the Hokies.

That fight got questioned when one of the best point guards in college basketball, Georgia Amoore, had to leave Monday's game momentarily due to an apparent head injury. She got clocked twice in the head the first two quarters and Hokie Nation wasn't quite sure if she was going to return.

After a few possessions that felt like eternity with her not on the court, the Australian came back and then scored 22 of her 24 points the rest of the way to lead the Hokies to the impressive victory.

Adversity is going to happen during a game, but it's how you handle it that defines you. This team, led by seventh-year head coach Kenny Brooks, has been able to get in rhythm after going cold for a stretch and next thing you know, they go on an 8-0 run with ease - through tremendous ball movement and tough-as-nails

defense.

It was interesting how Monday's game started. It truly felt like a track meet out there, with both teams running and gunning, as the two combined for 31 points at the first media timeout (4:26). It will be fascinating to see how No. 3-seeded LSU handles Tech and its first punch thrown, in what should be a heavyweight fight, those first few minutes into Friday's game. A game that all of Hokie Nation will be watching.

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Tickle to run at Concord University

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Andrew Tickle, who helped Auburn High School win the 2021 state outdoor track champion and third place finish last season, will continue his career at Concord University.

He signed a letter of intent this past week in front of family, friends and teammates in the Auburn Library.

"I chose Concord because, ultimately, they have a great running program led by Coach (Mike) Cox who I instantly took liking to, and they have what I want to study, and being one of the top schools in the state of West Virginia for my specific program, that definitely aided my decision," he said. "It just felt like the right fit for me and my needs."

Concord University is a public university in Athens, West Virginia with a current enrollment of 1,452 students, and in athletics, is an NCAA Division II school, and a member of the Mountain East Conference.

During this past indoor season, the Concord University men's track & field team placed fifth at the Mountain East Conference Championships.



Auburn's Andrew Tickle (seated, center) will continue his track and cross-country career at Concord University after signing a letter of intent this past week. Also, pictured: (from left) his mother, Kathi Tickle and father Donnie Tickle. Standing is his brother Eddie Tickle.

Tickle will join a group of student-athletes, which includes Alex Watty and Caleb Hatcher, both from Christiansburg.

Tickle will compete in both indoor and outdoor track at Concord, as well as cross country. He hopes to be a social studies secondary education major at Concord.



Curtis Altizer was this past year's All-county/All-city defensive player of the year.

Christiansburg LB to play at Bluefield

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Christiansburg High School was one game away from a state Class 3 title chance this past season, and one of the reasons was the play of linebacker Curtis Altizer.

Earlier this week, he announced his intentions to continue his career at Bluefield University.

Altizer tallied 128 tackles with 86 solos and two interceptions. For his effort, he has been named the 2022 all-county, all-city defensive player of the year. Additionally, he totaled 623 yards from his running back position and even played quarterback for five snaps this season. He scored four touchdowns on offense.

But it's on defense where he excelled, a

position he expects to play at Bluefield. He felt at home when he visited the school's campus.

"I really connected with the defensive coach, and it's close for my family to attend my games," he said.

Bluefield University is a private university in Bluefield, Va. It offers 22 majors and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The 82-acre campus is about 150 feet from the state line between Virginia and West Virginia and has a current enrollment of 982 students.

The school had been known as Bluefield College until 2021 when it was accredited officially as a university. The Bluefield athletic

teams are called the Rams. The university is a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), primarily competing in the Appalachian Athletic Conference (AAC) for most of their sports since the 2014-15 academic year (which they were a member on a previous stint from 2001-02 to 2011-12); while its football team competes in the Mid-South Conference (MSC) since the 2014 fall season. This past season, the Rams finished 8-3 on the gridiron.

At Bluefield, Altizer will join former Christiansburg running back Stephen Myrthil and hopes to major in physical therapy.



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postseason appearances, including six NCAA bids and five trips to the WNIT.

Over an 11-year stretch (2005-2016), Brooks' squads never won fewer than 24 games, averaging 26.3 wins per year. The Dukes won three consecutive CAA championships (2014-2016) under Brooks' tutelage and captured a total of five conference titles over a seven season span.

During those final three seasons in Harrisonburg, Brooks and the Dukes compiled an impressive 60-3 record in conference play.

He was named CAA Coach of the Year for a fourth time in 2015-16, while his student-athletes also garnered CAA Player and Rookie of the Year honors.

Brooks registered winning campaigns in 13 of his 14 seasons in Harrisonburg, ascending to No. 23 in the AP Poll and No. 21 in the USA Today Coaches Poll in 2014-15 as his squad tied a school record with 29 victories. In 2013-14, he led the Dukes to their first NCAA Tournament victory since 1991 when his 11th-seeded Dukes knocked off sixth-seeded Gonzaga 72-63 in the first round. In 2007, the Dukes earned an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament, marking only the second time a CAA team had received an at-large berth.

Under Brooks, JMU tallied six CAA Players of the Year, three Rookies of the Year and two Defensive Players of the Year. The Dukes also recorded 31 All-CAA selections, 11 Defensive team and nine All-Rookie team selections during his tenure.

The Waynesboro, Virginia, native has coached five WNBA Draft picks; first-rounder Tamera Young, as well as Lauren Okafor and Jazmon Gwathmey, in addition to several other players who have signed professional contracts. Regan Magarity and Aisha Sheppard have been selected in the Draft as well.

A 1992 graduate of James Madison, Brooks played for three seasons under legendary coach Lefty Driesell and made two NIT appearances while earning a degree in business management. He began his coaching career as a part-time assistant for the 1993-94 JMU men's squad that won the CAA Tournament and advanced to the NCAA Tournament.

After four seasons as an assistant for the men's program at VMI (1994-98), he moved back to his alma mater as a men's assistant from 1998-2002. He was named interim women's head coach on Dec. 6, 2002 before taking over those duties on a full-time basis on March 21, 2003.

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