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The Highlander Hotel Radford is open for business

Hotel celebrates the arrival of its first guests with ribbon cutting ceremony

RADFORD – The highly anticipated Highlander Hotel at Radford has officially opened.

The first guests began arriving and checking in on Saturday April 1, Joey Thornton Hair (Radford University Alumna, class of 1995) was the first guest, checking in with her husband, Mark, and their son, Hunter. They were in town to visit another son, Sean, who is currently finishing up his junior year at Radford University.

On Tuesday April 4, a formal community ribbon cutting ceremony was held to mark the milestone opening and celebrate the arrival of first guests to the eagerly anticipated new property. Hotel General Manager, Rachel Pegues, shared the stage with Radford President Bret Danilowicz, Radford Mayor David Horton, Preston Hollow Managing

Director and Head of Origination Ramiro Albarran, Radford University Foundation CEO John F. Cox, Jr., and Radford Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Dan McKinney.

“Getting this beautiful new hotel prepared to serve as a regional leader in hospitality was truly a team effort,” Pegues said. “From the initial planning, building design, branding, and experience design all the way through to today’s celebration, hospitality has been on the minds of every contributor for many months and for some, years. Our friends at the University and the Radford University Foundation have been supportive visionaries from the very beginning, and the owners and partners have demonstrated their commitment to building a property worthy of its place adjacent to this wonderful university for



PHOTO BY KRISTINA ROSE

(Left to right): Andrew Caspersan, State Senator Travis Hackworth, Ginger Clark, Dan McKinney, Rachel Pegues, John Cox, Jr., Bret Danilowicz, Ramiro Albarran, Radford Mayor David Horton.

generations to come. There have been many hands that have helped bring this vision to life and I want to thank my entire team for their efforts as they worked so hard to prepare for this moment.”

The Highlander at Radford will offer a full range of curated guest experience packages as well as specials for parents

of Radford University and Virginia Tech students, local university alumni, and more.

“We are all incredibly excited about the unique programming opportunities this new hotel and conference facility

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PHOTO COURTESY OF CHCNRV

Community Health Center of the NRV awarded grant for dental program

NEW RIVER VALLEY - The Community Health Center of the New River Valley (CHCNRV) has been awarded a \$500,000, two-year Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) planning grant to develop a Teaching Health Center Residency Program in dentistry.

The grants represent the first time funding has been directed to community entities to build residency programs, which have traditionally been located in hospitals. The new program’s focus is two-fold: to support and train community-based providers in their

own environment, and to create a stronger health care workforce.

The planning grant will support the work of building a program, developing a training curriculum, recruiting clinical faculty, retooling workflow to integrate residents, and achieving accreditation.

Upon completing the grant and receipt of dental accreditation, the CHCNRV will formally become a Teaching Health Center and begin accepting dentists to complete a one-year post-graduate rotation.

CHCNRV was one of only two grant recipients

in Virginia among the 46 awarded nationwide.

“We are excited to be a part of the solution of bringing more dental care professionals into rural health,” said Michelle Brauns, MS, APR, Chief Executive Officer of Community Health Center. “The Teaching Health Center residency program will also provide a predictable, secure workforce pipeline so that we have dentists constantly in service to provide for the dental needs of our community.”

Submitted by
Community Health Center
of the NRV

Virginia Tech to observe 2023 Day of Remembrance



PHOTO BY CHRISTINA FRANUSICH FOR VIRGINIA TECH

A cadet stands vigil at the April 16 Memorial during the 2022 Day of Remembrance.

BLACKSBURG - Virginia Tech will observe the 2023 Day of Remembrance to honor the students and faculty members who lost their lives on April 16, 2007.

“Virginia Tech will forever honor these 32 lives and support their families and others affected by this tragedy,” said Associate Vice President Debbie Day. “It is also a time when we come together as a community and express our commitment and support for one another because so many Hokies were affected by this tragedy.”

On Saturday, April 15, the 3.2-Mile Run in Remembrance, an annual event that has attracted thousands of walkers, joggers, and competitive runners to campus since 2009, will begin at 9 a.m., rain or shine, on Alumni Mall near the Torgersen Hall bridge. The event, which will start with a moment of silence and takes participants across campus and into Lane Stadium, will

end at the April 16 Memorial.

Virtual participation opportunities for the run will be available in addition to the in-person event. Virtual participants are encouraged to engage in a way that is meaningful to them and to share photos using the hashtag “#VT32Run” on Instagram and Twitter. Encouragement and communication also will be shared through the respective Facebook event.

Preregistration for this event is strongly encouraged. Visit the Department of Recreational Sports website for registration and event information.

On Sunday, April 16, the lighting of the ceremonial candle will be held at 12:01 a.m. at the April 16 Memorial, located in front of Burruss Hall on Drillfield Drive. The candle will be lit by representatives of the student body, and the names of the 32 Hokies lost

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President Danilowicz gets in the Tartan Day spirit

Radford University President Bret Danilowicz shows off his best tartan in this post on Thursday, asking, “Who’s going to celebrate National Tartan Day with me? Feel free to share your photos!” Tartan Day is a North American celebration of Scottish heritage observed annually on April 6, the date on which the Declaration of Arbroath was signed in 1320. It originated in Canada in the mid-1980s.



FACEBOOK PHOTO

Obenshain running for new House District

Chris Obenshain, Assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney for Montgomery County, is in the running to be the Republican candidate in the newly created 41st Virginia House of Delegates District.

In his announcement, Obenshain said he is running for the House of Delegates because things, as he says, have been getting progressively

harder for working families over the past several years.

“Most of the blame for that falls on poor decision making and bad policies that came into effect when Democrats controlled Virginia’s government in 2020 and 2021,” he said in a speech in Radford on Monday. “I believe we have a small window of opportunity to change course and correct those mistakes.”



FACEBOOK PHOTO

Chris Obenshain

This is his first time running for public office. His knowledge about public office comes as a family affair.

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LENNY MARCUS GROUP

8:00-9:00 P.M.
VIRGINIA TECH JAZZ ENSEMBLE

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 councilchambers 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 or call 540-731-3621 to register. For kids ages 7-12.

Woman's Club meeting

The Woman's Club of Radford will meet at 10:30 a.m. at the Radford Public Library. Laura Beth Weaver, Executive Director of the Woman's Resource Center of the New River Valley, will be guest speaker. The Resource Center is a non-profit that provides services to victims of abuse. The meeting is open to the public.

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.

Wednesday, April 19:

Business Women's meeting

American Business Women's Association NRV Express Network April luncheon meeting; 11:30 a.m.- 1p.m., Holiday Inn Christiansburg-Blacksburg, 99 Bradley Drive, Christiansburg. Join us for networking fun at our April meeting. We will engage in interactive ice breakers to get to know each other better. We have lots of new members in recent months and would love to become better acquainted with each and everyone. Paige Godwin is the Speaker Sponsor for this meeting. RSVP by April 17. Cost is \$16. Contact: Terri Welch at christiansburg@wineanddesign.com or Paige Godwin at godwinpaige@gmail.com.

Radford Army Ammunition Plant community meeting

The Radford Army Ammunition Plant (RFAAP) will hold the next Commander's Community Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Christiansburg Library, 125 Sheltman Street, Christiansburg. It also will be broadcast on Facebook Live (facebook.com/RadfordArmyAmmunitionPlant/). Meetings are open to the public.

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.

Saturday, April 29:

Library of Virginia on-the-go

At the Meadowbrook Library; 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. The Library of Virginia is bringing their state-of-the-art equipment and offering their expertise. Join us to explore research resources, discuss regional and family history, enjoy children's activities and much more. Door prizes, Genealogy 101 and help with your questions, tours of the Meadowbrook Museum and the MFRL Mobile Library, special guest

Daniel Thorp, and Precious Valley Farms Petting Zoo. All events are free and open to the community.

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

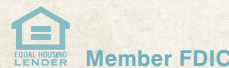
New River Community College is offering free GED at the Meadowbrook Library every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 5 - 8 p.m. The classes began on Tuesday, Jan. 17 and end on Thursday, May 11. For more information or to sign up please call the Meadowbrook Library at 540-268-1964.



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Radford City Council to meet Monday April 10

RADFORD – Radford City Council will hold its regularly scheduled meeting this Monday, April 10 at 7 p.m.

Prior to the regular meeting, council will hold a closed session, at 6 p.m., for "Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property, for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body."

There will be public hearings held to hear comments on the city's proposed 2024 budget and tax rates. The remainder of the agenda for the regular meeting includes:

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON PUBLIC MATTERS: (Please state your name for the record – Please limit comments to 3 minutes or less)

MINUTES APPROVAL: March 27, 2023 Regular Meeting

PROCLAMATIONS: National Telecommunications Week, National Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week, and National Crime Victims' Rights Week

PUBLIC HEARINGS: Ordinance 1787: F.Y. 2024 Budget and Ordinance 1788: 2023 Tax Rate

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance 1787: F.Y. 2024 Budget
2. Ordinance 1788: 2023 Tax Rate
3. Thirteenth Street Subdivision
4. Montgomery County Outdoor Recreation Property Use Work Group
5. Appropriation Ordinance 1763.26: \$3,725-DCJS Local Law Enforcement Block Grant
6. Appropriation Ordinance 1763.27: \$30,000-ARPA Tourism Recovery Plan
7. Appropriation Ordinance 1763.28: \$7,000-Community Vitality Grant
8. Appropriation Ordinance 1763.29: \$10,000-VHDA Emergency Housing Grant
9. Appropriation Ordinance 1763.30: \$9,370-VHDA-Housing Choice Voucher Program

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

~ Radford News Journal staff report

Radford Board of Visitors member passes away

Rachel Davis Fowlkes, Ed.D., passed away Saturday, April 1.

She was serving her second term on the Radford University Board of Visitors and was the Board Liaison to the Radford University Foundation.

Fowlkes was the founding executive director of the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center, retiring in 2015 after 23 years of service. More than 1,200 people earned their

degrees during that time. She was a strong advocate for empowering women in higher education and the workforce, and she was a role model for students, colleagues, government leaders, community members and many more. Fowlkes served on the Executive Board of the Virginia Network and shared that the Network's knowledge and experiences were key to the development of the Higher Education Center



PHOTO COURTESY OF RADFORD UNIV.
Rachel Davis Fowlkes, Ed.D.

in Abingdon.

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ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Abigail Caldwell named to the Champlain College Dean's List
BURLINGTON, VT - Abigail Caldwell, of Radford, has been named to the Champlain College Dean's List for the Fall 2022 semester. Students on the Dean's List have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or higher during the semester. Making the Dean's List is a tremendous achievement in any year. Many of the high achievers balance their classes with serious jobs, internships, clubs, and volunteering, as well as a global pandemic.

Sage Boyer serves others during Alternative Spring Break
HARRISONBURG - Blacksburg resident Sage Boyer spent spring break serving others through James Madison University's Alternative Spring Break Program. Boyer traveled to Lake Lure, N.C. to volunteer with Carolina Climbing Coalition.

The student-led Alternative Spring Break trips took place from March 11-18. Each trip focused on a social issue, such as homelessness, resettlement, environmentalism or community wellness, in a specific region. The 90 participants embarked on 11 spring break trips around the country. The students spent the week living simply, focused on service in their destination community but also on teamwork and reflection within their group.

Sumin Lee receives degree from Georgia Tech
ATLANTA - Sumin Lee, of Blacksburg, has earned a Master of Science in Computer Science from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta. Lee was among approximately 5,620 undergraduate and graduate students to be presented Georgia Tech degrees during the Institute's 263rd Commencement exercises Dec. 16 - 17, 2022, at Bobby Dodd Stadium.

John Taft named to Baylor University Dean's List
John Taft, of Christiansburg, was named to the Baylor University Dean's List for the Fall semester in the College of Arts and Sciences. Students honored on the Dean's List earned a minimum semester grade-point average of 3.70 with no grade lower than a "C" while enrolled in at least 12 graded semester hours. Baylor University is a private Christian university located in Waco, Texas.

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi inducts new members
The following Radford University students were initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.

James Arpee of Radford, Austin Kinder, Serenity Mitchell, Katherine Owens, Hadrian Reeves, Abigail Ridpath, Jayla Robinson, Kallum Rouse, and Barbara Valentine. They are among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership.

Owen Embree named to Fall 2022 Dean's List
IRVING, Texas - Owen Embree of Blacksburg, was one of more than 450 University of Dallas undergraduate students named to the fall 2022 Dean's List for earning a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher. Embree is a Junior majoring in Mathematics.

Award-winning graphic novelists to visit Radford University

RADFORD - Radford University is welcoming 2021 Hugo Award winners John Jennings and Damian Duffy to campus Tuesday, April 18 at 3:30 p.m. in The Bonnie Auditorium to discuss their incredible graphic novel adaptation of Parable of the Sower. In her classic 1993 dystopian novel, Parable of the Sower, African-American science fiction author Octavia Butler envisioned a United States ravaged by environmental degradation, poverty, and ignorance. Butler's protagonist, Lauren Olamina, only 15 when Parable of the Sower starts, becomes a leader of "Earthseed," a group who seeks to resettle to another planet.

2023 marks the 30th anniversary of the novel's publication. In 2020, in a United States facing a pandemic, racialized violence, and economic uncertainty, Butler's Parable became a bestseller, and Jennings and Duffy's stellar graphic novel adaptation was published the same year, building off the earlier success that the team had in adapting another of Butler's work, Kindred, into a graphic novel, which now also adapted as a television series. All Radford students, staff, and faculty have free access to the eBook versions for graphic novels of both "Parable of the Sower" and "Kindred" through Radford University Libraries website. Attendees may purchase physical copies of these and the duo's other works before and after the program, courtesy of the Radford University Bookstore.

We welcome community members to this free event. To support wide attendance, there will be free parking on campus on the day of the event beginning at 3 p.m. Reception and book-signing to follow hosted by the First-Gen Center at Radford University, across from the auditorium: both Ms. Butler was the first in her family to attend college, a first-gen college student, as is the artist of the graphic novel, Professor John Jennings. This visit is made possible with support from a grant by Virginia Humanities, additional financial support from Radford University stakeholders, and programming support by community partners the Radford Public Library, Calfee Community and Cultural Center, and the Women's Resource Center. Graphic novels combine text with art, creating engaging works that connect readers to the stories being told. Whether you are a longtime fan of this medium or newly interested, we invite you to explore Parable, a disturbing tale that offers lessons through the resiliency of its teenage protagonist. If you have not read a graphic novel before, Dr. Michele

Ren a faculty member in the English Department at Radford University and one of the grant awardees organizing this event, has advice from teaching graphic novels to her students. "Slow down. When reading a traditional book, you might rush through. Take time to look at the images in order and take in the art alongside the words." The event will be live streamed, but not recorded. To watch to the program, please use the Zoom link: <https://radford.zoom.us/j/96963605454> or call in to listen by dialing +1 408 638 0968 and enter Meeting ID 96963605454.

Submitted by Radford University

Fowlkes

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"The loss of Rachel is heartbreaking for Radford University and Southwest Virginia," said President Bret Danilowicz. "She was a true advocate for the opportunities education brings to individuals and communities. Her work on the Board, especially with the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee, was thoughtful and she always put our students first in her recommendations."

In the December 2021 edition of the Radford Magazine, Fowlkes was quoted, "I'm a person who has always been thinking about what we can do better, what we can do more effectively. I think the opportunities for us are infinite." Fowlkes served as a strong advocate for workforce development and was instrumental in developing programs that align with the needs of the region's employers. She was involved in various economic development initiatives and served on several regional and state boards related to education and economic development. Even her license plate "CR8JOBS" represented her dedication. She never stopped thinking about what connections she could make or how she could help the region, the university and the foundation. "Rachel was a tremendous board member, and she was one of the nicest people I have known,"

added John Cox, chief executive officer of the Radford University Foundation. Our hearts go out to Fowlkes' family and friends. She was a visionary who will long be remembered at Radford University and in the Commonwealth of Virginia for her dedication to education and quality of life for everyone.

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Legals - City of Radford

City of Radford CDBG Annual Action Plan
The City of Radford invites comments on its 2023 Annual Action Plan, which will be submitted to the US Dept of HUD on or about May 10, 2023. The Annual Action plan serves as the City's grant application for Community Development Block Grant Funds and sets the goals and budgets for the use of funds. A copy of the Annual Action Plan is available for review online or at the City Manager's Office. Comments may be given via e-mail to: melissa.skelton@radfordva.gov, by phone at (540) 731-3603, or by mail to Community Developer, 10 Robertson St, Radford, VA 24141. Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. May 8, 2023.

Legals - Montgomery County

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

The Town of Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on, Tuesday, April 25, 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 Jerry L. Beasley and L. R. Ferolino-Beasley, Property Owners, to rezone an approximately 0.802 acre portion of the property located at 2475 Glade Drive SE, Tax Parcel 530 - ((A)) - 6; Parcel ID 027238, from Agricultural District A to Single Family Residential District R-1. The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan. Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comment in-person at the time of this Public Hearing. A copy of the application, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Benjamin Tripp, Planning Director, at (540) 382-6128 ext. 1120 or by email at btripp@christiansburg.org with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

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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. 2008000295, 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: 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

Legals - Montgomery County

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 tracts or parcels of land, with the 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

Legals - Montgomery County

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

Storage Auction at Tuckit In Storage
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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Obenshain

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His cousin, Mark Obenshain, is a state senator from Harrisonburg who ran for state attorney general in 2013. His father ran for the State Senate in 2003.

District 41 is a new district that encompasses parts of Montgomery County (including Blacksburg, Shawsville and Riner) and Roanoke County (including parts of Catawba, Glenvar, Windsor Hills and Cave Spring). The election for this new district will take place this November.

The 41st includes the past 12th, 8th and 7th District.

Obenshain grew up in Roanoke County, graduating from Cave Spring High School, then graduating from Bridgewater College and UVA School of Law before returning to Southwest Virginia to start a legal career, including serving as Assistant Commonwealth's

Attorney in Radford. He was later hired by Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli to work in Richmond before eventually coming back home to Montgomery County to settle down and raise a family.

He also currently serves as a Major in the U.S. Army JAG Corps.

Obenshain said he is the best candidate to win the seat because of a combination of his deep roots and consistent conservative values.

"I'm a life-long Virginian and my family has been in Montgomery County for nearly 100 years," he said. "I have also spent 25 years fighting for the conservative values that most folks in this community share. The values of faith, freedom, and service are central to who I am and are representative of what most of the people in the 41st District believe in."

He also has cited three things that give him the experience to take on this role.

"As a working parent of two kids, I have experienced on a practical level the pressures that working families are dealing with," he said. "As a prosecutor, I have 15 years of experience defending and advocating for Virginia's laws and I have first-hand experience knowing what works and what doesn't when it comes to writing new legislation."

"As a 20-year veteran of the Army Reserve, I have had the experience of leading others, advising Commanders on the law, and fulfilling my oath to preserve and defend the Constitution of the United States," he told supporters during a stop in Radford on Monday night.

"My three main priorities are 1) to stand up for parents and ensure that

they continue to have the right to decide what is best for the health, welfare, and education of their children, 2) to make sure that Virginia remains a state that supports law enforcement, respects the rights of victims of crime, and keeps our communities safe by keeping violent criminals behind bars, and 3) to encourage Virginia to be a place that embraces freedom and growth by expanding and defending our individual rights," Obenshain said.

Lowell Bowman is also running for the Republican nomination which will be decided in a Republican Mass Meeting on Thursday, May 4 at the CrossPointe Conference Center in Christiansburg.

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on April 16, 2007, will be read. Members of the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets will stand in watch for the 24 hours that the candle is lit.

At 9:43 a.m., a brief wreath-laying ceremony and moment of silence will be held at the April 16 Memorial. Student

members of the Virginia Tech Rescue Squad will carry wreaths to the memorial, which will then be placed by Virginia Tech President Tim Sands and Laura Sands and Executive Vice President and Provost Cyril Clarke.

At 11:59 p.m., the

ceremonial candle will be extinguished, and the light will be carried back into Burruss Hall, representing the university's commitment to never forget.

Several other university events, including Black Alumni Reunion, Spring

Family Weekend, and the Spring Game with a kickoff at 3 p.m. Saturday will be held over the April 15-16 weekend. Parking and transportation information is posted online to help those attending any event that weekend. Please visit that website for the latest

information on parking, road closures, and related information.

For more information, visit the We Remember website.

Mark Owczarski for Virginia Tech

Highlander

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will provide," Director of Sales and Marketing Ginger Clark said. "Having this one-of-a-kind property available for conferences, events, family and community celebrations, commencements, sporting events, and more will fill a clearly demonstrated regional need and help bring additional energy and excitement to visiting the area. Our first large group booking takes place next week, and we are eager to show them what Highlander hospitality really means."

The hotel has two restaurants: Red Provisions, which is now open, is a lobby coffee bar that serves breakfast and lunch with Highlander flair.

The signature rooftop restaurant and bar, Bee & Butter, will open later this month and will be led by Executive Chef James Kirby, Sous Chef Amy Murray, and Director of Food and Beverage John O'Conner.

Bee & Butter will offer seasonal menus and signature drinks that feature local ingredients. In addition to outstanding food and beverage, the rooftop location offers stunning views of the Radford University campus and the Blue Ridge mountains that surround the iconic new property.

"The Highlander Hotel, and all its offerings are designed to celebrate and showcase the region's beauty

and bounty," Food and Beverage Director John O'Conner said. "We are certainly looking forward to offering incredible food in a relaxed upscale atmosphere, and to celebrating what it means to be a Highlander all together."

For reservations, and additional hotel and restaurant information, visit the Highlander Hotel's official website at <https://www.highlanderradford.com/>.

To learn more about reserving space for a special meeting, event, conference, or wedding, please call 540-744-1500.

Submitted by Eddy Alexander

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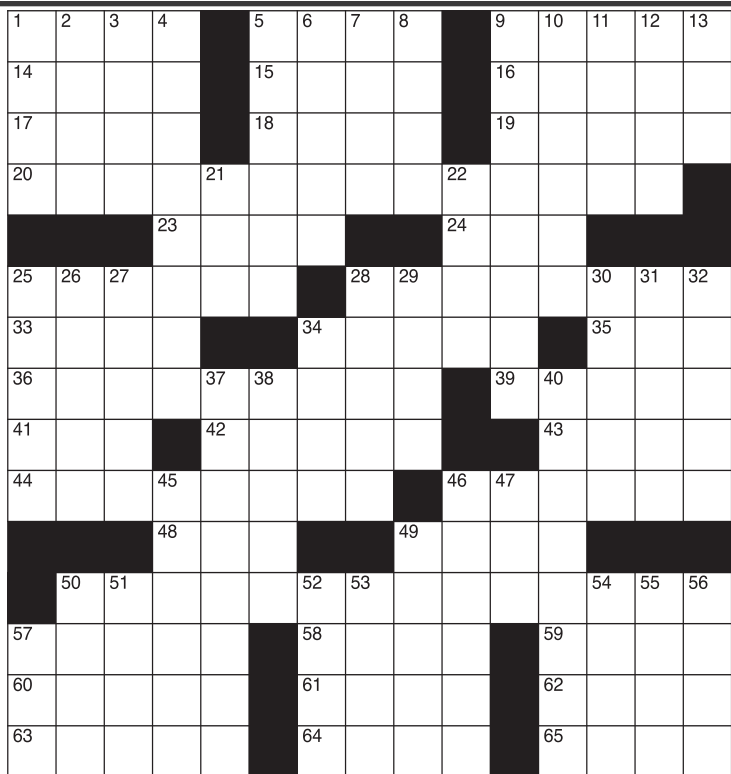
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5. Pesetas (abbr.)
9. So. Am. treeless grassland
14. A fencing sword
15. Do over, as of a house
16. Confederate general Richard S.
17. Seamen
18. Honey bee genus
19. City in central Poland on the Mleczna
20. E. M. Forster novel
23. Jenny __, Swedish soprano
24. Illumined
25. Escargots
28. Surgical clamp
33. Maize
34. Ngerulmud is the Republic's capital

35. __ Jima, WW II battlefield
36. Master copies
39. Jack of little fat
41. Apple or lemon meringue
42. Actress Zellweger
43. At this place
44. Remunerations
46. Removes writing
48. Fit out a ship with sails, etc.
49. Elinor __, British novelist
50. M. Ali's famous boast
57. Damascus is the capital
58. Worldly rather than spiritual
59. Winglike structures
60. Indicating silence
61. Myanmar monetary unit
62. 100 = 1 tala
63. Translucent, greenish variety
of chalcedony

64. Impudence
65. Netherlands river
CLUES DOWN
1. Denotes change of position
2. So. Am. armadillo with 3 bands of bony plates
3. About aviation
4. Repairing worn shoes
5. Decapods
6. Having moderate heat
7. Almost horizontal entrance to a mine
8. Somalian shilling (abbr.)
9. Penetrable
10. To be in store for
11. People of ancient Media
12. A way to work the soil
13. Air-launched missile
21. 1/1000 of an inch
22. __ Mater, one's school
25. Old English poet or bard
26. Persian wheel used to raise water

27. Spirit in "The Tempest"
28. Drag, cart or haul
29. If not; otherwise
30. Coverings for wheels
31. Having cognizance
32. Lugs
34. Sheet of glass in a window
37. Cause annoyance in
38. Sound of a horse
40. Apparition
45. Military land forces
46. Selects by votes
47. A shag rug made in Sweden
49. Anchovy pear tree
50. 8th Jewish calendar month
51. Blood clams genus
52. Benevolent & Protective Order of
53. Birthplace of Buddhism Both __
54. Ancient Greek City aka Velia
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OBITUARIES

Caldwell, Cathy Lyn

Cathy Lyn Caldwell, 61, of Longshop, died Monday, April 3, 2023. She was born in Christiansburg on May 16, 1961. She is survived by her parents, Saford S. and Elsie R. Caldwell; sisters and brother-in-law, Patty and Clayton Allen, and Vicky Caldwell; brother and sister-in-law,



Curtis and Catherine Caldwell; two nieces; one nephew; and four great-nephews. A memorial service was held Thursday, April 6, 2023 in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with John Croft officiating. The family received friends prior to the service.

Martin, Marcy Lynette

Marcy Lynette Martin, 52, of Radford, died Saturday, April 1, 2023, at her home. She was born in Ohio on Sept. 23, 1970. She was preceded in death by her father, Gary Wayne Merryman. She loved her Lord and Savior, family, friends, and Elvis. She is survived by her husband, Timothy Martin; mother, Kay Merryman; daughters and son-in-law,

Kalynn McGuire, Emily McGuire and Troy Albert; granddaughter, Kendra Meredith; sister and brother-in-law, Jamye and Bobby Jones; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Gloria and Dennis Mullins; nieces and nephews; special friends, Cindy Brower and Steven B.B. A visitation was held Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

Clower, Vera Ilene Vest

Vera Ilene Vest Clower, 97, of Christiansburg, died, Monday, April 3, 2023, at Richfield Health Center. Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 2 p.m. in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Mike



Vest officiating. Interment will follow at Sunset Cemetery, Christiansburg. The family will receive friends from 1-2 p.m. prior to the service at the McCoy Funeral Home, 150 Country Club Dr. S.W., Blacksburg.

Spence, Mary Rae McCoy

Mary Rae McCoy Spence, of McCoy, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family April 2, 2023. She was born to the late Hobart and Mary Jane Price McCoy Aug. 13, 1933 in Blacksburg. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 60 years, Rufus Spence. She was also preceded in death by brothers, Duane and Alvin McCoy. She is survived by her two daughters,

Pam Spence Matney and husband, Tony, of Round O, S.C. and Trish Spence Handley and husband, Rob, of Granite Falls, N.C. She is also survived by five granddaughters and one grandson - LeAnn Smith (Harvey), Brandi Horne (Joe), Kelly Shaver (Leroy), Jenna Godbey, John Godbey and Kaitlyn Peters, and nine great grandchildren. See Obituaries, page 6



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 stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Corinthians 15:58.
First Baptist Church on 3rd Ave., 215 Third Ave at the corner with Downey St. We nurture meaningful connections to God and others through worship, spiritual growth, and community ministry. We celebrate the dignity and worth of all persons, created in the image of God. Sunday Bible Study Groups - 9:45, Sunday Worship - 11:00. Website: fbradford.org 540-639-4419. Worship is in-person and live-streamed on Facebook and on our YouTube channel: First Baptist Church Radford.
Trinity Community Church, 1505 N. Franklin Street, C’burg. John Altizer, Lead Pastor, Brian Cockram, Associate Pastor, 382-8121. Worship at 10:45 a.m., Outreach Ministries - 6:00p.m. Wednesday, Growth Groups - 5:00p.m. Sunday, Youth and Children’s Ministry - 5:00p.m. Sunday, www.trinitycburg.org.
CHURCH OF CHRIST
Blacksburg Church of Christ, 315 Eakin St., 552-1331. Sun. Bible Classes 9:30 a.m., Sun. Worship 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m., Wed. Bible classes, 7 p.m., Outreach Minister Curt Seright, Community Minister Tom Gilliam, Dean Meadows, Campus Minister.
CHURCH OF GOD
Childress Church of God, 4187 Piney Woods Rd., C’Burg. 381-3693. Sun. School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m. & Wed. 7 p.m.
New Hope Church of God, 1404 Mud Pike Rd., C’Burg. Rev. T. Michael Bond, pastor, 731-3178. Sun. School 10 a.m., Worship 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m. Thurs., 7:00 p.m.
West Radford Church of God, 1824 West Main Street, Radford, VA 24141, Sunday School – 10:00A.M. Morning Worship – 11:00A.M., Children’s Church 11:00A.M. Sunday Evening – 6:00P.M., Wednesday Night – 7:00P.M., Pastor Danny Newman, Church Office – 540-639-6562 or 804-921-0828
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Radford Church of God in Christ, 206 Russell Ave., Radford. Supt. Ronald A. Watson, Sr.; Elder, 639- 5948. Sun. School 9 a.m.; Prayer 11:30 a.m.; Worship 6 p.m.
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Snowville Christian Church, 5436 Lead Mine Rd., Hiwassee, VA 24347, Pastor: Jerry King, Website: www.SnowvilleChristianChurch.com (and Facebook), Office: 540-633-3761, Email: office@SnowvilleChristianChurch.com, Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 a.m., Sunday School: 10:00 a.m., Thursday Bible Study: 6:00 p.m., We are: “Inspiring hope, helping people grow their faith, and sharing God’s love with others!”
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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 Psalms 37:1 through 38:22

Every one of the world’s billions of people will face injury and illness in life. No one can escape pain and suffering. When we hurt, we usually seek help. We bandage wounds, take medication, visit a physician—all in an effort to gain healing.

Why aren’t we as eager to cure sin? Why don’t we deal with it as we do other ailments? God provided a solution for sin: repent, confess, and forsake the sin. Yet we often ignore it or let it go until it looms full-blown and potentially life-threatening (Psalm 38:5,6).

I confess my iniquity; I am troubled by my sin (Psalm 38:18).

The best time to address sin is when we first experience sin symptoms. It’s best to remove a sliver before it gets infected, even though it may cause momentary discomfort. In the same way we should dig out any scrap of embedded sin before it leads to something worse.

Jesus is our Great Physician and the Bible our spiritual medicine chest. Our Divine Doctor prescribes daily doses as preventative treatment against sin.

Thought for Today: What remedy do you find today in God’s Word?

Quicklook: Psalm 38:8–18

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St. Michael Lutheran Church, 2308 Merrimac Road, Blacksburg, VA 24060. Worship service each Sunday at 10 AM, Sunday School 9 AM. We are a community of God’s people where people gather for worship, learning and service. Visitors and new members are always WELCOME! Google comments: “Wonderful, welcoming congregation...A place where all are truly welcome... Nice, friendly, competent staff.” You will like our minister, The Rev. Michelle L. Stramiello. Her previous service was as Family Faith Formation Director at Cross and Crown Lutheran Church, Indianapolis, IN, Pastor of St Matthew Lutheran Church, Paducah, KY, and Hospice Chaplain in Largo, Fl. St. Michael started and administers Micah’s Backpack which has great community impact, Micah’s Soup for Seniors, Micah’s Garden, Closet, and Mini Pantry. Also, partnering with Rainbow Riders and Total Action for Progress, we opened open the first Early Childhood Head Start in our community (6 weeks to age 3), and have numerous other programs including a Justice & Mercy Fund providing assistance for those needing emergency assistance with critical bills. Further St. Michael sponsors an awesome Scouting program of Boy & Girl Scout Troops, Venture Scouts for older youth, and a new Cub Pack for girls & boys kindergarten - 5th grade. Directions: From Price’s Fork Road, turn onto Merrimac Road and St. Michael is 3/10ths of a mile down on the left. For more information about any of our activities: Phone 540 951-8951. Email hope@stmcl.us or visit our Website www.st-michael-lutheran-church.org
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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.
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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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Mary is also survived by special friends, Blake McCoy, who she called her angel, and Lisa Langdale, who enjoyed visiting her, and her brother and sister-in-law, John and Frances McCoy.

Mary Rae was loved by all who met her. She served in the Tazewell County School System for 30 years and served many churches where Rufus was interim pastor. Even her final caregivers loved taking care of her. One of her favorite things was to play Rook with her family,

and she would stay up all night doing so. She also enjoyed going on trips with Rufus, John and Frances.

Her family would like to thank Catawba Valley Medical Center nurses, CNAs, therapists and especially Dr Le who took excellent care of her.

Visitation was held at McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg, on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, and the funeral followed, with interment at McCoy Family Cemetery in McCoy, Va.

Stong, Dr. Todd Darrah

Dr. Todd Darrah Stong, 83, of Philadelphia, Pa., died peacefully with his family by his side on Friday evening, March 31, 2023.

He was predeceased by his father, Harold Philip Stong, and mother, Julia Battis McCullen, as well as his brothers Blaine Stong, Philip Stong, and Harold Stong.

Todd is survived by his wife, Ann Vivian (Jacobsen) Strong; daughter, Melanie Davis (Glenn); and six sons, Gayvin Stong (Susan), Nathan Stong (Luanne), Ian Stong (Samira), Tim Stong (Susan), Matthew Stong (Lan Chih) and Todd (Jared) Stong (Sara); and his four sisters, Carol Huey, Sherry Davis, Holly Bradford, and Meg Mehl. In addition, he is survived by 19 grandsons, five granddaughters, and 48 great-grandchildren.

Todd was born on Dec. 14, 1939 and was the first of eight children. At four years old, his family moved to a home with no electricity or telephone, outside of Downingtown, Pa. After working to fix the home, his Dad was called to serve in the war, leaving Jule to manage the family. Todd had many adventures growing up, including a pyrotechnic episode that set him back a grade in school. He spoke of the family cow, Tiny, that was prone to leave the fenced pasture to eat green corn and get drunk. Attaining the honor of valedictorian of his high school class was the beginning of his many honors and awards.

Todd attended college at West Point Military Academy (top 10% of his class), Purdue University, and received his Doctorate of Engineering from the

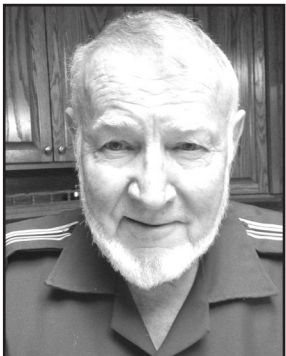
University of New Mexico. Todd served in the military for 27 years before retiring as a Colonel in the Army Corp of Engineers. He graduated from Airborne and Army Ranger training, and received 12 military awards, including three Bronze stars and two Legion of Merit awards. Todd then worked four

more years at a private company, before doing humanitarian work for 30 years around the globe in Africa, Asia and most recently Mexico. His projects included bridge building, water treatment, sewer treatment, fish production, agriculture, childhood liver disease research, and various research projects. He was always looking for projects that could provide jobs for others.

As a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Todd served in many positions throughout the world, including, as a bishop. He loved genealogy and helped many to find their ancestors as well. Todd has helped many people throughout the world through his caring and concern. He was always willing to share his love of Jesus Christ and provide counsel and advice to others.

Funeral services will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 6, 2023, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at 900 Pendleton Street, Radford. The family will receive friends prior to the service from 10 until 11:30 a.m.

The Stong family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford.



Virginia gas prices on the rise

Average gasoline prices in Virginia have risen 9.4 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.40/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 4,081 stations in Virginia. Prices in Virginia are 26.5 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 66.0 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has fallen 3.7 cents in the last week and stands at \$4.16 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Virginia was priced at \$2.75/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$4.05/g, a difference of \$1.30/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$2.75/g while the highest was \$4.05/g, a difference of \$1.30/g.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 8.7 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.49/g today. The national average is up 11.3 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 68.9 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Historical gasoline prices in Virginia and the national average going back ten years:

- April 3, 2022: \$4.06/g (U.S. Average: \$4.17/g)
- April 3, 2021: \$2.73/g (U.S. Average: \$2.87/g)
- April 3, 2020: \$1.82/g (U.S. Average: \$1.91/g)
- April 3, 2019: \$2.50/g (U.S. Average: \$2.72/g)
- April 3, 2018: \$2.48/g (U.S. Average: \$2.66/g)
- April 3, 2017: \$2.15/g (U.S. Average: \$2.33/g)

- April 3, 2016: \$1.90/g (U.S. Average: \$2.06/g)
- April 3, 2015: \$2.20/g (U.S. Average: \$2.40/g)
- April 3, 2014: \$3.42/g (U.S. Average: \$3.56/g)
- April 3, 2013: \$3.55/g (U.S. Average: \$3.64/g)

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:
Roanoke- \$3.25/g, up 6.3 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.19/g.
Richmond- \$3.43/g, up 11.9 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.31/g.
West Virginia- \$3.41/g, up 10.8 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.30/g.
"With oil prices continuing their climb last week, gasoline prices were pushed higher across much of the country. But, the real headline happened this weekend when OPEC+ members unexpectedly decided to cut over a million barrels per day of oil production, sending oil prices back over \$80 per barrel. More significant jumps at the pump are likely coming down the pipeline," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "While demand has been somewhat soft this spring, the move to cut oil production ahead of the busiest months for consumption certainly sends a message that OPEC+ countries are aligned in their desire for consumers to pay more. While the initial impact to consumers could be 10 to 20 cents at the pump, there could be further developments in the days or weeks ahead that enhance the impact, especially as motorists prepare for the summer driving season."

- Gas Buddy

Mission Jazz 2.0 strikes a chord for healthcare in the New River Valley

BLACKSBURG - Music meets medicine as Mission Jazz 2.0 comes to the Eastern Divide Brewing Company in Blacksburg on April 20, 2023.

It's a full evening of smooth jazz for a cause.

Admission to Mission Jazz 2.0 is free, and Eastern Divide Brewing will contribute \$1 for each drink (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) purchase to Blacksburg Battles Cancer and the Community Health Center of the New River

Valley. The Eastern Divide will have their kitchen menu available.

The event starts at 4 p.m. with music from the Highlands Jazz Trio opening. The Jared Gibbs Trio follows at 5 p.m., with the Vince Lewis Trio taking the stage at 6 p.m. The popular Lenny Marcus Trio plays at 7 p.m., and the Virginia Tech Jazz Ensemble will close out the evening at 8 p.m. The flagship ensemble of the Virginia Tech jazz studies program, the group performs big band classics of all eras and contributions from emerging artists and student arrangers.

Mission Jazz is supported by Blue Ridge Cancer Care; Dr. Cathy Callahan and Dr. Jerry Goldschmidt; Carilion



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Submitted by the Community Health Center of the NRV

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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
STREET'S 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.

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RADFORD SPORTS

Hokie seeking to become big hitter in different sport

After a decade spent legally hitting humans with as much viciousness as possible, James Anderson has transitioned to hitting a certain object with just as much ferocity.

Anderson '05, a former Virginia Tech linebacker who spent 10 seasons in the NFL with four teams, has traded in his cleats for golf spikes, his helmet and shoulder pads for a driver, and the violent world of football for the sophisticated world of golf.

A little more than a year ago, Anderson, who graduated from Virginia Tech with a bachelor's degree in studio art and a master's degree in education, embarked on a career as a long drive competitor. To those unfamiliar with golf and with long drive competitions, the rules are simple: use a United States Golf Association-approved driver, swing as hard as possible, and try to hit a golf ball as far as possible while – and here's the difficult part – also landing it within a grid roughly 45 to 60 yards wide.

"When I was playing in the NFL, I didn't realize I was retired yet," Anderson said. "That usually happens to most guys, so I spent a year, maybe a year and a half, still training and

working out [in Los Angeles], trying to figure out what was going on.

"I ended up moving to Fort Lauderdale initially and then down to Miami, and I end up playing golf here with Wes Patterson [a professional long drive competitor]. He currently is still one of the top 15 to 20 guys in the world of long drive. I hit a few balls, and he's like, 'Hey, bro, you know you drive the ball pretty well. You've got a good name, clean background, you played in the NFL. There aren't any guys on the long drive tour that have your story. Why don't you give it a shot? You can probably be competitive. You're an athlete. You can figure it out.' So that started my long drive journey."

With his wife's blessing, Anderson, who lives in Miami with his wife and two young daughters, began preparing for a career. He started in the weight room, saying that he spent six or seven months working on his body. Tight hips and shoulders from years of football training and several injuries over the years originally hindered him from making a full turn golf swing.

Once he got his body in condition, the Chesapeake, Virginia, native started working with Trevor Salzman,



PHOTO COURTESY OF VT ATHLETICS

James Anderson first played football for the Hokies and later played a decade in the NFL. Now he is continuing his athletic pursuits in the world of golf as a long drive competitor.

a noted swing instructor in Aventura, Florida, on his swing. He spent hours hitting balls during each practice session.

"Golf is one of those things where you need repetition," Anderson said. "You've got to condition your body to do it."

Anderson participated as an amateur in several Professional Long Drive Association events this past summer, and he finished in the top four in two of them. He said his longest drive was

390 yards.

Originally, Anderson wanted to win, but he quickly realized that his rookie season would be one of learning. He hopes the lessons learned translate into future success.

"When you look at long drive, it highlights this thing about golf and kind of amps it up and almost puts it on steroids," he said. "It's a driver swing,"

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GRAPHIC COURTESY OF PULASKI RIVER TURTLES

River Turtles launch new initiative

The Pulaski River Turtles have partnered with Foresight Design Services to introduce a new community service initiative benefiting the Town of Pulaski.

Comprised of Pulaski River Turtles players, team members and front office staff, the "Pitch-In Program" will debut in June with the initial mission of roadside beautification on streets throughout the Town of Pulaski during the 2023 Appalachian League season.

The program is aimed at fostering a stronger community through service that builds character within while building relationships with others. The team's goal will be a total of 150 hours of community service by season's end.

"Community service has long been an integral part of what the Appalachian League is all about. This season we're taking our community service efforts to the next level with the creation

of this new program, and we're thankful that Foresight Design Services has embraced the idea and signed on to partner with us on the program," says Pulaski River Turtles General Manager JW Martin. "We know this will not only be impactful for the town, but it will have a positive impact on our athletes as well."

In addition to the team's efforts, fans of the Pulaski River Turtles can participate in the "Pitch-In Program" by volunteering at local nonprofits. Beginning in April, fans that complete two hours of community service will be eligible to receive a free Pitch-In shirt and two General Admission Flex tickets to any Appalachian League home game at Calfee Park in 2023. Participants will be required to show a work receipt from the nonprofit or community service organizer in order to obtain the giveaways. Fans interested in learning more about the "Pitch-In Program" are encouraged

to call the Calfee Park Main Office at 540-980-1070.

Foresight Design Services is a Civil Engineering and Surveying land development design firm in Christiansburg, Va. Foresight Design Services works with clients in both the public and private sectors to design land development projects that will impact communities in the New River Valley in a positive way.

Calfee Park opened in 1935 and was renovated for the organization's first season under the ownership of the Shelor Motor Mile in 2015. The organization is celebrating its 57th season in the Appalachian League in 2023. Pulaski teams have a combined all-time record of 252-207 (248-199 regular season) in the Appalachian League, and boast five league championships: 1948, 1969, 1986, 1991 and 2013.

Submitted by the Pulaski River Turtles

Hokie Club drive exceeds 25,000 donors for second year

BLACKSBURG - Virginia Tech Athletics and the Hokie Club are pleased to announce the fundraising drive year came to a successful close on March 1, 2023, and Hokie Club membership exceeded 25,000 for the second consecutive year, once again putting Virginia Tech athletics amongst the ACC programs with the largest donor bases.

The Hokie Scholarship Fund accumulated over \$17 million in annual fundraising for the second straight year. Sport-specific fundraising exceeded \$2 million for the needs of the university's 22 varsity sports. The Reach for Excellence campaign progressing well past its halfway mark of \$200 million since its inception in 2020.

"Our donors once again displayed

their passion in ensuring the best possible future for our student-athletes in Blacksburg," Director of Athletics Whit Babcock said. "This was another impressive showing for our department, but an even more impressive effort from the greatest fans in collegiate athletics."

"The idea of reaching 25,000 donors was almost unthinkable in 2016, and we just reached that mark for the second year in a row," Babcock said. "We have a bright future ahead of us in Blacksburg. Our fans have bought into the idea that we are stronger together than we are apart. We can all drive in the same direction and 'Reach for Excellence' together."

Virginia Tech Athletics

Dehart racquetball tourney winners announced



PHOTO COURTESY OF RADFORD PARKS AND RECREATION

The Radford Department of Parks and Recreation recently held the Dave Dehart Racquetball Tournament. Pictured are: (from left) Dave Deisel and Lew Davis, second place, and Houston Teethers and Sean Gayner, first place.

Another reason to beware of ticks while hunting spring gobblers

Saturday, April 22nd the 7th Annual Old Dominion One Shot Turkey Hunt gets underway.

The Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) is thankful for our hunters, landowners, guides, and sponsors, and to this unique partnership between the DWR and The Wildlife Foundation of Virginia (WV). The One Shot also provides opportunities to connect with others during the Guide Dinner and Guide/Hunter Gathering and Evening Celebration at Bass Pro Shops. Collectively, the two entities are

working together to promote the hunting heritage through increased access and youth programming.

The upcoming One Shot Turkey Hunt will support our military and 1st Responder community through offering hunt scholarship to Gold Star Family kids, and the DWR will continue the One Shot tradition to support wounded warriors, 1st Responder community, and youth. They will also continue to engage hunters throughout Virginia who want to hunt some of the most exclusive properties with experienced

guides. And like last year, they will have the popular return of the Youth Essay Contest to fill scholarships.

The popular guide and hunter planning dinner will continue, as will the post-hunt festivities at Ashland Bass Pro Shops. The scoring system will still involve an aggregate calculation related to measurement of the bird's beard, spurs, and weight. This year will have the Ashland Bass Pro Shops store as the only official scoring site. Birds are typically scored as soon as the hunter can get the gobbler to the store. There isn't a single

"weigh-in" style event like one might see at a major bass fishing tournament.

So, year #7 brings more opportunities as the DWR celebrates the hunting heritage in Virginia, and the people and lands that make it great.

Got questions? Please contact Jenny West, Executive Director, Wildlife Foundation of Virginia, jwest@vawildlife.org, 757-880-2362 (mobile), if you have further questions.

- Radford News Journal staff report

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Radford girls down Giles in soccer



Kora Epperly dribbles past a Giles defender in Radford's 8-0 win on Tuesday.



Kendall Carpenter shoots on goal in Tuesday's match.



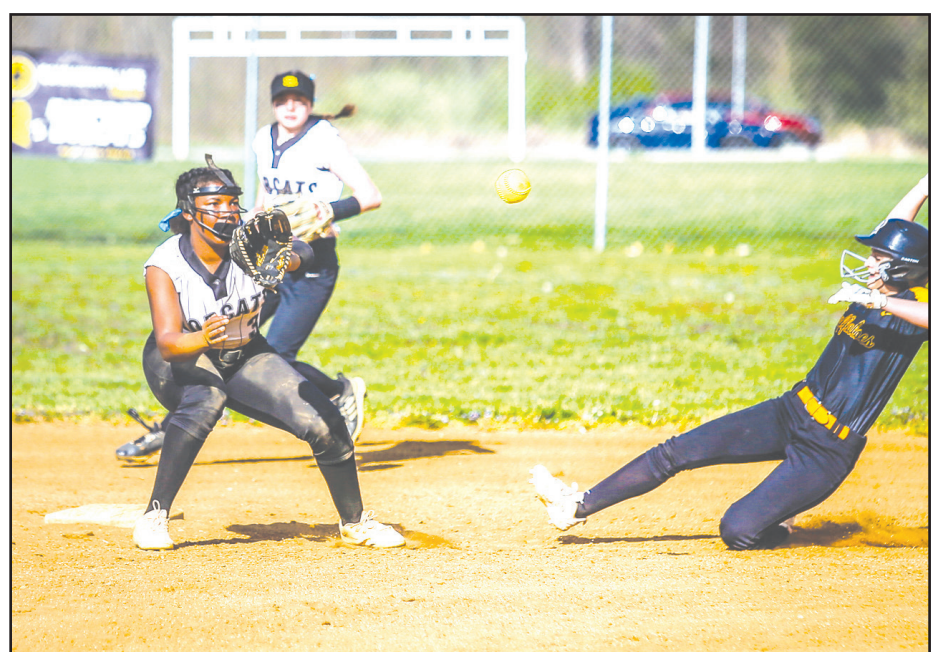
Lauren Owens scores a goal to put the Bobcats' up 7-0.

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Radford softball falls to Floyd



Kira Rollins times the pitch in Tuesday's game vs Floyd County, which the Buffaloes won 19-4.



Kaydence Rollins receives the throw from the catcher for a base-runner trying to steal second.

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but it's to the extreme. You're trying to get back from a rotation. ... Like you take everything that's athletic about a golf swing, and you're really trying to max it out. I enjoy that intensity.

"The thing about golf is it's just you. The competition's against yourself. I like the fact that you can get in your own head and be competitive with yourself to figure out who you are on the course because the game of golf will show you who you are."

Anderson, though, is more than just a golfer these days. He also serves as the vice president of a creative agency, putting his degree in studio art from Virginia Tech to good use, and he's working with a tech start-up attempting to create artificial intelligence software for use by schools, churches, and businesses to identify weapons on people. As a girl dad, he jumped at the opportunity to get involved in this project.

In addition, Anderson is pursuing another

passion. Shortly after moving to South Florida, Anderson enrolled at the University of Miami, and in 2020, he earned an MBA.

While doing so, Anderson became involved with a research project that served as his final thesis. The project called for developing a research institute and educational curriculum for children and their fathers. The name of the program is The Intentional Dad.

"If you look at resources that are made available, there are a lot of things for moms, help books and seminars and all this kind of stuff," Anderson said. "On the father's side, there are two issues. There aren't as many resources made available, and a lot of fathers aren't present for whatever scenario. Then, a lot of times how men are raised from an emotional standpoint — the whole mantra of men don't cry, you got to be tough, you got to do all these kinds of things."

"Sometimes that

doesn't allow us to be emotionally available for our children. We haven't historically done a good job at conflict resolution. ... From that standpoint, offering men resources to help them deal with those things as well as conflict, I think is key, and it's missing."

So many varying interests keep Anderson's schedule full, but despite the demands, he remains committed to becoming a success in his ventures, including on the long drive tour. The competitions, held throughout the United States, start later this spring. Being retired from football does not mean being retired as an athlete for him, and those competitive urges leave him anxiously awaiting.

"I wanted to give myself a chance to be competitive," Anderson said. "If I didn't give myself an honest chance to be competitive, then did I really do it? ... If I'm going to invest this kind of money and invest in this kind of time, then I better be committed to win and try to really be competitive, or at this point, there's no point in really doing it."

*Jimmy Robertson,
Virginia Tech Athletics*

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