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City staff presents 2024 budget to Radford City Council

Heather Bell
Editor

RADFORD—City Manager David Ridpath presented Radford City Council with a balanced budget for fiscal year 2024 with no tax increases at a March 29 presentation.

The \$34,033,899 total budget does include an increase in the water and sewer charge but does not include an increase in real estate tax, meals tax, lodging or other taxes.

“Breathe a sigh of relief,” said Ridpath. “There is no tax rate increase proposed in this budget.”

“We tried to be conservative and base the budget practically, based on trends,” he added.

Of that \$34 million-plus total budget, 43 percent represents the general fund, 36 percent is the electric fund, the water/wastewater fund is eight percent, transit is seven percent, the street fund is four percent, and the solid waste fund is two percent.

Revenues for the general fund come from the following primary sources: property tax- 31 percent; state and federal funds- 22 percent; local taxes including the local portion of sales tax, meals taxes, and lodging- 15 percent. The city will also transfer \$3,714,796 from electric sales revenue into the general fund.

The breakdown of spending categories for the city includes 28 percent for public safety, 26 percent for education, 13 for health and welfare, 11 for general government administration, eight for leisure services, five for judicial administration, four for public works, three for debt service and two for planning and community development.

Water charges will increase by \$4 for the first 4,000 gallons of water, meaning the minimum charge will go from \$16.32 a month to \$20.32. Wastewater (sewer) rates will increase by \$ for the first 2,000, taking the minimum charge from \$12.24 a month to \$14.24.

The budget includes a seven percent COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) raise for city employees.

The next step in the budget process is a public hearing on Monday, April 10 during the regularly scheduled city council meeting, which begins at 7 p.m.



Jesse Landolf (left) and Zoe Keith (right) dance as Frey Benedele's Claudio watches on.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF RADFORD UNIVERSITY Queen (right) pontificates as Beatrice in an early rehearsal as Ursula, played by Zoe Keith (left) attends to Hero, played by Meagan Cox.

Shakespeare returns to Radford

Sean Kotz
Radford University

On Tuesday, April 4, Radford's Department of Theater and Cinema will partake in its oldest tradition with the performance of Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing."

The play, which runs through Sunday, April 9, will be the 17th time the Bard has graced the boards of the Radford stage.

Director Molly Hood describes Much Ado About Nothing as a comedy that inches dangerously close to tragedy, offering a wide array of emotions and themes. From Hood's perspective, Shakespeare is "the Olympics of acting" and she's impressed with the performances her 21st Century students have put forward on a play first performed more than 400 years ago.

"The text demands articulation, deep understanding of language and motivation of character, as well as peak physical strength and endurance," Hood explained. "It is fantastic training for actors, and the techniques and skills used to perform Shakespeare's plays are immediately applicable to modern acting work."

Much Ado About Nothing is a perfect play for actors to hone those skills since it offers the intricacy, layered language and physicality Shakespeare is known for.

The play entwines two complimentary storylines related to love. The centerpiece is the courtship of a noble maiden, Hero, by a respected soldier, Claudio. The seemingly perfect couple inspires jealousy and soon a plot is launched to tear them apart.

Meanwhile, in true Shakspearian style, Beatrice and Benedick have both sworn off love and there is a parallel plot to bring them together.

For senior Theater major Frey Benedele, the key to making Shakespeare work today is envisioning the characters, situations and even the jokes in a modern context first. Benedele says playing Claudio demands a range of expression within the character that makes him relatable to modern audiences.

"He's this very pure and noble character who, throughout the plot, is forced to do some ignoble things because of the conspiracy against him," Benedele explained. "In the first act, I am playing this really great guy who everyone describes as wonderful and then I make this terrible, boneheaded move and I hurt people." The sometime raucous and sometimes tender role of Beatrice, one of Shakespeare's wittiest characters, falls to an actress known simply as Queen, whose ability to enliven a scene makes her the perfect choice.

For Queen, a senior, this is a dream role, a chance to explore a character who is one thing to the outside world but quite another on the inside.

"You have some scenes where you have to be that tough woman and you give wit back and forth with Benedick," Queen said. "But then you find out there are some affections in your name and there may be some love. You get a bit vulnerable."

Zoe Keith, a junior, plays multiple roles which

require not just quick costume changes but whole character shifts.

"Only one of my characters is female," Keith said, referencing Ursula, the gossipy handmaid to Hero. Her other characters are men with serious demeanors.

"It's been a journey differentiating them, but it's my favorite thing to do as an actor," Keith said.

Shakespearean theater at Radford University began with a production of A Midsummer Night's Dream, in February 1968, when The Department of Dramatic Arts and Speech was brand new and the school was still called Radford College.

General admission was \$1.00 and even students had to jangle out 50 cents. (Today, plays are free for students.) Given that the production budget for the entire first season was only \$100, this is more than understandable.

The most famous role of the play, the mischievous Puck, went to first year student Debbie Twardy, who got her picture in the Roanoke Times. The "skimpiness" of the costumes for both men and women created quite a buzz, according to Beall. "The fairies literally had bra cups and chiffon wings glued to their bodies," Beall said. "Back in the day, we did not have a costumer on staff, so a student would step up. The girl who played Titania the Fairy Queen, Tammy Scruggs, was also the costumer and I was a work-study student in the costume shop."

As for official notices, the Tartan staff were impressed, saying that "the costume design was highly praised by all who attended."

A Midsummer Night's Dream remains the most produced Shakespeare play on Radford's campus with a third production taking place in 2003. Overall, the department has leaned toward comedies and As You Like It, Twelfth Night, and The Comedy of Errors have been produced twice each.

The most curious of Shakespeare's work on the Radford stage was an April 1998 production of "Look in Thy Glass." If that doesn't strike a chord with theater fans, that's because it is not a play but rather a stage adaptation of his sonnets.

Tragedies have seen less stage time over the years, but Romeo and Juliet has been produced twice (in 1974 and 2011) and Macbeth hit the stage first in 1999 and again in 2019, the most recent Shakespearean offering.

Joshua Mullins played the ill-fated Banquo in "The Scottish Play" which most Radford performers and technicians refer to as "Mackers" in honor of the long-standing theater superstition of not saying the play's name during production.

Though Banquo does nothing against Macbeth, he orders his assignation as he seeks to avoid the unpleasant side of the witches' prophesy. Banquo is viciously attacked in one of Shakespeare's bloodiest scenes.

"I was then dragged off stage right to quickly change into an identical costume (kilt and all), except this one had been literally dragged through the mud," Mullins mused.

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Country band Little Texas is coming to New River Community College Friday, April 28.

Tickets on sale for Little Texas concert at NRCC

Country band Little Texas will perform Friday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m. at New River Community College in Dublin.

The event is part of the NRCC 2022-2023 Concert Series.

Tickets for the show are on sale now. Reserved seating tickets are \$35 in advance and available for purchase online only at www.nr.edu/concerts. General seating tickets are \$25 in advance and available online or in-person at the NRCC Business Office, 23 Godbey Hall, Dublin and Pulaski County Visitor Center (cash and checks only for in-person sales). General seating tickets will be \$30, and reserved seating tickets will be \$40 when purchased at the door.

In the early '90s, as a new brand of country music was commanding the airwaves, there was a First Time for Everything. With its debut album, Little Texas burst onto the scene with songs written, recorded, and performed exclusively by the members themselves, quickly becoming one of the top vocal bands of the decade. Thousands of shows and eight albums later (with over 7 million units sold) and celebrating the 30th year of its debut appearance on the country music charts, it's easy to understand why the group earned the moniker "Hardest Working Band in Country Music." During its heyday, Little Texas racked up 12 Top 20 singles (with seven Top 10s and three consecutive No. 1s in a 12-month period) and received multiple Grammy, CMA and ACM nominations, winning the ACM for Top Vocal Group of 1993. To date, band members have continued to write or co-write, record, and play every note on every single they've released. Since that time, Little Texas has continued to tour constantly and released an independent studio album in 2015, Young for a Long Time. The group currently consists of original band members Porter Howell (lead guitar and lead vocals), Dwayne O'Brien (rhythm guitar and vocals), Duane Propes (bass and vocals), and drummer Del Gray.

NRCC is a Crooked Road, Virginia's Heritage Music Trail, affiliated venue. Doors will open for the show at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.nr.edu/concerts. Questions may be directed to Tim Jones at 540-674-3625.

-Submitted by New River Community College

RADFORD ART SHOW

JUNE 5 - AUG. 5 | DEADLINE: MAY 1, 2023
RECEPTION: FRIDAY JUNE 9 | 5:00 - 7:00 PM
RADFORD UNIVERSITY ART MUSEUM ON TYLER



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Artist submissions now open for Radford Art Show

RADFORD – The City of Radford and Radford University are collaborating on a community art show this summer.

The Radford University Art Museum on Tyler will host the Radford Art Show, a "juried art exhibition of recent works by regional artists" that is "a collaborative partnership between Radford University and the City of Radford," according to the Call for Artists announced by the university. "The event has been widely successful in the past, with thanks in part to support from the City of Radford."

Artists have until May 1 to submit art for the show. Details on submission can be found at <https://connect.radford.edu/radford-art-show>.

Travis Head, a Virginia Tech professor of visual art, will be the juror for the show. The show will include awards and cash prizes and is open to the residents of Radford and the surrounding region of Southwestern Virginia. Entry is open to all artists over the age of 18 working in any media. T

The exhibition opens in June of 2023, extending through the last weekend of July as to conclude following the Mary Draper Ingles Festival in Radford. The exhibit, reception, and award announcements will be held at Radford University Art Museum's Tyler Gallery, at 214 Tyler Avenue on June 9, 2023 from 5-7 p.m.

-News Journal Staff Report

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 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.

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.

PETS OF THE WEEK



Beau

Beau is ready to sniff out his forever home and he has been a resident at the Animal Care and Adoption Center for a short time. He's a happy dog who loves treats. He will need some lessons in basic doggie manners.

Mocha is an energetic boy who likes to fetch and play with squeaky toys and ropes. He knows some commands and enjoys tasty treats. Mocha will do best in a home where he is the only dog. Stop by the Animal Care and Adoption Center to meet this pawsome dog!

These pets and many others are available for adoption at the Montgomery County Animal Care and Adoption Center, 480 Cinnabar Rd., Christiansburg. Phone: (540) 382-5795.



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LAND TRANSFERS

March 2023 Land Transfers

ALG Trustee LLC Substitute Trustee to Rocket Rentals LLC, 2007000059, \$100,000
 Progress Street Builders Inc. to Melissa D Nipper, Lot 97 Heritage Place PH IV-B Riner Magisterial District, \$643,098
 Kipps Farms LLC to Stateson Homes LLC, Lot 139 Westhill Subdivision Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$118,160
 Kipps Farms LLC to Stateson Homes LLC, Lot 44 Westhill Subdivision Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$134,750
 Bernard A Wojciechowski to Bernard A Wojciechowski, 0.6029 Acres Lot 3 Clark Minor Subdivision Riner Magisterial District
 Frederic Lachance to Steven M Allen, 5.46 Acres Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$775,000
 Madeline Carol Wood Trust to Ernest Duane Adkins, Lot 15 Meadow Hill Metes And Bounds Town of Christiansburg, \$270,000
 Kevin Gilbarte to Justin W Gilbarte, Lot 25 Dundas Heights Town of Blacksburg, \$326,000
 Brian Shabanowitz to Kristopher Burton Williams, Lot 503 Blacksburg Country Club Section 3 Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$900,000
 Darlene F Ratcliff to Justin Michael Boblitt, 14.770 Acre Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$285,000
 Eleanor R Curtis to Eleanor R Curtis Trust, 0.2389 Acres Lot 3 Town of Christiansburg
 Robber Hamilton Ballagh III to Virginia Lee Edwards, 0.759 Acres Lot 1 Prices Fork Magisterial District
 Land of Eden LLC to Brion K Graves Executor, Lots 1-5 Bethany Court Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$1,286,345
 John R Johnson to John R Johnson Trustee, Lot 12-C Silver Leaf Lane Townhomes Town of Blacksburg
 Donna Kennedy Crawford Executor to Abbot Bowman LLC, Metes and Bounds See Legal, \$92,500
 Daniel L Wheeler Jr. to Wheeler Living Trust, Lot N9 and Lot N10 Prices Fork Magisterial District
 Jason B Taylor to Krishnakumar Patel, Lot 5 Hunters Ridge PH 3 Town of Christiansburg, \$212,000
 Laura Evelyn Spafford to Elizabeth Dodrill, 1 Acre and 4.5 Acres Riner Magisterial District, \$45,000
 Oak Creek Capital LLC to NRV Capital LLC, Lot 36 PH 5 Section 2 Oak Manor Townhouses Town of Blacksburg, \$319,999
 Bertie C Sweeney to Diana Bocoock Trust, Lot 58 Edgewood Town of Christiansburg
 Lincoln I LLC to Gravity Real Estate Holdings I LLC, Parcel 1 Town of Christiansburg
 Macaneki Holdings LLC to The Hix 411 Property Limited Condo Unit # H Building 1440 Hunters Ridge Condos of Blacksburg Town of Blacksburg, \$242,000
 Michael Hespeneide to Caihong Zhou, Lot 13 Lions Gate Planned Community, \$349,000
 David R Stephens to Darren P Lloyd, 1.342 Acres Lot 1 Riner Magisterial District, \$425,000
 Jack Wilkinson to Louis Kost, 1.65 Acres Tract A Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$49,900
 Carolyn J Zeigler to Carolyn J Zeigler, Lot 78 McBryde Village Section 3 Town of Blacksburg
 Mode A Johnson to Mode A Johnson Trust, Lot 72 PH 2-B The Village at Tom's Creek Town of Blacksburg
 Maria Ann Hamlin to Maria Ann Hamlin, 2 Acres Tract 1C Riner Magisterial District
 Maria Ann Hamlin to Linda Charlene Duncan, 2.056 Acres Tract 1A Riner Magisterial District
 Maria Ann Hamlin to Patrick Hamlin, 1 Acre Tract 1B Riner Magisterial District
 Donald R Robinson to Donald R Robinson; 3 Parcels: 69.95 Acres, 47.1626 Acres, 9.2775 Acres New Parcel 1 Riner Magisterial District; \$0
 Lisa P Galloway to Mark Jason Parks, Family Unit 70-E Building #3-Y Piedmont At Blacksburg PH 3-A Town of Blacksburg, \$52,000
 Bradford C Kirby to Roberta Boyea, 1 Acre Lot 1 Riverside Estates PH 2 Riner Magisterial District, \$490,000
 Everone LLC to Kellen Spencer Campbell, Lot 29 PH 2 Springview Subdivision Riner Magisterial District, \$187,450
 Jeffrey L Riblet to James K Thompson, Condo Unit 1206-J PH 2 University Terrace Condos Town of Blacksburg, \$260,000
 Scot S Farthing Trust to Douglas Sink, 6.21 Acres, \$40,501
 Robert L Pienkowski to Sara Joy Pienkowski, Lot 75 Highland Park Addition Town of Blacksburg
 Rodney D Schnurr to Ryan Rodney Schnurr, Unity 23 PH 5 Vista Pointe Subdivision Town of Blacksburg
 William G Reasor to Designdesk Inc, 3,739 Acres New Lot Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$65,000
 Mark W Tuck to Matthew C Olmstead, Lot 4 PH 1 Haymarket Square Townhouses Section 1 Town of Blacksburg, \$322,500
 Debora Elizabeth Zachary to Timberlake Capital Investment LLC; Lot 18, 19, 20 Snidow Heights Town of Christiansburg; \$180,000
 Angela C Shumate to Bridgette Creed Bradley, 4.857

Acres New Parcel 59-2-8D Shawsville Magisterial District
 Daved Gerard Verbano Jr to Ramit Singh, Lot 6 The Villas on North Main PH 1 Town of Blacksburg, \$415,000
 Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to Pennymac Loan Services LLC, 6.082 Acres Tract C Wilson Run Subdivision, \$10
 Hamilton Mckenzie Garland to Danbury Limited, Lot 600 Preston Forest PH 4 Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$120,000
 Phillip Odom LLC to Christiana Abraham, Lot 4 Oak Tree PH 11 Town of Christiansburg, \$251,000
 R Fralin Construction Inc to Roy W Hilt, Lot 25 The Villas on North Main PH 1 Town of Blacksburg, \$534,950
 Arlene H Cecil to Douglas H Snider, Lot 8 J.S. Phillips Estates Riner Magisterial District
 Christopher Morris to Jones Real Estate Investment Agency, 1.30 Acres Metes and Bounds Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$38,000
 R Bruce Cunningham to George Stewart Burk II, 4.220 Acres Lot 17 Smithcreek Subdivision Riner Magisterial District, \$870,000
 Saurabh Chakravarty to Olalekan Olugbenga Kaka, Lot 61 PH 4 New River Village Town of Christiansburg, \$333,000
 Joe C Parrish to Parrish Living Trust, 3 Parcels
 Lois G Price to Christopher Carroll Price, Lot 3 Section 2 Hardie Hills Subdivision Town of Blacksburg
 Gary Wayne Ratliff to Gary Wayne Ratcliff, 1.75 Acres Metes and Bounds Parcel 1 and 5.42 Acres Tract 1 Less and Except 1.36 Acres lot 1 Parcel 2
 The Partners III LLC to Daniel L Musselman Jr., 0.256 Acres Town of Christiansburg, \$210,000
 Loula A Broce to Kenneth Dale Smith, 73.902 Acres Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$190,000
 Stanley Mariger to Stanley Mariger Trust, Lot 62 Montgomery Farms Section 6 Prices Fork Magisterial District
 Richard J Beamish V to Gregory A Galford, Lot 2 Highland Park Number 2 and Adjoining Unnumbered 0.093 Acre Lot Town of Christiansburg, \$257,000
 James K Thompson to SKT Properties LLC, Condo Unit 1206-J PH 2 University Terrace Condos
 Pansy F Pickett to Paula S Raines, 0.2649 Acre Northern Portion of Lot 1 Town of Christiansburg, \$174,900
 Douglas A Nixon to Karen J Nixon Stoll, Lot 6 Kipps Farm Subdivision Town of Blacksburg
 Lucinda Campbell to Lucinda Campbell, Lot 26 Town of Christiansburg
 Vera W Sewell to Georges El Abboud, Lot 4 Windmill Hills PH 4 Town of Christiansburg, \$325,000
 Barbara Kay Lockridge to Lockridge Living Trust, Unit 23-3 PH 11 Villas at Peppers Ferry Section 2 Town of Christiansburg, \$1
 Terry D Kingrea to Timothy Bandy, 0.358 Acre Town of Christiansburg, \$153,500
 Curtis Living Trust to Joyce Meek Etter, Unity 34-2 PH 17 Section 2 Town of Christiansburg, \$403,500
 Matthew R Cook to Blaine L McGuire, 0.126 Acre Un-numbered Lot Town of Christiansburg, \$125,000
 Homestate Properties LLC to Big Deal LLC, Unit 101 PH 1 Colony Park Condos Town of Blacksburg, \$225,000
 Walter Curtis Green to Kester Bruce Jarels, 5 Acres Metes and Bounds Mount Tabor Magisterial District
 Woods Rogers PLC Trust to Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, 2007004988; 2011007896, \$107, 540
 Jones Living Trust to Rambler Springs LLC, Three Parcels; 7.0314 Acres Parcel 1, 2 Acres Metes and Bounds Parcel 2, and 4 Acres Metes and Bounds Parcel 3 Mount Tabor Magisterial District
 Ryan Wetzel to Morgan Wetzel, 2.588 Acres Designated as Lot 2 Prices Fork Magisterial District
 Reece David Bedwell to Karen Bedwell Brown, Metes and Bounds, See Legal
 Debra Lou Bullard to Precious Angela Mae Kinsley, Lot 17 Woods Vista Subdivision Riner Magisterial District
 Scott A Souther to RDH LCC, 1.349 Acres Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$40,000
 Joseph F Est Perez to Adam Scott Tripp, 1.324 Acres Lot 3 Duncan Subdivision Riner Magisterial District, \$257,500
 Mary E Shanholtz to Shanholtz Living Trust, Lot 16 Sherwood Forest Section A Town of Christiansburg
 Shah Development LLC to Sean R Hogston, 0.067 Acre Lot 37 Midway Estates Shawsville Magisterial District, \$251,750
 Stafford Real Estate LLC to Caren Bailey, 38.316 Acres Shawsville Magisterial District, \$145,000
 Linda Sayers White to Kelly Clark Shelton, Lot 3 Dundas Heights Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$155,000
 John Wesley Long to Ricochet Rehab LLC, Metes and Bounds Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$170,000
 Kipps Farms LLC to Stateson Homes LLC, Lot 138 Westhill Subdivision Prices Fork Magisterial District,

\$118,160
 Lawrence Charles Sander to Gary Clayton, Lot 7 Town of Blacksburg, \$205,000
 John Tyler Mullins to Karen A Hudson, Lot 15 Kensington PH 2, \$425,000
 Shah Development LLC to Eagle Construction of VA LLC; 0.861 Acre Lot 1, 0.873 Acre Lot 2, 0.0987 Acre Lot 3, 0.868 Acre Lot 4, and 0.415 Acre Lot 5 The Reserve at Round Meadows Town of Christiansburg; \$570,000
 William P Crosier II Trust to Virginia Woodlands LLC, See Legal Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$425,000
 Thomas Barry Weeks II to Zachary Lee Nolen, 4.676 Acres Parcel A Riner Magisterial District, \$32,000
 James E Williams to Sage E Crawford, 8.408 Acres More or Less Consisting of 5 Acres Shawsville Magisterial District, \$392,000
 Erik E Komendera II to Erik E Komendera II, 0.464 Acre Lot 41 PH 4 The Preserve at Walnut Creek Shawsville Magisterial District
 3712 Sunflower VA LLC to Seth Hunter Revell, 4.528 Acres Lot 3 Shawsville Magisterial District, \$235,000
 Sandra E Via to Victoria L Wood; Part of Lots 15, 16, and 17 Spradlin Addition Town of Christiansburg; \$229,900
 Mary Verhulst to Christopher Divita, 0.382 Acres Lot 1 Gardenspring Addition Town of Blacksburg, \$360,000
 Lions Gate Phase 2 Home Owners Association to RWW35 LLC, 0.254 Acre Lot 1 and 0.172 Acre Lot 2
 Michael Stephen Abraham to Michael Stephen Abraham Trust, 1.417 Acres Lot 9 Town of Blacksburg
 Michael B Blow to Michael B Blow Trust, Lot 23 BLK 5A5 Pheasant Run Townhomes
 Virginia Capital Investment LLC to MIRC LLC, Lot 17 Oak Tree Townhomes PH 9 Riner Magisterial District, \$244,000
 SVCN 1 LLC to SVC ABS LLC, 0.8462 Acre Metes and Bounds Town of Christiansburg, \$10
 James D Ivory to Adrienne Holz, Lot 27 Countryside Estates PH 3 Town of Blacksburg
 Donald G Price to Garrett Bobb, 2 Acres Metes and Bounds prices Fork Magisterial District, \$10,000
 Dennie M Clark to Jonathan Clark, 3.908 Acres Lot 2 Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$50,000
 Victor J Zimbardi to David Todd Gray, 2.313 Acres Parcel 1 and 5.001 Acres Parcel 2 Riner Magisterial District, \$40,000
 Knollwood Associates LLC to TPC Blacksburg LLC, 9.877 Acres Parcel A and 25.6854 Acres Parcel B, \$2,480,291
 Alan D Gillis to Joesph Rykaczewski, 0.898 Acres Graystown, \$117,000
 Triple J Associates LLC to Matthew L Krause; 0.521 Acre Parcel A, 0.140 Acre Parcel B, and 0.143 Acre Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$4,000
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 HS Tejas Limited to Trapezium Brewing LLC, Lots 2 Through 9 Reese Mountain Road Shawsville Magisterial District, \$171,150
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 Chang You Lin to Rita K Burnette, Lot 150 Section 3 Pheasant Run Townhomes PH 4, \$235,500
 Ronald Darrel Thomas to NRV Properties II LLC, 0.120 Acre Town of Christiansburg, \$113,000
 John Joseph Mccauley to Irene Christine Miller, Lot 24 Ridgeview Subdivision Section 2 Town of Christiansburg, \$340,000
 Ronald Darrell Thomas to REVR Properties II LLC, 0.279 Acres Lot 3 Lynwood Terrace Town of Christiansburg, \$176,000
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 Stephen Barthelomew Melville to Joshua Williamson, Lot 12 Cedar Orchard PH 4-A Mount Tabor Magisterial District, \$55,000
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“Once the new costume was on, I had to grab my dagger, sprint through the men’s dressing room, into the hallway, through the women’s dressing room and over to the stage left wing.”

But that was just the beginning of the stage transformation from flesh to apparition.

“There, Elizabeth Brancotti was waiting with a bowl of mud that I would use to rake through my long hair and over my hands,” Mullins continued.

Brancotti would then pour fake blood Mullins’ mouth and nose, leaving him just enough time to appear in a “zombie green light,” directly behind Macbeth.

In this year’s offering, most of the violence is verbal, ranging from repartee to slander in a plot mixing love and joy with jealousy, malice, and gossip. But of course, it is ultimately a comedy and has some very funny moments despite the underlying treachery.

Molly Hood says Much Ado About Nothing is the play that made her fall in love with Shakespeare and despite the age on the language, the characters might well be living next door to you.

“It’s just really, really funny” Hood said. “There are lines that still make me laugh out loud, even though I’ve worked with this text for decades, and know the jokes

are coming.”

And she wants the audience to enjoy it just as much.

“My goal is to help make the story clear and enjoyable for everyone who sets foot in our theater,” Hood concluded.

Public performances take place in the Bondurant Auditorium in Preston Hall on April 6, 7 and 8 at 7:30 p.m. There is also a matinee on Sunday, April 9 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are available at the door or online. General admission is \$8, senior citizens, faculty and staff tickets are \$6 and children under 12 get in for \$4.

Radford runs the show at esports’ Big South debut

Between dribbles, swishing nets and the sound of sneakers squeaking across the hardwood, spectators at the Big South men’s and women’s basketball tournaments in Charlotte, North Carolina, on the first weekend in March got a unique opportunity to peek in at another game taking place on the arena’s large scoreboard screen hanging high above center court. “It’s basically car soccer,” said Doug Benedict, describing in simple terms the video game Rocket League.

For two days, Benedict, the assistant director of Radford University’s esports program, accompanied a group of 14 Radford students inside Charlotte’s Bojangles Coliseum for the semifinals and finals of the Big South’s inaugural esports tournament.

Radford students didn’t go to the tournament to simply compete; they ran the show.

It all began in December 2022, when Benedict met with Big South officials and proposed his idea for an esports tournament. After another meeting in January with the conference commissioner and associate commissioner, Radford was granted permission to operate the esports event in conjunction with the league’s hoops tournaments.

“We only had about a month and a half to pull this off,” Benedict said, speaking about the urgency he and his students suddenly had to work under.

Benedict’s idea stemmed from the need to create a major project for a course he teaches at Radford, Applied Issues in Esports Services (RCPT 333). The course is part of Radford’s new esports services minor, which was created by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Tourism (RCPT)



Student announcers call the games much like the announcers calling the basketball games for TV and radio.



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A Radford University student competes at the esports Big South debut

and offered in collaboration with the Department of English. It focuses on play, community, team-building, inclusion and event planning.

The minor is designed to prepare students for careers in the ever-expanding esports field. Benedict’s course is one of the three required courses, along with Introduction to Esports and Game Studies and Design. There are also six electives students must complete.

“I have 10 students in my class, which is perfect because the Big South has 10 member institutions,” Benedict said, explaining the early stages of the tournament-planning process. “Each student served as a liaison with one of the schools. They were in charge of making sure their assigned school knew everything they needed to know.”

The 10 students ran qualifying rounds online in February for all 10 Big South teams. Each team, including a Highlander squad, competed in Rocket League, one of the most popular esports titles.

The top four teams in the Big South qualifiers advanced to Charlotte for the semifinals. Radford’s team made it. So did teams from High Point University, Longwood University and esports powerhouse Winthrop University, which has won three national championships.

In Charlotte, Radford students set up the entire operation, which included logistics for each of the four teams – such as where to be and when to be there – as well as computer station assembly along the basketball court’s baseline and the livestreams.

“You name it, our students had a part in it, and they did it really well,” Benedict said of the Radford students’ efforts. “We had eight stations to set up, six for gaming and two for streaming.”

“We got it up and down in about 30 minutes each time,” which was important, Benedict explained, because of the time constraints of fitting esports matches in a tight window between basketball games.

Two Radford students provided in-game commentary on livestreams that were broadcast on the scoreboard and online on Radford esports’ Twitch channel, Twitch.tv/radfordesports.

Student announcers prepared for the broadcasts much like the announcers calling the basketball games for TV and radio, collecting bio and interesting information on each player from the four schools to mention during rare down moments in the game action.

Not everything ran smoothly during the two-day event, as can be expected while running an operation of this size. A miscommunication on day one, Saturday, prevented sound from going out over the arena speakers.

That issue, however, was resolved in time for the finals on Sunday.

“It was a minor hiccup, but it turned into a learning opportunity for everyone,” Benedict said. “There is a lot to pay attention to at a large event like that. We were running around trying to figure it out. We got it done; we made it work.”

Viktoria Seitzer, a freshman sociology major from Roanoke, Virginia, called the experience “nerve-wracking” and said, “it can be hard to focus when there’s so much that needs to be done and so much going on at the same time.”

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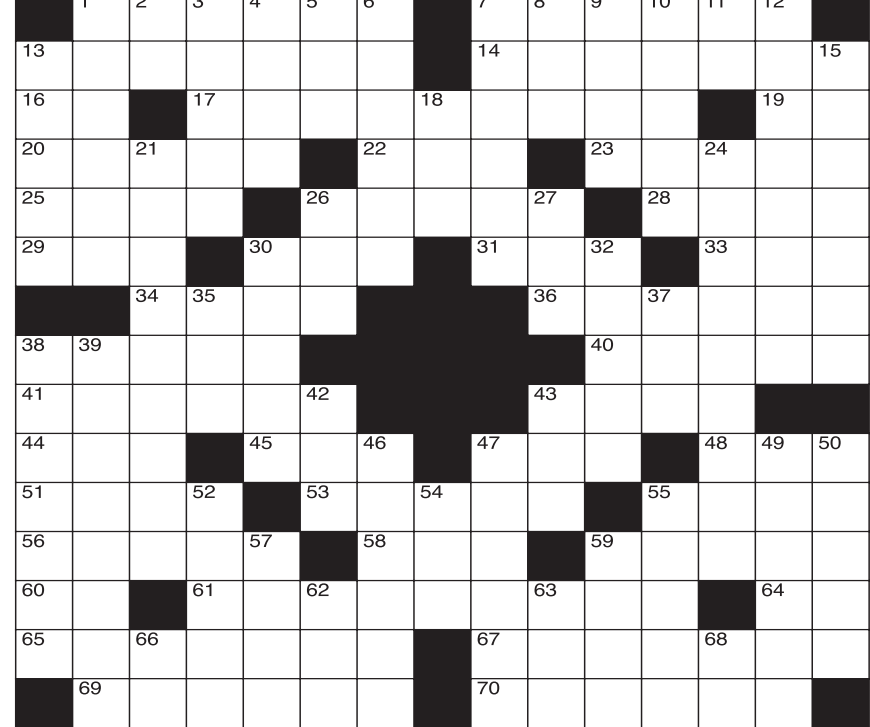
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Alexander Michael Fabrizio to Blue Virginia Properties LLC, Unit 36S PH 2 Piedmont at Blacksburg Town of Blacksburg

Casey I Renolds to Joseph Thompson, BK 1143 PG 170 and 2019000266

William C Hession to Hession Living Trust, 5.003 Acres Parcel 4 Elenor Heights Town of Blacksburg

Victor J Dritselis to Stefani N McNair, Lo 71 Town of Blacksburg

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William Alan Graham to Michael Lee Graham, 1.753 Acres and 6.508 Acres Prices Fork Magisterial District

Christopher Lugar to Tiffany L Dawson, 6.785 Acres and Parcel 1 Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$185,000

Beatrice L Bishop to Victor J Zimbardi, 0.46 Acre Metes and Bounds, \$130,000

Jack D Richmon to Jeff Chase, 0.770 Acre Lot 26 Riner Magisterial District, \$218,000

David Kevin Hieatt to Jeremy Scot Cumbee Jr., 1.205 Acres Lot 81-A-1 Roanoke River Gardens, \$189,900

Johnie K Graves EST to NRV Getaways LLC, 4 Parcels Prices Fork Magisterial District, \$250,000

James T Johnson Jr. to Saile Investments LLC, 0.5 Acre Metes And Bounds, 95,000

Margaret H Folta to Mary C Ginn, 2.771 Acres Lot 2A Town of Blacksburg, \$395,000

Frankie L Stanley to Truist Bank, 2023000164; 2023000165

Roberta Blake Greene to Tia Briana Greene, 0.14 Acres Metes and Bounds Town of Christiansburg

Brian K Graves Executor to IMG Legacy LLC; Lot 1 Bethany Court Parcel 1, Lot 2 Bethany Court Parcel 2, Lot 3 Bethany Court Parcel 3, Lot 4 Bethany Court Parcel 4, and Lot 5 Bethany Court Parcel 5 Prices Fork Magisterial District

Deeds Transfer Upon Death

Daniel L Wheeler Jr. to Wheeler Living Trust, Lot N9 and Lot N10 Prices Fork Magisterial District

Robert L Pienkowski to Sara Joy Pienkowski, Lot 75

Highland Park Addition Town of Blacksburg

Rodney D Schnurr to Ryan Rodney Schnurr, Unit 23 PH 5 Vista Pointe Subdivision Town of Blacksburg

Arlene H Cecil to Douglas H Snider, Lot 8 J.S. Phillips Estates Riner Magisterial District

Joe C Parrish to Parrish Living Trust, 3 Parcels

Lois G Price to Christopher Carroll Price, Lot 3 Section 2 Hardie Hills Subdivision Town of Blacksburg

Douglas A Nixon to Karen J Nixon Stoll, Lot 6 Kipps Farm Subdivision Town of Blacksburg

Debra Lou Bullard to Precious Angela Mae, Lot 17 Woods Vista Subdivision Riner Magisterial District

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OBITUARIES

Phlegar, Archie Guthrie

Archie Guthrie Phlegar, of Blacksburg, passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 30, 2023 with his beloved wife Barbara by his side.

Archie, AG, Arch, Papa Arch were some of the many names for a man of many talents and gifts. He was born May 22, 1930 to Madeline and Archie Phlegar in Pearisburg. He was raised on a beautiful farm where he helped tend the apple orchard, milked cows and fished on Big Walker Creek which ran in front of his family home. Archie loved all things outdoors and was quite an entrepreneur at a young age as he and his brother, Fredrick, would grow corn and then sell as popcorn to local movie theaters. And his younger sister, Mary Catherine, most likely helped with that endeavor.

He loved all sorts of woodworking but most especially making beautiful furniture. Archie also built almost every home he lived in, even his beloved Claytor Lake home. Other passions included playing bridge with good friends, traveling with family, snow and water skiing and attending all things Hokie.

Archie attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1948 enrolled as a member of the corps of cadets and played corner in the Highty Tightsies. Upon graduation in 1952 he was honored to proudly serve his country in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. His degree from

VPI was in Engineering and after serving the Air Force he began work with Appalachian Power Company. His tenure with Appalachian came to an end when he was offered a position in the admissions office at Virginia Tech in 1967. He did a complete career change moving his wife and three children to Blacksburg in 1967 which he claimed to be the "best move he ever made!" Archie went on



to earn a master's degree and a PhD (Education Administration) during that time and eventually became the Director of Admissions at Virginia Tech until his retirement.

Archie first married his high school sweetheart, Jean Sublett. They enjoyed 40 years of marriage and raised three children: Archie Jr. (Sharon), Charlie (Karen) and Beth Dixon (Carlton). His kids blessed him with eight grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. Each one adored and cherished time with their Papa Arch.

Archie loved the Lord and raised his children in the church. He would

say his faith was the most important part of his life, constantly on display in his love and care for others. He looked forward to an eternal life with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

After Jean's passing, Archie was blessed when he married Barbara Jean Gates of Blacksburg in 1993. Archie and Barbara enjoyed 30 wonderful years of marriage together. Barbara was pure joy in Archie's eyes as she loved and tenderly cared for him throughout their marriage. They had a rare and beautiful love for one another for which the family is blessed and grateful.

Archie was predeceased in death by his brother, Fredrick, and is survived by his sister, Mary Catherine (Neal) McMillan of Black Mountain, N.C.

Barbara and the family would like to thank Hospice of the New River Valley for their tender care over the past two years and they would also like to thank Traci Burke and her wonderful caregivers whom Archie and Barbara called "their angels." In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Hospice of the New River Valley at 701 Randolph St., Suite #110, Radford, VA. 24141.

A celebration of Archie's life will take place at McCoy's Funeral Home chapel in Blacksburg on Monday, April 10, 2023 at 2 p.m. The family will receive visitors one hour prior to the service. A private family graveside service is planned.

Wright, Branwen

Our sister, Branwen, died peacefully at home March 31, 2023 after two years of courageously facing the challenges of living with a glioblastoma multiforme (GBM) brain tumor. In her 59 years, Branwen lived an independent life, full of adventure and compassion.

She was born in Gainesville, Fla., in 1964 and grew up in Blacksburg. After graduating from Blacksburg High School, she graduated from Virginia Tech with a degree in Horticulture. All her life she loved plants and tended to them with gentleness. She interned at various botanical gardens in Florida before moving to Northern Virginia to work in finance. Branwen took a year off to help her little sister in the Navy with her first child and during that year, obtained her Certified Financial Planner (CFP) certificate.

Branwen then headed off to Western New York where she was charmed by the sweet fragrance of grapes and the quaint rural towns and decided to make this her home. She worked at the historic Anthenaemum Hotel at the Chautauqua Institution where she enjoyed meeting presidents, authors and musicians while appreciating the rich cultural experiences on the Chautauqua grounds. She

enjoyed being outdoors hiking, biking and kayaking and savored nature's beauty, often expressing it through art and writing.

Branwen always encouraged family and friends to spend smartly and save. She was passionate about good health, always striving to eat nutritious



food and never missing an opportunity to "use it or lose it," like taking the stairs over the escalator, even when carrying a heavy load. But more than anything else, Branwen enjoyed time with friends and family. She loved to plan trips and excursions at home and abroad. She was spontaneous and always willing to lend a hand, especially if it involved an adventurous challenge.

Branwen is predeceased by her mother, Lydia Roeske Wright, and survived by her father, Reverdy Edmond

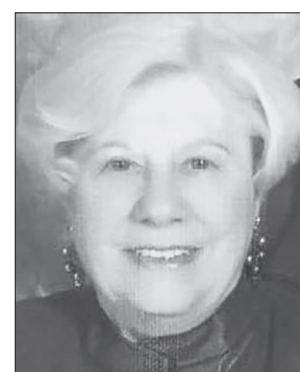
Calfee, Odell Wiley

Odell Wiley Calfee, 89, rejoined her favorite Rook partner in Heaven on Wednesday, March 22, 2023. Despite her best efforts, her weary body would not allow her to remain with us any longer, and she left this world peacefully, surrounded by her loving family.

Odell Mae Wiley was born on May 23, 1933, in Mercer County, W.Va. She began a simple, country life growing up on Bent Mountain, until her parents moved the family to Athens. There she finished school, earned her teaching degree from Concord College, and met the love (and laughter) of her life, Jack Baker Calfee. After marriage, she and Jack lived in Parkersburg and Vienna, W.Va., where they were blessed with the arrival of their three boys, and eventually landed in Radford, where they spent the rest of their lives.

Odell led a busy life - as a mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Civics teacher and substitute teacher, a member of The Women's Club, Newcomers Club, and Grove United Methodist Church, and even a budding watercolor artist. She had a wide variety of interests and talents. Odell always took an active interest in current events and politics, and

she felt it was her mission to spark an interest in government in her children, grandchildren, and students. She was also a true "Mother Nature," who loved flowers, gardening, and birds, and found beauty in every season. Odell exemplified the phrase "the more the merrier," and truly loved large family gatherings where she would best



show her love for everyone through cooking, whether it was a big Southern breakfast with eggs, biscuits and sausage gravy, or a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings. She celebrated every holiday with decorations ranging from whimsical to elegant, and eagerly awaited our reactions to them when we arrived. Odell's spirit will surely live on in her family's future holiday gatherings, the landscapes she beautified at each of her residences, and the

students and friends she inspired with her humor and dedication to learning.

Odell Calfee was preceded in death by her parents, Henderson Stewart Wiley and Gladys Kessinger Wiley; siblings James Wiley, Danise Bauguess, and Minnie Blankenship; and her beloved husband, Jack Baker Calfee.

She is survived by her sons, Kent Calfee (Rhea), Scott Calfee (Cindy), and Todd Calfee (Kathy); eight grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and countless other family members who loved her and will miss her larger-than-life personality. The family would also like to thank Amy Coleman and Jeannie Grant for the loving care and companionship they provided Odell the last few years.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, April 23, 2023 at Grove United Methodist Church at 2 p.m. Reception immediately following the service. In lieu of flowers, Odell requested that donations be made to Grove United Methodist Church, 1020 Tyler Avenue, Radford, VA 24141.

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

Hinson, Geneva Mae

Geneva Mae Hinson, 84, of Blacksburg died Wednesday, March 29, 2023.

She was born in Pulaski County, Va. on June 10, 1938 to the late Ebby and Edna Tickle Montgomery. She was also preceded in death by her husbands, Lelon (Coy) Price, Ray Price, and Calvin Hinson; son, Calvin Coy Price; sister, Gertrude Ferrell; brothers, Grant Montgomery, Grover Montgomery, Herbert Montgomery, and Cletus Montgomery; and best

friend, Crystalene Moles.

She is survived by her



daughters and son-in-law, Theresa P. Rupert,

Karen and David Allen; sons and daughter-in-law, Glenn and Denise Price, and Anthony Price; grandchildren, Chris, Coy, Daniel, Amanda, Meghan, Travis, Matthew, Sarah, and Josh; 10 great-grandchildren; and brother, Arland (Whimpy) Montgomery. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 2, 2023, in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Gary Dunford officiating. The family received friends prior to the service at McCoy Funeral Home.

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Christiansburg High Sports Hall of Fame to hold first induction ceremony April 16

Evans “Buddy” King Columnist

Kudos to the men and women who worked on this project and brought it to the finish line. To me personally, Christiansburg was a special place to grow up, and as I have written before, the hometown high school was an integral part of the experience.

My Dad was principal at CHS for many years and my Aunt Maggie taught government and English at the school for almost 40 years. Several other of my relatives were also teachers at the old school on the hill. My Dad and all seven of his siblings were graduates, and I had a bunch of cousins who were Blue Demons as well. Most participated in sports to one degree or another. The establishment of a Sports Hall of Fame is a neat event for me obviously.

I was asked by a member of the committee to write a “history” of CHS sports for the inaugural program. Sadly, I am not the person for that task, not a comprehensive history at least. I left Christiansburg more or less for good in the late 70’s after college and most of my knowledge was from the 1950’s and 60’s and early 70’s when my dad was principal or when I was in school. Although my mom and dad and aunt kept me abreast of scores and events until they passed, I am not the one to write a full history.

I have written a few columns over the last few years about my memories of CHS football, and I refer folks who are interested to those pieces. But as is usual with my writing, I’m game to give it a try. Facts be damned. I am willing to do an anecdotal account of my knowledge of stars of Blue Demon sports past whom I remember. Forgive the obvious bias for family and teammates and friends. Or don’t!

First, I must admit that, not surprisingly, I did not recognize many of the names of the initial class, and I won’t give those names away in case there is a “reveal” contemplated. I don’t have the list in front of me either.

One name that I did see, and that meant the most to me, and whose name darn well better have been there, was that of my cousin Joe Board, who played football and ran track under legendary CHS coach and administrator James E. “Buddy” Earp (whom I hope is also an inductee).

Cousin Joe scored 40 touchdowns during his football career and single-handedly won the State track championship his senior year of 1958. He held state records in the 100, the 220 and the broad (long) jump when he graduated. He also unofficially set a school record for fouls in basketball, his skills from the gridiron and the track not transitioning smoothly to the court. Joe’s accomplishments also gained him a football and track scholarship to UVA, and he went on to a distinguished career as a domestic judge in South Carolina.

Cousin Joe passed in 2016. He and Coach Earp continued their classic “player-coach” relationship to the very end. I never heard Joe refer to Mr. Earp by anything other than simply “Coach” and “Coach” always referred to Joe as “Board,” in his best raspy Marine Corps voice, any hint of affection being well hidden.

Suffice it to say, a CHS Sports Hall of Fame without Joe Board would be like the Louvre without the Mona

Lisa, Cooperstown without Babe Ruth, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame without Elvis. You get my point.

I’m going to devote the rest of this piece to the names of some of the athletes I hope are either being inducted or someday will be. This is not intended to be critical of the committee or to second guess anyone. Just some memories and feelings.

First, contemporaries and teammates of Cousin Joe. I remember these names mainly from family oral history. Red Griffith (there better be a bunch of Griffiths in the HOF, including my position coach Mike, who was Red’s youngest brother and a Little All-American at Emory & Henry). As I recall, Red was a big (for the day) lineman and earned a football scholarship to Tech. He was a year ahead of Cousin Joe, and they went 8-2 Red’s senior year at CHS. There were 4 football playing brothers in the family, Red, Dude, Bobby, and Mike, and they spawned many others over the years. I had the opportunity of coaching two of the “spawned,” Blake and Jay (“Fuzz”), in youth basketball right after I finished college.

Jack Sayres, perhaps Cousin Joe’s best friend in those years, a multi-sport star at CHS who ran track at Tech as I recall. In later life, Jack went on to become a national level senior Olympian. He ate dinner at our table many times when I was a kid.

Now a few from the years between Cousin Joe’s time at CHS and mine. My grade school years. Don Johnson, a stellar running back whom I recall had a younger brother Jere, who was also a star running back. Dickie and/or Mike Byrd, both big, tough lineman. For certain their dad “Mutt” will be inducted. Mutt was the longtime trainer and sideline consultant to CHS coaches and players for many years. Took two weeks of his hard-earned vacation every year to be at August “two a days.” Like with the Griffiths, if there isn’t at least one Byrd in the HOF, I will tear up my membership card (which I will have had to pay for, my football performances not earning me consideration).

Ronnie Phillips was another great running back on some very weak teams in the mid 1960’s. There needs to be at least one Phillips in the Hall (there were four Phillips kids, Patty, Butch, Ronnie and my classmate Peggy, all football stars or head cheerleaders at CHS), given that their father Red gave as much to youth sports in Christiansburg as any human could. If you look up “All-American family” on Wikipedia, the Phillips family photo will be there. Red didn’t go to CHS but he deserves a spot in the HOF.

I cannot write this column without thinking of my old “backyard neighbor” Carl King, Class of 1965. Carl epitomized the old baseball phrase “crafty, little left hander,” and along with Tommy Barber, Class of ‘64 and a three-sport athlete who should also be in the Hall, gave CHS two outstanding left handed pitchers. I remember seeing Carl pick guys off first who never even took a step back towards the base. I also remember watching Carl lose a heartbreaker in the district championship game to Hillsville in 1964. Carl taught me a lot about baseball on the field and helped develop my love of the game.

I also have to put in a plug for Coach Earp and Coach Ross from that era. They turned many a Christiansburg boy into a man, or at least their faces turned blue trying. Tough love days.

Now, a few nominees from guys I played with or from my era. Don Marshall, a Class of 71er like me. A huge lineman who played both ways, pretty much every play from his freshman year through his senior season and went on to Tech on scholarship. As Don likes to say, our junior and senior years there were only about

17 kids on the team that the coaches would even have dreamed of putting on the field. Don was often a man among boys, but a tired one. He never left the field.

Tony Price. As I’ve said before, in my opinion, Tony was the best athlete in our class of 1971. Quarterback, point guard, centerfielder. Asked to run a few track events during breaks in baseball games. Played freshman basketball at Tech later. Our Tony is not to be confused with the basketball player of the same name who played for that school in the neighboring town a few years later. I understand he was pretty good too. Anyway, our Tony and I were first teammates in sixth grade in Little League Baseball. Last I knew, he was living the good life in Pinehurst now and is quite the golfer. No surprise.

Apologies to my classmates Alan Johnson and Larry Epperly, who were excellent multi- sport athletes too (there will need to be at least one Epperly in the Hall also, probably another Larry Epperly, “Trixie”, Class of 1970, who went on to Emory and then a successful coaching and sports administration career. “Super Ep” never met a shot he didn’t like!)

Jerry Carter, Class of 1972, star running back on teams I played on. We went 3-7 my senior year, Jerry’s junior season, and yet he was back of the year in the New River Valley District. Jerry was a tremendous natural athlete, but his determination and toughness made him special. He received a football scholarship to UVA and played in the defensive backfield for a while. Like a few other families I have mentioned, there must be at least one Carter in the Hall. Jerry’s older brothers Earl and Marshall played on the first integrated football team at CHS in 1966, and their younger brother Harold was a stalwart on a couple of the best basketball teams ever at CHS, in the mid-70’s.

Finally from my era, and somewhat sadly, I have to nominate Betty Jo Lester, a couple of years behind me in school. I say sadly because the schools of that time didn’t have many opportunities for girls. But I remember Betty Jo as a tremendous natural athlete with determination and drive. As I recall, she played volleyball and ran track.

And from more recent years, Brenden Motley (who later played some QB at Tech) and his cousin (whose name I don’t recall), who together led CHS to a remarkable run of appearances and deep runs in the football and basketball playoffs about 15 years ago, culminating in a state basketball championship their senior year.

Well, as I said at the outset, this column suffers from whatever you call the opposite of recency bias. And I apologize to many others I could have mentioned. Go Blue Demons. CHS is just the school for me.

P.S. I have to nominate posthumously James Randall “Bo” Simmons, another classmate who left us way too early, who was one of Mutt Byrd’s protégées as a student athletic trainer, along with Mike Jenelle, my great friend Bobby Silvers (another 71er) and Bryan Rudolph. They also serve who sit and wait for someone to get hurt, as I used to kid Bo. Injuries ended his playing career when we were freshmen.

P.P.S. A whimsical nomination - Ernie Akers, Johnny Epperly, and Jimmy “Fat Daddy” Kitts, who carried the sideline markers for CHS home games for many years. They did all they could to get the Blue Demons first downs.

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RADFORD POLICE REPORT

Radford City Police Department Report March 20 - 26, 2023

Monday, March 20:
9:30 a.m. Possess Marijuana – Civil, possession of a vape by minor, DALTON DR.
8:19 p.m. Petit Larceny: <\$200 Not From A Person, 800 block of WEST MAIN ST.

Tuesday, March 21:
12:03 p.m., Lost and found, NEW RIVER DR.
3 p.m. Threat to harm or kill through electronic communication, 1500 STAPLES ST
4:09 p.m. Drive While License Revoked/Suspended, Drinking While Driving / Open Container, 1800 block of EAST MAIN ST.
11 p.m. Accident: Driver No Rept, Unatt Prop Damag>=\$250, 1000 block of FAIRFAX ST.
11:38 p.m. Petit Larceny: <\$200 Not From A Person, 1000 block of CLEMENT ST.

Wednesday, March 22:
10:30 a.m. Accident: Driver No Rept, Unatt Prop Damag>=\$250, 100 block of RIDGEWOOD LN.

12:47 p.m. Extort: In Writing, 800 block of HEATHER GLEN DR.
2:42 p.m. Well-being check, 200 block of JEFFRIES DR.

Thursday, March 23:
none

Friday, March 24:
12:24 a.m. Profane Swearing Or Intoxication In Public, 1200 FAIRFAX ST.
8:29:28 AM Paraphernalia: Unauthorized Distribution Of, Obstruct/Resist: W/O Threats/Force, Possession of Controlled Substance, False Identify Self To Law Enforcement, Possession of Controlled Substance, 900 block of EIGHTH ST
1:20 p.m. Medical Emergency, 1100 block of FAIRFAX ST.
3:18 p.m. Assault: (Misdemeanor) DALTON DR.
6:56 p.m. Inhaling drugs or other noxious chemical substances or causing, etc., others to do so, 1200 FAIRFAX ST.
7:56 p.m. Obstruct/Resist: W/O Threats/Force, Profane Swearing Or Intoxication In Public, 800 block

of NEW RIVER DR.

Saturday, March 25:
2:08:21 PM Vandalism, 1000 FAIRFAX ST
3:59:05 PM Fallen tree with property damage, 202 block of BOLLING ST.
5:07:36 PM Well-being check, 900 block of EIGHTH ST
6:43:32 PM Fraudulent use of OL, Underage Possession of Alcohol, Swearing Or Intoxication In Public, 1200 block of LAWRENCE ST.

Sunday, March 26:
1:52 p.m. Petit Larceny: <\$200 Not From A Person, 1000 of DOWNEY ST.
3:40 p.m. Petit Larceny: <\$200 Not From A Person, 1600 block of FIFTH ST.
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INVITATION TO BID Mountain Castles Soil and Water Conservation District (MCSWCD) is accepting bids for the mowing and routine maintenance of four flood control dams located in Craig County, VA, until Friday, May 5, 2023, at 5 pm. All four dams are located in the upper Johns Creek valley. The Maintenance Contract for these dams include mowing (once in the spring and once in the fall), woody debris removal, liming and seeding of the dam embankment (as needed), groundhog hole repairs, and trash/debris removal from the trash rack on the dam risers (also includes replacement of trash rack if it's damaged). The successful bidder will enter into a contract with a base term of three years (2023, 2024, 2025) and will include a performance-based contract extension clause for two additional years (2026 and 2027). To receive the complete Bid information Packet, contact Daniel Naff at (540) 580-8373 or daniel.naff@mountaincastles.org

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Malcolm McL. Doubles
Commissioner of Accounts

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 4260 Read Mountain Rd., Cloverdale, VA 24077
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MARCH 15, 2023 Benjamin Guerrant, DEPUTY CLERK

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Financial Focus: Time for financial 'spring cleaning'

Now that we've put winter behind us — at least on the calendar — it's time for us to think about sprucing up our homes, inside and out. But it also may be time to do some financial spring cleaning.

Some of the same ideas involved in tidying up your home can also be used to help put your financial house in order. Here are a few suggestions:

Dust off your investment strategy. As you look around your home, you might find that many items — tables, desks, bookshelves, and computer and television screens — could benefit from a good dusting. And, once you've accomplished this, you'll get a clearer view of all these objects. Similarly, your investment strategy needs to be "dusted off" every so often, so you can see if it's still working to help you move toward your financial goals, such as a comfortable retirement. Over time, your personal circumstances and risk tolerance can change, and these changes may lead you to reexamine your future financial and investment decisions.

De-clutter your portfolio. If you took a survey of your home, would you find duplicates or even

triplicates of some things — brooms, vacuum cleaners, toasters, and so on? If so, it may be time to do some de-cluttering. And the same could be true of your portfolio — you might have several identical, or substantially identical, investments taking up space. If so, you might want to replace these redundancies with investments that can improve your diversification. While diversification can't guarantee profits or protect against losses in a declining market, it may help reduce the impact of market volatility on your holdings.

Get organized. If your closets are overstuffed, with clothes and miscellaneous items crammed on shelves and the floor, you may well have trouble finding what you're looking for — but with a little straightening up, your searches will become much easier. And when you're trying to locate financial documents, such as investment statements or insurance policies, you'll also benefit from having everything organized in one central location. Even if you get most of these documents online, you can save what you need and keep them in a file on your desktop, laptop or tablet. (And it's also a good idea to tell your spouse, adult child or another

close relative how these documents can be accessed, just in case something happens to you.)

Protect yourself from dangers. If you look around your garage, shed or other storage area, you may well find some objects — such as gardening tools, paint thinners, engine fluids and leaning ladders — that could be dangerous if they aren't stored properly. As part of your spring cleaning, you'll want to remove these hazards to safeguard yourself and your family. But have you addressed the various financial risks that could threaten your loved ones? For example, if something were to happen to you, could your family members maintain their lifestyle? Could your children still go to college? To guard against this risk, you may want to discuss protection strategies with a financial professional.

Spring cleaning can pay off — in a cleaner, safer home environment and in helping ensure your financial strategy continues to work hard for you.

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Looney picks up Ice Out Opener at MMS



Caleb Sewell was declared the Pure-4 Motor Mile winner Saturday night after the #7 did not make weight. This was Sewell's first race ever and he parked it in Victory Lane.

Short track racing returned to the local scene this past weekend when Motor Mile Speedway kicked off the 2023 season with the Ice Out Opener on Saturday evening.

The .416-mile track welcomed racers from four different divisions and hosted six different races for the hundreds of fans in attendance.

The green flag was pushed back to 6 p.m. in hopes of avoiding the rain and that proved to be the right decision. The new season got underway when the Sportsman Series took to the track for the first of two 35-lap twin races. In a dominant race that saw him lead nearly every lap, it was Kyle Barnes that was the first to park his car in Victory Lane this season.

The following race on the track was the first 50-lap twin for the late model stocks. A very talented field that included many accomplished drivers battled for a while, but the top three eventually separated themselves from the rest of the field.

Martinsville 300 winner Mike Looney, last year's Motor Mile Speedway track champion Kyle Dudley and former ARCA Series driver Derrick Lancaster

finished on the podium.

Looney snagged the win after leading over 40 laps before a late caution forced him to outrun Dudley on the restart.

The Pure-4s then competed in a 20-lap dash.

When the checkered flag waved it was Kirby Shipman that crossed the line first. First-timer Caleb Sewell finished second and Javon Parker placed third. Following post-race inspection, Shipman's car failed to make weight so the win went to Sewell in his inaugural race at Motor Mile.

The Sportsman Series returned to the track for its final twin of the night, and it was James Sweeney who avenged a spin in his first race with a win in the second.

The duo of Sweeney and Daryn Cockram got together in the first race and found themselves racing together again, this time up front, during the nightcap. While three cars were racing for the lead, Cockram was sent to the back of the field for aggressive driving and causing a caution.

Sweeney then checked out on the restart, led the final handful of laps and took home the checkered flag.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MOTOR MILE SPEEDWAY
Mike Looney took the first week of the Late Model checkered flag this past week at Motor Mile Speedway.

The Super Streets took to the track, and it was Jimmy Mullins who claimed the win in convincing fashion. Mullins got to the front and never looked back.

The man who usually dominates in Franklin County made the drive down to the New River Valley and brought back a trophy with him. The final event of the night was the second late model race and, again, it was Looney that took it to the field. Following the inversion of the field after the first twin, it took the veteran just eight laps to find his way to the front.

Due to a few late-race cautions, he and Dudley continued to battle on restarts, but it was Looney that ultimately pulled the double to begin the new year. As they did in the first twin, Dudley and Lancaster finished in second and third to round out the podium.

Racing returns to Motor Mile Speedway on Saturday, April 8 for the Easter Eggstravaganza. There will be eight races across six divisions and a wide array of Easter activities for kids and families to enjoy. The green flag drops at 3 p.m. and kids 12 and under are free.

-Motor Mile Speedway

CHS girls down Franklin County



Freshman goalie Abbey Sanders (left) scoops up the ball in scoring territory negating a Franklin County attempt.



CHS's senior forward Bridget Miller (right) attempts to hammer a goal in for Christiansburg. Bridget Miller scored one goal for the lady Blue Demons, who is now 4-0 on the season.



Lyla Thurman (center) shoots into the goal for an attempt at scoring for the Blue Demons.



PHOTOS BY KYMN DAVIDSON-HAMLEY
Sophomore Ava Rose scored an unassisted goal off a corner kick in the 5th minute of the first half as Christiansburg took a 2-0 win over Franklin County this past week.

Kitley returning for one more year at Tech

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Virginia Tech women's basketball standout Liz Kitley is returning for another year.

She made the announcement Sunday afternoon in a Twitter post and 24 hours after the Lady Hokies lost to LSU in the national final Four.

Kitley has been named as a finalist for the Naismith Women's College Player of the Year Award.

The Summerfield, North Carolina native has averaged 18.6 points, 10.5 rebounds

and 2.3 blocks per game this season while shooting 56% from the floor. She owns 17 games of 20+ points and has recorded 21 double-doubles in 2022-23. She was named ACC Player of the Week four times on her way to collecting Player of the Year honors again. She also repeated as the Kay Yow Scholar Athlete of the Year winner.

Kitley owns the program record for points scored, field goals, blocks and double-doubles. She is the only player in program history to earn AP All-America honors twice.

Kitley, the two-time ACC

Player of the Year helped the Hokies to their best regular season in ACC history winning 14 games and she and her teammates lifted the trophy as 2023 ACC Tournament Champions.

In the LSU contest, he had 18 points and 12 rebounds for Virginia Tech (31-5), the ACC champion that was in the Final Four for the first time.

Kitley received the extra year of eligibility because of the COVID-NCAA ruling, which gave anyone that played a partial season during the national shutdown an extra year to play.



PHOTO COURTESY OF VIRGINIA TECH ATHLETICS
Virginia Tech women's basketball standout Liz Kitley is returning for another year.

Hokie athletics step up during Big Event

The day started in the team meeting room, as Virginia Tech football head coach Brent Pry spoke to the team about the importance of giving back and putting others before themselves.

He was regarding Virginia Tech's The Big Event, a student-run service that encompasses Virginia Tech students, faculty and staff coming together to complete nearly 1,200 community service projects within the New River Valley.

Following his talk to the team, both players and staff then went to the Drillfield on campus, where Pry spoke to the

whole group, as well as others came on stage and did some programming. Then the groups got their tools and headed to their respective sites.

The football team split up into position groups and went to 10 areas for a few hours, focusing on mulching, raking, planting and the like.

"It was great having the opportunity to go out and connect with and serve the community," linebacker Matt Johnson said. "Much of Southwest Virginia is so supportive of our football program, so it was a blessing to

reciprocate that love back to them."

"The Big Event is just an awesome opportunity," Pry said. "It's an awesome display of what this university is about - putting others first and giving back to this community. It's a way for us to say thank you for the way this community supports Virginia Tech, and it's also a way to give back. So, I couldn't be prouder of our student body."

Next up for the Hokies is their ninth practice of spring ball, which will take place on Tuesday.

-Virginia Tech Athletics



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Hokies enjoy partaking in Virginia Tech's The Big Event this past Saturday.

Radford University's Jules is unofficial dunk winner

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Radford University senior Shaquan Jules officially finished second in the King's Hawaiian College Slam Dunk Championship held Thursday in Houston, Texas. But unofficially, he won.

His final dunk went sideways, causing him to miss the overall dunk. He still had 26 seconds left on the clock and completed a massive dunk that left judges scratching their heads. Jules had scored two perfect scores heading into the finals. When judges met, they ruled the layup counted, meaning the second attempt did not.

Georgia Southern men's basketball fifth-year senior Kamari Brown earned the title of highest flyer in college basketball, winning the King's Hawaiian Slam Dunk Championship Thursday night in the Bayou Music Center. Brown recorded a 47 on his final dunk.

Jules had been selected to the King's Hawaiian Slam

Dunk Championship roster for the 34th annual State Farm College Slam Dunk & 3-Point Championships at the Bayou Music Center in downtown Houston on March 30. Jules is one of just eight players selected for the event.

Having wrapped up his third and final season as a Highlander at the CBI this past month, Jules is the program's all-time leader in career field goal percentage at the Division I level, shooting an incredible 67.7% on 371 attempts. The Orlando, Fla. native posted numerous career highs during the 2022-23 campaign, including 7.7 points and 6.0 rebounds per game on a 70.0% shooting clip.

Jules ranks T-41st out of all players in the nation with 42 thunderous made dunks on the season, going 42-for-45 (93.3%) on his attempts. That number leads the Big South Conference, besting High Point's Zach Austin (39) and UNC Asheville's Drew Pember (37).

The State Farm College Slam Dunk & 3-Point Championships invites the nation's elite men's and women's college basketball players to compete for slam dunk and 3-point shooting bragging rights. The night features the King's Hawaiian Slam Dunk Championship, the TaxAct Men's 3-Point Championship, the Celsius Women's 3-Point Championship and the Applebee's Team Shootout. The winners of the men's and women's 3-Point competitions will then compete in the Rocket Mortgage Battle of the Champions.

For nearly 35 years, several of the top players in college basketball have competed in the State Farm College Slam Dunk & 3-Point Championships including Gary Payton, Steve Nash, Jason Terry, Kyle Korver, Bobby Hurley, Michael Finley, Denzel Valentine, Cappie Pondexter, Katie Gearlds, Kristi Toliver, Tiffany Hayes and Ariel Atkins.

CMG Leasing continues VT Athletics NIL agreement

Virginia Tech Athletics and its multimedia rightsholder, LEARFIELD's Virginia Tech Sports Properties, has announced a renewed relationship with CMG Leasing, the exclusive student housing partner of the Hokies.

At its core, the enhanced multi-year sponsorship agreement provides CMG Leasing with category exclusivity as Virginia Tech Athletics' official student housing partner. Additionally, the leasing company with more than 15 student housing properties available, now serves as official sponsor of the Cassell Guard student section in Cassell Coliseum.

To complement its new affinity with the home of Hokie basketball, volleyball and wrestling, CMG enters its first-ever NIL integration as part of its sponsorship, working with four student-athletes representing the three sports: Elizabeth Kitley (basketball); Cara Lewis (volleyball); Mekhi Lewis (wrestling) and Justyn Mutts (basketball). Fans

can see these student-athletes featured on co-branding inside four of the Cassell Coliseum tunnels. CMG Leasing secured the student-athletes' NIL through a partnership with Triumph NIL and have worked with other basketball student-athletes such as Ashley Owusu and Sean Pedulla to record radio ads to help promote the CMG brand.

"We're grateful for CMG Leasing's continued support of our athletics programs and our student-athletes," said Virginia Tech Director of Athletics Whit Babcock. "We appreciate their unwavering commitment to innovate and evolve their sponsorship with our Virginia Tech Sports Properties team, who we work alongside to help our partners navigate the ins and outs of NIL and how to stay involved."

"This is a major step forward for our company, and we couldn't be more excited about what we have planned," said CMG Leasing Owner Jeanne Stosser. "We're excited to extend and grow our

sponsorship with Virginia Tech Athletics, and to continue supporting Hokie student-athletes through NIL."

With its renewed contract, CMG Leasing will be the presenting sponsor of the VIP area adjacent to the student section in Lane Stadium. CMG Leasing will continue to create an enhanced gameday experience for fans by enhancing the student VIP section and providing unique promotional giveaways and contest.

"Incorporating NIL into their sponsorship agreement, like CMG Leasing is doing, can be incredibly valuable for brands, particularly with the student-athletes proudly wearing their uniforms," said Kyler Pilling, general manager for Virginia Tech Sports Properties, which represents Virginia Tech and CMG Leasing, not student-athletes. "The NIL era is new for us all, but we can work with our sponsors in doing NIL the right way, and of course in complete collaboration with the athletics administration."

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NRCC Concert Series to hold free concert on April 8

The music of Sassafras Bluegrass Band will be featured during New River Community College's Concert Series event on Sat., April 8, 2023.

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

Sassafras Bluegrass Band is based in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. The group is a bluegrass band who pays homage to the Bill Monroe and the Flatt & Scruggs era but also enjoys pushing the edge of progressive Newgrass music as well. Their repertoire also includes a range of musical styles including old time, country, folk, western swing and originals. Sassafras Bluegrass Band members have performed at a long list of festivals and venues including Merlefest, Walnut Valley Festival, Riverhawk Music Festival, Songs of the Mountain, King Pup Syndicated Radio, Red White and Bluegrass Festival, Albino Skunk Festival, Plum Hollow Festival, Chomp & Stomp Festival, Mean Fiddler, Bean Blossom Bluegrass Festival, Gettysburg Bluegrass Festival, High Mountain Bluegrass Festival, Pickin'



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on the Plains, Rogersville Bluegrass Festival, Outer Banks Bluegrass Festival, Wickenburg Bluegrass Festival, and many others. Collectively, they have shared the stage or studio with Doc Watson, Jack Lawrence, Charlie Waller, Josh Graves, John Cowan, Jim Lauderdale, Ronnie Bowman, Tony Rice, Russell Moore, Jim Buchanan, Allison Krauss, Tim O'Brien, Mark O'Connor, Laurie Lewis, Tony Furtado and many others. The group includes Wes Tuttle on mandolin, fiddle and vocals; Gray Tuttle on banjo and vocals; Josh Scott on bass and vocals; and Randy Gambill on guitar and vocals.

Corporate sponsors of the music events include Anderson Audiology, Dublin; August Jewelers & Boutique, Inc., Radford; CCCKY, LLC – Fazoli's, Dublin; Deanie Hall – State Farm Agent, Dublin; Estes

Auto & Truck Parts Inc., Pilot; First Community Bank, Pulaski; Gregory Seeding and Landscaping Company, Pulaski; King Tire Service, Pulaski; Lee's Body Shop, Pearisburg; Martin's Pharmacy, Pulaski; Pepsi Cola Bottling Co., Dublin; Pulaski Patriot, Pulaski; SERVPRO, Montgomery & Pulaski Counties; and Southern Furniture Warehouse, Radford.

The doors open at 5 p.m. for the show. Admission is free; however, donations will be accepted to help offset the travel expenses for the musicians. The music events are typically held the second Saturday of each month through April at NRCC, a Crooked Road affiliated venue.

For more information about the NRCC Concert Series, please contact Tim Jones at (540) 674-3625 or visit www.nr.edu/concerts.

-Submitted by NRCC

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