

City news notes

Citizens asked for opinions for Radford Transit Strategic Plan update

RADFORD - Radford citizens are invited to take a survey to help shape the future of Radford Transit. The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) requires public transit agencies operating in urban areas to develop a Transit Strategic Plan (TSP) "to ensure transit agencies evaluate and update their transit service on a frequent basis and respond to changes in demand," according to the City of Radford. "A strategic plan provides transit agencies an opportunity to reimagine their transit service and will serve as a strategic blueprint for desired changes to improve the transit system for the community's mobility needs," the city announced. "Radford Transit's TSP will serve as the key planning document shaping Radford Transit service for the next 10 years." The TSP will occur over the next 12 months. There will be several opportunities for riders and residents alike to provide thoughts and comments. Please check later at www.radfordva.gov for additional updates in the coming months. For questions related to Radford Transit or the Transit Strategic Plan, please contact Melissa. Skelton@radfordva.gov. Complete a short survey to help the city plan the future of Radford Transit, and a chance to win a \$50 gift card. To complete the survey, log onto <https://eprpc.mysocialpinpoint.com/radford#/> or request a paper copy by contacting Melissa. Skelton@radfordva.gov.

Drug Take Back today

Have you been meaning to clean out your medicine cabinet? Today, Saturday, April 22, you can properly dispose of expired, unwanted or unused medications at Radford Police Department from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., as a part of National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. Here, citizens can safely surrender their expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceuticals and medications- no See **City notes**, page 4



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF RADFORD

Members of the Woman's Club of Radford gather with Laura Beth Weaver, Executive Director of the Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley, to celebrate free books for children served through the Women's Resource Center.

Woman's Club of Radford expands literacy program to Women's Resource Center

RADFORD - The Woman's Club of Radford has expanded its literacy program to children served through the Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley. The Woman's Club met April 11 at the Radford Public Library. Laura Beth Weaver, Executive Director of the Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley spoke about the non-profit organization's programs and services to victims of sexual and domestic abuse. Since the Resource Center was formed in the mid-seventies it

has had more than one million hours of advocacy serving women, men, and children. The Center's Immediate Crisis services include a 24-Hour Crisis Hotline, Emergency Advocacy and Emergency Shelter. Counseling Services, Legal Advocacy, and a Transitional Housing Program are some of the sexual assault and domestic violence programs. Children are often served in emergency shelter, which is how the Woman's Club of Radford can help Center clients. The Woman's Club's mission

is promoting children's literacy with the Reading is Fundamental program at McHarg, Snowville, and Riverlawn Elementary Schools and the Babies into Books program at Carillion New River Medical Center. The literacy program has expanded to the Women's Resource Center with free books provided for the children from infants through middle school. The children will be able to keep the book they choose. Submitted by the Woman's Club of Radford

RHS relay team breaks school record



PHOTO COURTESY OF RADFORD HIGH SCHOOL

Radford High School's 4 x 100 relay team recently broke the school record at the New River Invitational track meet, held April 14 at Giles High School. The athletes are Parker Prioleau, Vance Steele, Landen Clark, and David Woodward. "Congratulations to our 4 x 100 relay team that just broke the school record with a time of 43.905," RHS announced. "Way to go Parker, Vance, Landen, and David."



PHOTO COURTESY OF RADFORD UNIVERSITY

This year's fair, held in Radford University's Peters Hall gym, was the first in-person event in three years. The COVID-19 global health pandemic forced the event online in 2021 and 2022.

Science fair brings young thinkers to Radford campus

The fair included projects by Radford High School students

RADFORD - Biking down the side of a mountain, Jesse Dulaney often finds himself relying too heavily on his front brakes. It can lead to some unpleasant situations. "The wheel locks up, and I would often crash or run into a tree because I had no control of the bike," said Dulaney, a student at Floyd County High School and the Southwest Virginia Governor's School. Those situations sparked an idea for Dulaney to construct an anti-lock braking mechanism for his mountain bike. He connected a sensor that detected wheel speed to a small mechanism he applied to his bike's front brake. When the sensor detected the front wheel was turning slower

than the back wheel - or locking up - the sensor sent a signal to the small motor on the front brake, causing it to oscillate and allow the wheel to continue to roll and not lock. Dulaney's impressive engineering exploits earned him one of the two grand awards at the 32nd Blue Ridge

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Grandpa's Coming Off the Shelf....

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, April 22:

New Mount Olive fish fry
The United Methodist Men of New Mount Olive are sponsoring a fish fry, 11 a.m. – 4 pm at New Mount Olive United Methodist Church, 309 Russell Ave., in Radford. Dinners are \$12 and include two pieces of fried fish, baked beans, coleslaw, rolls and dessert. Fish sandwiches are \$6 and an extra piece of fish is \$3.50 For call-in orders, call the church at 540-639-6425. Delivery is available only in Radford.

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.

Family Movie Matinee: Lightyear

At the Radford Public Library; 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. The same studio that brought you Toy Story brings you “Lightyear”. See the origin story of Buzz Lightyear alongside his robot companion Sox. Rated PG; 101 minutes.

Hahn Horticulture Garden Plant Sale:

At the Hahn Horticulture Garden, 200 Garden Lane, on the campus of Virginia Tech; Thurs., April 20 and Fri., April 21: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sat., April 22 8 a.m. - noon (or when they sell out.) This event benefits both the Garden and the Horticulture Club, so please come out and support and purchase some interesting plants for your yard. There will be a preview on Wed. April 19 at noon where we will highlight some of the plants that will be for sale. Please note that no plants will be sold or put on hold on Wednesday.

Monday, April 24:

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 25:

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.

Lunch and Learn: Decompress from Stress

At the Radford Public Library; noon – 1 p.m. Join us for a presentation about how to manage stress with licensed

Humana agent Lauren Hand. This event is free and open to the community. To reserve your seat and lunch, email Elizabeth.Sensabaugh@radfordva.gov.

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.

Thursday, May 4:

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.

Friday, May 5 and Saturday, May 6:

Book Sale

There will be a book sale at the Radford Public Library, 10 a.m. -5 p.m. Along with the usual subjects, there will be many, many children's books, cookbooks and jigsaw puzzles. Come to the sale and help support the Radford Public Library.

Thursday, May 18:

Sons of Confederate Veterans

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 are also invited to this meeting. For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864

On-going:

Glencoe Mansion announces call for art for Mary Draper Ingles Show

Glencoe Mansion is calling for art for its July-August 2023 Gallery Exhibit, “A Journey For All,” a multi-artist show themed on the life and times of Mary Draper Ingles. Accepted artwork should reflect the life and times of Mary Draper Ingles, expressions of life during the colonial period, and histories of all the peoples, from settlers to indigenous cultures to enslaved people, who called the frontier home. This includes, but is not limited to, depictions of local landmarks (for example, Ingles Farm, the Cultural and Heritage Park, Ingles Tavern and other connected sites in the region), and Colonial style art. All fine arts and fine craft media including painting, plein air, illustration, digital media, textiles, mixed media and photography will be considered. Artists may submit up to three (3) artworks for consideration. Applications will be accepted through 5 p.m. on June 13. Participation, which is subject to acceptance, is open to artists in and around the NRV area. Entry forms for “A Journey For All” can be found at www.glencoemansion.org or by contacting arts@glencoemansion.org.



Radford Farmers Market starts today

The 2023 season of the Radford Farmers Market kicks off today, Saturday, April 22 on the grounds of Glencoe Mansion, Museum and Galley, located just off West Main Street, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. each Saturday until October 14.

NRCC nurse aide registration now open

Registration is now open for New River Community College's nurse aide program that begins on April 24.

The 13-week program runs April 24 through July 20 (class ID # 25429) with lectures online Mondays from 6 p.m.-10 p.m. and skills labs on Tuesdays from 6 p.m.-10 p.m.

The course also includes five clinical day Saturday sessions in June and July (6/3, 6/10, 6/17, 6/24, and 7/1) from 6:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Upon completion of the program, students are eligible to apply to take the National Nurse Aide Assessment Program (NNAAP) exam to become a Certified Nurse Aide.

Nurse aides help patients or clients with health care needs under the supervision of a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse. They provide hands-on care to patients, helping with bathing, dressing and the basic activities of life. Daily activities a nurse aide might encounter include

taking patients' temperature, blood pressure and other vital signs.

The nurse aide program is eligible for tuition assistance through the G3 program. This program provides Virginia residents who qualify for in-state tuition and whose family income falls below an identified threshold with tuition assistance. Additional financial assistance may also be available.

To register, email Amber Slusser-Brillhart at asbrillhart@nr.edu or call (540) 674-3600, ext. 4435.

Nurse aide is one of several NRCC FastForward programs that provides affordable, short-term training through the Office of Workforce Development. For more information about FastForward program offerings, visit <https://www.nr.edu/fastforward/>.

Submitted by NRCC

Radford University Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa inducts local members

RADFORD - After a five-year hiatus, as of April 10, 2023, Radford University again has a circle of Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK). During a ceremony in the Bonnie Auditorium at the Hurlburt Student Center on campus, 31 students were inducted into the revitalized student organization.

Dr. Jean Mistele, director of the Citizen Leader Program and professor in the mathematics and statistics department led efforts to restart the ODK circle at Radford University (RU). Her efforts were supported by

team members Dr. Timothy Reed, vice president of membership and operations at ODK headquarters, Dr. Pamela Frasier, professor in the health and human performance department, Dr. Chapman Rackaway, chair and professor in the political science department, and Jacob May, Circle assistant and undergraduate student at Radford University.

Mistele, Frasier and Rackaway were also inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa per national requirements. Mistele serves as Circle coordinator, and Frasier and Rackaway serve as faculty advisors.

Local inductees include: Kristen Renee Edwards, of Christiansburg; Abigail Elaine Ridpath, of Radford; and Allison Noelle Jones, of Shawsville.

The unique mission of ODK is to recognize and encourage collaboration among collegiate leaders. The Society seeks to identify, celebrate, and engage collegiate and community leaders from different backgrounds, perspectives, and generations. Members enjoy scholarship opportunities, leadership development programs, access to a national network, and more.

The eligibility requirements for ODK include: two semesters (one year) as a full-time student at Radford University; sophomore, junior, or senior standing; a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.4 (sophomores), 3.5 (juniors), or 3.6 (seniors); exemplary character as evident by the submission of a resume and character references; and achievement of special distinction in leadership.

Submitted by Merit Pages

NRCC offering free computer tune up

New River Community College will hold a Cyber Day event on Saturday, April 29.

Cyber Day is an event where anyone can bring their laptops, desktops, tablets and phones for a free tune up and virus scan. The NRCC Computer Club is hosting the event from 9 a.m. to noon in room 127 at the college's Christiansburg site located in Uptown Christiansburg.

There will be several students and Dr. David Filer, NRCC information

systems technology professor and club advisor, working on the systems at the event. Any Windows or Android device is welcome.

The NRCC Computer Club focuses on the skills of repairing and creating computers for campus and community use.

For more information about Cyber Day, contact Filer at dfiler@nr.edu or (540) 674-3600, ext. 4272.

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Library of Virginia ‘On the Go’ coming to Meadowbrook Library

SHAWSVILLE — The Meadowbrook Public Library is hosting the Library of Virginia (LVA) for an “engaging event for all ages” Saturday, April 29, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Library of Virginia is celebrating 200 years this year. They are celebrating with LVA on the Go and visiting each region of Virginia with a series of events and programs. The Library of Virginia will bring expert help, genealogy assistance, children's storytime, and presentations to help community members engage with local history, family history, and more.

The Library of Virginia launched its first statewide tour this month in a new custom-built vehicle to bring some of its vast resources, staff expertise and programming to every corner of the commonwealth. Debuting as part of the Library's yearlong 200th anniversary celebration, LVA On the Go is a state-of-the-art vehicle designed to enhance awareness of the Library's collections and resources, strengthen ties to local organizations, capture stories and histories from community members, and provide a memorable and fun experience.

“As we approach our third century, it's important that we offer additional ways for individuals of all ages who may not ever have the opportunity to visit us in Richmond to learn about our rich and diverse

collections and programs and share their stories,” said Librarian of Virginia Sandra Treadway. “Our custom-built vehicle presents opportunities to connect to a wider audience across the state.”

The Meadowbrook Library event will feature an array of special guests for all ages, including Precious Valley Farms Petting Zoo, author Daniel Thorp, tours of the Meadowbrook Museum, and MFRL's Mobile Library, along with information from Christiansburg Institute. With genealogy help, reference tutorials, library card registration, oral history recordings, and children's activities, there will be something available for everyone.

During the event, visitors can view and engage with valuable resources like Virginia Untold: The African American Narrative database and VirginiaChronicle.com, which provides access to over a million newspaper pages.

At noon, Virginia Tech Associate Professor Daniel Thorp will discuss the history of Black communities in Eastern Montgomery County. Daniel Thorp is Associate Professor of History at Virginia Tech and author of Facing Freedom: An African American Community in Virginia from Reconstruction to Jim Crow, and In the True Blue's Wake: Slavery and Freedom among the Families of Smithfield Plantation. After his talk, Daniel

Thorp will have books available for purchase and signing.

Scheduled events include:

10:30- 11 a.m.: Genealogy 101

10:30- 11 a.m.: Children's Story Time

11 - 11:30 a.m.: Virginia Untold: The African American Narrative

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.: Precious Valley Farms Petting Zoo

11:30 a.m. - noon: LVA Digital Resources

Noon – 1 p.m.: Guest Speaker, Author Daniel Thorp

Noon - 12:30 p.m.: Newspaper Research

12:30 p.m. – 1 p.m.: Children's Story Time

12:30 p.m. – 1 p.m.: Genealogy 101

1 - 1:30 p.m.: Find it VA resources

Drop in to the Meadowbrook Museum, the Mobile Library, and stop by the Christiansburg Institute booth anytime between 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public. There will be drawings for door prizes happening every hour, including autographed books by Cece Bell.

The Library of Virginia was founded by the General Assembly on Jan. 24, 1823, to organize, care for and manage the state's growing collection of books and

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG PLANNING COMMISSION The Town of Christiansburg Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 1, 2023, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning: A. Rezoning request by RWW36, LLC, Property Owner, and Christiansburg VA (SEQ US Highway 460 and Roanoke) LLC, Applicant, to rezone approximately 1.976 acres located at the southeast corner of Rt. 460 Bypass and Roanoke St. and identified as Tax Parcel 529 - ((A)) - 48, Parcel ID 230045; from General Business District B-3 to Limited Industrial District I-1. The property is partially designated as Mixed Use with Buffer (Residential/Business) 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 Andrew Warren, Assistant Town Manager, at (540) 382-6128, Ext. 1130 or by email at awarren@christiansburg.org g, with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.	amended. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning: A. Rezoning request by Shepherd Contracting LLC, Property Owner, to rezone approximately 2.00 acres located at 4600 Roanoke St., identified as Tax Parcel 503- (A)-37, Parcel ID 010304; from Limited Business District B-1 to General Business District B-3. 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Conditional Use Permit request by RWW 36 LLC, Property Owner, and Denstock LLC, Applicant, to allow a Planned Housing Development of 209 multi-family residential dwelling units on approximately 18.77 acres located at the terminus of Farmview Road NE, consisting of all of approximately 14.38 acres identified as Tax Parcel 436 - ((A)) - 41, Parcel ID 017576; an approximately 3.31 acre portion identified as Tax Parcel 436-((A))-38, Parcel ID 021678; an approximately 0.14 acre portion identified as Tax Parcel 436-((A))-36, Parcel ID 021677; all of approximately 0.77 acres of Tax Parcel 436-((A))-37, Parcel ID 032861; all of Tax Parcel 436-((A))-39, Parcel ID 021679; and all of Tax Parcel 436-((A))-40, Parcel ID 021680; zoned General Business District B-3. The property is designated as Mixed Use with Buffer (Residential/Business) on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan. 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The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com . Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com . VA-353027-2.



SUPERVISORS

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 & 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on May 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to hear citizen comments regarding the Planning Commission intention to act on the following Special Use Permit request: A request by the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors for a Special Use Permit (SUP) on property owned by the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors to allow a lighted park. The proposed Special Use Permit would allow the installation of lighting at Auburn Park. The proposed lighting plan consists of twenty-one (21) 60-foot light poles, one (1) 70-foot light pole, and eight (8) 80-foot light poles on the athletic fields currently under development. A total of one hundred forty-four (144) individual LED downcast lighting fixtures would be installed on the poles, with fixtures installed at a height of 16 feet and/or at the maximum pole height. The property is located at 3595 Riner Road (St. Rt. 8), and is located approximately 0.1 miles North of the intersection of Riner Road (Route 8) and Turnberry Ln. The property is further identified as Tax Map 119-A 23 (Parcel ID: 019113), 45.683 acres, zoned Agricultural (A-1) in the Riner Magisterial District. The property currently lies in an area designated as Resource Stewardship in the 2025 Comprehensive Plan. Copies of the proposed plans, applications, ordinances or amendments may be examined at the Department of Planning and GIS Services, County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Suite 2A, Christiansburg, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or at <http://www.montgomerycountyva.gov/pendingapplications>.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 3426 MOUNT ZION ROAD, BLACKSBURG, VA 24060.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated March 11, 2005, in the original principal amount of \$177,800.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 2005002842

The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of

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Science

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Highlands Regional Science Fair hosted by Radford University on March 3-4. The fair gives middle and high school students a rare opportunity to show and talk about their scientific prowess and research through poster displays and oral presentations in numerous fields, including animal science, behavioral and social science, biochemistry and chemistry, cell and molecular biology, computer science, earth and planetary science, environmental management and science, engineering, mathematics, medicine and health, microbiology, physics and astronomy and plant science. This year's fair, held in Radford University's Peters Hall gym, was the first in-person event in three years. The COVID-19 global health pandemic forced the event online in 2021 and 2022. "We were thrilled to have everybody back in person and be able to see them and their displays," said Radford Professor of Biology Kimberly Lane, Ph.D., who serves as co-director of the regional fair along with Christine Hermann, Ph.D., a professor and chair of the university's Department of Chemistry. "The excitement here is contagious," Lane continued.

"When you see the students, they are nervous but excited to share with everybody what they are doing." As she set up her project on Friday, Radford High School and Southwest Virginia Governor's School senior Tommie Bloomer said she did not have any nerves at the moment, the day before the competition began, but admitted, "the waiting is always the worst part." But Bloomer, the drum major in Radford High's marching band, exuded excitement for the opportunity to share her new design for a clarinet lyre. "I'm a nerd," Bloomer said, laughing. "I really love learning, and I love getting the opportunity to do something like this, to do research and talk to people about it." Students shared their projects among 75 judges who came to the event armed with a variety of scientific expertise and experiences. They ranged from university faculty members to graduate students and working professionals in industry. "We bring in people whose careers involve the topics we cover," Lane said. First-place winners in each senior category received an invitation to compete in the virtual Virginia State Science and Engineering Fair in April. First place winners in the junior categories received an invitation to apply to the Broadcom Masters competition in Washington, D.C., in October. Two grand award winners were announced at the end of the competition on Saturday, March 4. One of those awards went to Dulaney for his bicycle anti-locking system. The other went to Davis Reitzel for his extraordinary exploration of the Collatz Conjecture, a well-known unsolved math problem. Reitzel, a student at Carroll County High School and Southwest Virginia Governor's School, didn't solve the problem, "but I found out a lot of cool things along the way," he said while explaining his project. Duane and Reitzel now have an opportunity to show their research at the International Science and Engineering Fair in May in Dallas, Texas. They will compete with thousands of students from about 85 countries. Plus, "we fund the trip for the students and their adult sponsors," Lane explained. That includes food, flights and hotel rooms for the nearly weeklong event. "It adds up," Lane continued.

"The students are treated like rock stars while they're there, so it's definitely worth the expense." Funds to cover those expenses often come from generous donors, the professor explained. Radford University is one of the few science fair hosts that does not charge students to participate. "We believe every student should have equal ability to participate regardless of whether or not they can afford a registration fee," Lane said. "We have that capability through our fundraising efforts." Getting a chance to compete in the regional science fair on Radford's campus was a thrilling experience for many of the middle and high school students. "It's super cool, and it's great to be able to interact with college professors and other students and their projects," said Havva Gasimova, a senior at Radford High School and Southwest Virginia Governor's School, who won first place in the Biomedical and Health Sciences Cellular and Molecular Biology category for her project focused on links between environment and food allergies. Gasimova's sentiment is one Lane and Hermann often hear from their own Radford students. "We've had several students who came to study at Radford University tell us that the first time they saw the campus was when they came here to compete in the science fair," Lane said. "They tell us they loved the campus and the environment and really wanted to be here." The fair brings to campus hundreds of students from a large geographic region each year who may someday choose to pursue higher education at Radford. The Blue Ridge region includes schools from Bland, Buchanan, Carroll, Dickenson, Giles, Grayson, Lee, Montgomery, Pulaski, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington, Wise and Wythe counties as well as the cities of Bristol, Galax and Norton. "It's very exciting, and it's great to be able to celebrate what is going on with our students in this region," Lane said. We are so proud of the students who come here to Radford to compete. This is a big region, and to see the support these students get is wonderful.

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City Council to meet Monday

Radford City Council will hold its regularly scheduled meeting this Monday, April 24 at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers, located at 10 Robertson St. in Radford. The agenda includes: Citizen comments on public matters: (Please state your name for the record – Please limit comments to 3 minutes or less) Minutes approval: April 10, 2023 Regular Meeting Proclamations: National Library Week Resolution: Basil Edwards Old business: 1. Ordinance 1787: F.Y. 2024 Budget Second Reading 2. Ordinance 1788: 2023 Tax Rate Second Reading New business: 1. F.Y. 2024 Rate Resolution 2. Onward NRV a. Board of Directors b. Executive Committee 3. Community Development Block Grant a. Program Year 2023 Action Plan 4. Appropriation Ordinance 1763.31: \$60,000-Current

Year Staff & Operations 5. Appropriation Ordinance 1763.32: \$43,104-DSS Staff and Operations 6. Appropriation Ordinance 1763.33: \$16,828-CSA Funding 7. Appropriation Ordinance 1763.34: \$30,000-Safe and Stable Families 8. Ordinance 1789: VCI Option CITY manager comments Council member comments

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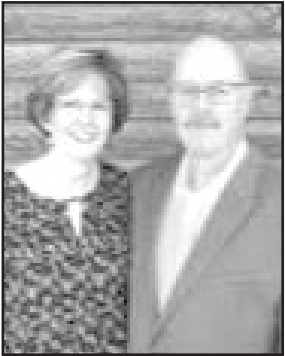
OBITUARIES

Akers, Larry Wendell

Larry Wendell Akers, 57, of McCoy, special cousin, Link Sheppard; many went to be with Jesus, Sunday, April 16, 2023.

He was born in Montgomery Co. on March 30, 1966. He was preceded in death by his father, Sidney Edward Akers; brother-in-law, Bobby Agee, for whom he cared for 20 years; and aunts, Frances Sheppard and Linda Parmelee. Larry attended Harbor of Hope Pentecostal Church, where he served on the security team. He served as a deputy for 25 years with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, and 37 years as a fireman with the Longshop-McCoy Fire Department.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Ruth Ann Akers; sons and daughters-in-law, Justin and Whitney Akers, and Nicholas and Michaela Akers; grandchildren, Connor Akers, and Sawyer Akers; mother, Eunice Jones; brother and sister-in-law, Gary and Shirley Akers; sister, Lynette Akers; sister-in-law, Peggy Winters; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Billy and Donna Agee; special uncle, Aubrey Sheppard;



special nieces and nephews; his furbabies, Harley and Ethel of the home, and Dixie and Brugh.

The family wishes to thank special friends, Gail, Lisa, Debbie, his special work family, Sheriff Hank Partin, Captain Jason Cochran, Lt. John Stull, all of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, all of the first responders of Montgomery County, as well as the Doctors and Nurses at New River Valley Medical Center and Blue Ridge Cancer Center.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 19, 2023 in the Harbor of Hope Pentecostal Church with his friend, Pastor Craig Reed officiating. Interment followed in the Sunset Cemetery. The family received friends Wednesday prior to the service at Harbor of Hope Pentecostal Church. Flowers will be appreciated or donations may be made to Longshop-McCoy Fire and Rescue. Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

Camacho, Donna "Kay"

Donna "Kay" Camacho, 67, passed Timmy Quesenberry, and Chelsea (Tristan) Tate; three great grandchildren; brother, Frankie (Janet) Sexton; sister, Debbie (Dale) Smith; special friends, Steve Hill, Julie East, and Shirley Parks; and many other relatives and friends.

The family received friends on Thursday, April 27, 2023, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Graveside services followed at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin.

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



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ANGLICAN CATHOLIC
St. Philip's Anglican Church, 306 Progress Street, NE, Blacksburg, Virginia 24060, (540) 552-1771, www.stphilipsblacksburg.org. Reverend Fr. Wade Miller, Priest. Eucharist Sunday's at 11am and Wednesday's at 12pm.
St. Thomas Anglican Church- located at 4910 Hubert Rd, NW Roanoke, Va. Traditional Liturgical Lenten Services, Sunday at 10:30 am. Call (540) 589-1299 or visit www.sttofc.org for mid-week masses and events. (In Roanoke, go E on Hershberger, L on Hubert to 4910).

BAPTIST
First Baptist Church, 555 West Rock Road, Radford, 639-3873. Rev. Corwin C. Casey, Pastor. Worship with us: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.; Praise and Worship: 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service; Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Corinthians 15:58.
First Baptist Church on 3rd Ave., 215 Third Ave at the corner with Downey St. We nurture meaningful connections to God and others through worship, spiritual growth, and community ministry. We celebrate the dignity and worth of all persons, created in the image of God. Sunday Bible Study Groups - 9:45, Sunday Worship - 11:00. Website: fbcradford.org 540-639-4419. Worship is in-person and live-streamed on Facebook and on our YouTube channel: First Baptist Church Radford.
Trinity Community Church, 1505 N. Franklin Street, C'burg. John Altizer, Lead Pastor, Brian Cockram, Associate Pastor, 382-8121. Worship at 10:45 a.m., Outreach Ministries - 6:00p.m. Wednesday, Growth Groups - 5:00p.m. Sunday, Youth and Children's Ministry - 5:00p.m. Sunday, www.trinitycburg.org.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Blacksburg Church of Christ, 315 Eakin St., 552-1331. Sun. Bible Classes 9:30 a.m., Sun. Worship 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m., Wed. Bible classes, 7 p.m., Outreach Minister Curt Seright, Community Minister Tom Gilliam, Dean Meadows, Campus Minister.

CHURCH OF GOD
Childress Church of God, 4187 Piney Woods Rd., C'Burg. 381-3693. Sun. School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m. & Wed. 7 p.m.
New Hope Church of God, 1404 Mud Pike Rd., C'Burg. Rev. T. Michael Bond, pastor, 731-3178. Sun. School 10 a.m., Worship 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m. Thurs., 7:00 p.m.
West Radford Church of God, 1824 West Main Street, Radford, VA 24141, Sunday School – 10:00A.M. Morning Worship – 11:00A.M., Children's Church 11:00A.M. Sunday Evening – 6:00P.M., Wednesday Night – 7:00P.M., Pastor Danny Newman, Church Office – 540-639-6562 or 804-921-0828

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Radford Church of God in Christ, 206 Russell Ave., Radford. Supt. Ronald A. Watson, Sr.; Elder, 639- 5948. Sun. School 9 a.m.; Prayer 11:30 a.m.; Worship 6 p.m.

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Snowville Christian Church, 5436 Lead Mine Rd., Hiwassee, VA 24347, Pastor: Jerry King, Website: www.SnowvilleChristianChurch.com (and Facebook), Office: 540-633-3761, Email: office@SnowvilleChristianChurch.com, Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 a.m., Sunday School: 10:00 a.m., Thursday Bible Study: 6:00 p.m., We are: "Inspiring hope, helping people grow their faith, and sharing God's love with others!"

EPISCOPAL
Grace Episcopal Church, 210 4th Street, Radford, 639-3494. A friendly, mission-oriented spiritual community sharing the Word of God. ALL ARE WELCOME. In person and live-streamed services 10:30AM Sundays. Holy Eucharist twice a month. Morning Prayer twice a month. Fellowship and refreshments follow services. Find us on Facebook: Grace Episcopal Church and www.graceradford.org.

LUTHERAN
Christ Lutheran Church, 201 Harvey St. Sunday worship with communion at 10am; fellowship & snacks at 11am. All are welcome. Upcoming events and fellowship opportunities (Senior Brunch, Faith & Film, Rough Draught, etc.) detailed in weekly

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WORSHIP DIRECTORY

DEPRESSED SAINTS

Read 1 Kings 19:1 through 20:43

Sometimes Christians get depressed. The cause might be a chemical imbalance, sin, an attack from Satan, or the stress of life, but depression can happen to all of us. Prayer is in order, and in some cases medications might also be needed. Depression is a serious problem, especially for those diagnosed with clinical depression. However, we can always count on the Holy Spirit to gently lead us through the dark days, if we let Him.

The angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you" (1 Kings 19:7).

Godly Elijah, who had just won an incredible victory for the Lord, was hit so hard by depression that he wanted to die. God did not scold him or beat him when he was down. Instead, God sent His angel to gently remind Elijah to eat the food He provided. We, too, must daily eat the Word of God, the Bread of Life, for the "journey is too much" for us to travel in our own might.

Prayer for Today: Lord, encourage the depressed ones today. Draw them to Your Word, where they can find food for the journey.

Quicklook: 1 Kings 19:1–9

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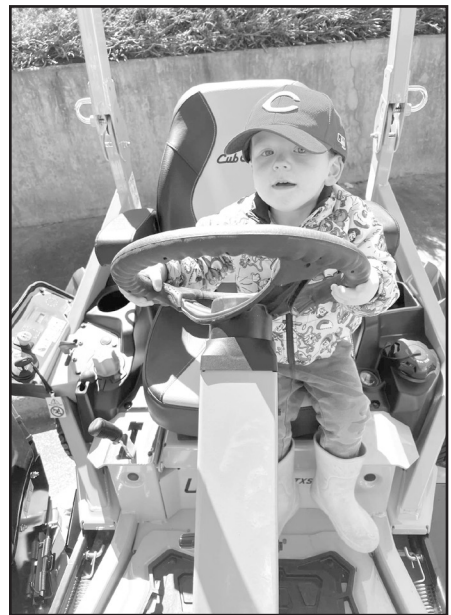
Christopher (540) 552-7194. l.christopher695@comcast.net. Sunday school at 10 a.m. and morning worship is 11 a.m. Evening service at 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m.
Compassion Church, 1820 Second Street, Radford, 639-6287, Our music is passionate, our worship is real, and Pastor Chandler Jones brings relevant messages for everyone at any place on their journey, Sunday Worship Experience at 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM, Wednesday Family Night at 7 PM, Children Ministry provided for all services. Our vision is to see all Saved. Freed. Restored. Fulfilled. Find us on facebook and Instagram
Walton Pentecostal Holiness Church, 4003 Morning Glory Rd., off Walton Rd. on Rt. 114. 731-1755. Lee Sarver, pastor. Sun. School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m. & 6: p.m., Wed., 7p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN
Join us at **The Presbyterian Church of Radford**, 201 4th Street, at the corner of 4th & Randolph, for Sunday School at 10 am and Worship and Children's Church at 11 am. Our Interim Minister is Steve Willis. Phone 639-2585. Watch the worship services on Facebook, which can be accessed through the church website at www.pcradford.org or through the Presbyterian church of Radford Facebook page. We are called to share the love of Christ in this community and beyond.

UNITED METHODIST
Asbury United Methodist Church, 500 Stuart Street, Christiansburg. 540-382- 0743. Rev. Ryan Schaeffer. Sunday School, 10:15 a.m., Sunday Worship, 11:30 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7pm, alternating month's with Schaeffer Memorial Baptist Church, Senior Bible Study Thursday, 10:30 a.m. All are welcome.
Central United Methodist Church, 803 Wadsworth Street, Radford. 639-3529. 8:30 a.m. Sunday Services: 8:30am (interpreter provided); 9:45am Sunday School (interpreter provided); and 11:00am. Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30pm. Child care is provided. www.centralmethodistchurch.com.
St. Paul United Methodist Church, 220 W. Main St., C'Burg. Rev. Moonsup "Paul" Song (540) 382-2410. Sunday Worship 10am, Sunday School 9am. Live streaming Sunday Service - www.twitch.tv/stpaulumc.

Kids celebrate Week of the Young Child

Heart n Hand Early Learning Center in Christiansburg recently celebrated Week of the Young Child, a nationwide week geared towards celebrating early learning, young children, their teachers, and families. The week was capped off with a “Touch a Truck” event during which the children got the chance to see a police car, fire truck, dump truck, tractor, and a few other vehicles. Center director Chelsea Naughton Sharlow said the children were excited to see the trucks and have their families join in the fun.



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Obituaries

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Hull, Angeletta (Angel) Sawyers

Angeletta (Angel) Sawyers Hull, Quesenberry; maternal grandmother, Mildred Barnett; and special aunts, uncles and cousins.



She was born in Radford on January 29, 1972. She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Ed and Edith Sawyers, and her maternal grandfather, Frank Barnett, Jr.

She was a member of Shawsville Congregational Holiness Church, where she used her vocal and musical talents, served as a youth leader, Secretary and Treasurer of the youth dept. Angel was the sales manager at Sawyers, Inc. Bus Sales. She was blessed as an accomplished singer and musician having played on the Grand Ole Opry.

She is survived by her husband, Darin Hull; son, Ezekiel Zion Sawyers (Pasha); parents, Howard and Donna Sawyers; step children, Julia Hull and Cody Hull; step grandchild, Ryder Lee

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, April 22, 2023 at 3 p.m. in the Shawsville Congregational Holiness Church Gym, 674 Alleghany Springs Rd., Shawsville, with the Pastor Wes Connor and Pastor

Mark Spencer officiating. Interment will follow in the Shawsville Congregational Holiness Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends Saturday from 1-3 p.m. prior to the service at the church gym. Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Shawsville Congregational Holiness Church Youth Department, P.O. Box 610 Shawsville, VA 24162.

Lancaster, Lois Grace Long

Lois Grace Long Lancaster passed values and beliefs. She loved to be



in the presence of her friends and family and supported, cared for and comforted many as they ended their own life journeys.

Lois was predeceased by her sister, Ruth Kelsoe, and her cousin, James Long, as well as many of her extended family. She left behind her devoted husband, David; daughter and son in law, Julia and Mark Schrader; grandsons, Jake, Jared, Joseph, and Jeremiah; nephews, Charles and Steve Kelsoe; and niece, Debra Kelsoe Rhinehardt.

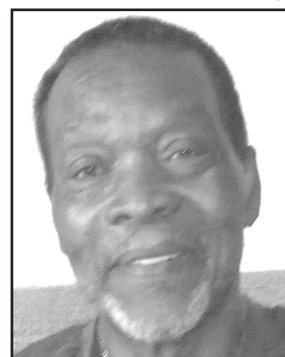
Funeral service will be held at Chandler Funeral Home in Bridgton, Maine. The family will also receive friends beginning at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 22, 2023, in the Highland Memory Gardens Mausoleum in Dublin. Graveside services will follow at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to <https://androskoggin.org/giving/gifts-of-remembrance/> or a hospice close to you.

The Lancaster family is in the care of Chandler Funeral Home in Maine and Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory.

Morman Sr., Carthen Eugene (Gene)

Carthen Eugene (Gene) Morman Sr., Willis, Jaylynn Hamlin, Connor McRoberts, Madison McRoberts, Jeziah Murphy, Kaye Liana Murphy, and JayVian Eugene Pack; and great grandchildren, Zara Morman, Zion Morman, Genesis Morman, Jamoree Gibbs, Nadia Morman, D'Mari Morman, Jayce Morman, and Sai'Mon Trent.



Carthen was preceded in death by his mother, Viola Morman; father, Floyd Morman; three brothers, Russel Morman, Chev-Riddell Morman, and Floyd Morman; and bonus daughter, Regina Hamlin.

He is survived by his common law wife of 21 years, Teresa Hall; two brothers, Calvin Morman (Rose), and Daniel Morman; sister, Erenestine Morman; daughter, Shirley D. Jackson (Rodney); three sons, Carthen E. Morman Jr., Andre D. Morman (Cheryl), and Derrick Gray (Hope); his bonus children, Valorie Bentley, Stacy Opincar (John), Tylor Musselman (Stephen), Samantha Pack (Michael), and Erika Hall; grandchildren, Devin Morman, RayJean Morman, Deshaun Morman, Monique Morman, Rodney L. Jackson Jr., Morgan Gray, Xavier Gray, Briana Hynes, Nataysia Roper; bonus grandchildren, Destiny Beran (Cody), Mackenzie Opincar, Nickolys

Gene will be remembered for all the years he put in hard work as a maintenance man at Fairfax Village Apartments and Cambridge Square Apartments.

The family would like to give a big thank you to two of his nurses, Tammy and Colby, who helped him throughout his fight with cancer.

The family would also like to give a heartfelt thank you to Linda, Heather, and Dennis for being dear friends to Gene for many years.

There will be a private cremation and the family will set a later date for a celebration of life.

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

Sublett, Alfred (Al) Lee

Alfred (Al) Lee Sublett, 86, of McCoy, he worked at the Radford Ammunition Plant, he received a certificate of achievement award from Hercules Incorporated for the completion of a course in maintenance mechanics, and Dale Carnegie for completion of a personnel development course, in June 1983. While at the plant, Al also took a course from New River Community College for business and for business and industrial supervision. He earned a 3.308 GPA, cum laude, in 1991.



Al was born on Tuesday, Sept. 29, 1936, in Parrott, the only child to the late Claude E. and Francie Hungate Sublett. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Trenece Renee Sublett; a brother and sister-in-law, Duane and Patricia Kline; a nephew, James (Jim) Kline; a sister-in-law, Linda Clayton; all his aunts and uncles on the Sublett and Hungate side; and several cousins.

Al is survived by his wife Kathryn (Kay) Merrell Sublett of 63-and-a-half years of marriage, of McCoy; two sons and wives, Chris D. and Sandra (Sandy) Sublett of Newport, and Michael R. and Kimberlee (Kim) Sublett of Springfield, Mo.; a son-in-law, Michael Check, of Hellertown, Pa.; nine grandchildren, Brandon and wife, Erin Sublett, Tyler and wife, Ashley Sublett, Amanda Rowley, Wesley Rowley, Ashley Sublett Wertz and husband Robby, Jade Johnson Orange and husband, Thomas Orange, Jasmine Johnson Ruppert and husband Spenser Ruppert, Nicholas Check; and eight great-grandchildren; a former son-in-law, Wes Rowley of Springfield, Mo.; four nephews, and eight nieces.

Al graduated from Blacksburg High School in 1954. He played shortstop with the Blacksburg Indians baseball team. The team went undefeated that year. Al also attended three years of interior and exterior decorating school in Detroit. Al met his wife, Kay, while in Michigan and they were married on June 29, 1957. They moved to Al's home place, McCoy, in 1967. Al retired from Radford Army Ammunition Plant in January 1993 after 25 years. While

Al learned to play golf at the age of 31 and never lost his desire for the game. He enjoyed the outdoors; whether in the woods, working in the yard, or on the golf course. Al and Kay loved to sit on the back porch in the summer early in the mornings, listen to the birds, and drink their morning coffee. They also liked to travel to visit family and places of historical interest.

Al was a member of Centennial Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, in McCoy where he was a former deacon and a former member of the choir. Al had a gift of song that he shared with several churches in the area and his home church.

Funeral services were conducted at Centennial Church in McCoy, Thursday, April 20, 2023, with the Rev. Gary McCoy officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to Centennial Christian Church Cemetery Fund P.O. Box 427 McCoy, VA. 24111. Interment followed in Centennial Church Cemetery. The family would like to thank the “Good Samaritan’s” for all the comfort they gave to Al and the support they gave to Kay. May God bless them.



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Graduates of the Montgomery County Adult Drug Treatment Court Program, who were recognized Friday, April 14, 2023 during a ceremony held in Christiansburg. The graduates are (front row, from left) Ed Sigmon, Melissa Sutphin, Ian Akers, Eva Harris, Edward Sparks and Shane Rupe. Pictured with the graduates are (back row, from left) Virginia Attorney General Jason Miyares and The Honorable Robert M.D. Turk, Presiding Judge.

Virginia Attorney General attends Montgomery County Drug Court graduation

Mike Wade
New River Valley
Community Services

Sutphin, Ian Akers, Eva Harris, Edward Sparks and Shane Rupe.

Among the dignitaries present for the ceremony were Virginia Attorney General Jason Miyares, Assistant Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security Sonny Daniels, and Jake Petzold, Special Assistant to the Office of Governor Glenn Youngkin.

The Honorable Robert M.D. Turk, Presiding Judge of Montgomery County's Drug Court

program since its inception in 2017, noted that the program currently has 39 participants and now has 25 graduates with the completion of Friday's ceremony. Turk went on to say the program has saved county taxpayers an estimated \$233,805 in jail costs and related expenses over the past six years.

“We’re very proud of each and every one of you [graduates] – and we’re especially proud of the six today,” added Turk. “We’re proud of everybody that’s

in the program. We think the program is a big success.”

Miyares, a special guest at the ceremony, applauded the graduates for their willingness to accept help, as well as their commitment to the program.

“We have a misnomer in our society of what bravery looks like, what heroes look like,” Miyares said. “You’re here today because you’ve done something incredibly brave. You’ve taken that first step on a journey and now you’ve taken many steps.”

“...Asking for help is not a sign of weakness –

it’s one of the strongest, bravest things you can ever do,” continued Miyares. “The weak thing is refusing to take that first step. Each one of you have shown incredible courage by taking that first step.”

Leroy Robinson, a graduate of the Pulaski County Drug Court program and current supervisor of the 401 Peer Center – a program operated by New River Valley Community Services (NRVCS) – reminded graduates of the challenges they will likely encounter along their journeys of continued recovery.

“Don’t take the setbacks as minute,” explained Robinson, who noted that he lost his brother to addiction in 2020. “... Instead of saying ‘setbacks’ or ‘stumbles,’ we say we make ‘death decisions’

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RADFORD SPORTS



Morgan Mundy



Elijah Kelly



Lilly Underwood

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Kelly, Mundy, Underwood players of the year

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The three 2022-2023 all-county, all-city player of the year honorees have at least one thing in common—they love to play basketball.

Elijah Kelly of Radford is the boys' player of the year, while Eastern Montgomery's Lilly Underwood and Auburn's Morgan Mundy took co-honors on the girls' side of the list.

Kelly was dominant for most of the season and stood out as Radford marched through the state competition. He was named Three Rivers and Region C player of the year before being named to the all-state first-team.

Mundy broke the steals in a single season Auburn record with 179 and was

two away from tying the career steals mark. Her career total was 338 and the record is 340.

Underwood also claimed all-district, all-region and all-state honors, averaging 18 points per game and hitting 34 of 101 from behind the arc with 123 steals.

The boys' team included: Auburn's Nick Millirons who was the Mt. Empire District player of the year while collecting first-team all-region C and first-team Class 1 all-state. Blacksburg's Wade Bland, who is only a sophomore, was named to the all-county, all-city squad after receiving first-team All-River Ridge and All-Region 4D honors. He averaged 16.7 points per game this past season with 6.1 rebounds.

Sophomore Kaleb Robinson of

Christiansburg also crashed the party after averaging 12.2 points and 9.4 rebounds per game.

Gavin Cormany joined his Radford teammate after helping to lead the Bobcats to the state playoffs for a record sixth straight time. Cormany averaged 14.4 points for a team that finished 23-5 this past season.

On the girls' side of the all-county, all-city list, Auburn's Rhyland Rorrer was joined by Blacksburg's Byrnn Ferguson and Christiansburg's Katy Hoover.

Ferguson, who is a sophomore, gives Blacksburg a lot of optimism for the future as she consistently scored in double-figures in over half of the school's games this past season. She was named to the River Ridge and Region D second-

teams.

Hoover averaged 15.7 points per game on a team that surprised lots of opponents in Jacob Underwood's first season at the helm and was named to the River Ridge first-team.

Rorrer, who produced 12 points per game, was also named first-team Mt. Empire District and second-team all-region.

The all-county, all-city coaches of the year were state playoff appearers. Radford's Rick Cormany was the boy's coach of the year after leading the Bobcats to another state championship game where they fell to John Marshall, while Kelley Sutphin of Eastern Montgomery took the team to the state playoffs and is the girls' coach of the year.

Bruce to Shenandoah for soccer



PHOTO BY MARTY GORDON

Eastern Montgomery's Maddie Bruce (third from left in center) will continue her soccer career at Shenandoah University after signing a letter of intent earlier this week. Also pictured are: (from left) Talan Bruce, father Josh Bruce, mother Dee Ann Bruce and Courtney Long.

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One of the cornerstones of the Eastern Montgomery High School girls' soccer program has announced plans to continue her playing career at Shenandoah University in Winchester.

Senior Maddie Bruce signed a letter of intent Tuesday in front of family, friends, coaches and fellow players.

Bruce was the state's Class 1 player of year after leading the Mustangs in two straight state soccer titles in 2021 and 2022. The Eastern Montgomery program is still in its infancy after just six seasons, and Bruce has been a big part of its success.

She capped her junior season with two goals in the Mustangs' 4-0 win over Auburn in the state championship game. She finished 2022 with 27 goals and 36 assists and has 61 career goals and 59

career assists in just two seasons (COVID canceled her freshman season in 2020). Also, in basketball, Bruce was named second team all Class 1 in basketball, First team in all-region and all Pioneer District.

Mustangs' two-year dominance on the soccer field included not allowing

a goal in the semifinals (2-0 vs. West Point) and finals (4-0 vs. Auburn). 18-0 last spring, the Mustangs have now won 32 straight games.

Shenandoah University is a private university and has an enrollment of approximately 4,000 students. The university is a member of the Division III of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), primarily competing in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) since the 2012-13 academic year. The Hornets previously competed in the USA South Athletic Conference (USA South) from 1992-93 to 2011-12.

This past season, the Shenandoah University women's soccer team saw its season come to an end with a 1-0 loss to the University of Lynchburg in the ODAC Tournament semifinals. Shenandoah finished 11-7-3.

In 16 seasons as the Hornets head coach, Elizabeth Pike has led the Hornets to 157 overall victories and has one league title, the 2011 USA South crown, to her credit. In 11 seasons of Old Dominion Athletics Conference play, SU has won 89 matches and has qualified for the ODAC Tournament in every season.

At Shenandoah, Bruce hopes to work toward a degree in physical therapy.



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The table was extra-long Wednesday in the Christiansburg High School gymnasium as 14 student-athletes signed national letters of intent to play sports in college.

Student-athletes sign at CHS

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CHRISTIANSBURG - Fourteen student-athletes signed letters of intent Wednesday at Christiansburg High School to continue their playing career in college.

Madelyn Grace Moles signed to run track and field at James Madison University. Moles competed in track and field all four years at Christiansburg High School. She won two indoor and one outdoor state championships. She was the Female Field Event Indoor athlete of the year at the State meet in 2023. She will be graduating CHS with an associate degree from New River Community

College and is on the President's list at New River. At James Madison, Moles plans to major in Nursing.

Cadence Spaulding has committed to playing lacrosse at Emory and Henry College. She was named captain of the lacrosse team her junior and senior year. She is also a member of the National Honor Society, BETA, on the Dean's and President's list at NRCC and has her Certified Nursing Assistant License. At Emory and Henry, Cadence plans to major in Nursing.

Mckenna Spaulding committed to run Cross Country and Track

at Carson-Newman University. During her time running at CHS, she is a four-year Varsity Cross Country and Indoor/Outdoor Track team member while winning the 4x800 Region Championship and being a four time All Region Runner. Carson-Newman, McKenna plans to major in Exercise Science.

Marshall Basham will play baseball at Concord University. During his time playing baseball at CHS, he was named First Team All-Region 3D catcher and Second Team All-Class 3 Catcher in 2022 and was the Junior Varsity Defensive Player of the Year in 2019 as an eighth grader. At Concord College, Marshall plans

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whenever we relapse or we go back into that life."

"Don't hesitate to reach out – if you struggle, don't hesitate to pick the phone up," added Robinson. Be "grateful for these moments...but don't fall victim to that disease. It's tricked us before and it will continue to chip away at our sanity if we don't sustain our recovery."

Lori Trail, Drug Treatment Court Coordinator for NRVCS, pointed

out that this was the first time the Montgomery County program had recognized six graduates in the same ceremony.

"A lot of people think that this is an easy alternative to incarceration and it is not," Trail remarked. "What they have had to do to get here today is a very long journey."

She noted that it takes the average participant two years to complete the

program, and that one participant had been with the program for nearly four years.

Trail shared that each of the graduates have actively participated in intensive treatment for their substance use disorder, along with judicial oversight and various recovery-based activities. Along with complying with requirements of the program, Trail explained that participants also work

to secure full-time employment or re-enter the workforce, regain custody of children, and re-establish family relationships.

"We know that we are not curing anyone's addiction today," Trail told the graduates. "We know that this was a process getting to where you were and it's been a journey to recovery. And you've done that and you've proven that recovery is possible."

Blacksburg boys for the win



Blacksburg goalkeeper D.J. Garza deflects a shot by Christiansburg's Luca Pickeral during the first half as the Blue Demons tested the Blacksburg defense. In the Battle of the Burgs, Blacksburg takes a 7-1 win over Christiansburg.

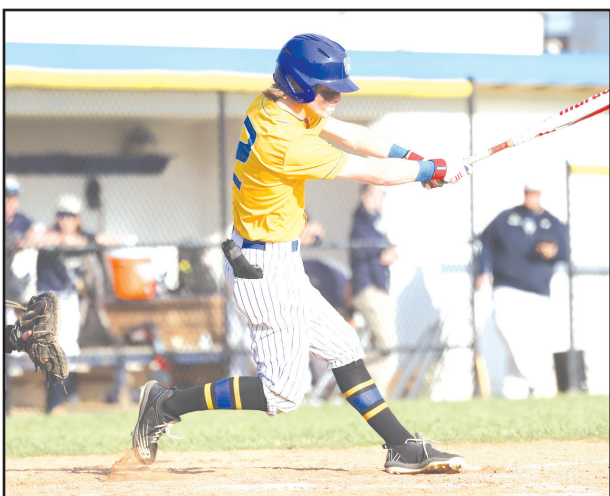


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Christiansburg's Hayden Yopp defends Blacksburg's Craig Huxtable during the first half. Huxtable would score twice in the win as the Bruins move to 9-0 on the season. Christiansburg falls to 7-2.



Christiansburg's Jeremiah Thompson is greeted at home plate by his Blue Demon teammates after a two-run home run to give his team a 3-0 lead over Blacksburg. Christiansburg would eventually take a 5-1 win over the Bruins.



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Christiansburg wins on the diamond

Blacksburg's Reese Tysor hits a double and would score later on an RBI hit by Alex Rudolph for the Bruins' only run in a 5-1 loss to Christiansburg.

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to major in Health Sciences with an emphasis in Physical Therapy.

Thaxton Henley is headed to Alfred State College to play baseball where he plans to major in Construction Management.

Mason Self will play baseball at Radford University. During his time playing baseball at CHS, He has been named First Team All-River Ridge District First Base, River Ridge District Player of the Year, First Team All-Region 3D First Base, Second Team All-Region 3D Pitcher and First Team All-Class 3 First Base. He was named the 2022 all-county/all-city baseball player of the year, is a Ray Bellamy Memorial Award winner and first CHS athlete to be inducted into the High School Hall of Fame. He is also a member of SGA, HOSA, BETA and the National Honor Society. At Radford University, Mason plans to major in

Health and Allied Sciences.

Lawson Mecom will run Cross Country and Track at Western Carolina University. He was a member of the 2019-20 VHSL Class 3 Cross Country Team State Runner-up. He holds the Cross Country school record for the 5K at 15:32. Lawson is also the school record holder for the Indoor Track 3200 with a time of 9:25. He was all state Cross country in 20, 21 and 22, All state in indoor track and outdoor track in 2021 in the 3200, All state in indoor and outdoor track in 2022 in the 3200 and in 2022 in the 1600 and all state in indoor track in 2023 in the 1600. At Western Carolina, he plans to major in Biology.

Alexander Turner will attend Campbell University where he will compete in cross country and track. He ran in the state cross country meet

his junior and senior year and ran in the state outdoor track meet his senior year. At Campbell, Alexander plans to study Kinesiology.

Joshua Starr has committed to run Cross Country and Track at Milligan University. Joshua is also a member of the Beta Club and National Honor Society. At Milligan University, he plans to study Mechanical Engineering.

Curtis Altizer will attend Bluefield University where he plans to play football. He was 1st Team All District and 1st Team All-Region Linebacker and Fullback in 2021 and 2022, River Ridge District and Region 3D Defensive player of the year in 2022, All County Defensive Player of the Year in 2021 and 2022 and was 2nd Team All State Linebacker in 2022. At Bluefield, Curtis plans to major in Physical Therapy.

Kendric Long is headed to Averett University to play football. He received the Effort Award for Varsity Football in 2022. At Averett, Kendric plans to

major in Mathematics.

Caleb Yopp has committed to play soccer at Pfeiffer University. He was named Captain of the CHS varsity soccer team and is a member of the VBR Soccer Club and their USL Academy. At Pfeiffer, Caleb plans to major in Exercise Science.

J J Posicask will wrestle at King University. He has wrestled all four years at Christiansburg High School, is a three-time region placer, two-time state qualifier placing fourth in 2022 and making the top eight in 2023, 2022 Titan Toughman Runner-up, 2022 Take Down the New Year Champion and a 2023 WSAZ placer.

Aiden Conley has committed to play football at Marshall University. He has played football for four years at CHS and was first team all-state offensive and defensive lineman in 2022 and was named the all-county/all-city lineman of the year for the past two seasons. He was also first-team all-region and all-district in 2021 and 2022.

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