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Radford council votes to purchase former foundry site

RADFORD – The City of Radford announced Monday Radford City Council has decided to exercise an option to purchase the former Radford Foundry site currently owned by Virginia Castings, LLC.

“After undergoing extensive environmental testing and assessment over the past six months, the Radford City Council, with the support of the Economic Development Authority believe there is no better time than now to purchase the property,” reads a statement by the city.

There have been no specific plans announced regarding the potential uses for the site, but city leaders say the 80-plus

acre site represents the opportunity for commercial and economic growth for Radford. The city will pursue grants for remediation, site access, clean-up and redevelopment with assistance of state grants.

“This is an exciting day for the City of Radford as we make plans for the future of this great community,” said Mayor David Horton.

“By investing in West Radford for future commercial development, we open the door for many possibilities for economic success and opportunities for our citizens. It is a big part of the continued renaissance and resurgence of Radford as we work across the city to maximize



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This overhead view shows the former Radford Foundry site the city announced it will purchase.

areas for prosperity and sustainability.”

Horton’s sentiment is echoed by city economic development officials.

“We are thrilled that

the city has acquired the former VCI property,” said Abram Williams, Economic Development Authority Chair. “We believe this will play a

pivotal role in Radford’s economic future providing a place for industrial development and job creation of both small and large businesses.”

“This is a monumental day in Radford as we move forward on the acquisition of the former Foundry

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PHOTO COURTESY OF NEW RIVER VALLEY LEADING LIGHTS

High School (from left): Sarah Harvey, Radford High School; James Riffe, Radford High School; December Ward, Pulaski County High School; and Alex Woodward, Floyd County

NRV Leading Lights honors 35 local volunteers

New River Valley Leading Lights recently honored 35 community volunteers at a special ceremony held on April 13 at the German Club at Virginia Tech.

The New River Valley Leading Lights organization’s mission is to acknowledge and honor volunteers across the New River Valley who are making community-changing impacts through volunteerism,

culminating in an annual celebratory banquet. Retired Blacksburg Police Chief Anthony Wilson served as this year’s guest speaker.

High school nominees included Sarah Harvey, Radford High School; James Riffe, Radford High School; December Ward, Pulaski County High School; and Alex Woodward, Floyd County.

College nominees included Sarah

Grace Hern, Virginia Tech; Amber Litterer, Virginia Tech; Cara Newbill, Virginia Tech; and Madison Webb, New River Community College.

Nominees from Floyd County included Andrew Buckman, Greg Hardwicke, Lori Marsh, Greg Sazonov, Lydean Spangler, and Paul Tremblett. Nominees from Giles

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Powwow today at Virginia Tech

BLACKSBURG – Colorful regalia, drums, food, and a celebration of Native culture - right in the middle of Virginia Tech. At noon April 29, the American Indian and Indigenous Community Center in partnership with Native at VT will host the spring 2023 powwow.

Powwow honors traditional Native gatherings by incorporating Indigenous values such as respect,

tradition, and generosity — offering an opportunity for the university community to experience Indigenous culture firsthand. According to Melissa Faircloth, the center’s director, powwow is Virginia Tech’s “opportunity to not only experience Native culture, but to celebrate and recognize the contributions of Native community members on campus.”

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PHOTO BY THOMAS MILLER FOR VIRGINIA TECH

Native at VT held its annual powwow on the Graduate Life Center lawn in April 2022. This year’s event is today, Saturday, April 29

Radford University, Virginia Western announce articulation agreement for biotechnology students

Signing ceremony to take place May 1 on Virginia Western campus

ROANOKE – Virginia Western Community College and Radford University will sign an articulation agreement on Monday, May 1, that will result in a cost-effective transition for students focusing on the field of biotechnology.

Virginia Western students completing the Associate of Science (A.S.) degree in Science with a specialization in Biotechnology and meeting all requirements will be guaranteed admission to the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in Biology program at Radford University. Virginia Western’s president, Dr. Robert Sandel, and Radford’s president, Dr. Bret Danilowicz, will sign the articulation agreement in an 11 a.m. ceremony in Fishburn Hall on the Virginia Western campus.

“We are delighted to partner with Virginia Western to create an easily accessible pathway to a biology degree at Radford University,” said Danilowicz. “The affordability and convenience of Virginia Western’s core courses and biotechnology program, combined with Radford’s focus on undergraduate research, student success and career development, provides students a great way to earn a highly regarded bachelor’s degree in just four years.”

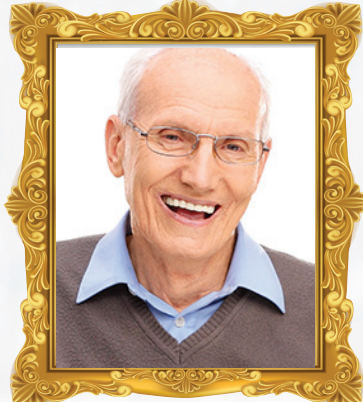
The A.S. in Science with a specialization in Biotechnology is new to Virginia Western beginning in Fall 2023. The degree program fits into the larger framework of a \$15.7 million grant-funded collaboration to build a biotechnology incubator in Roanoke. Virginia Western is a partner in the project with the City of Roanoke, Carilion Clinic, Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center, Verge and Fralin Biomedical Research Institute at VTC. Virginia Western is expanding its degree and certificate programs to cultivate and support the workforce needs of the region’s growing biotechnology sector, including the jobs anticipated in the lab space being developed at 1030 S. Jefferson Street in Roanoke.

“At Virginia Western, we are always cognizant of

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, April 29:

Shred-A-Thon

The Town of Blacksburg will host a Shred-A-Thon, 9 a.m. – noon at 725 Patrick Henry Dr., Blacksburg. This free event is a great opportunity to recycle unneeded household documents, records, etc. Please plan to bring documents in a box, tote or paper bag and observe the limit of five containers per vehicle. Items that cannot be shredded include: metal, three-ring binders, composition notebooks, hardback books, and non-paper materials. This is a drive-thru event only. Please remain in your vehicle during drop off. For more information, call the Town of Blacksburg Recycling office at 540-443-1212.

New Mount Olive fish fry

The United Methodist Men of New Mount Olive are sponsoring a fish fry, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. 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 Museum's Arts NRV Market

2023 Arts NRV Market - second year - at the museum's new location in downtown Christiansburg; April 28 noon-6:30 p.m. and April 29 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., featuring local crafters, painters, demonstrations, food trucks, and a wine garden. The Arts NRV Market is a celebration of creativity and community art, showcasing some of the most talented artists and crafters from the New River Valley and Roanoke Valley region. In addition to live demonstrations from en plein air painters, stone carvers, stained glass with Niki Pynn, and Fire and Sky Pottery Studio and Art Center pottery demonstrations, the Arts NRV Market will feature a wide range of handmade crafts, jewelry, pottery, and more. Food trucks include Aloha Eddie (Fri. and Sat.), and Sam's Hot Dog Stand Blacksburg, and Cabo Fish Taco (Sat.). Sip on wine from Vintage Cellar, take in the sights and sounds of the market, and enjoy the company of fellow art enthusiasts. Sponsored by Fully-Engaged, Shelter Alternatives, Inc., Ruth Lefko Art, David Ferrell Art & Photography, Blacksburg Regional Art Association (BRAA), and Vintage Cellar. Admission free, and all are welcome to attend. For more information on the Arts NRV Market, visit www.artsnrv.org.

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.

Family Movie Matinee: Encanto

At the Radford Public Library; 11 a.m. A Colombian teenage girl has to face the frustration of being the only member of her family without magical powers in "Encanto". Rated PG; 1 hour 42 minutes.

Skipper Cannon Firing

The Corps of Cadets will host a Change of Command Ceremony and Pass in Review on the Drillfield on Saturday, April 29. The event is open to the public and will begin at 10 a.m. Skipper, the corps cannon, will fire between 10 and 11 a.m. during the Change of Command Pass in Review. The three shots will occur when the cadets reach the Drillfield, at the first note of the national anthem, and at the first note of Tech Triumph. The Pass in Review will honor the Class of 2023 and usher in the Class of 2024 as the cadet commanders of the regiment.

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.

Tuesday, May 2:

Montgomery County School Board meeting

School board meetings are regularly scheduled on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. and are held at the Operations Center, 208 College St. in Christiansburg. The Montgomery County School Board utilizes Board Docs for their agenda and minutes. Public access to Board Docs is available at <http://www.boarddocs.com/vsba/mcps/Board.nsf/Public>. Montgomery County residents, MCPS students, and School Board employees may appear in person at any regular meeting of the School Board. A person who wishes to address the School Board should make their request prior to the beginning of the School Board meeting by completing the online sign-up form before the end of public comment period: <https://forms.gle/GVxiJUicVBQNyt5M6>.

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.

Saturday, May 6:

Democratic Committee Unassembled Caucus

The Montgomery County Democratic Committee is conducting an Unassembled Caucus on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg. The caucus will be held for the following local positions: Montgomery County Constitutional Offices and Board of Supervisors Districts B, E, F, and G. Eligible Democrats may participate in voting during the hours listed above. The complete Montgomery County Democratic Committee caucus process is posted on the MCDC webpage, www.mcdemocrats.org. If no more than one person seeks election to a position, the caucus will be cancelled for the position. For more information, contact chair@mcdemocrats.org.

Sunday, May 7:

Blacksburg Community Strings and Chamber Orchestra Spring Concert

Blacksburg Community Strings and Chamber Orchestra present their Spring Concert at 2 p.m. at Warm Hearth Village Center - featuring local string and wind instrument players playing the classical music of Beethoven, Saint-Saens, and Bach as well as an orchestral arrangement of 'Bohemian Rhapsody'. Soloists include cellist John Crawford, violinist Rhea Epstein, and violist Diane Conant. Free admission. Visit <http://www.blacksburgcommunitystrings.com> for more information.

Monday, May 8:

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, May 9:

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.

Radford City School Board meeting

At the School Administration Building, 1612 Wadsworth St., Radford; 6 p.m.

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

2023 season of the Radford Farmers Market kicked off 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.

'Advice for our times' wins Radford Photo Club challenge

RADFORD - Lucy Gilmore, of Radford, won the theme Graffiti at the Radford Photo Club April meeting with a photo she took in a Blacksburg alley advising us to "Love each other."

Joyce Sims, of Radford, won the open theme category with a photo of a Pileated Woodpecker she spotted in Riverview Park in west Radford.

The Radford Photo Club is made up of professional and amateur photographers from throughout the New River Valley. Meetings, events, and outings are open to the public. The next meeting is Thursday,

May 18, at 6 p.m. at the Radford Public Library. Gene Dalton, photojournalist retired from the Roanoke Times, will present a program on photojournalism and taking a photo that tells a story.

The agenda will also include discussion of upcoming shows and other future events. The photo challenge for May is Cars.

If you have questions, email Lucy Gilmore at lucygilmore@gmail.com or mborgarelli@gmail.com.

Submitted by the Radford Photo Club



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE RADFORD PHOTO CLUB

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Highlander Hotel Radford seeks partnerships with local businesses

Hotel hosts competition to find new ways to showcase the region

RADFORD – The Highlander Hotel Radford is seeking partnership proposals from local businesses that offer products and experiences that could help connect the hotel's diverse and celebrated guests to the region's unique experiences and special offerings.

The new flagship property, which overlooks Radford University's campus, is calling on local outdoor adventure outfitters, craft food and beverage makers, spas and wellness centers, florists, specialty gift shops, and more. They are asking businesses to offer creative ideas for unique partnerships that will

showcase the region and encourage guests to stay and play longer.

"Perhaps your business can offer bike rentals and local trail maps that will pair nicely with a highlander picnic basket, locally made chocolates, flowers, or wine that can be placed in guest rooms for romantic getaway packages, or maybe your spa offers mobile services that can be brought to our guest suites for extra special mother daughter escapes. We want to offer local honey and all kinds of other unexpected surprises, but we expect the best ideas are ones we haven't even thought of yet," General Manager

Rachel Pegues said. "Part of serving as ambassador property for the region is the flexibility to get creative. We know this area has many outstanding regional businesses, our new neighbors, and we believe they can help us take service to the next level. We can't wait to see what wonderful ideas everyone offers up."

The Highlander Hotel Radford initiative is part of an ongoing commitment to supporting local business, showcasing all the region has to offer, and supporting the greater economic development goals of the region.

Local and small businesses are

encouraged to submit a one-page form that describes their product or services, standard pricing, and ideas for potential partnerships. As available, photos are also highly encouraged. In addition to the potential for a new business partnership, all entrants will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win dinner for two and a free night's stay at the new property. Entries can be made at <http://thehighlander.eddyalexander.com/>.

- Highlander Hotel

YMCA at Virginia Tech Healthy Kids Day is today

BLACKSBURG - The YMCA at Virginia Tech invites families to celebrate YMCA'S 31st annual Healthy Kids Day.

Healthy Kids Day is the nation's largest health-focused day for children, hosted in nearly 2,000 YMCA's across the country. "True to our mission of advocating youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility, the YMCA at Virginia Tech is committed to improving the health and well-being of families through active play and educational activities," the announcement reads. "The primary goal of Healthy Kids Day® is to develop a sense of health and well-being, especially that of children, within the local community. Here at the YMCA at Virginia Tech, HKD provides a great opportunity for you to learn about the resources available to help plan and prepare an engaging summer for your kids. As a child grows and fulfills their true potential, we believe they will make the world a better place for everyone. When a child is healthy, happy, motivated, and excited, something amazing is inevitably going to result."

Along with Healthy Kids Day, the YMCA will also be having its Fabulous 4Miler at 9 a.m. and a one-mile Fun Run at 10:30 a.m. Register for these races at <https://vtymca.org/healthy-kids-day/>.

Healthy Kids Day is a free "super kick-off" event consisting of music, games, healthy snacks, crafts, and educational activities for families. Local organizations will also be promoting various summer programs and activities that are perfect for kids. The event is today, April 29, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., and will be located on the field and tennis courts between Cassell Coliseum and the YMCA Lancaster House on Washington St. Blacksburg. The rain date for the event will be April 30. All parents must check-in with volunteers at the registration desk. Free parking is available on campus during the weekend. "So, come on out to this free event where all families are welcome!"

Submitted by the YMCA at Virginia Tech



PHOTO COURTESY OF WARM HEARTH VILLAGE

Warm Hearth Village residents, employees, and family members participated in the Fourth Annual Warm Hearth Village Walk in Remembrance.

Fourth Annual Warm Hearth Village Walk in Remembrance strikes a hopeful chord

BLACKSBURG – For the fourth consecutive year Warm Hearth Village (WHV) residents, employees, and family members walked 3.2 miles on the village campus to commemorate the 32 souls lost at Virginia Tech on April 16, 2007.

John Hillison, a Warm Hearth Village (WHV) resident and former Virginia Tech Agricultural Education professor and department head and Dr. Richard Shepherd, resident and retired physician who specialized in emergency and family medicine, mapped 3.2 miles on the campus and recruited the 35 walkers.

Hillison was in the first Run for Remembrance in 2008 and has participated every year since.

"I am so pleased with the turnout this year. Residents and their families, employees and their families all mingle well together and are a part of the greater

community. We all care about each other and what happens in this town. Today was evidence of that as we came together to remember." Each year starts with a group photo and some words in honor and remembrance.

Sara Dalton, Village resident since October 2021, walked this year for the first time. "I wanted to do this walk to honor those we lost and to keep hope alive for a less violent future. The walk was beautiful and the camaraderie was great."

Warm Hearth Village is a nonprofit senior living community in Blacksburg that provides a full continuum of living options on our campus and in the home.

Submitted by Warm Hearth Village

Literacy Volunteers of the NRV hitting the small screen

Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley is the featured nonprofit in an upcoming episode of "BUZZ" on Blue Ridge PBS.

Buzz4Good! is a local nonprofit organization that produces short videos, regular podcast episodes, and the 30-minute BUZZ television program on Blue Ridge PBS that highlights the impact nonprofits are making in our area.

"Thanks to funding support from 100+ Women Who Care New River Valley, LVNRV was fortunate to be selected for BUZZ and our episode premieres on Blue Ridge PBS (channel 15) on Wednesday, May 3, at 7 p.m.," the organization announced. "We've spent the last month filming interviews with our inspiring students and hard-working volunteers as we tell the stories of lives changing throughout our community thanks to improved literacy."

Powwow from page 1

The Virginia Tech powwow started as Faircloth's Diversity Scholar project in 2017 and has morphed into an intertribal event that creates visibility and increases cultural education for the Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, and surrounding communities.

"It is a wonderful learning experience, a way to share Native culture, and a time to recognize and celebrate this small but mighty force on campus," Faircloth said.

This year's powwow will include two head dancers, an arena director, drum groups from both northern and southern traditions, and a master of ceremonies. The master of ceremonies for this year's is Rufus Elliott '07, who was the first Monacan graduate of Virginia Tech.

Serving as the master of ceremonies for the powwow is especially meaningful for Elliott, as there were no celebrations of this kind on campus during his time as a Virginia Tech. He underlined this importance by citing

university history. In 1862, the Morrill Act established the land-grant university system, which was funded through the sale of land acquired through the forced removal of Native nations from western territories. Virginia Tech acknowledges this history in its land and labor acknowledgement and states commitment to "changing the trajectory" of this history through sustained and meaningful engagement with Native nations, particularly the Tutelo and Monacan peoples who are the original stewards of the land on which Virginia Tech is built. To Elliot, "it is important for these events to happen because it educates the community and shows Virginia Tech is going beyond the first step of acknowledging their role in displacing Natives."

Emily Wilkins, a member of the Monacan community who now works at Virginia Tech in the Moss Arts Center, will be the head female dancer. In reflecting on what it means to have powwow

at Virginia Tech, Wilkins shared that it is "a beautiful party" and encourages everyone across New River Valley and the university community to participate. She added she feels this is a great way to get involved and learn about various Native cultures.

"It's great to have VT spreading awareness, acknowledgement, and moving forward with meaningful ways of getting the community involved," said Wilkins.

The 2023 powwow will take place Saturday, April 29, at noon on the Graduate School lawn. The rain location is the Graduate Life Center Multipurpose Room. The community will have an opportunity to participate in various activities, purchase Native-made items, interact with vendors selling arts and crafts, enjoy food, and watch a cooking demonstration.

On the day of the event, attendees will be encouraged to participate in specific social dances that are open to the public. There

are important points of etiquette to follow at this and any powwow, some of which have been listed below.

1. Listen to the master of ceremonies. He will announce who is to dance, and when. He will also let you know when you can take photos/record and when you cannot and which dances include an invitation to the general public to join.
2. Show respect to the flags and Honor Songs by standing during "special songs."
3. The Flag Song, or Indian National Anthem, is sung when the American flag is raised or lowered. Please stand and remove hats during the singing of this song. It is not a song for dancing.
4. Certain items of cultural significance should be worn only by those qualified to do so. Respect the traditions. This includes headdresses.
5. The drums are sometimes closed, check with the head singer for permission to sing.

6. If at any time you are uncertain of procedure or etiquette, please check with the master of ceremonies, arena director, or head singer. They will be glad to help you with your questions.
7. If taking pictures, remember common courtesy and ask permission. Group photographs are usually alright to take, but you might want to ask the committee first.
8. Animals are not typically allowed unless they are service animals.
9. Do not point, make fun of, or attempt to imitate a dance(r). Remember that this is culture and that principles of community apply.
10. Have fun!

For more information and ways to participate and get involved with the American Indian and Indigenous Community Center, contact Melissa Faircloth (missy86@vt.edu).

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The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for the City of Radford, 619 Second St., W., Radford, VA on June 5, 2023, at 1:45 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: BEING ALL OF LOT 3, BLOCK 6 AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN MAP ENTITLED, "MAP OF SUNSET VILLAGE, CITY OF</p>	<p>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-361849-1.</p> <p>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>City of Radford</p> <p>Appropriation Ordinance for School Board Budget Amendment Radford City Council will hold a public hearing on May 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers located at 10 Robertson Street for the purpose of receiving public comments on the City's proposed budget amendment of \$11,690,529 to the School Board Budget for F.Y. 2023.</p> <p>BY ORDER OF THE RADFORD CITY COUNCIL</p>	<p>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>CITY OF RADFORD, VIRGINIA</p> <p>WATER AND WASTE WATER RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024</p> <p>Pursuant to Section 15.2-107 of the Code of Virginia, notice is hereby given that a public hearing is scheduled for 7:00 P.M. May 8, 2023 on the proposed Water and Waste Water Rates for Fiscal Year 2024. Interest parties are invited to attend the public hearing and present their views. The hearing will be held in the Council Chambers located at 10 Robertson Street. FURTHER, notice is given that the Council's intention to propose an increase in the following Water and Waste Water rates for Fiscal Year 2024:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Water rates are programmed to increase from \$16.32 to \$20.32 for 4,000 gallons. 2. Waste Water rates are programmed to increase from \$12.21 to \$14.24 for 2,000 gallons. <p>BY THE ORDER OF RADFORD CITY COUNCIL</p>	<p>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG</p> <p>PROPOSED WATER FEE INCREASES</p> <p>A public hearing will be held on Tuesday May 9, 2023, at 7 pm at Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 East Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia in Council Chambers for the purpose of discussing the proposed water fee increases. Effective Date: July 1, 2024 Authority: Code of Virginia §15.2-2119</p> <p>WATER RATES: Within Corporate limits: First 0 to 1,000 gallons from \$9.00 to \$10.00; Additional 1,000 gallons from \$11.00 to \$12.00; Over 50,000 gallons from \$8.25 to \$9.00. Outside Corporate limits the rate will increase to 200% of inside Corporate limits rates. First 0 to 1,000 gallons from \$13.50 to \$20; Additional 1,000 gallons from \$15.00 to \$24.00; Over 50,000 gallons from \$12.38 to \$18.00 This proposal may be examined during regular business hours at the office of the Town Manager. 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA between</p>	<p>the hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday. All interested citizens will have the opportunity to give written or oral comments. Randy Wingfield Town Manager</p> <p>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</p> <p>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</p>	<p>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.</p>

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County included Denise Blakeney, Faye Cofer, Larry Greene, and Charles N. Herbert, Jr. Nominees from Montgomery County included Becky Daniels, Jan Jackson, Gunin Kiran, Susan Madison, Merissa Sachs, Debbie Sherman-Lee, Scott Smith, and Clara Taylor. Nominees from Pulaski County were Jim Cook and John Ross. Radford City nominees included Janell Dobbins, Jessie Foster, and Melissa Jarrell. Dick Arnold of Montgomery County, Judith Hess Jones of Montgomery County, Drew Smith of Montgomery County, and Mary Catherine Stout of Pulaski County were all nominated in the Lifetime Achievement category.

From the 35 nominees, 11 were chosen as Distinguished Recipients. The 2023 Leading Lights Distinguished Recipients honored included Sarah Harvey (High School Award), December Ward (Robert "Bob" Job High School Award), Cara Newbill (College Award), Madison Webb (College Award), Greg Sazonov (Floyd Community Award), Larry Greene (Giles Community Award), Debbie Sherman-Lee (Montgomery Community Award), Susan Madison (Montgomery Community Award), John Ross (Pulaski Community Award), and Janell Dobbins (Radford Community Award). Judith Hess Jones of Montgomery County was named as the Lifetime Achievement Distinguished Recipient.

Dick Arnold also received a one-time Founder's Award for all of the work he has contributed to the New River Valley Leading Lights organization and the NRV community.

The community Distinguished Recipients receive \$500 to direct to a non-profit of their choice, and the



Radford (from left): Janell Dobbins, Jessie Foster, and Melissa Jarrell

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Lifetime Achievement recipient receives \$1,000 to direct. The nominees' volunteer efforts include work with food pantries, emergency response, afterschool programs, community groups, clothing drives, community cleanup, education, environmental causes, and many more.

NRV Leading Lights was established in 2007, prompted by the outpouring of voluntary service after the April 16 events at Virginia Tech. The first

Leading Lights Recognition Event was held in April 2009. These annual events highlight the extraordinary compassion of ordinary citizens who united in service to others. To learn more about NRV Leading lights, visit www.leadinglightsnrvalley.org. NRV Leading Lights will be seeking volunteer nominations later this year for the 2024 awards.

New River Valley Leading Lights

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our role in the economic ecosystem of the Roanoke Valley and Southwest Virginia. As we fulfill our piece of the puzzle in the biotechnology incubator project, this articulation agreement with Radford University will help our students gain the knowledge they need to contribute," said President Sandel. "The incubator will require a skilled workforce for all the job opportunities that the biotechnology project will create, including roles that require a bachelor's degree and beyond."

Virginia Western received funding through the Roanoke biotechnology project to develop the curriculum for the two-year degree.

Virginia Western currently offers a one-year Biotechnology Career Studies Certificate.

"This agreement with Radford is a true two-plus-two agreement that will help our students reach the goal of completing a bachelor's degree in four years," said Amy White, dean of Virginia Western's School of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. "By having a clear path of coursework to follow, students can graduate and enter the biotechnology field as it gains momentum in the region."

Among the requirements, Radford University students must complete at least 120 credit hours to earn

a Bachelor of Science degree; of these, 45 hours must be completed at Radford, including at least half of the hours in the major.

"This partnership creates opportunities for Virginia Western biotechnology students to seamlessly transfer to Radford University for a bachelor's degree in biology," said Dean Steven Bachrach of Radford University's Artis College of Science and Technology. "Students will expand their science skills, engage with Radford faculty in the classroom and research laboratory, and make use of modern instrumentation. These students will graduate Radford University-ready

to pursue careers in a wide range of health-related or environmentally focused fields or seek further education at the best graduate programs in the country."

President Danilowicz noted that this is a beginning step in a larger partnership.

"This successful articulation agreement is the signal for us to start running together. We plan to add many additional accessible pathways for Virginia Western students and for the entire Virginia Community College System," he said.

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property," said Kim Repass, Economic Development Director. "The ability to bring new industry and commercial businesses in the future to this property will bring economic vitality, job creation and investment to the City of Radford. This will be a game changer for our

citizens and community."

The Radford Foundry was founded in 1880 as the Radford Iron and Coal Company and employed approximately 1,500 at its peak in the late 1970's. The Foundry produced an array of ductile iron products from water/sewer pipes

to auto parts until they closed their doors in 2013. The current site is 80 acres with approximately 30 acres or more of developable land.

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OBITUARIES

Lewis, Myrtle Iris-Booth

Myrtle Iris-Booth Lewis, of Blacksburg, was born in Bedford on November 27, 1925, and passed away on April 19, 2023 at the age of 97.



She was preceded in death by parents Plez Booth and Ardell Creasy-Booth, of Bedford; her husband Walter H. Lewis Sr.; brothers John, William, and Charlie Booth; and daughters Jacqueline Lewis Eaves and Sheila Bradshaw.

She is survived by daughters Marilyn Saunders, of Fairborn, Ohio, and Rev. Vera Worthy (Richard) of New Castle, Dela.; sons Walter H. Lewis Jr., (Bobbie) of Nashville, Tenn., and Rev. James Maszerine Lewis of Milwaukee, Wis. She is also survived by grandchildren Paul Saunders II, Brian Saunders, Karen Eaves, Stacey Hodges, Ceteka Gooch, Walter Lewis III, James Lewis, Jamon Lewis, Marilyn Lewis, Cathy Parmley, Kelly Mobly, Paul Mitchel, Kim, and Christopher Bradshaw, and those who loved and called her granny, Annette Sherman and Angel Woodard. She

leaves behind 26 great-grandchildren and numerous great-great-grandchildren, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and adopted children.

Myrtle retired from Corning Corporation where she worked for many years as an Executive Administrative Assistant. She was the Mother of First Baptist Church of Radford. She served as a Deaconess and other various roles within the church. Mother Lewis was a member of the Pastors Aide and Francis Saunders Missionary Society. She also served as President of the Deaconess board for many years.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, April 29, 2023, at noon at First Baptist Church, 555 Rock Road, Radford, with Rev. C. Coles Casey. Burial will follow in the Lewis Family Cemetery, Fairlawn. The family will receive friends Saturday prior to the service from 11 a.m. until service time. Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

Barnett, Homer Edward

Homer Edward Barnett, 90, of Blacksburg died Sunday, April 23, 2023, at his home.

He was born in Blacksburg on August 16, 1932, to the late Richard and India Perkins Barnett. He was also preceded in death by his first wife, Nancy Shaver Barnett; his second wife Betty Jo Barnett; his brothers and sisters-in-laws Walter (Elise), Luther (Dorothy), and Eugene; sisters and brothers-in-law Elenora (Luther) Barnett, Julie (Don) Millen, Francis (Luther) Hassele, and Lorraine (AC) Mccoy; and sister-in-law Bessie Barnett.

He was a former member of Blacksburg Fire Department. His favorite hobbies were playing music,

and working in his yard.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and Mike Dowdy; three stepchildren Steve (Debbie) Shaver, Jeff Shaver, and David Shaver; sister Lois Ramsey; brother Frank Barnett; sister-in-law Sandy Barnett; granddaughter Rachel Shaver; niece Judy (Buddy) Cooper; a very special nephew Randy (Leigh); and 23 nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 28, 2023 in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend John Hopkins officiating. Interment followed in the Roselawn Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

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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.sttfc.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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GOD'S COVENANT

Read Genesis 9:1 through 11:32

A covenant is a promise or contract between two parties. However, a biblical covenant involved much more. It was a permanent arrangement designed to promote friendship and understanding between God and man. After the flood, God made a covenant with Noah and every living thing.

I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth (Genesis 9:13).

This covenant had three parts. Never again would a flood devastate the earth. Season would follow season as long as the earth remained. Then God gave the rainbow to show that He could be trusted to keep His part of the covenant.

The rainbow speaks of God's grace and mercy. But His grace didn't stop with the rainbow. God wanted to have a relationship with us in spite of our unworthiness, so He sent us a Mediator—Jesus—who, by His death, opened up a new and better covenant, one that removed our sin and cleansed our conscience (Luke 22:20).

Prayer for Today: Lord, with Your help I will keep my part of the covenant—to love and honor You. Amen

Quicklook: Genesis 9:8-17

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email and on website: clcradford.org. 540-639-2671.

Our Saviour Lutheran Church ELCA, 1845 Cambria St NE, Christiansburg. Worship each Sunday at 10 am, in person and online at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMsB-gbyjmV5ce9mr43dbCw>. Please visit our website at www.oslc-cburg.org and our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/oslcchristiansburg> to learn more about us. Little Free Pantry and Little Free Library located in our parking lot. Pastor Joshua L. Copeland; church office 540-382-2223.

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

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS

Merrimac Pentecostal Holiness Church, Rev. Larry

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.

Radford University faculty member Sharon Gilbert receives external grant

RADFORD - The Radford University Office of Sponsored Programs and Grants Management (SPGM) has announced that Sharon Gilbert, Ph.D., received a \$100,000 external grant from the Virginia Department of Education for the project, "Virginia Consortium for Teacher Preparation in Early Childhood Special Education."

Dr. Gilbert is a professor in the Radford University School of Teacher Education and Leadership.

SPGM is the pre- and post-award administration office for all externally sponsored projects at Radford University. SPGM provides assistance in proposal budget development and proposal submission. The office also reviews and signs off on all proposals to external



Sharon Gilbert, Ph.D. PHOTO COURTESY OF RADFORD UNIVERSITY

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Virginia Tech Board of Visitors sets tuition and fee rates for the 2023-24 academic year

BLACKSBURG - The Virginia Tech Board of Visitors unanimously approved the 2023-24 tuition and fees resolution on April 21, including a 4.9 percent tuition increase for both in-state and out-of-state undergraduate and graduate students and a \$208 increase in the mandatory comprehensive fee.

The increases, in combination with an estimated \$3.6 million in base budget reallocations, "are needed to support the university's share of state-mandated compensation actions as well as strategic investments called for by the university strategic plan which guides Virginia Tech's vision to become a top 100 global research university and to provide access to those who seek a Virginia Tech education," according to the university.

Pending the final outcome of the state's budget process, the board and university may revisit tuition and fee rates in light of final state-mandated costs, incremental resources, and anticipated needs related to the university's priority investments.

Virginia Tech continues to work to hold cost increases to below the rate of inflation. Over the past five years the consumer price index has increased 21 percent while in-state tuition rates at Virginia Tech have increased 9 percent.

Tuition for Virginia undergraduate students will increase \$593, to \$12,697 annually. Out-of-state undergraduate tuition will increase \$1,556, totaling \$33,310 annually.

Comprehensive fees will increase \$208 for a total of \$2,585 next year. Annual room and board

charges will increase by \$990 per year, to a total of \$11,746.

When adding tuition and mandatory fees with room and board costs, the total cost in 2023-24 for a Virginia undergraduate student living on campus would be \$27,222. The total cost of an out-of-state undergraduate living on campus will be \$48,439.

Virginia Tech ranks ninth of the 15 Virginia public universities in terms of total overall cost for resident undergraduate students. Virginia Tech continues to have the lowest mandatory fees among all public four-year institutions in the commonwealth.

To further support low- and middle-income families who seek a Virginia Tech education, the 2022 General Assembly planned a \$5.6 million increase in undergraduate student financial aid for 2023-24. The university plans to make additional funds available for student financial aid during the 2023-24 budget development process as part of the access and affordability initiative.

Tuition and fees are the primary source of the university's Educational and General Program (E&G) budget. In the current fiscal year, for example, tuition and fees accounted for \$653 million (or 70 percent) of the \$938 million total University Division E&G budget. The state provided \$239 million (or 25 percent) toward the University Division E&G budget, and an additional \$46 million (or 5 percent) came from other sources.

Virginia Tech's Funds for the Future program provides 100 percent protection from tuition and fee increases for returning students with

a family income of up to \$100,000, resulting in a predictable and unchanging net tuition and fee package for all four years of their undergraduate study at Virginia Tech.

Including university-funded support, Virginia Tech undergraduates received \$151 million in grants and scholarships last fiscal year.

Virginia Tech will continue to discount undergraduate tuition by 10 percent during the summer session and winter session courses in Blacksburg to help students complete degrees at an accelerated pace during nontraditional times.

Tuition and mandatory fees for in-state graduate students will rise by \$929 to \$18,012 and for out-of-state graduate students by \$1,651 to \$34,084. The incremental impact of a tuition increase on graduate students is mitigated for the 70 percent of graduate students on assistantship. Nevertheless, the university is in the process of assessing financial support of graduate assistantships and expects to address needs moving forward.

The total annual cost to Virginia and Maryland veterinary students would be \$28,156, an increase of \$1,258, and the total annual cost to out-of-state (and non-Maryland) veterinary students would be \$59,971, an increase of \$2,602.

Students enrolling at the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine this summer would have a total annual cost of \$60,355, an increase of \$2,634.

Mark Owczarski for Virginia Tech



PHOTO BY LUKE HAYES FOR VIRGINIA TECH
Students in the College of Engineering fabricate semiconductors in a clean lab. The lab uses a special yellow UV light and enhanced air filtration systems.

Charging forward with new statewide semiconductor network

BLACKSBURG - A statewide grant will help power a Virginia Tech-led initiative to create a pathway toward a semiconductor network and workforce opportunities.

The Growth and Opportunity for Virginia (GO Virginia) award of \$3.3 million will fund the establishment of the Virginia Alliance for Semiconductor Technology (VAST) and the accompanying adult learning program for continuing professional development, Fast Track to Semiconductor Careers, Gov. Glenn Youngkin announced.

"GO Virginia allows us to invest in key projects that address regionally identified opportunities while fostering collaboration for economic growth between the private and public sectors," said Youngkin. "VAST will advance Virginia's position in some of our most critical industries while leveraging emerging opportunities in semiconductor manufacturing."

Headquartered at the Virginia Tech Research Center — Arlington, VAST will leverage that region's existing strength as home to about 75 percent of Virginia's Semiconductor and Other Electronic Component Manufacturing Industry while also leaning into the infrastructure and expertise of partner institutions across the commonwealth. Nodes will be established at George Mason University, the University of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University, Norfolk State University, and community colleges across the state, which will also be intertwined with Virginia Tech, both at the hub in Arlington and at the Blacksburg campus.

"Virginia is a great home for chips, microelectronics, and technology," said Masoud Agah, who was named VAST's founding director. "There is a lot we can do regionally, and together we can do a lot more. This alliance leverages our collective strengths and mobilizes partners throughout the state."

Semiconductors are critical hardware components for computers and electronic devices. Last fall, the United States boosted its efforts to onshore the production of such technology with the CHIPS and Science Act. This included a \$52 billion investment to lower the cost of goods, create higher-paying manufacturing jobs, and ensure more of these critical technologies are created domestically.

Formerly known as Virginia Nanotechnology Networked Infrastructure, VAST will capitalize on the CHIPS Act investment by serving as a catalyst for partnership, connecting assets and talent across Virginia toward a shared goal of advancing our semiconductor ecosystem.

"As a co-author of the recently enacted CHIPS and Science Act, I see huge potential for VAST to turbocharge our efforts at the federal level to boost domestic semiconductor manufacturing," said U.S. Sen. Mark Warner of Virginia.

VAST will benefit from partnerships with a range of state and local organizations, including the Virginia Microelectronics Consortium and the Virginia Economic Development Partnership. It also will utilize support from industry, which was led by Micron Technology Inc.'s initial monetary commitment and includes companies such as BAE Systems and Northrop Grumman Corp. while giving back through an infusion of talent and innovation. Additional industry company partnerships are anticipated as well.

"This alliance builds on a legacy of ongoing work that the commonwealth and its institutions have done in anticipation of this moment," said Luke Lester, head of the Bradley Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. "We're excited by the opportunity to serve Virginia by multiplying those efforts in ways that accelerate innovation and empower its citizens."

Agah, the Virginia Microelectronics Consortium Professor of Engineering, has been working toward establishing a network that interconnects higher education institutions and industry partners working in this arena for more than five years.

"Working together, we can create

better opportunities for people," Agah said. "We can really elevate lives."

Agah's work exemplifies the exciting, recent success of Virginia Tech in this field. From the semiconductor chip-scale integration major for undergraduate students to the search for low-cost, low-consumption semiconducting materials and the Innovation Campus' efforts to increasing access to Master of Engineering programs, the university is doing its part to ensure that students are ready to enter the workforce and move the needle on semiconductor development in the commonwealth and beyond.

Virginia Tech was also recently named one of 21 founding member institutions of the Micron-formed Northeast University Semiconductor Network.

Virginia Tech's leadership will allow the alliance to capitalize on those assets while also providing a platform for teamwork with other top-notch researchers, scholars, and students across Virginia. The collaborative aspects of the alliance include a cloud-based infrastructure that will expedite the sharing of various information, centralized policies to allow uniform governance, and online training modules to more easily equip faculty and staff with new equipment and emerging technology.

While the new alliance will accelerate research and innovation in a revolutionary way, it also will aim to bolster workforce development to help Virginians fill employment gaps in this emerging field. Fast Track to Semiconductor Careers will offer 10-week, certificate-based programs in three subjects: Chip Fabrication and Nano Characterization, Semiconductor Packaging and Characterization, and Semiconductor Equipment Maintenance and Repair.

"We're bringing all this automated technology to the U.S., but we need humans to build and repair the hardware," Agah said. "If there is no semiconductor chip, there is no AI."

VAST expects to enroll about 300 students per year in the accelerated program, with a preference given to veterans and underserved communities, starting in spring 2024. The program aims to train a total of 600 adult learners, award 550 certificates, and create up to 100 internships during the full two-year grant.

A study from the Center for Regional Analysis at George Mason University estimates that in five years, the program will have produced more than \$65 million in economic activity and more than \$1 million in state tax revenue.

"Strong university partnerships, strategic programs, and an ongoing talent pipeline are critical to be competitive in recruiting in this industry," said Jason Koubi, president and CEO of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership. "VAST will be a distinctive and compelling asset to market as we continue to aggressively pursue this dynamic and growing sector."

Other agencies across the commonwealth plan to work with VAST to build on the opportunities presented, such as the Virginia Innovation Partnership Corporation (VIPCC).

"Connecting innovators with opportunity is VIPCC's mission, and we are excited to help catalyze private investment and growth throughout semiconductor, microelectronics, and nanotechnology related sectors and end markets," said Bob Stolle, president and CEO of VIPCC. "We look forward to collaborating with VAST to foster research commercialization and innovation breakthroughs."

Agah said he was very excited to see Virginia Tech's vision begin to take shape, and he also believes this is just the first step. In the future, he looks forward to VAST's potential to extend its impact to a younger generation through K-12 programming, especially in economically disadvantaged areas.

"If five years from now, 10 high schoolers are now going to college because of a pathway created by this program, that's more fulfilling to me than any research dollar," Agah said.

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Barnett, Homer Edward

Homer Edward Barnett, 90, of Blacksburg died Sunday, April 23, 2023, at his home.

He was born in Blacksburg on August 16, 1932, to the late Richard and India Perkins Barnett. He was also preceded in death by his first wife, Nancy Shaver Barnett; his second wife Betty Jo Barnett; his brothers and sisters-in-laws Walter (Elise), Luther (Dorothy), and Eugene; sisters and brothers-in-law Elenora (Luther) Barnett, Julie (Don) Millen, Francis (Luther) Hassele, and Lorraine (AC) McCoy; and sister-in-law Bessie Barnett.

He was a former member of Blacksburg Fire Department. His favorite hobbies were playing music,

hunting, and working in his yard.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and Mike Dowdy; three stepchildren Steve (Debbie) Shaver, Jeff Shaver, and David Shaver; sister Lois Ramsey; brother Frank Barnett; sister-in-law Sandy Barnett; granddaughter Rachel Shaver; niece Judy (Buddy) Cooper; a very special nephew Randy (Leigh); and 23 nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 28, 2023 in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend John Hopkins officiating. Interment followed in the Roselawn Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

RADFORD SPORTS

Five Stars are tournament champs



PHOTO COURTESY OF FIVE-STAR BASEBALL OF THE NEW RIVER VALLEY

Local Five-Star 9-and-under travel baseball team from the New River Valley took the USSSA Spring State WarmUp Championship this past week at the Botetourt Sports Complex. Pictured are: (from left) Front row- Grady Seagle, Brady Marshall, William O'Brien, Jake Mitcham, Jase Christian and Kyle Howell; Back row- Logan Morrill, Will Mullins, Quentin Manuel, Kane Galimore, Miles Musser and Grayson Hagedorn. The Five Star squad outscored its opponents 21 to 9. This is their second tournament championship of the year and overall 10th as a 9U team.

Sports notes: Tech wins two national titles

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Virginia Tech picked up two national championships this past week in the form of a club sport. The school's Club men's gymnastics and cross country teams brought home the titles. This is the eighth time VT has had a club team win the national championship in some sport.

Gardner-Webb grabs Wisconsin coach
Gardner-Webb University has announced that Scott Merritt has been named head women's basketball coach.

Merritt comes to Gardner-Webb from the University of Wisconsin, where he has served as Associate Head Coach since 2021.

This past season, Merritt helped the Badgers to their highest Big Ten win total since 2010-11 and the program's highest Big Ten finish in 11 seasons. A late-season win over 12th-ranked Michigan gave Wisconsin a first-round bye in the Big Ten Tournament.

"I am thrilled to be the new Head Coach at a faith-based University that's so rich in tradition," said Merritt. "The vision and leadership of Dr. Downs and Dr. Goodrich, coupled by the support of the campus and surrounding community are what make this such an exciting opportunity. I cannot wait to get to work!"

Merritt was an assistant coach at Illinois during the 2020-2021 season and spent the previous six seasons as an assistant coach at his alma mater, Marquette University.

Longwood extends men's coach
Longwood Director of Athletics Tim Hall announced Wednesday a 10-year contract extension to Griff Aldrich's contract that will lengthen his tenure as head coach of the Lancer men's basketball program through the end of the 2034 season.

This past season, Aldrich, a 1996 Hampden-Sydney graduate and Tidewater native, led Longwood to a second-straight 20-win campaign. It marked the first time the men's basketball program posted back-to-back 20-win seasons at any level.

In addition, the team's 27 conference wins over the past two seasons are the most in the Big South. During that run, Longwood swept both the Big South regular season and tournament titles in the 2021-22 season. The Lancers were a No. 14 seed in the program's first NCAA Tournament Division I level. Longwood

became only the second Big South team to garner a 14-seed or better in the history of the league. They finished second in the regular season this past year.

High Point new coach
High Point University President Nido R. Qubein announced the hiring of Alan Huss as the new men's basketball head coach. Huss spent the last six seasons at his alma mater Creighton University under the leadership of head coach Greg McDermott.

In 2019-2020, Creighton won its first Big East regular season title after being picked seventh in the preseason. Huss was a vital part of Creighton's No. 7 nationally-ranked 2021-2022 recruiting class, which was the same season the Bluejays advanced to the Sweet 16 for the first time since 1974. During the 2022-23 season, Huss helped guide the Bluejays to their first Elite Eight appearance since 1941 after a third-place finish in the Big East Conference.

VaSID coach of year for track
Virginia Tech director of track & field and cross country Dave Cianelli earned Virginia Sports Information Directors (VaSID) Men's Indoor Coach of the Year honors on Friday, as 14 Hokies earned all-state honors on the men's team. Cianelli coached the men's team to their third consecutive conference championship.

Cole Beck, Kennedy Harrison, and Antonio Lopez Segura led the men's team receiving two first team all-state accolades. Beck placed second in the 60m and third in 200m competing at the ACC Indoor Track and Field Championships. He earned two USTFCCA All-American honors competing at the indoor national championships.

Tech QB to portal
Taj Bullock has been way down the QB depth chart at Virginia Tech, and after this past month's Spring Game, he has decided to enter the transfer portal. He was highly-touted coming out of St. Peter's Prep in Jersey City, New Jersey where he was considered one of the nation's top 20 dual-threat QBs.

Hall to HOF
The Virginia Sports Hall of Fame recently inducted a new class, and it includes former Virginia Tech and Redskin defensive back Deangelo Hall.

He was an All-American defensive back for Virginia Tech in the early 2000s. Chosen by Atlanta in the first round of the 2004 NFL draft, he played 14 NFL seasons with the Falcons, Raiders and Washington, earning three Pro Bowl selections.

Past NFL draft memorable for Hokies

You have to go all the way back to 1937 for the first time a Virginia Tech football player was taken in the NFL Draft. Since then, there have been plenty of Hokies selected over the years – 163 to be exact – since Herman "Foots" Dickerson was picked by the Chicago Cardinals.

Tech is coming off of two straight years of having four players selected in the draft, including James Mitchell (No. 177 overall, Detroit), Amaré Barno (No. 189, Carolina), Luke Tenuta (No. 209, Buffalo) and Lecitus Smith (No. 215, Arizona) in last year's draft.

In the 2021 draft, it marked just the third time in school history that the Hokies had two players taken in the first round – defensive back Caleb Farley (No. 22, Tennessee) and offensive lineman Christian Darrisaw (No. 23, Minnesota).

The other two occasions happened when Tremaine (No. 16, Buffalo) and Terrell Edmunds (No. 28, Pittsburgh) become the first-ever brothers to accomplish the feat in NFL history in 2018 and when DeAngelo Hall (No. 8, Atlanta) and Kevin Jones (No. 30, Detroit) did so in 2004.

Speaking of brothers, Virginia Tech is the only school that has been home to four brothers who have all been selected in the NFL Draft – the Fuller brothers. The first brother was Vincent, who was taken as a defensive back in 2005 to the

Tennessee Titans in the fourth round.

Then there was a stretch of three years when the NFL Draft had a Fuller, starting with Corey (No. 171, Detroit) in 2013 at receiver in the sixth round, Kyle (No. 14, Chicago) in 2014 at defensive back in the first round and Kendall (No. 84, Washington) in 2015 at defensive back in the third round.

Tech has had two No. 1 overall draft picks in its history, with Bruce Smith being taken by the Buffalo Bills as a defensive lineman in 1985 and Michael Vick being selected by the Atlanta Falcons in 2001 at quarterback. The Hokies are one of only two schools in the ACC to produce a pair of No. 1 overall selections (Miami).

The most picks in one draft for Tech came in 2006, when a record nine Hokies were picked, headlined by two second-round selections in defensive back Jimmy Williams (No. 37, Atlanta) and defensive lineman Darryl Tapp (No. 63, Seattle). The second-most draft selections for Tech came in both 2002 and 2008 when eight Hokies were taken.

The next wave of Hokies to hear their names called in the NFL Draft will happen this weekend, taking place from Thursday through Saturday on ABC, ESPN and NFL Network in Kansas City.

Virginia Tech Athletics

OUTDOOR REPORT



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Reason to beware of ticks while hunting spring gobblers

It's a fact that ticks and hunters are drawn to the same places—where there's abundant wildlife, vast spaces to roam, and the raw scent of nature when the wind blows in the springtime. Speaking from experience, it's almost impossible to get through a season without having a few stuck to me.

Each time I slipped into the woods to turkey hunt, I did my best to protect myself from ticks. Knowing that there was a growing prevalence of the red meat allergy among the Virginia hunting community I knew, I felt vulnerable each time I walked through the woods. Despite my effort, I wasn't immune to their desire to bite me. But I suppose we've got to take risks to do things we love sometimes.

In 2019, I contracted a red meat allergy—known as alpha-gal syndrome (AGS) or allergy—from a tick bite I got while hunting turkeys that spring. As a gal who enjoys hunting and experimenting with wild game in the kitchen, realizing that I could no longer consume venison or other mammal meat was a hard pill to swallow. Besides a fried piece of deer tenderloin over the woodstove, who doesn't love a tender piece of filet mignon every now and then?

What is Alpha-gal?
Alpha-galactose (galactose- α -1,3-galactose) is a carbohydrate that is present in all mammals except higher primates, such as apes and humans. This carbohydrate is

present in mammal meat such as beef and pork, but more importantly for hunters, it's present in wild game including venison, elk, bear, rabbit, squirrels, and other game we pursue here in Virginia. Alpha-gal is not found in fish, reptiles, birds, or people.

Dr. Jonathan Mozena, a board-certified allergist and immunologist, said that AGS is where an individual develops an allergy to the carbohydrate present in mammal meat. This is unique because most other allergies—such as a peanut allergy—are an allergy to a protein found in a particular food.

"Alpha-gal is unique because it's an allergy to a carbohydrate and not a protein. If a person is allergic to beef, that same individual will react to pork, lamb, bear, deer, and so forth," he said.

Another unusual characteristic of the allergy is that while most food allergies occur within minutes of eating, that's not the case with AGS. Allergic reactions to alpha-gal tend to be delayed by nearly four to eight hours. The first time I experienced a reaction was almost eight hours after I ate a hamburger.

According to Dr. Mozena, it's believed that alpha-gal is mostly found in the fatty tissue of the meat, and fatty tissue typically gets absorbed into the lymphatic system first before entering the bloodstream.

"The way fats get absorbed in the body is different from the way

proteins do," he said. "It takes several hours for fats to get through the lymphatic system, whereas proteins get absorbed into the bloodstream immediately. The transit through the lymphatic system is what likely accounts for the delay of the alpha-gal from entering the bloodstream."

Despite these differences, AGS presents the same reactions as other allergies, including hives, itching, a drop in blood pressure that can cause dizziness, chest tightness, abdominal cramping, diarrhea, vomiting, and in some severe cases, anaphylactic shock and uterine cramping.

The Transfer of Alpha-gal to a Human

It was presumed that ticks feed on the blood of other mammals, such as deer, and would transfer the alpha-gal molecule once it latched on to a human. But there's new speculation that a tick itself can produce an alpha-gal-like structure.

"There is a current theory that ticks make alpha-gal themselves. Studies have shown that some ticks carry alpha-gal in their saliva and intestinal tract," said Dr. Mozena. Though, this theory isn't fully developed yet.

While the lonestar tick is the most known tick to carry alpha-gal in the U.S., there are other ticks worldwide that likely carry alpha-gal. Studies have also shown that even chiggers can likely carry alpha-gal.

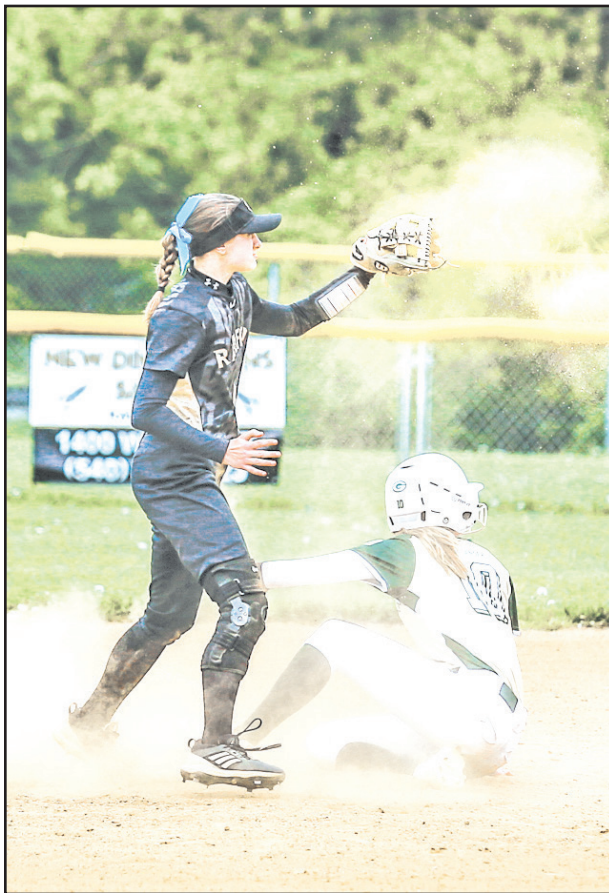
The good news, at least for some, is that not everyone will develop an alpha-gal allergy after

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Glenvar slips by Radford in softball



Radford second baseman Kathryn Price catches and tags out a Glenvar runner in Tuesday's game.



First baseman Quinn Burton snares a sharply hit ball in the Bobcats' 7-6 loss.



Radford's Addie Saunders slides in safely for a stolen base.

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Radford comes up short versus Glenvar



Radford's Abby Hodock steals the ball from a Glenvar player.



Goalkeeper Hollybrook Cline punts the ball downfield in Monday's match.



Anna Vinson controls a loose ball in front of the goal in the Bobcats' 5-1 loss.

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being bitten. Mozena said there is likely something genetically different about those who contract the allergy.

"There are millions of tick bites each year, but not millions of cases," said Mozena. "Being genetically predisposed creates a perfect storm to develop the allergy. There may also be a third thing that has to happen beyond the genetic predisposition and the tick bite that we don't understand yet."

It's also unclear whether a tick can immediately infect a person once it latches on. Mozena said he sees a steady stream of patients, most often diagnosing patients with the allergy in the summer and fall, but it's not always clear how long it takes for the patient to be exposed. Currently, he treats around

40 to 50 patients annually with AGS.

Other Hunters, Looking Forward, and Prevention

I'm not the only hunter to have the "perfect storm" that results in the alpha-gal allergy. Randy Feehan, a hunter from Central Virginia, says it was only about a week after he was bitten by a lonestar tick while deer hunting on the Eastern Shore of Virginia when he started noticing initial reactions after he ate venison.

"I would break out in hives, wheeze, and my eyes would get really swollen," said Feehan. Feehan still has AGS nearly a decade later, and it's changed his hunting habits, as it has for me.

"Not being able to eat wild game was big for me, because I wasn't able to

eat what I was hunting," said Feehan, referring to deer. "This allergy has turned me into more of a turkey hunter because I can eat it, so I focus on that more. I focus more on bird hunting in general." Despite not being able to consume venison himself, Feehan said that he still sometimes hunts deer and provides meat for others. Unfortunately, his father and uncle, who also hunt, also contracted AGS.

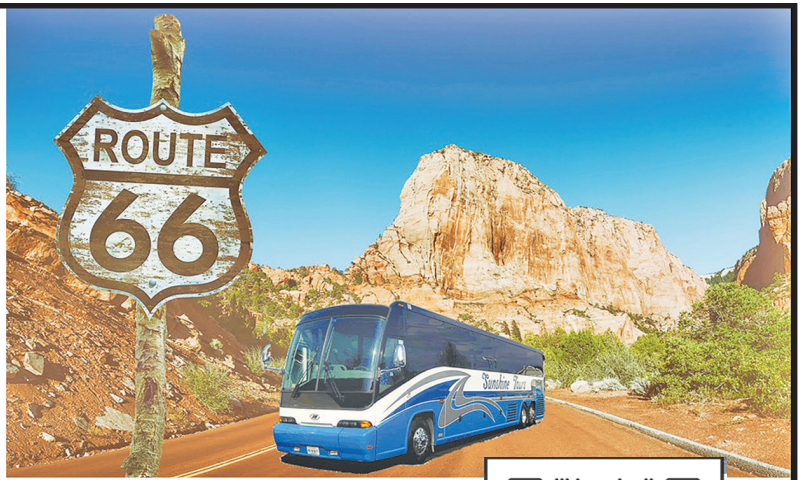
The good news for those who have AGS is that the allergy typically recedes over time. "For many people, if they aren't bitten by another tick for a while, the level of alpha-gal [present in the blood] typically drops and they can be reintroduced to red meat," said Mozena.

Ongoing research is being conducted

to better understand the risks associated with AGS. While there is currently no treatment for AGS, simply being aware and taking precautionary measures to avoid tick bites is vital to protect yourself this season.

Turkeys don't have great sniffers. As you prepare for the season, make sure to use bug spray and permethrin on your hunting clothes (always read proper handling directions before use), and check yourself for ticks immediately upon returning from your hunt. Otherwise, you could need to alter your harvesting to suit a new diet.

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