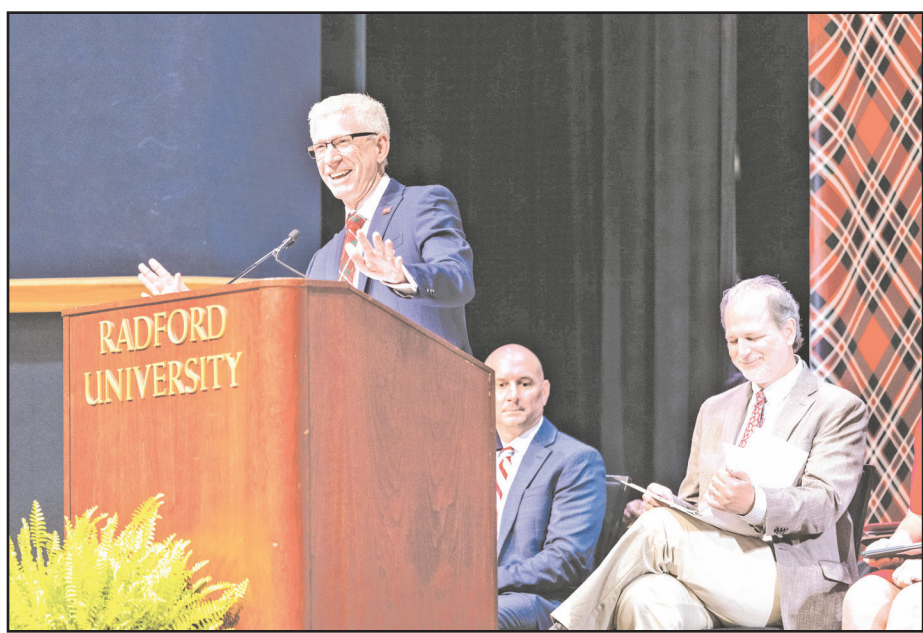




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Radford University President Bret Danilowicz speaks during the annual convocation ceremony Aug. 18.

Radford president presents university goals at annual convocation

RADFORD - A common thread wove through the fabric of the annual Faculty Convocation on Aug. 18, with many speakers at the event focusing on efforts to stabilize enrollment and further solidify Radford University's position as one of the premier institutions of higher education in Virginia.

President Bret Danilowicz presented "four overarching goals" at the early afternoon gathering that, he said, will define Radford University's distinct nature, stabilize enrollment, drive economic development in the region and help Radford become a streamlined and focused institution.

"Ultimately, the reason for these

changes will allow us to even more efficiently recruit students who will be successful Highlanders," Danilowicz said, "so that they can achieve their educational goals and can establish rewarding career tracks."

In addition, the president explained, Radford must stabilize enrollment in order to best serve the state and region.

"Our commitment to the success of our students will increase retention and graduation rates, which alone would result in enrollment stabilization," he said while also noting the university must remain "committed to maintaining or

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Community Health Center of the NRV ranked in top ten percent by HRSA in quality achievements

The Community Health Center of the New River Valley (CHCNRV) was recognized with five awards by The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), including the Gold Leader in Health Center Quality status which recognizes CHCNRV clinical quality efforts as being in the top ten percent of Federally Qualified Health Centers and look-alike entities.

The awards, which are based on calendar year 2022 data, include:

Health Center Quality Leader indicating best overall clinical quality measure performance among all health centers nationally.

Access Enhancer recognizes the total number of patients and the patients who receive at least one comprehensive service.

Advancing Health Access Enhancer Technology for Quality and Advancing Healthcare Information Technology (HIT) for integrating high levels of technology to enhance patient care and access.

Health Disparities Reducer for improvements in areas such as low birth weight, hypertension control, and/or uncontrolled diabetes and/or meeting benchmarks for all racial/ethnic groups served.

Details of the criteria for all the badges earned can be found at [hrsa.gov](https://www.hrsa.gov). A link is also included at [CHCNRV.org](https://www.chcnrv.org).

"The compliance process to report our work to HRSA is rigorous, and our staff has done an exceptional



GRAPHIC COURTESY OF CHCNRV

job of documenting our processes," Michelle Brauns, MS, APR, CEO of CHCNRV said. "But more importantly, our patients have benefited from the quality improvement programs we have implemented. We value the trust our patient's place in our organization and strive to continually make improvements to serve our community's health needs."

The Community Health Center of the New River Valley provides affordable and high-quality family medical, dental, behavioral, and preventive health care services to people of all ages, regardless of ability to pay. For more information about the Community Health Center's services and programs in Dublin, Christiansburg, Pearisburg, and Pulaski County High School, visit our website at www.chcnrv.org or call 540-381-0820.

Submitted by CHCNRV

Pastoral retrospective comes to Radford

RADFORD - As assistants carefully unwrap a massive landscape painting in Radford's Tyler Gallery, the artist, Jane Duncan Stogner, reflects on a life of painting and exhibition.

Stogner stands amid dozens of her paintings waiting to be hung in the gallery for her show, Jane Duncan Stogner: A Fifty-Year Retrospective. An alumna of Radford's art graduate program in 1973, she speaks with soft southern tone that resonates patient engagement.

"I find the mixing of the paint to be a very meditative process," she says thoughtfully, offering up sheets of oil paints blended into unique colors as testimony to her practice.

"I usually get up early in the morning and squeeze out large quantities of paint to mix my colors," she explains. "If I don't get to use the paint, that means that life got in my way."

Stogner works in oils exclusively and favors a palette knife for application. Consequently, her paintings have a thick, raised texture and yet, they are composed of tiny details compiled to create an image of the natural world and rural beauty.

Viewed at a distance, they blend impressionistic and photographic qualities. Up close, you can see the precision of each application of the knife.

"It takes so much more work than just using a brush because you've got to apply the exact color," Stogner says.

"You have to be a colorist to know that



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Jane Duncan Stogner stands amid her paintings as they await their position on the Tyler Gallery walls.

those background trees are going to be duller than the others. You have to work to get just the right shade of green."

But when the last stroke makes it to the canvas, the process is not over.

Many of her paintings are quite large. It can take up to a year for thick oils to completely dry and another three to six months to complete the varnishing process. Then there is framing and getting it out into a gallery.

Most of her work is inspired by her bucolic surroundings in the Blue Ridge, which she finds important to communicate

visually, especially in a time where the natural world is facing so many threats.

However, you will also find examples of her abstracts and portraiture on display as well at the Tyler Gallery. This stems from many years spent as Ferrum College's only instructor teaching drawing and painting and she felt obligated to give students a variety of experiences and avenues.

"I really believe that everyone has some talent," Stogner says. "You just have to try out different

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Library bingo underway RPL

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Download Libby, Hoopla, or Kanopy	Read an eBook or eAudiobook	Join the library fundraising group, the Lamplighters	Recommend the library to a friend

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The Radford Public Library is offering a prize to anyone who can fill out their bingo card by participating in various library activities, from reading to watching a movie, attending an event and more.

U.S. drug overdose deaths hit a new record in 2022

Drug deaths nationwide hit a new record in 2022. Nearly 110,000 people died as a result of drug overdoses.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2023

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Brief remarks begin at 7:30 PM
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, Sept. 2:

Page to Screen Movies: Whatever Happened to Baby Jane?

Page to Screen Movies Presents: Whatever Happened to Baby Jane? At the Radford Public Library; noon. This classic psychological thriller stars two icons of the silver screen, Bette Davis and Joan Crawford, as feuding sisters locked in a spiraling, toxic relationship as one of them loses touch with reality. The film is 2hrs 12 minutes and although not rated does contain some frightening and suspenseful scenes. Popcorn provided while supplies last!

Monday, Sept. 4:

Blacksburg Labor Day closings

Town administrative offices will be closed. Blacksburg Transit will operate on Intermediate Service and BT offices will be closed. The Blacksburg Community Center and the Blacksburg Aquatic Center will be closed. There will be no trash pickup in the SE Quadrant. Make-up service will be Wednesday, Sept. 6. Please have all materials at the curb by 7 a.m.

Radford Labor Day closings

City offices and the Radford Public Library will be closed. Solid Waste Collection: Monday, Sept. 4 collected on Tuesday, Sept. 5. Please have garbage ready for collection by 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday. Drop Center will be closed.

MFRL closed

All branches of the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library will be closed for Labor Day.

Tuesday, Sept. 5:

Pre-K Yoga with 'The Whole You'

At the Radford Public Library; 10:30 - 11:45 a.m. Join us for a session of Pre-K Yoga with Kelly McCoy of "The Whole You"! There is no registration necessary for this

event.

Wednesday, Sept. 6:

Radford Army Ammunition Plant community meeting

The Radford Army Ammunition Plant (RFAAP) will hold the next Commander's Community Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Christiansburg Library at 125 Shelton St. The meeting will also be broadcast on Facebook Live from the Radford Army Ammunition Plant Facebook page. These meetings are open to the public and are an opportunity to learn about RFAAP Modernization and Environmental Projects. Our commitment to responding to your questions extends beyond the community meeting. You can reach out to us for questions or to conduct research on your own through several resources, including: Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RadfordArmyAmmunitionPlant/>; Homepage: <http://www.jmc.army.mil/Radford/RadfordDefault.aspx>; or Email: USARMY.RIA.JMC.MBX.AMSJM-PA@ARMY.MIL.

Thursday, September 7:

Blood Drive

Central Church, 803 Wadsworth Street in Radford, is sponsoring a Blood Drive, 1- 5 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Walk ins are welcome but in order to be seen more quickly, please call 1(800) RedCross to schedule an appointment.

American Legion meeting

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

Community Quilting Bee

At the Blacksburg Library; 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Join us for our weekly quilting and sewing group. Bring your supplies and join us for conversation.

Saturday, September 9:

Fish Fry

Mount Tabor Ruritan Club September Fish Fry, 5 to 7 p.m. at Slusser's Chapel Picnic Shelter, 1543 Mount Tabor Rd, Blacksburg. Serving fish, fries and slaw; homemade desserts; and beverages. Adults-\$12, children under 12-\$6, (under 3)-free, carry-outs-\$12. Entertainment by Simple Gifts of the Blue Ridge. The fish fry is a fundraiser for the Ruritan Club's community service projects and scholarships. Held rain or shine. Call or text 540-449-6178 for further information. This is the last fish fry in 2023. On Facebook at MtTaborRuritan.

Monday, September 11:

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, September 12:

Blacksburg Town Council meeting

The 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 the 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.

Saturday, September 16:

Ladies Night Out Workshop

At First Missionary Baptist Church, 7318 Manns Dr., Fairlawn, Va., 5 p.m. Speaker will be Ruth Wolford New Mount Olive UMC—Radford. Sponsored by Deaconess Ministry—FMBC. Refreshments will be served.

Shred-A-Thon

Town of Blacksburg Shred-A-Thon; 9 a.m. - noon, 725 Patrick Henry Dr. Free event is a great opportunity to recycle unneeded household documents, records, etc. Please 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. Remain in your vehicle during drop off. For more information, call the Town of Blacksburg Recycling office at 540-443-1212.

Thursday, September 21:

Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet at 7 p.m. at Aly's Family

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF RADFORD, VIRGINIA

Notice is hereby given, the Radford City Council will hold a public hearing on September 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 10 Robertson Street, Radford, Virginia. Pursuant to Code of Virginia, Title 15.2, Article 2 Section 15.2-2006 et seq., the purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments regarding a request from Tall Oaks 51, LLC to vacate an unimproved portion of public right of way. This area is identified as a portion 10' wide portion of Walker Street located at its intersection with the northern side of West Main Street. The request contains a total area of approximately 0.034 acre. Council will also hear comments regarding a request from East Radford Development 1001, LLC to vacate a portion of unimproved public right of way. This area is located between Tyler Avenue and Picket Street. The request contains a total area of approximately 0.051 acre. Copies of the application, together with the plat of the property to be vacated, are available for review in the City Manager's Office located at 10 Robertson Street.

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Notice of Public Hearing

Town of Blacksburg Planning Commission

Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Town of Blacksburg will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 during its meeting beginning at

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6:30 PM in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Council Chamber, 300 South Main St, Blacksburg, VA on the following item: ROW 23-0001/ORD 2036- Request to vacate approximately 20,439 square feet of Town-owned Right-of-Way known as Rimrock Drive (adjacent to Tax Parcel 347-8 1) at 2600 Research Center Drive by Snyder-Hunt Company, LLP (owner). A request to vacate approximately 20,439 square feet (0.47 acres) of Town-owned Right-of-Way known as Rimrock Drive from Research Center Drive to its termination at Route 460 Bypass. The application states that the vacated property will be absorbed into Tax Parcel 347-8 1 and used as a private driveway to access the Blue Ridge Cancer Center. Rimrock Drive ROW is a built street and includes sidewalk and utilities. RZN 23-0002/ORD 2035- Request to rezone approximately 1.1 acres from R-4 Low Density Residential to PR Planned Residential in the 1200 block of Airport Road (Tax Map Number 317-2 31, 32, 34A & 317-2 32A, 33, 34) by Habitat for Humanity of the New River Valley (contract purchaser) for Blacksburg Fire Safety Foundation (owner). A request to rezone approximately 1.1 acres of land from R-4 Low Density Residential to PR Planned Residential for the development of 11 income-restricted townhomes with 33 bedrooms total in the 1200-block of Airport Road. Townhomes will be sold to buyers earning between 30%-80% of Area Median Income (AMI). The Future Land Use Designation for this parcel is Medium-Density Residential. This development request represents an increase in the allowable bedroom density above the Future Land Use density of 20 bedrooms per acre. ROW 23-0002/ORD 2032- Request to vacate approximately 0.13 and 0.09 acres (total of 0.22 acres) of Town-owned Right-of-Way in the 1200 block of Airport Road by Habitat for Humanity of the New River Valley (contract purchaser). This is a request

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204; 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on September 11, 2023 at 7:15 p.m. in the County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to hear citizen comments regarding the Board of Supervisors' intention to act on the following Ordinance: A request by Jeffrey Allan

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accompanying RZN 23-0002 to vacate approximately 0.22 acres of unbuilt Town-owned Right-of-Way adjacent to Tax Map Number 317-2 31, 32, 34A and Tax Map Number 317-2 32A, 33, 34 known as unbuilt Airport Drive and unbuilt Virginia Street. The land to be vacated would be incorporated in the proposed Habitat for Humanity townhome development as driveway and rear yard space. Persons affected by or interested in the rezoning request and right-of-way vacation requests may appear and present their views. After the hearing, the Planning Commission will take action. Copies of the request and all related items may be found online at www.blacksburg.gov/publichearings or reviewed in person at the Blacksburg Planning and Building Department, 400 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia. You may also call the office at (540) 443-1300 for more information. Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance to attend and participate in the public hearing on the above should contact the Planning & Building Department at (540) 443-1300, or (540)-443-1000-TDD.

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and Jennifer Lamm Frayser (Agent: Meredith Engineering) to rezone a total of 122.60 acres from Rural Residential (RR) conditional with proffers approved in 2008 to develop a proposed single-family subdivision, to Agricultural (A-1) to allow for a family subdivision consisting of three (3) single-family residential lots. The property is located on Bradshaw Road (State Rt. 629), approximately 0.05 miles west of the intersection of Bradshaw Road and Dewberry Lane. The property is further identified as Tax Map 032-A 55 (Parcel ID: 001477) in the Mount Tabor Magisterial District. The property lies in an area designated as Rural in the 2025 Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan. Copies of the proposed plans, applications, ordinances or amendments may be examined at the Department of Planning and GIS Services, County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Suite 2A, Christiansburg, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or at <http://www.montgomerycountyva.gov/pendingapplications>.

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OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY

PLANNING COMMISSION

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204; 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Montgomery County Planning Commission hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on SEPTEMBER 13, 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 Darrell Linkous for a Special Use Permit

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(SUP) to allow a Manufactured Home on a vacant lot located within the R-3 Residential Zoning District. The property is located at 425 Briggs Road (St. Rt. 1045) near the intersection of Briggs Road and Jacob Drive, Shawsville; off of Kirk Hollow Road (St. Rt. 690). The property is further identified as Tax Maps 083-A 4 22 (Parcel ID: 031288), 1.29 acres, zoned Residential (R-3) in the Shawsville Magisterial District. The property currently lies in an area designated as Village Expansion in the 2025 Comprehensive Plan and is further designated as Medium Density Residential in the Shawsville Village Plan. Copies of the proposed plans, applications, ordinances or amendments may be examined at the Department of Planning and GIS Services, County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Suite 2A, Christiansburg, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or at <http://www.montgomerycountyva.gov/pendingapplications>.

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Montgomery, Virginia to replace the existing transportation chapter of the 2025 Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan. The "Transportation Matters" plan provides recommendations to improve transportation infrastructure, increase safety, expand public transportation options, and strengthen funding applications for transportation projects throughout the unincorporated areas of Montgomery County. Copies of the "Transportation Matters" plan may be examined at the Department of Planning and GIS Services, County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Suite 2A, Christiansburg, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or at <http://www.montgomerycountyva.gov/pendingapplications>.

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Tax Map 042-A 50A (Parcel ID: 035257), 1.349 acres, zoned Residential (R-2) in the Mount Tabor Magisterial District. The property currently lies in an area designated as Residential Transition in the 2025 Comprehensive Plan. Copies of the proposed plans, applications, ordinances or amendments may be examined at the Department of Planning and GIS Services, County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Suite 2A, Christiansburg, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or at <http://www.montgomerycountyva.gov/pendingapplications>.

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things and find where your natural inclinations are.”

After a full career in education, Stogner retired in 2002 to become a full-time freelance painter. Her works have been featured in many galleries over the years and many of her works can be found in public buildings including places like Carillion hospital.

She says interior designers have placed many of her large works in nursing homes and senior facilities in the Richmond and D.C. areas, which makes her particularly happy.

Stogner also has her work featured in

the Lin Dor Arts Gallery in Roanoke, but she says the Tyler exhibition is likely to be her final show.

Jane Duncan Stogner: A Fifty-Year Retrospective will run from Wednesday, Sept. 6, through Friday, Oct. 5, 2023 in the Tyler Gallery, located at 214 Tyler Avenue in Radford.

On opening evening, a free public reception will take place at the gallery, complete with refreshments. Everyone is invited to come meet the artist and enjoy her art.

Sean Kotz for Radford University



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Becky Taconet and Haylee Keck unwrap one of Stogner's large landscapes.

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improving upon our status as one of the most affordable institutions in the Commonwealth of Virginia.”

Expanding upon his goals to drive regional economic development, Danilowicz explained that Radford students are taking advantage of workplace and career-based experiential learning opportunities. These opportunities, he explained, help better prepare students for the workforce and also provide businesses with skilled employees.

“This helps businesses in our area that are trying to recruit their own future workforces,” the president said. “We will continue to create work-based learning opportunities for students with a focus on internships and apprenticeships and post-graduation employment.”

As an example of recent success in this area, the president said Radford has produced the second-largest number of Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) graduates in the commonwealth. “So, we are clearly poised,” he said, “to capture this recognition across the

region for our healthcare programs.”

Danilowicz said the university is nearing the end of its current five-year strategic plan, “so in the coming months, we will be celebrating the successes of that plan and re-enforcing the accomplishments from it,” he said. Afterward, the president said, the university will embark on a future plan “to maximize our operations and stabilize enrollment in just two years. So, we will be focusing on a two-year plan, which will then set us up for a subsequent five-year plan.”

A long-standing tradition at the convocation is announcing winners of the Radford University Faculty Awards, which celebrate outstanding achievement among faculty members. Nominations are made by members of the Radford University community, and the award recipients are recommended to the president by the Faculty Awards Committee.

The most prestigious award, bestowed to a deserving faculty member, is the Donald N. Dedmon Distinguished Teaching Professor Award. It is named in honor of the university's fourth president. Nominees must have an outstanding record of teaching at Radford University, be professionally active in their discipline and be recognized by colleagues and students as thoroughly knowledgeable in the subject matter and current scholarship of their teaching discipline.

This year's winner is Professor of Criminal Justice Stephen Owen.

“It was such a wonderful surprise to learn that I'd received the Donald N. Dedmon Distinguished Teaching Professor Award. I'm honored and humbled,” Owen said. “What drew me to Radford University, and what I've admired in my 20-plus years here, is how strongly it values teaching. I've been amazed by my students and also by how many innovative teaching practices I've seen across the institution because, for me, it has to be all about teaching and helping students find success. It's not about me but about what we can do to reach our students, and I'm glad to be a part of that. This award means a lot, and I'm honored to be this year's recipient.”

Additional award winners included:
Distinguished Faculty Advising Award: Assistant Professor of Biology Sarah Foltz.
Distinguished Service Award: School of Teacher

Education and Leadership Professor Katherine Hilden Clouse.

Distinguished Creative Scholar Award: Professor of Political Science and Director of International Studies Minor Tay Keong Tan.

Award for Administrative and Professional Excellence: Director of Environmental Health and Safety Avraham Boruchowitz.

Anna Lee Stewart Award for Contributions to Faculty Development: Executive Director, Faculty Development, Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning Heather Keith.

In addition, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Bethany Usher announced that 26 new faculty members have joined the university to begin the fall 2023 semester.

Following the awards, a group of university leaders presented two-year plans from each of their departments. Speakers included Usher; Vice President for Economic Development and Corporate Education Angela Joyner; Vice President for Enrollment Management and Strategic Communications Dannette Gomez Beane; Vice President for Finance and Administration Robert Hoover; Vice President for Student Affairs Susan Trageser; and interim Vice President of University Advancement Penny White.

“One of the best ways the university can move toward its goals is to have talented and stable leadership,” Danilowicz said, “and I can see that in the members of the presidential cabinet that surround me.”

The overall message for the convocation gathering, the president noted, “is we have to keep our current and future Highlanders at the forefront of what we do and deliver on our promise, which is to empower students from diverse backgrounds by providing transformational educational experiences.

“We are a great university and, over the next few years, will become even a stronger institution,” Danilowicz continued. “I look forward to seeing your collective efforts and helping our students succeed at Radford University. Let's all have an outstanding and meaningful academic year, and go Highlanders!”

Chad Osborne for Radford University

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Several awards were given during the Aug. 18 convocation including the Donald N. Dedmon Distinguished Teaching Professor Award.

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17. Two-year-old sheep
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19. Barnum & Bailey
21. Destruction
25. Shock treatment
26. A priest's linen vestment
27. Consumed
28. Etymology (abbr.)
29. Doctors' group
30. Tsetung or Zedong
31. Subroutines
35. Maintenance
36. Sacred shrine in Mecca
40. Mutual savings bank
41. The cry made by sheep
42. Fell back from flooding
43. Farm state
44. British Isle in the Irish Sea
45. Georgian monetary unit
46. Turkish rulers
48. Utter sounds
49. Mains
50. Fashionable water

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1. Temporary cessation of breathing
2. Not cloudy
3. Listened
4. Acquired by effort
5. Chart of the Earth's surface
6. Eastbound
7. Yellow-fever mosquitos
8. Small amount of residue
10. With great caution, warily
12. One who copies behavior
15. One point E of due S
16. Fiddler crabs
17. A large cask
20. Adult male swan
22. Of the whale & dolphin
23. Frozen water
24. Metric ton
27. Marine or parasitic protozoas
28. Cologne
29. Built by Noah
30. Indicates physician
31. Parts per billion (abbr.)
32. Environmental Protection Agency
33. Supplement with difficulty
34. Dark fur coat animals
35. Utilization
37. Unit = to 10 amperes
38. Stalin's police chief
39. Almost horizontal mine entrances
40. Missing soldiers
44. More (Spanish)
47. Express surprise

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OBITUARIES

Foster, Jr., Robert Lee

Robert Lee Foster, Jr., 94, of Foster; son-in-law, George Kennedy; Radford, passed away on Sunday, Aug. 27, 2023.

He was a lifelong member of Unity Christian Church (formerly First Christian Church) and a 37-year retiree of Hercules. He was an excellent golfer, loyal Hokie, and proud of the fact that he had been a Radford resident his entire life. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Lee Sr. and Augusta Sayers Foster; his daughter, Augusta "Gussie" Foster Kennedy; and his brother, Ralph Sayers Foster.

Survivors include his loving wife of 68 years, Bronte Charles Foster; daughters, Vanessa Foster Abbott (Douglas), and Mona Melissa "Missie"



great-grandchildren, Trace, Hailynn, Laynie, Easton, Jace, Troy, Athena, Katelyn, and Victoria; sisters-in-law, Evelyn Still, Mary Adkins, and Hazel Johnson; and brother-in-law, Frank Howard.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, Sept. 2, 2023, at 2 p.m. in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Shake Smith officiating. The family will receive friends from 1-2 p.m. before the service. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Wendy Wilson officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to Unity Christian Church, 400 Tyler Ave., Radford, VA 24141 in his memory.

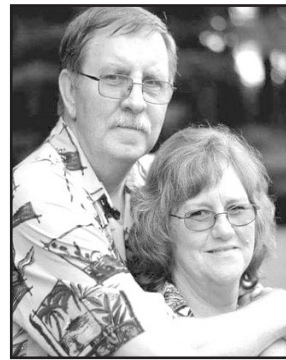
The Foster family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford.

Howard, Bertha "Beanie"

Bertha "Beanie" Howard, 71, (Savanna); of Christiansburg died Sunday, Aug. 27, 2023.

She was born in Christiansburg on Jan. 8, 1952. She was preceded in death by her mother, Thelma Price; grandparents Herman and Ruth Price; and great-grandson Dalton Marsh.

She is survived by her husband, Marvin E. Howard; son, Randy Howard (Melissa Miller); daughter, Laura Howard (James Ratcliffe); grandchildren, Jacob Miller, Bobbie Page, Alyssa Marsh (Joey), Cheyenne Meek (Steven), and Grant Bean



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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: fbradford.org 540-639-4419. Worship is in-person and live-streamed on Facebook and on our YouTube channel: First Baptist Church Radford.

Trinity Community Church, 1505 N. Franklin Street, C'burg. John Altizer, Lead Pastor, Brian Cockram, Associate Pastor, 382-8121. Worship at 10:45 a.m., Outreach Ministries - 6:00p.m. Wednesday, Growth Groups - 5:00p.m. Sunday, Youth and Children's Ministry - 5:00p.m. Sunday, www.trinitycburg.org.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

CHURCH OF GOD

Childress Church of God, 4187 Piney Woods Rd., C'Burg. 381-3693. Sun. School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m. & Wed. 7 p.m.

New Hope Church of God, 1404 Mud Pike Rd., C'Burg. Rev. T. Michael Bond, pastor, 731-3178. Sun. School 10 a.m., Worship 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m. Thurs., 7:00 p.m.

West Radford Church of God, 1824 West Main Street, Radford, VA 24141, Sunday School - 10:00A.M. Morning Worship - 11:00A.M., Children's Church 11:00A.M. Sunday Evening - 6:00P.M., Wednesday Night - 7:00P.M., Pastor Danny Newman, Church Office - 540-639-6562 or 804-921-0828

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

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

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

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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.) de-

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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 Worship at 10 am. Our Interim Minister is Steve Willis. Phone 540-639-2585. 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 Church, 803 Wadsworth Street, Radford. 639-3529. 8:30 a.m. Sunday Services: 8:30am; 9:45am Sunday School; and 11:00a.m. Child care is provided. www.centralmethodistchurch.com.

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 220 W. Main St., C'Burg. Rev. Moonsup "Paul" Song (540) 382-2410. Sunday Worship 10am, Sunday School 9am. Live streaming Sunday Service - www.twitch.tv/stpaulumc.

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Criminal justice professors build on groundbreaking research to further students' careers

Roberto Santos, a long-time police practitioner-turned-academic, and Rachel Santos, a former crime analyst and established researcher, came to Radford in 2016 as new faculty members in the university's Department of Criminal Justice. The Santoses had already established a reputation for successfully partnering with police agencies around the United States. Driving their success was a well-researched, evidenced-based business model for crime reduction.

"We know how police work, how they function day-to-day," Roberto Santos explained, "and we've figured out ways to incorporate certain actions that have been proven to reduce crime in a very realistic, systematic way."

Rachel Santos emphasized, "The ultimate goal in reducing crime is reducing victimization of people in the community. To understand how crime and victimization concentrate, we use crime analysis to focus on areas to work with the community and help make their day-to-day lives safer."

Their model works, and the Santoses have the numbers and the testimonies to prove it.

Just ask Danville Police Chief Scott Booth.

"Working with Roberto and Rachel, we crafted a model of stratified policing that works specifically for my department," Booth said. "We have experienced substantial reductions in crime and continue to do so while having a community that supports our efforts. If you want a blueprint for effectively integrating evidence-based practices in your agency, this is it."

Looking over Danville's crime statistics today compared with 2016, "You'll see it is remarkable what they have done there," Roberto Santos said of the Danville Police Department. "Through his leadership, Chief Booth was able to transform his police department and develop strong partnerships with the community, city officials and other criminal justice agencies that resulted in community members experiencing consistently less victimization."

Roberto Santos retired after 22 years with the Port St. Lucie, Florida, Police Department, where he held various supervisory positions that included commander over criminal investigations, special investigations and professional standards divisions, as well as the crime analysis and criminal intelligence section. Along the way, the Marine Corps veteran earned a doctorate of philosophy in criminal justice.

Rachel Santos ignited her career while still in graduate school, working for five years as a crime analyst for the Tempe, Arizona, Police Department. She later served as senior research associate and director of the Crime Mapping Laboratory at the National Policing Institute in Washington, D.C. There, she

honed her practice-based research skills working on national and international grants and projects.

The Santoses met in Florida, and since, "We have done a lot of original research together," Roberto Santos said. "We've conducted quasi-experiments and random controlled trials to test different types of crime-prevention strategies and strategies that reduce victimization in a systematic way."

The model the Santoses built from research and practice is called stratified policing. "It provides police leaders a clear path for institutionalization of crime reduction modeled after current police processes," the Santoses wrote in their book "Stratified Policing: An Organizational Model for Proactive Crime Reduction and Accountability."

"It sets up an organization to more easily incorporate evidence-based strategies into everyday operations with the goal of changing a police organization from reactive to proactive."

Stratified policing employs four categories of crime reduction strategies, Roberto Santos explained. "It's place-based, person-focused, community-based and infuses a problem-solving approach," he said.

In their book, the Santoses write that the model's framework infuses small changes within the daily activities of police agencies and builds a comprehensive and focused approach to crime reduction. They lay out methods for developing crime reduction goals and addressing immediate, short-term, and long-term crime and disorder problems while implementing a stratified accountability meeting structure.

"Research shows that only responding to calls and investigating individual crimes does not reduce crime overall in a community," Rachel Santos said. "That's why we have figured out a business model for an agency-wide approach, and we've been very successful. Danville and Lynchburg are just two recent agencies that we've been working with in Virginia."

Most recently, the Santoses have worked with law enforcement agencies along the East Coast – Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Delaware; in the Midwest – Ohio and Wisconsin; and farther west into Texas, Utah, Nevada, Colorado and California.

That work and their research led them to create the Center for Police Practice, Policy and Research on campus, and soon thereafter, they established a crime analysis and criminal intelligence minor within the Department of Criminal Justice. It is designed to help Radford students build a foundation of knowledge and skills that is already translating to careers as law enforcement crime and intelligence analysts.

James Denfeld graduated cum laude from Radford University in May 2023, and three months later, he secured a



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Pictured are 2023 Crime Analysis and Criminal Intelligence minor graduates and Crime Analysis graduate certificate students.

job as a civilian crime analyst with the Danville Police Department.

Completing the crime analysis and criminal intelligence minor, Denfeld said, "was one of the best decisions I ever made while at Radford because it has similarities between the work we did in class and the work I will be doing as an actual crime analyst."

When Denfeld interviewed for the position in Danville, he shared his portfolio, which contained about 80 pages of project material he had created over two years in the minor.

"They loved it," Denfeld said. "That work played a massive role in securing the position within the department, along with a very kind recommendation from Dr. [Roberto and Rachel] Santos, who have worked with the department over the years."

Helping graduates find jobs straight out of Radford is "one our biggest goals," Roberto Santos said. "We want to get them into a good professional organization, making good money with great benefits."

Those law enforcement agency connections the Santoses have established over the years while working to employ stratified policing pays great dividends to Radford graduates.

"We're not done with our students once they graduate," Rachel Santos said. "We are on the phone a lot to make connections and be references for them, helping our graduates get jobs with police organizations."

Alumni now have crime analysis jobs, Rachel Santos explained, in Virginia,

Arizona, Nevada, Texas, Florida, North Carolina and South Carolina.

That's where one 2022 graduate, Skylar Rife, works. Her story about completing the crime analysis and criminal intelligence minor is similar to the one Denfeld tells.

"It's very hands-on, and you work on projects with real data," explained Rife, who is a crime analyst with the Greer (South Carolina) Police Department. "As you progress in the minor, you come to know and understand more about the different types of crime analysis, the purpose of each and how they fit directly into the law enforcement world."

Once she completed the minor, Rife was "well equipped," she said, to begin a career as a crime analyst.

Imparting knowledge to students that will help them later, as graduates, find jobs that ultimately will lead to safer communities is the reason Rachel and Roberto Santos created the crime analysis and criminal intelligence minor four years ago.

"When agencies hire an analyst, they do so because they want less victimization in their communities," Rachel Santos said. "When one of our graduates says to a police agency that they have been trained in stratified policing and show examples of the crime analysis and intelligence techniques that will help the agency reach their goals of decreasing victimization, that is exactly what agencies want to hear and see."

Chad Osborne for Radford University

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Italian Restaurant located at 3204 Riner Road. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to attend. For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

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Market Square Jam
Held Wednesdays, June through September, in Blacksburg on the corner of Draper Road and Roanoke Street; 7 – 9 p.m. Catering to traditional Old-Time music, Blacksburg's Market Square Jam brings musicians together to pick a tune, enjoy fun times with friends and family, and take in all that downtown Blacksburg has to offer. Blacksburg's Market Square Jam is an official Crooked Road affiliated venue that provides fun and entertainment.

Blacksburg Farmers Market
Hours now through October: Wednesdays 2 – 6 p.m. and Saturdays 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Located at Market Square Park, on the corner of Roanoke Street and Draper Road in downtown Blacksburg. Features growers of locally grown produce and meats, alongside artisans of baked goods, prepared foods, cheese, handmade crafts, and more.

Christiansburg Farmers Market
Thursdays; 3 – 7 p.m. Located in the Recreation Center parking lot. Features local farmers and vendors. Seasonal produce, plants, fresh baked goods, crafts, fresh flowers, handmade jewelry and more. Items for purchase vary week-to-week. Check our Facebook page for details about weekly themes, prizes, vendors, and live music.

Radford Farmers Market
Held 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. Features produce, plants, baked goods, artisans, fresh squeezed lemonade, eggs, meats, cheeses and more.

Free GED classes
New River Community College is offering free GED at the Meadowbrook Library every Monday and Tuesday through Tuesday, Dec. 12. For more information or to sign up please call the Library at 540-268-1964.

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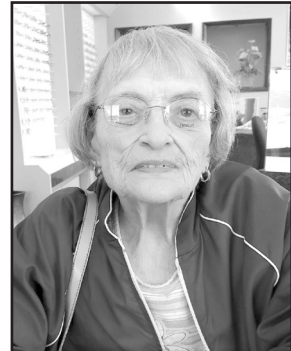
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Rabin, Rena

Rena Rabin, 95, died Sunday, Aug. 27, 2023, at the Heritage Hall Nursing Home in Rich Creek, Va.

She was the beloved mother of Alane, Larry, Dennis, Joyce and Andrew. Born in New York City, N.Y., she was a daughter of the late Benjamin and Anna (Caminear) Rabin. She lived in N.Y. for 32 years, in New Jersey for 32 years, moved to Rhode Island for 10 years, and then settled in Virginia 21 years ago. She was a homemaker while her children were at home, then when her youngest started school she worked for four years at the family business, Bills Village Florist in Boonton, N.J. Rena was fully dedicated to her children, her home and her crafts. She was a prolific knitter, crocheter, seamstress and artist. When she wasn't crafting and creating, she was reading, or watching her favorite shows.

Devoted mother and mother-in-law of Alane Homer and her husband Geoff Walsh, of Blacksburg, Larry Goldenberg, of Hyannis Port, Mass.,



Dennis Goldenberg and his wife Phyllis, of Hackettstown, N.J., Joyce Goldenberg and her husband Jeff Feakes, of Columbia, S.C. and Andrew Goldenberg and his wife Bridget, of Willimantic, Conn. Dear sister of the late Marion Chorney. Loving grandmother of Michelle Homer, Stephanie Homer, Sarah Kennedy, Lisa Roberts, Brian Goldenberg, Stephen Goldenberg, and Daniel DeMartino. Cherished great-grandmother of Sophie, Colin, Lily, Violet, Bentley, Grayson, Sydney and Peyton.

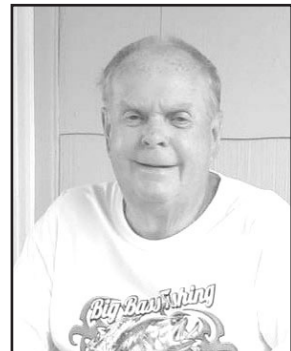
Funeral services were held Thursday, Aug. 31, in Shalom Memorial Chapel, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston, R.I. Shiva will be observed in private. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 6704, Hagerstown, MD 21741, or American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116-7023. For online condolences, please visit ShalomMemorialChapel.com.

Sexton, Jerry B.

Jerry B. Sexton, 76, of Dublin, passed away Monday, Aug. 28, 2023 at Carilion New River Valley Medical Center.

He was preceded in death by his father, Alex Sexton and mother, Luella May Farlow; son, Johnny Sexton; and three brothers.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife of 58 years, Evelyn Sexton of Dublin; daughter, Sherry Scott and spouse Vicki Scott of Asheville, N.C.; grandsons, Brandon Fisher and fiancée Ashley Edmenston of Chilhowie, and Chase Sexton of Dublin; granddaughter, Bethany Fisher and partner of Jacksonville, Fla.; four great granddaughters, Braley Fisher,



Hailyn Fisher, Ashdon Fisher, and Adalyn Fisher; his best friend who was like a brother, Randy Smith; and his canine companion, Scooter.

Jerry was a bass fisherman and loved taking his boat out on the water. He was a gentle and simple man.

At the wishes of Jerry, the family will remember him in private.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in his memory to either the American Diabetes Association or to the American Heart Association.

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

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RADFORD SPORTS

Kelly, Cormany leaving Radford High

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RADFORD - Radford High School will attempt to make it back to the Class 2 basketball playoffs without its top two players.

Elijah Kelly has transferred to the Miller School near Charlottesville, while Gavin Cormany is off to Oak Hill Academy. Both would have been entering their senior years at Radford but have now reclassified at their new schools to be juniors (class of 2025).

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. He was this past year's all-county/all-city boy's player of the year.

Cormany joined Kelly on the all-state list, averaging 14.4 points for a team that finished 23-5 this past season.

Kelly averaged 18.8 points and pulled down 7.3 rebounds per game. Cormany was 48-160 from behind the three-point arc.

Oak Hill Academy, located in Mouth of Wilson, has three competitive boys' basketball teams which routinely sends players to NCAA Division I, II, and III college teams all over the country — even to the NBA (a total of 33 players, more than any other school in the nation).

In 2017, USA Today ranked Oak Hill as the third best basketball program of the decade. Under head coach Steve Smith, the Oak Hill Warriors was crowned "National High School Champions"

nine times from 1993, 1994, 1999, 2001, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2012 and most recently in 2016. The school has an enrollment of 132 students.

The Miller School has an enrollment of 210 students. The boys' basketball team won the 2018 VIC Championship and the VISAA Division II State Championship and last season finished 21-8.

The two players leave a New River Valley program that has been dominant for the past 10 years. Gavin's father Rick is the school's head coach, who now has over 760 wins, making him the second most winning coach in Virginia history.

The win totals put Cormany in some elite company with the likes of Bluestone's George Lancaster (724 wins), former Maury head man Jack Baker (746 wins) along with retired coaches Bill Littlepage from Hopewell (755 wins) and Robert E. Lee-Staunton legendary sideline boss Paul Hatcher (897 victories).

Cormany is in his 27th season at Radford and his 37th overall. Over 560 of his wins have come for the Bobcats after leading Rocky Gap to several successful campaigns.

Radford has won 21 of the last 22 regular season championships in the Three Rivers District, 16 of 17 tournament championships, the last four Conference 45 championships, four Region C championships (2001, 2002, 2004, 2013), three Region 1A West Championships (2014, 2016, 2017), two Region 2C Championships (2018, 2019), three state runner ups, nine state Final-4's and state champions in six of the last 12 years.



Gavin Cormany shoots a three-pointer during this past season's state championship loss in Richmond.



Elijah Kelly was named the all-county/all-city player of the year after Radford finished 23-5.

Saunders to play softball at Carson-Newman

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One of Radford High School's top softball players will continue her career at Carson-Newman University.

Addie Saunders made her announcement on Monday. As a junior, Saunders was first-team all-district and all-region as a shortstop.

Carson-Newman University is a NCAA Division II school that competes at a high level in the South Atlantic Conference. This past year, the school's softball team finished (31-17)

after a loss in the NCAA regionals.

Michael Graves returns for his 16th season as a member of the Carson-Newman softball coaching staff and is the program's second ever head coach. In his five full seasons at the helm of the program, Graves has coached Carson-Newman to a trio of NCAA Southeast Regional appearances.

Saunders called the CN campus "absolutely beautiful."

"The Christian environment is what I have always wanted," she said. "When I went to visit, everyone was so kind and

welcoming. It felt like home away from home. They have great facilities and a winning program. Throughout this process, I have been to many different campuses and have talked to many coaches. After talking to Coach Graves, I felt God leading me to Carson-Newman," she said.

Saunders' stats from her junior season included a .587 batting average and a slugging percentage of .810. She had 37 hits, 26 singles, eight doubles, three triples, 28 runs and 13 stolen bases.

Saunders hopes to be

a team player and strives to be the best she can be.

"I was recruited for outfield, so my goal is to be in the starting lineup for the Eagles," she said.

She plans to major in Exercise Science with hopes of getting her doctorate in Physical Therapy.



Radford's Addie Saunders slides in safely for a stolen base during a game this past spring. She will now take her game to Carson-Newman University.

Sold out crowd ready for today's home opener

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There is quite the buzz from Hokie Nation ahead of Virginia Tech football's season opener, as the game is now sold out against Old Dominion on Saturday at 8 p.m. at Lane Stadium.

For the second straight season, the Hokies will open with Old Dominion. The Monarchs will make their third trip to Blacksburg and first since 2019 on Sept. 2.

Things are definitely looking a little different at the quarterback position. Grant Wells got married to his high school sweetheart, Josie Bare, in the offseason in his hometown of Charleston, W.Va.

Other game notes: Brent Pry begins his second season as the head coach in Blacksburg looking to build on Virginia Tech's 3-8 record during the 2022 campaign. Last season, Pry and the Hokies ended the year strong with their 23-22 road victory at

eight-win Liberty. The Hokies added 11 transfers to the roster.

Several Hokies will change positions in

2023, including Jaylen Jones who moved from wide receiver to safety,

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Blacksburg downs Glenvar in volleyball



Blacksburg teammates Rowan English and Emma Castle celebrate a three-set win over Glenvar. The Bruins won 25-12, 25-20 and 25-17.



Blacksburg Bruin Rowan English gets an uncontested kill against Glenvar during Monday's match.



Blacksburg's Su Kato receives a Glenvar serve during Monday's match at Blacksburg High School.

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Pry, Hokies have to produce in '23



From the Sidelines

Marty Gordon

Virginia Tech begins the 2023 football season with a lot of questions. The answer to the first is a simple one: Win and the fan base will be happy.

The Hokies-base was patient for the three first years of the Fuente era, and the water cooler talk is how long of a chain will Brent Pry get in his second-year.

What has to happen? Pry needs to win. The Hokies need to go back to a bowl game. Those are two easy answers, which could be harder than the base is waiting for.

Let's look at the positives: State recruiting is back. Virginia Tech needs to be the leader in the

Commonwealth. This had changed under the Fuente-regime. The top Virginia football players should always be a top priority. In this age of the transfer portal, it is important to keep players close to vest. Pry has checked this box.

More community attention by the coach and ongoing talks with the fan-base. Pry has checked this box.

The issue of the young coaching staff stood out in the first year of Pry's tenure. Fans will have to wait on this one to see if the box was checked.

The rest of the positives are still unknown. This program must reach for the upper rung of the ladder and pull itself back to the top of conference play.

The rest of the athletic program has moved to the top tier of the conference in almost every area. Congrats to the basketball teams and those of wrestling, soccer, baseball, softball and track, you have carried

the Hokie flag for a number of years. Pry must lead the way for football and do the same for that team.

The question is how long the fan-base will give him. Typically, it takes at least three years to change things. The fourth year is the key, which could be right at the limit for any coach.

One of the biggest positives Pry has brought to the program is the "Frank Beamer way" of doing things. He learned from the big man and has stepped up and again become the face the public can recognize. Give him a n "A" on that part of the report. Again, is this enough to hold the door shut.

The Hokies should win six games and await an invite to a bowl game. Number seven is also within reach, which would silence the doubters at least for now. But we all know they are not patient.

Let the 2023 season begin.

ACC officially names Charlotte new home city

The Atlantic Coast Conference officially announced its new home in Charlotte, N.C., on Tuesday, Aug. 29, raising the conference flag and flags of all 15 member institutions at a ceremony at the new office headquarters, Legacy Union's Bank of America Tower in Uptown Charlotte.

On Sept. 20, 2022, the Atlantic Coast Conference Board of Directors, representing all 15 member institutions, announced that the conference office was relocating its headquarters to Charlotte in 2023.

The unanimous decision completed a comprehensive review and assessment, under the direction of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee, to ensure that the conference office was best positioned for the future and changing dynamics of intercollegiate athletics.

"I am proud to be the mayor of this wonderful city and I'm honored today to be able to raise the City of Charlotte's flag in the ceremony. I want to say to each of you who are participating in this, on behalf of our entire community we welcome the ACC leadership, the staff, the coaches, the players, and fans," said Mayor of Charlotte Vi Lyles. "We're thrilled to have the following of the ACC and host the conference headquarters in our great city of Charlotte. Thank you for choosing Charlotte, thank you for choosing North Carolina, and we look forward to many years of partnership and memories. Again, let's have a great ACC year, and welcome to the Queen City."

"It is a historical day for the ACC as we are welcomed to the Queen City," said ACC Commissioner Jim Phillips, Ph.D. "This has been a journey over the last 18 months, and we are thrilled to be joining the Charlotte community. We are honored and proud to call Charlotte the home of the ACC."

"This city we all call home is a place that has always opened its arms to the people that come here to better their community, to better their corporation or organization, or to better themselves. We always look forward to having a great addition,

like the ACC, in Charlotte," said CEO and Chairman of Lincoln Harris Johnny Harris. "Few organizations have played a greater role in elevating our region's presence than the Atlantic Coast Conference. We are excited that our city will be called home to the ACC moving forward."

The ACC and Charlotte have enjoyed a longstanding partnership that includes the Queen City hosting a significant number of ACC events and championships. In April 2018, the ACC and the Charlotte Sports Foundation announced a 10-year agreement that keeps the ACC Football Championship Game in Charlotte through the 2030 season. The ACC Men's Basketball Tournament has been played in Charlotte on 13 occasions, including in 2019 at the Spectrum Center. The 2021 and 2022 ACC Baseball Championships were played at Truist Field, and the league has participated in the Duke's Mayo Bowl since its inception in 2002.

The Atlantic Coast Conference, now in its 71st year of competition and 15 members strong, has long enjoyed the

reputation as one of the strongest and most competitive intercollegiate conferences in the nation. ACC members Boston College, Clemson, Duke, Florida State, Georgia Tech, Louisville, Miami, North Carolina, NC State, Notre Dame, Pitt, Syracuse, Virginia, Virginia Tech, and Wake Forest continue to build upon the cornerstones on which the league was founded in 1953 with a consistent balance of academics, athletics and integrity. The ACC currently sponsors 28 NCAA sports – 15 for women and 13 for men – with member institutions located in 10 states. In August 2019, ESPN and the ACC partnered to launch ACC Network (ACCN), a 24/7 national network dedicated to ACC sports and league-wide original programming. For more information, visit theACC.com and follow @accsports on Instagram and @theACC on Twitter and on Facebook (facebook.com/theACC).

Atlantic Coast Conference

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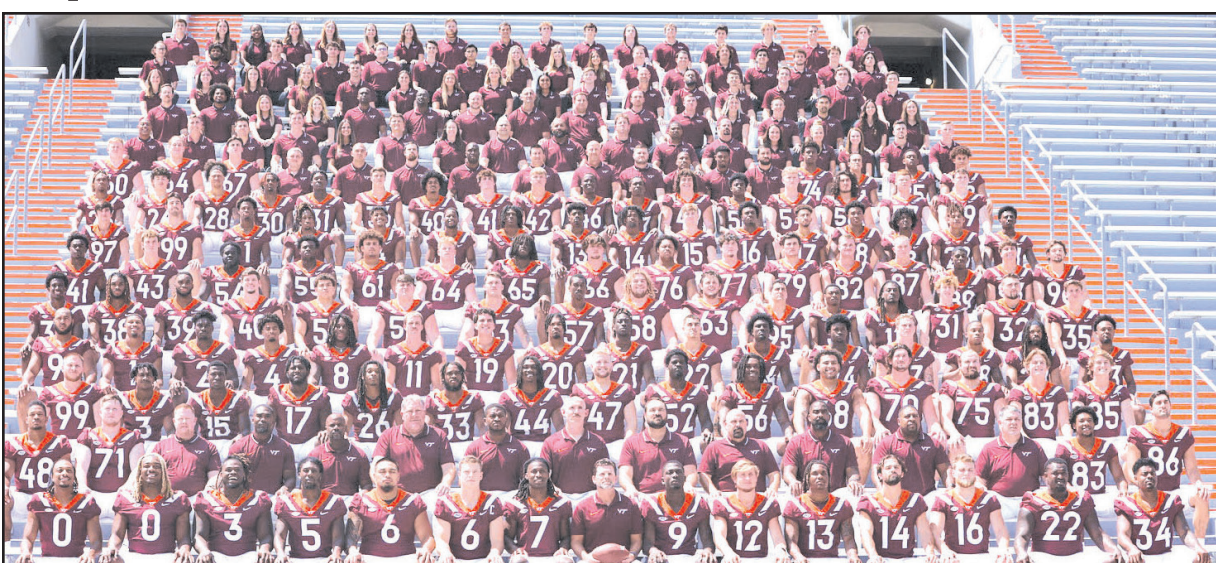


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The Virginia Tech Hokies open the season today in Lane Stadium, facing Old Dominion at 8 p.m.

while Kaden Moore is moving to center from right guard, where he started 24 games and played 1,417 snaps, to center this season.

Coach Pry added two new assistant coaches to the staff in the offseason. Elijah Brooks will coach running backs while Ron Crook will take over the offensive line.

Tech's 12 in-state signees marked the Hokies' largest Virginia signing class since 2014. The Hokies had 12 signees within a 220-mile radius of Blacksburg, including two 4-star recruits – defensive back Antonio Cotman Jr. (Richmond,

Virginia) and offensive lineman Layth Ghannam (Charleston, West Virginia).

During a team meeting on Thursday afternoon, Virginia Tech football head coach Brent Pry shared who the captains will be for the upcoming season. The 2023 season captain's announcement included seven student-athletes, with three selections on offense, three selections on defense and one specialist. The captains are DL Norell Pollard, S Nasir Peoples, DL Josh Fuga, QB Grant Wells, OL Kaden Moore, P Peter Moore and TE Nick Gallo.

The Hokies have added the STAR position to their position groupings in 2023. The STAR is a hybrid linebacker/defensive back position, which has the responsibilities of a weak side linebacker and a nickel back.

With the ACC's elimination of divisional play in 2023, the Hokies will not face Miami, Duke, North Carolina, or Georgia Tech.

Limited tickets remain for Tech's other two home contests in the month of September, so act fast now to see the Hokies against Purdue on Saturday, Sept. 9 at noon and versus Pitt on Saturday, Sept. 30 (game time TBD).

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