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Radford real estate reassessment effective in the coming year

RADFORD - Per state code, the City of Radford is required to perform a general reassessment of real property every four years.

The general reassessment of real property for Radford City will be effective Jan. 1, 2024. The purpose of the general reassessment is to establish a property's fair market value. The last general reassessment to establish fair market value was effective Jan. 1, 2020.

The reassessment process involves

site visits by a team of assessors to each property throughout the City in order to view the property and verify information on the property data cards. These visits were conducted during 2023. Once the site visits are complete, the assessment firm will perform an in-depth market analysis of the most current sales data to determine the new fair market value of all real estate.

After the analysis is complete, a notice of the proposed 2024

valuation will be sent to all real estate property owners in mid to late Nov. 2023. There will be an appeal process following receipt of the updated assessments to provide property owners an opportunity to challenge the valuation.

Radford City is required to reassess all real property located in the City every four years per state code. As many of you are aware,

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Radford City Police Department achieves CALEA accreditation



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE RCPD

Radford City Police Department Police Chief Jerry Holdaway (second from right) and RCPD Accreditation Manager Stephanie Caldwell (second from left) with representatives from CALEA.

RADFORD - For the first time in the agency's history, the Radford City Police Department has been accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

"This past week Police Chief Jerry Holdaway and Accreditation Manager Stephanie Caldwell traveled to Bellevue, Washington to attend a training conference and a meeting before a group of CALEA commissioners seeking approval of our first CALEA accreditation," the department announced. "Chief Holdaway

was interviewed by the Commissioners and answered a series of questions regarding the agency's onsite assessment that was conducted by a CALEA assessor who came to our agency to conduct a comprehensive review."

The department announcement said the benefits of the CALEA accreditation are many.

"The benefits of achieving CALEA accreditation are manifold. Not only

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PHOTO COURTESY OF FOCL

Friends of Claytor Lake Board Secretary Laura Bullard checks in a volunteer during the recent mussel salvage during the lake water drawdown.

Record number of mussels salvaged during 2023 event

Heather Bell
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Each year during the Claytor Lake drawdown to allow landowners to clean up debris from the shoreline, a dedicated

group of volunteers gathers to save freshwater mussels and return them to the water.

According to Friends of Claytor Lake (FOCL) Executive Director Ciara Harris, this year's effort was very successful.

"We had 115 participants and salvaged a record 8,045 mussels, 1,500 more than in 2021," she said.

Harris said "mussels from four species were

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Keeping up with the history of the Whartons

RADFORD - Each Tuesday, Glencoe Mansion highlights the history of the Wharton family, who built and lived in Glencoe in the 1800s, through excerpts from the book "That Wharton Letters" on its social media pages. General Gabriel Wharton was married to Nannie Radford Wharton, whose father was Dr. John Blair Radford, the namesake of the City of Radford.

The most recent

historical tidbits include: "We know from her letters and the stories we tell at Glencoe that Nannie Wharton was a strong woman. But [this] letter from Gabe (General Gabriel Wharton) shows a glimpse into this part of her character.

On Nov. 1, 1863, Gabe writes to Nannie, expressing that he hopes she had a good trip back to Arnheim from visiting him. He goes on to say:

"Darling dearest I cannot tell you how it distressed me to part with you. I know you were unwell. I feared and still fear you are ill. I know you are too heroic to complain, but I could frequently see pain written on your face." According to "The Whartons' War," this may refer to Nannie experiencing her first spells of morning sickness,

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Wyatt Toehlke '18 (right) with Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin.

Radford grad plays key role in Virginia-Taiwan trade initiative

In September, the Commonwealth of Virginia opened a new trade office in Taiwan, thanks in large part to the efforts of Radford University alumnus Wyatt Toehlke '18.

The purpose of the office is to present Virginia's economic opportunities to investors in the East Asian country and strengthen international trade and investment ties between Virginia and Taiwan.

So, what was Toehlke's role?

The former Radford University political science major serves as Virginia's assistant secretary of commerce and trade and works on the international business portfolio in Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin's administration. He works on the governor's international business portfolio and ran point on opening Virginia's Taiwan trade office.

Toehlke cultivated a relationship with Taiwan during his first days in

the Youngkin administration and invited Representative Bi-khim Hsiao to Richmond to meet the governor. He then helped organize Youngkin's trade mission to Taiwan, wrote the memorandum of understanding that Virginia signed with Taiwan and worked with the Virginia Economic Development Partnership to establish the physical office.

"They were very receptive to my overtures, as they themselves execute a robust subnational diplomacy program," explained Toehlke, who got his first international experience at Radford University as a study-abroad student in Ukraine in 2017-18. "Working with them, we set out to accomplish several goals: a bilateral meeting between Gov. Youngkin and Representative Bi-Khim Hsiao, a

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General Gabriel Wharton and Nannie Radford Wharton



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Now through Wednesday, Nov. 22:

South Main Street Lane Closure

The right-hand southbound lane of Blacksburg's South Main Street from Landsdowne Street to King Street will be closed 7 a.m.- 7 p.m. until Wed. Nov. 22. Traffic will shift to the left-hand lane during this closure. The closure is due to demolition of curbing along South Main and King Street and the preparation for a new turning lane.

Saturday, Nov. 18:

Hokies for the Hungry Food Drive

The Marching Virginians at VT will hold the Annual Hokies for the Hungry Food Drive for the Montgomery County Christmas Store at Lane Stadium. The Pep Band will travel through the tailgates to perform for fans. In exchange, they will collect canned goods or cash. The goal is "One Can from Every Fan." Bring non-perishable food or cash to hear the 'Hokie Pokie' played at your tailgate!

Page to Screen Movies: The Iron Giant

At the Radford Public Library; noon - 2 p.m. Come see the animated classic "The Iron Giant", based on Ted Hughes 1968 novel "The Iron Man." It's a fun film the whole family can enjoy. Rated PG; 86 minutes.

Sunday, Nov. 19:

NAACP meeting

The general body meetings of the local branch of the NAACP are held the 4th Sunday of each month from 3:30 - 5 p.m. Meetings are currently held at the Old Hill School 570 High St., Christiansburg. However, because of the Thanksgiving holiday, the November meeting will be moved to the third

Sunday. Please join us Sunday, Nov. 19, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. The speaker will be Kory Trott, JD, Virginia Tech Black Caucus. All are welcome.

Sunday, Nov. 19 and Monday, Nov. 20

Montgomery County Christmas Toy Drives at VT

VT Athletics and the Montgomery County Christmas Store announce the Annual Toy Drive to benefit the toy department at the store. Every year, fans have the opportunity to bring unwrapped toys to the games. Volunteers will be at entrances with huge, decorated boxes to take toys. Dates include: Nov. 19 at 1 p.m. at the VT/Clemson volleyball game; Nov. 19 at 5 p.m. at the VT/Wofford men's basketball game; and Nov. 20 at 6 p.m. at the VT/UNC Greensboro women's basketball game.

Wednesday, Nov. 22:

Blacksburg Farmers Market

At Market Square Park, 100 Draper Rd SW, Blacksburg: 2-6 p.m. The Blacksburg Farmers Market is a local, family-friendly gathering place in downtown Blacksburg featuring farmers of locally grown produce and meats, alongside artisans of baked goods and handmade crafts. For more information, visit <http://blacksburgfarmersmarket.com>.

Saturday, Dec. 2:

SWVa Legal Aid Society meeting

The Board of Directors of Southwest Virginia Legal Aid Society will meet at

9 a.m. at The Inn at Virginia Tech, 901 Prices Fork Rd., Blacksburg. The public is welcome to participate.

Sunday, Dec. 3:

NAACP Veterans Affairs Committee

The NAACP Veterans Affairs Committee will present a program to honor veterans at 3 p.m. at the Asbury United Methodist Church, 500 Stuart St, Christiansburg. The guest speaker will be former Navy Commander Dr. David Points of Roanoke.

Saturday, Dec. 9:

NAACP year-end meeting

The NAACP will hold its year-end meeting 9 -11:30 a.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 500 Stuart St., Christiansburg. Douglas Asante will speak about Ghana and the slave trade.

On-going:

Blacksburg stormwater utility credit application deadline

The deadline for Stormwater Utility Credit Applications is Jan. 1, 2024. If you are located within the Town of Blacksburg and have a stormwater management facility on your site, you may qualify for a credit on your monthly stormwater utility fee. Go to www.blacksburg.gov/stormwaterfund and review the Stormwater Utility Credit Manual to know more about whether you qualify. Please note that stormwater management facilities are typically ponds (either dry ponds/dry detention basins or wet retention basins). Other types include underground storage structures (usually located under parking lots in commercial areas), vegetated areas like bio-retentions, and mechanical filters that remove oil and sediment from stormwater runoff. For questions, please contact stormwater@blacksburg.gov or call 540-443-1354.

Blacksburg Police Department survey available

The Blacksburg Police Department (BPD) is asking the community to complete a short (approximately three-minute) survey ranking individual satisfaction with the department. All responses are recorded anonymously and honest feedback is appreciated. These responses will help the BPD continue its efforts to serve the Blacksburg community. Access the survey at surveymonkey.com/r/Q8SHQH8.

Blacksburg Comprehensive Plan Amendment application process

In 2021, Town Council adopted the updated Comprehensive Plan. As part of the mid-way evaluation between five-year updates, the town accepts privately initiated applications for amendments to the Comprehensive Plan. These amendments include changes to Future Land Use Map designations or the text of the Plan. Applications will be due on Jan. 15, 2024. A pre-application meeting is required prior to submittal. Contact Maeve Gould, Comprehensive Planner, at (540) 443-1300 or CompPlan@blacksburg.gov, with questions, or to schedule a pre-application meeting.

Call to Artists: Signal Cabinet and Utility Box Public Art Project

Town of Blacksburg Public Arts Committee is seeking design submissions from artists who are local, regional, or familiar with the Blacksburg area. Designs will be installed on utility boxes or traffic signal cabinets at selected intersections around town as public art, beginning in summer 2024. Submissions are accepted via email and must be submitted by Friday, Dec. 15, 2023, to be considered by the selection committee. Before submitting a design for consideration, interested artists are highly encouraged to visit <https://letstalkblacksburg.org/publicarts-utilitybox> to learn more about the project details and submission information. Questions: contact Kenna Jewell, kjewell@blacksburg.gov, 540.443.1092.

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SE, also</p>	<p>addressed as 2091 and 2095 Roanoke St. including several vacant parcels, identified as Tax Parcels 499-(16)- 1-4, 8A, 9-12; 499-(16)-4A, 5-8; 529-(1)-13-17, 23-26; 529-(1)-18, 19; 529-(2)- 4-9; 499-(A)-15; Parcel IDs 007705, 014072, 007704, 014069, 020750, 230046; zoned General Business District B-3. The property is designated as Mixed Use with Buffer (Residential/Business) on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan. A copy of the application, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Andrew Warren, Assistant Town Manager, at (540) 382-6128, ext. 1130 or by email at awarren@christiansburg.org, with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.</p>	<p>LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>OF THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG</p> <p>PLANNING COMMISSION</p> <p>The Town of Christiansburg Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 4, 2023, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning: A. Conditional Use Permit request by HS Development II LLC & STMOB LLC, Property Owners, and HS Development II LLC, Applicant, to allow for a Planned Housing Development consisting of a 114-unit apartment community on approximately 7.497 acres located at the terminus of Sunset Drive NE, identified as Tax Parcels 436-(A)-43; 436-((A))-23A; 436-((A))-42, 436-((A))-22A; Parcel IDs 001575, 021982, 007729, 024266; zoned</p>	<p>General Business District B-3. The property is designated as Mixed Use with Buffer (Residential/Business) on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan. A copy of the application, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Andrew Warren, Assistant Town Manager, at (540) 382-6128, ext. 1130 or by email at awarren@christiansburg.org, with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.</p>	<p>County Board of Supervisors hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on November 27, 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 Special Use Permit request:</p> <p>A request by DW, LLC (Agent: Ernest Woods) for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow an additional 10,000 cubic yards of rubble landfill for the disposal of inert debris on 2.12 acres of a 46.777-acre parcel. The property currently contains a by-right rubble landfill totaling 15,000 cubic yards of inert debris, the maximum volume of fill permitted by-right in the Zoning Ordinance. The property is located off Brammer Lane, approximately 0.41 miles east of the intersection of Brammer Lane and Houchins Road (State Route 758). The property is further identified as Tax Map 080-51 (Parcel ID: 033688), 46.777 acres, zoned A-1 Agricultural in the Shawsville Magisterial District. The property currently lies in an area designated as Rural in the 2025 Comprehensive Plan.</p>	<p>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> <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 November 27, 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 Special Use Permit request:</p>	<p>A request by Mayapplings, LLC (Agent: Hayley Reynolds) for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow a Child Care Center within an existing structure. The use is defined as "day care center" in the Zoning Ordinance, which is allowed in the A-1 Zoning District only by an approved Special Use Permit. The property is located at 2895 Old Fort Road (State Route 1279), at the intersection of Thomas Lane (State Route 737) and Old Fort Road. The property is further identified as Tax Map 052-7B1 (Parcel ID: 003254), 2.640 acres, zoned A-1 Agricultural in the Price's Fork Magisterial District. The property currently lies in an area designated as Village Expansion in the 2025 Comprehensive Plan, and is further designated as Low-Density Residential in the Price's Fork Village Plan.</p> <p>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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Initiative

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Virginia trade mission to Taiwan and the establishment of a Virginia-Taiwan Trade Office.

“With overlapping key sectors in Virginia and Taiwan – defense/aerospace, semiconductors and IT – the office made a great deal of sense,” Toehlke said.

His experience in international affairs and domestic politics proved beneficial in establishing the office, which, after the agreement to open, had been scheduled for Sept. 19, U.S. Business Day in Taiwan. “We chose that date as a perfect time to open our office,” Toehlke said.

The Radford graduate approached the office-opening initiative with the same strategies he used as deputy state director for Youngkin’s campaign for governor.

“A lot had to be done, such as finding an office director, finding an office space, securing the correct permissions from the Taiwanese and keeping them abreast of all developments,” Toehlke said. “It took lots of long nights and bilateral meetings between our team and the Taiwanese.”

His responsibilities included maximizing turnout, nurturing stakeholder relations and choreographing

their involvement while using the event to build goodwill in the community. The event turned into an enormous success with “three times the number of attendees we expected,” Toehlke said.

Attending the office opening were representatives from the Taiwanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the American Institute in Taiwan, Raytheon, the American Chamber in Taiwan, a number of think tanks and non-government organizations, as well as many interested Taiwanese companies.

The event also garnered extensive press coverage, with Toehlke included in group photos that appeared in the

Taipei Times and Taiwan News.

“This office is a massive development for Virginia and our citizens,” Toehlke, a Virginia Beach native, explained. “Virginia’s Taiwan office will attract companies to Virginia that will offer our citizens high-paying, quality jobs and will help small and midsize companies sell their products into a large and dynamic market.”

“I could also see us using the office in the future to attract Taiwanese students to Virginia’s public higher education institutions, such as Radford University.”

Chad Osborne for Radford University

Mussels

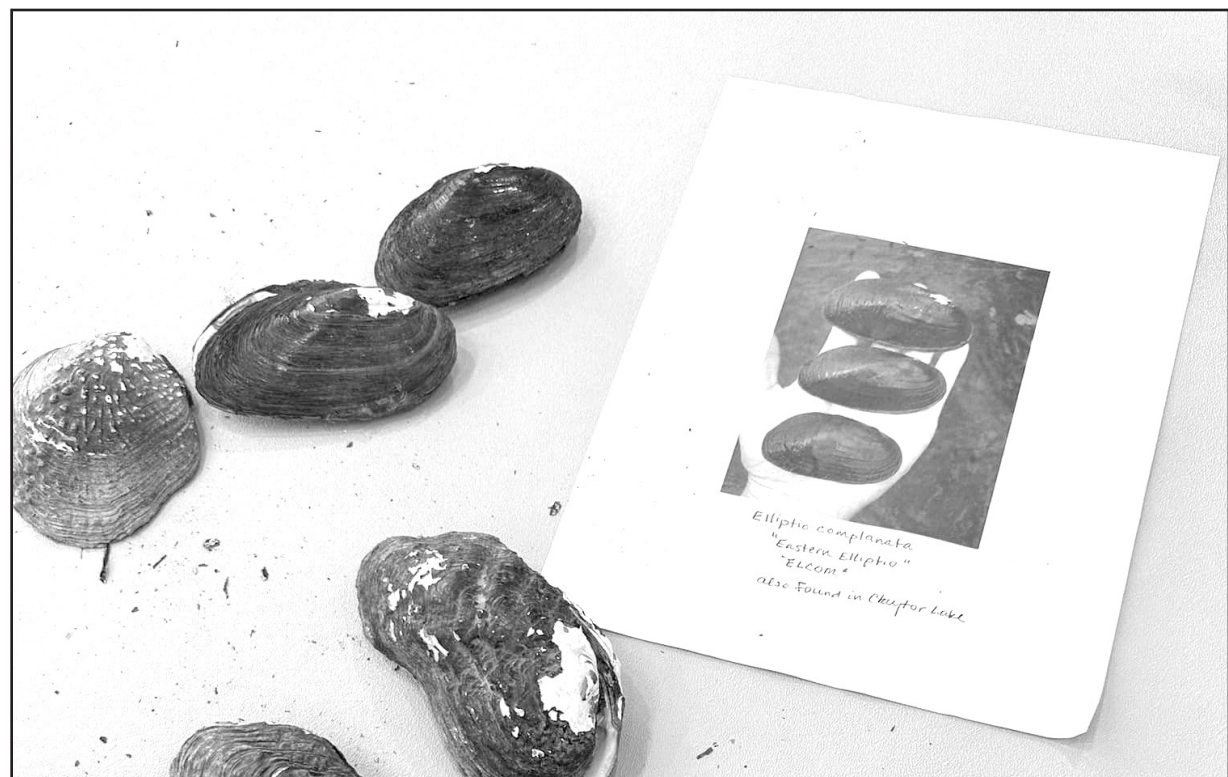
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salvaged, with Paper Pondshell being the most numerous at 63%, up from 57% in 2021. Elliptio came in third after Giant Floater in total numbers, but had the biggest percent increase since 2021, 14% up from 5%. Three Purple Warty Back were again salvaged this year, but no Pocketbook (eight in 2021) or Pistolgrip (three in 2021)."

"Mussel Salvage is a community/state-wide event made possible by large participation each year," Harris added. "We are thankful to all of our participants/volunteer groups. It's important to save mussels during drawdown because they're essential to keeping the water clean."

Friends of Claytor Lake Board Secretary Laura Bullard organizes the event and volunteers, checking them in and prepping them with team information and salvage locations.

FOCL reminds anyone who utilized the drawdown to



Thousands of mussels from four species were salvaged during the event.

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please report their use of the drawdown and record any mussels salvaged.

"Reporting your use of drawdown is important for continuing drawdown every other year," according to FOCL. "If you did not receive a drawdown card

in the mail from AEP, we have you covered on our website. Please record any uses of drawdown along with total mussels you saved! You can record easily (and anonymously) at <https://www.focl.org/mussel-salvage-reporting>."

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does it demonstrate our agency's commitment to best practices in policing, but it also enhances our credibility and fosters public trust. By adhering to the highest standards in the industry, we are better equipped to provide effective and transparent services to the residents of our community."

"The CALEA seal symbolizes the gold standard in public safety. We are very proud to be an agency committed to

excellence."

The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. was created in 1979 as a "credentialing authority through the joint efforts of law enforcement's major executive associations," according to CALEA, including the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), the National Sheriffs'

Association (NSA) and Police Executive Research Forum (PERF).

"The CALEA Accreditation programs provide public safety agencies with an opportunity to voluntarily meet an established set of professional standards," according to CALEA.

Those standards include: Comprehensive and uniform written directives that clearly define authority, performance, and

responsibilities; reports and analyses to make fact-based and informed management decisions; preparedness to address natural or man-made critical incidents; community relationship-building and maintenance; independent review by subject matter experts; and continuous pursuit of excellence through annual reviews and other assessment measures.

Staff report

Reassessment

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the real estate market has increased significantly since the 2020 reassessment, resulting in much higher values. While this would lead most to expect real estate taxes to increase significantly as well, that may not be the case. The tax rate set by the city council during

the budget process is what drives revenue/tax increases and ultimately determines what you pay, not the property value change to fair market value via the reassessment process. The purpose of the reassessment is not to generate more revenue, it is to redistribute the tax burden based

on the value of your property.

The reassessment process is dictated by the Code of Virginia and the tax implication is designed to be almost revenue neutral.

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OBITUARIES

Payne, Nelda Jean Bolt

Nelda Jean Bolt Payne, 79, passed away Friday, Nov. 10, 2023, at her home in Radford.

She was a retired US Postmaster at the New River Post Office. She was preceded in death by her parents, Emmitt Orville Bolt and Mertie Elizabeth Nester; brother, Norman, Roy and Clinton Bolt; and sisters, Dorothy Bolt, Lovelyn Carmichael, Fay Wilkerson and Hazel Thomas.

Survivors include her husband, James Phillip Payne, Sr.; sons, Joe Harris and Randy Harris (Yvonne); daughters, Veronica Harris, Kay Wyatt (Russ) and Raven Garner (Chris); grandchildren, Joe Harris and Ja'Micia Garner; five stepchildren; and numerous step grandchildren and great grandchildren; sister, Helen



and many other special nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Special thanks to daughter Raven for her loving care.

The family received friends Thursday, Nov. 16, 2023, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services followed with Pastors Perry and Phillip Slaughter officiating. Interment followed in Sunrise Burial Park in Radford.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the First Missionary Baptist Church, 7318 Manns Drive, Fairlawn, VA 24141.

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

Turner, James Thompson

James Thompson Turner, 77, of Dublin, passed away Monday, Nov. 13, 2023, at the Veterans Care Center in Salem.



He was a U. S. Army veteran and owner/operator of Northside Gulf, Jim's Radiator, and J&J Sales. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Margaret Turner; daughter, Patricia Davis; brother, and brothers-in-law, Jack Mullins and Jim Gettys. He enjoyed working on and talking about cars, hunting, fishing, boating and snowmobiling.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Shannon Turner; son, Brian Turner (Heather); son-in-law, Chad Davis; grandchildren, Thomas Davis, James Davis, and Lily Wallace; siblings, John Turner (Betty), Sue Mullins, and Brooks Turner (Fran); sister-in-law, Judy Gettys; special friend, Steve Whitt; special family

members, Molly (Boston Terrier) and JoJo (Tabby Cat); and many other nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends from 12 until 1 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 20, 2023, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Memorial services will begin at 1 p.m. with Pastor Allison Unroe officiating.

Interment with full military honors will follow at 2 p.m. in the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to either the Fairlawn Presbyterian Church or American Cancer Society or Dementia Research Van-Andel Institute or the Alzheimer's Association.

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

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.sttof.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.trinityburg.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, 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 Fourth Street Radford. Welcoming and accepting, we have been a part of the Radford community for more than 130 years. ALL ARE WELCOME. Grace offers an 8:00am Contemplative Eucharist and a 10:30am Eucharist with organ music and a choir, with refreshments served afterwards. The 10:30am service is also available on YouTube for those unable to leave their house. Find us on Facebook 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 email and on website: clcrad-

ford.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@stmlc.us or visit our Website www.st-michael-lutheran-church.org

Radford

WORSHIP DIRECTORY

I NEED HELP

Read Psalms 11:1 through 18:50

Many of the Psalms are full of praise to God. We sometimes visualize David as peacefully strumming a harp as he quietly watches a flock of sheep grazing on a grassy slope. Psalm 13 presents a different picture.

David apparently had doubts, troubling thoughts, and enemies. Things did not always go well for him. In the first part of this psalm, David, in authentic transparency, expressed some real concerns. He apparently had enemies who were getting a little too close for comfort. The amazing part is how, in spite of the chaos around him, David made a decision to trust God.

But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation (Psalm 13:5).

Everything does not always go well for us either. We face challenges that seem overwhelming, and we do not always see a clear path through the jungle of everyday life. But God is our Source of help, and we can trust Him to get us through!

Prayer Suggestion: Father, I do not feel up to the task that is before me at times, but I have decided that I will trust You.

Quicklook: Psalm 13:1-6

If your church is not listed and if you are interested, call Wendi Craig at 276-340-2445 or email at advertise@mainstreetnewspapers.com

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS

Merrimac Pentecostal Holiness Church, Re Christopher (540) 552-7194. l.christopher695@net. Sunday school at 10 a.m. and morning worship a.m. Evening service at 6 p.m. and Wednesday a.m. **Compassion Church**, 1820 Second Street, 1 639-6287, Our music is passionate, our worship and Pastor Chandler Jones brings relevant mess everyone at any place on their journey, Sunday Experience at 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM, Wednesday Night at 7 PM, Children Ministry provides services. Our vision is to see all Saved. Freed. R. Fulfilled. Find us on facebook and Instagram **Walton Pentecostal Holiness Church**, 4003 1 Glory Rd., off Walton Rd. on Rt. 114. 731-17 Sarver, pastor. Sun. School 9:30 a.m., Worship a.m. & 6 p.m., Wed., 7p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN

Join us at **The Presbyterian Church of Radford**, 4th Street, at the corner of 4th & Randolph. School is at 10:00 a.m. and Sunday Service 11:00 a.m. Our Interim Minister is Steve Willis. Phone 52585, Email pcofradford@gmail.com, Website pcradford.org. We are called to share the love of Christ in this community and beyond.

UNITED METHODIST

Asbury United Methodist Church, 500 Stuart Christiansburg. 540-382- 0743. Rev. Ryan Seaman. Sunday School, 10:15 a.m., Sunday Worship, 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7pm, alternating months at Schaeffer Memorial Baptist Church, Senior Bible Study, 10:30 a.m. All are welcome. **Central Church**, 803 Wadsworth Street, Radford 3529. 8:30 a.m. Sunday Services: 8:30am; 9:45 day School; and 11:00a.m. Child care is provided. centralmethodistchurch.com. **St. Paul United Methodist Church**, 220 W. Main St. C'Burg. Rev. Moonsup "Paul" Song (540) 382-2585. Sunday Worship 10am, Sunday School 9am. Live streaming Sunday Service - www.twitch.tv/stpaulumc

Virginia ranked among top states in national scorecard on hospital patient safety

RICHMOND – Virginia’s run as one of the top states in the nation for hospital safety scores continues. The Commonwealth is second overall among states in the Fall 2023 Leapfrog Group Hospital Safety Grade state rankings that are based on the share of hospitals in each state that earn “A” grades.

“Providing high-quality, compassionate care focused on patient dignity and safety is central to the mission of hospitals across Virginia,” said Ballard Health Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Eric Deaton,

the Chair of the Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association (VHHA) Board of Directors. “The latest Leapfrog Group Hospital Safety Grade scores showing strong performance on patient safety illustrates the priority Virginia hospitals place on caring for patients.”

Last year, Virginia was second overall in the Fall 2022 rankings and second overall in the Spring 2022 rankings. The Commonwealth has regularly been a high-achieving state in the bi-annual Leapfrog rankings: Virginia was first overall in the Fall 2021 rankings, fourth

in Spring 2021, sixth in Fall 2020, third in Fall 2019, second in Spring 2019, third in Fall 2018, and fifth in Spring 2018.

“Our hospital members have been consistently focused on elevating patient safety and working together across organizations to share best practices and lessons learned to support each other on this continuous improvement journey,” added VHHA President and CEO Sean T. Connaughton. “It is gratifying to see that hard work recognized in the Fall 2023 Leapfrog Group Hospital Safety

Grade rankings.”

The Hospital Safety Grade program assigns letter grades to nearly 3,000 general acute care hospitals across the nation based on safety data from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), the Leapfrog Group, and other sources. In the latest rankings, 35 of 69 Virginia general acute care hospitals received an “A” grade, placing the Commonwealth second

Submitted by the Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association

Obenshain secures victory in House of Delegates race

BLACKSBURG - Chris Obenshain (R) has officially declared victory in Virginia House of Delegates District 41, defeating Lily Franklin (D) after all ballots were counted.

“Today’s outcome comes after election officials in Roanoke County and Montgomery County had the opportunity to thoroughly count every ballot including mail-in and provisional ballots,” Obenshain’s campaign announced.

“Thanks to all of the voters who

put their trust in me to represent the 41st House District,” said Obenshain. “Serving you is the honor of my life. As I pledged during this campaign, I’ll go to work right away to represent the people of Southwest Virginia.”

“The closeness of this election reflects the division we see across our nation,” he continued. “My commitment to you is to work with members of both parties to find common ground and common-sense solutions to the issues facing

our Commonwealth. On issues like growing our economy, protecting our communities, expanding our mental health resources, and improving education, I am certain that we can work together to build a stronger Virginia. I look forward to that work and will always be available to you to hear your thoughts and feedback.”

Staff report



Chris Obenshain

FILE PHOTO

Christiansburg first EMS whole blood provider in southwest Va.

CHRISTIANSBURG – Christiansburg EMS can now offer whole blood transfusions and services to patients, thanks to a partnership with a non-profit community blood center.

Currently there are no EMS providers in Southwest Virginia offering whole blood services, meaning a patient often must wait until they arrive at the healthcare facility before receiving blood services. That will now change for those within the Christiansburg EMS treatment area.

The non-profit partner, The Blood Connection (TBC), is planning mobile blood drives throughout the area to help with supply for the Christiansburg EMS program. With this opportunity, blood donors can feel confident knowing their donations are helping our community and neighbors. Christiansburg Deputy Rescue Chief Dustin Williams says the new partnership will undoubtedly help save lives.

“Christiansburg Rescue is proud to partner with The Blood Connection on this program,” said Williams. “This partnership allows us to be the first EMS agency in the area to offer lifesaving whole blood to the community we serve. This program allows us to improve trauma care and reduce mortality.”

“We are honored to partner with Christiansburg Rescue to provide these lifesaving blood products to local patients,” said Delisa English, President and CEO of TBC. “Local blood donors make the difference in sustaining the community blood supply and preventing blood shortages. We will immediately begin efforts to collect blood products in the community and are seeking blood donors and organizations who



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHRISTIANSBURG EMS

are willing to support this partnership and the local blood supply by sponsoring blood drives.”

Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs a blood transfusion while only three percent of the eligible population donates. 4.5 million Americans will be impacted by a blood donation every year. TBC works with many other EMS agencies across the region to ensure that the lifesaving blood products they need are available and ready for accident victims, traumas, and other emergencies. Volunteer blood donors will make all this possible for Christiansburg Rescue.

Although TBC is responsible for keeping the blood supply stable, it cannot replicate blood; it must be donated. TBC urges the community to donate blood to ensure that hospitals’ needs are uninterrupted. TBC also encourages and welcomes local schools, businesses, churches, and organizations, to be part of the connection as a blood drive host. To learn more about hosting a blood drive, please visit [/thebloodconnection.org/host](http://thebloodconnection.org/host).

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Eligibility applications for Christmas Store 2023

Online applications are being accepted and reviewed now through Dec. 6, 2023 to shop at the Montgomery

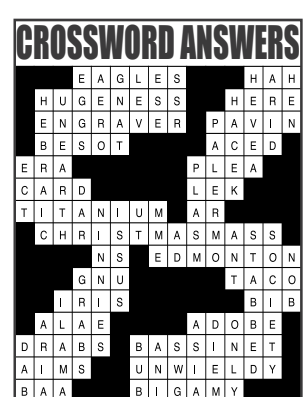


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Academy Sports + Outdoors celebrates grand opening

Academy Sports + Outdoors, sporting goods and outdoor recreation retailer, celebrates the opening of its Christiansburg location with a ribbon-cutting ceremony held Thursday. The store is the company’s third location in Virginia and is located in Christiansburg at 2711 Market Street NE.

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Whartons

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unaware she was pregnant with William. Regardless, it shows how proud she was, and how she tried to hide her feelings and pains, even from her husband.”

Also, “One interesting aspect of reading Civil War letters, especially those of Gabe and Nannie, is the way that soldiers on the front lines would write home to comfort those left behind. On Nov. 7, 1863, Gabe wrote to Nannie: “Be hopeful, and look at the bright side of the picture. Don’t look at the dark side all the time. Bear patiently and be reconciled for my sake. ... Now darling dearest please resume your usual cheerfulness. Smile once again. ... Wont you darling dearest? Say yes!”

It is interesting to read this passage just after Gabe describes the battle they had fought the previous day. Even when facing the horrors of war, he was still trying to comfort Nannie.”

To read the rest of this letter and see how else Gabe comforts Nannie, visit Glencoe Mansion to get a copy of “The Whartons’ War.” The gift shop is open during regular museum hours, Wednesday to Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sunday 1-4 p.m. And to keep up with the weekly history postings, follow Glencoe Mansion on Facebook and/ or Instagram.

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2023 Blacksburg Annual Holiday Parade

County Christmas Store in December. Go to the Christmas Store website at www.mcchristmasstore.org and click on Apply to Shop. First, you will see the documents you need to have ready to upload before beginning the application process. Then scroll down some more to see the criteria you must meet to see if you are eligible to apply to shop at the store in December. If you qualify to shop at the store Dec. 5-9, you will receive the link to select your shopping appointment.

Call for participants:

Citizens are invited to participate in Blacksburg’s annual Holiday Parade, organized by Blacksburg Parks and Recreation. This year’s theme is “Miracle on Main Street”. Parade entries may be floats, bicycles, wagons, marchers, walkers, antique/classic cars, Jeeps, trucks, scout groups, bands, sports teams and more. The parade will be held on Friday, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. In the event of inclement weather, the parade will be rescheduled to

Saturday, Dec. 2. For more information on how to get involved, contact David Goodman, Community Programs Supervisor at degoodman@blacksburg.gov or 540.443.1106.

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.

NOTICE RADFORD RESIDENTS

The due date for paying **REAL ESTATE TAXES AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES** for 2023 is **December 5, 2023.**

All taxes must be paid no later than December 5, 2023 to avoid additional penalty, interest, and fees. All payments made by mail must bear a postmark no later than December 5, 2023.

Taxes may be paid in person at:
Treasurer’s Office
619 Second Street, Rm 164
Radford, VA 24141
8:30 a.m. -5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday

For your convenience, extended hours will be offered Dec. 4th & Dec. 5th 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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RADFORD SPORTS

Bobcat to play volleyball at Radford University

Marty Gordon
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RADFORD - Radford High School volleyball player Hollybrook Cline has announced plans to play volleyball at nearby Radford University.

Cline officially signed a Letter of Intent this past week in the school's gymnasium in front of family, friends, coaches and fellow players.

"I chose RU because I love the team, culture and the girls," she said. "Staying close to home was also important to me, as well as I grew up watching Radford

[University] volleyball and from a young age I knew I wanted to be a part of the team."

Cline was recently named to the Three Rivers District second team volleyball list. Her senior year, she recorded 159 kills and 260 digs, and finished her Bobcat career with 278 kills, 937 assists, 689 digs and 95 aces.

Cline says staying close to home will offer her great support.

"It feels really good to have a community supporting me, that will follow me closely to college," she said.

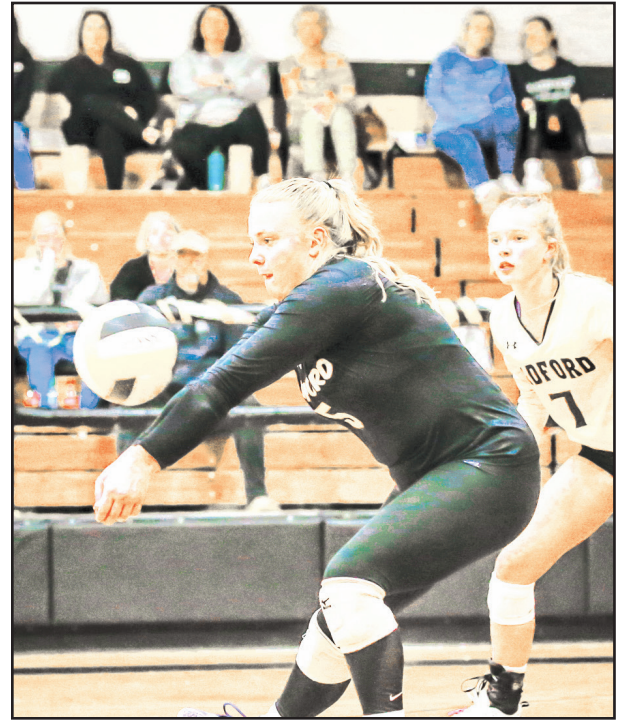
Sherisa Livingston enters her fourth season as the head coach of

the RU volleyball program in 2023-24. Named the 11th head coach in program history in 2020, her teams have shown steady improvement and growing success each year.

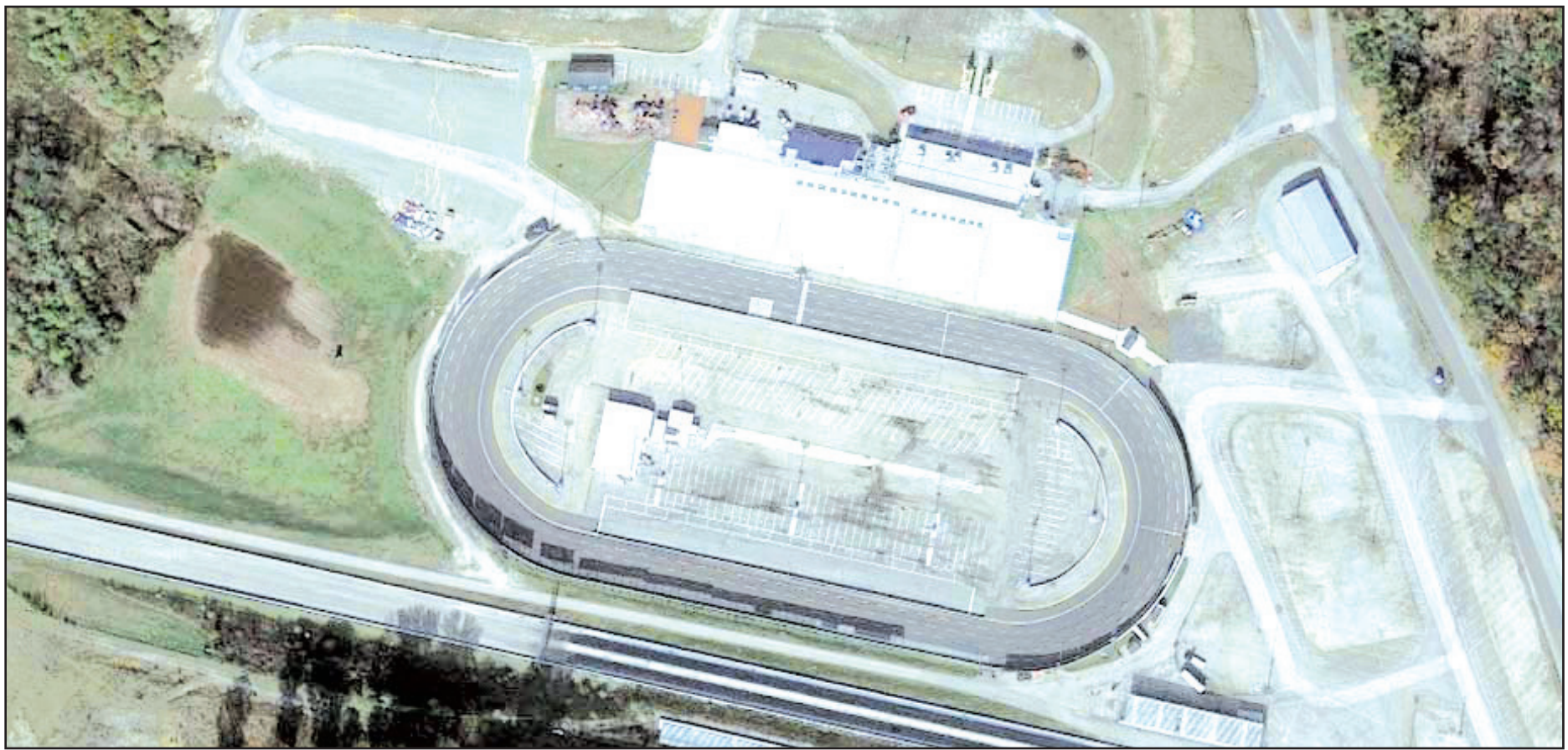
The 2022 season was Livingston's best yet, leading the Highlanders to a 12-16 overall record, including an 8-8 mark in Big South play.

Cline's goals are to be positive and encourage her team, focus on one point at a time and give it my all during each and every point individually.

For now, Cline has not chosen a major but is leaning toward sports management, allied health science, or biology.



FILE PHOTO
Radford High School's Hollybrook Cline returns the ball during a recent contest with James River.



FILE PHOTO
The Motor Mile Speedway and Dragway, near Radford, is no go for next season as a racing facility.

Parent company resumes speedway ownership

Marty Gordon
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The parent company of Calfee Park Baseball and the Pulaski River Turtles will be resuming management of Motor Mile Speedway and Dragway beginning Nov. 30.

In an announcement on Tuesday, the ownership said after leasing Motor Mile Speedway and Dragway to Rusty Wallace Racing Experience owner Mark Ebert for the 2021-2023 seasons, Motor Mile will resume management of the venue for the 2024 season.

Current plans include several special events such as the always-popular Monster Truck, Nights of Destruction and JJ DA BOSS Tours. Other types of events such as concerts and live-action events are being considered.

But, according to a press release, there are no plans at this time for a weekly racing series for either the Speedway or Dragway tracks.

Both tracks will be available for rental for individual days, for special events, or for a recurring series if there is interest by an outside party or organization.

In August, officials from the Rusty Wallace Racing experience said there would no operating contract extension after this year.

In 2020, the Rusty Wallace Racing Group took over the speedway, which is celebrating its 34th year anniversary this year. The track has been known over the years as the New River Valley Speedway and has

changed its name four times since its opening over 20 years ago.

The multi-year lease agreement allowed RWRE to take over venue operations, with the speedway becoming the home track for the RWRE and its companion companies. At the time, former NASCAR driver Rusty Wallace called Motor Mile Speedway and Dragway, one of the finest grassroots motorsports facilities in the nation.

"We worked tirelessly to rebuild the fan base at the racetrack, and it is tremendously

disappointing to me that we could not bring back the fans in the numbers that would allow us the revenue to pay a reasonable lease or purchase the racetrack," Ebert said.

His departure will be official on Nov. 30, at which time the Motor Mile management team will start to firm up events and dates for the 2024 schedule.

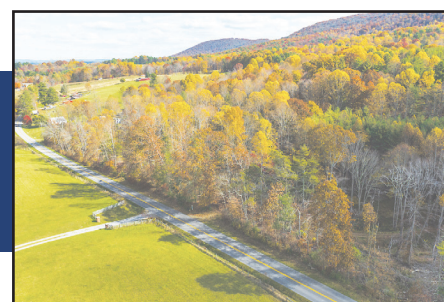
The track has a long, rich history in the New River Valley. In 1952, a dirt track originally opened on the former farm site between Radford and Dublin. In the 80's, a paved 0.416-mile oval was

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Searching for farmland, a great family home, or building site? Check out these 5 offerings which total 174.78 acres. Acreage features mostly open farmland with good views, several building sites, access to Beaver Creek, and an existing brick ranch home. Property is being offered in 5 tracts, so purchase multiple to get the acreage you desire!

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- Offering #5 - 7.56 ac

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Blacksburg falls in volleyball semi-finals



Emma Castle sets for the Blacksburg offense against James Wood in a Class 4 state semifinal match. In a state semifinal match, Blacksburg took on defending state champ James Wood on the Colonels home court.



Blacksburg's Su Kato receives a James Wood serve during the Tuesday match in Winchester.



Blacksburg's Jordan Boffen hits against James Wood during a Class 4 state semifinal match on Tuesday night.



Blacksburg's Rowan English gets a kill against James Wood during the state semifinal match. The Bruins would come up short against the defending Class 4 champions, 21-25, 12-25, 14, 25 on Tuesday in Winchester.

PHOTOS BY JON FLEMING

Softball signs pair of future Highlanders

Radford University Softball Head Coach Alisa Tasler has announced the exciting signing of two future Highlanders for the 2025 season.

Dakota Redmon, an incoming freshman from Mayodan, N.C. and Klara Van Beuge, an incoming freshman from Littleton, Colo. round out the duo of new Highlanders who

will be making their collegiate debuts in the coming years.

Dakota Redmon
5'10 | Pitcher/Infielder | Mayodan, N.C. | Rockingham County Early College High
2022 Game Game Changer Award winner, two-time scholar athlete award winner and

two-time collegiate honor roll

Two-time all-conference honoree, two-time all-state honoree and two-time all-district honoree

2A Mid State Conference Tournament MVP in 2023 and was the 2A Pitcher of the Year 2023

Silver Slugger and NC Gatorade Player of the Year nominee for 2023

Pitches as well as having appearances at first base and second base in the infield

Plays her club softball with Carolina Elite and was ranked #35 in the 2022 Extra Innings Softball rankings, a USC Softball 16U Champion and TCS Colorado Sparkler All-American Team.

Tasler on Dakota: "Dakota has been a kid I have wanted on my team for a long time. She is an overall athlete that can not only perform

in the circle but will also help us at the plate."

Klara Van Beuge
6'0 | Infielder/Outfielder | Littleton, Co. | Chatfield High School

First team all-conference in the 5A District of Colorado

Named all-state for Colorado

Played under head coach Darin Shepard at Chatfield High School

Has played first base, third base and in the outfield

Played club softball with Colorado Softball Academy

Tasler on Klara: "We are super excited for Klara to join our program. We believe that she is going to come in and make an immediate impact."

Radford University Athletics

Speedway

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built on the site.

The track announced that it had cut all sanctions with NASCAR and discontinued its oval track racing in late 2017 but reopened under

NASCAR sanctioning in 2019.

It was purchased by Shelor Automotive Group in 2004 and was subsequently renamed Motor Mile Speedway.

The track is most famous for hosting four NASCAR Busch Series events between 1989 and 1992, which included future NASCAR champions like Jeff Gordon.



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Everyday

<div style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">SUNDAY</div>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10% Discount for Military and Veterans 	<div style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">MONDAY</div>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$6.99 Roasted Chickens • 2/4 Baguettes • 10% Discount for Seniors (60+)
<div style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">TUESDAY</div>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$3.99/lb Ground Beef & Chicken Breasts • 10% Discount for Students & Faculty 	<div style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">WEDNESDAY</div>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$5.99 Sushi • BOGO Free Self-Serve Muffins from The Earth Fare Bakery
<div style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">THURSDAY</div>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4/\$12 Maryland Crab Cakes • \$4.49 Artisan Bread Loaves 	<div style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">FRIDAY</div>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take & Bake \$7 Large Pizza • 2/\$2.50 Self-Serve Cookies

EVERYDAY SAVINGS

- Double Healthy Rewards points on all Earth Fare products
- Free baguette with purchase of 1lb. chicken salad
- Everyday low prices on 200+ pantry essentials
- Save 10% when you buy 3+ lbs from the Bulk Department
- Build Your Own Meal for \$6, 4-6 PM
- 10% case discount