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Radford Scouts lead food drive to help their community

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RADFORD - Scouts from Radford Cub Scout Pack 46 and Boy Scout Troop 46 recently filled the shelves of Old Brick Church's food pantry thanks to their volunteer efforts in a community food

John Henderson, who serves as both Scoutmaster for Troop 46 and the Cubmaster for Pack 46, says Pack 46 has done several food drives, but this is the first year they asked the community for donations.

"Normally, we collect food from families in the pack," he said.

Henderson said Troop 46 was restarted this year after being shut down for many years, and Boy Scouts of America has an annual food drive called Scouting for Food, "so we wanted to get this started in our community this year. We plan to continue this tradition each year moving forward now."

Approximately 10 scouts participated in the food drive as volunteers, plus others who donated food.

We spent about 3 ½ hours one Saturday hanging flyers on doors in the community asking for donations, and then we set up a table outside of Kroger

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Steven Henderson from Troop 46, and John Robert Henderson, from Pack 46 collect food recently for a food drive.



LewisGale leaders and town officials hold an official ground-breaking ceremony for a new emergency room facility set to open in Christiansburg in 2024.

LewisGale Hospital Montgomery breaks ground on emergency room in Christiansburg

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CHRISTIANSBURG — A new multi-milliondollar stand-alone emergency room broke ground in Christiansburg Tuesday, which will provide another option for emergency medical

LewisGale Hospital Montgomery representatives, local officials and members of the community gathered for a groundbreaking ceremony signifying the start of construction LewisGale Hospital Montgomery Christiansburg ER, located at 1205 West Main St., Christiansburg.

"The freestanding emergency room will be the third of its kind in southwest Virginia, following Cave Spring ER and Blue Hills ER in the Roanoke Valley," according to

LewisGale. "The nearly 10,000-square-foot freestanding emergency room will be staffed by board-certified emergency room physicians and nurses 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. It will provide the same services provided in an emergency room that is housed within the walls of a hospital."

Christiansburg Mayor Michael Barber said the new ER will lessen the time it takes to get patients to the emergency medical care they need.

"The importance of this is to provide a serve that has been needed in this town and the surrounding area for many years," said Barber. "We have two fine hospitals, but this enables our emergency personnel to have an alternative to take 10, 20 minutes off their time."

"In an emergency situation, minutes matter in relation to patient outcomes," said Chris Smith, MD, emergency department medical director. "We are poised to offer unparalleled medical care in a convenient location. This can help save lives and enhance patient recovery."

According LewisGale, the new ER will feature both walk-in and ambulance entrances with "11 patient rooms, including a fully "11 equipped trauma bay. It will house advanced imaging equipment for CT scans, X-rays, and ultrasound imaging. The ER will also feature onsite laboratory testing and will be directly linked to LewisGale Hospital Montgomery as a fully integrated department of

"This is wonderful





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Christiansburg Mayor Michael Barber (left) and Lauren Dudley, LewisGale Hospital Montgomery chief executive officer at Tuesday's ground-breaking ceremony.

NRV citizens hold demonstration calling for permanent ceasefire



The Palestine flag with a fist is flown at the demonstration, representative of standing in strength and solidarity as well as resistance to oppression.

Lori Graham

Contributing writer

As weapon attacks continue in Gaza, local community members are speaking out for an end to the loss of life and wounded civilians resulting from the Hamas terrorist attacks on Israel and their response.

On Tuesday, Dec. 4, students along with members of the New River Valley ommunities, gathered on the Virginia Tech drill field for a peaceful demonstration. As names of some of the dead were read over a megaphone, the loss was described as devastating by demonstrators.

Speaking on anonymity, demonstrator said the names reflected whole families that have been destroyed, with ages ranging from senior citizens to babies, some sharing the same family name.

"Kids in Gaza are writing their names on their arm in the case they are under rubble and unidentifiable or dismembered by bombs. This American lady was telling her kids this story at the demonstration. She started to write her name on her arm, the kids then wrote their names on their arm, and everyone started laying down at

the demonstration," one demonstrator said. Another demonstrator speaking on anonymity said, "What is happening against children is heartbreaking."

A group of local citizens, still in the process of organizing, is forming to provide grief support to those impacted by the tragedies that are ongoing in the Gaza/Israel attacks.

Additionally, the group is aiming to spread their message to politicians that they feel are not hearing the voice of the United States citizens wishing for a permanent cease fire. United Nations members have also called for a permanent ceasefire.

According to the United Nations website at press.un.org, the number of children killed in this conflict has reached incredible numbers.

"In a matter of weeks, a far greater number of children have been killed by Israeli military operations in Gaza than the total number of children killed during any year, by any party to a conflict, since I have been Secretary-General," António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations said.

Virginia Tech University's Students for Peace and Justice in Palestine (SPJP) posted a statement on October 12th on their organization's Instagram account.

We implore our peers to empower themselves with education, awareness, and steadfast humanity during this time. We mourn the unnecessary loss of life and we reject the notion that one death toll holds greater weight than another," the Instagram

The women's group now organizing during this difficult time is open to those interested in joining to provide grief support and in seeking politician support for a peaceful end because of the conflict. Contact Brittany at brittany@alum.mit. edu for more information.



Demonstrators lay on the ground of the Virginia Tech Drill Field as the names of some of the Palestinian people who have died during the Hamas/Israel conflict

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, Dec. 9:

Jolabokaflod Book Exchange

At the Christiansburg Library; 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. The Icelandic tradition of giving, receiving, and reading books on Christmas Eve, often while enjoying chocolate and warm drinks. Literally translates into Christmas Book Flood. You're invited to bring a new or gently used book to participate in a book exchange, then receive a new-to-you book! Also, enjoy light refreshments, a craft,

Meet the Grinch and Movie

Come to the Meadowbrook Library to meet the Grinch, Max, and Cindy Lou; 1 – 3 p.m. Bring your own phone or camera to take photos with the characters. Refreshments provided. Watch the short Grinch film with us at 2:30 p.m.

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.

Sunday, Dec. 10:

Rubik's Cube Club

At the Blacksburg Library; 2- 3:15 p.m. Learn how to solve rubik's cubes! Instructional sessions for beginners and enthusiasts, led by experienced Cubers. Speedcubing: Friendly competitions to foster skill improvement. And help solve your unsolved cubes: assistance to anyone struggling with unsolved cubes.

Monday, Dec. 11:

Spiced Salt Dough Ornaments Workshop

At the Radford Public Library; 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Join us for a kids' crafting workshop. We'll be making spice dough ornaments to take home and decorate for the

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.

Quilting Party: Community Ouiltina Bee

At the Christiansburg Library; 6- 9 p.m. Come and join in the fun of quilting with the Quilting Party. Bring your sewing machine and/or supplies for what you are making. Do you need help with a quilt or want to learn about making a quilt? Drop on in. If you have any questions please contact Mary Lough at mrmlough@

Tuesday, Dec. 12:

School Board meeting

Radford City School Board will convene for its regular meeting Dec. 12, 2023, at 6 p.m., to be held at the School Administration Building. The agenda for the meeting can be viewed at www.rcps.org.

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

Christiansburg Town Council

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.

Sunday, Dec. 17:

Luminary display

The annual Stroubles Mill Neighborhood Association

Luminary display will begin at 5:30 p.m. in Blacksburg (Hethwood). Rain date is Monday, Dec. 18.

On-going:

Blacksburg stormwater utility credit application deadline

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 quality 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. 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. Questions, contact stormwater@blacksburg.gov or call 540-443-1354.

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 plan. Amendments include changes to Future Land Use Map designations or the text of the Plan. Applications due on Jan. 15, 2024. A preapplication 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.

Eligibility applications for Christmas Store 2023

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

Radford City Council to meet Monday, Dec. 11

RADFORD – The regular meeting for Radford City Council is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m.

comments on public matters; and a resolution recognizing the Daughters of the American Revolution's 100th anniversary, BT's 40th anniversary, and Sal's Restaurant's 45th anniversary.

Council will hold a public hearing regarding the "Disposition of Prospect Hill," and "Right of Way Vacations"

(Oakland Ave., Elmwood, and Alleyway). Old business on the agenda includes council's resolution on the Radford Agenda items include: the approval Economic Development Incentive of previous meeting's minutes; citizen Program Agreement. As for new business, council plans to appoint a Board of Viewers for the aforementioned right of way vacations, and will appoint new members to Radford City's boards and commissions which include Peppers Ferry and Western Virginia EMS.

- News Journal staff report



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At the Occoquan Watershed Monitoring Laboratory, civil and environmental engineering researchers test water for salt content and other contaminants.

Less ice on the road leads to more salt in the soil, air, and water

When temperatures drop and roads get slick, rock salt is an important safety precaution used by individuals, businesses, and local and state governments to keep walkers, cyclists, and drivers safe. However, according to a new scientific review paper from a team of researchers at Virginia Tech and the University of Maryland, the human demand for salt comes at a cost to the environment.

Published in the journal Nature Reviews Earth & Environment with researchers Stanley Grant, Megan Rippy, and Shantanu Bhide from Virginia Tech's Occoquan Watershed Monitoring Laboratory, findings revealed that human activities are making Earth's air, soil and freshwater saltier, which could pose an existential threat if current trends

out so slowly that it's

easy to overlook that

continue.

"This is a slow-moving train wreck," said Megan Rippy, assistant professor in civil and environmental engineering. "It's playing

drinking and water resources are becoming progressively saltier." Disrupting the natural

lakes,

salt cycle

Salts are compounds with positively charged cations and negatively charged anions, with some of the most abundant ones being calcium, magnesium, potassium, and sulfate ions. When dislodged in higher doses, these ions can cause environmental problems by impairing water supply for humans and wildlife. The study conducted at the Occoquan Watershed Monitoring Laboratory considered a variety of salt ions that are found underground and in surface water.

Although geologic and hydrologic processes bring salts to Earth's surface over time, human activities such as mining and land development are rapidly accelerating the natural "salt cycle." Agriculture, construction, water and road treatment, and other industrial activities can also intensify salinization,

which harms biodiversity

and makes drinking

water unsafe in extreme cases. This research is establishing for the first time that humans affect the concentration and cycling of salt on a global,

interconnected scale. "Ecosystems are finely tuned to a certain level of salinity, and as that increases over time it can lead to big impacts, for example loss of important species, including fish. That applies to humans too. Too much salt in irrigation water can cause crops to fail, and salt in drinking water supplies has been linked to human health effects like preeclampsia. This is happening in the U.S. and around the world," said Rippy.

Over the course of the study, Rippy, Grant, Bhide and University of Maryland researchers showed that humancaused salinization affected approximately 2.5 billion acres of soil around the world — an area about the size of the United States. Salt ions also increased in streams and rivers over the last 50



Handcrafter holiday pop-up market today at Glencoe

The Handcrafted Holiday Pop-Up Market is set for today, Saturday, Dec. 9, 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. on the grounds of Glencoe Mansion in Radford. Shop with a wide variety of handcrafted artists and small businesses including: Rainy Day Reads, Shop books! For all ages and stages, with a focus on diverse stories. Runaway, featuring funky and colorful crotchet items such as hoods, water bottle carriers, hats, and more. Ginger Mystic Jewelry, with quirky, colorful, magical polymer clay jewelry and trinkets.

- Glencoe Mansion

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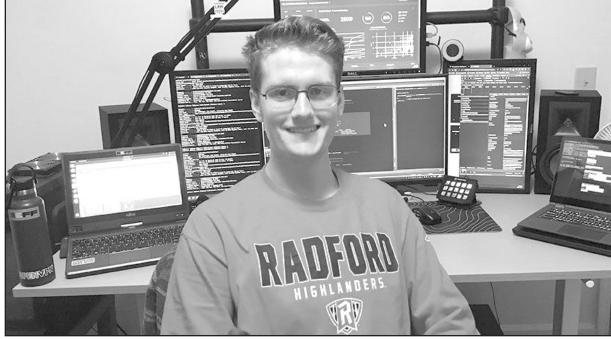
Cyber defenders ranked among the best in nation

Radford University's Cyber Defense Club is ranked No. 37 out of 521 colleges and universities in the latest National Cyber League (NCL) power rankings. The ranking is based on the Radford club's excellent performance at the NCL's fall 2023 contest.

Radford senior Jimmy Ririe placed in the top 98% in the NCL individual competition. He ranked 228 out of 7,879 students and placed in the 100th percentile in the password cracking, enumeration and exploitation and web application exploitation categories.

While Ririe is excited about his individual performance, the cybersecurity and computer science and technology double major from Blacksburg, Virginia,

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Jimmy Ririe

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years, coinciding with an increase in the global use and production of salts.

Salt has even infiltrated the air. In some regions, lakes are drying up and sending plumes of saline dust into the atmosphere. In areas that experience snow, road salts can become aerosolized, creating sodium and chloride particulate matter, which lowers air quality and can be detrimental to wildlife and crops.

"One way that humans are upsetting the natural salt cycle is through our use of rock salt for deicing roads and parking lots in the winter," said Bhide.

Finding new deicing methods Stanley Grant, director of the Occoquan Watershed Monitoring Laboratory, said road salts have an outsized impact in the U.S., which churns out 44 billion pounds of the deicing agent each year. Road salts represented 44 percent of U.S. salt consumption from 2013-17, and they account for 13.9 percent of the total dissolved solids that enter streams across the country. This can cause a "substantial" concentration of salt in watersheds, according to the paper. To prevent U.S. waterways from being inundated with salt in the coming years, policies limiting road salts or encouraging alternatives can be beneficial, the researchers said. Washington, D.C., and several other

U.S. cities have started treating frigid roads with beet juice, which has the same effect but contains significantly less salt.

There's a lot of interest in how we can change the way roads are maintained in the winter to reduce road salt use and its impacts on ecosystems and drinking water supplies," said Bhide. "It's a tricky issue, because deicing roads also reduces traffic accidents and saves lives.'

Salinization is also associated with "cascading" effects. For example, saline dust can accelerate the melting of snow, which can harm communities particularly in the western United States that rely on snow for water supplies.

Because of their structure, salt ions can bind to contaminants in soils and sediments, forming "chemical cocktails" that circulate in the environment and have detrimental effects. These significant environmental and health implications are creating a need for a more sustainable approach to salt usage.

"History is littered with ancient civilizations that collapsed because they couldn't balance their salt budget. I'm hoping this article will raise awareness and lead to action on this issue, so that history doesn't repeat itself," said Grant.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CONCERNING **DISPOSITION OF REAL PROPERTY** Pursuant to Virginia Code

§§ 15.2-1800, 15.2-1813, and 15.2-2100, the Radford City Council will hold a public hearing on December 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the City Municipal Building, 10 Robertson Street, Radford, VA 24141.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to receive public comment on the proposed marketing and sale by the City of property commonly known as in the City o Radford, Virginia, Tax Parcel Numbers 19-(1)-9 13.14.15,16,17, 9-(7)-Sec20-1 thru 4, 19-(7)-Sec21-1 thru 13, 19-(7)-Sec22-1 thru 8, 19-(7)-Sec22 13 & 14 containing 20.89 acres, more or less.

Copies of the proposed ordinance to approve the disposition of real property may be obtained by contacting the Office of the City Clerk at (540) 731-3603

Jenni.Goodman@radfordva

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED VACATION OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 15.2-2006 et seq., the Radford City Council will hold a public hearing on December 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the City Municipal Building, 10 Robertson Street, Radford, VA 24141.

The purpose of the public

hearing will be to receive public comment on the proposed vacation by the City of the unimproved portions of Oakland Avenue, Prospect Avenue, and Elmwood Street that commonly known as Prospect Hill in the City of Radford, Virginia, Tax Parcel Numbers 19-(1)-9,

extend into the real property 13,14,15,16,17, 9-(7)-Sec20-1 thru 4, 19-(7)-Sec21-1 thru 13, 19-(7)-Sec22-1 thru 8, 19-(7)-

Sec22 13 & 14 containing 20.89 acres, more or less. Copies of the proposed ordinance and preliminary

sketch of the unimproved portions of Oakland Avenue, Prospect Avenue, and Elmwood Street proposed for vacation may be obtained by contacting the Office of the City Clerk at (540) 731-3603 or Jenni.Goodman@radfordva

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 1813 7TH STREET, RADFORD, VA 24141.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated August 12, 2013, in the original principal amount of \$94,106.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Radford City, Virginia as Instrument No. 201301075. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for the City of Radford, 619 Second St., W., Radford, VA, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on January 8, 2024, at 2:45 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND IN RADFORD CITY, COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

AS DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 168, PAGE 435, ID# 1643, ID# 14 -(8)-SEC 14-2-3, BÉING KNOWN AND **DESIGNATED AS: LOT 2** AND SOUTH 1/2 OF LOT 3, SECTION 14, PLAN H, RADFORD LAND AND IMPROVEMENT CO SHOWN ON PLAT 168 PAGE 437. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower. in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must

be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of

Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of

contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to

execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller

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confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-360519-1.

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IN THE CIRCUIT **COURT OF MONTGOMERY** COUNTY

In Re: The Adoption of a Minor Child Under Eighteen Years of Age. to be known as SERITA DANIELLE TICKLE By: MILDRED ANNE TICKLE, FRED LEE TICKLE, JR. Petitioners ORDER Case No. CA23000019-00 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The object of this cause is to obtain an adoption of the minor child, Serita Danielle McLemore, by your petitioners, Mildred Anne Tickle and Fred Lee Tickle, Jr husband and wife An affidavit having been made and filed, pursuant to Virginia Code §8.01-316(1950), as amended, showing that the biological father, Kenneth McLemore (aka Kenneth Sturdivant), despite the exercise of due diligence on behalf of Petitioners, could not be personally served with legal process for this action and his last known address is unknown, though he is known to be residing in and around the Montgomery County, Virginia area. It is therefore **ORDERED** that Respondent Kenneth McLemore, appear at this Court on or before January 12, 2024 at 1:00 pm before the Montgomery County Circuit Court and do what is necessary to protect his interest thereby. And, it is further ORDERED that this Order shall be published once a week for four (4) successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation, serving the area of Montgomery County, Virginia, the locality of

R. Cord Hall, Esq, VSB 77637 R. CORD HALL. ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, P.C. B-2 Christiansburg, VA 24073

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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 December 13, County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St. Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to hear citizen comments regarding the Planning Commission's intention to act on the following request: To amend the 2025 Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan by adding information concerning Large-Scale Solar Energy Systems to the Utilities chapter of the Comprehensive Plan. The proposed amendments include adding background information to the Current and Historical Conditions and Trends section of the Utilities chapter, and by establishing a new section 2.4 of the Utilities chapter to outline proposed goals for Large-Scale Solar Energy Systems within the County. The proposed goals to be added include: establishing a maximum of 4,500 acres of allowed acreage for the development of large-scale solar energy projects within the County, promoting shared agricultural uses within large-scale solar energy projects, considerations related to project scale and project siting, and consideration of natural resources in the approval

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.montgomerycou ntyva.gov/pendingapplicatio

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A holiday fixture steeped in tradition grows in Virginia

BLACKSBURG—Mistletoe lore dates back centuries—to the Celtic druids and Norse mythology—as a symbol of fertility, peace and love

The plant's legends eventually made their way across continents when European settlers immigrated to North America and discovered a plant that closely resembled the mistletoe from their homeland.

"(European mistletoe) is actually a different species and different genus, but they look really similar," explained Jordan Metzgar, a biologist and curator for the Massey Herbarium at Virginia Tech. "When Europeans came to North America, there was this other mistletoe here, so they just transferred a lot of the mythology and traditions with it." Metzgar explained that of the seven native mistletoe species in the U.S., only one grows in Virginia—

Phoradendron leucarpum—commonly called American mistletoe or Eastern mistletoe. And while it's the plant of holiday romance, its true characteristics are a little more ominous. Mistletoe's tiny white flowers form

into clusters of snow-white berries during the late fall and winter, and are a favorite among birds, which spread them from tree to tree. The seed's sticky coating adheres it to limbs and trunks where "it'll germinate and make a little seedling, and right away it bores into the tree it's growing on"

using a special rootlike organ called a haustorium, Metzgar explained.

A hemiparasite, the woody shrub needs trees to survive, but it also photosynthesizes, allowing it to stay a festive green throughout the winter.

Mistletoe thrives in the temperate climate of Virginia's coastal plains and swampy forests. Its bushy clumps can easily be spotted standing out against bare branches during the late fall, winter and early spring.

And though the large clusters

can damage trees and girdle limbs, mistletoe is a long-established native and a normal part of the forest ecosystem. It grows on a range of trees, particularly oaks, red maples

and gum trees.

Some landowners harvest Virginia mistletoe on their own, but others can find sprigs for their holiday decorations at local florists, garden centers, nurseries and other holiday retailers. Many tree farms also sell it alongside their Christmas trees. Mistletoe may be favored for holiday décor, but it's best to keep away from children and pets. It contains a toxic protein called phoratoxin, which can cause nausea, vomiting, weakness and other issues when accidentally consumed.

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is thrilled by his team's achievements.

"We took 10th place overall in the password cracking category, and we're developing tools that we believe will take us to first place this spring," Ririe

said. "Half the team were freshmen and sophomores, and if they're performing this well now, I can't wait to see what they do in a couple years."

Filling out the Cyber Defense Club

roster are Sam Williams, Mark Crosby, Owen Starr, Michael Plafcan, Adam Downs, Yohannes "John" Kidanu, Eliot Cole, Caleb Lang and Tanner Ketron. Professor and Director of the School

of Computing and Information Science Prem Uppuluri coaches the team.

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Pastor Robert Morris (right) of Old Brick Church on Rock Road looks over the food collected during the Cub and Boy Scouts food drives, along with Sarah Henderson, the Popcorn Kernel for the pack and the troop, and Angie Austin, a Den Leader in Pack 46. to help our community.

the following Saturday for four hours collecting food donations," said "Then, Henderson. finally, we collected food from people's porches for the food drive. So, in all, these scouts spent three weekends working on this drive." Four carloads of food

were collected in the drive and was donated to the food pantry at Old Brick Church. Last year, the scouts collected food for the nursing home. Henderson

community projects are important to the development of scouts. "There are three points

to the Scout Oath that all of our scouts pledge each week: Duty to God and Country, Obey the Scout Law, and Help other People," he said. "So, as scouts, we are always looking for ways

Pack 46 participates in the Adopt-a-Spot in Radford, we have helped in various cleanups around town, and other service projects, so this is another part of that. Having food is one of the most basic needs a person can have, so when we are able to help provide food for our neighbors in need, it is important that we help out."

"Scouts is a program that

teaches kids about leadership and values through outdoor activities, STEM, and other fun activities," he continued. "What has amazed me the most is just how much joy the kids get out of helping others. These kids always have a positive attitude, even when picking up trash or walking for miles through Radford hanging up flyers."

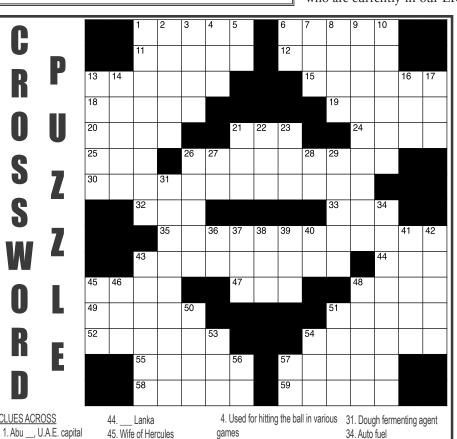
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for the community," said Lauren Montgomery chief executive officer. "This is an extension of LewisGale Hospital Montgomery. We will have the same board-certified physicians, extraordinary medical professionals, who are currently in our ER."

Dudley, LewisGale Hospital community care, we are happy to fill the gap by bringing highquality emergency services to this part of Christiansburg and the New River Valley," Dudley said. "This facility is located just off Interstate

"With a commitment to thousands of daily travelers, and the growing communities along Route 8 to the south.

> The facility will employ more than 30 staff, including emergency physicians and nurses and is slated to open later in 2024. Hiring is expected to begin early next year.



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Coleman, Robert Stewart

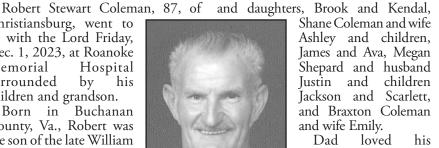
Christiansburg, went to be with the Lord Friday, Dec. 1, 2023, at Roanoke Memorial Hospital

surrounded by children and grandson. Born in Buchanan

County, Va., Robert was the son of the late William Anthony Coleman and Delsa (Conn) Coleman. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Mariam (Coleman) Wright and his brother,

William Anthony Coleman, Jr.
Survivors include his wife of 68
years, Mary Magdalene (Justice) Coleman; daughter, Deborah Wells of Christiansburg; sons, Stewart Coleman and wife Amy of Radford, and Robin Coleman and wife Karen of Riner; brothers, Douglas Coleman and wife Lois of Tazewell and Bennie Coleman of Wolf Creek, Va.

He is also survived by his beloved grandchildren and great grandchildren, Brandon Hurley and daughter Layla, Anthony Wells, Chancey Coleman and wife Jessica



church family at Valley

View Primitive Baptist where Church attended regularly until his illness. He was an avid outdoorsman loving to hunt, fish and swim. He also

enjoyed gardening. He especially loved sharing the fruits of his labor with family and friends. The family received friends Thursday, Dec. 7, 2023, at the

Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services followed with Retired Minister Bob Templeton officiating. Interment followed in Sunrise Burial Park in Fairlawn. Pallbearers will be his sons and grandsons. The Coleman family is in the

care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford.

Delaney, Catherine Mae Lewis

of Radford, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2023, at Onslow Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville,

N.C. She was a member of First Baptist Church on Rock Road. Catherine was preceded

in death by her husband, Joseph C. Delaney; parents, Walter and Lillie Lewis; son, Terrance L. Delaney; infant daughter;

brother, Walter Lewis; sisters, Ivory Booth and Carrie Brown; and grandson, Joseph "Joey" Delaney. Survivors include her sons,

Joseph Lopez Delaney (Bonnie) of Jacksonville, N.C., and Anthony Delaney (Pam) of Radford; daughterin-law, Kelly Delaney of Richmond; grandchildren, Toni Watson, Shannon Delaney, Brent "B.A." Delaney, Alex

Catherine Mae Lewis Delaney, 92, Delaney, and Trevor Delaney; five great grandchildren; three children that she considered her own,

Bill, Miranda, and Bobby Keck; daughter she never had, Doris Dobbins; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The family received friends Friday, Dec. 8, 2023, at Mullins Funeral Home in

in Highland Memory Gardens with grandson, Rev. Trevor Delaney officiating. In lieu of flowers, please consider

Radford. Graveside services followed

donations to First Baptist Church on Rock Road.

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

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ANGLICAN CATHOLIC

St. Philip's Anglican Church, 306 Progress Street, NE, Blacksburg, Virginia 24060, (540) 552-1771, www.stphilipsblacksburg.org. Reverend Fr. Wade Miller, Priest. Eucharist Sunday's at 11am and Wednesday's at 12pm.

St. Thomas Anglican Church- located at 4910 Hubert Rd, NW Roanoke, Va. Traditional Liturgical Lenten Services, Sunday at 10:30 am. Call (540) 589-1299 or visit www.sttofc.org for midweek 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 stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Corinthians 15:58.

First Baptist Church on 3rd Ave., 215 Third Ave at the corner with Downey St. We nurture meaningful connections to God and others through worship, spiritual growth, and community ministry. We celebrate the dignity and worth of all persons, created in the image of God. Sunday Bible Study Groups - 9:45, Sunday Worship - 11:00. Website: fbcradford.org 540-639-4419. Worship is inperson 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, 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.

Street, Radford, VA 24141, Sunday School -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- chael-lutheran-church.org



TRUST THE TRUTH Read 2 Timothy 1:1 through 4:22

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15).

The Greek word orthotomeo, translated here as "correctly handles," is rendered "rightly dividing" in other versions.

It carries the idea of cutting straight like a surgeon and getting to the heart of the matter. Paul's letters to Timothy emphasize sound doctrine, which must be taught in the churches so believers will be established in the truth. Is false teaching being advocated? Stand firm on God's truth. Do unbelievers mock our Christian life? Stand firm on God's truth.

We are all to be students of God's Word—diligently studying it, faithfully putting it into practice in our daily lives, and effectively sharing it. We should never be ashamed to be identified with Christ, nor do we want to be embarrassed by our lack of preparation for witnessing.

We need to be ready with knowledge of the truth and guided by God's Spirit in sharing it with others.

Thought for Today: Train in the truth and trust its teaching.

Quicklook: 2 Timothy 2:7-15

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ford.org. 540-639-2671.

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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-mi-

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS Merrimac Pentecostal Holiness Church, Rev. Larry Christopher (540) 552-7194. l.christopher 695@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. Sunday School is at 10:00 a.m. and Sunday Service 11:00a.m. Rev. Don Makin will be leading worship. Phone 540-639-2585, Email pcofradford@gmail.com, Website www.pcradford.org. 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.com

Huddle, Virginia "Jenny" Rae Colbert

Huddle, 79, of Belspring, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2023.

She attended Radford University, graduating with her degree in Education. Jenny was a member of Belspring United Methodist Church for over 50 years, as well as a teacher in the Pulaski County Public School system for over 30 years. She was preceded in death by her parents, Lester Anthony and Barbara Ĥawkins Colbert; her son, Jason Andrew Huddle; brothers, Gary, Phillip and Tony Colbert; and her sisters, Jo Richardson and Bobbie Cunningham.

Survivors include her husband of 56 years, David Crockett Huddle; sons and daughter-in-law, Scott (Lynnette) Huddle and Nick Huddle; grandchildren, Max, Erin and Logan; sister and brother-in-

Virginia "Jenny" Rae Colbert law, Patsy (Dan) Lawton; sisterin-law, Terry Colbert; brothers-inlaw, Keith Cunningham and Don Richardson; and many other family members and friends.

The family will receive friends 12 - 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9, 2023, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services will begin at 2 p.m. with Rev. Rachel Collins officiating. Interment will follow in Brown Cemetery in Belspring.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to Belspring Memorial Fund or Nick's Helping Hand at Belspring United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 190, Belspring, VA,

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

Kirby, Victoria Amanda Bowling VanBuskirk

Bowling VanBuskirk Kirby passed away at the age of 97, in Martinsville.

Mom was born in Franklin County, Va., Jan. 23, 1926, the tenth child out of her eleven siblings to Toka Jane Thomas and James Leonard Bowling. To her family, she was Victoria, a spitfire of a youngster, who as the story goes, skipped two grades in

elementary school, and whose main job on the farm was the chicken chaser. Mom loved reading, and attributed it to her mother, Toka, who took time to read to each and every one of the 11 children every day! After graduating from Henry

High School in 1941, and Ferrum Junior College in 1943, she moved to Arlington with her sister, Nora. Here she took on the nickname Vicky or Vic, and from 1943 to 1962 she was employed (when possible) primarily by the Military Intelligence Division - Armed Forces Security Agency. While working in Arlington, she met Earle Knight VanBuskirk, Jr., a career CPO in the Navy from Stowe, Mass., just outside of Boston. Vicky and Van married May 15,

1950, with Van's Naval career leading them to places far from Franklin County, like Recife, Brazil; Adak, Alaska; and Winter Harbor, Maine. It was in Maine that their daughter, Jane Lee, joined the family in 1957. All three of them lived in Cyprus and in Panama, and Maine, until Van's retirement, when they moved to Shortly after they moved, Van was

killed in an automobile accident, and Vicky and Jane Lee moved back to Ferrum, Va.

In 1963, with support from her siblings, Vicky went back to school, earning a Master's in Counseling from Radford College in 1966, beginning her career in education. In 1967, she married James Arnold

Kirby, then in 1971 they moved to Springfield, Va., returning to Radford, Va. in 1974. In 1982 she became a mother-

in-law to Karl Miller, Jane Lee's



1983 and 1986 when granddaughter, her Amanda, and her grandson, Tyler were born. She was so tickled and proud to be called Grammy. Both grandkids spent summers in Radford, and eventually went to Virginia Tech and Radford University, enjoying many meals,

concerts, movies, and adventures with their Grams. She was so proud of their accomplishments, and loved the people they chose to marry, Fernando Avila (Amanda), and Michelle Sibert One of her biggest wishes was to

meet her great grandchildren, and become Great-Grammy. Thankfully, she was able to meet all four great grandkids, Sebastian and Javier Avial, and Abigail and Haley Miller.

Vicky spent 40 years in Radford, enjoying many friends, clubs, activities, events, and family.

Leaving in 2014 was bittersweet, but the staff at King's Grant made Mom's last nine years full of fun, care, and love - she felt at home. Mom dearly loved all of her family, her friends, her adventures, her travels, and her never ending gain of knowledge, whether it be cultural, intellectual, or just fun. Her legacy will be carried on by all who knew her, especially her family. In her own words, "I've lived a good

life, just about as good as anyone can ask for.".

A Celebration of Life will be held in Radford, and an Internment at Arlington National Cemetery.

The dates are undetermined at this

In honor of Mom's belief in education, and love of reading donations to the Radford City Public Library, in her name are greatly appreciated. They accept checks or cash and should go to the Radford Public Library Lamplighters, 30 W Main Street, Radford, VA 24141 to support the volunteers with special programs for children, etc.

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The Kirby family is in the care of

and helps those pursuing a degree in education to fulfill their dreams. It was one of Dot's great joys to meet the scholarship recipients each year. Dot has also arranged for the creation of the Dorothy Strader Moore Memorial Scholarship in Physical Education at Radford University. Dot was a woman

of great faith and was a living example of Christ's presence on Earth. She was always giving, always forgiving, never expecting anything in return. Dot was a member of Grace United Methodist Church for 68 years, and she enjoyed participating in many of the church ministries over the years, the most recent being 'Caring and Sharing."

Dot prioritized service to the community. She was an active member for 58 years of the Alpha Mu Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, an organization for Leading Women Educators.

In 2020, Dot was recognized with the "Honor Our Own" award for years of service to Alpha Mu at the local and state levels.

Dot volunteered at Prince William Medical Center (PWMC) for years, greeting generations of visitors at the Front Desk of Guest Services. She earned a Lifetime Associate Membership of the UVA Health System PWMC Auxiliary in 2017 in recognition of her 4,488 hours of service.

Similarly, Dot enjoyed giving her free time and energy volunteering the Manassas 501 Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary for a countless number of years. In 2017, she earned the "Mattie Parrish Auxiliary Life Member" award. She also contributed her time and talents to Volunteer Prince William's Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, doing whatever

was needed.

Dot greatly enjoyed and supported the arts, history, and culture of Manassas. She was a Friend of the Hylton Performing Arts Center and loved going to many of the performances there. Dot was also a Friend of the Manassas Museum Associates. She also enjoyed attending the Manassas Chorale concerts and all the events at the Harris Pavilion.

Dot spent the last

eight years of her life at Caton Merchant House, presently Commonwealth Senior Living at Manassas, where she reconnected with dear friends and loved making new ones too. Dot was especially thankful for the extraordinary care she received from all the nurses and staff there, including Ayo, Brenda, Nadia, Joyce, Theresa, Tina, GG, Mary, Gifty, and Joy, among others. Dot was also grateful for her personal loving caregivers, Georgina and Ben, and so appreciated Shelley, her special hospice nurse, for her tender palliative care over the past six months.

Dot's 25-year marriage to her former husband, Buddy, brought her many blessings, especially her cherished family bonds with the extended Moore family. Dot was preceded in

death by her parents, Charles William and Ethel Strader; stepmother, Gladys Smith Strader; motherin-law, Eula Moore; brothers, Claudius and Joe Hutchison; her infant sister, Mary Malinda Strader; sisters, Virginia Strader Nunn (Ralph), Margaret Strader Bradford; aunts, Lucille and Mary Strader, Nancy Shannon; uncles, Albert and Cecil Shannon; former husband, Ralph "Buddy" Moore.

Dot was a loving: sister to John and Rosalee Strader; sister-

in-law to Betty Jo Heldt; dear aunt to Joseph and Stephen Bradford, J. Charles Strader, Gwen Bickley, William Heldt, Charlie and Mary Moore, Sue and John Miller, Nancy and Gary Mack, Tom Moore, Bob Moore, Barbara and Greg Krull; great aunt to Ainsley and Carlyn Bradford; great-greataunt to Bella Bradford, Marceline May Cooke, and many other great nieces and nephews of the Moore family.

Dot was a loyal, lifelong friend to many from Manassas and including Radford, the Buchanan, Burke, Burroughs, Colgan, Dawson, Dyer, Hollins, Lawston, McKenzie, Miles, Parrish, Pfohl, Pope, Rodgers, Ross, Rule, Uzzle, Vetter, and Wallace families, among many others. She will be greatly missed by all family, friends, former students, and scholarship recipients.

Visitation was held Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, Va., Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2023. Visitation continued Grace United Methodist Church, 9750 Wellington Road, Manassas Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2023, followed by a Service of Death and Resurrection. A light reception followed the service in the Grace UMC narthex.

Visitation was again held at Mullins Funeral Home, 120 W. Main Street, Radford, Friday, Dec. 8, 2023.

Dot will be laid to rest alongside family at a graveside service to be held at West View Cemetery, Radford, Saturday, Dec. 9, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Memorial donations may be made to Grace United Methodist Church in Memory of Dot Moore.

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

Price, Ella Sue Painter

It is with great sorrow that we announce the departure of Ella Sue Painter Price from this life to the next. She lived a very full life from March 31,1941 - November 22, 2023, and is survived by her granddaughter and two younger sisters. She is and will be greatly missed.

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



Moore, Dorothy May Strader

Dorothy "Dot" May beginning at Shawsville Strader Moore went peacefully to the Lord on Nov. 27, 2023. Dot was born in Drift, Ky. on June 6, 1928, and grew up in Radford. She graduated Radford High School and earned her Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Physical Education and a minor in English and Social Studies from Radford University. She participated in many extracurricular activities at Radford University, including Alpha Sigma Alpha, Choral Club, German Club, YWCA, and she taught others to play tennis. Some years later, while teaching full time, she earned her master's degree in education from Virginia Tech.

40 years,

Dot's teaching career

spanned



High School, where taught physical education and coached basketball and girls' volleyball. She then moved to Brentsville Middle and High schools where she devoted 35 years to teaching physical education, health, and driver's education. She also coached numerous girls' sports teams, including basketball, softball, track, volleyball, gymnastics, and tennis. Dot was a dedicated teacher and coach who instilled in her students not only the importance of physical activity, but also the ideals and standards that would

help them lead healthy

and successful lives. She

led by example, staying

active and playing tennis

with the Sudley Tennis

Club well into her 60's,

likely contributing to her longevity.

When Dot wasn't tennis, she playing would enjoy swimming, gardening, needlepoint, latch-look, knitting sewing. and was an avid fan of Virginia Tech football and the Washington Commanders. Dotfeltathomeinboth

Radford and Manassas. She and her deceased sister Virginia, "Ditty", would regularly travel to and from Radford, making friends at every restaurant, motel, and gas station along the way. Dot especially enjoyed attending Radford class reunions and the Radford University Highlanders Festival.

Dot comes from a long line of teachers, including her deceased Aunt Lucille, who helped raise her and Ditty. After 40 years of teaching, Dot said she would do it all over again. Her love of education and dedication to students is exemplified by her decision in 2006 to establish the Virginia Strader Nunn Memorial Scholarship in Education

at Radford University.

The scholarship honors

the legacy of her sister

Ray, Douglas MacArthur Douglas MacArthur Ray, 78, of Charity (little miss); four great

Custer City, Ok., passed away Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2023, at his home in Radford. He served his country in the U. S. Army Reserves for six years. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dan and Minnie Ray; grandson, Raymond Lilly; his siblings, Ed Shelton, Pauline Walton, Jean Clift, Jane Smith and Jim Ray; and niece, Nancy Moore. Survivors include his wife of 53

years, Linda Joyce Ray; son and daughter-in-law, Todd Ray and Sarah; sister and brother-in-law, Loretta Foust and Darin; grandchildren, Randi, Zoe, Micah, Destiny and



grandchildren; special nieces and nephews, Myra Burrows, Linda Pruit (William), Earl Walton, Leslie Walton, Karen (Randy) Cravens, Danny Huddleston, Rick (Karen) Mitchell, Buster (Kim) Walker, (Roxy) Ray, Dale Angela (Kirk) McKay, Taffy (Chad) Rigsby, and Tim (Bonnie) Davis; and many other relatives and

friends. Memorial services will

announced at a later date. The Ray family is in the care of

Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford.

Stickley, Dr. Robert FitzSimons Dr. Robert FitzSimons Stickley (Dr. with many of the moral attributes

father, and grandfather, passed away peacefully on Dec. 2, 2023, at his home in Christiansburg Born on Jan. 29, 1951,

Bob), loving husband,

in Asheville, N.C., he dedicated his life to his family, and to bettering

the human condition. Fortunate to have lived numerous places in

his early years while his father was in the Army, his fondest childhood memories were those he

made in Greece. Joining the Boy

Scouts at this time provided him

his life. Upon returning to the United States in 1967, his family took up roots in Winchester, Va. where he attended

he carried throughout

James Wood High School. He then went on to study at the University of Virginia for both undergraduate and medical school. During this time, he met the love of his life and wife of 51 years,

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RADFORD SPORTS





Addison Linkous of Christiansburg High School enters the spring softball season already knowing her plans after graduation. She will continue her career as a student-athlete at West Virginia Wesleyan.

Linkous to play softball at West Va. Wesleyan

Marty Gordon

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The recent announcements by several high school softball players in our area is a testament to the success on and off the field.

Monday, Christiansburg's Addison Linkous announced plans to play softball and attend West Virginia Wesleyan. She joined four from Blacksburg who repeated similar intentions over the past week.

Linkous chose the school because of its amazing campus and as she says, gives her an opportunity to major in nursing. Linkous hopes to play third or first

base at the higher level after averaging a .413 batting average this past year as a junior at Christiansburg, while tallying a .647 field percentage. West Virginia Wesleyan College is a

private college in Buckhannon, West Virginia. It has an enrollment of about 900 students from 35 U.S. states and 26 countries.

The college's athletics teams are the Bobcats, which compete in the NCAA Division II Mountain East Conference, of which it was a founding member in

This past year, the West Virginia Wesleyan Softball team lost to East Stroudsburg 1-0 in the Atlantic Regional Pod 1 Championship, putting an end to a remarkable season (45-17) for the 'Cats.

Coach Steve Warner is one of the elite softball coaches in NCAA Division II and ranks fifth nationally among active NCAA Division II coaches in victories with a 1,133-426-2 record during his 30 years at West Virginia Wesleyan. He won his 1,000th game in 2017 at the NCAA Division II World Series as his team finished third in the nation.

Consistency has led Warner's Bobcat teams to win 20 regular season WVIAC/ MEC Championships and 17 WVIAC/ MEC Tournament titles. WVWC softball has been a mainstay in postseason competition. Warner's squads have appeared in 19 NCAA Regionals and five NCAA Super Regionals (2012, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017).

In 2008, Warner assisted Scot Thomas, former head coach of Virginia Tech with the Salem All-Star Team, which competed against the USA Olympic team.

First look: Virginia Tech versus Tulane

For the first time in the Brent Pry era, Virginia Tech football is going bowling.

The Hokies, who went 6-6 (5-3 ACC) in the regular season, will face No. 23 Tulane (11-2, 8-0 AAC) in the Military Bowl on Wednesday, Dec. 27 at 2 p.m. ET on ESPN at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium.

V: The game will be televised on ESPN. The announcing crew will be released at a later date.

Radio: The Virginia Tech Sports Network, including its flagship station 105.3 FM "The Bear" in Blacksburg, will carry the contest over the airwaves. Bill Roth will handle play-byplay duties while Mike Burnop provides color commentary and Zach Mackey reports from the

sideline. Streaming: Catch the game online at ESPN. com and in the ESPN

mobile app. Live Audio: Listen to live audio coverage of the matchup at HokieSports.

com/Watch or in the

HokieSports mobile app. Tech's upcoming game marks its 35th bowl appearance in its storied history, starting way back in 1947. Six Virginia Tech head coaches have coached in a bowl game, which includes interim head coach J.C. Price in the Hokies' most recent bowl in 2021. Pry will try to start his bowl record on the right side, which Tech's last two full-time head coaches were able to do. He has coached in 14 bowl games over the course of his career as an assistant or GA, including two with the Hokies – 1995 Sugar Bowl and 1996 Orange

James Kitts 1947 (L, 18-6 Cincinnati in Sun

Jerry Claiborne 1966 (L, 14-7 Miami in Liberty Bowl)

Bill Dooley 1981 (L, 20-10 Miami in Peach

Frank Beamer 1993 (W, 45-20 Indiana in Independence Bowl)

Justin Fuente 2016 (W, 35-24 Arkansas in Belk Bowl) *J.C. Price 2021 (L,

54-10 Maryland in Pinstripe Bowl) *interim

Familiar Stage

Hokies The familiar with the Military Bowl, with their third appearance taking place later this month. Tech is 1-1 in the bowl game and, ironically, played Cincinnati twice (2014, 2018). With a lot of Virginia Tech alums living near Annapolis, Hokie Nation has always shown out and is expected to be in attendance once again at Navy-Marine

Corps Memorial Stadium (34,000 capacity).

Keeping Momentum

In its last outing, Tech put on a clinic offensively, racking up a season-high 55 points on its way to an emphatic 55-17 win over in-state rival Virginia in the Smithfield Commonwealth Clash. The point total was also the most scored by the Hokies in their series versus Virginia. Tech hopes to keep it going, coming off of its best game yet. Earlier in the season, Tech played well following its 30-13 win over Wake Forest, with defeating Syracuse 38-10

the next game. Defensive Antwaun Powell-Ryland: Known as APR, the 6-foot-3, 244-pound specimen earned All-ACC honors after an impressive regular season. Powell-Ryland recorded the most sacks by a Hokie since 2014 (9.5) and led the team in TFLs (13.5), forced fumbles (3) and quarterback hurries (7). This past weekend, he posted on social media that he will be returning for another season in Blacksburg and not enter the NFL Draft. Expect him to be a differencemaker in the Military

Virginia Tech Athletics



Christiansburg's Katy Hoover scores a fast break layup ahead of James River's Jalen Thompson during a Wednesday night home game. The Blue Demons would

Christiansburg girls defeat James River



PHOTOS BY JON FLEMING Christiansburg's Blythe Akers scores from the low post against James River.

Christiansburg is now 3-0 on the season.

Blacksburg boys prevail over Auburn



Blacksburg senior Trey Saville drives baseline against an Auburn defender during the second half of Wednesday's contest. Saville scored 17 points to lead the Bruin offense in a close 61-59 victory over the Eagles.



Auburn's Coahan Gordon slips by Blacksburg's Wade Bland and scores a layup. Gordon had 19 points for the Eagles.

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Botetourt downs Blacksburg High



Blacksburg center Riley Price scores against Lord Botetourt's Gracie Huffard. Price had eight points in the home loss Tuesday night. Behind constant full court pressure, Lord Botetourt would come away with a 65-38 win over Blacksburg in girls' basketball.



PHOTOS BY JON FLEMING

Blacksburg point guard Brynn Ferguson dribbles against full court pressure by Lord Botetourt's Madilyn Winterton. Ferguson scored nine points to lead the Bruins' offense.

ONLINE AUCTION

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Auburn's Landen Marrs drives and scores late in the Fourth quarter to cut into Blacksburg's lead.

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Sharon, as well as many lifelong friends. After medical school, he completed his residency at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital at the University of Michigan.

Dr. Stickley returned to Virginia, practicing pediatrics in Warrenton with the business he established, Child Health Associates, and then again in Radford with New River Valley Pediatrics. He devoted his life to medicine and was proud to serve the small communities which he chose to call home. He cherished working alongside the myriad doctors, nurses, and medical professionals, all of whom he respected so much, during his rewarding career. Philanthropic by nature, he took it upon himself to mentor UVA nurse practitioners and sponsor medical initiatives in Africa.

With fine woodworking as a passion, he was always eager to design furniture in the Craftsman style for family and friends. As a lifelong British car enthusiast, he often spent long nights in his garage working on his beloved Austin-Healey. When he wasn't busy as a physician, he loved to take his friends and family traveling to beautiful natural places around the

Dr. Robert FitzSimons Stickley is survived by his wife Sharon Smallridge Stickley, his daughter Anna Stickley Harrison (husband Matthew) of Charlottesville, his son Robert Smallridge Stickley of Richmond, and his son Dr. Samuel FitzSimons Stickley (wife Emily) of Urbana, IL. He shared a special connection with his granddaughter, Emma Lillian Harrison. He is preceded in death by his mother Anne Sabina FitzSimons, for whom he cared deeply. He is survived by his father, Dr. William Sproul Stickley (wife Betty) who instilled in him an industrious mindset and a value for education. He is predeceased by his brother, Edward Lee Stickley. He held his maternal uncle, William Huger FitzSimons, in highest regard, as he did his cousin Jennifer FitzSimons. He also had a special affinity for his in-laws, the Koonce and Smallridge families of Winchester, Virginia, who provided a loving family for him.

Dr. Stickley lived a full, peaceful life and, in every of his endeavors, strove to make the world a better place than he found it. Gracious, loyal, kind, and gentle, he will be missed by all of those

who knew him.

A visitation for the local community is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2023, 4 – 7 p.m., at Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. A celebration of life for friends and family will be held at his home in the summer of 2024. In lieu of flowers, his family kindly asks that you consider donating to the National Pediatric Cancer Foundation.

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

Whitt, Jr., Harry Beckwith

82, passed away Monday, Dec. 4, 2023, at his home in Radford. He was a member of Unity Christian Church and taught at River Heads High School, Pulaski County High School and retired from VA Tech.

H. B. was preceded in death by his parents, Harry Beckwith, Sr. and Alma Virginia Linkous Whitt; and his brother, Robert "Bob"

Whitt. Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Janet Whitt; sons, Scott Whitt (Lori) and Johnny Whitt (Karen); grandchildren, Justin (Bailey), Dillon

Harry Beckwith "H.B." Whitt, Jr., (MaKayla) and Riley; brother, Cabby Whitt (Diane); and many other relatives

and friends. The family will receive friends 2 - 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2023, at Unity Christian Church in Memorial Radford. services will follow at 4 p.m. with Rev. Wendy Wilson officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959.

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