

NRCC to hold 2024 Veterans Day ceremony

New River Community College Veterans Office will host a Veterans Day Ceremony on Monday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m.

The event will be held on NRCC's campus in Dublin in Edwards Hall, Room 117.

The program will include presentation of the colors and retiring of the flags by members of the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets. Music will be provided by the Radford High School Chamber Ensemble under the direction of Darren Goad. Ryan Adams, NRCC veterans and dependents student services advisor and U.S. Air Force Veteran; Marley Spennacchio-Parker, NRCC veteran student and U.S. Marine Corps Veteran; Dr. Deborah Kennedy, NRCC dean of student services; and Dr. Peter

Anderson, NRCC vice president for instruction and student services and U.S. Army and Gulf War Veteran, will represent the college during the ceremony.

Dr. Don Stowers, U.S. Army Veteran and former NRCC veterans officer will serve as the keynote speaker. Stowers also served as the Pulaski County Public Schools superintendent from 2001 to 2010 and served as a Virginia educator for over 39 years.

The ceremony is free and open to NRCC students, faculty, staff and the public. A reception with light refreshments will be provided at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Following the event, NRCC Veterans Services will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new NRCC Veterans Resource

Center located in Rooker Hall Room 218. The Veterans Resource Center is a newly renovated room, equipped with a coffee bar and café, computer stations, study spaces, and a relaxation area that will provide a centralized space for NRCC Veteran and dependent students to better connect. The center will offer resources to assist with academic and non-academic needs, ensuring Veteran/dependent students and their families have access to the support they need for a successful college experience.

For more information about either event, contact the NRCC Veterans Office at (540)674-3693 or email veterans@nr.edu.

New River Community College



COURTESY IMAGE

VFW members heft monument back into place



VFW Commander Gary Harris, along with Vanhoy, Chamberlain and Woolever, with the monument after it was put back in place. The monument was knocked over during the flood from Hurricane Helene.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Nathan Vanhoy, Charles Chamberlain and Fred Woolever from VFW Post 776 set back in place a monument honoring the Radford residents who have died in action in wars from World War I on.

Heather Bell
Editor

RADFORD - The flooding from Hurricane Helene left a lot of destruction in its wake in the City of Radford, especially in the city's parks and the animal shelter.

In Bisset Park, one of the results

of the flooding was the memorial for Radford's veterans who were killed in action in wars was knocked over. Now the monument is back in place thanks to the efforts of three very strong members of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 776, Nathan Vanhoy, Charles Chamberlain and Fred Woolever.

"Four from the VFW went to Bisset Park at the gazebo to set up the monument that was moved and knocked over," said VFW Commander Gary Harris. "It took three good men to reset it."

"As commander, I gave out instructions," Harris joked.

Wicked Society students shine at UN conference in Berlin



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Radford University's Wicked Society members attend a UN conference in Berlin.

How do you survive a zombie apocalypse?

A year ago, a group of students involved in Radford University's Wicked Society presented a workshop to participants at the United Nations Principles for Responsible Management and Education (UN PRME) conference in Lisbon, Portugal, taking them through a scenario in which a virus outbreak had killed 99% of the world's population.

It was a remarkable success, with Radford undergraduate and graduate students receiving high praise and awards for their work.

At this year's UN PRME Conference, held in Berlin, Germany, Radford's Wicked Society built on last year's success, hosting two workshops, this time looking into the future and requiring the participating group of distinguished researchers and academics to "attend the D.E.A.D. Summit – Diplomatic

Efforts for Altruistic Development," explained Radford graduate student Maja Anderson, "a summit of clan leaders one year after the Zombie apocalypse."

The Radford students spent nine months before the conference preparing for the workshop, creating video scenarios, maps of the imaginary world, and characters

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PHOTO COURTESY OF GLENCOE MANSION

Earl White

The Glencoe Sessions with Earl White

Radford, VA— FRIENDS of the Blue Ridge and Glencoe Mansion are pleased to host the third of "The Glencoe Sessions" with an evening of music inside the Glencoe Mansion with the multi-talented musician Earl White on Friday, Nov. 1, 6-7:30 p.m..

Tickets are \$15 each and are available to purchase online and in person while supplies last.

Earl White has been a fixture in the old time music community for nearly 50 years. Known for his broad collection of tunes and his driving style, Earl is one of the founding members of the Green Grass Cloggers and remains one of the few Black Americans carrying on the string band tradition.

"The Glencoe Sessions" is curated by rising bluegrass star Addie Levy and provides for an intimate listening experience with a diverse array of musical talent from our Blue Ridge region. "The Glencoe Sessions" season will conclude in December with the band Domino, featuring Addie Levy.

FRIENDS of the Blue Ridge, established in 1988, is a nonprofit organization dedicated

to fostering vibrant communities in the Blue Ridge that celebrate the area's unique culture, natural beauty and quality of life. They do so by empowering volunteer groups, organizations and municipalities to coordinate special projects and events.

Glencoe Mansion is the historic 1875 residence of Gen. Gabriel C. and Nannie Radford Wharton and is now home to a dynamic community museum. "The Glencoe Sessions" will be held inside the beautifully restored period rooms where the audience can appreciate the history and beauty of the house while also enjoying music inspired by the history of the region.

Tickets are \$15 per person per session. Children 12 and under are free admission with the purchase of an adult ticket. For more information or to purchase tickets please visit blueridgejamboree.com or blueridgefriends.org. Tickets may also be purchased in person at the Glencoe Mansion and the FRIENDS of the Blue Ridge Office.

Glencoe Mansion

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, Oct. 30:

Blacksburg Farmers Market
At Market Square Park, 100 Draper Rd SW, Blacksburg; 2 – 6 p.m. The 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>.

Free GED Prep Classes with NRCC
At the Radford Public Library, 9 a.m. – noon. Join NRCC in the community room for free GED prep classes! For more info call 540-674-3682.

Friday, Nov. 1:

Friday Forums with VTWC
The Virginia Tech Women’s Club (VTWC) will host Bridget Brugger-McSorley, Executive Associate Athletics Director/Strategic Affairs at VT at the second Friday Forum of the Year. She will speak about “Title Nine in Athletics” and will discuss many new developments on the horizon. At Friday Forums, community members have the opportunity to engage with local leaders and scholars and learn from them. Everyone is invited to the free event at the Fellowship Hall at Luther Memorial Church on 600 Prices Fork in Blacksburg, 10 – 11 a.m. Each event begins with coffee and conversation at 10 a.m. but come a little early to socialize.

Saturday, Nov. 2:

Children’s clothing consignment sale
The semi-annual Blacksburg United Methodist Church children’s consignment sale will be held on 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Blacksburg United Methodist Church, 111 Church St. (parking at 202 Lee St.). Families can get great deals on seasonal kids' clothes and shoes, toys, books, baby gear, sports equipment, maternity clothing and more. Many items are like-new (some even brand-new). Some items will be half-price between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. but you will want to shop early for the best selection. Cash or checks only; no card or electronic payments. Proceeds benefit local charities. There is space for new consignors. For more information, email bumckidsale@aol.com.

Blacksburg Farmers Market
At Market Square Park, 100 Draper Rd SW, Blacksburg; New Hours for Nov. through Dec.: 9 a.m. - 2 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>.

Tuesday, Nov. 5:

Election Day
Election for U.S. President, Senate and House of Representatives, and local elections in Radford. Polls open 6 a.m. – 7 p.m.

FamilyREADS with Literacy NRV
At the Radford Public Library, 5:30 – 7:45 p.m. If you are a parent with low to intermediate English language skills, sign up for Family Reads in partnership

with LiteracyNRV. Registration required. LiteracyNRV will host seven weeks of learning each Tuesday from Oct. 1 – Nov. 19. We'll have fun activities for kids aged 3-8 so you can focus on your language studies (siblings are welcome, and homework help is available). A story time, educational activities, and games will be provided for all children. Families will receive free dinner! For more information, call (540) 382-7262, test (540) 585-1672, or email Anne Abbott at aabbott@lvnrnv.org.

Wednesday, Nov. 6:

Eligibility applications at the Christmas Store
In-person applications for Eligibility to shop at the Montgomery County Christmas Store will be held on the following dates: Nov. 6, 4-7 p.m.; Nov. 13, 4-7 p.m. and Nov. 20, 4-7 p.m. Go on-line at <https://www.mcchristmasstore.org/eligibility> to see documents needed to bring to eligibility session. Questions? Email them to mccseligibilty@gmail.com for answers.

Thursday, Nov. 7:

Radford Army Ammunition Plant community meeting
The Radford Army Ammunition Plant (RFAAP) will hold the next Commander's Community Meeting at 6:30 p.m. The event will take place at the Christiansburg Library at 125 Sheltman St., Christiansburg. Additionally, the event will be broadcast on Facebook Live from the Radford Army Ammunition Plant Facebook page. These meetings are open to the public and are an opportunity to learn about RFAAP Modernization and Environmental Projects. Our commitment to responding to your questions extends beyond the Community Meeting. You can reach out to us for questions or to conduct research on your own through several resources, including Facebook: www.facebook.com/RadfordArmyAmmunitionPlant; Homepage: www.jmc.army.mil/Radford/RadfordDefault.aspx; and Email: usarmy.ria.jmc.mbx.amsjm-pa@army.mil.

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

Friday, Nov. 8 and Saturday, Nov. 9:

Book Sale
The Radford Public Library will have a book sale on Friday, Nov. 8 and Saturday, Nov. 9, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. There will be many children’s books and many science fiction and fantasy books. It will also be a very big sale with lots of books in all categories. We save all year all the Christmas items, as well. Come and support the Radford library and do some Christmas shopping too.

Saturday, Nov. 9 and Sunday, Nov. 10:

Holiday Bazaar
Women With a Vision Bible Study of First Baptist Church, 555 West Rock Road, Radford, will hold a

Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2024, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 10, 2024, 1 – 3 p.m. Area vendors will have tables as well as the Bible Study and Youth Group of First Baptist Church. Baked goods and hot dogs will be available both days.

Tuesday, Nov. 12:

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. The meeting is being held on a Tuesday due to Veteran’s Day. Citizens are invited to attend and allowed to speak at each meeting. See the agenda at www.radfordva.gov.

Blacksburg Town Council meeting
The council meets in regular session the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 S. Main St. These meetings are open to the public and televised live on WTOB Channel 2.

Christiansburg Town Council meeting
Regular town council meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month beginning at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Town Hall (100 E. Main St.). 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.

Ongoing:

Sinkland Farms Pumpkin Festival
The festival runs until Nov. 3, 2024, Friday- Sunday. Start your journey by selecting the perfect pumpkin from a vast array of sizes and colors, ideal for fall decorations or carving your Halloween masterpiece. Then, hop on a hayride to the picturesque pumpkin patch, navigate the challenging five-acre corn maze, and indulge in a variety of fun-filled activities designed to delight the whole family. Live music, vendors and more. Open Fridays 4- 8 p.m. with limited offerings and Saturdays and Sundays 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. For more information, log on to sinklandfarms.com.

Now through Nov. 11:

Blacksburg Aquatic Center closed
The Blacksburg Aquatic Center will be closed for construction, 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Lap swim will be available Monday-Friday, 5:30-8:30 a.m. and 5:30-8 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.- 12 p.m. and Sunday 1- 4:45 p.m. There will be no morning Water Aerobics or Therapy Swim. The Aquatic Center should reopen and resume normal operating hours Monday, Nov. 11.

Now through Nov. 20:

Faculty Showcase Exhibition
The Radford University Faculty Showcase Exhibition is open in the Radford University Tyler Gallery, Tyler Avenue, Radford. Come see artwork from faculty across the campus through Nov. 20. The closing reception will be Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 5 p.m. and includes refreshments.

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with back stories from the past year. They also piloted a version of this workshop at the Governor’s School for the Visual and Performing Arts and Humanities in July. Each character was built on a wicked problem – those complex, persistent social issues that are nearly impossible to solve – such as “cross-border oppression, climate change, and a population crisis,” explained Anderson, a graduate student in Radford’s design thinking M.F.A. program and president of the university’s Wicked Society. Anderson and Rachel Sharrett, society past president and graduate alum, presented the workshops with Radford undergraduates Frankie Pelletier, Riley Petroski, Caroline Sapp and Kate Stefanelli. The object of the summit was to figure out collectively how to divvy up the resources of the gathered summit participants and plan for how to work together to further create a working society,” Anderson said. To achieve success, participants “were instructed to use different design thinking methods, such as the bullseye/what’s on your radar method, and visualize the vote,” said Stefanelli, a sophomore chemistry major and Wicked Society treasurer. UN PRME Conference organizers viewed the Radford students’ workshops as a “huge success,” said Tay Keong Tan, a professor of political science and director of Radford University’s International Studies and Leadership Studies. “Our two 90-minute workshops were among the most engaging in the three-day conference as they are designed as experiential exercises to teach the solving of leadership and conflict management lessons in the contexts of cataclysmic events, or wicked problems.” The Wicked Society at Radford was born in late 2022 with Tan urging students to focus studies and research on wicked problems. It began with the creation of a Wicked Problems Toolkit, a website that holds artifacts and resources for understanding and addressing various

wicked issues. In addition, Tan, along with a group of students and faculty, regularly participated in the biannual Wicked Festival, a showcase of hundreds of student projects focused on solving wicked problems. The fall 2024 Wicked Festival is scheduled for 5-7:30 p.m. Nov. 14 in the Artis Center for Adaptive Innovation and Creativity. Running the simulation in Berlin helped Stefanelli understand “the different ways groups of people approach solving difficult problems and how there is never going to be one set answer to these problems,” she said. “While solving a zombie apocalypse is an unlikely problem we’ll face, the different design processes can be applied to real-world issues such as climate change, drug trafficking, systematic oppression and social injustices.” As early as their freshman year, Radford University students gain hands-on experience, conduct research, and run simulations that go beyond what many internships or academic conferences offer. “It means so much to me that Radford offers these kinds of opportunities to students, especially undergraduates,” Stefanelli said. “As an undergraduate, I never thought I would have the opportunity to attend and present at a UN conference in Germany. This was such a big learning experience for me, giving me valuable experience in presenting outside of the typical classroom environment.” Regardless of their major, every student at Radford University can engage in career-driven experiences that connect them meaningfully to their future profession. For Pelletier, a junior media studies major with a journalism concentration, the conference was the perfect place to observe communications strategies and efforts in a global setting. “Having the opportunity to watch the different ways in which professors and businesspeople from various cultures communicate with each other when trying to share information, create plans and persuade each other

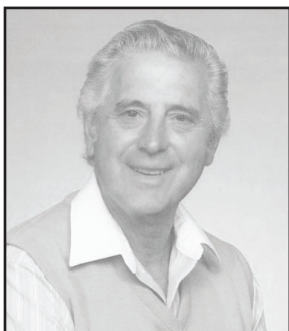
was really fascinating,” Pelletier said. “It also gives me more experience with communicating with different groups of people because journalism is really all about understanding your audience and how best to convey your stories to keep them interested.” Following their workshops, Radford students received numerous compliments for their extraordinary work. “Some professors [attending the conference] who were teaching communications ethics and business ethics said they would love to use our simulation in their classes to immerse students in the lesson,” Pelletier said, “and what really surprised me was some scholars saying our workshop inspired some ideas for research studies.” Milenko Gudic, co-chair of the UN PRME Anti-Poverty Working Group and co-organizer/convenor of the RMER Conference in Berlin, said Radford “has a fantastic team” and thanked Tan and his students for their “formidable workshop in Berlin.” “As I have already told you,” Gudic continued in an email to Tan, “you had a big challenge given the high expectations, but you responded by not only responding to the challenge but also by lifting the bar even higher.” Tan, along with Anderson and Sharrett, has written a conference proceedings publication based on the group’s simulations. The text, entitled “Integrating Simulation and Design Thinking: Fostering Responsible Leadership through Apocalyptic Scenarios,” explores experiential learning approaches that teach leadership and character building. It will be included as a chapter in the 2025 book “Responsible Management Education with Impact: A Blueprint for Transformative Leadership Beyond 2030,” edited by Alexander Herzner, Ruth Areli García-León and Lisa Fröhlich.

Chad Osborne for Radford University



Phillips, James C.

Mr. Phillips served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He worked at the Lynchburg Foundry in Radford, Va., for 31 years and retired in 1990. He was a member of the Church of God in Radford, Va. He had many friends there and especially loved Pastor



He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Geneva Phillips; siblings, Ruby McDaniel of Radford, and Tinesta (Jay) Nester of Dugspur; children, Rhonda (Thomas) Warden and Sherry (Fred) Eckert; stepchildren, Debbie (Randy) Hamm, and Charlotte Elder; grandsons, Ben Eckert, David Simpkins, Thomas Whitlock, and Randal Hamm; granddaughters, Michelle Lawrence.

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

Tim is preceded in death by a sister.

Kimberly Winfrey.
He is survived by his
wife, Kay Linkous
Allen; daughter, Trinity
Thomas (Jesse; stepson,
Samuel Bostwick
(Lori); stepdaughter,
Amanda McFalls
(Luke); grandchildren,
Dustin, Caleigh,
Cooper, Carson, Kaiden,
Graeson, and Isabella;
sister, Wynoka Price
(Dennis); numerous
aunts, uncles, nieces,

To honor Tim's wishes, there will be no funeral services. The family is planning a Celebration of Life at a later date.

Olverson, Martha Kate Webb

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ike Webb and Bertha Davidson; her loving husband, Rudolph Olverson; sisters, Dency Webb, Mildred Williams, Catherine Parsons and Lola Gambill; and her brothers, Alfonso Davidson, Richard Webb, Carl Webb, Bob Webb, and Tommy Webb.



grandsons, Terrance Allen (Latesha) and Andrew Olverson; great-granddaughters, Aubrey and Avery; sister, Lydia Wade; brother, Aaron

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

Franklin, Steven Douglas

guiding him. Steven's imagination didn't have limits or boundaries. He'd even dream about building and creating things. He enjoyed working on projects around the home, cooking, and simply



We would like to extend our deepest appreciation for his sister Suzie, who helped care for Steven and took us to his appointments at Wake Forest Cancer Center. She started watching out

In lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite charity. There will not be a service. Steven will be greatly missed by all of his family and friends. The family appreciates your expressions of sympathy.

Garrott, Elizabeth (Betty) Clark

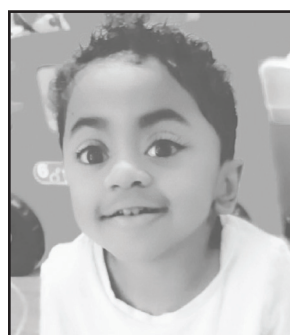
Born in Buffalo, N.Y. in 1932 to Anna and William Clark, beloved by her husband of 51 years George B. Garrott. She is also survived by a stepson George B. Garrott, Jr. (Bart) and his wife Susan, of Apex, N.C. Betty was predeceased by older siblings, Virginia Webb, Dorothy Dickens, and one brother, William Clark. She is survived by two nieces, Robin Clark-Long of Redlands, California and Lois



Richardson of Vancouver, B.C., Canada, and a nephew Edwin Webb of Punta Gorda, Fla. Betty is also lovingly remembered by George's nieces Diane Fishback, Karen Koonce,

Pyles, Drayton Josiah

Survivors include his mother, Misty Marie Yopp Pyles; grandparents, Randy and Frances Duncan; little brother, Onyx Stewart; uncles, Jimmy, Chuckie, Wes, Michael and Alex; aunts, Ryleigh, Jessica and Christine; great-grandparents, Roger and Bonnie Cox; home health nurse and adult, besrie, Monica Tolley;



Drayton's family would like to thank the UVA Medical Center

Saville, Mary “Louise”

Louise is survived by her husband of 66 years, Don; children, Lorrie Ann, Mary Lou, Billy, Brooks and Rachel; grandchildren, Chelsea,

Graveside services were conducted Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2024, at Zack Price-James

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

In lieu of flowers,
memorial contributions
may be made to
Zack Price- James R.
Long Cemetery, 1952
Brooksfield Road,
Blacksburg VA, 24060.

Virginia gas prices see slight reduction

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Virginia was priced at \$2.60/g yesterday while the most expensive was

Historical gasoline prices in Virginia and the national average

and their current gas

The national average price of gasoline has continued its decline over the last week as oil prices have sunk due to Israel avoiding attacks on Iran's oil infrastructure and seasonal decreases in demand are pushing gasoline lower, as is normal for this time of year. In addition to gasoline prices falling to their lowest level since January, the average

price of diesel has now fallen to its lowest level in over three years," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "While many Americans may incorrectly credit the upcoming election for the declines, politicians have little influence over the strong seasonal forces that drive prices lower in autumn. With winter gasoline soon to reach the rest of California, and demand continuing to decline as Americans grapple with colder weather, the drop in demand is pushing gas prices down—not politicians on either side as much as they might like to think they do. I expect the decline in gas

prices will continue into and even beyond the upcoming election."

GasBuddy

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OPINION

Delegate offers update on hurricane relief, Operation Ceasefire

Before providing you with some good news regarding Virginia Republicans’ efforts to curb violent crime via Operation Ceasefire, I’d like to give you a brief update on Hurricane Helene recovery efforts in the region. As of Oct. 23, FEMA has approved \$7,150,812 for Individual Assistance grants for those affected by Hurricane Helene in Virginia. This includes \$3,293,852 for Housing Assistance, and \$3,856,959 in Other Needs assistance.

In the 42nd House District, there have been 218 registrants in Giles County, 123 in Montgomery County, 210 in Pulaski County, and 179 in the City of Radford. As mentioned last week, two Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC’s) have also been opened in the 42nd House District so far. One DRC opened up in Dublin on Oct. 14 at the New River Valley Fairgrounds at 5581 Fair Grounds Circle, and another began operations in Christiansburg on Oct. 18, located at the Montgomery County Government Center. Impacted residents from Giles, Montgomery, Pulaski, and Radford can visit either of these locations to get storm recovery assistance from FEMA. The Individual Assistance registration deadline is Dec. 2, 2024. Please don’t delay in signing up for assistance by signing up in-person at a DRC, calling 1-800-621-3362, or by



Delegate Jason Ballard

Virginia General Assembly

visiting disasterassistance.gov. When you apply, you’ll be asked to provide: a description of the damage, your contact information, your address, your Social Security number, your insurance information, your annual household income, and your bank account information if you’d like to receive direct deposit.

As it pertains to Operation Ceasefire – Virginia Republicans’ efforts to eliminate violent crime in targeted areas in the Commonwealth – there is much good news to report. It’s been five years since Republicans first began working to implement group violence intervention strategies in Virginia. Operation Ceasefire works to isolate the handful of people in communities with serious violence issues known to be

the main drivers in shootings. After years of obstruction from Democrats in the General Assembly, we now have two years of data from the implementation of this program, and the results are remarkable. Virginia’s murder rate is down 30%, and the vast majority of that decrease comes from cities that are actively engaged in Ceasefire or similar programs. Of the 116 fewer murders in Virginia thus far this year, 77 are credited to cities participating in Ceasefire, which represents 66.4% of the total statewide reduction in murders in 2024. In summary – the numbers don’t lie. Operation Ceasefire works. General Assembly Republicans will continue to build upon this success and expand programs like Ceasefire in the future to ensure all Virginians feel safe in their communities.

As the delegate representing the 42nd House District in the Virginia General Assembly, your concerns are my greatest priority. If ever I may be of assistance to you and your family, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at DelJBallard@House.Virginia.Gov. You can also follow me on Twitter @JasonBallardVA or like my Facebook page, Jason Ballard for Delegate, to keep up to date with what I am doing in Richmond and in our community on your behalf.

Memories of judges who made practicing law more than a job

In my early days at my law firm, our primary focus was litigation. We had wonderful trial lawyers like Herb (the consummate “lawyer’s lawyer’s lawyer”), Willis (his intensity made Nick Saban on the sideline seem like a Type B personality), and Jeep (look up “avuncular” in the dictionary, there’s a picture of Jeep wearing a tweed sports coat with leather elbow patches - Mr. Unflappable.) And with great trial lawyers came their foils, great judges. Or at least some interesting ones. I thought it might be fun to reminisce about a few of them, may they all RIP.

Directly across a side street from where our firm resided from 1913 to 2010 is the Harrison County Courthouse. (These types of structures seem to no longer exist in the days of ADR (Alternative Dispute Resolution, words Herb couldn’t say without a bitter taste coming to his mouth) and Zoom and Team hearings and depositions). In my early career, this particular courthouse was ruled over by Chief Judge



Evans “Buddy” King

Columnist

Z., prosecuting attorney in the county for 30 years or so before he discovered he could put people away faster as judge, and another judge I will refer to as “he who shall remain nameless”, like the Red Sox manager who left Pedro in one inning too long in 2003).

This “other judge” in our county was a “seemingly harmless” workers compensation claimants attorney whom the local bar felt would run a “fair and efficient, lawyer-friendly court”. Wrong. As only Herb could say it, he and the other local lawyers who endorsed him and helped get him elected had not read that part of world history about Napoleon having had a “He who shall remain nameless complex.” A brief personal story on each of these judges.

At the closing of one of my few felony trials (court appointed), straight from this season’s Lincoln Lawyer, I made the argument that everyone in the courtroom knew who had committed the crime - not my client, my client’s ex-wife. This lovely lady then rose from her seat in the gallery and screamed, “you’re a lying sack of [you know what]”. I approached the bench and asked Judge Z to declare a mistrial, whereupon he leaned over and whispered, “Mr. King, you don’t want a mistrial, you’re winning!” I took the judge’s advice, withdrew my motion, and got a defense verdict.

Stories about “he who shall remain nameless” are endless. The best most of us could say about him was that he had a wonderful wife who helped teach all our kids in kindergarten. The “seemingly harmless” lawyer the local bar had endorsed because he “got along with everybody” instantly became inflicted with “black robe disease” and got along with nobody. I quickly learned (because he told me) that he didn’t like lawyers from my firm, young lawyers, lawyers educated at “fancy out of state schools”, or lawyers who represented my main client, Union Bank. So, I started out with four strikes against me. The best thing any defendant who was sued in his court could do was not file an answer. He “didn’t like to enter defaults.” Thus, his cases would just languish. Since I did a lot of suing on defaulted loans in those days, this was a particular problem for me.

I think my job was on the line back in those early days when representing one of Bob Steptoe’s clients, a big coal equipment supplier, I could not get the good judge to enter defaults. I tried to convince “he who shall remain nameless” that I couldn’t make the defendants

file a response to my suit, but he was not impressed. The debtors I was chasing were better off just to ignore being sued.

On one particularly big account, Bob told me in no uncertain terms that I just didn’t know how to handle the judge and that he would show me. He had me sit with him while he called the good judge, discussed the problem with my proposed draft, and arranged a conference to present the revised default order. Bob made the change the judge wanted (changing “This day came the parties” to “On this ___ day of November came the parties”). I swear under oath that was all it was!), and Bob and I then went across the street together to present the new order after Bob had politely requested an “audience”.

True to form, the judge reviewed Bob’s draft and immediately put a big “X” on the front page (like we were going to take an unsigned order to the clerk for entry!) and, without a hint of irony, said, “I prefer orders that start with “This day came.” We walked back across the street and a bewildered Bob asked me, “how the heck did he get to be judge?” I said, “don’t ask me, ask Herb.” When “he who shall remain nameless” died, another local lawyer in town called me and said, “Let’s go to the viewing to make sure.” I think he was a fine man, but not everyone can be a good judge.

Another fascinating character on the bench during my early years was the judge of the Circuit Court of Upshur and Lewis Counties, immediately south of Clarksburg. I’ll call him Judge Bill. Judge Bill was the opposite of “he who shall remain nameless” when it came to judicial decorum and respect for those appearing in front of him. Again, the stories are legion, but my favorite is from the time a local lawyer moved for my admission in Judge Bill’s court (an honored formality in those days) and stated, “Mr. King graduated from law school somewhere in Virginia.” The good judge smiled, granted my admission, and then asked, “Mr. King, can you drink or can you dance?” I was obviously confused and Judge Bill clarified, “UVA or Washington & Lee?” Judge Bill and his wife were known to do both with great enthusiasm at an old supper club in Clarksburg, along with some of their friends from their area. Judge Bill treated the lawyers and parties in his court with respect, and he enjoyed his good times.

I have to mention two brilliant federal judges from Virginia who became known as the “docket busters” in our part of West Virginia - the Honorable Richard Williams (one of the great lawyers, judges, and people ever and father of our firm’s retired Clarksburg partner and my good friend from law school days, Walter) and the Honorable Robert Merhige (famous for his “bussing”

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 - Nuclear undersea weapon
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 - ticks outward from the crown
 - Doddering
 - Resect authority (slang)
 - Antsy
 - Wrath
 - Spills the beans
 - Past
 - The woman
 - One has 24 hours
 - Talk
 - It can sting
 - Astronomy unit
 - Halfway
 - Chinese dynasty
 - Australian river
 - Software to transfer audio (abbr.)
- Fabric
 - Crucifix
 - Defunct European economic group
 - “Hotel California” rockers
 - Michael Knight’s car
 - Actress Ryan
 - A digital tape recording of sound
 - Insecticide
 - Scientific instrument
 - Golden-__ corn
 - Israeli city __ Aviv
 - Sword
 - Ottoman military title
 - Aromatic plants
 - Cold wind
 - Large, semiaquatic reptile (slang)
 - Political unit
 - Indiscreetly reveal secrets
 - Comfort food dish
 - Actress Zellweger
- CLUES DOWN

 - One point east of southeast
 - Italian monetary unit
 - Warship prison
 - Tropical American tree
 - Alias
 - Normal or sound powers of mind
 - English county
 - Not compatible with
 - Female deer
 - Not late
 - La __ Tar Pitts, Hollywood
 - “Jupiter’s Legacy” actress Leslie
 - Impudence
 - Advices
 - Founder of Babism
 - A baglike structure in a plant or animal
 - Male parent
 - A type of plug
 - Capital of Vietnam
 - Fungal disease
- Shelter
 - Excrete
 - Unhappy
 - Partner to cheese
 - Coffee receptacle
 - Spend time dully
 - Makes full
 - Snakelike fish
 - Take in solid food
 - __ student, learns healing
 - A way to take away
 - Impart a lesson to
 - “Transformers” actress Fox
 - Spiritual leader
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Blacksburg Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at the Blacksburg Motor Company Building, 400 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia, to hear the following case:

BZA Case #24-001 – Appeal of a Zoning Violation in the RM-48 Medium Density Multiunit Residential Zoning District at the Historic Keister House, 607 Giles Road (Tax Map No. 226-A313). Rachel Kostelac (property owner) is appealing Zoning Violation Code-24-9 issued on September 9, 2024 for exceeding the maximum allowed occupancy of a family plus two persons unrelated to the family, or no more than four unrelated persons, and for parking on the grass at the Historic Keister House, 607 Giles Road.

Persons affected by this case may appear and present their views at the public hearing. Persons may also submit public comments to planning staff by e-mail. After the hearing for the case, the Board will consider making a decision on the appeal. Copies of the appeal and associated materials may be examined at the Planning & Building Department, Blacksburg Motor Company Building, 400 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia on weekdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. You may also call the office at 540-443-1300 or e-mail ppatterson@blacksburg.gov. Individuals with disabilities who require assistance to attend and participate in this public hearing should contact the Planning & Building Department at 540-443-1300.

TOWN OF BLACKSBURG - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

BLACKSBURG TOWN COUNCIL will hold public hearings on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, regarding the following items:

Ordinance 2030: An Ordinance Amending Town Code Section 17-400 and Adding a New Section 17-402 to Authorize Charges for the Use of Emergency Medical Services Vehicles. The proposed ordinance will establish fees for the use of Emergency Medical Transport vehicles. A fee of 170% of the Medicare allowable rates will be charged for Basic Life Support, Advanced Life Support Level 1, Advanced Life Support Level 2, and per mile for ground transport mileage. The Town Council has determined that such charges are necessary, based on increasing call volumes and costs, to assure the provision of adequate and continuing emergency medical services and to preserve, protect and promote the public health, safety and general welfare.

Ordinance 2053: An Ordinance to Amend the Blacksburg Zoning Ordinance to Permit Residential Development on Smaller Lots in the R-4 District by Amending Zoning Ordinance Sections 3040, 3041, and 3042, adding New Zoning Ordinance Sections 3043 and 3044,

and to Amend Subdivision Ordinance Section 107. This proposed text amendment would create the Small Lot Development Option ("Option") within the R-4 Low Density Residential Zoning District. It will allow for development of homes (single-family, detached; two-family dwelling; and townhouse) on relatively small lots to increase housing choice, affordability and sustainability. Small lot development in the R-4 District will permit residential development on lots between 3,000 and 7,499 square feet. The Option will have its own site development standards, occupancy regulations and design standards to ensure compatibility with the existing R-4 District.

Ordinance 2064: An Ordinance To Amend Town Code Sections 22-221 and 22-222 Pertaining to Tax Exemptions For Elderly and Disabled by Increasing Income and Asset Limits. The proposed ordinance will increase the income limit from \$68,000 to \$70,000 and the asset limit from \$200,000 to \$205,000.

Ordinance 2065: An Ordinance Authorizing the Lease of Certain Space at the Town Transit Center Located on the Virginia Tech Campus. The ordinance will authorize the lease of several rooms at new Transit Center, as well as permit the use of shared spaces. The term is for 40 years. The lease is consistent with the requirements of the easement granted by Virginia Tech to permit the construction of the Transit Center on Virginia Tech property and Federal Transit Administration regulations.

All persons affected by or interested in the proposed ordinances above may appear and present their views. After each public hearing, Town Council will consider action on the item. Copies of materials related to the above items are on file and can be obtained in the Office of the Town Clerk, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. For land use matters, copies of applications and all related items may also be found online at www.blacksburg.gov/public hearings or reviewed in person at the Blacksburg Planning and Building Department, 400 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia. Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance to attend and participate in this meeting should contact Lorraine Spaulding, Town Clerk at (540) 443-1025 or 443-1000 (voice or TDD).



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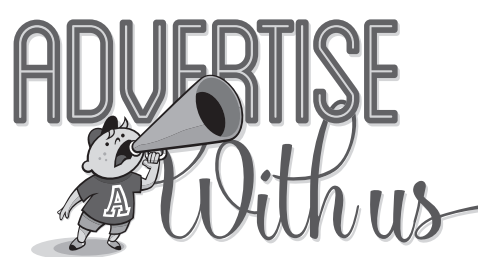


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RADFORD SPORTS

From the gridiron: Setback for Christiansburg, Radford rallies for win over Floyd

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Just three weeks are left in the high school football season, and things are starting to really heat up. Christiansburg and Radford seem to be locked in for the postseason, but their final few games will help to decide their seeds.

Area Top Five: 1) Glenvar, 2) William Byrd, 3) Salem, 4) Radford, 5) George Wythe.

Player of week: Pace Prioleau had a 55-yard interception return touchdown and blocked two punts in Radford's win over Floyd. For his play, he is the player of the week.

This week's games:
Salem (6-2) at Christiansburg (5-4)

Salem rolled in a 68-0 win over Cave Spring. Josiah Persinger scored three rushing touchdowns and finished with 102 yards on 10 carries for Salem (6-2), while Kyshead Arrington added three rushing scores on just eight carries. Eli Taylor collected 216 yards on 8-of-10 passing with a touchdown throw to Coen Logan, who tallied 151 yards on four catches

Last week, Christiansburg turned the ball over three times in the second quarter inside their own 20-yard line as Patrick Henry scored three times in 1:46 to put the game out of reach. Christiansburg's lone score came in the fourth quarter on a 33-yard pass from Izaiah Cotto to Donovan Richardson. PH would score two more times in the fourth.

Matt Annis led Christiansburg with 116 yards on 18 carries. Izaiah Cotto threw a 33-yard touchdown pass to Donovan Richardson. Cotto finished 3 of 6 for 54 yards.

Eastern Montgomery (0-8) at Twin Springs (1-7)

Twin Springs has been outscored 342 to 88, while Eastern Montgomery has had a similar fate in 375 to 38 comparison.

Patrick Henry (5-3) at Blacksburg (4-4)

Patrick Henry rolls into town after a sounding victory over Christiansburg.

Jaxon Keys rushed for 156 yards on 25 carries last week and scored twice as the Bruins moved back to .500 with a win over the Hidden Valley.

Sam Szeftc threw touchdown passes

to Xavier Price and Kadin Deeb and finished 11 of 20 for 115 yards.

Carroll County (5-4) at Radford (6-3)

Carroll County continues to hang around in the Three Rivers District and could affect Radford's seeding in the upcoming playoffs with a win this Friday night. Carroll seems to be a lock for the Region 3D.

Radford had to hang on as a 29-yard field goal late in last week's game gave them a 24-20 win over a very good Floyd team.

Predictions:
Christiansburg 30, Salem 27
Eastern Montgomery 24, Twin Springs 20
Patrick Henry 44, Blacksburg 14
Radford 32, Carroll County 20.

Narrows downs Eastern Montgomery



Eastern Montgomery's Austin Tate (left) tackles Aiden Tiller temporarily halting Narrows' run for another first down. Narrows would take the 41-6 win.



Marshall Tate (right) finds some open space as he gains precious yardage for the Mustangs.



Austin Tate attempts to skirt past Narrows' defense Colby Livingston (left) after catching a pass from Chase Bierman.



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Cade Bell (left) and Issac Stiltner (right) pursue Narrows' running back Colby Livingston (center). Narrows improved to 4-2, while Eastern Montgomery falls to 0-8 on the season.



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Christiansburg High School's Leila Haley placed first in the girls 55 Meter at this past year's East Coast Elite indoor meet at Roanoke College.

Christiansburg's Haley commits to Davidson

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Leila Haley, a senior track and field performer from Christiansburg High School, has announced a commitment to continue her career at Davidson College.

In a social media post, she thanked her family for their constant encouragement and support.

"I am deeply grateful for the role models in my family who have guided me and continue to show me the way," she said.

Haley's father, Dennis, is a former Salem, University of Virginia and professional football player.

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Hokies in top five of ACC standings

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Virginia Tech moved to 3-1 on the season in the ACC standings and are in fifth place. Thus, they will need a lot of help as four teams are above them, all in conference play. But Pittsburgh has to play SMU, and Clemson will travel to Blacksburg in two weeks.

So, the Hokies have their final record in their own hands with a chance to finish in one of the top two, playing in the ACC championship. Miami, the team Tech feels they beat, also does not have a blemish on their record. The final three games of the season will matter for everyone involved.

Virginia Tech like many other football programs took an opportunity on Saturday to salute cancer survivors and those battling with cancer and specific breast cancer during "Breast Cancer Awareness Month". Many of those individuals were on the field for the Enter Sandman experience at the start of the ball game.

Six of the current players on the Tech roster call Georgia home and knew many of the GT players on the field this weekend. Those Hokies included: OL Montavious Cunningham (Athens, Ga.), OL Web Davidson (Macon, Ga.), LS Christian Eppling (Dacula, Ga.), OL Elijah Haughawout



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Virginia Tech brought attention to "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" with a pink ribbon on the back of their helmets during Saturday's game with Georgia Tech.

(Suwanne, Ga.), DL Cole Nelson (John's Creek, Ga.) and RB Malachia Thomas (Hartwell, Ga.).

Between 2005 and 2012, the winner of this game represented the Coastal Division in the ACC championship

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Christiansburg beats Blacksburg in volleyball



Ellie Eddleton (center) bumps a serve from Blacksburg in this past week's "Battle of the Burgs". Christiansburg won three straight games over Blacksburg to walk away with their 16th win of the season.



Blacksburg's Sullivan Shealor (center) and Keely Semtner (right) attempt to block a kill by Christiansburg's Addison Reasor.

Haley

Leila said she chose Davidson because of its strong academic reputation and supportive community.

"The college offers a great balance between athletics and academics, which is important to me as a student-athlete. Additionally, the track and field program at Davidson is exceptional, and I felt a strong connection with the coaches and team during my visit. Where they all welcomed me like i was one of their own. The sprint coach Zach Haupt started recruiting (me) last year, and I've built a great relationship with him during the recruiting process," she said.

During her high school career, Haley has had several standout performances. She won the regional championships in

the 55m (Indoor 2024), 100m (Outdoor 2024), 400m (Outdoor 2023), and Triple Jump twice (Indoor and Outdoor 2023).

She also broke separate school records including the 100,200,300 and 400m dashes and according to her, plans to break more this upcoming season.

Haley has also been honored as the MVP Track Athlete of the Year for two consecutive years and have received all-state recognition multiple times starting as early as Freshman Year.

Davidson College is a private liberal arts college in Davidson, North Carolina and has a current enrollment of 1,922 undergraduate students. The school participates as a member

of the Atlantic 10 Conference in all sports other than football and wrestling.

Last season, Davidson finished the conference meet with three gold medals, two silvers and two bronze enrout to a sixth place finish out of 14 teams. Jen Straub, the longest tenured coach at Davidson College, is in her 24th season with the Wildcats and 10th as the Director of Track & Field/Cross Country. Straub led the charge as the program shifted from the Southern Conference to the Atlantic 10 in 2014 and has seen growing success each year since.

In college, Haley plans to compete in the 100m 200m and 400m sprints, as well as any relay.

She hopes to major in Biology. "I've always been passionate about science and understanding how living organisms function. Davidson's rigorous biology program will provide me with the knowledge and skills I need for a future career in healthcare that I have already started working towards with already having my CNA and Pharmacy Tech licenses."

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AARP Virginia fraud alert: Tech-support scams

Tech support is calling – but should you answer? One might think that a crime like the tech support scam, which has been around for over 15 years, might fade away, but it is more common than ever.

These scams start with an unsolicited phone call or a pop-up alert on your device, claiming to be from Microsoft, Norton, or another related company warning

of grave problems. The goal is to persuade you to grant remote access to your device, after which they'll claim to find something terrible. In reality, these criminals are likely trying to install malware, which enables them to steal personal information and account logins. They may also pressure you into paying for expensive (and fake) repairs or protection services.

If you receive an urgent phone call or a sudden, alarming pop-up, it's almost certainly a scam. Don't engage, and to rid your screen of the message, exit out of your browser or restart your device. Keeping your operating systems and security software up to date is an important way to keep real viruses and malware out.

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decisions which essentially segregated the public schools in Richmond in the 70's). As the name implies, these two jurists were sent over from Virginia back in the 80's and 90's to "unclog" the backed up docket in the Northern District of West Virginia caused by either a lack of judges or a judge who moved very slowly (take your pick). And unclog they did.

Walter's father did not handle our firm's cases of course (at a local bar luncheon, Judge Williams was the speaker and spotted me in attendance. Walter was not there, and Judge Williams remarked, "I see my son's colleague and friend Evans King here enjoying himself while Walter is back at the office carrying the firm on his back like usual"). Judge Williams was known for his famous line to lawyers whose cases he took on - "I don't care if you listed 37 fact witnesses and seven experts - you get five and two."

One of the special moments in my career was when I was in Richmond to argue a case before the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals. I was in the hallway of the federal courthouse when Judge Williams spotted me (his office was in this building) and yelled "King, King, is that you? Get your butt in my office!" Judge Williams'

voice had no setting below "high," so this command reverberated through the halls. I followed the judge into his chambers and for the next 20 minutes "we" talked about his grandchildren, UVA basketball, Floyd County, his grandchildren, politics in West Virginia, Walter, etc. I got to say, "hello your Honor, goodbye your Honor".

I also had the privilege (and I'm sincere, it was a privilege) of trying a legal malpractice case in front of Judge Mehridge in the eastern panhandle of West Virginia. I'll never forget his comment after I tried to reemphasize a point with my expert witness by prefacing a question with, "I know everyone in the courtroom is growing weary of this line of questioning." Judge Mehridge rolled his eyes, interrupted me, and said, "Mr. King, I can't speak for everyone in the courtroom." I shut up and sat down. Our case settled one day into trial, and I remember the judge saying to me as we walked out of the courthouse together, "Mr. King, I had reviewed this file closely and I didn't see a defense in there anywhere, but darned if you didn't almost find one."

Moments and memories that have made the practice of law more than a job.

Hokies

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game. The teams are scheduled to play each other in two upcoming seasons (2025 in Atlanta and in 2026 back in Blacksburg).

Other items of notes from Virginia Tech's sports communications staff: Early in the second quarter against Georgia Tech, Kyron Drones threw his 10th touchdown pass of the season. Then after the two minute time out, Drones handed the ball off to Bhayshul Tuten who then pitched it to Jaylin Lane. Lane then throws 6-yards to the endzone finding Drones in the endzone.

Later in the third quarter, Drones called his own number with a 1-yard rush into the end zone giving him a receiving touchdown, a passing touchdown and a rushing touchdown in the same game. He's the first player to ever accomplish the hattrick in Virginia Tech history. The last time a player scored a touchdown three different ways in a game was André Davis in 2000 against West Virginia. In that gaame Davis scored on a 30-yard rush, a 64-yard reception and a 76-yard punt return.

Not only did Drones account for three touchdowns in the game, he also caught two passes - the touchdown and his own pass.

In the fourth quarter, Drones' pass was blocked at the line by Georgia Tech's Trenilyas Tatum and back into his arms. He is now the first quarterback to have two receptions in the same game. He also ties Sean Glennon with two career passes to themselves. Drones caught his own pass last season in the Military Bowl against Tulane. Glennon caught his own pass in 2004 against Western Michigan and again in 2006 against North Carolina.

The Lunch Pail Defense stopped Georgia Tech on fourth down on their last four drives of the game. The Yellow Jackets turned the ball over on downs on three consecutive drives.

The last time the Tech defense forced a team to turn the ball over on downs on three consecutive drives was in 2004 against Florida A&M. The four fourth down stops tie for the most by the Tech defense since 1987. The other times where against Boston College in 1996 (1-5) and North Carolina in 2014 (0-4) & 2016 (0-4).

Georgia Tech was also did not score any touchdowns in the game. It's the first time since the Hokies shutout Pitt in 2019 that an opponent has not scored a touchdown in a game.

As mentioned earlier, Jaylin Lane threw for a touchdown in the game on Saturday. This now gives him a touchdown by passing, rushing, receiving and kick return.

The four different touchdowns ties him with DeAngelo Hall and Tony Kennedy for most different ways of scoring a touchdown in a season. DeAngelo Hall had a rushing, receiving, fumble return and three punt returns in 2003 while Tony Kennedy had a passing, receiving, kick return and three rushing touchdowns in 1992.

Saturday's game marked the 378th consecutive game during which Virginia Tech has scored. The Hokies are in 4th place in both the all-time and active streak lists. In that span, Tech has shutout their opponent 34 times.

Tight end Benji Gosnell is a great example of Virginia Tech's ability to develop its players. Stepping into his most significant role with the offense, Gosnell has shown tremendous growth as a pass catcher. The Pilot Mountain, North Carolina, product caught his second touchdown in 2024 and recorded a career-high in receptions (five) on Saturday afternoon.

The chemistry between Gosnell and quarterback Kyron Drones is continuing to grow as the young tight end has recorded at least four receptions the past two contests. The redshirt sophomore was wide open for a 20-yard catch and run for the Hokies' first score and corralled the longest reception of his career for 31 yards. Gosnell's versatility is very valuable for offensive coordinator Tyler Bowen and an asset in both the run and pass game.

On an afternoon that totaled 17 punts between both programs, punter Peter Moore had one of his most active games of the season. Punters are a position group that doesn't receive a ton of attention, yet they have a significant role on special teams.

The ability to flip field position helps a defense and influence's momentum. Virginia Tech's defense benefited from Moore's production against the Yellow Jackets, as the Davidsonville, Maryland native amassed nearly 500 yards on 10 punts. Moore averaged 49.0 yards per punt and placed five punts inside the 20-yard line.

The redshirt senior's consistency in the third phase contributed significantly to a defensive performance that held Georgia Tech to only six points.

Moore's 490 yards punting is the second most punting yards in a game for a Tech player behind A.J. Hughes' 586 yards against Alabama in 2013. The last time Tech punted 10 or more times in a game was when Hughes' had 10 punts against Maryland in 2013. Saturday's game marked just the second time Tech has had 10 or more punts in a game that they've won.

The other win was in 2012 when Hughes punted 11 times in the 13-10 overtime win against Rutgers in the 2012 Russell Athletic Bowl in Orlando.

Running back Bhayshul Tuten has been a touchdown machine dating back to last season. Although the senior tailback didn't find the endzone, his patience and vision carrying the ball were still on full display. Tuten averaged 4.6 yards per carry, amassing 79 rushing yards on 17 attempts. Another solid outing on the ground moved the Paulsboro, New Jersey, product closer to another significant milestone following a four touchdown performance against Boston College. Saturday's matchup left Tuten with only 50 yards to reach 1,000 rushing yards on the season.