



Radford hires Radford University alum as new city manager

RADFORD – The City of Radford has a new city manager in Todd Meredith, who currently serves as town manager for the Town of Pearisburg. Radford City Council appointed Meredith as city manager at a special meeting June 5. Meredith will begin his tenure with the city July 21, 2025. Meredith has served as the town manager of Pearisburg since 2017. Prior to his work in local government he spent a decade as a public school teacher. "I am honored and most appreciative for Mayor [David] Horton and the city council for this great opportunity," Meredith said. "I'm excited to begin work with the dedicated members of the council and city staff to serve the residents of this beautiful and vibrant community. I

look forward to listening, learning, and working together to build on the city's many strengths." The city released a statement about Meredith's selection from candidates through Virginia and the U.S. "We are pleased to announce the selection of Todd Meredith as the new city manager of Radford. Mr. Meredith brings with him a wealth of experience and expertise, particularly in the areas of finance, data analysis, and government transparency," the statement reads. "These qualities, among many others, make him exceptionally well-suited to help guide and enhance our city. As we move forward on a path toward a more secure

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Todd Meredith

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Danilowicz honored with 2025 Virginia Business C-Suite Award

RADFORD - Virginia Business magazine has selected Radford University President Bret Danilowicz as an inaugural Virginia C-Suite Awards recipient. Danilowicz was presented the honor during a celebration held at The Jefferson Hotel in Richmond June 5. The Virginia C-Suite Awards celebrate top executives who consistently demonstrate remarkable leadership skills, integrity, values, vision, commitment to excellence, company performance and community engagement. The honorees must have their primary work offices in Virginia and hold a top executive position at a public company (such as CEO, COO, CFO) or an equivalent position in the higher education, government, nonprofit or private sectors (executive director, owner, etc.). In three years at Radford University, Danilowicz has increased the enrollment and retention rates of students, launched the Radford Tuition Promise to cover the cost of tuition for undergraduate students from the commonwealth and led the successful completion of TOGETHER - The Campaign for Radford University, which raised

a record \$106 million. In 2024, Radford's nursing school was upgraded to the College of Nursing, making Radford the only four-year public university in Virginia with a standalone nursing college. Danilowicz also has boosted collaboration with the city of Radford, leading the development of a university economic development center, The HUB at Radford, and reinvigorating the efforts of the Radford University/City of Radford Joint Commission. "Our 2025 C-Suite Awards winners are outstanding leaders who demonstrate impressive resumes and lead their companies to success, making a positive impact on the lives of others," said Richard Foster, associate publisher of Virginia Business. "They are trendsetters who empower those who work with them in a professional setting and in the community. They are examples to all, and their leadership is growing the next generation." Winners will be recognized in the June issue of Virginia Business and online at VirginiaBusiness.com. Radford University

RFAAP welcomes new commander

RADFORD - The Radford Army Ammunition Plant has a new commander. Lt. Col. Marie Hough accepted the responsibilities during a change of command ceremony June 5, replacing Lt. Col. Adrien Humphreys. Before taking command of RFAAP, Hough was the Chief of Operations for the 20th Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Command, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. Hough began her Army career in 1997. Ten years later, she commissioned through Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia, and her initial assignment was with the 2-17th Cavalry Regiment at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, where she deployed as the Squadron Chemical Officer in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from 2007-08. "Marie has completed multiple command level,

and operational chemical, biological assignments since her commissioning," said Col. Collin Keenan, the commander of the Pine Bluff Arsenal. "Likewise, her civil and professional military education, coupled with her expertise and leadership at various levels of command, has unquestionably prepared her to lead Radford Army Ammunition Plant. "Marie, you have a very important mission ahead of you," added Keenan, who officiated the ceremony. "By diligently focusing on establishing priorities, empowering your new team, and fostering a positive and winning mindset among the workforce, I'm confident you will build upon the incredible reputation Radford enjoys in this community and throughout our Army today."

Two other past assignments of Hough's include Commander,

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PHOTO BY LAURA DICKERSON, RADFORD ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT

Lt. Col. Marie Hough, left, receives the Radford Army Ammunition Plant's command flag from Col. Collin Keenan, the commander of the Pine Bluff Arsenal, during a change of command ceremony on June 5. Observing are Lt. Col. Adrien Humphreys, far right, RFAAP's outgoing commander, and Christopher Reaves, the command sergeant major for the Joint Munitions Command.

NRV Project Linus to celebrate 25th anniversary

Heather Bell
Editor

RADFORD - The New River Valley chapter of Project Linus is commemorating 25 years of giving comfort to children in traumatic situations with homemade blankets and quilts. The Project Linus Blanket Day and Volunteer Appreciation Event will be held Saturday, June 14, 2025, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., at Grove United Methodist Church, 1020 Tyler Ave, Radford. Come help make new blankets for local children. Light refreshments will be provided in celebration of 25 years of New River Valley-Radford Project Linus. Attendees can drop off completed blankets, sew tags on completed blankets, make new blankets (some fabric provided and you are welcome to bring your own) or work on a blanket project that you've already started in the company of friends. NRV-Radford Project Linus accepts new handmade washable quilts, blankets, crochet and knit afghans. No wool yarn permitted. Fleece blankets must be single

layer without knots. A pattern available at www.nrprojectlinus.org. According to the NRV-Radford Project Linus website, blankets are distributed "to a variety of locations in the New River Valley." "Sheriff's Departments and local police departments carry blankets with them to provide comfort to children in crises situations. Fire departments have blankets to distribute in times of need. Social services distributes blankets to children who have to be relocated on an emergency basis. Local hospitals distribute blankets to children who have received outpatient surgical departments. Blankets are given to children who have parents deployed in the line of duty. We also contribute to national disasters, such as hurricanes, fires, and other emergency situations when many children are affected. In addition to responding to emergency situations, we also make weighted blankets (upon request) for children in need." Requirements of a blanket include: Blankets need to be "homemade."

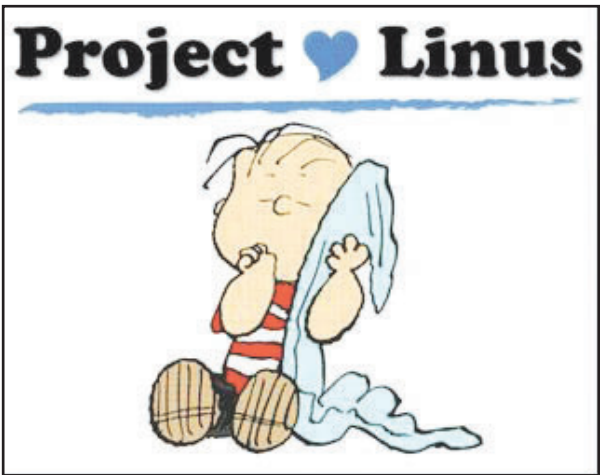


IMAGE COURTESY OF PROJECT LINUS

"When we say 'homemade', we mean something that is not commercially manufactured or purchased," the website states. "Of course, home sewing machines, knitting machines, etc. are fine. It has always been the mission of Project Linus to donate only new handmade blankets. We receive thousands of letters and thank you notes every year from children." "Project Linus blankets must be of excellent quality and free from contaminants. Special care should be taken to ensure that blankets are free of smoky smells or any chemicals which

could cause problems for a child. Ensure that blankets are free of pet or animal hair. Hospitals will not accept these blankets, and they will most likely be discarded. Recent studies show that laundering these blankets does not remove contamination, and in some cases can even make it worse. Always check blankets carefully for pins and remove any embellishments such as buttons that could be swallowed." The majority of Project Linus blankets are about 40 inches by 60 inches, or what is called 'crib size'. Blankets can be as large as twin size for teens.

Radford University receives \$1.29 million grant to support low-income student success

RADFORD - Radford University has been awarded a \$1,299,570 grant from the Commonwealth of Virginia as part of the Pell Initiative for Virginia, a new statewide effort to help more students from low-income backgrounds attend college, stay enrolled and graduate. The grant is part of a \$75 million investment approved by the General Assembly to boost support for students at universities in Virginia who qualify for federal Pell Grants. These students often face financial and academic barriers that can make completing college more difficult. The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) oversees the competitive grant process, with priority given to public universities working to improve outcomes for these students. SCHEV is Virginia's coordinating body for higher education. Radford University

currently serves approximately 2,700 Pell-eligible students out of its total undergraduate student body of around 5,000. The university will use the \$1.29 million in funding to expand and strengthen its support system for students with the greatest financial need. Plans include hiring dedicated student advocates who will provide one-on-one outreach, guidance and academic advising to help Pell-eligible students stay enrolled and succeed. A portion of the funds will also be used to offer emergency financial assistance to students facing unexpected challenges, such as medical bills, transportation issues, or family emergencies, that could otherwise interrupt their education. In addition, the grant will enhance academic and support services, including tutoring, mentoring and success coaching, to

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, June 11:

Blacksburg Farmers Market
At Market Square Park, 100 Draper Rd SW, Blacksburg; 2 - 6 p.m. (New hours for April). 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 blacksburgfarmersmarket.com.

Market Square Jam
Blacksburg’s Market Square Jam is an official Crooked Road-affiliated venue that provides fun and entertainment on Wednesday evenings, June through September. The jam takes place at Market Square Park, 7-9 p.m. Catering to traditional Old-Time music, the Market Square Jam brings musicians together to pick a tune, enjoy fun times with friends and family, and take in all that downtown Blacksburg has to offer.

Thursday, June 12:

Christiansburg Farmers Market
The Christiansburg Farmers Market is located in the Recreation Center parking lot, 1600 N. Franklin St. The market features local farmers and vendors each Thursday. Seasonal produce, plants, fresh baked goods, crafts, fresh flowers, handmade jewelry and more. Items for purchase vary week-to-week. Check Facebook for details about weekly themes, prizes, vendors, and live music. The market will run now through Oct. 30, 3-7 p.m.

Saturday, June 14:

Rockin’ Main Street
Grab your friends and head to downtown Christiansburg- Rockin' Main Street is back with live performances by two local favorites. Country music singer/songwriter, Drew Pace takes the stage at 5 p.m. Then at 7 p.m., Miller Holler will perform a blend of country, rock and "good-time" music. Beer, wine, and food trucks will be available at the event. Please bring your IDs if you plan to purchase beer or wine. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs to sit and watch the live music. This event is rain or shine.

Fish Fry
Mount Tabor Ruritan Club will hold its June Fish Fry,5 to 7 p.m. at Slusser's Chapel Picnic Shelter, 1543 Mount Tabor Rd, Blacksburg. Serving fish, fries and slaw; homemade desserts; and beverages. Adults- \$12, children under

12- \$6, (under 3)- free, carry-outs- \$12. This month, the Blacksburg Community Band will be playing. Held rain or shine. Call or text 540-449-6178 for further information. On Facebook at MtTaborRuritan.

Blacksburg Farmers Market
At Market Square Park, 100 Draper Rd SW, Blacksburg; 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. (New hours for April). 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 blacksburgfarmersmarket.com.

Radford Farmers Market
At 600 Unruh Drive, next to Glencoe Mansion, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. More than 40 vendors, food trucks, and more.

Tuesday, June 17:

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. Citizens are invited to attend and allowed to speak at each meeting. See the agenda at www.radfordva.gov.

Montgomery County School Board meeting
The Montgomery County School Board meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at the County Government Center on 755 Roanoke St. in Christiansburg.

Radford Lions Club meeting
Community meeting for the formation of the Radford Lions Club at the Radford Public Library, 6:30 p.m. Meeting is open to anyone interested in serving Radford through volunteerism, leadership, and collaboration. You'll meet neighbors and fellow leaders passionate about addressing local needs—from youth empowerment and vision care to hunger relief and disaster response. Please bring a friend and your ideas for how Lions can serve Radford best. We will be preparing a community needs assessment for Radford and this will provide focus areas for the club to address. If you have any questions or wish to RSVP, contact lionmartyalford@gmail.com or (540) 392-1453.

Thursday, June 19:

Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting
The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet at 7 p.m.

at Aly's Family Italian Restaurant, 3204 Riner Rd. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to attend. Will Reed will give a talk on “The Battle of New Market.” For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

16 Squares Walking Tour
Meet at The Alexander Black House every other Thursday at noon to explore the historic streets within the original 16 Squares of Blacksburg and learn the rich history and stories behind many of the buildings and landmarks throughout town that may go unnoticed. You may also schedule this tour by appointment if Thursdays don't work for your group. As an add-on to this tour, you may also request a tour of historic St. Luke & Odd Fellows Hall. Free of Charge.
Tours limited to 15 people. Please register by email to info@blacksburghistory.org.

Sunday, June 22:

Blacksburg Vintage Market
Shop at the Blacksburg Vintage Market on the second and fourth Sundays of every month April – November, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the best selection of vintage vinyl, clothing, jewelry, books, housewares, oddities, and who knows what else. Market is located in downtown Blacksburg at the corner of Roanoke Street and Draper Avenue, in Market Square park, under the Farmer’s market structure.

Monday, June 23:

Montgomery County Board of Supervisors meeting
Public meetings are normally held the second and fourth Monday of each month at the Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St. in Christiansburg. Closed sessions begin at 6 p.m. if needed. Open sessions begin at 7:15 p.m. Citizens are invited to attend and allowed to speak at each meeting. All regular meetings of the Board of Supervisors are rebroadcast on Montgomery County Comcast and Shentel Channels 190 daily.

Tuesday, June 24:

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. The meeting will be live streamed to the Town's YouTube page at www.christiansburg.org/YouTube. Please copy and paste the URL into your browser and be sure to select Live videos to view. Agendas and minutes can be viewed at www.christiansburg.org/agendasandminutes.

On-going:

Radford Fiddle and Banjo Jam at Bee & Butter
Bee & Butter restaurant, in the Highlander Hotel on Tyler Ave., is now open on Monday nights during the Radford Fiddle and Banjo Jam. The jam is held at the restaurant 6- 9 p.m. each Monday evening.

Christiansburg Façade Grant application period
The Town of Christiansburg is now accepting applications for the 2025 Façade Grant to apply for up to \$5,000 in matching grants. This program first started in 2019, completing its first round in 2020, and was designed to improve the streetscape and strengthen relationships with stakeholders in downtown Christiansburg and Cambria. Applications are open through June 30, 2025. Visit christianburg.org for more information on how to apply.

Apply to serve on a Blacksburg volunteer board or committee
Annually, the town council considers citizen appointments to various boards, commissions, and committees. Interested citizens should visit www.blacksburg.gov/boardsandcommittees to complete the Statement of Interest application and to learn more. Statement of Interest applications are reviewed as openings arise.

Call to Artists: “Drawing on Draper” Public Art Project
The Town of Blacksburg Public Arts Committee is seeking design submissions from artists who are local, regional, or familiar with the Blacksburg area. The Drawing on Draper project will provide a family-friendly, interactive and creative engagement activity for the community in the pedestrian area of Draper Road. Designs will focus on the natural beauty of the area and consist of three 10x12 foot, simple, outlined coloring book pages connected by a painted stream on the existing asphalt surface. Submissions are accepted via email to drawingondraper@blacksburg.gov and must be submitted by Friday, June 27, 2025, at 5 p.m. to be considered by the selection committee. Before submitting a design for consideration: artists should visit <https://letstalkblacksburg.org/drawing-on-draper> to learn more about the project details, guidelines, and requirements.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF A PETITION BY APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY FOR A REVIEW, PURSUANT TO § 56-585.1:15 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA, OF THE DECISION TO INCUR PROJECT DEVELOPMENT COSTS RELATED TO A SMALL MODULAR NUCLEAR REACTOR

CASE NO. PUR-2025-00085

During its 2024 Session, the Virginia General Assembly enacted Chapter 836 (HB 1491) of the 2024 Virginia Acts of Assembly, which was codified as § 56-585.1:15 of the Code of Virginia (“Code”). Code § 56-585.1:15 authorizes a Phase I Utility, such as Appalachian Power Company (“APCo” or “Company”), to petition the State Corporation Commission (“Commission”) to review the Phase I Utility’s decision to incur project development costs related to development of a small modular nuclear facility (“SMR”).

On May 16, 2025, pursuant to Code § 56-585.1:15, APCo filed a petition (“Petition”) with the Commission for review and approval of APCo’s decision to incur project development costs related to the early development of an SMR in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Specifically, the Petition requests a Commission determination that incurring these costs is reasonable and prudent. APCo does not seek cost recovery in this proceeding but will do so as part of a future proceeding pursuant to Code § 56-585.1 A 6.

APCo states that due to the extensive licensing, permitting, and other development timelines for an SMR, the Company estimates that it will take between seven and 12 years to complete an SMR project. APCo asserts that its decision to take the first steps towards the development of an SMR facility is a reasonable and prudent part of the Company’s long-term generation development strategy.

APCo states that it has selected its Joshua Falls site for early SMR project development activities. According to the Petition, Joshua Falls is a Company-owned property within its service territory along the James River in Campbell County, Virginia. The Company states the property has an existing transmission substation and adequate transportation networks, including rail and truck delivery with only minor modifications needed.

The Petition describes APCo’s current and future SMR early project development activities. These activities include: (i) program management; (ii) Nuclear Regulatory Commission (“NRC”) licensing; (iii) reactor original equipment manufacturer evaluation and selection; (iv) nuclear communications; (v) new nuclear Quality Assurance Program; and (vi) siting, due diligence, and permitting analysis. APCo further states it has selected an NRC Early Site Permit contractor for the Joshua Falls site; submitted the new nuclear Quality Assurance Program Description to the NRC for review; submitted a grant application for a Department of Energy SMR funding opportunity; and continued engineering and planning activities.

APCo states that it has incurred \$6.5 million in pre-capital improvement expenditures related to its SMR early project development through the end of first quarter 2025. APCo estimates total SMR early project development costs of \$122 million.

Interested persons are encouraged to review the Company’s Petition, testimony and supporting exhibits for additional details concerning this matter.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding that, among other things, scheduled a public hearing on APCo’s Petition. On October 9, 2025, at 10 a.m., the Commission will hold a telephonic portion of the hearing, for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses. On or before October 2, 2025, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission: (a) your name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Commission to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission: (i) by filling out a form on the Commission’s website at scc.virginia.gov/case-information/webcasting; or (ii) by calling (804) 371-9141 to register. This public witness hearing will be webcast at scc.virginia.gov/case-information/webcasting.

On October 9, 2025, at 10 a.m., or at the conclusion of the public witness portion of the hearing, whichever is later, in the Commission’s second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, the Commission will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence offered by the Company, respondents, and the Commission’s Staff on the Petition.

To promote administrative efficiency and timely service of filings upon participants, the Commission has directed the electronic filing of testimony and pleadings, unless they contain confidential information, and has required electronic service on parties to this proceeding.

Electronic copies of the Petition may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company: Noelle J. Coates, Esquire, American Electric Power Service Corporation, 3 James Center, 1051 E. Cary St., Suite 1100, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or nicoates@aep.com. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission’s website: scc.virginia.gov/case-information.

On or before October 2, 2025, any interested person may submit comments on the Petition electronically by following the instructions on the Commission’s website: scc.virginia.gov/case-information/submit-public-comments. Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such comments by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2025-00085.

On or before July 31, 2025, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation with the Clerk of the Commission at: scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation electronically may file such notice by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel, if available. A copy of the notice of participation as a respondent also must be served electronically on counsel for the Company, any other respondents, and the Commission’s Staff. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5-20-10 *et seq.* (“Rules of Practice”), any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by 5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2025-00085.

On or before August 28, 2025, each respondent may file electronically with the Clerk of the Commission at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case. Any respondent unable, as a practical matter, to file testimony and exhibits electronically may file such by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Each witness’s testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. All testimony and exhibits shall be served electronically on the Commission’s Staff, the Company, and all other respondents simultaneously with their filing. In all filings, respondents shall comply with the Commission’s Rules of Practice, as modified by the Commission’s Order for Notice and Hearing, including, but not limited to: 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, and 5 VAC 5-20-240, *Prepared testimony and exhibits*. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2025-00085.

Any documents filed in paper form with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, except as modified by the Commission’s Order for Notice and Hearing, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission’s Rules of Practice.

The Commission’s Rules of Practice, the Commission’s Order for Notice and Hearing, the Petition, and the public versions of other documents filed in this case may be viewed on the Commission’s website at: scc.virginia.gov/case-information.

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY

OBITUARIES

Bandy, Darrell Ray

Darrell Ray Bandy, 70, of Christiansburg, died Wednesday, June 4, 2025. He was born in Christiansburg Nov. 2, 1954, to the late Ellis Ray and Dorothy Boland Bandy. He was also preceded in death by his sisters Joyce Wallace, Donna LaMay, Betty Bandy, and Janice Bandy. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Joyce Duncan Bandy; daughter and son-in-law, Lorrie and Eddie Love; grandchildren, Darrell



Joseph Allen and Joshua Daniel Allen (Mecca); brothers-in-law, Donald Duncan, Curtis and Janet

Duncan, and Jerry and Patty Duncan; sister-in-law Audrey Duncan (Lloyd); special nieces and nephews; and his fur baby, Boss.

A graveside service was conducted Tuesday, June 10, 2025 in the Roselawn Memorial Gardens. The family requests no flowers be sent. Those wishing to make donations can donate to the American Kidney Fund, 11921 Rockville Pike, Suite 300, Rockville, MD 20852.

Beekmann, Elizabeth Mae Kelsoe

Elizabeth Mae Kelsoe Beekmann, 96, of Blacksburg, formerly of Winchester, passed away Thursday, June 5, 2025. Elizabeth was a devoted and loving wife, daughter, sister, mother, grandmother and great grandmother to her family. Her kind gentle spirit, her sweet smile and her strong love for God has set a wonderful example for all. Elizabeth was a homemaker, and a tax accountant for H&R Block for many years before becoming a self-employed accountant.

Elizabeth is predeceased by her parents, Edgar and Virginia Kelsoe; her husband of 69 years, Evert Beekmann Jr.; her sister, Sarah Kelsoe; and her brother Robert Kelsoe (Ruth). She is survived by her



children Frederick Beekmann (Cathy), Jean Deel (Tim) and Glenda Ball (Don); her grandchildren, Martha Malone (Dustin), Betsy Pontious (Eric), Joshua Deel (Erin), Nicholas Deel (Andrea), Kimberly Jubb (Rick), Derron Ball, Kevin Ball (Libby) and Eric Ball; and 16 great-grandchildren plus one due August of 2025. She is also survived by sisters-in-law, Donnie Beekmann, Anna Lou

Beekmann and JoAnne Taylor and many nieces and nephews. The family would also like to express our gratitude to the wonderful caregivers (Joyce, Kim, Cindy, Robin, Laurie, Brian, Chelsea, Debbie and Myasia) who provided loving and tender care during her recent illness and to Medi Home Hospice staff (Kandis) and volunteers (Maraky and Harshini).

There will be a viewing for family and friends Wednesday, June 11, 2025, 10 – 11a.m., at McCoy Funeral Home followed by a funeral service at 11 a.m., also in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens, Christiansburg.

Arrangements are being handled by McCoy Funeral Home.

Rieley, June Ellen Crumpacker

June Ellen Crumpacker Rieley, cherished wife of Joseph Gish Rieley and mother of Wayne and Donald, passed away peacefully May 28, 2025. She spent her 98 years on this earth loving her family and friends with a positive attitude, a deep faith and a song in her heart. Many of those who spent time with her came away saying they felt better for the visit. They loved her fun spirit and happy tales of times gone by. She loved people, pure and simple. We are so thankful that she was able to enjoy the simple moments that gave her peace these past few years - nature drives through the countryside, lunch outings with her dear friends, and the comforting church services she faithfully watched each Sunday after she was no longer able to drive. These moments were among her favorites and a reflection of her love of beauty, friendship and faith.

Born in Roanoke to Dessie Boothe Crumpacker and Vernon Kinzie Crumpacker of Botetourt County, June was the middle daughter between Anne and Louise. She told many stories of working and playing with her sisters in their parents' orchard where they grew apples and peaches to



sell at market and even remembers traveling to Florida for the few years that they owned an avocado farm. She grew up in the communities of Cloverdale, Coyner Springs and Blue Ridge, where she went to school and graduated from Colonial High School in Blue Ridge.

After high school, June briefly worked at Old Dominion Candies and Roanoke Webster Brick before marrying Joe Rieley on Aug. 31, 1951. They lived in Gastonia, North Carolina, where Wayne was born, and in Columbus, Indiana, where Joe ran an engineering training school for Cummins Diesel. They returned to Bridgewater, and after Joe graduated from Bridgewater College, he accepted a position teaching mathematics at Virginia Tech, Donald was born, and Blacksburg became their permanent home.

June's primary focus was making sure her family was healthy, happy and well fed. She loved to cook, and the holidays have always been especially important for her to celebrate with traditions that the boys remember and recreate still today. She also volunteered for the Christiansburg Church of the Brethren in a number of leadership roles and for the district office of the church.

June is survived by her son, Wayne Rieley, his wife, Karen Rieley, their daughter, Austin Rieley, her husband, Brendan Haney, and their daughter, Carter Haney, all of Jacksonville, Florida; her son, Donald Rieley, and his husband, Jake Altizer Rieley, of Hoges Chapel, Virginia; Jake's son, Jake Altizer, and his partner, Kodi McCall, of Las Vegas, Nevada. She is also survived by a first cousin, Rev. David Rogers (Shirley); nieces Donna Ashe (Lowell), Karen Guignard (John), Rhonda Lee (Mike) and Shawn Osborn (Will); and nephew Mike Deel. Visitation was Sunday, June 8, at McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg. The celebration of June's life was held Monday, June 9, at the Christiansburg Church of the Brethren, Christiansburg.

Goff, Sylvia Dalton

Sylvia Dalton Goff, 82, of Dublin and formally from Barren Springs, passed away Friday, May 30, 2025, at Heritage Hall in Blacksburg.

Sylvia was the daughter of Leslie and Goldie Dalton. She and her husband Arthur Gene Goff lived most of their lives in Dublin. She was a retired employee of Volvo Truck Plant for several years. She was a member of the local 2069 United Auto Workers Union and was elected as the first chairperson of the Women's Committee, secretary of the retiree's union and a good friend to all her co-workers. Sylvia was a loyal church member of Highland



Park Community Church for 40-plus years. Sylvia and Gene had no children but gave their love and were loved by many family members. She will be greatly missed.

Surviving are her brother, Harley Leon Dalton; sister-in-law, Anita Diane Dalton; many nieces and

nephews; and loyal Volvo friends of many years, Ben Eaves and Stella Hayes.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 28 at Highland Park Community Church, Wright Ave. Dublin, Va. with Pastor Phil Madison officiating. Cremated remains will be buried with her loving husband Gene Goff at the Riggins family Cemetery in Barren Springs, Virginia following the memorial service.

In lieu of flowers, please give to the American Heart Association at www.heart.org.

The Dalton/Goff family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford.

Vaughn, Melissa Renee Long

Melissa Renee Long Vaughn, 53, passed away unexpectedly at home Wednesday, June 4. She was preceded in death by her mother, Linda Lee Garrison Wells, and grandparents, Mable Canode Garrison and James Garrison and Ira and Louise Price Long.

Surviving is her son, Mitchell Ryan Trollinger; her father, Ira Ronald Long; and aunts, Peggy Garrison Sanders (Radford), Faye Garrison Loving (Chip) (Georgia) and Judy Long Ridinger (Blacksburg), as well as cousins Curtis Sanders (Floyd), Nick Loving and Mitchell



Loving (Georgia) and Scot Thomas (Florida). In addition to family, she will be missed by special friends Joy Moore Hudgins, Carol Wall Linkous and Sammy Hungate.

Melissa attended Blacksburg High School and subsequently trained as a Certified Nursing

Assistant working at Meadowbrook Nursing Home, Heritage Hall Nursing Home, and LewisGale Hospital Montgomery as well as being a caregiver for many others over the years. Her cheerful, friendly, and caring personality made her well suited for this work.

A memorial service is planned for Saturday, June 21, 1 p.m., at New Mount Zion Lutheran Church (2350 Poverty Creek Road, Blacksburg) with the opportunity to visit with the family after the service at a reception in the fellowship hall.

Young, Patricia Nadene

Patricia Nadene Young, 66, passed away Monday, June 2, 2025, at her home in Dublin. She was employed with NAPA Auto Parts. Patricia was preceded in death by her parents, Charlie and Lorina Young; brother, Charles Young; and nephew, Joey Roop.

Survivors include her brothers, Roger Young and Alan Young (Marie); sisters, Diane Roop (Joe), Norma Shook and Melissa Hight; many nieces and nephews; and



many other relatives and friends.

The family received friends Friday, June 6, 2025, at the Mullins Funeral Home in

Radford. Funeral services followed with Pastor Mike Hall officiating. Interment followed in Mountain View Cemetery in Pulaski County.

In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions to either the Pulaski Humane Society or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

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

Terry, Wanda Ruth Pendergrass

Wanda Ruth Pendergrass Terry, 89, of Radford, passed away Thursday, June 5, 2025. She was preceded in death by her parents, Arley Creed Pendergrass and Edith Humble Pendergrass; her siblings and their spouses: Kathryn Webb (Edward Hall), Doyle Pendergrass, Donald Pendergrass (Lois), Carolyn Trotter (Kenneth), Freddy Pendergrass (Cookie), and Brenda Anderson.

She is survived by her husband: Fred Terry; her children and their spouses: Sandra Scattergood (David), Teresa Sale (Richard), and David Terry (Jenny); her grandchildren and their spouses: Ashley Dunbar (Josh), Heather Rithamel (Brandon), Glenn Sale, and Becky Sale; her great-grandchildren: Weston Dunbar, Cooper Rithamel, and Waylon Dunbar; her siblings and their spouses: Linda Pendergrass, Roy Pendergrass (Carol), Greg Anderson, Deborah Pendergrass, Roseanne Cagle, Gary Pendergrass (Michelle), and Chester Pendergrass (Shirley); as well as many other cherished family members, friends, and her beloved church family.

Many people around town knew Wanda as "the basket lady," as she spent many years



as a representative for Longaberger Baskets. This role allowed her to build a close-knit community of friends while also amassing a treasured collection of her signature baskets, which remain proudly displayed in her home today. When she wasn't out delivering baskets and visiting with friends, she could often be found working crossword puzzles, engaging in spirited games of Scrabble, attending church services at Radford Church of Christ, or lovingly doting on her family—all in time to return to her easy chair for the nightly double feature of Jeopardy! and Wheel of Fortune.

To know Wanda was to be loved by her. She had a beautiful way of celebrating the people in her life—whether it was through a thoughtful phone call, a basket full of candy hugs and kisses, a surprise toy tucked into a grandchild's lunchbox, a newspaper clipping sent in the mail, or a hand delivered tray of her famous

brownies— she loved to spoil those around her. Born into a deeply loving family as the eldest of 11 children, Wanda possessed a natural inclination to nurture and care for others, and she took great pride and joy in that role throughout her life. Her love knew no bounds, and as her family, it has been an absolute honor to have received that love and to give it to her in return. We will cherish that love and her memory forever.

The family received friends in Virginia Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at Radford Church of Christ, followed by a memorial service with minister John Croft officiating.

The family will then receive friends in Tennessee 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, June 14, 2025, at Putman-Reed Funeral Home in Pikeville. A memorial service will begin at 1 p.m. Burial at the family cemetery to immediately follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Radford Church of Christ, 700 8th St. Radford, VA.

The family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford, Virginia. www.mullinsfuneralhome.com and Putnam-Reed Funeral Home in Pikeville, Tennessee.



Virginia Clean Economy Act will reduce energy costs and stimulate our economy

Columnist

Study after study documents that using coal costs much more than renewable energy. Costs for renewables and energy storage have plummeted over the past five years – again confirming that the 2020 Clean Economy Act helps Virginians. Yet another advantage to

renewables is that they produce good jobs. Of course, making a change can have an initial cost. Everyone used to drive cars averaging about 15 miles per gallon – many new cars now easily drive upward of 30 miles per gallon. Arguing that we should keep 15 miles per gallon cars just because we are familiar with them (and they look cool) makes no sense. But replacing them could be expensive, so there would be an initial cost. Investing now in renewables clearly will reduce costs compared to continuing reliance on fossil fuels – recent history makes this very clear. It is nothing but wishful thinking that gasoline will somehow cost less than \$1 gallon to make driving that old car affordable – no less wishful thinking is that coal will somehow become an affordable way to produce power.

the very recently passed APCO Rate Reduction Act should reduce our power bills for the next couple of years. Everyone should like a lower bill. This act reduces bills by allowing costs associated with two coal fired power plants, and repairs to damage caused by Hurricane Helene, to be paid over time by allowing the utility to sell bonds. These bonds essentially are loans and will need to be paid back – with interest. This means that our bills will be higher in the future. No one will like that. Do we really want a reduction now that results in a larger increase later? Do we want to increase costs to our kids as they become independent and need to pay for electricity in their own homes? The faster we move to renewables, the faster long-term costs will be reduced. It's that simple. Let's celebrate the Virginia Clean Economy Act – rather than playing partisan political games.

In a past article, I wrote about Virginia's final budget agreement that was signed by Governor Glenn Youngkin. It is a budget that decreases taxes and funds the core functions of government – which is why I voted in favor of it. But something that has gotten lost in the shuffle during public debate on the budget was the Governor's and General Assembly Republicans' strong desire to reduce or eliminate personal property taxes on vehicles – also known as the "car tax" – and Virginia Democrats' complete and total resistance to doing so. I write this column as most readers have begun to receive their annual personal property tax bills in the mail, costing their families hundreds and even thousands of dollars.

By way of background, Virginia localities levy the personal property tax based upon the assessed value of your vehicle. Each locality sets its own rate of taxation, and the Commonwealth provides relief on the first \$20,000 of a vehicle's value. This applies to personal use vehicles only, as vehicles used for business do not qualify.



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for this relief. Since the tax on your vehicle is based on its assessed value, it is assumed in many cases that the tax will decrease as time goes on. However, this is not always the case. If you bought a new car or truck before the COVID pandemic, in some cases, your tax bill may have actually increased in the years shortly after due to lack of supply or other market forces that arbitrarily increased the assessed value of your vehicle.

The car tax also affects purchasers' desire to buy new vehicles. New cars and trucks are already expensive enough as it is, and if you are planning ahead for your annual tax bill, you might prefer to buy something that is used or that you know will have a lesser assessed tax value. This also has an effect on vehicle dealers and overall spending in the local economy. For first-time vehicle buyers, the first tax bill can come as quite the shock. Virginia Republicans have put forth several meaningful efforts over the past several General Assembly sessions that would reduce or eliminate the car tax. These have

come in the form of a constitutional amendment to abolish the tax, items in the budget to greatly minimize the impact of the tax, and legislation that would provide a tax credit for lower income Virginians that would help offset the cost of the local tax. All were shut down by General Assembly Democrats. In fact, a Senate Democrat – representing part of Northern Virginia – referred to efforts to decrease or eliminate this tax as purely “gimmicks.”

It is true that localities currently rely upon the car tax to fund important local government services, such as education, infrastructure and maintenance, and other core functions of local government. However, instead of coming to the table to discuss how Virginia might find alternative funding sources for these needs, Virginia Democrats would rather stick to the status quo. It is clear that Democrats have little interest in providing you meaningful tax relief or finding ways to lessen the burden of taxation on your family, but General Assembly Republicans will continue to push for any and all relief

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.

Dear Editor,

June 14 has become a very important day in this calendar year. It is the 250th anniversary of the United States Army and the birthday of Mr. Trump. I don't know if it's Trump's 250th birthday or not, he has only been in office for 200 days, but it seems he has been telling people what to do for a long time.

At any rate, the Trump administration is

organizing a large military parade that will pass by the front of the White House on June 14. The parade will consist of numerous tanks, missiles, military bands and a large number of marching units.

Everything is set to satisfy anyone and everyone who enjoys a 50 million dollar parade. The only thing that is in doubt is if Morgan Griffith and Putin will be there with Trump to review the troops.

Many people are concerned that the United States is being turned in a military state with no worries about deficit spending and social ills.

A large number of people in Christiansburg (NRV) are concerned about what is going on in the country. On June 14, from 12 - 1:30 p.m., a rally will be held in downtown Christiansburg. The theme for the protest will be, "No kings all protests." Citizens are encouraged

to make your feelings heard. Bring a sign, and your enthusiasm, to help show the public everyone does not need tanks to speak for America.

On June 14, Christiansburg will one of 800 communities across the country protesting, showing the country and the world that we stand for democracy.

Steve Huppert
Christiansburg

Dear Editor

The preservation of historic buildings is a vital issue that touches on our

community's identity, heritage, and sense of place. For example, the house at the corner of Country Club Road and South Main Street in Blacksburg, built in 1916, was significantly older than many in the town's historic district, yet such structures face numerous challenges. In the recent past, we've seen instances where old buildings, like the white house at the corner of North Main Street and Mt. Tabor Road and the one on the property adjacent to the current Rescue Squad station on Patrick Henry Drive, both in Blacksburg, were demolished despite their significance. Inside the former house was a log cabin likely dating back before the Civil War - a situation that underscores the importance of safeguarding our historic sites.

Similar to that case and at the same time when the house was demolished, in Orem,

Utah, a historic cabin was discovered within an existing building, and after donation by the owner, it was preserved in the city's Heritage Park, exemplifying how such structures can be valued and protected. I firmly believe that structures of historic value should be preserved wherever they are, as they serve as tangible links to our history.

However, the challenge lies in whether we can realistically preserve all these structures. Many argue that these buildings are often in poor condition, making restoration costly and complicated, leading some to question if they are worth saving. Yet, neglecting these structures risks losing our heritage entirely, especially if we continue to overlook their significance.

Regulations and preservation incentives need to be in place to protect their appearance and integrity. But the

real question arises when buildings undergo extensive renovations - can they still be considered truly historic? Should there be limits on major overhauls to maintain their authentic character? Incentives and guidelines can help prevent overly drastic changes, but enforcing these standards remains complex.

Ultimately, some structures need to be preserved as close to their original form as possible to retain their historical value. Balancing practical considerations with the desire to honor our heritage is difficult, and there are valid arguments on all sides. Finding a sustainable solution requires thoughtful planning, community support, and a commitment to valuing our history—not just for today, but for future generations.

Javad Torabinejad
Blacksburg

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NRV CARES thanks outgoing executive director, search for replacement underway

CHRISTIANSBURG – NRV CARES (New River Valley Child Advocacy, Resources, Education, and Services) has announced the departure of Executive Director Andi Golusky after more than six year.

“During her tenure, Andi brought compassion, professionalism, and vision to the organization’s mission of protecting children and strengthening families across the New River Valley,” the organization announced. “Since 2019, Andi has been a tireless advocate for children and families, overseeing critical programs including CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), Parent Education, and Community Education. Under her leadership, NRV CARES has expanded its impact, deepened its community partnerships, and raised visibility throughout the region.”

During her tenure, Golusky received multiple honors, including 2022 Distinguished Nonprofit Leader of the Year by the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce and 2023 Community Woman of the Year by the New River Valley ABWA Express Network.

“Andi has been a driving force behind NRV CARES’ growth and success,” said Melissa Almond, President of the Board of Directors. “Andi’s passion for supporting families has been a benefit to all of the communities we serve. We are grateful for her unwavering commitment and wish her the very best in her next chapter.”

NRVCARES is now seeking a successor to Golunsky, a “passionate, motivated



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Andi Golusky

individual to join the veteran staff and lead the organization into its next phase.” “The Executive Director will oversee all programs, strengthen fundraising efforts, deepen community partnerships, and lead staff operations,” the organization announced. “This is an opportunity to join an established organization and work to make a meaningful difference in the lives of children and families in our region.”

Interested candidates can review the job posting at www.nrvcares.org and submit a cover letter and resume to nrvcareshr@gmail.com. Application review begins June 23, 2025.

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NRCC Automotive Technology program now enrolling for fall

New River Community College is now enrolling students for its automotive technology program, beginning this fall on campus.

Designed for both adult learners and recent high school graduates, the program offers hands-on training in a fully equipped lab and is taught by ASE (National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence)-certified instructors.

The automotive technology program at NRCC prepares students for a lifetime career in a growing and dynamic field. As modern vehicles become more complex, consumers increasingly depend on skilled professionals. This program equips students with the technical knowledge and practical experience needed to

diagnose and repair today’s advanced automotive systems.

Students in the program participate both in the classroom and in the automotive shop with hands-on learning focused on real-world skills. The automotive analysis and repair component provides essential training to help students become job-ready and earn industry-recognized certifications.

Financial assistance is available for those who qualify. To learn more or to enroll, visit www.nr.edu/auto or contact Student Services Advisor Jennie Simmons and (540) 674- 3600, ext. 4456 or jsimmons@nr.edu.

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Radford Photo Club meeting to feature talk on infrared photography

The Radford Photo Club will meet Thursday, June 19, at 6 p.m. at the Radford Public Library. The speaker will be Retired Naval Aviator Captain Rich Davis of Roanoke on the topic of infrared photography. A much-decorated officer, Davis is now an adjunct professor for the Naval War College, education coordinator at the O. Winston Link Museum, and visual arts director for the Beauty and Arts ministry at St. John Lutheran Church. Learn more about his photography at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6KsLZo0r9vE>

The photo challenge at the June meeting is Appalachia/Southwest Virginia. There is also an open topic challenge. Officer selection is also on the agenda.

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and sustainable future, we are confident that Mr. Meredith’s leadership will be instrumental in advancing the goals and values of our community. We look forward to working together to continue building a strong, resilient Radford. Radford is excited to welcome Mr. Meredith to the City and thankful for his willingness to serve in this important role.”

The members of the Radford City Council also released a joint statement on the hiring process.

“The Radford City Council is proud to have worked through a comprehensive and competitive hiring process, during which we had the privilege of meeting and considering many highly impressive candidates from across the Commonwealth and the nation,” the statement reads.

While in Pearisburg, Meredith “led initiatives focused on infrastructure improvement, fiscal responsibility, and regional cooperation,” the city announcement said.

He also served as the Board Chair of the

Giles County Public Service Authority (PSA), and as a member of the Board of Directors for both the Carilion Giles Community Hospital and Virginia’s First Regional Industrial Facility Authority.

Meredith earned his Master of Public Administration (MPA) from Virginia Tech in 2012 and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Public Administration at Virginia Tech. He also holds a Bachelor of Science in Social Science and a Master of Science in Education from Radford University. In 2023, he completed the Senior Executive Institute at the University of Virginia’s Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service. He has completed Lean Six Sigma Green Belt certification through the Terry College of Business at the University of Georgia, with specialized training in organizational efficiency and performance improvement. Meredith is also an ICMA Credentialed Manager (ICMA-CM) and a member of the Virginia Local Government Management Association (VLGMA).

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PETS OF THE WEEK

These pets and many others are available for adoption at the Montgomery County Animal Care and Adoption Center, 480 Cinnabar Rd., Christiansburg. Phone: (540) 382-5795.

Sperry is capital “P” Pawsome! She’s a friendly pup with a lot of personality. She’s friendly, playful, and full of joy. When she gets into zoomie-mode, step out of the way--she’s got energy to release! Stop by to meet Sperry at the Animal Care and Adoption Center.



Need a cuddle buddy who loves making biscuits? Mildred is your gal, and her favorite hobby is nuzzling. She melts when attention and affection comes her way. Give her some great head scratches and you will become Mildred’s instant best friend!

Sign-ups underway for Virginia Master Naturalists training program

Passionate about nature? Excited to learn more about the environment? Ready to share your knowledge and help preserve and protect Virginia’s natural resources? Consider joining a group of like-minded community members by becoming a Virginia Master Naturalist.

The New River Valley Chapter of Virginia Master Naturalists is currently accepting online applications for its 2025 basic training program via the chapter website (<http://tinyurl.com/NRVnaturalists>). The program runs Aug. 4 through Dec. 1 and classes will be held on Monday evenings from 6:30 – 9 p.m. at the Blacksburg Presbyterian Church on Church Street in Blacksburg.

In addition to 40 hours of classroom instruction, four weekend field trips

covering tree identification, stream assessment, wildflower/botany and bird walks will be included. Class size is limited. Make a difference and have fun! Visit our website for more details.

The Virginia Master Naturalist program is a volunteer organization sponsored by the Virginia Cooperative Extension and several other state agencies. Virginia Master Naturalists are volunteer educators, citizen scientists and environmental stewards helping Virginia conserve and manage natural resources and natural areas in their communities.

New River Valley Chapter of Virginia Master Naturalists

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Intelligence and Sustainment Company, U.S. Army Europe, Heidelberg, Germany; and Commander Direct Commission Course, 3-11 Infantry Battalion, OCS, Fort Benning, Georgia.

Hough has earned a Master of Science in environmental management from Webster University, St. Louis, Missouri, and a Bachelor of Arts in political science from Chaminade University of Honolulu, Hawaii.

“I believe our strength as an organization is deeply intertwined with the strength of our community,” Hough said. “We are not separate entities, but rather vital parts of the same fabric. As we move forward, I am committed to fostering strong relationships, actively participating in community initiatives, and ensuring our presence is a positive and supportive force for all.”

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students have the resources they need to thrive both inside and outside the classroom.

"This investment allows us to break down the barriers that too often prevent talented students from completing their degrees," said Dannette Gomez Beane, vice president of Enrollment Management and Strategic Communications. "We're proud to stand behind our students and ensure they have the resources, support and opportunities they need to succeed."

Radford's goal is to improve student retention and graduation rates. By the end of the 2025-26 academic year, the university aims to increase the number of Pell-eligible students who return for their second year and boost the six-year graduation rate for these students by at least 2%.

"This transformative grant empowers Radford University to deepen our commitment to student success by



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Lt. Col. Marie Hough

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100+ Women Who Care – NRV donates \$10,000 to YMCA at Virginia Tech

BLACKSBURG – The YMCA at Virginia Tech has announced a \$10,000 donation from 100+ Women Who Care – New River Valley (NRV), a local chapter of the global philanthropic movement that empowers women to make a collective impact in their communities.

The donation will be used to support and expand the YMCA's food insecurity programs, which aim to combat hunger and improve access to nutritious food for individuals and families throughout the New River Valley. These efforts are a vital part of the YMCA's mission to strengthen the foundations of community through youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility.

"Support from 100+ Women Who Care – NRV allows us to further invest in programs that directly address critical community needs," said Ryan Martin, CEO of the YMCA at Virginia Tech. "This contribution will help us reach more people and deepen our impact in fighting food insecurity." With Montgomery County's food insecurity rate standing 37% higher than the Virginia state average, this funding



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plays a vital role in expanding the YMCA's efforts to ensure that every individual and family in the New River Valley has access to nutritious food and essential resources. The check presentation was attended by YMCA leadership, including Ryan Martin, executive director; Pat Boyle, board member; and Jim Lawrence, board treasurer.

Ann Raridon, a member of 100+ Women Who Care, said she "nominated the YMCA at Virginia Tech to receive our quarterly donation because I have seen firsthand the many contributions that the Y makes to our community."

"As a Virginia Tech student, I volunteered with the Y through a program that paired students with seniors needing help in their community garden plots," she continued. "Soon after returning to Blacksburg

in 2006, I discovered Y-TOSS, which diverts tons of usable items from the landfill during student move out, and have been volunteering ever since because I think the program is brilliant. More recently, I began volunteering at the thrift store and during COVID I saw how the Y quickly expanded their meals program to meet the increased need. Since its establishment in 1873, the Y has been constantly evolving to serve the community and is looking to do so again through another expansion of its meals program."

The YMCA at Virginia Tech extends its sincere appreciation to 100+ Women Who Care – NRV for their outstanding generosity and commitment to community betterment.

YMCA at Virginia Tech

Highlander Hotel now part of Hilton hotel group



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE RADFORD UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

A recent ribbon-cutting celebrates The Highlander Hotel Radford, located on Tyler Avenue, now being a member of the Tapestry Collection by Hilton. The Tapestry Collection is a brand within the Hilton portfolio, offering a collection of independently owned hotels, each with a unique style and vibrant personality. These hotels are known for their elevated design, locally-inspired food and beverages, and focus on providing authentic experiences that connect guests to the destination.

Radford University to launch applied biotechnology major in fall 2027

RADFORD - The Radford University Board of Visitors has unanimously approved a proposal to establish a new undergraduate major in applied biotechnology, pending approval by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) during the 2025-26 cycle.

Applied biotechnology is a fast-growing, interdisciplinary field that combines biology, chemistry and engineering to drive innovation in medicine, agriculture and manufacturing. If authorized by SCHEV, Radford's new program will become the first applied biotechnology major offered in Roanoke and across Southwest Virginia.

Housed in Radford's Artis College of Science and Technology, the applied biotechnology program is designed to meet the growing demand for biotech professionals both regionally and nationally. According to the Virginia Office of Education Economics, biotechnology jobs in the commonwealth are projected to grow by 7.3% in the coming years, with approximately 10 job openings for every graduate from a related program. Nationally, the average lifetime return on investment for this degree is estimated at \$741,286.

Slated to begin in fall 2027, the first cohort of Radford's applied biotechnology program will comprise up to 24 students. They will be taught by two new full-time faculty members and industry-trained adjunct instructors. The program also received unanimous support from Radford's Department of Biology, the University Curriculum Committee and the Faculty Senate.

"Our distinctive applied biotechnology program will open new doors for our students and position Radford as a leader in life sciences education," said Provost Bethany Usher. "The program includes not only basic science but also in-demand knowledge and skills in science communication, research design and the complex regulatory environment that employers must navigate. We are excited to offer this program for students who are passionate about biology and want the opportunity to apply their education to pursue graduate programs and build productive careers."

Students enrolled in the applied biotechnology program will take the first two years of courses at the university's main campus in Radford. The final two years of upper-division courses will be offered only at the Radford University Carilion site in Roanoke. The program also offers a clear transfer pathway for Virginia Western Community College biotechnology students, providing them with a professional degree focused on regulatory affairs, industry best practices, intellectual property and career readiness.

"Biotech companies and start-ups are choosing this region to grow - but they need a steady pipeline of skilled talent to succeed," said Erin Burcham, CEO of the Roanoke Blacksburg Innovation Alliance. "Radford University's new applied biotechnology degree is the solution we've been waiting for to meet the workforce demands of this rapidly growing industry."

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A tick on a leaf, questing for a host.

Local outdoor medicine expert shares tips to reduce tick bite risk

Everyone heading outdoors to enjoy the warmer weather needs to be aware of ticks and the serious illnesses they transmit.

In Virginia, common ticks like the blacklegged or deer tick, the lone star tick and the American dog tick carry diseases such as Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever and can pose other dangers.

Carilion Clinic emergency medicine physician Stephanie Lareau shared tips on prevention and treatment of tick bites.

"I'm seeing the impacts of tick-borne diseases," she said, "and I urge everyone to take preventative measures."

She offers the following tips:

Before going outdoors: Prevention is key

"Apply repellents containing DEET (10-30 percent), picaridin (20 percent) or other EPA-approved active ingredients to exposed skin. Be sure to follow product instructions."

"Treat clothing and gear such as tents with products containing 0.5 percent permethrin."

"Light-colored clothing makes ticks easier to spot. Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants tucked into socks."

"Avoid wooded, brushy areas with high grass and leaf litter where ticks thrive. Walk in the center of trails to avoid touching vegetation."

After outdoor activities: Check and clean

"After returning indoors, check your entire body for ticks. Inspect children carefully, especially in their hair, underarms, and groin."

"Inspect gear and pets to stop ticks from hitchhiking indoors."

"Shower as soon as you can — this also creates a good opportunity for a tick check."

"Tumble dry clothes on high heat for at least 10 minutes to kill any ticks before washing. If you wash first, use

hot water setting."

More tick bit prevention tips

"Keep your grass mowed and remove leaf litter and brush where ticks live."

"Talk to your veterinarian about tick control products for your pets."

Found a tick? Remove it safely

"Remove ticks as soon as possible — removing a tick within 36 hours can reduce the risk of Lyme disease transmission."

"Using fine-tipped tweezers, or commercially available devices such as Tick Keys, grasp the tick as close to the skin surface as possible. Pull upward with steady, even pressure. Twisting or jerking could cause the mouthparts to break off and remain in the skin. Though they will eventually work their way out, it's best to remove all the pieces."

"Thoroughly clean the bite area with rubbing alcohol, soap and water, or an iodine scrub."

Know the signs of tick-borne illnesses

"Generally, symptoms include fever, chills, headache, fatigue, muscle aches, joint pain, or a rash."

"The key symptom of Lyme disease is a bullseye rash that expands outward from the bite and over several days can reach up to 12 inches across."

"Rocky Mountain spotted fever involves a rash that begins 2-5 days after the fever begins, with small pink spots spreading from wrists, forearms, and ankles to the trunk."

"Seek medical attention as soon as possible if you experience these or other concerning symptoms. Early diagnosis is critical."

In addition to her work in the Carilion Clinic emergency department, Lareau is the wilderness medicine fellowship director for the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine.

Virginia Tech

Community Foundation of the NRV seeks grant proposals from nonprofits, schools



PHOTO BY THREE BIRD PHOTOGRAPHY

In 2024, grant recipients celebrate at the CFNRV's annual grantee reception.

The Community Foundation of the New River Valley (CFNRV) is currently accepting applications for its two annual grant programs.

The CFNRV's Responsive Grant program offers operational support to charitable organizations and its Education Grant program supports public schools. The online application for each program is now open. Applications are due Friday, July 18 at 5 p.m.

The Responsive Grant Program provides up to \$4,000 in operational support to organizations classified as 501(c)(3) and serving the counties of Floyd, Giles, Montgomery, Pulaski, and Wythe, and/or the City of Radford. Units of local government, such as a library, are also eligible to apply. In 2024, this program awarded \$220,200 in grants to 69 nonprofits that focus their work on a variety of areas, including poverty, environmental conservation, health, education, and the arts.

In addition to the Responsive Grant Program, the CFNRV also offers the Education Grant Program that will award up to \$1,500 to public schools in the counties of Floyd, Giles, Montgomery, Pulaski, and Wythe, and/or the City of Radford. The CFNRV manages several endowments that award grants for classroom enhancements, to support school clubs and extracurricular

activities, and to provide for basic student needs such as clothing and school supplies. To make the application process easy, the CFNRV has created a single online application that teachers, guidance counselors, and other school personnel can complete to be considered for a grant from these various sources.

"These grant programs capture the range of needs we see from New River Valley nonprofits and public school partners, along with the broad interests of the donors who make these awards possible," explains Jessica Wirgau, the CFNRV's CEO. "The Responsive Grant Program gives area nonprofits the flexibility to direct grant money where it is needed most, while the Education Grant Program expands upon public funding to support a variety of student and school needs. We're excited to offer these grant opportunities and look forward to reading about the great work our applicants do for the community."

More information about these grant programs and a link to complete the application can be found at cfnrv.org/grants. The deadline to apply is Friday, July 18 at 5 p.m. Questions about the grant application can be directed to the CFNRV's team at cfnrv@cfnrv.org and 540-381-8999.

CFNRV

Moss Arts Center renamed Center for the Arts at Virginia Tech

After 13 years of supporting and promoting the arts in Blacksburg and the New River Valley, the Moss Arts Center will become the Center for the Arts at Virginia Tech.

The center was named in honor of renowned artist Patricia Buckley Moss shortly before it opened in 2013 in recognition of a \$10 million, multi-year pledge toward construction of the facility. The university and the Moss family have developed a revised agreement that replaces the naming rights with a new tribute to the artist to honor her legacy and passion for the arts and education.

This mutual decision reflects a shared commitment to cultivate additional support for the center as a catalyst for engagement, inspiration, and discovery and to continue to bring world-class art, experiences, and educational programming to Blacksburg and the New River Valley.

“Though our name will change, our commitment to offer high-quality arts experiences, to create community connections, and to foster student learning and engagement will continue. We remain dedicated to providing exceptional programs and welcoming experiences for all,” said Ruth Waalkes, associate provost for the arts at Virginia Tech and executive director of the Center for the Arts.

The Virginia Tech Board of Visitors approved the renaming of the center at its quarterly meeting on June 3, following a recommendation from the university’s Commemorative Tributes Committee. During the same meeting, the board approved the naming of the arts center’s front grounds as the Patricia Buckley Moss Lawn. Spanning the south side of the Center for the Arts, extending



PHOTO BY RAY MEESE FOR VIRGINIA TECH

The Virginia Tech Board of Visitors approved the renaming of the Center for the Arts at Virginia Tech following a recommendation from the university’s Commemorative Tributes Committee. The board also approved the naming of the arts center’s front grounds as the Patricia Buckley Moss Lawn.

from North Main Street across the front of the building along Alumni Mall, the lawn is a prime location for community activities such as outdoor concerts, community celebrations, performances by local musicians, and hands-on arts experiences.

“We are grateful for the many ways

Pat Moss supported the arts in the community and at Virginia Tech. She was a loyal patron and supporter of the center, as well as a steadfast advocate for the arts and educational outreach in the region,” said Waalkes. “A prominent space such as the lawn, where people connect through artistic experiences, will

continue to honor her legacy.”

The Center for the Arts released its 2025-26 performance season on Wednesday, June 4, and subscriptions will be available to the public on Thursday, June 12, at 10 a.m.

Virginia Tech



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BAPTIST

First Baptist Church, 555 West Rock Road, Radford, 639-3873. 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 in-person and live-streamed on Facebook and on our YouTube channel: First Baptist Church Radford.

CHURCH OF GOD

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

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

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Snowville Christian Church, 5436 Lead Mine Road, Hiwassee, VA. 24347, Website: <http://www.SnowvilleChristianChurch.com> & Facebook. Email: Office@Snowvillechristianchurch.com, Sunday School: 9:30, Worship Service: 11:00, Bible Study: Thursdays @ 6:00pm. 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

St. Michael Lutheran Church, 2308 Merrimac Road, Blacksburg, VA 24060. Worship service each Sunday at 10AM, Sunday School 9 AM. We are a community of God’s people where we 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.” You’ll love our minister, Pastor James Henricks, who is a guiding light for our lives. St. Michael started and administers Micah’s Caring Initiative which includes Micah’s Backpack, Soup for Seniors, Garden, Closet, and Mini Pantry, with tremendous community impact.

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He Lives

Read Job 17:1 through 20:29

“I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth” (Job 19:25).

Job listened to the second speech by Bildad. He then replied to his friends, asking them how long he would be tormented him by their words. He presented a long list of what had happened to him, including being berated by his friends and losing his family and fortune. But after this discourse, he said he still held true to the belief in the Almighty God. Not only did Job believe in God’s existence, but Job believed that he would stand in God’s presence someday.

Regardless of the situations we encounter and the

consequences we experience, we should still believe in the sovereignty of God. When we are in the middle of a difficult time and we don’t see an easy way out of our struggle, do we ask where God is instead of trusting Him in faith? When we have questions, we have to cry out to God and, with sheer faith, believe that whatever the outcome He will walk with us and see us through our valley.

Prayer Suggestion: Father, help me remember that You are there, no matter the circumstances.

Quicklook: Job 19:23–27

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

Partnering with Rainbow Riders and Total Action for Progress, we opened the first Early Childhood Head Start in our community (6 weeks to age 3). We sponsor an awesome Scouting program of Scouts Boy & Girl Troop, Venture Scouts for older youth, and a Cub Pack for girls & boys kindergarten - 5th grade, amongst many other programs. Directions: From Price’s Fork Road, turn onto Merrimac Road. St. Michael is ~quarter mile on the left. For more information: Phone 540.951.8951; Email hope@stmlc.us; Website www.st-michael-lutheran-church.org

PRESBYTERIAN

Join us at **The Presbyterian Church of Radford**, 201 4th Street, at the corner of 4th and Randolph.

Rev. Dr. Morgan Whitfield, Jr., will lead worship at 10 am through Labor Day. Phone 540-639-2585. Email: pcofradford@gmail.com. Website: www.pcradford.org. We are called to share the love of Christ to all 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.



Marketplace





Legals - Botetourt County

BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA REQUEST FOR QUOTE
RFQ 25-031 LEACHATE COLLECTION LINE JETTING

Botetourt County requests quotes for jetting the leachate collection lines at the Botetourt County Landfill. For a copy of this RFQ, please email the purchasing department at purchasing@botetourtva.gov.

Botetourt County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, waive any informalities or irregularities, and accept a proposal deemed to be in its best interest.

EOE

Stephanie Sparks, VCA Buyer

Legals - Botetourt County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 505 RIDGE ROAD, TROUTVILLE, VA 24175.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated June 13, 2012, in the original principal amount of \$76,530.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 120002544. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on July 8, 2025, at 11:45 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING AT A POINT, A FOUND IRON ROD ON THE WEST SIDE OF RIDGE ROAD (VIRGINIA SECONDARY ROUTE 803) AND CORNER TO PROPERTY OWNED BY BARBARA T. PALMER; THENCE LEAVING RIDGE ROAD AND WITH THE PALMER LINE, S. 46 DEG. 14 MINUTES 23 SECONDS W. 169.04 FEET TO A POINT, A FOUND IRON ROD CORNER TO PROPERTY OWNED BY JAMES A. AND JOYCE M. BRYANT; THENCE LEAVING PALMER AND WITH THE BRYANT LINE, N. 10 DEG. 29 MINUTES 08 SECONDS W. 191.78 FEET TO A POINT, A FOUND SPIKE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF RIDGE ROAD (VIRGINIA SECONDARY ROUTE 803); THENCE LEAVING BRYANT AND WITH THE SOUTH SIDE OF RIDGE ROAD, N. 79 DEG. 23 MINUTES 20 SECONDS E. 80.79 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE CONTINUING WITH SAME, AND WITH A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, THE RADIUS OF WHICH IS 46.60 FEET AND THE CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF WHICH IS S. 63 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 50 SECONDS E. 56.87 FEET TO A POINT, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 61.16 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE STILL CONTINUING WITH SAME, S. 25 DEG. 25 MINUTES 00 SECONDS E. 72.04 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.4521 ACRE, AND AS MORE PARTICULARLY SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SURVEY DATED DECEMBER 8, 1992, PREPARED BY ROBERT G. CANTLEY, L.S., A COPY OF WHICH IS OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA IN DEED BOOK 560, PAGE 602.

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 foreclosure sale and 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 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-369687-1.

Legals - Botetourt County

Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-374018-1.

Legals - Montgomery County

Cellco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) proposes to collocate wireless communications antennas at centerline heights of 28 feet and 31.5 feet on a 24-foot building with an overall building height of 38 feet at the approx. vicinity of 407 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Montgomery County, VA 24073. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Trileaf Corp, McKayla Grasham, m.grasham@trileaf.com, 303 International Circle, Suite 150, Hunt Valley, MD 21030, 410-853-7128.

Legals - Montgomery County

Terminate the parental rights of Amanda Dawn Linkous and Gary James Robertson, III, to the minor child Renesmee Marie Robertson pursuant to Section 16.1-283 of the Code of Virginia; specifically, that said parents have failed to maintain continuing contact and plan for the child's future and have failed without good cause to remedy the circumstances that led to the child's placement in foster care.

It is ORDERED that Amanda Dawn Linkous AND Gary James Robertson, III appear at the above-named court and protect his or her interests on or before August 5, 2025.

Entered May 19, 2025
Amie Blankenship, clerk

Legals - Montgomery County

process. The district includes an applicability criteria permitted use table, definitions specific to the new district, building dimensional standards, building design standards, site development standards and signage provisions. The district incorporates many new form-based zoning regulations, which have more specificity in building and site design requirements than typically found in traditional zoning districts.

Persons affected by or interested in the conditional use permit, rezoning and zoning ordinance amendment requests may appear and present their views. After the hearing, the Planning Commission may take action. Copies of the applications, staff report and all related items may 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. You may also call the office at (540) 443-1300 for more information. Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance to attend and participate in the public hearing on the above should contact the Planning & Building Department at (540) 443-1300, or (540)-443-1000-TDD.

Legals - Montgomery County

OF THE MONTCOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT 55 EAST MAIN STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA. DATE OF SALE: JUNE 30, 2025 TIME OF SALE: 10:00 AM

By: Daniel D. Hamrick, Agent FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel D. Hamrick, Agent for Daniel D. Hamrick, P.C., Trustee 104 South Franklin Street Christiansburg, VA 24073 (540) 382-0131

Legals - City of Radford

CITY OF RADFORD, STATE OF VIRGINIA AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS.

ALL that certain lot or parcel of and, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon ad privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging, fronting 50 feet on the southeastern side of Sixth Street, designated as Lot No. 10, Section 8, Plan G, upon a plat entitled, "Survey Of Lots For Lynchburg Foundary Co., Radford, Virginia" made by Childress Hall, County Surveyor, Christiansburg, Virginia, dated July 27, 1946, which said plat is recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Radford, Virginia, in Deed Book 45, Page 102 & 103; the building thereon being known as: 912 Sixth Street, Radford, VA. Tax Map No. 14*(5) *Sec. 8-10 Account No. 02*001250 ADDRESS: 912 SIXTH STREET, RADFORD, VIRGINIA 24141

SALE WILL BE MADE SUBJECT TO ALL EXISTING EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS AS THE SAME MAY LAWFULLY AFFECT THE REAL ESTATE.

TERMS OF SALE: CERTIFIED FUNDS OR CASHIER'S CHECK. A BIDDERS DEPOSIT OF TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE SALES PRICE, WITH FULL SETTLEMENT TO BE MADE WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS FROM DATE OF SALE. ADDITIONAL TERMS MAY BE ANNOUNCED AT THE TIME OF SALE

THIS NOTICE IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

PLACE OF SALE: FRONT OF RADFORD CITY COURTHOUSE, 619 SECOND STREET, RADFORD, VIRGINIA DATE OF SALE: JUNE 20, 2025 TIME OF SALE: 10:00 AM

Daniel D. Hamrick, PC, Trustee

By: Daniel D. Hamrick, Agent FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel D. Hamrick, Agent for Daniel D. Hamrick, P.C., Trustee 104 South Franklin Street Christiansburg, VA 24073 (540) 382-0131

Legals - City of Radford

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING City of Radford Appropriation Ordinance for a School Board Budget Amendment

Radford City Council will hold a public hearing on June 17, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers located at 10 Robertson Street for the purpose of receiving public comments on the City's proposed budget amendment of \$4,685,805 to the School Board Budget for F.Y. 2025.

BY ORDER OF THE RADFORD CITY COUNCIL

NOTICE JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL ESTATE

On July 11, 2025, proceedings will be commenced under authority of Section 58.1-3965 et seq. of the Code of Virginia to sell the following parcels located in the City of Radford, Virginia, for payment of delinquent taxes

Radford Land & Improvement Co. 16-(1)-12A Radford Land & Improvement Co. 16-(1)-16A Radford Land & Improvement Co. 16-(1)-21A

Radford Land & Improvement Co. 37-(2) SEC 1-14

The owner of any property listed may redeem it at any time before the date of sale by paying accumulated taxes, penalties, interest and costs thereon at the law office listed below. The pro rata costs of publication hereunder shall become a part of the tax and together with all other costs, including reasonable attorney's fees set by the court, shall be collected when payment is made whether or not court proceedings have been initiated.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT: 912 SIXTH STREET, RADFORD, VA 24141 CITY OF RADFORD

Tax Map# 14-(5)-SEC 8-10 ACCOUNT NO: 02-001250 IN EXECUTION OF A DEED OF TRUST IN THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$46,000.00, DATED THE 4TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2015, RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF RADFORD, VIRGINIA, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 2015-1066. DEFAULT HAVING OCCURRED IN THE PAYMENT OF THE NOTE SECURED THEREBY, AND AT THE REQUEST OF THE HOLDER OF THE NOTE, THE UNDERSIGNED SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, WILL OFFER FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF RADFORD, LOCATED AT: 619 SECOND STREET, RADFORD, VIRGINIA 24141, ON 20TH DAY OF JUNE, 2025 AT 10:00 A.M., THE REAL ESTATE WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, LYING AND BEING SITUATE IN THE

Legals - City of Radford

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT: 5396 GRAYSONTOWN ROAD, RADFORD, VA 24141 COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

Tax Map# 125-A-29 Parcel ID: 004043 IN EXECUTION OF A DEED OF TRUST IN THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$79,500.00, DATED THE 24TH DAY OF MARCH, 2010, RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 2010002193. DEFAULT HAVING OCCURRED IN THE PAYMENT OF THE NOTE SECURED THEREBY, AND AT THE REQUEST OF THE HOLDER OF THE NOTE, THE UNDERSIGNED SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, WILL OFFER FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, LOCATED AT: 55 EAST MAIN STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073, ON 30TH DAY OF JUNE, 2025 AT 10:00 A.M., THE REAL ESTATE WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, LYING AND BEING SITUATE IN THE RINER MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, STATE OF VIRGINIA AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

All of Lot 2, as shown on the map entitled, "Plat Showing Relocation/Vacation of Lot Lines for Carl N. McNeil," prepared by Highland Surveys, dated 7 October 2002, Plan No. P-7687, a copy of which map is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, in Plat Book 23, Page 361, and to which map reference is made for a more particular description of the property. Tax Map Number: 125-A-29 Parcel: 004043 Address: 5396 Graysontown Road, Radford, VA 24141 SALE WILL BE MADE SUBJECT TO ALL EXISTING EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS AS THE SAME MAY LAWFULLY AFFECT THE REAL ESTATE.

TERMS OF SALE: CERTIFIED FUNDS OR CASHIER'S CHECK. A BIDDER'S DEPOSIT OF TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE SALES PRICE, WITH FULL SETTLEMENT TO BE MADE WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS FROM DATE OF SALE. ADDITIONAL TERMS MAY BE ANNOUNCED AT THE TIME OF SALE. THIS NOTICE IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

PLACE OF SALE: FRONT

CUP-25-1-Graham Outdoor Recreation Camp Conditional Use Permit request at 2190 Merrimac Road (Tax Map No. 313-A 2, Parcel ID # 027067). Conditional Use Permit request in the Rural Residential 1, RR-1 zoning district to permit a camp with short-term overnight stays at the historic Linkous-Kipps House at 2190 Merrimac Road. The existing house is proposed as the main lodge. Outbuildings, pastures, and open space will be used for outdoor gatherings, events and recreation and educational purposes. The applicant/owner proposes a maximum of 50 visitors at the property up to 2-3 times per week with occasional overnight lodgings of up to 10 people maximum. The Town of Blacksburg Comprehensive Future Land Use designation is Low Density Residential.

RZN-25-4-Yellow Sulphur Apartments PRD rezoning request at 3503 Holiday Lane (Tax Map No. 347-A 18, 377-A 2 & 377-A 40, Parcel ID # 000745) Rezoning request from General Commercial, GC to Planned Residential, PR to construct a multi-family residential community of four (4) four-story apartment buildings and a two-story community building with a leasing office, fitness rooms, business center and outdoor patio. The total size of the development is 6.779 acres. Each residential building will include an equal mix of one-bedroom and two-bedroom units for a total of 64 units per building for a total of 256 units (384 bedrooms). A total of 332 parking spaces is proposed, which is 0.86 spaces per bedroom. This is lower than the required Town of Blacksburg parking ratio of 1.1 spaces per bedroom. The applicant has requested to modify Section 4261(a)(3) of the Use and Design Standards to not require a street-oriented entrance along Yellow Sulphur Road. The Future Land Use designation in the Comprehensive Plan is Commercial.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment (ZOA) #60/ORD #2001-An amendment to amend the text of the Town's Zoning Ordinance to create a new Downtown Northwest zoning district for the area bounded by North Main Street, Turner Street, and Prices Fork Road. In 2019, the Town adopted the Downtown Strategic Plan which identified six sub districts for Downtown including the Downtown Northwest district bounded by North Main St., Prices Fork Rd., and Turner St. The proposed amendment will create a new floating zoning district applicable to the Downtown Northwest area. Creation of the new district does not change existing zoning and property owners would need to rezone to the new district through a public hearing

Order of Publication Commonwealth of Virginia VA CODE § 8.01-316, Case No. JJ020233-10-00, Case No. JJ020233-11-00 MONTGOMERY COUNTY JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Montgomery County DSS v. Amanda Dawn Linkous and Gary James Robertson, III

The object of this suit is to: Terminate the parental rights of Amanda Dawn Linkous and Gary James Robertson, III, to the minor child Kaiden James Linkous pursuant to Section 16.1-283 of the Code of Virginia; specifically, that said parents have failed to maintain continuing contact and plan for the child's future and have failed without good cause to remedy the circumstances that led to the child's placement in foster care.

It is ORDERED that Amanda Dawn Linkous AND Gary James Robertson, III appear at the above-named court and protect his or her interests on or before August 5, 2025.

Entered May 19, 2025
Amie Blankenship, clerk

Order of Publication Commonwealth of Virginia VA CODE § 8.01-316, Case No. JJ020484-09-00, Case No. JJ020484-10-00 MONTGOMERY COUNTY JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Montgomery County DSS v. Amanda Dawn Linkous and Gary James Robertson, III

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT FOR THE
COUNTY OF ROANOKE
COUNTY OF ROANOKE,
VIRGINIA, Complainant, vs.
CARL D. SIMMONS,
et al, Respondents.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

TO: THE RESPONDENTS:
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Entered this 5th day of
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316-317,20-104
Case No.CL25-710
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VIRGINIA, Complainant, vs.
LESLIE MUTERSPAUGH,
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Roanoke, Virginia against
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RADFORD SPORTS

State track: Auburn girls bring home Class 1 title

Blacksburg rolls for girls' Class 4 championship

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The Auburn girls' track team is the state's Class 1 champion, while Blacksburg doubled up the competition to take the girls' Class 4.

The Auburn girls tallied 73 points to second place Brunswick's 65. Eastside was third with 61 points. On the boys' side of the track, Auburn finished third with 60 points as Brunswick took the team title with 73, edging out Middlesex (72 points) in the last event of the day.

The Lady Bruins tallied 111.5 points to second place Atlee's 59.5 points. Manor finished third with 48 points. The Blacksburg boys finished fourth in the Class 4 ranks as Jamestown took the team title.

In Class 3, the Christiansburg girls finished in ninth while the boys' squad was 26th.

In Class 2, Floyd claimed the boys title with Radford finishing third. The Lady Bobcats would finish in ninth as Clark took the team title.

The bright spot for Christiansburg was Leila Haley, who won the 400 meters and placed third in the 100 and 200 meters.

The Blacksburg girls were led by Tamoy Douglas with a first in the 200 meters and second in the 100. Reilly Thomas would add to the points with a state title in the 800. Blacksburg's Lola Olsen would finish second in the 3,200 and third in the 1,600. Ruthie Delapp

was fourth in both of those events.

The Lady Bruins would win both the 4X100 and 4X800 relays, and Grace Crowe was third in the discus.

For the Blacksburg boys, Daniel Bandera finished second in the 800 and Miles Ermann was fifth in the 1,600. Leighton McGee would be the team's lone state title with a 16-0 mark in the pole vault.

Auburn's Kobi Bonds brought home a state trophy in the Class 1 shot with a throw of 56-6.5. He also finished second in the discus. Talan Mower also gave the Auburn boys a first place in the pole vault with a leap of 12-6. His teammates Drew Royal (second in the high jump at 6-4) and Isayah Hamaan (third in 110 hurdles) also scored in the top five spots.

The Eastern Montgomery boys' had its 4X800 relay finish third, and Calvin Wilbon was fourth in the 3,200 meters.

On the girls side of the of the track, Auburn's Allyson Harris continued the school's dominance in the discus with a throw of 112-7. She also finished third in the shot event.

Allyson Funk led Auburn to a first place finish in the 3,200 meters and second in the 1,600 meters. Maggie Earnest was third in the high jump, while Macy Hollandsworth finished second in the pole vault with teammate Gretchen Surface in third place.

The Eastern Montgomery girls' finished third in the 4X800 relay, slipping by Auburn who was fourth.



FILE PHOTO

Luke Gaither passed for 2,472 yards this past season at Radford High School.

Radford's quarterback transferring to Liberty Christian

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Quarterback Luke Gaither had an outstanding fall at Radford High School.

He was named this paper's all-county/all-city player of the year. But now Radford will have to find another QB1 as Gaither has announced plans to transfer to Liberty Christian Academy (LCA).

The 6-3, 165 sophomore finished the season with 208 completions on 360 attempts for 2,472 yards with a 57.8

percent completion rate, 20 passing touchdowns and another on the ground. Gaither had 10 interceptions.

He made his intentions known on a social media post.

Freshman Peyton Dobbins is the only other signal caller on Radford's roster from this past season.

Meanwhile LCA has come under plenty of criticism as a private school playing in the Virginia High School League ranks. This past season, the team won its second state title with a 14-0 mark.

Radford boys advance in semis, defeated in region finals



Radford's Robert Fuksz races ahead of the Nelson County defense during a Region 2C semifinal tournament match this past week in Martinsville. Radford would then lose to Glenvar in the Region 2C final, 3-0 on Thursday.



Radford's Andrew Hope looks upfield during a first half Bobcat possession against Nelson County in postseason Region 2C play. After a 0-0 first half, Radford would take the win 1-0 to advance and play Glenvar in the Region 2C final.



Radford's Sam Khandan-Barani slows down the Nelson County offense during a close 1-0 win for the Bobcats.



PHOTOS BY JON FLEMING

Radford's Luciano Pugliese redirects a Nelson County pass during the first half. The Bobcat defense held Nelson County scoreless in a 1-0 Region 2C win.

RU alum retires from college basketball

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Steve Robinson has been there for two of the top basketball programs in the country. He was an assistant coach under Roy Williams at Kansas and then later followed him to UNC.

This past week, Robinson said he would retire from the game he loves. He had been serving as assistant at the University of Arizona.

Robinson served as the head men's basketball coach at the University of Tulsa from 1995 to 1997 and Florida State from 1997 to 2002. He was an

assistant to Williams for 26 years, including at the University of Kansas (1988-1995 and 2002-2003), and at North Carolina following Williams's move from Kansas in 2003.

Robinson assisted the North Carolina Tar Heels to three NCAA Division tournament titles, in 2005, 2009, and 2017. As a head coach, Robinson led his teams to the NCAA tournament three times, twice with Tulsa and once with Florida State. In 1997, he was named WAC Mountain Division Coach of the year.

But many fans in the New River Valley remember his earlier start.

He grew up in Roanoke and

attended William Fleming High School, earning his bachelor's degree in health and physical science from Radford University in 1981, followed by a master's degree in counseling in 1985.

Robinson played at Ferrum College from 1978 to 1980, and then at Radford University from 1980 to 1981.

He would join Joe Davis' staff at RU and stayed there until 1986 before leaving for Cornell for two years.

Robinson was one of the first scholarship athletes ever at Radford University and was a two-year starter and co-captain for the men's basketball team from 1978-80, averaging 10.8 points and 5.8 rebounds in

54 games. Robinson averaged 11.5 points and 6.8 rebounds during one of Radford's greatest seasons ever, the 23-4 year in 1978-79, under coach Joe Davis.

He hit 51.7 percent of his field goals and later distinguished himself as an assistant coach at RU from 1983-86. Robinson led the University of Tulsa to three consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances before landing the head coaching position at Florida State University in July.

He was inducted to the RU Sports Hall of Fame in 1997 and once served on the RU Board of Visitors.

Now, he will look to find a new hobby in retirement.

Radford girls fall in semis



Radford's Lauren Owen's maintains possession for the Bobcat offense against Glenvar last week.



Radford keeper Shannon Wade defends a Glenvar corner kick during a Region 2C tournament semifinal match at Smith River Complex in Martinsville. The Bobcats fell to Glenvar by a 2-0 score.



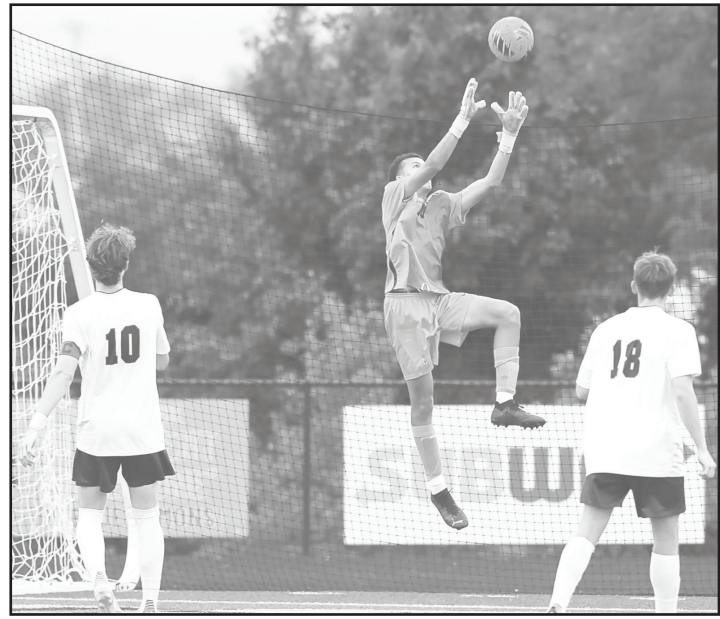
Radford's Lily Elhady battles Glenvar's Avery Steger for possession during the first half.



Radford's Abigail Hodock clears the ball away from the Bobcat goal against Glenvar during a Region 2C match.

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Christiansburg takes region boys soccer



Christiansburg's Goal keep Andre Stuart snags a shot from Magna Vista's offense. Christiansburg overwhelmed Magna Vista 8-to-0 and won by slaughter rule with over 10 minutes still left on the clock when the last goal was scored by Connor Smith.



Goal leader for the team Sami Seife (middle) scores a goal as Magna Vista's defense is unsuccessful in stopping him. Seife scored four goals in the game. One goal each was scored by Gavin Rose, Connor Smith, Sam Waters, and Samuel Velasquez.

PHOTOS BY KYMN DAVIDSON-HAMLEY

Salem knocks Blacksburg from regionals



Blacksburg third baseman Brice Abbott fires a throw to first base to get an out against Salem, who defeated Blacksburg 10-1 in a first round Region 4D tournament baseball game.



Blacksburg first baseman Jackson Mann tags first ahead of a diving Mason Brown of Salem last week. Blacksburg would finish their season with a 16-4 record.


PHOTOS BY JON FLEMING

Good and bad for VT football program

As the Virginia Tech football team prepares to enter summer camp, there have been some mixed observations from national media.

The recent Metallica concert in Blacksburg brought even more attention to Virginia Tech's football entrance music, and in a recent ranking by 247 Sports, the playing of "Enter Sandman" was the top gameday tradition in all of college football.

CBS Sports considers Tech's head coach to be on the hot seat. While Brent Pry has failed to reach several expectations, he is ranked at #63 on the



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FROM THE SIDELINES

overall Power Four list of coaches.

CBS Sports says things feel headed in the wrong directions. Pry does rank ahead of Virginia's Tony Elliott, who is also facing some heavy scrutiny.

Thus, onlookers feel like everyone is

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River Turtles 2025 promotional calendar released

In conjunction with the launch of individual game night ticket sales, Calfee Park Baseball and the Pulaski River Turtles have released their 2025 promotional nights calendar.

Select promotions will be spotlighting Calfee Park's 90th anniversary this season, including the highly anticipated Pulaski Counts Series slated for July 29 and July 30. The expansive list of promotional nights also includes traditional favorites such as Agriculture Night, the cowboy-themed Saddle-Up Sunday and Circus Night. The 2025 promotional calendar begins with the return of "A Game for Hope" on June 3.

The slate of promotional events includes:

Thursday, June 12: Circus Night

One of Calfee Park's top promotional nights is back. Circus Night presented by RJ Young and K92 returns, featuring award-winning entertainment act Tyler's Amazing Balancing Act for a night of dazzling stunts during the game. Chuckles the Clown will also be present to create balloon masterpieces for fans of all ages.

Wednesday, June 25: Family Fun Night

Q99's Family Fun Night features a General Admission ticket discount at the

gate for adults and children ages six and older.

Saturday, June 28: Commemorative Bobblehead

The first 300 fans to enter the park will receive a free bobblehead commemorating Calfee Park's 90th anniversary, courtesy of Collision Plus and Pulaski County.

Friday, July 11: Christmas in July

Help us give back to our community and we'll pay it forward! Bring a packaged toy and receive a free General Admission ticket at the gate on the day of the game. Santa will be present, and all toys will be donated to the Pulaski County Christmas Store. Fireworks following the game.

Saturday, July 19: Agriculture Night

A Calfee Park tradition. Agriculture Night presented by Farm Credit is returning this season featuring the popular Ag Night jersey auction. Don't miss the fashionable threads the River Turtles will sport July 19. A petting zoo will also be on-site for fans of all ages courtesy of 4-H and the Virginia Cooperative Extension Pulaski Office.

Tuesday, July 29 and Wednesday, July 30: Pulaski Counts Series

Calfee Park's commemorative 90th anniversary program culminates with a

legendary team rebrand. For the first time in its five-year history, the Pulaski River Turtles will play under an alternate identity, taking the field as the Pulaski Counts for a two-game series against the Bluefield Ridge Runners. Promotions include throwback uniforms, a jersey auction for charity and more.

In addition to special promotional nights, Calfee Park will host the following weekly promotions in 2025:

Sunday Games: "Sunday Savings" concession specials presented by Pulaski First United Methodist Church.

Wednesday Games: "Waggin' Wednesday" - bring your dog to the park!

Thursday Games: "Thirsty Thursday" drink specials.

Friday Games: "Fireworks Fridays" - a fireworks display following the game.

NEW for the 2025 season - Friendly Foes Free Ticket Program. Catch Pulaski River Turtles road games at Bowen Field in Bluefield for free.

Here's how the Friendly Foes Free Ticket Program works: River Turtles fans that have retained a ticket to a home game at Calfee Park during the 2025 season can present the ticket stub at the Bowen Field box office

and exchange it for a free General Admission ticket to a River Turtles away game at Bowen Field. Similarly, Ridge Runners fans that have retained a ticket to a home game at Bowen Field during the 2025 season can present the ticket stub at the Calfee Park box office and exchange it for a free General Admission ticket to a Ridge Runners away game at Calfee Park.

The used ticket stub must be from the 2025 season and can be from any Appalachian League game played at Calfee Park or Bowen Field. A ticket stub can only be exchanged for a General Admission ticket.

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For more information on promotional nights, email info@pulaskiriverturtles.com or call 540-980-1070.

Pulaski River Turtles

Sports notes: Highlander Freshman named All-American

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The D1 Softball Freshman All-American lists were announced Thursday morning with Radford University's Dakota Redmon earning a second-team nod, becoming just the third Highlander to ever earn an All-American nod.

Redmon continues to achieve new heights with the Highlanders adding her Second-Team Freshman All-American award to a quickly growing list of achievements. Throughout her debut season with Radford, the newcomer has earned NFCA All-Region recognition, NFCA Freshman of the Year Top-25 finalist, Big South Pitcher of the Year and Big South Co-Freshman of the Year.

The Stokesdale, N.C. native led Big South pitchers with a 2.40 ERA, 129 strikeouts, 16 wins, 178 innings pitched, and held opponents to a .231 batting average. Redmon was the Highlanders' ace in conference play leading the conference in ERA (1.44), strikeouts (55), innings pitched (78.0), complete games (11) and opponent batting average (.186). The freshman also racked up six weekly awards from the conference during the season.

D1 Softball's All-Americans, Freshman All-Americans and superlative awards are all voted on by staff, writers, digital media creators and industry experts. In the 2025 All-Freshman All-American first and second teams, Redmon is one of two Big South student-athletes and one of just six mid-major representatives.

Renfrow back with Nat team

Donning red, white and blue for the second consecutive summer, Virginia Tech rising junior pitcher Brett Renfrow has been invited back to participate in the 2025 USA Baseball Collegiate National Team Training Camp, consisting of a five-game Stars vs. Stripes showcase series running from June 29 to July 3 at three North Carolina ballparks.

Renfrow will reprise his pitching role with Team USA when 56 of the nation's premier non-draft eligible collegiate players descend this month on the USA Baseball National Training Complex in Cary, North Carolina. Last summer, the

6-foot-3 right-hander became the sixth Virginia Tech player who toured with the Collegiate National Team, following in the footsteps of Franklin Stubbs (1981), George Canale (1985), Trey McCoy (1986), Gavin Cross (2021) and Jack Hurley (2022).

Under the 2025 format, USA Baseball's Stars vs Stripes series will determine the Collegiate National Team roster for the 45th USA vs. Japan Collegiate All-Star Championship Series - a five-game tournament taking place from July 8 to July 13 in the Japanese cities of Hokkaido, Niigata and Tokyo.

Among athletes who do not progress to the Collegiate National Team, remaining pool players will compete on July 4 at Atrium Health Ballpark in Kannapolis, North Carolina, against a select all-star team from the Appalachian League.

Hokie softball transfer

Virginia Tech Head coach Pete D'Amour has announced the addition of Addy Foster to the 2025 softball signing class.

"We're grateful that Addy and her family decided to join us in Blacksburg," D'Amour said. "She's a versatile player and a proven collegiate left-handed hitter. Through talking with her, it's evident that Addy has the qualities we look for when adding players into our program. She's hard-working and wants to do whatever it takes to help us win. We're looking forward to Addy being a Hokie!"

Foster had a stellar previous two seasons at Stetson. Playing shortstop, Foster was a two-year starter for the Hatters. She finished her two years batting .368 with 117 hits and 59 RBIs. She also posted a .466 on-base percentage over two seasons and recorded 39 stolen bases.

Last season, the Second Team All-ASUN honoree started all 56 games she appeared in. She led the Hatters in multiple offensive categories, including batting average (.411), hits (72), triples (7) and RBIs (45). She drew a team-high 33 walks en route to her .505 on-base percentage and had 15 steals.

Cone punches US Open ticket

Former Virginia Tech men's golfer Trevor Cone carded a 5-under 137

(69-68) Monday at Woodmont Country Club's North Course, capturing one of four qualifying spots for the 125th U.S. Open in the process.

Deemed "golf's longest day," Woodmont served as one of 10 final qualifying sites in the U.S. on June 2 where golfers attempt to persevere through 36 holes of intense, high-stakes competition to advance to the U.S. Open. Cone finished runner-up to Ryan McCormick of Middletown, N.J., who signed for a 10-under 132 (66-66).

Seven sign with VT volleyball

Head volleyball coach Marci Byers has announced the addition of seven individuals to the 2025 roster.

Adeline Hundl - Outside Hitter // El Campo, Texas // El Campo High School

Paloma Zubiri - Outside Hitter // Pergamino, Buenos Aires, Argentina // Colegio San José Hermanos Maristas

Ivy Cooper - Libero//Defensive Specialist // Port Saint Lucie, Fla. // Fort Pierce Central High School

Brianna Holladay - Middle Blocker & Right Side // Leesburg, Va. // Riverside High School

Reese Hazelton - Outside Hitter // Philipsburg, Pa. // Philipsburg Osceola High School (IU)

Ainsley Ranstead - Outside Hitter // Mahomet, Ill. // Mahomet-Seymour High School (SIUE)

Camilla Brandalise - Setter // São Paulo, Brazil // Sesi High School (Florida

Southwestern)

Brianna Holladay is a middle blocker and right-side hitter from Leesburg, Va. where she attended Riverside High School. She is one of the top of the recruits.

At Riverside, Holladay was a two-time First Team All-District, two-time First Team All-Region and a two-time First Team All-State selection. She was selected at the VHSA 2024 State Player of the Year and the 2024 County Player of the Year, while being selected as a 2023 Second Team All-Metropolitan.

Reese Hazelton is an outside hitter from Philipsburg, Pa. where she attended Philipsburg Osceola High School.

Prior to Virginia Tech, Hazelton spent time at Indiana, where she recorded her first collegiate solo block in her debut against Wichita State and saw action in five matches during her freshman season.

At Philipsburg Osceola High School, Hazelton was a four-time All-State and All-Conference selection where she was also named the 2023 Pennsylvania Gatorade Player of the Year. In 2022, she led the state of Pennsylvania in kills with 674 and was second in kills during 2023 with 685. Hazelton led her team to the PIAA 2A State Title in 2023 with 46 kills and 23 digs in the state championship match. She accumulated 2,483 kills, 1,433 digs, 245 aces and 165 total blocks during her four-year career and finished as the school record holder in kills and digs.

Outdoor report: Area turkey numbers down this spring

The Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) announced a harvest of 20,565 turkeys during the 2025 spring turkey season.

This season represents the fourth highest spring turkey harvest in Virginia. Ryan Brown, DWR Executive Director, stated, "Even with annual fluctuations based on the hatch, weather, and food conditions, turkey populations continue to provide great recreational opportunities across the Commonwealth."

Despite the overall increase, the New River Valley saw a decrease. Montgomery Count fell from 235 in 2024 to 190 this Spring. Giles fell from 198 to 255; Floyd was down from 252 to 189, and Pulaski also fell from 207 to 171 birds taken this Spring.

A slight decrease in the harvest from the previous two years was anticipated by DWR biologists, and this season reflected a 6% decrease from the prior season. The 2023 and 2024 harvests represented the two highest spring turkey harvests in Virginia (24,447 and 21,988 respectively).

These harvests were likely higher than average due to excellent nesting conditions and improved turkey brood success in 2021. The Department's annual brood survey measures productivity and recruitment within Virginia's turkey population. In 2022 and 2023, the survey indicated below average recruitment of turkey poults across much of the state.

This decrease in recruitment means that there were likely fewer adult turkeys

on the landscape, which would explain the drop in the overall harvest this season. This reduction in adults is also indicated by a slight uptick in the percentage of juveniles (commonly called jakes) in the harvest. In 2024, jakes made up 7% of the total harvest, while this season they made up 11% of the total harvest.

As in previous years, more birds were harvested east of the Blue Ridge (69%) than west of the Blue Ridge (31%). Adult gobblers (as defined in harvest records as those with a beard at least 7" in length) made up 89% of the total harvest, while juvenile gobblers, known as "jakes" (beard less than 7" in length), accounted for 11% of the harvest. Turkey harvests occurred overwhelmingly in the morning (93%) versus the afternoon (7%).

The majority of the spring turkey harvest took place on private lands (93%). Public land hunters (both federal and state) accounted for 7% of the total spring harvest, very similar to last season. National Forest lands accounted for the majority of public land harvests.

While the harvest across the Commonwealth continues to be very robust, there are areas of the state where turkey population metrics are falling below the objectives set in DWR's Wild Turkey Management Plan. Habitat improvements that enhance brood and nesting success will be the key to sustaining robust turkey populations.

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watching a Clint Eastwood movie with its own version of "The Good, The Bad and The Ugly."

But the football program isn't the only sport under the microscope in Blacksburg.

While the school's softball team made the postseason, they seemed

to fail in most onlookers' eyes. There was also the baseball team, who did not get out of the shadows of the ACC tournament.

Athletic Director Whit Babcock is also coming off a below level men's basketball season. This summer is a make or break time for Virginia Tech athletics.

The baseball program did part ways with Ryan Fecteau (associate head coach, pitching) and Kyle Sarazin (director of player development). This could just be a band aid and will depend on who Tech's hires to fill the openings.

The transfer portal is also a negative for all the above mentioned sports programs.

The revolving door could make or break everyone up and down Beamer Way.

This could also be a key for Babcock to see if he can stop the outward sucking air, plugging holes across the board. Mr. Fixit will have to step up his game, and he too has been under some heavy criticism.

The report card will be published early in the fall, and the hope is that it will be a passing grade. But lots of changes must take place to make it a little better before those sports are jumpstarted this Fall.

Eastwood couldn't say it any better, "Do you feel lucky?" Hokie fans hope so!

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