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VT Board of Visitors sets university budget at \$1.74 billion for 2021-22

The Virginia Tech Board of Visitors approved a \$1.74 billion university budget for the 2021-22 fiscal year (July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022) at its Tuesday meeting in Blacksburg.

In addition, the board approved a resolution to delegate authority to the university president to implement necessary health and safety measures based upon institutional needs and the health and safety of students, faculty, staff, and the surrounding community during the current and any future public health emergencies.

The 2021-22 operating budget is the largest in the university's his-

tory. The Education and General portion of the budget, which includes the University Division and Virginia Cooperative Extension, totals \$974 million, a 3.7 percent increase from a year before. In total, approximately 19 percent of the overall university budget is funded by state support.

Next year's budget includes increases in student financial aid, a five percent merit and distinction compensation program for teaching/research faculty and administrative/professional faculty, a five percent university staff merit compensation program, a five percent classified staff compensation pro-

gram, and a five percent stipend increase for graduate assistantships.

The board also approved a resolution to create a new School of Environmental Security within the College of Natural Resources and Environment, pending approval from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia. The new school will draw upon multiple academic disciplines and professions to address threats to human safety and prosperity from global population growth, resource availability and access, and environmental

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Sharon Brickhouse Martin talks with other members of the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors in open session. Photo by Ryan Young for Virginia Tech.

National forests improvements to close Pandapas Pond area

Work to repair trails and bridges in the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests at the Pandapas Pond Day Use Area in Montgomery County will result in a temporary closing of the pond and surrounding trails beginning Monday, June 14.

According to Forest Service district ranger Beth Christensen, the work could take up to four weeks, and the area will reopen when the project is completed.

The lower parking lot closest to the pond will be closed. Visitors wishing to access the Poverty Creek Trail system can still park at the upper parking lot off US Highway 460 or at other access points off the Poverty Creek Road (Forest Service Road #708).

"The trails around Pandapas Pond provide opportunities to recreate and connect with nature close

to the town of Blacksburg," said Christensen. "Trails at and adjacent to this popular recreation area have seen a large amount of use, which has contributed to the trails' degradation over time."

The Pandapas Pond project will repair deteriorated approaches to the walking bridges, level out the existing trail, improve drainage adjacent to the trail, reduce future trail erosion, and repair the trail tread on the Pandapas Pond Loop Trail (Forest Trail #74) and the Pandapas Wetland Loop Trail (Forest Trail #74a).

The forest service may also make improvements to the Poverty Creek Connector Trail (Forest Trail #74c) and the Woods and Field Trail (Forest Trail #74d). The trails will be closed while they are undergoing repairs.

VT President Tim Sands announces vaccination plan for fall semester

Following Tuesday's meeting of the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors, VT President Tim Sands used an open letter to students, faculty, and staff to announce the university's COVID-19 vaccination plan for the fall semester.

His letter said, "For more than a year, we have worked together to manage through a global pandemic that has significantly impacted our community. While COVID-19 is not yet fully behind us, vaccines have dramatically lowered the risk of infection and made it possible to plan for a fully in-person fall semester without mask or physical distancing requirements for vaccinated members of our community. We're now filled with excitement about everything this will mean to our lives and this university we love. The Hokie experience will be back this fall.

"This return to normalcy will be made possible by following the data and the evolving science while maintaining our firm commitment to each other in the spirit of Ut Prosim (That I May Serve) and our Principles of Community. Despite lower risks today and the downward trends in cases, hospitalizations, and deaths in Virginia, it is clear that the full experience we must strive to offer in the fall will only be assured with vaccine-induced population-scale immunity and low disease prevalence on our campuses and in our larger communities.

"Last week the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) published its Guidance for Institutions of Higher Education, advising that complete elimination of masking and distancing requirements for everyone would be advisable only if everyone is fully vaccinated. Our own data support this conclusion.

"The high population density in residence halls, off-campus housing, and classrooms — combined with the mobility of students — presents challenges not seen in other settings. Understanding that there will always be those in our community who should not be vaccinated, we must take care to limit exceptions



Virginia Tech President Tim Sands's vaccination plan requires all students to be vaccinated and strongly urges vaccination for all employees. The deadline for students to report full vaccination is August 6; for employees the deadline is August 15.

and to ensure that those who are not vaccinated are able to participate in the Virginia Tech experience without fear for their personal health safety. This combination of CDC guidance and Virginia Tech's own experience over the past three semesters has informed the following decisions regarding vaccinations.

"Vaccinations will be required for all students attending Virginia Tech in the fall with exemptions for medical reasons and sincerely held religious beliefs. During the past two semesters, we weathered significant surges in COVID-19 cases in Blacksburg. We did this through robust testing, self-quarantine, masking, and physical distancing.

"We must do everything possible to avoid repeating the challenges of the last 14 months and to ensure that students who cannot be vaccinated are able to participate in campus life and in-person learning. It is essential that every student who can be vaccinated, is vaccinated.

"The deadline for students to report that they have received the full course of vaccine doses (one or two, depending on the vaccine) is Aug. 6, 2021.

"Virginia Tech employees are strongly encouraged to be vaccinated. The need and frequency of testing for unvaccinated employees will be determined based on the risk an individual's position presents to the community.

"In an employee survey last semester, nearly 90 percent of respondents reported being vaccinated. This response and the low prevalence of infection for employees in high-contact roles throughout the most recent semester give us confidence that the risk to and from employees will be relatively low and manageable if nearly everyone is vaccinated.

"The deadline for reporting the completion of the full course of vaccination doses is August 15.

"We know that some, regardless of vaccination status, may prefer to limit their risk further by continuing to wear masks while around others. We respect and support that personal decision.

"To all Hokies, I greatly appreciate the selfless commitment to public health guidelines that has helped us manage through and ultimately emerge stronger from this pandemic. And thank you in advance for taking this next step toward a return to a fully in-person fall semester, with all the joy and benefits of the shared experience we cherish at Virginia Tech, along with new tools, methods, and expertise that we have developed throughout the pandemic.

"I am confident that this 'next normal' will make us a better university and an even more resilient, connected, and service-minded community."

Blacksburg native joins submarine group



Commander, Submarine Group Seven recently welcomed Blacksburg native Information Systems Technician (Submarines) Second Class Colin Ellingson. Ellingson joins the N6 department watchfloor where he hopes to gain the relevant qualifications to advance to First Class petty officer. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Second Class Adam K. Thomas)

Global internet outage points to weakness of the cloud infrastructure

After the recent massive internet outage that shut down websites and apps across the world, Virginia Tech computer scientist Ali Butt says the incident points to the weakness of the cloud infrastructure upon which many prominent websites are built.

Years of consolidation, Butt says, has slowly eroded the robustness of web service providers and also made them more vulnerable to cyberattacks.

"Over the years, the foundational infrastructure that powers websites and internet services has been consolidated into fewer cloud service providers such as Amazon and content delivery networks such as Fastly," says Butt. "While such consolidation

has advantages of scale and cost, it has slowly eroded the robustness that comes from having many service providers that could seamlessly work with each other."

Butt said that an initial suspect for the recent outage has been a misconfiguration that led to an internal service outage that in turn took down the many services and websites which rely on the providers. "This is akin to replacing all local streets with a highway, where a single crash can shut down the highway, leaving users few alternate options," Butt said.

"Some would argue that this means we should have highways with more lanes for internet services," says Butt.

"That is good, but we should think about providing and supporting more alternate service providers as well. This would need a rethink and require the support of more cloud providers."

Butt says that another reason for this massive internet outage could be that the service provider was targeted by a cyberattack. "Though that has not been identified as a reason this time, it's an event waiting to happen," Butt said. "What is concerning is why there were not enough checks to prevent human or configuration errors in these crucial services. We need to make our cloud service infrastructure more

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, June 12:

Department of Wildlife Resources Boating Safety Class at Claytor Lake

At the State Park Water's Edge Building, 6620 Ben H. Bolen Drive, Dublin from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Materials and instruction are free of charge. Bring a pencil, a highlighter and lunch. Students may bring food and drink for themselves during the class. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Pre-registration is required. By registering for this class, the student agrees to observe all pandemic protocols for this indoor class including social distancing and mask wearing as required by the governor's most recent executive order. Before entering the class, the student will be asked a short health-related symptom survey and will be asked to af-

firm that the student will abide by classroom rules..

RSVP at <https://www.registered.com/events/view/167760>. For more information, contact Mendy Harman at 540-494-3569, mendy.harman@dwr.virginia.gov.

Fish Fry

At New Mount Olive United Methodist Church, 309 Russell Ave., Radford (across from R&R Market and the Radford Fire Department from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Monday, June 14:

Free Tabata Hiit Class at Blacksburg Parks and Rec

Beginning Monday, June 14, come on down to Blacksburg Parks and Recreation for a 25-minute TABATA HIIT full-body fat-blast workout. Bring

your water, mat, and competitive attitude. Classes are Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30-5:55 p.m. as part of the Fitness Class Pass.

The class on Monday, June 14, is free.

Tuesday, June 15:

United Way Benefit Night

United Way's benefit night will be held at Zeppoli's Restaurant & Wine Shop from 4 p.m. until close. What gets donated? 20% for pickup/delivery, for dine-ins with receipt turned in, and gift card purchases.

Monday, June 21:

Blood Drive

The New River Health District and the American Red Cross are hosting a blood drive at Blue

Ridge Church, 1655 Roanoke St., Christiansburg, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. An appointment may be scheduled by calling 540-585-3328.

Wednesday, June 23 Through Friday, June 25

No Huckleberry Trail Parking

There will also be no Huckleberry Trail parking behind Fire Station #2, 2700 Prices Fork Road, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 23, Thursday, June 24, and Friday, June 25. Hose testing will be performed on those days.

Ongoing: Through September:

Blacksburg's Market Square Jam 2021

Blacksburg's Market Square Jam 2021 has begun and will continue each Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. through September at Market Square Park. This season marks the jam's 10th anniversary.

Through October:

Radford Farmers Market

The Radford Farmers Market will be held each Saturday through October 30 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the New River Valley Community Service parking lot (Old Wade's parking lot on West Main St.

Christiansburg Farmers Market

Every Thursday through October at the Christiansburg Recreation Center parking lot from 3 to 7 p.m.

Radford PEO awards STAR scholarship

Chapter H, the Radford chapter of the Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.) Sisterhood, has awarded a \$2,000 STAR scholarship to Grace Bailey, a senior at Pulaski County High School who also attended the Southwest Virginia Governor's School.

Bailey is described as "an outstanding student who has succeeded academically, has served in numerous school related leadership roles, enjoys collaborating with her classmates, and is compassionate about helping others." She will attend Radford University Carilion School of

Nursing with a goal of becoming a nurse practitioner.

The P.E.O. STAR Scholarship was established in 2009 to provide

scholarships for exceptional high school senior women to attend an accredited postsecondary educational institution in the

U.S. or Canada in the next academic year. The competitive STAR scholarship is for women who exhibit excellence in leadership, academics, extracurricular activities, community service, and the potential for future success.

P.E.O. is a nonprofit organization that has helped more than 116,000 women pursue educational goals by providing more than \$383 million in grants, scholarships, awards, and loans. One of the oldest women's organizations in North America, the sisterhood also owns and supports Cottey College.



(From left) Jennifer Bolling, Pulaski Co. High Principal; Kathy Kleppin, Radford Chapter H PEO member; Mary Ann Semones, Chapter H PEO member; Grace Anne Bailey, PEO STAR scholarship recipient; Judi Quesenberry, Chapter H PEO member; and Meagan Pratt, Pulaski Co. High School counselor.

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shifts, including climate change.

A resolution to approve a new Bachelor of Science degree program in plant science and concurrently discontinuing Bachelor of Science degree programs in environmental sciences and horticulture was also approved by the board, pending state council approval. The changes to these degree programs will provide a unified, integrated curriculum with a wide breadth of subject material to better prepare students for careers in government agencies, agribusiness firms, and biotechnology compa-

nies.

On Monday, board members received an update on the Innovation Campus from Vice President and Executive Director Lance Collins. On Tuesday, board members received a design review of the Innovation Campus Academic I Building, a 299,733-gross-square-foot facility in Alexandria. The building, part of a 65-acre mixed-use development known as North Potomac Yards, will provide instruction, research, office, and support spaces primarily for graduate programs in computer science and

computer engineering. Construction is expected to begin this September with substantial completion targeted for early 2024.

Faculty promotion, tenure, and continued appointments for 2021 were approved by the board.

Over the course of the two-day meeting, board members received several reports and updates, including those on health sciences research, agricultural facilities planning and construction, sports wagering, diversity education, the future of work and talent development, and shared governance.

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robust, more scalable, and more secure.

"This outage is significant as it highlights the weaknesses of our cloud infrastructure," says Butt.

"In this time and age, we have to look at cloud services infrastructure as a national infrastructure that needs attention and security just like we do for our other

infrastructure," says Butt. "To this end, the cybersecurity and secure management policy aspects also need to be a first class concern. Service providers are failing and have become vulnerabilities that we should address and proactively fix."

Ali Butt is a professor and associate department

head for faculty development with Virginia Tech's Department of Computer Science. His research interests are in large scale distributed computing systems such as cloud computing and high performance computing. At Virginia Tech, he also leads the Distributed Systems & Storage Laboratory (DSSL).

PETS OF THE WEEK



Sweet Jemmi is in search of her purrfect match. Prior to coming to the Animal Care and Adoption Center, she may have been left to fend for herself. Jemmi would do best in a home without dogs as she is a bit timid and may be fearful of them.



Mini Lop Rabbits Carousel (left) and Bermuda (right) are looking for a home with experienced rabbit owners. They are a bonded pair and will need to be adopted together. Their adoption includes their cage.

Montgomery County nonprofits to participate in annual giving day

CHRISTIANSBURG -- The Community Foundation of the New River Valley (CFNRV) is holding its eighth annual giving day, GiveLocalNRV, on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, to help organizations both big and small raise money in the New River Valley.

More than 40 nonprofits that are either in or serve Montgomery County are participating this year. More than 50 organizations located outside of Montgomery County provide services to the county and the entire New River Valley.

A special feature of this year's giving day will come from Maroon Door in Blacksburg, which has brewed a special GiveLocalNRV Kolch beer for the campaign. Maroon Door will donate to the GiveLocalNRV campaign \$1 of each pint sold during June.

The annual online giving day has raised more than \$1.6

million for over 100 nonprofit organizations in the New River Valley in the last seven years. The goal this year is \$430,000 at a time when online support for nonprofits is more important than ever because COVID-19 has forced the cancelation of in-person fundraisers.

Pat Hyer, board chair for NRV Community Foundation, said, "If we have learned one thing during the COVID pandemic, it is how critical the local non-profits are to the well-being of our community. They feed the hungry, support kids trying to learn from home, provide emergency funds and mental health support to stressed families, and make sure that vaccinations reach everyone."

"GiveLocalNRV is the time to tell our non-profit organizations and their hundreds of volunteers how much they mean to us and to provide those ever-critical do-

nations so they can keep serving Montgomery County residents in need," Hyer said.

In addition to donations from community members, organizations can earn additional grant money from the Community Foundation during the giving day. The CFNRV will be giving out \$15,000 in grants to organizations that raise the most money, have the greatest number of unique donors during designated power hours, show creativity through videos, and more. Moreover, donors don't have to wait until June 23rd to support their favorite organizations. Any donation received through GiveLocalNRV through June 23 will count towards the organization's giving day total.

Donate online today to support your favorite organizations at givelocalnrv.org, which may be any of the following organizations that are located in or serve

Montgomery County:

Agape Center NRV, Blacksburg Community Band, Blacksburg Junior Women's Club, Blacksburg Museum and Cultural Foundation, Blacksburg New School, Boys & Girls Club of Southwest Virginia, Children's Trust, Community Foundation of the New River Valley - Fund for the NRV, Dayspring Christian Academy, DePaul Community Resources, Downtown Christiansburg, Friends of the Farmers Market, Friends of the Huckleberry, Habitat for Humanity of the New River Valley, Hacksburg, Historic Smithfield, Humane Society of Montgomery Co., Inmate Family Assistance of the NRV, Intellectual Disabilities Agency, Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley, Live Work Eat Grow, Montgomery Co. Christmas Store, Montgomery Co. Emergency Assistance Program, Montgom-

ery Co. Friends of Animal Care and Control, Montgomery Museum of Art & History, Mountain View Humane, New River Family Shelter, New River Land Trust, New River Robotics Association, New River Valley Disability Resource Center, New River Valley Home TimeBank, NRV Academy of Dance, NRV CARES, Renaissance Music Academy of Virginia, Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, SEEDS, Sojourn Center for Hospice Care, St John Neumann Academy, Summer Musical Enterprise, Sustain Blacksburg, The Blacksburg Master Chorale, The Community Group, The Kiwanis Club of Christiansburg, The Lyric Council, The Warm Hearth Foundation, United Way of the New River Valley, Valley Interfaith Child Care Center, Vittles for Vets, Wonder Universe, the YMCA at Virginia Tech.

Students help to clear up pandemic communication

Through 2020, the face mask proved to be an effective barrier to prevent the transmission of COVID-19.

But for many people who rely on facial expressions and lip-reading to communicate, masks also proved to be an effective barrier to understanding.

Such was the situation that students in Virginia Tech's Master of Public Health (MPH) program found themselves in the early days of the pandemic as they served alongside New River Health District staff to help senior citizens living in long-term care facilities.

"In the face of every resident, you see your loved ones and feel the pain and loneliness that isolation has brought them," Ella Rak, a Vienna native in the MPH-Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine program would later write. "How do you maintain quality and efficiency when communication is constrained, and risks are high?"

Thus was born TransparenSee — a group of four MPH students plus a graduate engineering student, who together produced a clear, fog-resistant face mask to allow for better communication with the deaf and hard of

hearing community.

To date, TransparenSee has overseen the design, manufacture, and distribution of more than 1,400 masks sent for free to schools and families as far away as Wisconsin. "We even have a couple of businesses who have requested them so they can better communicate with customers," said Hannah Reed, of Pulaski.

From the beginning, the solution posed by opaque masks seemed obvious to the team of aspiring health professionals, which also included Jaclyn Abramson, of West Chester, Penn., and Teace Markwalter, of Vienna, Va. Less obvious were the challenges of designing a transparent mask that fit snugly on the wearer's face to keep potential virus droplets from escaping.

An opportunity to advance their idea came when Laura Hungerford, professor and head of the Virginia Tech Public Health Program, and Ron Fricker, professor and interim dean of the College of Science, worked with Virginia Tech's Fralin Life Sciences Institute to launch a campus-wide competition called TECH Together Campaign, which called upon Virginia Tech students'

creativity and innovation in fighting coronavirus. Launched in July 2020, TECH Together ultimately received 76 applications from 20 different colleges and departments.

Designing low-cost plastic face shields for area hospitals was one thing, but TransparenSee's masks — with all the folds and curves necessary to provide a tight seal with the wearer's face — were another matter entirely.

The material TREC chose was durable, lightweight, relatively scratch-free polyester plastic with an anti-fog coating both inside and out.

The competition was held in three phases. For the first phase, applicants sent in a one-page proposal, and up to 20 teams were awarded \$500 to prepare for phase two. During phase two, 10 teams were awarded another \$1,000 to assist with strategy or prototype development to prepare for the final phase. At the end of the final phase, five winning proposals received a grand prize of \$4,000 toward implementation.

Among the winners, TransparenSee used the prize money throughout fall and winter 2020 to fund experimentation and testing of their mask



PHOTO COURTESY OF TRANSPARENSEE

VT Students design clear masks as part of the TransparenSee effort. Pictured are Marie Camp, Sam Schoede, Melanie Hook, Ben Beiter, Alex Fuge, and An-Chi He.

at nearby NanoSafe Inc. to ensure it provided at least the same protection as its cloth counterpart. Once the final design was approved, prize money went into full-scale production as well as marketing and packaging supplies so that they could make the mask available for free to anyone who wanted one.

"We wanted to use this project more as a community service rather than a business model," said Reed.

Delivery of the masks started up in March with orders coming in regularly online at bit.ly/ordertransparensee and social media channels

(Facebook @TransparenSeeNRV and Instagram @transparen_see).

And when the prize money runs out?

"We hope that through more marketing and promotion the more businesses and people will want to contribute so we can keep providing more masks to the community," said Abramson.

Because while the money may end, TransparenSee members' enthusiasm for public health has not.

"They are really an amazing and dedicated group," Hungerford said, "currently balancing a full load of classes, serving on the front line

of the vaccination and testing efforts, and continuing with the mask work."

Reed looks forward to the day when with increased vaccinations easing mask mandates their product won't be as vital.

"But we hope this allows for an opportunity to still effectively communicate with members of the deaf and hard of hearing community," she said, "and bring awareness to the issues that they face by making things more equitable and accessible."

-- Written by Michael Hemphill

New bill imposes heavier fines for illegal trash dumping on Virginia farms

Littering isn't just an eyesore that's harmful to the environment. It also can be detrimental to farming operations.

Accomack County farmer Sands Gayle said he's witnessed lots of illegal trash dumping along roadways and in the fields that he farms.

"On days that the public dumpsters aren't open, people will find a nearby back road and just throw it out," he lamented. "There's a lot of household trash. The problem is people just don't care."

Littering causes a multitude of problems for farmers. Trash dumped on farms can get caught in machinery, resulting in costly repairs. It also can get mixed in with crops during harvest, contaminating the yield and causing the farmer to lose money.

Illegal dumping also poses risks to livestock if they get tangled in trash or mistakenly ingest it while grazing. Gayle said he tries to clean up what he can, "but if I end up stopping for every single piece of plastic I see, I doubt I'd get anything done in a day."

A new law taking effect July 1 is intended to curb Virginia's litter problem by doubling the minimum fine for illegal dump-

ing from \$250 to \$500, with a maximum fine of \$2,500. Violators also could face up to one year in jail or 10 hours of community service.

Del. James Edmunds, R-Halifax, introduced the legislation and supported its passing.

"We commend Delegate Edmunds for his leadership on addressing litter," said Ben Rowe, Virginia Farm Bureau Federation national affairs coordinator. "For too long litter has posed a risk to the environment, farm

equipment, livestock, and crop quality. This new law will help ensure the minimum fine matches the impacts and risks of litter on farmers and deter littering in the commonwealth."

The Virginia Department of Transportation has launched an anti-littering awareness campaign called "Virginia is for Lovers, Not Litter." VDOT said it spends around \$3.5 million annually cleaning up litter.

Gayle said he's pleased about the heavier fines



Thoughtless and illegal trash dumping on Virginia farms poses a risk to machinery and livestock.

and hopes more awareness will bring change.

"I think it's a good idea," he said. "If everybody's on the same page, it'll stop."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To: Editor, News Messenger
 From: Delores Snell
 Re: Letter of appreciation to the families of Craig Mountain for giving snacks and food for Christiansburg Police Appreciation Week May 10-14.

breakfast bars seem to be the ideal food, drinks, and utensils for this season. I have received three thank-you cards with the signatures of police men and women, their badge numbers, and the signatures of office personnel on them. A big thank-you to each street that delivered food items Sunday through Friday:

Thorn Circle and Hunters Path, Flint Drive, Arrowhead Trail and Arrowhead Estates, Chestnut Drive, Tomahawk Drive and Barkwood Street.

Thank you.

*Delores Snell
 1220 Flint Dr.
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 540-250-3726*

I, Delores Snell, would like to thank all the families that live on the streets listed below for helping me make the Christiansburg Police Appreciation Week a success. It wouldn't have been without the support of every street listed below. Due to the COVID still spiking, snacks, cereals, milk, OJ, fruit, popcorn, potato chips, almonds, spoons, coffee, cups, drinks, cookies, bowls, and

New River Health District task force update

The latest update from the New River Health District task force, issued Wednesday, illustrates the effect vaccinations and attention to pandemic protocols have had on the spread of the virus.

Only seven COVID-19 patients in the district were hospitalized with no case under investigation.

Only six new cases were reported Monday throughout the district: one in Floyd County, four in Montgomery County, and one in Pulaski County. One case in Radford City was removed from the count, leaving a net of only five new cases throughout the district. Over the past seven days, only four new cases were reported in the district.

The ongoing count for Floyd County cases since the beginning of the pandemic is 878. Only 31 persons have been hospitalized. Twenty-three persons have died. 11,073 persons in Floyd County have been vaccinated, representing 36.4% of the population.

Giles County has experienced 1,312 cases since the pandemic's beginning with 51 of those requiring hospitalization. Twenty-two persons have died. 12,994 residents of Giles County have

been vaccinated, which represents 37.2% of the county's total population.

With its much denser population, Montgomery County has seen higher figures all around since COVID's beginnings. The county has experienced 9,412 cases requiring 192 hospitalizations and resulting in 96 deaths. 77,980 residents have been vaccinated, 38.3% of the population.

Pulaski County has reported 2,890 cases, 127 hospitalizations, and 62 deaths. 25,329 residents or 36.3% of the county's population have been vaccinated.

Radford City has experienced 2,167 cases during the course of the pandemic with 40 hospitalizations and 19 deaths. 12,814 Radford City residents or 33.4% of the population have been vaccinated.

Across the health district, 37.3% of the total population has been vaccinated. More than 43.5% of NRV residents aged 16+ have been vaccinated.

People ages 12 to 15 are now eligible for the Pfizer vaccine. Anyone can walk into any Virginia Department of Health clinic for vaccination. Appointments are preferred, but are not required.

A vaccine clinic will be held Thursday, June 17, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Pulaski Juneteenth Celebration. Regularly scheduled weekly vaccination clinics are available at Christiansburg Pharmacy on Thursdays from 4 to 7 p.m. and at the Christiansburg Farmers Market at the Christiansburg Recreation Center, also on Thursdays.

Vaccination clinics are also being held on Fridays at the Giles County Health Department (Call 540-235-3135 for an appointment.) and the Montgomery County Health Dept. (Call 540-585-3300 for an appointment.)

Businesses may request on-site employee education events by contacting Ashley Briggs at 540-639-9313 or abriggs@nrvc.org.

COVID-19 testing is available at the Montgomery Co. Health Department in Christiansburg, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 to 11 a.m. Appointments are required. Call 540-267-8240.

Testing is also available at the Giles Co. Health Department in Pearisburg on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 8-10:30 a.m. No appointment is required.

Submit letters

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Virginia soldier from World War II accounted for

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced Wednesday that Army Staff Sgt. Raymond C. Blanton, 19, of Richmond, Va., killed during World War II, has been accounted for.

In October 1944, Blanton was assigned to Company C, 1st Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division. His unit was engaged in battle with German forces near Germeter, Germany, in the Hürtgen Forest, when he was killed in action on Oct. 14. Blanton could not be recovered because of the ongoing fighting.

Following the end of the war, the American Graves Registration Command was tasked with investigating and recovering missing

American personnel in Europe. They conducted several investigations in the Hürtgen area between 1946 and 1950 but were unable to recover or identify Blanton's remains. He was declared non-recoverable in 1951.

While studying unresolved American losses in the Hürtgen area, a DPAA historian determined that one of two sets of unidentified remains, designated X-4491 Neuville and X-4492 Neuville, recovered comingled from the Raffelsbrand sector of the Hürtgen Forest near Germeter in 1946, possibly belonged to Blanton. The remains, which had been buried in Ardennes American Cemetery in 1950, were disinterred in September 2017 and sent to the DPAA laboratory at

Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska, for identification.

To identify Blanton's remains, scientists from DPAA used dental and anthropological analysis and circumstantial evidence. Additionally, scientists from the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System used mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) analysis.

Blanton's name is recorded on the Walls of the Missing at Netherlands American Cemetery, an American Battle Monuments Commission site in Margarten, the Netherlands, along with the others still missing from World War II. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for.

Blanton will be buried July 1, 2021 in his hometown.

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OBITUARY

Horton, Lois Louise Lorton

Lois Louise Lorton Horton, beloved mother, grandmother, wife, daughter, friend, and colleague was born in Radford on Mar. 15, 1937, to William David Lorton, Jr., and Beulah Hanks Lorton.

As a child, she attended McGuffey Elementary School and later graduated from Radford High School in the Class of 1955 with many lifelong friends.

Always a loving caregiver, she became a nurse and received training at Washington, D.C., General Hospital. During her time in training, a snowstorm disrupted access to the city. The inauguration of President Kennedy was scheduled to take place, but many of the people who were to attend could not arrive. A friend of hers was dating a marine, and those young men were told to get to the inauguration ball because they needed people. Mom was fortunate to be able to attend and that event was a happy memory.

Lois worked at St. Albans Psychiatric Hospital for 40 years as a nurse and later as the director of in-service education, helping to keep the hospital staff trained and up-to-date to best serve the patients. The members of the St. Albans team were her extended family, and those relationships continued for the rest of her life.

She was married to Raymond Crockett Horton, and they were happy together even though they only had a few short years before his untimely passing.

She was a lifelong member of First Christian Church/Unity Christian



Church in Radford. Over the years she helped with numerous projects, including the creation of Christmas ornaments for the Christmas tree and working with youth group members.

She loved to cross-stitch and made thousands of ornaments, which she gave to her friends and family. Many of these adorn their holiday trees each year.

Lois was in every facet of her life a caregiver. She raised two children, Beth and David, as a single mother while working full time in an era when the support for single parents was much less available.

She helped in the care of her father and stepmother during the final years of their lives.

She helped care for her grandsons, Ryan and Matthew, who were the major joy in her life over the last 25 years. Her boys always made her smile.

Her neighbors and friends were dear in her heart for all of her days, and even when she was no longer able to live in the house on Kirkwood Drive, she thought of them and stayed in touch as she could.

A celebration of her life will be held at 12 noon on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, at Unity Christian Church with the Rev. Gina Rhea officiating. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to Unity Christian Church, 400 Tyler Ave., Radford, VA 24141.

The Horton family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory. www.mullinsfuneralhome.com.

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Local college students graduate, receive honors

Blacksburg's Corson Wertz graduates from OU

Corson Wertz from Blacksburg has graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration majoring in business analytics and marketing and a Bachelor of Sport Management from the College of Business at Ohio University.

More than 4,800 students graduated with bachelors, masters, or doctorate degrees from Ohio University for spring semester 2021.

The graduates represented many areas of the United States and a number of other countries, including Bangladesh, Canada, China, Ghana, India, Japan, and the United Kingdom.

Two on dean's list at OU
Ohio University announces Dean's List recipients

Brandon DeLorenzo of Blacksburg in the College of Business and Chris Marks of Christiansburg in the College of Business were among the students who qualified for the spring semester 2021 dean's list at Ohio University.

Ohio University is committed to fostering, embracing, and celebrating diversity in all its forms. The university's Athens campus offers students a residential learning experience in one of the nation's most picturesque academic settings. Additional campuses and centers serve students across the state, and online

programs further advance the university's commitment to providing educational access and opportunity.

Fairlawn's Skylar Johnston graduates from Bridgewater

Skylar L. Johnston of Fairlawn graduated cum laude with a bachelor of science in biology from Bridgewater College during the spring commencement exercises.

In accordance with the Commonwealth of Virginia's capacity limits for commencements with regards to COVID-19 guidelines, the college held four commencement ceremonies on the campus mall for both undergraduate and graduate students.

Approximately 321 undergraduate and 32 graduate students from the Class of 2021 received degrees at the ceremonies. Dr. David W. Bushman, president of Bridgewater College, conferred the degrees.

Blacksburg's Jessica Tabor inducted into honor society

Jessica Tabor of Blacksburg was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Tabor was initiated at San Jose State University.

Tabor is among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi

Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann, who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society, one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the society has chapters on more than 325 campuses in the United States and the Philippines. Its mission is "to recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

Blacksburg student graduates from Alabama with PhD
Amarraj Chakraborty of Blacksburg received the Doctor of Philosophy degree from The University of Alabama during the university's spring commencement ceremonies.

The University of Alabama, part of the University of Alabama System, is the state's flagship university. A leader in cutting-edge research, UA ad-

vances discovery, creative inquiry and knowledge through more than 30 research centers. As the state's largest higher education institution, UA drives economic growth in Alabama and beyond.

Blacksburg's Will Marin earns dean's list honors at Utah

Will Marin, of Blacksburg was named to the University of Utah's Spring 2021 Dean's List. Marin's major is listed as Parks Recreation & Tourism with a bachelor of science degree.

Marin was among more than 8,700 students named to the Fall 2020 Dean's List at the U. To qualify, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher in at least 12 graded credit hours during any one term.

The University of Utah, located in Salt Lake City in the foothills of the Wasatch Mountains, is the flagship institution of higher learning in Utah. Founded in 1850, it serves over 32,000 students from across the U.S. and the world. With over 100 major subjects at the undergraduate level and more than 90 major fields of study at the graduate level, including law and medicine, the university prepares students to live and compete in the global workplace.

In 2019, the university was selected as a new member of the Association of American Universities, an invitation-only, prestigious group of 65

leading research institutions marked by excellence in academic expertise and research impact, student success, and securing resources in support of core missions.

Christiansburg's Nicole Mutter named to SNHU president's list

Nicole Mutter of Christiansburg has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Winter 2021 President's List. The winter term runs from January to May.

Full-time students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits; undergraduate day students must earn 12 credits in fall or spring semester.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution with an 88-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 150,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate, and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, N.H. SNHU has been recognized as the "Most Innovative" regional university by U.S. News & World Report and is one of the fastest-growing universities in the country.

Virginia Tech concrete canoe team breaks a 16-year streak by winning regional competition

Concrete is heavy, which makes it strong and durable, so it's considered a top choice as a material for construction projects, but not an ideal choice for a canoe because it sinks easily.

Each year, the Virginia Tech Concrete Canoe team takes on that challenge – of making something easily sinkable float – to build a canoe that will not only stay afloat, but can be raced in water. And this year the team took home the championship in regional competition for the first time in 16 years.

During each competition cycle, the team designs, constructs, and races a 20-foot-long canoe made entirely out of concrete. The team spends about nine months designing the canoe's hull, concrete mixture design, and mold form. Once the structural properties are identified, they test the concrete for its compressive, tensile, and flexural strength.

In the spring semester, the team forms the canoe. Concrete is hand placed and allowed to cure for 28 days. Normally, the team then takes the canoe to the regional competition where they are judged on a technical paper, presentation, canoe appearance, and racing times.

Due to the pandemic,

the 2021 competition was entirely virtual, which means the team did not get to race their canoe. Instead, the team was tasked with submitting only their proposal for the development of a standard canoe, said team captain Jessica Viehman.

This included many of the same initial steps of performing structural calculations and mixture design calculations, but kept the team competing solely in theory.

"The team then developed a complete design report with the projected schedule and construction techniques that we presented via Zoom," said Viehman.

By winning the regional competition, Virginia Tech will be competing in the national competition hosted virtually by the American Society of Civil Engineers on June 25-27. The winner from each of the 20 conferences will join to compete at the national competition.

"It was nice to be able to use what I'm learning in my classes to participate in a hands-on experience that relates to my future career," said team captain Nawras Zalzal.

Virginia Tech's team was smaller this year, with about 10 active members. Usually, there are up to 50 team members that are in-

involved in all stages of the design and building process, but COVID-19 and the virtual work format made it difficult to recruit new members. Despite the smaller team, all of the team members agreed that the most worthwhile part of the experience was seeing their hard work pay off with a win in the regional conference.

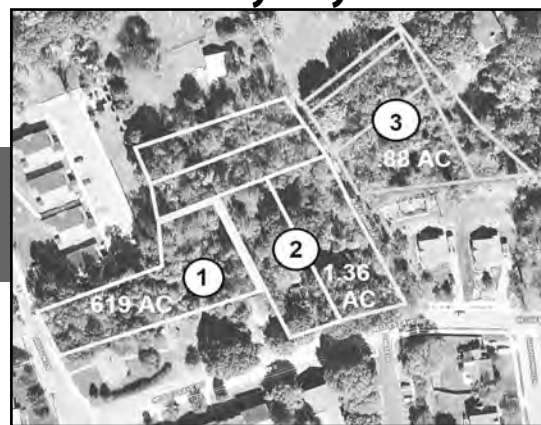
"The most rewarding part was being able to virtually celebrate with my teammates," said team captain Zachary Hill. "Bringing the win back to Virginia Tech after 16 years made the late nights, lack of sleep, and hard work worth it."

In addition to the concrete canoe victory, a number of civil and environmental engineering students were honored with awards during the conference. Jessica Viehman won the 2021 ASCE VA Section Thompson Award Winner, which is given to an outstanding student in the state. Kelly Crocker and Rachel Johnson won the 2021 ASCE VA Section Scholarship. Delaney Snead won the Marr Technical Paper and the Hardy Cross Technical Presentation, which comes with the coveted Hardy Cross trophy, which will be held by Virginia Tech until the competition in 2022.



The concrete canoe team with the canoe form in 2019. Because of the pandemic, the 2021 competition was held virtually.

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Virginia Department of Transportation road watch

The following is a list of forecasted highway projects that may impact traffic traveling in the 12-county Salem Transportation District this week. Work schedules and construction project timelines are always subject to change and weather dependent. The Salem District covers Bedford, Botetourt, Carroll, Craig, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Henry, Montgomery, Patrick, Pulaski, and Roanoke counties.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY
I-81 NORTHBOUND AT EXIT 105 NEW RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY – Lane and shoulder closures may be in place near exit 105. Lane closure may be in effect during the week from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Shoulder closures may be in effect at any time during the week. Slow

rolls may be performed on I-81 in the north and southbound lanes from mile marker 104 to 106 from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Speed limit is reduced to 60 miles per hour in the work zone. Shoulder closures will remain in place though the duration of the project. Project completion is estimated by June 2022.

A right lane closure will be in place between mile markers 105-104 from 8 p.m. on Sunday June 20, through 5 a.m. on Monday, June 21.

A left lane closure will be in place between mile markers 105-104 from 9 p.m. on Monday, June 21, through 5 a.m. on Tuesday, June 22.

SLOW ROLLS: Slow rolls may be utilized periodically on both the northbound and southbound lanes from mile marker 98-109 for structural steel deliveries and setting beams.

Tuesday virtual event to present vision for invigorating food, ag systems

At a virtual event at 9 a.m. on June 15, the Global Agricultural Productivity Initiative, or GAP Initiative, at the Virginia Tech College of Agriculture and Life Sciences will present a vision for invigorating food and agricultural systems. Experts working with large- and small-scale farmers around the world will share their perspectives.

During the next 30 years, the world's population will grow larger and more prosperous. Demand will soar for agricultural goods, especially

high-value products, such as meat, milk, fruits and vegetables, timber, oilseeds, and bioenergy.

Agricultural productivity growth is imperative for meeting the needs of a growing world while addressing threats to human and environmental well-being, including climate change and food insecurity.

"Investments in productivity growth in agriculture will help us achieve sustainable agriculture and food security, even in the face of climate change," said Alan Grant, dean of VT's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

In agriculture, productivity is measured as total factor productivity. When more crops, livestock, and aquaculture products are produced using the same amount, or less, land, labor, fertilizer, machinery, feed, and livestock, that is an increase in total factor productivity.

To sustainably produce

the food and agricultural products needed in 2050, total factor productivity needs to grow by an average of 1.73 percent per year.

"The most recent data show that we are consistently falling short of that target," said Ann Steensland, leader of the GAP Initiative.

Increased greenhouse gas emissions, food and nutrition insecurity, and land erosion are just some of the potential consequences of not meeting growth targets. Small-scale farmers and low-income households are particularly vulnerable.

"To accelerate this growth, we need to ensure that all farmers, especially those at smaller scales, have access to science-based innovation and information," said associate dean Tom Thompson.

A panel of GAP Initiative partners will discuss this challenge:

Jennifer Billings, Global Agricultural Develop-



Agricultural productivity growth is imperative for meeting the needs of a growing world while addressing threats to human and environmental well-being. Photo credit Lauren Bell.

ment Lead, Corteva Agriscience; Pawan Kumar, Director of Agricultural Development, S.M. Sehgal Foundation (India); Stewart Leeth, Vice President of Regulatory Affairs and Chief Sustainability Officer, Smithfield Foods; Ginya Truitt Nakata, Di-

rector of Latin America and the Caribbean, International Potato Center (CIP); Mel Ouloch, Regional Director, Sasakawa Africa Association; Ben Pratt, Senior Vice President of Government and Public Affairs, The Mosaic Company; Natasha

Santos, Vice President of Global Stakeholder Strategy, Bayer Crop Science; Megan Seibel, Farmer and Director of the VALOR Program, Virginia Tech; and Aaron Wetzel, Vice President, Small Ag & Turf Production Systems, John Deere.



ANGLICAN CATHOLIC

St. Peter the Apostle Anglican Church, 230 W. First St., Christiansburg, VA. Fr Peter Geromel OHI Th.M., Vicar, Fr. Alex Darby, "Associate", 540-382-0432/540-270-9166. Sundays: 8:00 am & 10:00 am Holy Eucharist followed by Christian Education and refreshments. Holy Communion most Thursdays at 12Noon, other Holy Days as announced. Traditional services use the 1928 Book of Common Prayer and 1940 Hymnal. Handicapped accessible. All are welcome. Come worship with us! Website: www.stpetersacc.org. Follow us on Facebook

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

St. Thomas Anglican Church - located at 4910 Hubert Rd, NW Roanoke, Va. Traditional Liturgical Lenten Services, Sunday at 10:30 am. Call (540) 589-1299 or visit www.sttofc.org for midweek masses and events. (In Roanoke, go E on Hershberger, L on Hubert to 4910).

BAPTIST

First Baptist Church on 3rd Ave., 215 Third Ave. at the corner with Downey St. We are committed to personal spiritual growth and to providing leadership in 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: www.fbcradford.org, 540-639-4419. Worship is broadcast live on JOY radio, 93.1 FM and 890 AM.

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

Faith Christian Church of Christ, 305 3rd Street, Christiansburg, David Rhudy, Minister, 382-4628, Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am; Evening Worship 6:30 pm; Wednesday night Bible Study for Women and Men 6:30 pm. We welcome you to any and all of our services.

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.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Christiansburg Church of the Brethren, 310 South Franklin Street. Pastor: Paul J. Stover Jr. 540-797-5015. Sunday School 10 a.m.; Morning Worship 11 a.m.; Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Website: www.christiansburgcob.org. A loving family, fueled by the Holy Spirit, grounded in God's Word, and delivering Jesus forgiveness and love to all people. Come as you are... you are welcomed!

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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 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

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LUTHERAN

Luther Memorial Lutheran Church ELCA, 600 Prices Fork Rd, Blacksburg. Weekly Online Worship at www.lmlc.org. We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation that welcomes and affirms all people just as they are. For information on Bible studies and Wednesday Vespers, email luthermemorial-blacksburg@gmail.com, or contact the church office, (540) 951-1000. Rev. Monica Weber, pastor.

MULTI-CULTURAL

NON-DENOMINATIONAL Christian Growth Center, 1850 Electic Way, Christiansburg, VA 24073 (beside Hubbell Lighting). Sunday Worship: 9:30am Prayer, 10:00am Service *Nursery Available. Lead Pastor: Todd Hallinan. Founding Pastor: Rob Sowell. Mission: Sow, Grow, & Go Sow Faith! Grow in Righteousness! Go into all

the world in the authority of the believer! 540-382-2908.

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS Merrimac Pentecostal Holiness Church, Rev. Richard Hall (540) 552-7194. pastorhall29@gmail.com. Sunday School at 10 a.m. and morning worship is 11 a.m. Evening service at 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Radford Worship Center, 1820 Second Street, Radford, 639-6287, Our music is passionate, our worship is real, and Pastor Hal Adams brings relevant messages for everyone at any place on their journey, Sunday Worship Experience at 9:00 AM & 10:45 AM, Wednesday Family Night at 7 PM, Children Ministry provided for all services, join us as Love, Grow, Serve, find us on facebook and Instagram

Walton Pentecostal Holiness Church, 4003 Morning Glory Rd., off Walton Rd. on Rt. 114. 731-1755. Lee Sarver, pastor. Sun. School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m. & 6: p.m., Wed., 7 p.m.

UNITED METHODIST

Asbury United Methodist Church, 500 Stuart Street, Christiansburg. 540-382-0743. Rev. Ryan Schaeffer. Sunday School, 10:15 a.m., Sunday Worship,

11:30 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7pm, alternating month's with Schaeffer Memorial Baptist Church, Senior Bible Study Thursday, 10:30 a.m. All are welcome.

Central United Methodist Church, 803 Wadsworth Street, Radford. 639-3529. 8:30 a.m. Sunday Services: 8:30am (interpreter provided); 9:45am Sunday School (interpreter provided); and 11:00a.m. Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30p.m. Child care is provided. www.centralmethodist-church.com.

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

WESLEYAN

Christ Wesleyan Church, 525 Harkrader Street, Christiansburg. Public Worship service at 11:00 AM. Sunday School for adults - 10:00 AM. Pastor: Gale Janofski 574-306-7682. Website: christ-wesleyanchurch.org

OBITUARIES

King, Thelma Thomas

Thelma Thomas King, 97, of Blacksburg, passed away on Nov. 25, 2019. She was born June 26, 1922 and was the daughter of Taylor Thomas and Myrtle Chewing Thomas. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 66 years, Howard King Jr.; brothers Lonnie, Herschel, Guy and Fred Thomas; sisters Eunice Thomas Sumner, Ruth Thomas Meador, Lottie Thomas Mayche; and daughter-in-law Deborah Warner King.



Jr. on a blind date, subsequently marrying him on April 7, 1950. She, along with her husband and son, Howard III, moved to Blacksburg VA in 1955 when Howard Jr. became the Director of Food Services at Virginia Tech.

In Blacksburg, Thelma taught Sunday school at the Blacksburg United Methodist Church, and returned to teaching in public schools at Margaret Beeks Elementary School when it opened in 1963, retiring in 1987. She was a representative to the National Education Association, and a member of Alpha Delta Kappa.

Thelma also devoted her time to the Blacksburg United Methodist Church, was a member of the Montgomery County Action board, and volunteered for the Interfaith Food Pantry. She was an avid bridge player.

A graveside service, delayed a year by the pandemic, will be conducted at Westview Cemetery on Roanoke Street in Blacksburg at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday June 19, 2021, followed by a reception at the Blacksburg United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to either the Blacksburg United Methodist Church, or the Warm Hearth Foundation. Funeral arrangements are being handled by McCoy Funeral Home in Blacksburg.

She is survived by her brother Olen Ray Thomas; her children, son Howard III and his wife, Linda, daughter Cynthia and her husband Michael Moorman, and son Mark and his husband Jonathan Lubin; seven grandchildren (Howard IV, Robert, Christopher, Mason, Madison, Harris, and Devlin); and seven great-grandchildren (Brendan, Zachary, Savannah, Christopher, Deborah, Alyssa, and Jonathan).

Thelma was born in Trigg County, Ky., graduated from Trigg County High School, attended Andrew Jackson Business School in Nashville Tenn., and received a bachelor of science in elementary education from Peabody College (later Vanderbilt University) in 1947.

Thelma settled in Nashville Tenn., teaching in the city's public schools, and was active in the Junior Woman's Club. While in Nashville, she met Howard King

Lewis, Ruth Catherine

Ruth Catherine Lewis, 64, of Radford, passed away peacefully on June 7, 2021.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frederick Scott Lewis; her father, Frank Edward Brown; and three brothers.

Survivors include her mother, Elaine Johnson Brown; a daughter, Kimberly Brown; a granddaughter, Kayla Brown; an aunt, Katherine Lewis; sisters Lynn Brown and Madeline Brown; brothers Steve



Brown and Allen Brown; and many other nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

The family will receive friends from noon until 1 p.m. on Monday, June 14, 2021, at the New Mt. Olive United Methodist Church in Radford. Memorial services will begin at 1 p.m. with the Rev. Barbara Doyle officiating.

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

Seltz, James "Jim" Monroe

James "Jim" Monroe Seltz, 79, of Radford, passed away on Saturday, June 5, 2021.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lacy and Mae Seltz, and a daughter, Regina Mae Seltz.

Jim is survived by his wife, LaRhonda "Lynn" Seltz; daughters Renee Seltz Honeycutt and Rhonda Gail Seltz; a grandson, Jordan Seltz; a stepson, Kearsley "Bart" Lewis and wife Leslie, and grandchildren Kelly, Dillon, and Kristen; a stepdaughter, Kerry Lewis Bennett and husband Chuck Bennett, and grandchildren Kaiden and Layla. He is also survived by his sister, Doris and husband Clarence Ratcliffe; sister Billie Joyce and husband Don Gilbert; brother Jack Seltz and wife Frances; and a multitude of loving relatives and friends.

Jim spent the last years in a long battle with Lewy body disease and Alzheimer's, but he would not want that to define his life. He loved the Lord and all of God's creatures. He would strike up a friendly conversation with anyone and was always eager to help others. His sense of humor never left him, and he laughed often and knew everyone he loved till the end.

The great outdoors fed his love of life. As an avid fisherman, Jim especially enjoyed the waters of the New River. He appreciated all creatures both small and large and was always in awe of Mother



Nature. He loved his furry, four legged canine friends, and their constant companionship kept him busy and happy after retirement. He loved family gatherings, all types of music, and scenic rides in the car. Most of all, Jim was passionate about the love of his life, Lynn. They enjoyed many Friday nights watching movies, eating pizza, and laughing together. They made many fun-filled and loving memories over the course of their 28-year marriage.

The family extends a special thank-you to all the caregivers from Good Samaritan Hospice for their extraordinary care and Chaplain Todd Triplett for his devotion to and guidance of Jim's family.

The family received friends on Thursday, June 10, 2021, from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. followed by a service at 2 p.m. at Mullins Funeral Home, located at 120 Main St. Radford, with Chaplain Triplett officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests making a contribution; please consider Good Samaritan Hospice, Advanced Illness Care Hospice or CAST for kids Foundation.

Online condolences may be made at Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory: Radford.

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

Stade, James

James Stade, 72, of Blacksburg, died May 30, 2021.

Jim was born in Chicago on Feb. 12, 1949 to the late John and June Stade.

He was a carpenter, a teacher, a preacher, and a newspaper delivery man who loved people with a whole heart. He was a son, a brother, a cousin, a husband, a father, and an uncle who was affectionately known as "Grumpy" to his grandchildren.



He grew up in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and attended Concordia Teachers College in River Forest, Ill., and Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Miss.

Jim worked long and hard. He learned carpentry from his father and then became a minister in churches from Alabama to Ontario, Canada, and finally in Virginia and West Virginia. He delivered the Roanoke Times for more than 16 years, making friends with fellow delivery people and customers, all before his day jobs. He was an avid newspaper subscriber and reader. He also supported his family by working in construction and home renovation. He taught in several schools and ministered in five churches beginning in 1988.

He was a humble man who preferred the underdog in every situation. He loved Jesus and practiced an open, inclusive Christ-like faith. He was quick to recite John 3:16. He was known for simple acts of kindness and care, from mowing his neighbors' lawns, to leaving surprise Carol Lee Donuts on many a front porch.

Jim made his grandchildren laugh eas-

ily. He was sustained by friendships with the community members he encountered every day, from church, to the grocery store, to the county waste site. He loved animals and welcomed dogs, cats, and other adopted creatures into his home over the years, including Heidi the cat who curled up beside him until the end.

Jim treasured his family through his entire life despite distances. He carried them in his heart. He loved his remarkable wife of 43 years, Sue, the most. He is remembered for boisterous displays of affection for her such as shouting, "My Lover!" as she walked in the door from work. He liked to compare sunrises to sunsets with her every day. He could dabble beautifully on the piano and the harmonica. In the last few years, he sent quirky, daily text messages of "...love...!" to his family and friends on his flip phone. He doubtlessly looked forward to seeing his beloved parents again.

Jim is survived by his wife Sue Stade, of Blacksburg; brother JT and sister-in-law Marion Stade; son Trevor, and daughter-in-law, Jessica Stade; daughters Chrystie, Natalie, and Laura; sons-in-law Scott Greges and Kahlil Detrich; and grandchildren Isla and Avery Stade, Claire Greges, and Roan and Starlie Detrich.

A private ceremony with family will take place at home per Jim's wishes. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Rescue Mission of Roanoke.

Nester, Wooddell B. 'Woody'

Wooddell B. 'Woody' Nester, 76, of Christiansburg, went to his heavenly home on Sunday, June 6, 2021.

Woody was born in Lexington, Va., on Sept. 7, 1944, to the late C. D. and Lenner Nester. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his mother-in-law, Dora W. Craig, and his father-in-law, William B. Craig.



Woody is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 54 years, Cathy Nester; his sons, Michael B. Nester (Leslie Giles) and Steven C. Nester (Louis); grandchildren Maya I. Nester and Seth C. Nester; sister Joyce N. Music (Bill); brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Bill Craig (Linda) and Patty Minton (Hilton); as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins, fishing buddies, and golfing cohorts.

Woody was a graduate of the National Business College and had a 40-year banking history, retiring from First National Bank/Stellar One as Executive Vice President of Operations. He was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church where he enjoyed singing in the choir and being a member of sev-

eral committees. He was also a Cub Scout Master and a long time Kiwanian, holding the position of Treasurer for several years. Woody loved to go fishing, especially the trips to Canada and the Outer Banks, and was an avid golfer.

The family received friends on Thursday, June 10, 2021, at Horne Funeral Home. Funeral services were held on Friday, June 11, 2021, at Horne Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul Song and the Rev. Billy Craig officiating. Interment followed in Sunset Cemetery, Christiansburg.

The family would like to thank the nurses and doctors at New River Valley Medical Center, especially Dr. Ravi and Dr. Trivedi, and CCU nurses Nikki, Laura Beth, and Michael, as well as Britany from PCU.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Woody's name to the Riner Rescue Squad, 4171 Riner Road, Riner, VA 24149; or to the St. Paul United Methodist Church, 220 W. Main St., Christiansburg, VA 24073, noting in the memo line "Baby Shop or Choir."

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OBITUARIES

Stump, Elizabeth Mary

Elizabeth Mary Stump, 85, of Christiansburg, died Monday, June 7, 2021.

She was born in Montgomery County on Nov. 4, 1935, to the late Robert Trigg and Nettie Woolwine Kissinger.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Lee Stump; a great-grandson, Owen Gage Stump; sisters Janie Long, and Shirley Jarrells; and brothers Billy Nunley, Radford (Buddy) Kissinger, and David Kissinger.

She is survived by her children and spouses, Daisy Craft, Roger and Edith Stump, and Michael and Dorothy Stump; grandchildren Chris Craft, Jennifer Shaffer (Scott), Joey Stump, Tony Stump (Lisa),



Matt Stump (Ruby), Jason Stump (Scarlett), Roger Stump, Jr. (Kristin), and Mikie Stump (Brandy); great-grandchildren Abi, Kaylee, Michael, Katlin, Daniel, Zachary, Brandon, Matthew, Austin, Hunter, Cody, Sarah, Colton, Levi, Aiden, and David; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, June 10, 2021, in the North Fork Baptist Church with Pastor Johnny Nunley officiating. Interment followed in the North Fork Baptist Church Cemetery. The family received friends prior to the service at the church. Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

Turner, William "Spook" Oliver, Jr.

William "Spook" O. Turner Jr., 64, of Radford, died on June 3, 2021, peacefully at his home with the support of his family.

He was born on Feb. 28, 1957 in Radford, the son of William (Bill) O. Turner, Sr., and Helen (Pat) Harmon Hall. He was predeceased by his parents; his stepfather, Charlie Preston Hall; a brother Bobby Joe Turner; and a granddaughter, Baylor Karsen Belote.

Spook is survived by his children, Jennifer Turner Warren (Marcus) of Charlottesville, William Matthew Turner (Beth) of Radford, Jamie Elizabeth Turner (Jake) of Radford; his grandchildren, Meadow Abigail Turner, Ella Rose Turner, Brandon Trey Warren, Jayson Tyler Warren, and Atlee Elizabeth Turner; a sister, Patty Turner Simerly and family of Radford.

Spook was born and raised in the East End of Radford during the good ole days when kids ran the streets, played in the New River, played sports from sunrise to sunset, and experienced the good life growing up with his friends all across the city.

He was a Radford High School graduate, Class of 1975, a Bobcat athlete and a member of the 1972 state championship football team. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Reeves (CG-24) from 1976-1979 stationed in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and sailing the Pacific where he received his education and training to return to work at and retire from the Radford Army Ammunition Plant. He also worked at Hercules Power Company and Alliant TechSystem Inc. (ATK) where he was



the Lead Class A, master refrigeration/HVAC engineer, a master electrician, and a master gas fitter. He also worked across the New River Valley on the side to take care of the many people in the community.

Spook was one of Radford's finest. He was an avid Radford Bobcat student athlete supporter who loved Friday nights and supporting the Bobcats in every sport. Above all, he was the best Dad and PawPaw ever. He dedicated his life to his family where he provided a great, loving life built on a house full of love. He always made time for his children, always putting them first, teaching, coaching, and attending every activity they were all involved in. He continued the tradition to be there for his grandchildren, attending all of their activities as well. He made an impact on countless lives and current leaders of the New River Valley.

Spook was the best father, grandfather, friend, teacher, and coach who passed on his knowledge and love for life on to the next generations.

The family would like to thank Mindy, Morgan, Emily, and Megan of Medi Home Health and Hospice for their continued care and compassion.

The family received friends from 11 a.m. until noon on Wednesday, June 9, 2021, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Graveside services followed at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin at 12:30 p.m.

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

Wright, Mary Elizabeth Brooks Jeffries

Mary Elizabeth Brooks Jeffries Wright (Mary J) was born Aug. 31, 1932 in Essex County, Va. to Lewis and Netta Brooks. She was the seventh of eight children.

When her mother died in childbirth after the eighth child, Mary, at the age of three, was taken in and later adopted by William and Irene Jeffries. One of her greatest joys was reuniting with her birth family when she was grown. She was so proud of all her siblings and the wonderful people they were.

When Mary J graduated from the Smith-deal-Massey Business College in Richmond in the early 1950's, one of her first jobs at the Edsel Ford Motor Company was short-lived because the flashy vehicles weren't popular, didn't sell well, and the company closed.

Mary and her husband, Shipley, had two sweet red-headed boys, Roland and Dennis. She doted on them and sacrificed to send both to Virginia Tech on her husband's bread man's income. When the children were in elementary school, she and her lifelong friend, Myrtle Owens, put together a Christian singing group with their combined children. Mary played the piano and they rehearsed the young singers. Their little group sang at their own and area churches for years.

For decades, Mary J worked the voting polls in Richmond alongside her neighborhood co-worker, best-selling author, David Baldacci.

Mary J served in several capacities at her home church, Shepherd's United Methodist



in King and Queen County, Va. She was a pioneer in founding the JOY (Jesus, Others, You) service club in King & Queen County. This organization of community-spirited ladies continued to do good works in the area for many years.

She was preceded in death by her birth parents, Lewis and Netta Davis Brooks; adoptive parents William and Irene Jeffries; husband Roland S. Wright, Sr.; son Dennis Ray Wright; brothers Dr. George W. Brooks and wife, Beryl, Henry Brooks, Alvin Brooks, Irvin and Florence Brooks, Floyd Brooks, Henly Brooks, and a sister, Nell.

She is survived by her son, Roland S. Wright, Jr., and wife, Mary H. Wright; grandsons Chris Wright and his wife, Mandi; and Andrew Wright; great-grandsons Austin and Aiden Wright, sisters-in-law Suzanne Brooks, Margaret Brooks, and Virginia Brooks; many nieces and nephews; and special friends, Myrtle Owens, Jerry and Dee Dee Becker, Marie Collier, and many church family members.

Funeral services will be conducted today, Saturday, June 12, 2021, at 10 a.m. in the First Church of God, Dublin with Pastor Mike Hudson officiating. The family will receive friends from 9-10 a.m. prior to the service at the church. Burial will be Sunday, June 13, 2021, at 2 p.m. at Shepherd's United Methodist Church Cemetery, St. Stephens Church, Va. Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

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Legals - City of Radford

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Radford Appropriation Ordinance for School Board Budget Amendment

Radford City Council will hold a public hearing on June 14, 2021 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 appropriation ordinance of \$4,067,155 to the School Board for the expenditures associated with the virtual school enrollment and cares funding.

BY ORDER OF THE RADFORD CITY COUNCIL

Legals - Montgomery County

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA, a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Case No. CL21-571 Complainant, v. CHARLIE B. HALL, JR. ET AL., Respondent(s).

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Montgomery, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Montgomery, Virginia, described as follows: Tax Map No. 090-C 4 3 Account No. 007827

All that certain piece or parcel of real estate with all improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate, lying and being in the Riner Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia referred to as Lot Number three (3), as shown on C.L. Gallimore, Map of Lots, dated February 11, 1952, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia in Deed Book 180, Pages 272, 398, to which reference is hereby made for a more particular description together with a one-third (1/3) interest in a well on Lot Number five (5).

And being the same real property conveyed to Natalie Ann Lytton and Marvin Duane Lytton as tenants by the entirety with the right of survivorship from Charles B. Hall, Jr. by Deed of Gift dated July 11, 2012 and recorded on March 2, 2020 in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office in

Legals - Montgomery County

Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument Number 2020001548.

This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described including but not limited to those recorded in Instrument Number 2020001548; Deed Book 197, Page 253; Deed Book 494, Page 382; Plat Book 189, Page 398; Deed Book 181, Page 107; Instrument Number 12005756.

IT APPEARING that an Affidavit has been made and filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, that the last known addresses for the Respondents herein are as follows: Charles B. Hall, Jr., who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is 1563 Gallimore St., Christiansburg, Virginia 24073; Natalie Ann Lytton, whose last known address is 12185 Grapefield Rd., Bastian, Virginia 24314; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the Respondent named herein are made parties Respondent to this action individually and/or by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before July 6, 2021 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Montgomery, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.

Entered on the 28 day of May, 2021.

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Christiansburg Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 28, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

A. Conditional Use Permit request by James Tannahill (applicant) on behalf of Sawyers Living Trust (owner) for a towing service in the General Industrial (I-2) zoning district at 2500 Brammer Lane (Tax Map 501-1 13J). The property is designated as Industrial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comment in-person at the time of this Public Hearing. Additionally, the meeting will be streamed live on the Town of Christiansburg's YouTube channel at www.christiansburg.org/youtube and will remain on the Town's YouTube page once the meeting concludes. For information on contactless methods for submitting public comment, please visit www.christiansburg.org/publichearings.

A copy of the applications, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Andrew Warren, Assistant Town Manager, at (540) 382-6128 ext. 1130 or by email at awarren@christiansburg.org with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

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MONTGOMERY SPORTS

Christiansburg girls win Region 3D track title



Christiansburg's Lilly Shepard placed second in the Region 3D 200-meter race with a time of 27.35. The Christiansburg girls took home the team Region 3D title with a total of 120 points.



Christiansburg's Kayla Waters took sixth place in the 3200-meter Region 3D race Wednesday evening on her home track.



PHOTOS BY JON FLEMING

Christiansburg's Jaxson Clarke placed fourth in the triple jump with a distance of 39-2.25 during the Region 3D championship meet at CHS Wednesday.

CHS ceremony honors seniors with moms throwing opening pitch



Christiansburg High School honored its senior baseball players on Tuesday with a special ceremony that allowed their mothers to throw out an opening pitch. Monica Hunter tosses to her son, MJ, who is headed to Concord to continue his career.



PHOTOS BY ASHLEY AKERS

Terri Harris, the mother of Reagan Harris (far left), lobs a strike with Reagan's dad, Mike Harris, looking on. Reagan will play baseball at VMI.



In this file photo courtesy of Virginia Tech Athletics, Kyshoen Jarrett is pictured in action against Virginia in 2014.

Former NFL player to serve as VT's assistant director of player personnel

BLACKSBURG – Virginia Tech head coach Justin Fuente announced Wednesday that Kyshoen Jarrett has returned to Virginia Tech and will serve as assistant director of player personnel. Jarrett fills the post held the past year by Corey Fuller, who has accepted a position in the personnel department of the NFL's Carolina Panthers.

A team captain for the Hokies in 2014, Jarrett was a sixth-round selection of Washington in the 2015 NFL Draft.

"We are pleased to welcome Kyshoen and his family back to Blacksburg," Fuente said. "Kyshoen possesses a great appreciation for what it takes for a young person to excel in all facets of their collegiate experi-

ence at Virginia Tech. Kyshoen's NFL background, combined with his football acumen and passion for our program make him a great fit for this position. Just as importantly, his history as a mentor and his ability to understand and connect with young people will be a great resource for us."

Jarrett led the Hokies with 88 tackles (52 solo) and three interceptions as a senior in 2014. He saw duty in a total of 53 games in a Tech uniform, finishing his collegiate career with 249 tackles (155 solo), five interceptions (48 yards) and 8.5 tackles for loss, and 26 punt returns for 324 yards, including a 94-yard touchdown. He played in all 16 games (six starts) for Wash-

ington in 2015, racking up 58 tackles (39 solo) before an injury concluded his playing career.

The Tannersville, Penn., native coached defensive backs at Rock Ridge High School in Ashburn, Va., during the 2016-17 seasons. He then returned to Washington's NFL franchise as a defensive intern in 2018 before serving as a defensive quality control coach/assistant defensive backs coach in 2019. Jarrett has most recently worked as the director of athletics at a middle school and high school in Concord, N.C.

Jarrett graduated from Virginia Tech with a degree in human development and family studies with minors in sociology and communications.

RU looking for new softball coach

After four strong leading Radford's softball team to finishes of .500 or better against Big South competition, head coach Hope Creasy has decided to step down.

"I am thankful that (Director of Athletics) Robert (Lineburg) and the administration provided me the opportunity and trusted me to lead this program that I love so much," Creasy said. "The game of softball has been great to me, as has Radford University. I will forever be grateful for the time I have had as a player, assistant coach, and head coach. The friendships forged, relationships built, lessons learned, and memories made will forever be a part of me and who I am."

The 2021 season presented many challenges as the softball team navigated through a loaded schedule of 54 games. The Highlanders finished strong, winning six of their last nine games that included winning a crucial regular-season series finale against Winthrop for the final spot in the Big South tournament. Radford advanced to the tournament semifinals before falling to USC Upstate.

"We wish Hope Creasy the very best of luck as she steps away from coaching," Lineburg said. "Hope will always be one of the greatest Highlander softball student-athletes to have ever played at Radford. She has also excelled as an assistant coach and as the head coach of the Highlanders. We hate to see Hope depart but I am certain she will have great success in any endeavor she chooses. She is a first-class person and has done a tremendous job as our head coach."

The Christiansburg native's first season came in the spring of 2018, and since then she has coached five Big South All-Conference selections and four



Radford University softball's Hope Creasy is stepping down after four years as head coach.

All-Academic honorees that included the 2020 and 2021 Scholar-Athletes of the Year. On the field, she accumulated a 96-88 record through three full seasons and the shortened 2020 season.

In her first season at the helm, she guided her team to a 36-19 record. The 36 wins were the second-most for a first-year head coach and three of those victories came against ACC foes and two commonwealth rivals (Virginia and Virginia Tech). Radford would reach the Big South championship game that season after a thrilling 12-inning semifinal win over Longwood.

Year two at the helm presented more success for the Highlanders as they made another deep run in the Big South Tournament making it to the quarterfinals after two wins over third-seeded Campbell.

Radford was off to a strong

13-3 start in 2020 before the season was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Creasy's softball career has been rooted in the New River Valley ever since starting her collegiate career at Radford in 2006. She was a four-year starter for the program, leading the Highlanders to back-to-back Big South regular-season and conference tournament titles in 2009 and 2010. As a senior in 2010, she was named Big South Woman of the Year and was a first-team all-Mid-Atlantic region selection and an ESPN The Magazine/CoSIDA All-District second-team honoree. After coaching stints at Georgia Southern and Louisburg College, Creasy returned to Radford as an assistant coach in 2015 before being promoted to the head role in 2017.

A national search for the program's next head coach will begin immediately.

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