



‘Books for Beeks’ donation honors former Beeks Elementary School library/media aide



Beeks Elementary librarian Rhonda Burch and donor Jim Marchman check out the new books purchased for the Margaret Beeks Elementary School library. Marchman made a \$1,000 donation to the school library in honor of his wife, longtime library/media aide Marshall Marchman, who died from Lou Gehrig’s disease in 2018.

As part of a recent “Books for Beeks” program in the Blacksburg United Methodist Church, Jim Marchman made a \$1,000 donation to the library at Margaret Beeks Elementary School that allowed the school librarian to purchase new books.

Marchman’s donation was made in honor of his wife, former longtime Beeks Library/Media Aide Marshall Marchman in recognition of her love of books and of the students at Beeks.

Marshall Marchman began her career at Margaret Beeks as a sixth-grade teacher in 1968, prior to that grade being moved to the local middle school. Marshall took a break from teaching when she and husband Jim adopted twin daughters Amy and Crystal in 1972, and she returned to teaching as a substitute when

the girls entered kindergarten in 1977. She later applied for a new opening as library aide (later termed media aide) at Beeks where she worked part-time with librarian Mary Lough until she retired.

Marshall Marchman was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), sometimes known as Lou Gehrig’s disease, in 2016 and died in October 2018. During her fight with ALS she was thankful for the friends who came to read to her, just as she had done for hundreds of students at Beeks. She was remembered by everyone for the loving smile that she shared with her students and colleagues at Beeks and with all who visited her during her struggle with ALS. She especially enjoyed reading to her

students at Beeks and helping them select books to borrow from the school library.

Each book purchased with this donation from her husband will bear a special label, a copy of Marshall Marchman’s Margaret Beeks ID card with an attribution of the book’s donation through the BUMC Books for Beeks program.

Former Beeks librarian Mary Lough, with whom Marshall Marchman worked, called having her assistance in the library “truly a pleasure.” She went on to say that Marchman’s smile, her wonderful attitude, and her knowledge and love of children and books were a blessing and were invaluable as the two of them worked on the many tasks necessary to run

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St. Paul UMC to celebrate 60th anniversary at present location on Sept. 25

On Sunday, Sept. 25, at the 10:00 a.m. worship service, St. Paul United Methodist Church will celebrate its 60th anniversary in its present location, 220 W. Main St.

A fixture in Christiansburg for 203 years, the church will remember the past, celebrate the present, and prepare for the future.

The current location and sanctuary is the fifth iteration of St. Paul. The church began in 1819 with the Rev. Kennerly in a log structure identified simply as a “meeting house.” The church first moved to what was tagged simply as “a more formal place of worship” before moving again to a second log building. The next move was to a brick building that still exists in Christiansburg on Franklin Street as a realty office.

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St. Paul UMC’s first Sunday in its present location, Sept. 30, 1962. The church has been a fixture in Christiansburg for 203 years.

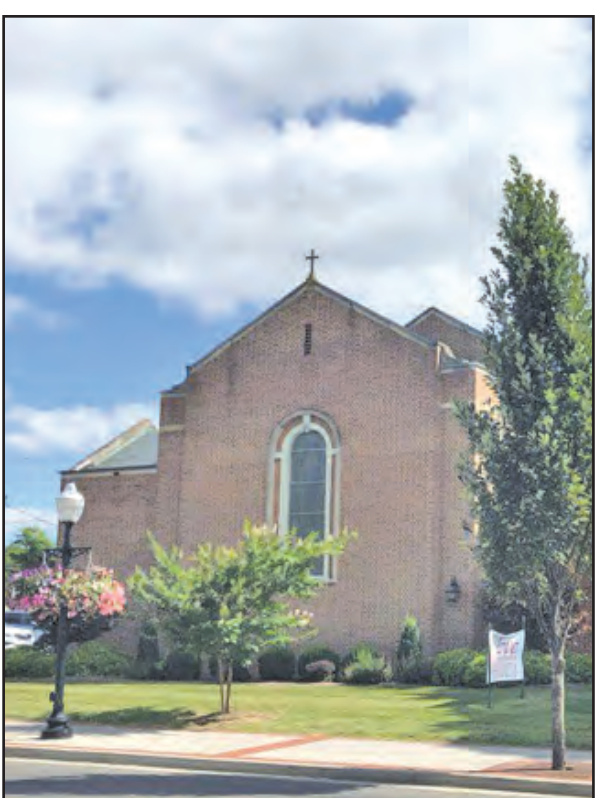
Pedestrian struck by vehicle in Blacksburg dies on scene

Friday morning, Sept. 2, shortly after midnight, Blacksburg police officers and members of the Blacksburg Rescue Squad answered a call to the 2200 block of S. Main St. in response to a call reporting that a pedestrian had been struck by a vehicle.

The pedestrian was identified as John Wallace Thomasson, 20, of Fairfax, Va. Despite life-saving measures taken at the site of the collision,

Thomasson did not survive his injuries. Early reports indicated that the driver of the vehicle was cooperating with the police department’s investigation.

According to the Blacksburg Police Department, the investigation into the incident is ongoing. The department has asked that anyone with information about the case to please call the department at 540-443-1400.



Blacksburg Baptist Church will celebrate its 170th anniversary Sunday.

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On Sunday, Sept. 11, 2022, Blacksburg Baptist Church will celebrate its 170th anniversary with homecoming. The day will include worship at 11:15 followed by a catered lunch on the front lawn. Games for children and a photo booth for families will be a part of the celebration.

The lunch will be followed by a concert on the

church’s front lawn. The congregation will recognize the faith and investments of those gone before who made the dream of the church possible and will recognize those who have served as church members in Blacksburg in the past and those who sacrificed in response to the attacks on America on Sept. 11, 2001.

Radford University nursing school named one of Virginia’s top 10

Nurse.org has named Radford University’s School of Nursing programs among the 10 best in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

A panel of five nursing professionals with over 55 years of combined nursing experience and

seven nursing degrees reviewed nursing programs statewide to compile the list. In choosing the top programs, the panel looked at reputation, National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) pass rate, tuition, and acceptance

rate.

Nurse.org also noted that only those schools accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) were eligible for consideration.

“We are thrilled to be selected among the top 10 Nursing Schools in Virginia,” said Wendy Downey, interim dean of the School of Nursing. “The dedication of our faculty to the success of each student both in the classroom and during clinical rotations is demonstrated through our NCLEX pass rates, which have been well above both the state and national averages for many years.”

The section focused on Radford’s nursing programs highlights the university’s smaller class sizes, leading to more specialized instruction and individualized attention, and a curriculum that prepares nurses for a variety of careers that most begin as soon as they graduate. It also cites the advantage of in-state tuition rates, leading to a more affordable education.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, Sept. 8:

Stress-free art

At the Blacksburg Library at 6 p.m. This is a low-key art session where participants can color, paint, or doodle their stress away. All supplies will be provided. Suggested for participants in the ninth grade or above. Registration is recommended by calling the library at 540-552-8246 or stopping by the circulation desk.

Friday, Sept. 9:

American Red Cross blood drive

At the Blacksburg Library at 11 a.m. Call 1-800-RED Cross (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: MFRL to schedule an appointment.

Children's yoga at the library

At the Radford Public Library from 10 to 11 a.m. Join Kelly McCoy of "The Whole You" and Alex Bowman from "Embark Pediatric and Family Chiropractic" for a children's yoga class. Children will relax and learn mindfulness techniques. If possible, they should bring their yoga mats. Registration is required and space is limited. Call the library at 540-731-2621 or email Morgan at morgan.esterhuizen@radfordva.gov to register.

Saturday, Sept. 10:

Mt. Tabor Ruritan Club fish fry

The Mount Tabor Ruritan Club will hold its last fish fry of 2022 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Slusser's Chapel Picnic Shelter, 1543 Mount Tabor Rd, Blacksburg. The club will serve up fish, fries and slaw; homemade desserts; and beverages. The cost is \$12 for adults and carry-outs, \$6 for children under 12, and free for children under 3. The club will be frying the fish rain or shine. Call or text 540-449-6178 for further information. Find it on Facebook at MtTaborRuritan.

Bingo!

At the Meadowbrook Public Library at 1:30 p.m. Come out for an afternoon of fun Bingo. Children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.

Suicide Prevention Day: Lock & talk Virginia

At the Christiansburg Library at 2 p.m. as the library recognizes World Suicide Prevention Day. Partners from New River Valley Community Services will offer a one-hour training in the suicide prevention class QPR (Question. Persuade. Refer). After the training, time will be allotted for questions and conversations surrounding mental health and suicide prevention. Materials from Lock & Talk Virginia will be available. For more information, visit www.lockandtalk.org.

Sunday, Sept. 11:

Blacksburg Baptist Church 170th anniversary

Blacksburg Baptist Church is celebrating its 170th anniversary with a homecoming celebration, a day of worship, food, fun, and music. The church will recognize the faith and investments of those gone before who made the dream of the church possible. The church will also recognize the sacrifices of those who have served the church and

those who sacrificed in response to the attacks on America on Sept. 11, 2001. The day will include worship at 11:15 a.m. followed by a catered lunch on the front lawn to include games for children and a photo booth for families. The lunch will be followed by a concert, also on the church's front lawn. For more information, call 540.552.3869.

Meet Ninth Congressional District candidate Taysa DeVaughan

The Pulaski Democrat Committee will hold a Meet the Candidate picnic at 4:30 p.m. at Randolph Park. Hot dogs and fixings will be served at 5 p.m., followed by comments from Taysa DeVaughan, Democrat candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives from the Ninth District. From Wise County, DeVaughan works with the Appalachian Community Fund, is the president of Southern Appalachian Mountain Stewards, is active in Lonesome Pine Mutual Aid, and is gubernatorial appointee to the Virginia Council on Environmental Justice. The picnic will be at the Dublin High School shelter. Donations for the expense of the food are optional but are appreciated. For more information, contact Suzanne Bowen at bowensuzanne@yahoo.com or 540-320-4658, or Rebecca Scheckler at 3050hawks@gmail.com or 540-557-7810.

Knit and chat

At the Christiansburg Library at 2 p.m. Participants can bring their newest work in progress to knit, crochet, spin, or weave.

Chess club

At the Blacksburg Library at 3:30 p.m. Come learn chess with US Federation member Rishi. Ages 8 and up. All skill levels are welcome. Supplies will be provided.

9/11 Patriot Day memorial at the Snowville Christian Church

Pastor Jerry King, members, families, and friends of the Snowville Christian Church invite everyone to a special celebration at 11 a.m. Music will be shared by members of the Pulaski County High School Advanced Concert Choir, and a special 9/11 Patriot Day Memorial tribute will be shared and observed during the worship service. The church is located at 5436 Lead Mine Rd., Hiwassee. Directions to the church and information are also available on the church website (snowvillechristianchurch.com) and Facebook page.

Monday, Sept. 12:

Radford City Council meeting

The Radford City Council will hold its regular meeting at 7 p.m. in the City Administration Building, located at 10 Robertson St.

Kids bracelet decorating art class

At the Radford Public Library from 5 to 6 p.m. Join the library staff for a bracelet decorating art class. Supplies are limited.

Healthy eating and cooking for your family using an instant pot

At the Meadowbrook Public Library at 5:30 p.m. Come learn how to make affordable, healthy snacks and meals using an instant pot for the family. Participants will receive a free cooking utensil at each class and have their names entered for an instant pot and cookbook upon completion of the 4-week series. Activities will be provided for

children 3 and older. Registration is required as space is limited. This program is co-sponsored by the Virginia Cooperative Extension. For more information call the Meadowbrook Library at 540-268-1964.

Tuesday, Sept. 13:

Radford City School Board meeting

The Radford City School Board will have a regular meeting at 6 p.m. at the School Administration Building, 1612 Wadsworth St., Radford.

Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet at 7 p.m. at Aly's Italian Family Restaurant, 3204 Riner Rd. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are invited to attend. For further information, call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

Radford Woman's Club meet and greet

The Woman's Club of Radford will host a meet and greet at 10:30 a.m. at the Radford Public Library. Participants can learn about the work of the Woman's Club in promoting children's literacy through Reading is Fundamental programs at Riverlawn, Snowville, and McHarg elementary schools and the Babies into Books program at Carilion New River Valley Medical Center.

Homeschool drop-in

At the Radford Public Library from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Homeschooling families can drop in anytime this evening. Older kids can try and work through a library-related scavenger hunt for a prize, and younger kids can play with bubbles.

Talking about Books: "Chasing the Squirrel"

At the Blacksburg Library at 11 a.m. To be discussed is "Chasing the Squirrel" by Ron Peterson. Call 540-552-8246 to reserve a copy.

Homeschool creative writing club

At the Blacksburg Library at 1 p.m. Teens and Tweens are invited to the library's Homeschool Creative Writing club for a chance to practice their writing and share it with others. The program will feature fun and creative prompts and learning about constructive criticism by working with peers, and talking about stories. Recommended for ages 10 and up.

Kids take over the kitchen

At the Blacksburg Library at 4:30 p.m. Come learn how to make some yummy food. Supplies will be provided. Registration is required. Ages 9 and up.

Wednesday, Sept. 14:

Hahn Horticulture Garden education session

At the Hahn Horticulture Garden on the campus of Virginia Tech at noon. Artist David Ferrell will talk about his photography and his paintings.

Family READS volunteer orientation

At the Blacksburg Library at 5:30 p.m. This is an English learning program for families with low English skills. Parents will learn and practice English and read with their children. Children ages three through eight will do fun educational activities. Siblings are welcome and homework help will be available. Pre-registration is required. For more information call (540) 382-7262 or email Anne Abbott at aabbott@lvnrv.org.

Brown Bag book club

Participants may bring a lunch to this casual discussion or they may enjoy Aaron's latest culinary concoction. Discussed this month is 'The Lions of Fifth Avenue' by Fiona Davis. The club will then meet on Oct. 12 to discuss Stephen King's "The Shining."

Thursday, Sept. 15:

Va. Tech Women's Club reception at The Grove

The Virginia Tech Women's Club will host a welcome reception at The Grove at VT from 3:30 to 5 p.m. The reception is free and is open to the public. Dr. Laura Sands, the club's honorary president, and Club President Sue Bentley will host the reception. Refreshments will be provided. All women are invited to come learn about the mission of VTWC to provide scholarships to VT women, enjoy luncheons and programs, join a variety of interest groups, attend Friday Forums on differing topics, and provide service to the community. Parking space is provided in the Litton-Reaves Extension Lot and shuttle service will be available. Contact VTWC65@gmail.com with any questions.

Radford Reads with Lesley Wheeler

At the Radford Public Library at 6 p.m. Author and poet Lesley Wheeler is the author of the novel "Unbecoming." Her poetry and essays appear in American Poetry Review, Massachusetts Review and elsewhere. Wheeler teaches courses in nineteenth, twentieth, and twenty-first century poetry in English as well as creative writing in speculative fiction. This event is free, is open to the public, and is sponsored by RPL's Lamplighters.

Friday, Sept. 16:

Kickoff on College Avenue

The Blacksburg Partnership and Virginia Tech's New Student and Family Programs, in collaboration with the Town of Blacksburg and Downtown Blacksburg, Inc., are presenting "Kick-Off on College Ave." This community-focused and child-friendly event will take place from 5 to 9 p.m. on College Avenue and Draper Road. The event will be featured on the VT Fall Family Weekend 2022 schedule to highlight downtown to Virginia Tech students and their families, while also serving as a gathering place for football fans and local residents to "kick off" the game weekend.

Wednesday, Sept. 21:

Hahn Horticulture Garden Education Session

At the Hahn Horticulture Garden on the campus of Virginia Tech at noon. After spending the month of June in France and England, Robert McDuffie will share his thoughts and images of some of the wonderful private gardens that he saw. The climate in Normandy is very similar to that of England and so is the love of plants and gardens.

Fri., Sept. 23 and Sat., Sept. 24:

RHS Class of 1972 Reunion

Radford High School's 1972 Class of Champions will hold its 50th Year Reunion on Sept. 23 and Sept. 24. Festivities include a tailgate at the King Center on Friday, Sept. 23, and attendance at the football game. A social is planned for Saturday, Sept. 24, at Preston's at the River Course. The committee is looking for "Lost" classmates. Class member who haven't received the information about the reunion can contact reunion committee members jenny doud and Marti Hale at jennydoud@gmail.com and Marthale@yahoo.com.

Radford High School Class of 1976 Reunion

Radford High School's 1976 Bicentennial Class and largest class ever will hold its 45th (+1) Year Reunion. Activities include attending the Friday, Sept. 23, football game together, an author luncheon with Ron Peterson, Jr., at the Radford Rec Center on Saturday Sept. 24, and a Saturday evening event at the River Company. Classmates who have not received an invitation should contact reunion co-chairs: Susan Rockwell, susanmrockwell1@gmail.com, and Rick Weyer, rmw4@yahoo.com.

Saturday, Sept. 24:

Friends of Claytor Lake Poker Run

This fundraiser for Claytor Lake will start with registration at Rock House Marina at noon and leave out for the five card stops at 1 p.m. Five locations on the water will be marked, and a map will be provided. Participants will then gather back at Rock House for prizes for best hands, food and music. Email info@focl.org or text 540-395-3625 to register. Participants should send their contact information and their boat registration number to get \$5 off or register the day of the poker run for \$30/boat (two people) Any extra hands in a boat that want to participate will be \$10 each.

Ongoing:

Coat Drive in memory of Cindy Collins

Underway at the Meadowbrook Public Library in memory of Cindy Collins, who died on Aug. 3. Donations of new and gently used coats sizes 4t-XXL may be dropped off at the Meadowbrook Public Library. Coats will be for students in Eastern Montgomery. Contact Cindy Minnick with any questions. (540) 268-1964.

Blacksburg PD community survey

The Blacksburg Police Department is asking the community to complete a short (approximately 3-minute) survey ranking individual satisfaction with the department. All responses are recorded anonymously, and honest feedback is appreciated. These responses will help the BPD continue its efforts to serve the Blacksburg Community. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VFYG9J8>.

Applications underway for NRV Master Gardener grants

The NRV Master Gardener Association, a volunteer organization of the Virginia Cooperative Extension, is now accepting grant applications for 2023 gardening projects. Grants will be awarded based on merit to any educational, caregiving, or community-based organization seeking to educate, involve, and/or improve quality of life for participants through a gardening-related project. Organizations in the counties of Floyd, Giles, Pulaski and Montgomery (and towns within) are encouraged to apply. In the past, grants have been awarded to public and private schools, 4-H groups, public libraries, other educational groups, as well as community gardens and nursing homes. Applications must be electronically received (if emailed) or postmarked (if mailed through the USPS) by Oct. 15, 2022. For more information and to submit a project application, contact Carol Trutt at 540-239-9591 or caroltrutt53@hotmail.com. Email is preferred, but snail mail may be used to Carol at 95 N Surry Circle, Christiansburg, VA 24073.



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PETS OF THE WEEK



Callie is a happy and gentle girl. She knows how to sit and shake, and she is ready to learn more commands. She will even curl her tail when she's enjoying a good scratch. Callie could be a pawsome addition to your family. Meet Callie at the Montgomery County Animal Care and Adoption Center.



Baby Lion is definitely a lion ... a small lion ... a soft, friendly, purring, sweet lion. Baby Lion loves a good rub and purrs up a storm. Playful and affectionate, Baby Lion is a sponsored adoption. Visit the Montgomery County Animal Care and Adoption Center to meet Baby Lion.

Fiddle sensation Eileen Ivers brings traditional Irish music to life

A whirling, upbeat evening celebrating the influences of Celtic tradition ushers in the Moss Arts Center's 2022-23 season. Nine-time All-Ireland Fiddle Champion Eileen Ivers and her band, Universal Roots, bring traditional Irish music to life on the Moss stage on Friday, Sept. 16, at 7:30 p.m.

The performance will be held in the center's Anne and Ellen Fife Theatre, located within the Street and Davis Performance Hall at 190 Alumni Mall.

In the hands of Ivers, the violin pushes fiddling tradition boundaries from a folk music staple to an intensely driving world stage experience. Her Moss performance will feature traditional pieces dating back hundreds of years alongside her own original pieces written in the same style. Ivers celebrates the journey of the immigrant and showcases how Irish music, together with other roots music, became a fundamental building block of Americana music.

One of the most awarded All-Ireland Fiddle and Banjo champions ever, Ivers has been called a "sensation" by Billboard magazine and "the future of Celtic fiddle" by the Washington Post. A celebrated guest

soloist with over 50 symphony orchestras, she has a celebrated career as a performer, composer, producer, songwriter, band leader, educator, and multi-instrumentalist, connecting American, Irish traditional, jazz, blues, and world roots.

Grammy-awarded and Emmy-nominated, Ivers has performed with Sting, Fiddlers 3 with Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg and Regina Carter, Patti Smith, Al Di Meola, and The Chieftains. She was the groundbreaking musical star in the "Riverdance" theatrical shows, a founding member of Cherish the Ladies, a former member of the Hall and Oates band, and was a featured instrumentalist on many soundtracks, including "Gangs of New York" and "Back to Titanic."

Ivers's band, Universal Roots, features Matt Mancuso (lead vocals, guitar, trumpet, and fiddle); Buddy Connolly (button accordion, whistles, piano, and vocals); Lindsey Horner (upright and electric bass, baritone sax, and vocals); and Dave Barckow (lead vocals, percussion, and guitar). Ivers completes the ensemble on fiddle, mandolin, banjo, bodhran, and live looping.



Eileen Ivers and her band, Universal Roots. Photo courtesy of Joseph Killeen.

St. Paul

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The next move was around 1902 to a larger church building near the old Courthouse. This remained the congregation's home until 1962 when the building was purchased by Montgomery County.

Then in 1962, the congregation had grown large enough to move into its present location. The Rev. Ira Astin led the church in

building the sanctuary and the educational building and preparing the church for its future. Both the church's congregation and its ministry in the community have continued to grow since what was its final move to date.

At the 60th-anniversary celebration worship service, the congregation will highlight the history

of the church by recreating the picture taken the day of the first service in its present sanctuary when 537 folks of all ages were present, which the church still claims as its largest attendance ever. Church photographer Mike Gummer will take a picture of the full congregation in attendance at the Sept. 25 worship service.

Today, the Rev. Michael Derflinger,

"Rev. Mike," and a team of church leaders provide leadership for the congregation, which has its sights on at least 60 more years of service to Christiansburg and the greater community.

The service on Sept. 25 will include music from the St. Paul handbell choir led by Dale Huff, and performances by both the church's adult and children's choirs. A

unique feature of the day will be a presentation by bassoonist Valanda Nelson, whose mother, Jean, was for years the church's handbell director and a key member of the church's music program.

At the conclusion of the service that day, the congregation will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a celebration luncheon, for which Methodists are famously

and justifiably known. The church members extend a sincere and earnest invitation to the Christiansburg community and all their neighbors and friends to join them for this special day, a time of giving thanks to God for the many blessings he has bestowed upon St. Paul during its 60 years in its current home and its 203 years in Christiansburg.

New River Valley girls can join Girl Scouts for free this fall



Thanks to a generous gift, all girls who join Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline by September 30, 2022, will receive a free membership for the upcoming membership year (October 1, 2022, to September 30, 2023). Co-leaders can join for free with a new troop of eight or more girls.

LARGE ESTATE SALE



The Estate of Fleetwood and Vera Agee will be liquidated on Thurs, Fri, and Sat, September 8th, 9th, and 10th, from 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM, at 607 Eighth St. in Radford, VA. There are several couches, chairs, bedroom suits, desks, tables, lamps, pictures, a huge variety of clothing, shoes, glassware, linens, jewelry, and tools, as well as, holiday items, washer/dryer, freezer, other appliances, many electronics, and a 1995 Toyota Camry LE with only 42,695 original miles. Also, antiques and collectibles, plus many RETRO and VINTAGE items to include a Hermes portable typewriter, Lane cedar chest, Miyata bicycle, Pleasure Chest Buddy cooler, Singer sewing machine, records, CD's, tapes, and much more! Reductions on Friday and Saturday. **CASH ONLY!** Come and check out these awesome deals!!!

Send community news and photos to
communitynews@ourvalley.org

OPINION

Slim Randles: Home Country Calling the bull elk

It's the music of the Western mountains, and this is the only time we get to hear it. It has a hollow sound, as though a flute were a foot thick and 12-feet long, and it is the lonely call of the bull elk.

It starts in early September and by October becomes more of a war chant. When winter shuts down the breeding season, the bulls go quiet once again and pal up with other bulls to face winter together.

But now, the call is there. Veteran elk hunters call it "the locate call." It isn't meant to be intimidating to other elk either. The spirit ghost of the mountains dictates the bull sends this high, hollow note out to the world.

If I may be permitted to translate, the locate call is just a reminder, not a threat.

"Anybody oooooo-ut there?"

That was Pete, sitting on top of a ridge near the Continental Divide. From the bottom of the canyon to the west, maybe four miles away, we hear an answer.

"This is She-r-r-r-r-rm. Remember me from last winter? Goin' girlin'-n-n-n-n soon, Pete?"

"Thought I mi-i-i-ight, Sherm. Luck to you."

"And you-u-u-u-u too-o-o-o-o!"

In a month, they'll be gathering cows and Pete will threaten to dismember ol' Sherm with a single antler, but that's during the rut, and that has more grunting sounds in it.

If you should go out there and try to call one in close enough for a picture or at least a conversation, they would like me to remind you they are both 12 feet tall, weigh more than a ton each, and could whip a freight train. And they're good-looking guys, too. Pass the word.

Brought to you by A Cowboy's Guide to Hunting Elk by Slim Randles. Now on Amazon.com.

Correction Financial Focus: Are you properly insured?

In the edition of the News Messenger of Wednesday, Sept. 3, the headline of an article on Page 1 mistakenly said LewisGale Medical had performed a transplant. What was performed, however, was an implant, not a transplant. The Messenger regrets the error.

You probably won't see it on your calendar, but September is Life Insurance Awareness Month. And it is indeed important to be aware of the importance of life insurance. Are you adequately insured?

Many people aren't. About 40% of Americans face some type of life insurance gap, either because they're uninsured or underinsured, according to a 2021 survey by the research and advocacy groups LIMRA and Life Happens.

The need for life insurance is pretty straightforward: If something were to happen to you, would your family be able to continue their same lifestyle? Would the mortgage still be paid?

Would your children still be able to further their education?

So, if you decide that you should acquire or strengthen your life insurance, how much do you need? Your employer may provide you with some insurance as an employee benefit, but it may not be sufficient. You might have heard that you should have coverage worth seven or eight times your annual salary. But this estimate is just that — an estimate. Everyone's situation is different, and there's really no one formula that can tell you how much insurance you require.

To determine the coverage you need, you'll want to consider several factors, including your age, number of dependents, your income and that of your spouse, and the size of your mortgage.

Knowing how much coverage you need is obviously important, but you'll also want to consider what type of life insurance is right for you. You have two basic choices: term or permanent insurance.

As the name suggests, term insurance provides coverage for a specified amount of time, such as 10, 20 or 25 years. Term insurance only offers a death benefit — there's no buildup of cash value in your policy. Generally speaking, term insurance is considered to be quite affordable, especially when you're young.

Permanent insurance, on the other hand, offers a death benefit and the opportunity to build cash value. Because of this, premiums for permanent insurance — which includes "whole life" or "universal life" — are considerably higher than those for term life.

Which type of insurance should you choose? Again, it all depends on your situation and your preferences. Some financial experts advise people to "buy term and invest the difference" — that is,

use the money saved on the lower term insurance premiums to invest in stocks and mutual funds. Others, however, disagree, and point to the benefits of permanent insurance, such as the ability to borrow against the cash value of a policy to pay for unexpected expenses.

Ultimately, in making the choice between term and permanent insurance, you'll need to look at your entire financial picture to determine which option is best for you.

In fact, life insurance should be a key component of your overall financial strategy, along with your investment mix and the long-term goals you've set. Insurance can even play a role in your estate planning, as you determine the best way to distribute assets to your family members and any charitable organizations you support.

Life Insurance Awareness Month lasts 30 days — but your need for life insurance can endure for decades. Make sure you're doing everything you can to protect your loved ones.

This article was submitted by local Edward Jones Financial Advisor Meghan Kuczmariski, (540) 552-1241.

Books for Beeks

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the library and meet the needs of the school's teachers and students. Together, Lough said, they "encouraged a love for learning and reading in the many students who came through the doors of the Beeks Media Center/Library."

Current Beeks Librarian Rhonda Burch said, "There is nothing more wonderful than the gift of books. Our Beeks family is so very grateful to Mr. Marchman for his donation. It is such a blessing to be able to purchase books that students love and to carry on the legacy of Mrs. Marchman. Her love of reading and books will fill the library and the hearts of our students."



Jim Marchman and Blacksburg United Methodist Church representative Diane Hoover present Marchman's donation to Beeks Librarian Rhonda Burch.

Local students enter James Madison University Class of 2026

James Madison University welcomed the class of 2026 to campus this month. The incoming freshman class represents students who hail from 38 states, the District of Columbia, and 17 countries around the world.

Students from Radford are Ethan Channell, whose major is music, and Tali Vidal, whose major is dietetics.

Students from Blacksburg are Gabriela Arms, whose selected major is biology; Noah Canter, whose selected major is engineering; Nathan Lewis, whose selected major is kinesiology; James Miller, whose selected major is kinesiology; Emily Phillips, whose selected major is elementary education; and Nikolas Rensberger, whose selected major is art history.

Students from Christiansburg are Elyza Coggins, whose selected major is communication sciences and disorders; Natalie Jones, whose selected major is general psychology; Megan Newcomb, whose selected major is nursing; Kaylie Richmond, whose selected major is media arts and design; Joci Shelton, whose selected major is theater; Katherine Widner, whose selected major is nursing; and Haleigh Williams whose selected major is general psychology.

From Shawsville, a student is Mackenzie Kidwell, whose selected major is biology.

Kiwanis Club of Christiansburg presents gift cards to three schools

As a continuation of the Clothe a Child Program and the School Supplies Program, Oliver Lewis, MCPS Administrator of Family Engagement and a Kiwanis member, and Kiwanian Ernie Wade presented \$550 Walmart gift cards to three Montgomery County Schools.

Receiving the cards were CHS Principal Gene Jones; Montgomery Central School Counselor Ann Lawson, and Belview Elementary School Principal Chris Hewitt.

These two programs were started several years ago at all the Christiansburg schools to serve those in need and are ongoing programs. Once the schools use up the

funds on the cards, they let the Kiwanis Club know, and the cards are replaced. The Kiwanis Club of Christiansburg funds the card for \$500 and Walmart adds \$50.

Funding for service projects such as these are raised by events such as the Kiwanis Wilderness Trail Festival, which is held the third Saturday of September each year.

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. The Kiwanis Club of Christiansburg has provided service to the local community since its charter was granted in 1949.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Our 10 numerals

7. Horseshoe cleat

11. Ear shell

12. Soprano solo

13. Vestments

14. Heart's singer Wilson

15. Set of type in one style

16. Withdraw from work

18. Ancient Hebrew coin

20. Megacycle

21. 26th British letter

22. Colonnaded Greek walks

24. Russian sourgrass soupsomething

26. OK Corral's Wyatt

27. Cheremiss

28. Shenectady County Airport

29. Laptop

31. Actress Farrow

32. NYSE for Murphy Oil

CLUES DOWN

1. Word shortening

2. Tore down (var. sp.)

3. 22nd state (abbr.)

4. Tropical constrictor

5. Hostelry

6. Examine and expurgate

7. Small restaurants

8. E. Asian anis liquor

9. Infestation of head louse

10. New Yorker film critic Pauline

11. An orange-red crystalline dye

13. Indicates position

16. Root mean square (abbr.)

17. Electronic counter-countermeasures

19. 12-31 greeting

22. Fastens

23. Himalayan wild goats

25. One who overacts

28. Facial gesture

30. Absence of aggression

34. China

38. Older Bridges brother

40. Plays

42. Term denoting psychic abilities

43. Oral polio vaccine developer

44. Any habitation at a high altitude

46. Hyperbolic cosecant

47. Russian mountain range

48. An aromatic salve

50. Venezuelan fashion designer initials

53. Highest card

54. 5th son of Jacob

58. Music storage device

Study: Virginians have best levels of lung health in America

A five-year study by whitehtr-pr.com that ranked locations in the United States based on smoking rates and pollution levels anked Virginia as the state with the best lung health in America.

The Lung Institute, a source for pulmonary information for better lung health, including disease prevention and manage-

ment, commissioned the national study to establish a ranking of lung health across America. The data analysis factored the change in smoking rate in each state across the last five years and the change in pollution level across the last five years measured in PM2.5, which is the average daily density of fine particulate

matter in micrograms per cubic meter.

According to the study, Virginians experienced a 5% decrease in smoking rates over 5 years and a decline in PM2.5 (-5), placing smokers in the commonwealth in the number-one position overall across thee 50 states.

On the other hand, at the opposite end of the rankings, Texas emerged in last place (#50) with the least healthy lung health trend over five years. The Lone Star State had a 1% decrease in smoking rates, and a 2.3 decrease in air pollution.

The five states with the healthiest lung health in the nation

based on data over the last 5 years were 1. Virginia 2. Colorado 3. Tennessee 4. Delaware and 5. Washington.

The five states with the unhealthiest lung health in the nation based on data over the last five years were 46. Missouri 47. Maine 48. Oregon 49. Oklahoma 50. Texas.

It's a sweep: Virginia Tech clinches top three places at NASA Aeronautics University Design Challenge

For wilderness areas and communities battling devastating wildfires, first responders need to move swiftly and have the most efficient tools at their disposal.

Aviation plays a critical role in wildfire suppression and containment, and through the work of scientists, engineers, test pilots, and programmers, aircraft are becoming safer and more efficient, sustainable, and accessible than ever before. But is it possible for engineers to also channel these innovations to better serve the needs of the general public?

After a yearlong effort to explore the use of urban air mobility and regional air mobility vehicles within a firefighting scenario, three Virginia Tech capstone design teams swept the top three spots at this year's NASA Aeronautics University Design Challenge.

Virginia Tech has a long history of successes in un-

dergraduate design team competitions. At this particular NASA design challenge, Virginia Tech teams have brought home top honors 11 times over the past decade. Clinching the top three spots in one year is unprecedented.

The annual design competition, sponsored by NASA's Aeronautics Research Mission Directorate, gives student teams the opportunity to solve some of the biggest technical challenges facing the aviation community today. Multidisciplinary teams put their skills to work by designing and building solutions to real-world problems.

Professor Pradeep Raj said he incorporates the NASA Aeronautics University Design Challenge into the classroom, in part, because the missions and technical challenges are often system-centric as opposed to focusing on a single vehicle.

"I've found that this approach tends to expand

the scope and broadens the design space for the students," said Raj. "Designing an operational fleet really opens up the possibilities for different types of vehicles, varying sizes, propulsion systems, and it challenges the students to investigate the overall operational aspects more closely for the fleet to successfully complete their mission."

The undergraduate curriculum within Virginia Tech's Kevin T. Crofton Department of Aerospace and Ocean Engineering leads up to a yearlong capstone design experience in the senior year. Aerospace engineering design courses use the group design process to both better simulate the way design is done in the real world and promote the benefits of collaborative learning.

Raj and Professor of Practice Wm. Michael Butler jointly served as the faculty instructors and advisors for the air vehicle design track within the

capstone design course for the 2021-22 academic year. They bring a wealth of knowledge and experience in aerodynamics, vehicle design, and technology systems integration to the classroom.

Prior to joining Virginia Tech in 2012, Raj served three decades at

Lockheed Martin with the last 12 years in the Advanced Development Programs division known as Skunk Works. Butler, a three-time Hokie, spent more than two decades in industry in advanced development programs. He worked as an air vehicle configurator at General

Dynamics, which later merged under the Lockheed Martin corporation. Butler joined the Department of Engineering Education at his alma mater in 2013 and joined the aerospace and ocean engineering department in 2021.

By Jama Green



Virginia Tech's Water Acquisition And Targeted Release Regional Air Mobility design project brought home first-place honors in the NASA Aeronautics University Design Challenge. Illustration courtesy of Colin Fischer.

VDOT ROADWATCH

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.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

I-81 NORTHBOUND AT EXIT 105 NEW RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY – Traffic on northbound I-81 has been switched onto the newly constructed bridge over the New River at the Montgomery/Pulaski County line. The old bridge is being demolished. 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 98 to 109. 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 summer 2023.

ROUTE 615 CULVERT REPLACEMENT – Route 615 (Pilot Road) is undergoing a culvert replacement located at the intersection of Pilot Road and Old Pike Road, across from the Pilot Post Office. Flagging operations may be in place. Route 615 will be limited to one 10 foot lane. Expected completion is October 2022.

PAVING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various routes. Lane closures may be in place and flaggers may control traffic at times during daylight hours. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

INTERSTATE 81

INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDENING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT EXIT 137 TO EXIT 141 – A \$179 million design-build project to widen both directions of I-81 between mile markers 136.6 and 141.8 from two to three lanes is set to begin. Work will be performed on the inside and outside shoulders along a five mile section of both northbound and southbound Interstate 81 in Roanoke County and the city of Salem. Two lanes of I-81 traffic in each direction will remain open during the project with periodic lane closures scheduled during nighttime hours or outside of peak travel times as needed. Drivers can expect the following lane closures and upcoming impacts on northbound and southbound I-81:

- Nighttime lane closures may be in place and lane widths will be reduced to 11 feet.

- Nightly lane closures may be in place along the right lane with possible nightly ramp narrows as needed for guardrail and shoulder strengthening.

- Northbound I-81 lane closures from mile marker 138 to 142

- Northbound I-81 exit and entrance ramp narrows possible at Route 311.

The project also includes replacing six bridges, widening two bridges, installing approximately 2.6 miles of sound barrier walls along northbound I-81, improving the southbound exit 137 off-ramp intersection at Wildwood Road and adding interchange lighting at exits 137, 140 and 141 are also included in the project. Expected completion in early 2026.

I-81 TROUTVILLE REST AREA CLOSURE - The Troutville rest area located on southbound Interstate 81 near mile marker 158 in Botetourt County is currently closed until later in the month of September. Supply chain issues have delayed manufacture and delivery of metal bases for the new lighting poles that must be installed before the

facility can be reopened. The Virginia Department of Transportation's contractor Branch Civil Inc. will need additional time to install the lighting so reopening the facility needs to be postponed.

Signage indicating the closure is posted in the rest area. A temporary concrete barrier wall will remain in place in front of the facility. The rest area facility, ramps and parking lot are closed to the public. This project will extend the ramp into the rest area by 500 feet and the ramp out of the rest area by 2,100 feet. It will also include expanding the truck parking area at the facility by about 10-13 spaces. Work is expected to be completed in early fall of 2022.

REST AREA OPTIONS: While the Troutville Rest Area is closed, southbound I-81 drivers can use the Fairfield Rest Area at mile marker 195 in Rockbridge County or the Radford Rest Area at mile marker 108 in Montgomery County. In addition, the Troutville Weigh Station, located on southbound I-81 at mile marker 149, will have portable toilets and parking will be temporarily available for commercial vehicles.

INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDENING CONSTRUCTION EXIT 141 TO EXIT 143 – A project to widen the lanes on I-81 in Roanoke in both northbound and southbound directions between Exit 141 to Exit 143 has been underway. All lanes now open and will remain open through winter with periodic lane closures at night as needed.

I-81 PAVING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various routes. Lane closures may be in place during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

- Montgomery County: Lane closures in place for paving of I-81 northbound between mile marker 116 to 114.

- Roanoke County: Alternating lane closures on I-81 northbound for milling and paving from mile marker 134.5 to 132.4, 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning.

I-81 BRIDGE DECK REPAIRS – Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 81. Between mile markers 138 to 152, right and left

lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

I-81 POT HOLE PATCHING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, crews will patch potholes along southbound and northbound Interstate

81. Mobile right and left lane closures will be in place and moving along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for moving vehicles and equipment. Expect possible delays.

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ONLINE AUCTION

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Legals - Botetourt County

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code Ann. §§ 8.01-316, -317 **Case No. CL21-610** Botetourt County Circuit Court Commonwealth of Virginia in re **Wilmington Savings Fund FSB, et al v. Andrew L. Lawson, et al.** The object of this suit is to: rescind the September 16, 2020 foreclosure sale of 47 Garfield Lane, Roanoke, Virginia. It is ORDERED that: Any/All Heirs of HAZEL A. LAWSON appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before September 28, 2022. Signed Tommy L. Moore, Clerk on this day August 16th, 2022.

ADVERTISE!

Legals - City of Radford

NOTICE OF ELECTION

NEW RIVER COMMUNITY ACTION, INC. (NRCA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS TARGET AREA REPRESENTATIVE ELECTION DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF ELECTION: NRCA Montgomery Office, 90 College Street, Suite B, Christiansburg. Thursday, September 22, 2022 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. PURPOSE OF THE ELECTION: To elect target area representative to sit on the Board of Directors of NRCA to represent Montgomery County. The Board manages the affairs and sets the policies for NRCA. The elected representative will serve on the Board of Directors. NRCA has as its purpose to alleviate poverty in the New River Valley by such programs as Head Start, Children's Health Improvement Partnership, Homeless Intervention, VA CARES, Emergency Assistance and outreach services for other human service agencies. PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE: All persons residing in Montgomery County who are eighteen (18) years of age or older and whose family income falls within the Poverty Income Guidelines to determine eligibility for being served shall be eligible to vote. Persons not meeting these criteria can neither nominate nor vote at this election.

Legals - City of Salem



ADVERTISEMENT FOR SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT SERVICES WITH OPERATOR SIGNUP

The Virginia Department of Transportation invites heavy equipment owners to sign up for the rental of their equipment with operators for SNOW & ICE REMOVAL purposes in Salem Residency which includes the counties of Roanoke, Botetourt and Craig during the winter of 2022-2023. Price per hour shall include operators, fuel, tire chains, supplies and required insurance. VDOT will need dump trucks, pickups with plows, motorgraders, backhoes, dozers, track loaders, tractors, rubber-tire loaders and farm tractors. All equipment shall be equipped for night work and be in good mechanical condition to ensure a safe and dependable 24/7 operation. VDOT reserves the right to determine acceptability of equipment size and condition for the task. Contractors submitting prices meeting the requirements of the Agreement may be contracted with and may be eligible to receive a mobilization payment and a minimum guaranteed payment for the season.

Contractors must submit their application on the electronic M7B bidding site at <https://www.plow4va.com/>. All new and returning Contractors must be active in the Virginia eProcurement Portal (eVA) in order to do business with the Commonwealth of Virginia (<https://eva.virginia.gov>).

Applications received by 7:00 PM on Friday October

Legals - City of Salem

7, 2022 may be eligible for a mobilization bonus. See the EVA posting for additional information, including contract requirements.

Questions can be directed to the Salem Residency from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday – Friday. Phone: 540-387-5497. Email: SalemDistrictSnow@vdot.virginia.gov

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Legals - Montgomery County

Order of Publication Commonwealth of Virginia

VA code § 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317.20-104 Montgomery County Circuit Court 55 East Main Street, Suite 1, Christiansburg, VA 24073 Case No. CL22001234-00 Arlecia McBride Johnson and Olivia Adeline Isabel Johnson v. Jonathan Arnold Johnson. The object of this suit is to: Name Change of a Minor. It is ORDERED that Jonathan Arnold Johnson appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interest on or before October 2, 2022

ORDER OF PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

VA CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317.20-104 **Case No. CL22000842-00** MONTGOMERY COUNTY 55 East Main Street, Suite 1, Christiansburg, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re **ALIVER NICOLE HARRELL v. COREY HENDRICK HARRELL.** The object of this suit is to DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that COREY HENDRICK HARRELL appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before OCTOBER 10, 2022.

Signed By: Robert M.D. Turk, Judge August 12, 2022

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY IN RE: ESTATE OF CAROLINE COTTON COOLER, DECEASED SHOW CAUSE AGAINST DISTRIBUTION ORDER

It appearing that a report of the accounts of National Bank, also known as National Bank of Blacksburg, Executor of the Estate of Caroline Cotton Cooler, Deceased, and of the debts and demands against her estate have been filed in the Clerk's Office, and that six months have elapsed since the qualification, on Motion of National Bank, Executor, it is ORDERED that the creditors of, and all others interested in, the estate to show cause, if any they can, on the 22nd day of September, 2022, before this Court at 8:30 a.m., against the payment and delivery of the Estate of Caroline Cotton Cooler, Deceased, to the distributes with or without requiring refunding bonds as the as the Court prescribes. ENTER this Order this 16th day of August, 2022. Signed Robert M. D. Turk, Judge. I asked for this Bettye Ackerman, Esq. VSB #72564 Campbell & Ackerman 320 Clay Street SW Blacksburg, VA 24060

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Applications received by 7:00 PM on Friday October 7, 2022 may be eligible for a mobilization bonus. See the EVA posting for additional information, including contract requirements.

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Week 3 preview: Radford, Christiansburg still unbeaten; Blacksburg gives up 70, East Mont falls to 0-2

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High school football is heating up for Radford and Christiansburg, which are both still unbeaten while Blacksburg and Eastern Montgomery are still looking for their first win of the season. The Auburn squad is wondering if it will fall victim to the numbers game.

Auburn scratched last season because of depth. This past week, their opponent had to bow out because of the same issue.

Craig County canceled its Friday game Friday against the

Eagles, and the game will not be rescheduled. Whether the game will be recognized as a win for Auburn remains to be determined.

Games this week:
 Christiansburg at William Byrd

Christiansburg is coming off a big win over regional-rival Abingdon. While three different players scored, the Blue Demons showed little or no passing game. They also netted more than 90 yards in penalties, something they will have to clean up against a better Byrd on their home field.

This past week, Byrd fell 39-

36 to Hidden Valley, giving up 233 yards through the air. Quarterback Israel Hairston completed eight of 14 passes for 205 yards with an interception. Deshannon Reed rushed for 101 yards in the loss.

Ft. Chiswell at Radford
 Radford had a dominating 62-12 win over Gate City as quarterback Landon Clark was responsible for eight scores. He completed 10 of 12 passes for 278 yards with six touchdowns. He also rushed for 83 yards and two touchdowns. Marcel Baylor caught four of those passes for more than 100 yards with two TD's.

The Fort fell 36-7 to George Wythe, which Radford beat in its opener. Mikey Melton ran for 57 yards and a touchdown in the GW loss.

Blacksburg at Amherst
 Blacksburg has a lot of questions after a 70-0 loss to Lord Botetourt. Amherst is a perennial playoff team and should provide similar problems for new Blacksburg coach Zach Leonard. Amherst is 1-0 after beating G.W. Danville 40-25.

Auburn at Floyd
 Floyd beat Patrick County 32-12 as Ryan Swartzel completed 10 of 18 passes for 148 yards and three touchdowns.

Eastern Montgomery at North Cross

Eastern Montgomery's schedule isn't any easier as they play a private school primed to win another state title. North Cross is 1-1 after falling 23-13 this past week to St. Christopher's.

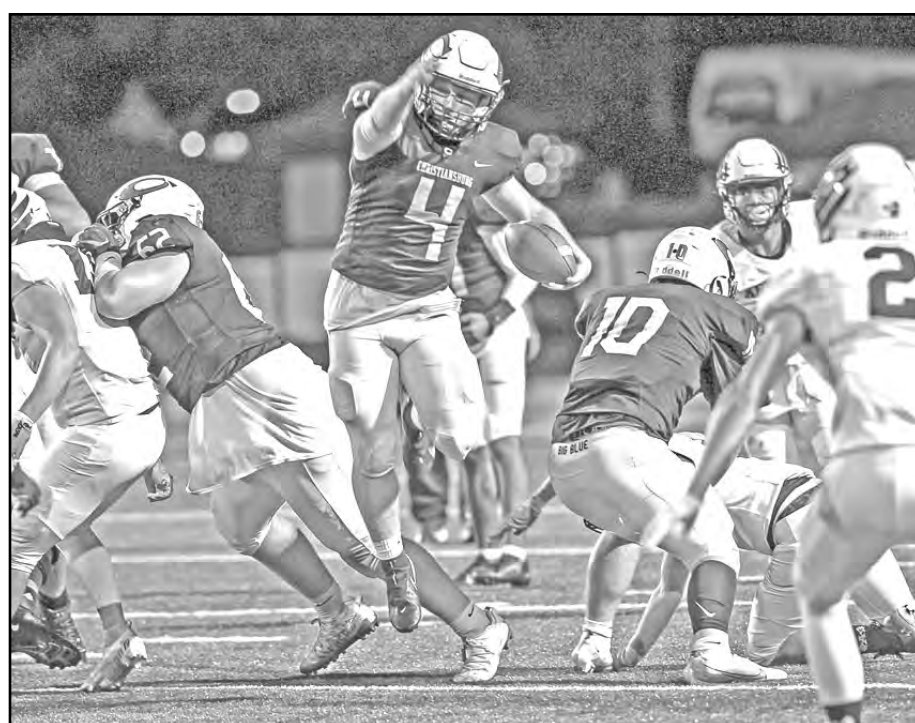
Area Top 5: 1) Christiansburg, 2) Narrows, 3) Salem, 4) Radford, 5) Galax.

Predictions for this week:
 Christiansburg 33, William Byrd 21
 Amherst 43, Blacksburg 0
 Radford 34, Ft. Chiswell 20
 North Cross 40, Eastern Montgomery 10
 Floyd 32, Auburn 7

Christiansburg defeats Abingdon



Jayron Thompson tackles an Abingdon running back in the first quarter backed up by Curtis Altizer (left) and Jackson Poole (right). Christiansburg moved to 2-0 on the season with the win over the visiting Abingdon Falcons.



Tanner Evans breaks through a hole cleared by his offensive linemen. He finished with 79 yards rushing on 15 carries.



Robert McCrea makes a flying tackle against Abingdon.



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Kendric Long makes an athletic landing into the end zone for a Blue Demon touchdown.

Unanswered questions after Hokies' loss to ODU

The Hokie faithful might have more questions than answers after Saturday's loss to Old Dominion. Everyone needs to remember that this is a new coaching staff with little experience with their fellow coaches and players. The offense is learning how to work with a new quarterback under center, the receiving corps has a lot to learn, the running game was really non-existent at crucial times, and the defense must take the next step to be competitive this season.

Fans had to be convinced there was a full moon in the Tidewater sky, and everything seemed to be going the wrong way.

ODU was picked to finish at the bottom of the Sun Belt

Conference and had brought in a new offensive coordinator in the past month. Things seemed to be in favor of the Blacksburg visitors.

Tech was favored by five points at kickoff.

The game had all the weird twists and turns during and after ranging from the Hokie coaching staff being trapped in an elevator at the end of halftime to a confrontation between a player striking an ODU fan.

Receiver Connor Blumrick has issued an apology after hitting a fan who rushed the field after the game.

Blumrick was leaving the field with the rest of the team when a fan flowed into his path and the redshirt senior



From the Sidelines

Marty Gordon

launched his arm in the fan's direction.

Blumrick issued the following apology via Twitter on Saturday:

"I would like to sincerely apologize to ODU and Hokie Nation for my actions after last night's game. Following an emotional loss, in trying to get to the locker room safely, there was an incident including contact between myself and a fan that I regret. This is not an accurate reflection of my char-

acter, and I am truly sorry to those I have let down, including my coaches, teammates, and fans."

Now, back to what first-year coach Brent Pry and his new staff might have learned. It will be tough for them this week.

It's not to say they can't find fixes, but it will take a lot to renovate the used car Justin Fuente left sitting in the Lane Stadium parking lot. First, Pry had to find the keys, which were not left in an obvious location. Secondly, he had to fix the starter and install a new battery.

But the car just wouldn't start without cleaning out the fuel line and adding fresh gas.

Typically, a tune-up takes a little time to make a difference.

The same is true with this football team. Not much was left in the tanks, and Pry must start from scratch.

This also means a new coach's first year is something that could be a shot in the dark. When Frank Beamer took over in Blacksburg, he had a few lean years. Now the faithful must be willing to wait for Pry to find the right combination.

The foundation has holes in it, and it could take years to fill. Pry has taken early steps to begin that work, and now isn't the time to stand on the top of the mountain and yell at him or the team.

The next game is just another day in the lab for the coach and his new staff. It will take time.

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Virginia Tech déjà vu against ODU

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Grant Wells threw four interceptions in his first start for Virginia Tech as Old Dominion rudely welcomed the Hokies to the 757- area code Friday night with a stunning 20-17 win, Old Dominion's second straight win against the Hokies in Norfolk.

First-year Hokie head coach Brent Pry called the Hokies' play sloppy.

"I felt like they pressed and attention to detail which showed up in the last scrimmage a little bit ... just more penalties than we've been having," Pry said. "You don't have five turnovers, 15 penalties. We want to make people earn it. Not to take anything away

from Old Dominion. They've got a nice looking football team and a nice environment here. (We) kind of went into a hornets' nest."

Pry would not put all the blame on his new QB on the interceptions.

"Some of them were, some weren't (on him)," he said. "Grant threw some nice balls. Obviously, ball security has got to be. He's an accurate passer. He's got to get those (interceptions) cleaned up. You've got to be smart with the football."

Running back Keshawn King and linebacker Dax Hollifield did put together impressive showings.

King had a breakout performance, finishing with 111 rushing yards on 19 carries to go

along with a 6-yard touchdown reception. The game marked his second career 100-yard outing on the ground and the most rushing yards by a Tech player in a season opener since Trey Edmunds notched 132 rushing yards against Alabama back on Aug. 31, 2013.

On the other side of the ball, Hollifield did a little bit of everything as one of the leaders of Tech's defense. He finished with 11 tackles, including 1.5 tackles for loss, to go along with two forced fumbles, two pass break-ups, and one fumble recovery, showcasing his versatility as one of the best linebackers in the ACC.

Hollifield's 10 tackles were the most by a Hokie in a season opener since Rayshard Ashby's

13 tackles against Boston College on Aug. 31, 2019. Hollifield also became just the second player since 2007 to record two forced fumbles and one fumble recovery in the same game.

Receiver Kaleb Smith showed some brief moments of greatness until he was injured early in the first quarter. Pry said that was a big blow as he is the team's best wide receiver.

"He's been our most consistent player," Pry said. "He got hurt on the kickoff. He got a minor injury that kept him out of the game. He tried to go and couldn't work through it. I thought we were still able to move the ball against their defense. We've just got to be able to protect the football and

we've got to make plays."

Now the Hokies will have to regroup as Boston College comes to town on Saturday. Pry tried to stay upbeat, telling his team they did so many good things despite the loss.

"I said I've been around good football teams, a bunch," the head Hokie said. "There's so many things we did that represent a good football team, but then there's these things we did where you can't win. You can't win when you do these things. I think the positive things is they're correctable. We can fix those things as coaches and players. We're able to run the ball, able to do things. We've got a solid football team. We've just got to keep investing and clean up our mistakes."

Virginia Tech players' lockers robbed during loss to Old Dominion

by Joseph Staszewski
New York Post

Virginia Tech didn't leave Old Dominion with a win and it appears it left without some of the team's belongings as well.

The Virginia Tech athletic department issued a statement Sunday con-

firmed "there were items missing" from the football team's locker room following the Hokies' stunning 20-17 loss to Old Dominion in Norfolk, Va., on Friday.

"The university is working with law enforcement and Old Dominion Uni-

versity on the matter, and will have no further comment," Virginia Tech said in a statement, per ESPN.

ODU police chief Garrett Shelton told Zach Staton of WKTR in Virginia that his department was made aware 15 minutes after the game ended

that items were taken and less than \$8,000 worth of property was stolen.

ODU said in a separate statement it was aware of the "theft of personal property of a few Virginia Tech student-athletes" on Friday.

"ODU athletics sin-

cerely apologizes to Virginia Tech, the Virginia Tech athletic administration and the young men who had items stolen," the school said. "The ODU Police Department is working diligently to resolve this incident."

The loss itself was one

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Last week's race in Radford's Bisset Park took on a Harry Potter theme. The event raised money for NRV literacy.

RU's Shaquan Jules is set to play basketball for the US-Virgin Islands national team

Radford University men's basketball senior Shaquan Jules is set to begin play at the 2022 FIBA Americup for the U.S. Virgin Islands National Team this week.

FIBA is the International Basketball Federation, which governs basketball worldwide. The acronym is derived from the French for Fédération Internationale de Basketball,

Jules will help the team navigate a challenging slate of games to be played in Brazil, including opponents such as Argentina, the Dominican Republic, and Puerto Rico.

Coming into the tournament at number 57 in the FIBA World Rankings, the U.S. Virgin Islands' roster also features Trivante Bloodman (Mississippi State), Jahsean Corbett (Chicago State), Amir Nesbitt (Hampton)

and Earl Baker (Slippery Rock).

Jules got his first taste of game action with the national team back in June for a series of friendlies. At the collegiate level, he averaged 5.8 points and 4.6 rebounds per game while shooting 61.9% from the field across 29 appearances last season. He also represented the Highlanders on the Big South Conference All-Academic Team.

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