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## New Tyrannosaurus Rex skull seeks museum visitors

The toothy grin of a familiar face is hoped to open the doors to the wide world of Earth history exploration at Virginia Tech's Museum of Geosciences.

"People always say a Tyrannosaurus rex tooth is about the size of a banana ... but you don't really get the scale until you're right there in front of this kind of an animal," said Sterling Nesbitt, an associate professor of geosciences. "This 'Tyrannosaurus' skull really helps us introduce the idea of Earth history and geosciences as a whole."

At nearly 6 feet long, the life-size replica was molded from one of the world's most complete T. rex skulls, which was discovered in Montana in 2016. Its teeth measure between 5 and 6 inches long. The real skull likely belonged to a roughly 40-foot-long version of the famous carnivore.

The skull model arrived in Blacksburg this year and is hoped to attract visitors to the museum on the second floor of Derring Hall. While there, visitors can explore the thousands of other fossils and artifacts on display.

"It's an iconic form of animal that almost everyone can recognize right away," Nesbitt said. "T. rex lived

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Museum of Geosciences Collections Manager Mariah Green (at left) and Museum Director Sterling Nesbitt stand alongside a full-size Tyrannosaurus rex skull replica. PHOTO BY LUKE HAYES FOR VIRGINIA TECH



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With a Radford location at 1701 Tyler Ave., Food City has pledged to contribute \$700,000 to local schools for the upcoming school year through its School Bucks Challenge, which will continue through May 9, 2023.

## Food City to award \$700,000 to local schools in School Bucks Challenge

Food City, which has a Radford location at 1701 Tyler Ave, has once again pledged \$700,000 in contributions for the upcoming school year through its School Bucks Challenge, which began on Wednesday, Sept. 7, and will continue through Monday, May 9, 2023.

The challenge works through a reward points system. For every \$1 customers spend using

their Food City ValuCard, they will receive one point.

"Our Food City School Bucks Program has provided much-needed support for thousands of schools throughout our market area, and our School Bucks Challenge makes points collection easy and efficient," said Steven C. Smith, Food City president and chief executive officer.

To ensure points are

credited to the school of choice, customers can simply go online to <https://www.foodcity.com/schoolbucks> to link the Food City ValuCard to the preferred school.

Food City has pledged \$700,000 for the upcoming school year with school allocations based on the percentage of customer purchases

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## Radford University lauded for affordability in college guide

Radford University's affordability and marketable degrees are again getting recognition.

The university is ranked among the nation's top public and private universities and the Best Bang for the Buck by Washington Monthly's annual 2022 College Guide.

Each of the more than 400 universities ranked were judged on their contribution to the public good in three broad categories: social mobility, research, and public service. Radford's addition to this exclusive list was also based on the university's ability to help non-wealthy students attain marketable degrees at manageable prices.

The university ranked 127 in the 2022 National University Rankings and 31 in the 2022 Best Bang for the Buck Rankings: Southwest, a ranking the university has been part of for nearly a

decade.

The Washington Monthly rankings focus on publicly available data, taking into account graduation rates, net price of attendance, student loan data, and other factors that are important to students and their families.

"By continuously being named in these exclusive lists, Radford University is fully maintaining its commitment to the accessibility and affordability of higher education," according to a statement by the university. "Offering attainable education to students advances their social mobility."

One example of how the university is "helping many of its students grow and navigate the economic and social challenges of university life" is the Center for Opportunity and Social Mobility (COSM), which opened at the beginning of the fall 2021 semester.



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Washington Monthly has ranked Radford University among the public and private universities that provide the Best Bang for the Buck.



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## VT Women's Club to hold reception Sept. 15

The Virginia Tech Women's Club will hold a 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 the women's club to provide scholarships to VT women, to enjoy luncheons and programs, to join a variety of interest groups, to attend Friday Forums on different topics, and to provide service to the community. Parking space will be available in the Litton-Reaves Extension Lot, and shuttle service will be provided.

## Waterline replacement along Roanoke Street to begin Sunday

A major waterline replacement along Roanoke Street in Christiansburg will take place in phases with Phase 1 beginning Sunday, Sept. 11, 2022. Final phases will take place in 2023.

During Phase I, crews will be replacing the waterline along Roanoke Street between East Main Street and First Street. Motorists can expect road closures and detours in this area. The work will happen at night, beginning at 7 p.m. and ending at 6 a.m., daily. Phase I is expected to be complete by the end of September.

The current waterline is prone to breaks and is beyond its service life. The replacement of this line will provide a higher level of service, reduce outages for citizens that result from breaks, and provide crews the opportunity to replace the pavement in this area.

Crews will also take this time to install new water meters along Roanoke Street.

As this project moves forward, citizens who live along Roanoke Street and cross streets may experience temporary and brief outages, low or high pressure,

discolored water, and/or accessibility issues.

Crews will contact customers who may experience outages due to the work. Citizens are encouraged to monitor their water and if any air, discoloration, or sediment is observed, they should run the waterline until the water runs clear. Any questions can be directed to Capital Projects Engineer Don Cole at 540-382-6120 ext. 1153.

Information regarding the latter phases will be released once scheduling is finalized.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Saturday, Sept. 10:

**Mt. Tabor Ruritan Club fish fry**  
Mount Tabor Ruritan Club will hold its last fish fry for 2022 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Slusser's Chapel Picnic Shelter, 1543 Mount Tabor Rd, Blacksburg. The club will serve fish; fries and slaw; homemade desserts; and beverages. The cost is \$12 for adults and carry-outs; \$6 for children under 12; free for children under 3. Fish will be fried and served 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**  
At the Christiansburg Library at 2 p.m. The library staff 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). A time for questions and conversation about mental health and suicide prevention will be held after the training. Materials from Lock & Talk Virginia will be available. For more information, visit [www.lockandtalk.org](http://www.lockandtalk.org).

## Sunday, Sept. 11:

**Blacksburg Baptist Church 170th anniversary**  
Blacksburg Baptist Church will celebrate its 170th anniversary with a homecoming, 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 in Blacksburg and of 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 Taysha 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 Taysha DeVaughan, Democrat candidate to 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 a 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 will be appreciated. For more information, contact Suzanne Bowen at [bowensuzanne@yahoo.com](mailto:bowensuzanne@yahoo.com) or 540-320-4658, or Rebecca Scheckler at [3050hawks@gmail.com](mailto:3050hawks@gmail.com) or 540-557-7810.

**Knit and chat**  
At the Christiansburg Library at 2 p.m. Participants can bring their latest 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 and 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 available on the church

website ([snowvillechristianchurch.com](http://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. Come take part in a bracelet decorating art class.

**Healthy eating and cooking for the 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 for the family using an instant pot. Those attending will receive free cooking utensils 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 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, 30 West Main St., Radford. 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; 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 this homeschool creative writing club. They can practice their writing and share it with others through the use of creative prompts and can learn 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. This is Kids Take Over the Kitchen Day, and the kids can come by and learn how to make some yummy food. Supplies will be provided. Registration is required. For 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 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 3-8 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](mailto:aabbott@lvnrv.org).

**Brown Bag Book Club**  
Participants can bring a lunch or enjoy Aaron's latest culinary concoction. Discussed this month is "The Lions of Fifth Avenue" by Fiona Davis. Next month, on Oct. 12, the club will meet to discuss "The Shining" by Stephen King.

## Thursday, Sept. 15:

**Va. Tech Women's Club reception at The Grove**  
The Virginia Tech Women's Club (VTWC) will host a reception at The Grove at VT from 3:30 to 5 p.m. The reception is free and is open to the public. Honorary president Dr. Laura Sands and club President Sue Bentley will host the reception. Refreshments will be provided. All women are invited to attend to 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 will be provided in the Litton-Reaves Extension Lot, and shuttle service will be available. For questions, contact [VTWC65@gmail.com](mailto:VTWC65@gmail.com)

**Radford Reads with Lesley Wheeler**  
At the Radford Public Library at 6 p.m. Meet author and poet Lesley Wheeler. Wheeler is the author of the novel "Unbecoming." Her poetry and essays have appeared 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 and open to the public and is sponsored by RPL's Lamplighters.

**Radford Photo Club potluck picnic**  
The Radford Photo Club will have a potluck picnic at Bisset Park at 6 p.m. The photo challenge for the month is trees. The Radford Photo Club is made up of professional and amateur photographers from throughout the New River Valley. Meetings, events, and outings are open to the public. Learn more about the club by searching for "Radford Photo Club" on Facebook.

## 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 holding "Kick-Off on College Ave." This community-focused and child-friendly event will take place from 5 to 9 p.m. at 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.

## Saturday, Sept. 17:

**Wilderness Trail Festival**  
Downtown Christiansburg on West Main Street beginning at 9 a.m. Check out the new mobile library: Register for a library card, check out materials, and pick up a craft for the kids. <http://www.wildernesstrailfestival.com/>.

**Caturday**  
At the Christiansburg Library from noon to 1 p.m. Sign up online or at the front desk for a 15-minute slot to read to a cat from the Montgomery County Animal Care and Adoption Center to practice reading and to socialize shelter cats. For all ages. Email [spahl@mfrl.org](mailto:spahl@mfrl.org) for more information.

**Introduction to leatherwork**  
At the Meadowbrook Public Library at 1 p.m. Henry Bryant of Fort Vause Outfitters will demonstrate how to get started with leatherwork and what basic tools are needed. Participants can try some leatherwork for themselves. This program is for all ages.

## Monday, Sept. 19:

**Monday movie matinee**  
At the Blacksburg Library at 1 p.m. When an eccentric billionaire kidnaps inverted novelist Loretta Sage to locate the ancient city featured in her latest book, Loretta's charming yet vapid cover model, Alan, vows to prove his real-life heroism matches his fictional alter-ego and embarks on a harebrained mission to rescue Loretta. Rated PG-13.

**Pokémon club**  
At the Christiansburg Library at 4:30 p.m. Pokémon fans can bring their DS or Pokémon cards and battle, trade, and make new friends. All ages.

## 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. He was fortunate to find so many kind and generous garden owners who loved nothing more than to open their gates, serve tea, and explain how and why they garden.

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

**RHS Class of 1972 Reunion**  
Radford High School's 1972 Class of Champions



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**Legals - City of Radford**

**NOTICE OF INVITATION TO COMMENT AND PUBLIC MEETING**

CONSOLIDATE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER) PROGRAM YEAR 2021 The City of Radford has completed its Consolidate Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year. The report includes an assessment of expenditures in relation to community objectives, progress on HUD financed activities, and an analysis of persons benefiting from activities. A citizen comment period will run from September 10, 2022 through September 26, 2022. A copy of the CAPER may be found on the City's website or in the City Manager's office. Questions or comments should be directed to Melissa Skelton, Community Developer at [melissa.skelton@radfordva.gov](mailto:melissa.skelton@radfordva.gov) or in person at City Councils meeting on September 26, 2022 at 7pm, located at 10 Robertson St., Radford.



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(From left) Cadets Chris Pellissier, Emma Workmaster, and Lance Demont on the porch of Lane Hall.

## Cadets chosen to highlight the colors at tonight's Boston College game

First-year cadets Chris Pellissier, Emma Workmaster, and Lance Demont will receive the flags at tonight's football game against Boston College, the first home game of the season.

The Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets and the Virginia Tech football team continue their proud partnership to highlight the colors during the pre-game ceremony at every football game.

Three football players, chosen because of their performance in the last game or at practice, carry the American flag, the state flag, and the team's

spirit flag and lead the team onto the field. They deliver the flags to cadets at the south end of the field.

The cadets, also selected based on their performance in the corps, render honor to the flags and carry them off the field. At home games, three first-year cadets are selected, and one or two upper class cadets travel with the team and receive the flags at away games.

Pellissier is in Army ROTC and is majoring in general engineering in the College of Engineering. He was selected for demonstrating leadership

in his training company with an adherence to high standards and professionalism.

Workmaster, a member of Navy ROTC, was chosen for constantly striving to help her fellow first-year cadets and her willingness to volunteer for tasks. She is majoring in general engineering in the College of Engineering.

Demont is in Army ROTC and is majoring in national security and foreign affairs in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. He was chosen for his teamwork and always being the first to assist his fellow cadets.

PHOTO BY KATIE MALLORY FOR VIRGINIA TECH

## Christiansburg, East Mont high schools, Auburn Middle School to take part in statewide initiative to curb teen driver fatalities

SALEM, VA— Students at Christiansburg High School, Eastern Montgomery High School, and Auburn Middle School are among the students, schools, and youth groups across Virginia taking part in a statewide campaign that begins this week to increase seat belt usage rates among teens and youth.

Youth of Virginia Speak Out About Traffic Safety (YOVASO)'s peer-to-peer campaign, Drive for Change: Buckle Up and Slow Down, is designed to encourage youth and teens to develop a lifelong buckle-up habit by reminding them that seat belts are their best defense against injury and death in a crash.

The campaign also addresses speed-prevention after Virginia saw an alarming 56% increase in teen driver fatalities in 2021. According to the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), from 2020 to 2021, 60% of fatal crashes involving teen drivers (ages 15-19) in Virginia were speed-related and 62% of teens killed in crashes were unrestrained.

YOVASO is working hard to bring change to those numbers by offering the Drive for Change: Buckle Up and Slow Down campaign over a three-month period that started on Tuesday, Sept. 6, and will conclude on Dec. 16, 2022. Participating high schools, middle schools, and youth groups will participate by completing a checklist of activities each month that educate and remind teens to buckle up and drive safely. Two options are available for participating: non-competing and competing. Schools and youth groups that elect to compete will be required to complete pre- and post-seat belt checks and a creative project that reaches a majority of students at their school or in their youth group. Non-competing schools may register to receive materials and complete any activities of their choice.

"Given the significant increase in teen driver fatalities in 2021, it's now more important than ever for teens to work together in their schools and communities to lead the change for driver and passenger safety," said Mary King, YOVASO Program Manager. "The Drive for Change campaign provides schools and students with the tools to educate teens about risky behaviors and to influence them to develop safe driving habits, such as buckling up, obeying speed limits,

and avoiding distractions," King said. "With everyone's participation, we can save lives by helping our teens make it a priority when driving to protect themselves, their friends, families, and other motorists."

In addition to addressing speed prevention at the high school level, the campaign will focus on seat-belt use and passenger rights at the middle school level.

The campaign includes a Halloween component to remind all youth and teens to make good choices and celebrate safely during the celebratory weekend. Students will also be encouraged to connect with their local elementary schools to lead presentations provided by YOVASO on trick-or-treat safety and seat-belt safety.

At the conclusion of the campaign, each competing school and youth group will be judged on the completion of required checklist activities each month, the effectiveness and creativity of its seat belt and/or speed educational programs, the percentage of students reached, and the percentage increase in the school's seat belt usage rate by the end of the campaign.

Prizes funded by State Farm Insurance will be awarded to the top three high schools and middle schools as follows: first place, \$500; second place, \$250; and third place, \$100. The winners will be announced on Jan. 11, 2023.

"At State Farm, we want to keep drivers and passengers safe on the roadways," said State Farm spokesperson Dwayne Redd. "This campaign is a creative reminder to young drivers to always wear seat belts and obey the speed limit. With these actions, the number of accidents, serious injuries, and deaths will be reduced."

To register your school for this campaign and to receive free materials, contact Casey Taylor, Program Development Coordinator at 540-739-4392 or email casey.taylor@vsp.virginia.gov. Registration can also be completed at [www.yovaso.org/driveforchange](http://www.yovaso.org/driveforchange).

YOVASO is Virginia's Peer-to-Peer Young Driver and Passenger Safety Program and is a program of the Virginia State Police with grant funding by the Virginia DMV. YOVASO is free and open to all Virginia high schools, middle schools, and youth groups. YOVASO currently has 87 schools and youth groups participating in the program.

## Local students enroll at James Madison University, earn Dean's list honors at SNHU

James Madison University has welcomed a number of local students to its campus for the fall 2022 semester, and Southern New Hampshire University has announced that Hosea Gamble of Christiansburg and Rachel Perkins of Christiansburg have made the dean's list for the summer 2022 term.

The students enrolling at James Madison University are from Radford: Emma McMurray, whose selected major is elementary education; from Elliston: Allison Howard, whose selected major is elementary education; from Christiansburg: Dawn Stanger, whose selected major is nursing, and Allison Lloyd, whose selected major is nursing; from Blacksburg, Alissah Carmack, whose selected major is English; from Riner, Seth McGuire, whose selected major is media arts and design.

Founded in 1908, James Madison University is a public university located in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley. With state-of-the-art amenities and facilities, students have access to NCAA Division I athletics. JMU also has the highest post-graduation job levels of all Virginia

college

To earn dean's list honors at Southern New Hampshire University, a student must be a full-time undergraduate who has achieved a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution with an 89-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 165,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH. Recognized as the "Most Innovative" regional university by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner.

## Stabilization work continues on Mountain Valley pipeline corridor

BLACKSBURG – The USDA Forest Service continues working with the Mountain Valley Pipeline LLC to ensure compliance with the stabilization plan for the Mountain Valley Pipeline corridor.

People traveling near Brush Mountain and Sinking Creek Mountain in Montgomery County may notice increased activity as Mountain Valley Pipeline project workers enhance the wooden platforms that support the pipe staged in the corridor right of way.

To avoid ground

disturbance, materials will be delivered by helicopter and workers will hike in on foot to complete the work. The work will be completed in several days. The corridor remains closed to public access.

Mountain Valley LLC's initial proposal for a pipeline right-of-way across the Jefferson National Forest was approved in 2017. Mountain Valley LLC began construction along the 3.5-mile corridor, including clearing vegetation, felling trees, and staging pipe.

On July 27, 2018, the

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit vacated the decision authorizing the right-of-way and construction work to be stopped. Since that time, the USDA Forest Service has worked with Mountain Valley LLC to develop, update, and implement a stabilization plan. The stabilization plan focuses on protecting soil and water resources and includes monitoring conditions, securing pipe sections on the surface, ensuring erosion control measures are functional or enhanced, prepping base soils, and seeding.

### LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL

The Town of Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on, **Tuesday, September 27, 2022, 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:

- Rezoning request by **Marjorie Ann Rhudy, Property Owner, and RWW 34 LLC, Contract Purchaser**, to rezone the property located at **1200 Buffalo Drive NW**, Tax Parcel 556 - (A) - 84; Parcel ID 111028; 4.901 acres from Agricultural District A and General Business District B-3 to Multiple-Family Residential District R-3 with proffered conditions, in order to allow 49 Townhouse units. The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.
- Conditional Use Permit request by **Loy/Mary Burch II LLC, Property Owner, and Ron Frank Jr., Lessee**, to allow a Public Billiard Parlor and Poolroom on the property located at **3165 North Franklin Street**, Tax Parcels 406-4-28, 406-4-29, 406-4-30, 406-4-31, 406-4-32, 406-4-33, 406-4-54, 406-4-55, 406-4-56, 406-4-57, 406-4-58, being portions of Parcel ID 000437; 406-4-24, 406-4-25, 406-4-26, 406-4-27, being all of Parcel ID 000439; and Tax Parcels 406-4-17, 406-4-18, 406-4-19, 406-4-20, 406-4-21, 406-4-22, 406-4-23, being all of Parcel ID 000440; zoned General Business District B-3. The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.
- Conditional Use Permit request by **Cole/Burch Properties LLC, Property Owner, and Donnie Tignor, Lessee**, to allow a Contractor's Equipment Storage Yard on the property located on the northeast corner of the intersection of **Simmons Road SE and Alma Street SE (unopened)**, and southeast of 2095 and 2091 Roanoke Street; Tax Parcels 529-1-17, being a portion of Parcel ID 007704; and Tax Parcels 529-1-18 and 529-1-19, being all of Parcel ID 014069; zoned General Business District B-3. The property is designated as Mixed Use with Buffer (Residential/Business) 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. A copy of the application, 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 Benjamin Tripp, Planning Director, at (540) 382-6128 ext. 1120 or by email at [btripp@christiansburg.org](mailto:btripp@christiansburg.org) with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

# Events

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will hold its 50th Year Reunion on Sept. 23 and Sept. 24. Festivities include a tailgate at the King Center 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 members who haven't received the reunion information can contact reunion committee members Jenny Doud at jennydoud@gmail.com and Maarti Hale at Martihale@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 at susanmrockwell1@gmail.com, and Rick Weyer at rmw4@yahoo.com.

## Saturday, Sept. 24:

### Friends of Claytor Lake Poker Run

This Poker Run 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. Those registering should send their contact information and their boat registration number to get \$5 off. They may also register the day of the poker run for \$30 per 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. Donations of new and gently used coats sizes 4t-XXL in memory of Cindy Collins, who died on Aug. 3, may be dropped off at Meadowbrook Public Library. Coats will be for students in Eastern Montgomery. Contact Cindy Minnick with any questions at (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 the 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: 540-239-9591 caroltrutt53@hotmail.com. Email is preferred, but applicants may mail to Carol at the following address: 95 N Surry Circle, Christiansburg, VA 24073.

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## Food City

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assigned to each school. Schools can monitor their progress online at foodcity.com.

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education of our youth," said Smith. "Since the program's inception, we've awarded over \$21,400,000 in much-needed educational equipment and tools to

more than a thousand participating area schools."

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can contact their local school of choice, visit foodcity.com, or contact the Food City School Bucks Coordinator, Lisa Johnson at 1-800-232-0174.

## T-Rex

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about 65 million years ago, but the lineage of dinosaurs goes back about 230 million [years], so we're going to be filling that [timeline] out over the next five years or so with discoveries we've made here. ... Those are the real stories, so the skull is something people can start with and explore from there."

The museum opened in 1969 as the Geology Museum. Its title shifted to Museum of Geoscience when the geology department became the Department of Geosciences in 2003. The museum collection has increased its focus on vertebrate evolution (the study of fossils with bones) since Nesbitt and fellow researcher and assistant professor of geoscience Michelle Stocker arrived in Blacksburg eight years ago.

Along with thousands of fossils, the museum is home to a 32-inch OmniGlobe spherical display and an extensive collection of mineral specimens, bolstered by the recent donation of long-time supporter

Don Dalton's personal collection.

"We have so many different minerals, lots of calcite, and just gorgeous minerals across the board and a whole variation from across the world too," said Mariah Green, manager of the museum. "So all together, it's a pretty big collection — over 14,000 mineral specimens."

A 1960 graduate, Dalton was a long-time donor who helped spearhead the museum's annual mineral sale about 25 years ago. Dalton died in July 2020 and left his personal mineral collection to the museum.

Green joined the College of Science a little more than a year ago after earning degrees at Northeastern Illinois University and the University of Colorado Boulder. She said being around the museum's rich collection allows her to continually expand her knowledge.

"Probably my favorite thing about this museum is just being able to improve it while also

learning about new minerals that I never knew existed in my entire life before I got here," Green said.

"During the summer of 2016, I got a chance to do an internship at the Field Museum [in Chicago], and that's kind of what changed my world ... made me see this is what I want to do," Green said. "So if I can do that for another student, give them that experience, that makes my heart happy."

For Nesbitt, the addition of the T. rex skull and plans to grow the space around it to include an in-depth history from dinosaurs to birds is representative of the museum's efforts to also expand learning opportunities for the public.

"We're an open space and we're here for people to learn," Nesbitt said. "Each one of the objects in this room tells a story, and those are stories you can't really get across reading from a textbook, but you can come and see."

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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  - Cloths spread over coffins
  - Disorderly
  - "Star Wars" hero Solo
  - Toward the rear
  - The order of frogs
  - Alternative pain treatment (abbr.)
  - "Wolf of Wall Street" star
  - Evoke
  - Units of metrical time
  - Helps to predict eclipses
  - Some say they attract
  - Pitching statistic
  - Baseball box score (abbr.)
  - Repaired shoe
  - English theologian
  - Commercial
  - Exchange money for goods or services
  - Give off

- One from Utah
- Computer department
- Begets
- English navigator
- C C C
- Of I
- Pouch
- Add notes to
- A way to fall into ruin
- Cunning intelligence
- Blood disorder
- Disgraced CBS newsmen
- Tax collector
- Type of grass common to the Orient
- Cosmic intelligence
- No (Scottish)
- People who rely on things
- Stairs have them
- Mathematical term (abbr.)

- CLUES DOWN**
- Clarified butters
  - Primitive Himalayan people
  - Completely
  - Steep cliffs along the Hudson River
  - Assist
  - Language spoken in Laos
  - Type of screen
  - An attempt to economize
  - Volcanic craters
  - Still outstanding
  - Takes responsibility for another
  - California think tank
  - Former Rocket Ming
  - A pigeon noise
  - Central part of
  - Academy Award statue
  - Distinct unit of sound
  - Relative on the female side of the family
  - Passover feast and ceremony

- The brightest star in Virgo
- Made with oats
- Subjects to laser light
- Beloved Hollywood alien
- Neatly brief
- The Great Lakes State (abbr.)
- Soon to be released
- Swiss river
- Become involved in
- More dour
- They're on floors
- Boxing's GOAT
- Swarms with
- Quantum mechanics pioneer
- Facilitated
- As fast as can be done (abbr.)
- Regional French wine
- Grand
- Tell on
- Precedes two



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## OBITUARIES

## Butterworth, George Lynwood

George Lynwood Butterworth, 83, of Christiansburg, passed away Saturday, Sept. 3, 2022, surrounded by his loving family and his trusted dog, Mack, following a courageous 10-year battle dealing with complications from a stroke.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Mary Hall Butterworth; his parents, Virginia Epperly Butterworth and Thomas Lynwood Butterworth; and half brothers Dewey Dickerson and Bobby Dickerson.

George was a wonderful friend, husband, father, uncle, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He cared for his wife, Mary, who suffered from Alzheimer's for many years at home, prior to her being admitted into Heritage Hall for care. George never missed a day visiting her prior to her death.

In his early years, he played sports while attending William Byrd High School and Christiansburg High School. George received his Associates Degree from New River Community College.

He worked and retired from Radford Army Ammunition Plan, following 35 years of service, working in multiple management



positions. George was an avid hunter and outdoorsman and especially loved hunting quail, grouse, and turkey.

He enjoyed gardening, woodworking, and all sports, especially football, and was a member of Faith Christian Church in Christiansburg.

George is survived by a son, Terry Butterworth, of Christiansburg; his three grandchildren, Megan (Brandon) Stanardsville, Va., Nicholas Butterworth (Amy) Boise, Idaho, and Alec Butterworth (Samantha) Barboursville, Va.; his great-grandchildren London Amelia, Madelyn Rose, Archer Grey, and Alec Cade; a special niece, Star Bolling; as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews.

The family thanks the many members of the medical staff at Lewis Gale Montgomery Regional Hospital, Heritage Hall Rehabilitation Center, Intrepid Home Health, and Good Samaritan Hospice Care, as well as the many special caregivers that cared for him at home.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

## McDonald, Jr., Wilbur (Mac) Lee

Wilbur (Mac) Lee McDonald, Jr., departed this life on Sept. 3.

He was born on July 13, 1946 to the late Wilbur (Tom) and Dorothy (Dot) McDonald. He will be sorely missed by his wife of 28 years, Sherry, and his brother, Kevin (Sherry).

The last six years of his life would not have been possible without the



unending assistance from Dr. Heather Brooks (Blue Ridge Cancer Care) and Dr. Isaac Spence, (Carilion Clinic). Heartfelt thanks also go out to all of his friends throughout his wonderful life for the joy they brought. In honoring Mac's wishes, no memorial services will be held.

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## 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.sttfc.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 nurture meaningful connections to God and others through worship, spiritual growth, and community ministry. We celebrate the dignity and worth of all persons, created in the image of God. Sunday Bible Study Groups - 9:45, Sunday Worship - 11:00. Website: fbcradford.org 540-639-4419. Worship is in-person and live-streamed on Facebook and on our YouTube channel: First Baptist Church Radford.

**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, Dean Meadows, Campus Minister.

**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: Hal Sonafank, 1-336-583-4822. 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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**Snowville Christian Church**, 5436 Lead Mine Rd., Hiwassee, VA 24347, Pastor: Jerry King, Website: www.SnowvilleChristianChurch.com (and Facebook), Office: 540-633-3761, Email: office@SnowvilleChristianChurch.com, Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 a.m., Sunday School: 10:00 a.m., Thursday Bible Study: 6:00 p.m., We are: "Inspiring hope, helping people grow their faith, and sharing God's love with others!"

## ECKANKAR

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## EPISCOPAL

**Grace Episcopal Church**, 210 4th Street, Radford, 639-3494. A friendly, mission-oriented spiritual community sharing the Word of God. ALL ARE WELCOME. In person and live-streamed services 10:30AM Sundays. Holy Eucharist twice a month. Morning Prayer twice a month. Fellowship and refreshments follow services. Find us on Facebook: Grace Episcopal Church and www.graceradford.org.

## LUTHERAN

**Luther Memorial Lutheran Church ELCA**, 600 Prices

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## WORSHIP DIRECTORY

### Holy or Common

Read Ezekiel 44:1 through 46:24

the clean" (Ezekiel 44:23).

At a church harvest festival, rain chased the activities into the building. Games, food, and a petting zoo found new locations throughout the church's hallways and rooms. During the evening, some of the animals soiled the floor.

Training the animals to respect the church property takes time and effort. For a believer, growing in holiness takes time and effort as well.

Thought for Today: Discern what is holy. Send the common out to the barn.

Quicklook: Ezekiel 44:15-23

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**Our Saviour Lutheran Church ELCA**, 1845 Cambria St NE, Christiansburg. Worship each Sunday at 10 am, in person and online at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMsB-gbyjmV5ce9mr43dbCw. Please visit our website at www.oslcburg.org and our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/oslchristiansburg to learn more about us. Little Free Pantry and Little Free Library located in our parking lot. Pastor Joshua L. Copeland; church office 540-382-2223.

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partnering with Rainbow Riders and Total Action for Progress, we opened open the first Early Childhood Head Start in our community (6 weeks to age 3), and have numerous other programs including a Justice & Mercy Fund providing assistance for those needing emergency assistance with critical bills. Further St. Michael sponsors an awesome Scouting program of Boy & Girl Scout Troops, Venture Scouts for older youth, and a new Cub Pack for girls & boys kindergarten - 5th grade. Directions: From Price's Fork Road, turn onto Merrimac Road and St. Michael is 3/10ths of a mile down on the left. For more information about any of our activities: Phone 540 951-8951. Email hope@stmhc.us or visit our Website www.st-michael-lutheran-church.org

## MULTI-CULTURAL

## NON-DENOMINATIONAL

**Christian Growth Center**, 1850 Electric 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.

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**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. Dr. Patricia Jones. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., Sunday Worship, 11:00 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. Mike Derflinger (540) 382-2410. Sunday Worship 10 a.m., Sunday School 9 a.m. Live streaming Sunday Service - www.twitch.tv/stpaulumc **Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church**, 350 Stafford Drive, Christiansburg, VA 24073, Sunday School 10am, Sunday Worship Service 11am.

## 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 540-510-0952. The building is totally handicapped accessible. Website: christ-wesleyanchurch.org

# Obituaries

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## Williams, Sr., Richard F.

Richard F. Williams, Sr., of Shawsville, passed away, Thursday, Sept. 1, 2022.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ervin and Marion Williams, and his brothers, Charles Williams and Edward Williams.

He is survived by his wife, Lois Williams; his son, Richard F. Williams, Jr.; his grandson, Travis A. Williams; sisters Betty Viars and Judy Dudding; and a

brother Ervis Williams Jr., as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that a donation be made to McCoy Funeral Home Blacksburg, Virginia. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, Sept. 18, 2022, at 2 p.m. at VFW Post 5311, 490 High Street, Christiansburg, with the Rev. Mike Bond officiating.

## Souther, Teresa Kay

Teresa Kay Souther of Blacksburg Tenn.; her youngest son, Zachary, went to be with her Heavenly Father Sunday morning Sept. 4, 2022.

Kay was born on June 10, 1969, in Ripley, Miss. She held a bachelor of science degree in education, was a faithful pastor's wife for 28 years, and was a popular speaker at ladies and marriage conferences.

She encouraged everyone to experience God's love and to see Him in everything. Kay's favorite verse was Psalms 139:17-18 'How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God . . . If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand.'

Kay is survived by her husband, Pastor Scott Souther, of Blacksburg; her daughter, Maddie "MoMo," and her husband, Jathyn Johnson, of West Union, S.C.; her son, Cortland, and his wife, Caroline, of Knoxville,



of Blacksburg; her sister, Lisa, and her husband, Mark Baker, of Conway, Ark.; her sister-in-law, Jill, and brother-in-law Peter Pletcher, of Solon, Ohio; four nieces and one nephew, and her mother and father-in-law, Stan and Jean Souther of Parkersburg, W.Va.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father, Charles and Rose Costilow, of St. Albans W.Va.

Viewing was held on Thursday, Sept. 8, followed by a memorial service in the chapel of McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg. Interment was at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Parkersburg, W.Va. In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Kay's name to Compassion International at www.Compassion.com.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

Had she lived, my first wife, Thora, would have been 93 on Sept. 9. As I near the end of my life, I just want the people of Radford to remember all that she did for the city before she died in 2012.

In the 1960s, she resurrected the Radford Woman's Club. Then, in 1971, she started the recycling of newspapers in the city as a fundraiser for the club. This led to a second place in the nation award by the Shell Oil Company in 1972, a continuing project of the Woman's Club, and the birth of recycling in Radford.

In 1975, she began writing a weekly column for the Radford News Journal, highlighting people and events in Radford, as well as issues like deploring the then-awful situation of the city library, which was housed

in one cramped room of the old recreation building at the time. After her many articles and appearances before the Radford City Council, funds were made available for the beginnings of our marvelous library. She started home tours to raise money to support it. Today, the Lamplighters is a vigorous and great organization.

In 1980, she founded the Newcomers Club to introduce new citizens to each other. Then, in 1981, she founded the Radford Clothing Bank, which opened in 1982 and is still in operation today. This was always what she considered the best thing she ever did because it was a great help for disadvantaged people.

Within that framework, she started the Stork Exchange for baby clothes and supplies, and, with the great help

of Cook's Clean Center, the August Coats for Kids program.

In 1993, she started Babies Into Books at Carilion Hospital and, three years later, Reading Is Fundamental.

She worked, as she said, with many great people to get her projects going, like Minnie Dean, Tom Starnes, and Polly Corn.

When Thora died in 2012, Mary Hardbarger wrote in the Radford News Journal that Thora was "the matriarch of Radford volunteering," and one editorial declared "community mourns the passing of a founding mother."

Thora made a difference, and I hope the City of Radford will always remember her.

*Edward Jervey, Professor Emeritus, Radford University*

## Bountiful field crop harvests expected on the back of beneficial weather

Entering the 2022 growing season, the already tough task for Virginia farmers to produce quality crops was made even more difficult by inflation and supply chain disruptions.

Despite the difficulties, the state's farmers persevered and are on track to reap excellent yields on several major field crops thanks to an assist from Mother Nature.

"Coming into this year there was a lot of concern among farmers about their ability to get their hands on everything they needed, and then what it would cost," said Robert Harper, grain division manager for Virginia Farm Bureau Federation. "Yield is everything, and farmers went into their fields heading into 2022 knowing it was going to cost them more than it ever has to plant corn or soybeans."

Thankfully, Harper added, there are a good number of farmers expecting above-average yields and some "who are expecting the best crop they've ever grown. Having that extra yield is going to go a long way for their bottom line."

The success of Virginia's field crop growers comes despite many localities seeing below-average rainfall throughout the growing season, as indicated by the National Agricultural Statistics Service's (NASS) crop report for Aug. 29.

While statewide rainfall shortages have persisted throughout the summer, Harper noted timely rain showers have benefited many farmers growing crops west of Interstate 95.

The crop report revealed 96% and 93% of Virginia's corn and soybean crops were in fair or better condition, respectively, and 76% of corn and 69% soybeans were in good to excellent

condition.

A mid-August NASS press release also showed farmers expected increased corn and soybean yields from last year. According to the release, Virginia corn is estimated to come in at 160 bushels per acre and soybeans at 47 bushels.

Harper noted that if each estimate is realized, the corn yield will be the second-best in state history, while the soybean yield will be a state record.

In addition to corn and soybeans, Virginia peanuts and cotton are thriving this year. One hundred percent of peanuts and 99% of cotton are in fair or better condition, respectively, and 90% of peanuts are in good and excellent condition with cotton at 84%.

Shelley Barlow, who grows cotton, peanuts and soybeans, said her crops mostly were in good condition, but they're experiencing what she considers a third spell of heat stress. NASS, which tracks rainfall in nearby Norfolk, shows the area has seen a deficit of 7.2 inches of rain against an average year from June 1.

Barlow said cotton and peanut farmers in the area are hoping for occasional rain for the rest of their season. Soaking rains—or a prolonged wet period—could wash out harvests that also are projected to outperform last year's production totals.

Grain farmer Lynwood Broadus said his early-season corn and soybeans performed well, but mirrored Barlow's view that more rain is needed for crops still in the field.

"We're very optimistic," Broadus said. "It's Virginia. It's almost expected to be hot and dry, and sometimes you're lucky and get showers."

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# MONTGOMERY SPORTS

## Hokies hoping for better luck against BC

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Virginia Tech and Boston College meet on the football field for the 31st time tonight, revisiting a rivalry that dates back to the BIG EAST Conference and includes two ACC Championship Game matchups.

Kickoff is set for 8 p.m. under the lights with ACC Network's The Huddle in town.

The last time the Hokies played the Eagles at home, Tech won a 40-14 game on Oct. 17, 2020. The Hokies' defense forced five turnovers, three fumbles and two interceptions. Now a member of the Chicago Bears, Tech running back Khalil "Juice" Herbert rushed 18 times for 143 yards in that game.

The Hokies hold a 19-11 all-time series advantage over the Eagles. The teams have played at least once every season since 1993, except for the 2004 season when Boston College had not yet joined the ACC. Tech is 2-0 in ACC Championship games against BC, winning back-to-back years in 2007 and 2008.

### Three things to know

1. The Hokies have had success at home early. Tech is 103-23-1 for a .815 winning percentage in home openers since its opening season in 1892 and is currently on a six-game winning streak in home openers dating back to 2016. Since 1988, Tech has gone an impressive 31-3 (.912) in home openers with its last loss coming against then-No. 1 Ohio State 42-24.

2. Tech starts strong against ACC foes in Lane. Though it's been rare for Tech's first home game to be league play since it has happened only three times since the Hokies joined the ACC in 2004. Typically, VT plays a non-conference foe for the home opener, and the Hokies have gone 3-0 in those three games. Playing off the crowd of Hokie Nation that is licking its chops to cheer on its team, Tech has beaten Georgia Tech (2012), NC State (2020) and then-No. 10 North Carolina (2021), with two of the three outings being one-score games and the electric environment being the difference. Lastly, Tech will be playing in its 20th Orange Effect game (Tech fans wear orange) and is 13-6 in those matchups.

3. Some history between Tech and BC. The two schools have been in the same conference twice, as the pair was in the BIG EAST together for over a decade (1993-03), and then Tech jumped to the ACC in '04 and the Eagles followed in '05. The Hokies lead the all-time series 19-11 (.663)

and are 8-5 at home versus the Eagles. The Hokies flexed their dominance over the Eagles when the two were in the BIG EAST, owning an 8-3 (.727) advantage while it's been a little more neck and neck since the two arrived in the ACC with the Hokies holding an 11-8 lead.

Football is a family affair at Tech. Virginia Tech prides itself on a family atmosphere. That includes many sets of brothers of current and former Hokies. Since 1987, Tech has had 33 sets of brothers and 26 fathers and their sons take the field.

2022 family Hokies include tight end Nick Gallo and brother, Eric Gallo; linebacker Dax Hollifield and brother offensive lineman Jack Hollifield; defensive back Jayden McDonald and brother defensive back Jordan McDonald; defensive back Jalen Stroman and brother Greg Stroman; wide receiver Stephen Gosnell and brother Benji Gosnell; offensive lineman Kaden Moore and brother offensive lineman Braelin Moore; and wide receiver PJ Prioleau and his father Pierson Prioleau.

### Top Performers of Week 1

Running back Keshawn King: King had a breakout performance in Norfolk, finishing with 111 rushing yards on 19 carries to go along with a 6-yard touchdown reception. This was 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.

Linebacker Dax Hollifield: Hollifield did a little bit of everything against Old Dominion. He finished with 10 tackles, including 1.5 tackles for loss to go along with two forced fumbles, two pass breakups, 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. He also became just the second player since 2007 to record two forced fumbles and one fumble recovery in the same game.

Tight end Nick Gallo: Gallo emerged as a top target for quarterback Grant Wells in Week 1, recording career highs with seven catches and 49 receiving yards to lead the Hokies in both categories.

Defensive back Nasir Peoples: Peoples asserted himself well against ODU, tying Hollifield for the team lead in tackles with 10 that included several big hits and a key solo stop on third down. He also added 1.5 tackles for loss to his stat line on Friday night.



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Senior linebacker Dax Hollifield has become the face of the Virginia Tech defense, not just because of his outstanding play, but also because at every home game, he hypes the crowd by running around Lane Stadium, waving at fans, and throwing cups of water in the air.

## Dax Hollifield is hyped for the Hokies' home opener vs. BC tonight

The Hokies take on Boston College at 8 p.m. tonight, and Dax Hollifield is ready to go.

No. 4 on the field, Hollifield has made his way to No. 1 in Hokie Nation's heart during his career with Virginia Tech Football.

"They're a passionate fanbase, I'm a passionate guy on the field, so it really resonates in that way," said Hollifield, a senior linebacker. "They're truly a 12th man, and it's awesome to play in front of them each weekend."

Hollifield has earned his spot as one of the faces of football. At every home game, he hypes up the crowd by running around Lane Stadium, waving at fans and throwing cups of water in the air.

Surprisingly, his big personality on the field doesn't equate to his life off the field.

"I'm not like I am on the field. When I get out there, I love the game and something triggers,"

he said. "I'm honestly a boring dude. My favorite memories are in the little things. They're not some crazy story. It's living the everyday."

"Living the everyday" for Hollifield consists of reading — his current book recommendation is "Flow: The Psychology of Optimal Experience" — as well as listening to TED Talks and hanging out with his teammates. Hollifield prioritizes learning and expanding his knowledge of topics other than football.

"I don't know if people know it, but I take pride in my grades and pride in my school," Hollifield said. "I really try to excel in the classroom on top of being on the football team."

The human nutrition, foods, and exercise major is minoring in chemistry and has big dreams for his future.

"I'm going to try my shot in the NFL. If that doesn't work out, I'll see where it goes from there," he said. "I want

to travel one day and explore the untouched lands. Honestly, one day I'm probably just going to get a boat and sail everywhere and drop off the face of the earth and just do that and live like Jimmy Buffett."

For now, he said he's focused on playing well this season and making Hokie Nation proud.

"One of my goals this year is to go undefeated at home," Hollifield said. "I want to make Blacksburg — Lane Stadium — one of the hardest places to play in the country, if not the hardest place to play in."

As he reflects on what awaits after his senior year, Hollifield said he will miss the town of Blacksburg and the people he's met here more than anything else.

"As I've stayed here and gotten older here, I've come to love this place for what it is and how special a place it is," he said. "This is home for me."

## Hokie swimmer named to U.S. national team

Virginia Tech's AJ Pouch has been named to the U.S. National Team, USA Swimming announced on Wednesday.

"Being named to the U.S. National team is something I've dreamed of since I started swimming," Pouch said. "To be able to wear the cap with my flag and my name is every swimmer's dream, and my dream finally came true. Not only does it mean I'm among the top swimmers in the country but also the world, and all I want is to keep this momentum going, especially as a Hokie."

"This dream would not have been possible without the support I get from Virginia Tech and everyone involved in Hokies Swim & Dive," Pouch said. "I can't wait to start repping the best country in the world as a Hokie! Go USA! Go Hokies!"

Athletes named to the 2022-2023 National Team will be on the National Team from Sept. 7, 2022 through Sept. 8, 2023.

The six athletes with the fastest times

in each individual Olympic Event, from the combined results of (i) a USA Swimming sanctioned competition, (ii) a Fédération internationale de natation (FINA) approved competition (English: International Swimming Federation), or (iii) an international competition between Jan. 1, 2022, through Aug. 31, 2022, to which USA Swimming sent a team to USA Swimming or FINA sanctioned competitions, were named to the roster.

This summer, Pouch swam the 200 breast stroke in 2:09.07 at the U.S. Summer Nationals, the fifth-fastest time in the United States this year and the 14th-fastest all-time in the U.S. His time placed him fourth at the National Championships.

"I am very happy for AJ making the U.S. National Team in the 200 breast stroke and for being one of the top breast stroke swimmers in the country, and in the world," said Hokies Swim and Dive

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# Radford volleyball downs Virginia High



Radford's Karlee Rae Hill receives a Virginia High serve during a Tuesday night home match. Radford defeated Virginia High in straight sets 30-28, 25-23, 25-20.



In a battle of the Bobcats versus the Bearcats, Radford's Lillie Hurst gets a kill against Virginia High during the first set.



Radford teammates Hollybrook Cline and Jaylyn Holt celebrate a late game score to help close out a 3-set win over Virginia High.



Mattox Adams scores from the right side for Radford against Virginia High. PHOTOS BY JON FLEMING

## FROM THE SIDELINES

By Marty Gordon

The most wonderful time of the year: Football is here

It's the most wonderful time of the year. High school football is in week three, college football is in week two, and professional football kicks off this weekend. For sports fans, this definitely is the best time of the year.

Fans of all ages are planning the day out for this weekend so they can watch the first weekend of games.

As the song starts: "It's the most wonderful time of the year. With the kids jingle belling. And everyone telling you 'be of good cheer.' It's the most wonderful time of the year."

While there may not be any snow on the ground, we can expect plenty of good cheer and loud shouting, not only at the football field but also at the television.

I recommend you ease into it this weekend with a small dose of Virginia Tech football Saturday night and then a Sunday afternoon professional game that might include the Redskins (woops, the Commanders) or the Panthers.

I know there are other football fans out there other than Washington and

Carolina but get used to it, that's the only real two you will see on the local channels this season unless you have the NFL Network.

Also, make sure you have the ACC Network and pick up ESPNU so you can catch all the Hokie action. Yes, Comcast Cable has added the ACC Network so fans have no excuses with them or with Shentel.

Thank you, cable companies, for realizing how important the ACCN is to people in our area.

It's the most wonderful time of the year.

For those college fans that are still catching up, here are a few college football rule changes:

### Targeting Carryover Appeal Process

In games that have instant replay, when a targeting foul occurs in the second half, the carryover penalty (of sitting out the first half of that player's next game) will be eligible for further appeal. The process will begin with a conference submitting a request to the NCAA national coordinator of officials, who would review video of the play. If it is obvious that a player was incorrectly penalized for targeting, the call would be overturned, and the player would be cleared to play in the first half of the next game.

### Deceptive Injury Timeout Investigation Process

To address teams that are awarded an injury timeout through deceptive actions, panel members approved a reporting and investigation process. Schools and conferences will be able to report questionable scenarios to the national coordinator of officials, who will review and provide feedback to the conference for further action. Any penalties levied would be up to the conference office or school involved.

The NCAA Football Rules Committee considered several in-game options to address this, including altering the injury timeout rule to remove the injured student-athlete for more than one play. Currently, an injured player is required to sit out one play. This concept was debated at length, but the committee was concerned with the additional issues that could be created and did not want to encourage players to continue to participate when injured.

Committee members discussed how the pace of play appears to be contributing to this concern. "We considered all options to address this issue, including allowing both teams an opportunity to substitute after a first down," said David Shaw, chair of the Football Rules Committee and coach at Stanford. "This is another step to consider in the future."

### Blocking Below the Waist

The panel approved a proposal to improve safety and simplify the rules governing blocking below the waist. The proposal will allow blocking below the waist only by linemen and stationary backs inside the tackle box. Outside the tackle box on scrimmage plays, blocking below the waist will be prohibited. Analysis of available NCAA injury surveillance data indicates a decreasing knee injury trend that coincides with recent rules changes in this area.

### Other Rule Changes

- If a ball carrier simulates a feet-first slide, officials will declare the runner down at that spot.
  - Defensive holding will remain a 10-yard penalty but will always carry an automatic first down.
  - The replay official will address any clock adjustment and status only when a ruling is overturned with less than two minutes in the second or fourth quarters.
  - Illegal touching by an originally ineligible player is penalized five yards from the previous spot and now includes loss of down.
- Whoever you are cheering for, enjoy! It's the most wonderful time of the year.

## Swimmer from page 1

team head coach Sergio Lopez Miro. "It speaks volumes on the hard work and dedication that he has for his swimming and for the Hokies Swim & Dive team.

"It's also a great indication for him that he is in a good position to keep fighting for the next couple of years to try to make the Olympic Team and go to Paris

to represent the United States in 2024," Coach Miro said. "Congratulations, AJ. We're proud of you and Go Hokies."

Pouch earned Honorable Mention All-American honors in 2022 in the 100 and 200 breast stroke after finishing 11th in the 200 breast (1:51.72) and 15th in

the 100 breast (51.87). At the ACC's, Pouch placed third in the 400-medley relay (3:02.71) and fifth in the 200 breast (1:53.01).

A year ago, Pouch placed fifth in the 200 breast stroke at the U.S. Olympic Trials. He has also been a member of the National Junior Team since 2018-19.

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