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PHOTO COURTESY OF RHS PRINCIPAL TARA GANT
Floral centerpieces designed by Katie Givens's Radford High School horticulture students adorn the tables at the Virginia Tech men's basketball tip-off banquet held Friday, Oct. 21. Virginia Tech Athletics hired the students to provide 45 centerpieces for the event.

RHS horticulture students hired by Virginia Tech Athletics to furnish banquet centerpieces

RADFORD - Virginia Tech Athletics hired Katie Givens's horticulture students to provide 45 centerpieces for the men's basketball tip-off banquet held last Friday.

VT sports analyst Mike Burnop opened the banquet with a shout-out to Radford High School for the beautiful arrangements. The students also participated in all aspects of the business part of the experience from ordering to billing.

"Kudos to Katie and her students for a successful school-based enterprise experience," said RHS Principal Tara Grant.

Christiansburg's chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority starts new year with dinner



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY ALPHA MU CHAPTER TREASURER CAROLYN SOWERS
Officers serving the Christiansburg Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority this year are (left to right) Phyllis Durham, President; Sue B. Warden, Vice President; Kristen Talley, Extension Officer; Sharon Legg, Recording Secretary; Libby Pettigrew, Corresponding Secretary; and Carolyn Sowers, Treasurer.

Alpha Mu Master Chapter of Christiansburg's Beta Sigma Phi Sorority kicked off the current sorority year recently with a Beginning Day Dinner, hosted by Chapter President Phyllis Durham, at Selah Springs Farm. The meal was catered by Brian Grove. The sorority's international theme for the year is "Friendship at Your Fingertips."

Following dinner, Durham gave a brief history of Selah Springs, a farm venue used for weddings, events, and facility rentals. Bluegrass and gospel concerts

are also held on the Selah Springs Back Porch, and the farm offers grass-fed beef, wool, and local honey for sale.

Selah Springs is owned and operated by Don and Linda Robinson at 3320 Nolley Road in Riner.

Plans for the upcoming year were presented by the respective committee chairs, followed by distribution of yearbooks by Vice President Sue Warden.

- Christiansburg's Beta Sigma Phi Sorority

James F. Wolfe, Edward Via College founding president, dies

James F. (Jim) Wolfe, Founding President and President Emeritus of the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM), passed away peacefully in his sleep at age 86 on Thursday, October 20, 2022.

Jim is survived by his loving wife, Nancy; his son John; his daughter Carolyn; and five grandchildren, Sawyer, Thomas, Niklas, Hayden and Carson.



PHOTO COURTESY OF VCOM
Founding President and President Emeritus of the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine James F. Wolfe passed away on Oct. 20.

He was the ultimate storyteller, embodying kindness, a keen intellect and a love for his work. He was always ready to talk in detail about his amazing family, his passion for golf and, of course, Virginia Tech sports.

His life was the embodiment of the old saying, "He never met a stranger."

Jim received his B.S. in chemistry at Lebanon Valley College and his Ph.D. in chemistry from Indiana University. What followed was an

extraordinary career. He served as the founding president of the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine until his retirement in 2015.

He assumed this position in January 2001 and led the college through its initial stages of development and growth, including the opening of the Carolina campus of

VCOM in Spartanburg, S.C., in 2011, and the opening of the Alabama campus in conjunction with Auburn University in 2015.

He continued to serve VCOM as an active board member and held President Emeritus status. Dr. Wolfe was once asked if he had

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Operation Green Light

In advance of the upcoming Veterans Day holiday, Montgomery County has announced that the Montgomery County Government Center and Public Safety buildings would be illuminated green through Nov. 13, as part of Operation Green Light, a new national collaborative initiative

of the National Association of Counties (NACo) to support military veterans and raise awareness about the unique challenges faced by many veterans and the resources that are available at the county, state, and federal level to assist veterans and their families.

The new national collaborative is spearheaded by the National Association of Counties and the National Association of County Veteran Service Offices, building upon the successful efforts of the New York State Association of Counties and the NYS County

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FILE PHOTO
To keep your pumpkin fresh for Halloween, Extension horticulture expert Ashley Edwards recommends washing the pumpkin with cool, soapy water, then rinsing it in a 10 percent bleach solution and letting it dry completely.

Tips for protecting pumpkins from rotting

Before carving your Halloween pumpkin this year, Virginia Cooperative Extension horticulture expert Ashley Edwards says it's important to carve it as close to Halloween as you can to avoid early rotting.

If you want your pumpkin to look fresh for the holiday, Edwards says to be sure not to carve too early. Before carving, she recommends washing the pumpkin with cool, soapy water, rinsing it in a 10 percent bleach solution, and letting it dry completely.

After carving, Edwards recommends submerging the pumpkin again in a 10 percent bleach solution for at least 8 hours. This can be helpful in killing off bacteria that can cause mold to grow and the pumpkin to rot faster.

Edwards recommends lining the inside of the pumpkin with petroleum jelly to seal any cuts and prevent

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, Oct. 29:

Free movie matinee: Hocus Pocus

At the Radford Public Library at 11 a.m. The diabolical Sanderson sisters take off on a wild, wacky Halloween romp that's fun for the whole family. PG; 96 minutes.

Pancake supper

The Pilot Community Center, 4449 Brush Creek Rd., will host a pancake supper from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

American Red Cross blood drive

At the Meadowbrook Public Library from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Schedule an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org. The blood drive will be held at the Waldron Wellness Center in the Carilion Community Room.

Quilting marathon/Make a quilt bookmark

At the Meadowbrook Public Library from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The Meadowbrook Quilters are hosting a quilting marathon, and the public is invited to see these skilled individuals quilting. The group will be working on individual projects and will also have supplies to make a quilt bookmark for all ages. Attendees may bring their quilting projects or questions, and the quilters will help. This program is open to all ages.

Movie and a craft: Halloween Edition

At the Christiansburg Library at 10:30 a.m. Participants can make their own mini-spell book while they watch this classic Halloween movie where after being accidentally conjured, a trio of witches sets out to cast a spell on the town and reclaim their youth.

Halloween bash

At the Blacksburg Library at 1:30 p.m. Celebrate Halloween with some yummy snacks, spooky crafts, and a good movie. Costumes are encouraged.

Jack-O-Lantern jubilee

At the Jessie Peterman Memorial Library at 2 p.m. Participants can put on their best cape and their finest ghostly outfit, grab a top hat and head to the library for a Jack-O-Lantern jubilee. What could be more fun than a dress-up Halloween party and a ghastly good time? The jubilee will feature plenty of games, snacks, a devilishly good story, and maybe even a scary dance party. All ages are welcome.

Monday, Oct. 31:

Downtown Blacksburg Trick-or-Treat

Downtown Blacksburg from 4 to 6 p.m. Trick-or-Treat at local businesses and enjoy games with Blacksburg Parks and Recreation. A costume contest will be held outside the Lyric Theatre at 5:30 p.m. A pair of haunted houses, one at Artful Lawyer and another at the Alexander Black House (a kid-friendly version from 4 to 5 p.m.) will contribute to the spooky and scary fun. Sponsored by Downtown Blacksburg, Inc.

United Way downtown Christiansburg trick or treat

The United Way of the New River Valley and participating downtown Christiansburg merchants will welcome trick or treaters on Monday, Oct. 31, from 5 to 7 p.m. Trick or treaters are encouraged to bring their pets dressed to impress as the evening will include a dog costume contest near the United Way office. The event is sponsored by Aesir Tech Consulting, the candy sponsors, New City Media, and Christiansburg Kroger.

DMV connect at the library

At the Blacksburg Library at 10 a.m. The DMV will be at the library providing most of their services. Walk-ins are welcome! No services will be available between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. for a lunch break.

Talking about books

At the Blacksburg Library at 11 a.m. To be discussed is "The Japanese Lover" by Isabel Allende. Call (540) 552-8246 for more information or to reserve a copy.

Drop-in Halloween crafternoon

At the Christiansburg Library at 3 p.m. All ghouls and goblins are encouraged to drop in for a Halloween crafternoon.

Thursday, Nov. 3:

American Legion meeting

American Legion Harvey-Howe-Carper Post 30 will meet at 7 p.m. at the VFW Post Home, 102 Watts St. In Radford. For further information, call 540-250-2283 or 540-239-9864.

Friday, Nov. 4 and Saturday, Nov. 5:

Book sale

At the Radford Public Library from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Hardbacks are \$1. and paperbacks \$.50. A free cart and table will be available..

Tuesday, Nov. 8:

The Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784, will meet at 7 p.m. at Aly's Family Italian Restaurant, 3204 Riner Road. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are invited to attend. If Montgomery County Schools are closed on Tuesday or Wednesday of this week due to weather, the meeting will be canceled. For further information, call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

Wednesday, Nov. 9:

Montgomery County Chamber Buy Local Business Showcase

Connect with Montgomery County businesses at the 2022 Chamber Buy Local Business Showcase at the Inn at Virginia Tech and Skelton Conference Center, 901 Prices Fork Rd. Blacksburg,. Anyone interested in purchasing a booth may reach out to programs@montgomerycc.org. Business After Hours will be held in conjunction with Showcase at the Inn at Virginia Tech. Come for the showcase, stay for the mixer with prizes given away throughout the day. This event is free and is open to the public from 3:45 to 7 p.m. Open during the Chamber Business After Hours from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 10:

River City Quilt Guild

The River City Quilt Guild will meet at 9:30 a.m. at Grove United Methodist

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Marketplace



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Newspaper Delivery Driver

Looking for a Part-time delivery driver for the Salem-Times Register @ \$11 an hour. Please call (540)389-9355 for a more detailed description and to set up an interview.

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Salem Times Register has openings for afternoon/evening shift work- inserting, labeling and bundling newspapers for delivery. No experience necessary. Hours may vary. Will train. \$11 per hour. Contact Lynn Hurst, General Manager, Salem-Times Register (540)389-9355 or email lhurst@ourvalley.org

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NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC HEARING

The Radford City Council and Planning Commission will hold a joint public hearing on Monday, November 14, 2022 at 7:00pm in the City of Radford Council Chambers, 10 Robertson Street, Radford, VA 24141. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning: Application by Jeffrey Stump (applicant/property owner) to rezone 10.628-acre property located at Tax Map #'s 26-(1)-14 & 26-(1)-15. The request is to rezone from R-3 Single Family Residential R- 4 Multi-Family for the develop of townhomes. Comments may be presented at the meeting and by phone or in writing prior to the meeting. Additional information on this request may be obtained in the Community Development Department, 10 Robertson Street, Radford VA 24141, 540.267.3188 or by email at Melissa.Skelton@radfordva.gov

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 1360 DEGAS LANE, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated October 30, 2006, in the original principal amount of \$254,400.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 06012821. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Montgomery County, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia on November 28,

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2022, at 2:45 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND APPURTENANCES THERETO, LYING AND BEING IN THE RINER MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AND FURTHER DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: ALL OF LOT 5, CONTAINING 3.524 ACRE WEYANOKE SUBDIVISION AS SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SURVEY ENTITLED "PLAT SHOWING MAJOR SUBDIVISION OF WEYANOKE LOCATED IN RINER MAGISTERIAL DISTRICTMONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA" WHICH SAID PLAT WAS MADE BY MARVI D. STINE, L.S. OF HIGHLAND SURVEYS, P.C., IS DATED APRIL 16, 1999, REVISED JUNE 22, 1999, IS DESIGNATED PLAN NO. P-7354, A COPY OF WHICH PLAT IS OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN PLATBOOK 19, PAGE 215 AND 216. PARCEL #035309, MAP #106-18 5. TERMS OF SALE: ALLCASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the

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deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-354944-1.

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, November 15, 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: A. Conditional Use Permit

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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 with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG PLANNING COMMISSION

The Town of Christiansburg Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, November 14, 2022, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the

Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning: A. Conditional Use Permit request by Burch Properties LLC, Property Owner, and Montgomery County Moose Lodge #1470, Lessee, to allow a Lodge on the property located at 1637 North Franklin Street; upon a portion of Northgate Village Shopping Center, Tax Parcel 466 - ((A)) - 20C, Parcel ID 013214 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. 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 , with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

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Christiansburg sorority donates soup, crackers, money to MCEAP



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Alpha Mu Master Chapter of Christiansburg's Beta Sigma Phi sorority recently donated soup and crackers and money to the Montgomery County Emergency Assistance Program, Inc. (MCEAP). Accepting the donations was Marjorie Vitale, MCEAP Operational Director and Manager, center. Presenting the donations were Beta Sigma Phi President Phyllis Durham, left, and Beta Sigma Phi Treasurer Carolyn Sowers, right.

NRV Habitat for Humanity to launch first trunk or treat

CHRISTIANSBURG – Habitat for Humanity of the New River Valley will host its first trunk or treat event at the ReStore today, Saturday, Oct. 29. Trick-or-treating will begin at 3 p.m. in the parking lot located at 1675 N. Franklin St.

The event will kick off at 2 p.m. with music and crafts inside the ReStore. Vendors Countryman Jamaican Grill and Aloha Eddie Shaved Ice will be on site as well.

Handing out candy during the event will be local organizations including Blue Ridge Church, Montgomery County Young Farmers, Montgomery County Fire & EMS, and Christiansburg High School Beta Club.

The event is free and is open to the public.

“We are excited to try something new this year,” said Tori Dunagan, Habitat’s marketing and event coordinator. “Trunk or Treat is a safe alternative to door-

to-door trick or treating. It provides an opportunity for our community and local organizations to come out and support our kids and families.”

Habitat for Humanity of the New River Valley is part of a global, nonprofit housing organization that seeks to build strength, stability, and self-reliance through affordable homeownership. Families and individuals in need of a hand-up partner with Habitat for Humanity to build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build or repair their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage or reduced cost for repairs. Driven by the vision that everyone needs a decent place to live, Habitat for Humanity of the New River Valley has built more than 55 houses in the area since 1987.

- Tori Dunagan, NRV Habitat for Humanity Marketing and Event Coordinator



PHOTO COURTESY OF VIRGINIA TECH

The Marching Virginians will celebrate with an alumni weekend on Friday, Nov. 4, and Saturday, Nov. 5. Band members are asking football fans to bring canned foods or money to donate to their annual food drive.

Marching Virginians plan reunion, food drive for November 4-5

The Marching Virginians will celebrate their alumni, their history, and their future at their 2022 Alumni Weekend on Friday, Nov. 4, and Saturday, Nov. 5 — and provide some memorable moments for all fans in Blacksburg for the Hokies’ game against Georgia Tech.

All Marching Virginians alumni are encouraged to join in the fun. All football fans are asked to bring a canned food item or monetary donation for the annual Hokies for the hungry food drive.

“Each year, we have students who go above and beyond and make the Marching Virginians better than

they were the year before,” said Polly Middleton, the Marching Virginians’ director. “Each alumni band day is special because it’s a chance to connect with all of these people who made the MVs what it is today.”

On Friday, Nov. 4, the Marching Virginians will host a concert and reception to celebrate the work of the late James Sochinski, professor emeritus and former director and music arranger for the band, who died Jan. 10. Sochinski’s arrangements for the band, including “The Hokie Pokie,” have been heard by millions.

The concert is free and open to the community.

Trick or treat: How long is Halloween candy safe to eat?

Is Halloween candy safe to eat the next week? The next month? Even the next year? According to Virginia Tech food safety expert Alexis Hamilton, the answer is likely a treat. Just don’t get tricked by homemade candy.

Millions of kids go to houses every year for ubiquitous trick-or-treating. To ensure what’s put into each trick-or-treater’s bag is a treat when eaten, Alexis Hamilton, a postdoctoral associate and incoming assistant professor of food processing microbiology in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences’ Department of Food Science and Technology, has some tips and tricks.

“Being aware of how to safely consume or store your Halloween goodies can help ensure your holiday is all treats and no tricks,” Hamilton said.

“Most of the commercial candy products you’ll see handed out this year are safe to consume and store for several months after trick-or-treating, but homemade candies and treats require a little extra scrutiny.

“For those who are social distancing this year, making candy at home can be a fun way to participate in this Halloween tradition, but these treats typically won’t last as long as your store-bought favorites.”

Candy that is handed out to those in eerie-sistible costumes has a decent shelf life with some candies lasting for up to two years at room temperature. Hamilton suggests the following safety recommendations based on the National Confectioners Association:

Chocolate – All chocolate is made of cocoa butter and/or

cocoa powder, and the fats in chocolate normally oxidize over time when exposed to oxygen, causing it to become stale or causing off-odors and flavors. The higher the cocoa content, the longer the product will last, so dark chocolate has a much longer quality shelf life than white chocolate. Dark chocolate can be kept for one to two years if wrapped in foil and stored in a cool, dark, and dry place, such as a pantry or basement. Milk and white chocolate have a more limited storage time, no more than 8 to 10 months.

Hard candy – Hard candies can last up to a year when stored at room temperature or in a cool, dry location.

Jellied candies – If the packaging has been opened, soft candies should be stored away

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Danish String Quartet embraces classical works with energy and expressivity

Celebrated for its warmth, spontaneity, and unmatched ability to play as one, the Grammy-nominated Danish String Quartet comes to the Moss Arts Center on Friday, Nov. 4, at 7:30 p.m. to perform quartets from Mozart and Schubert, along with a selection of traditional folk music arranged by the ensemble.

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

Audience members raved about the Danish String Quartet’s streamed “HomeStage” performance presented by the Moss Arts Center in 2020, underscoring that even a treasured canon repertoire sounds new when performed by the ensemble. Now celebrating its 20th anniversary during its 2022-23 season, the ensemble is in demand on concert stages around the world.

Featuring Frederik Øland (violin), Rune Tonsgaard Sørensen (violin), Asbjørn Nørgaard (viola), and Fredrik Schøyen Sjölin (cello), the Danish String Quartet is known for impeccable musicianship, sophisticated artistry, exquisite clarity of ensemble, and an expressivity inextricably bound to its music. The musicians’ inventive and intriguing programming and repertoire choices have produced critically acclaimed original projects and commissions as well as popular arrangements of Scandinavian and

other folk music.

As David Finckel, co-artistic director of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, described, “The quartet brought a love and reverence and magic and selfless dedication. It was so powerful and so intense, you stopped judging and gave yourself over.”

For its Moss in-person debut, the quartet will perform Mozart’s String Quartet No. 16 in E flat major, K. 428; Schubert’s gentle String Quartet in A minor, D. 804; “Rosamunde,” a rich selection of traditional folk music featuring pieces from two of the ensemble’s recordings: “Wood Works,” a collection of the group’s favorite melodies from Nordic folk music, and “Last Leaf,” which took its initial inspiration from an unusual Christmas hymn, “Now Found Is the Fairest of Roses,” first published in 1732 by Danish theologian and poet H.A. Brorson.

This performance is one of 28 concerts the ensemble will perform in North America this season over the course of three tours. Additionally, the quartet is the artist-in-residence at London’s Wigmore Hall.

Related engagement events

Following the performance, the quartet will offer an open discussion about the evening’s program and its work. The ensemble will also invite Virginia Tech string students to observe its rehearsal in advance of the performance.



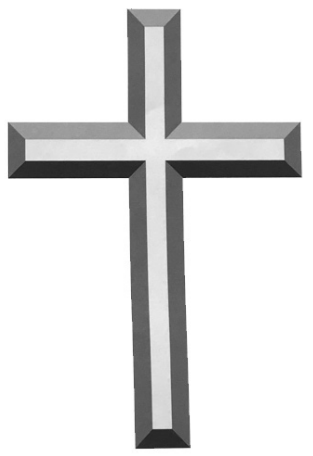
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International Days of Prayer for the Persecuted Church - First Sunday in November November 6th

“If we have faith worth living for, it is a faith worth dying for. Don’t YOU compromise the faith that we are living and dying for.”

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LewisGale Medical Center breaks ground on Neonatal Intensive Care Unit

Officials with LewisGale Medical Center held a groundbreaking ceremony Tuesday to celebrate construction on a new Level II Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), also called a special care nursery at the facility.

Featuring 3,000 square foot, the state-of-the-art NICU will feature six bassinets with the space to expand as needed. On-site board-certified neonatologists will treat medically fragile pre-term and full-term newborns with complications to include: breathing issues, infection,

feeding issues, growth support, withdrawal support, temperature stabilization, and any maternal health concerns that potentially require pre-term delivery 24/7.

“Today’s long-awaited milestone underscores our commitment to maternal and fetal health, and to providing care for women and children throughout their lives,” said Alan Fabian, LewisGale Regional Health System market president. “Opening an NICU is another example of our pledge to expanding our

women’s and children’s services to meet the needs of our growing community.”

Construction on the \$2.5 million project will take approximately eight months with a planned opening in the summer of 2023.

The highly secured area will feature infant security and constant monitoring of the babies’ heart rates, respiratory rates, temperature, and blood pressure. Radiant warmers, incubators, and open cribs are also featured, as well as assistance in

breathing including a ventilator or other oxygenation methods.

“The Level II NICU will allow us to provide much needed intensive care to the mothers and children in the greater Roanoke Valley,” said Jim McAden, LewisGale Medical Center board chairman. “We are grateful for the overwhelming support from our board, the public, patients, physicians, legislators, and local and state government in making this a reality.”

Pumpkins

moisture loss. But, Edwards warns, don’t use a real candle in the pumpkin but a battery-operated candle instead since petroleum jelly is flammable.

To dispose of the pumpkin, Edwards says to add it to the compost pile as a good use of the leftover organic matter for future gardening.

On the other hand, if the pumpkin shell is still intact and non-toxic decorative materials have been used, the pumpkin is still fit for processing

and eating.

Pumpkins can also be fed to livestock or local wildlife if no toxic decorative materials have been used.

Green Light

Veteran Service Officers’ Association in 2021.

“We value all of our citizens and all they do for our community. We are especially thankful for those who have chosen to serve our country,” said Montgomery County Board of Supervisors Chair Sherri Blevins.

“Operation Green Light is one way we can come together as a community and honor and support our veterans and their families for their chosen sacrifice,” said Blevins.

In addition to lighting county buildings, residents and businesses are encouraged to participate by simply changing one light bulb in their house to a green bulb. This can be an exterior light that neighbors and passersby see or an interior light that sparks a conversation with friends.

By shining a green light, the community lets veterans know that they are seen, appreciated, and supported. While this event is focused

around the week of Veterans Day (Nov. 7 -13), participants are encouraged to continue shining the light year-round. Residents can share their participation on social media using the hashtag #OperationGreenLight.

“Operation Green Light is a simple way to express our collective appreciation for the public service of our veterans,” said NACo President Denise Winfrey. “We encourage everyone to join us in displaying a green light for our veterans and to also reflect on how we, as a nation and at the county level, can help bring our veterans back into civilian life upon completion of their service to our country.”

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Wolfe

a particular favorite experience from his time at VCOM, and he answered, “It’s been an almost daily collection of favorite experiences, so I can’t say it’s been just one. I’m just thankful to have been a part of it.”

Prior to his leadership role at VCOM, Dr. Wolfe’s career spanned 32 years at Virginia Tech. While at Virginia Tech, he served as the chair of the Chemistry Department Chair for nine years and Vice Provost of the University for more than five years. As Vice Provost, Dr. Wolfe directed the offices of Admissions, Financial Aid and University Registrar. He oversaw academic program resource assignments and faculty appointments for 1,500 faculty and administrators in the

nine colleges of the university.

He acted as chief deputy for the provost and, when appropriate, for the president. He was a Professor Emeritus of Chemistry and had acted as Co-Director of the Harvey W. Peters Research Center for the Study of Parkinson’s Disease and Disorders of the Central Nervous System.

Dr. Wolfe has over 65 peer-reviewed publications related to his research and scholarly work in chemistry and has published three books. He served as principal investigator on several federally sponsored research projects, including projects funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the National Sanitation

Foundation (NSF), and NASA. He served on several committees for the American Chemical Society and was Virginia Tech’s delegate to the National Council for Chemical Research. He served on the NSF-Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Postdoctoral Fellowship Selection Committee and received an NIH fellowship at Indiana University.

His life was remembered at a memorial reception hosted by VCOM on Tuesday, Oct. 25, from 3 to 5 p.m., VCOM Building II at the address below.

Contributions in Jim’s memory can be made to VCOM James Wolfe Memorial Scholarship, 2265 Kraft Dr., Blacksburg, Va. 24060.

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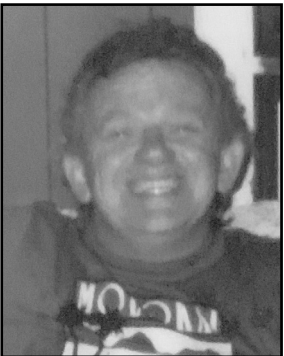
Bain, Ralph William “Sonny”

Ralph William “Sonny” Bain, 76, from 11 until noon today, Saturday, of Radford, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2022.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Mary Bain; his wife, Peggy Simmons Bain; a brother, Ronald Bain; and a sister, Glenna Linkous.

Survivors include his daughters and sons-in-law, Melissa and Gregory Osborne, Tammy and Dean Duncan, Rhonda and Todd Saunders, Dawn Hollins, Jennifer Bain and Lynn Harrell; 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a sister, Linda Graves; a special friend, Donna Carden; and many other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends



Funeral services will begin at noon with Pastor Jordan Myers officiating. Interment will follow in the Bain Family Cemetery in Montgomery County.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Bain Chapel Pentecostal Holiness Church, 4527 Bains Chapel Road, Radford, VA 24141.

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

Pierson, Adelene Ball

Adelene Ball Pierson, was born Sept. 22, 1924, at Pera, Va., in Amherst County and died Monday, Oct. 17, 2022 at the Kroontje Health Care Center in Blacksburg at the age of 98.

She was the daughter of John Letcher Wood and Bertha Tomlin Wood.

Adelene was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and a friend to many. She was known for her faith and love for God from a young age.

She was predeceased by her first husband, Elton Ball, with whom she lived in Richmond for 38 years; her second husband, Mearl Pierson, with whom she lived at Downings, Va., for 11 years, and a daughter who died at birth.

Adelene is survived by four sons: Donald (Glenda), Dale (Sarah), Gene (Suyapa), and George (Cathryn);

11 grandchildren: Sara, Kimberly (Rick), Derron, Kevin (Libby), Eric, Nathan (Katie), Steven, Nicolas, Mollie, and Emily; 13 great-grandchildren: Caroline, Lilian, Aurelia, Hattie, Nadia, Camille, Nora, Maddie, Kelsey, Bennett, Corban, Evy, and Lucas; a daughter, Helen Pierson Greenstreet, from her extended family, and numerous nieces and nephews. She is also survived by many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews in her extended Pierson family.

Funeral services will be held at McCoy Funeral Home, 150 Country Club Dr. S.W. in Blacksburg at 11 a.m. today, Saturday, Oct. 29, with visitation starting at 10 a.m. Burial of the remains will be at Westhampton Cemetery in Richmond at a later date.

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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.sttofc.org for midweek masses and events. (In Roanoke, go E on Hershberger, L on Hubert to 4910).

BAPTIST

First Baptist Church on 3rd Ave., 215 Third Ave at the corner with Downey St. We 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 Sonafrank, 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

Eckankar, the Path of Spiritual Freedom, is located at 1420 3rd St. SW, Roanoke, VA 24016. However, due to COVID-19, the Light & Sound Services and other ECK programs are currently available online through Zoom. Visit www.eck-va.org for program listings, www.meetup.com/Roanoke-Spiritual-Experiences-Group, or call 540-353-5365 and leave a message. We will return your call. Also visit www.eckankar.org for more information about how the teachings of Eckankar lead you to spiritual freedom.

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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The God With Heart

Read Luke 7:1 through 8:56

Visit any Sunday School, Bible study, or small group and during their prayer time you’re likely to hear of heartbreaking situations—financial difficulties, people dealing with cancer and other illnesses, teens getting killed in car accidents or gang-related violence, parents lamenting prodigal children, and so on.

When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, “Don’t cry” (Luke 7:13).

Troubles are nothing new in this world. The people in Jesus’ day had lives overflowing with trauma too. But Jesus didn’t ever say, “Oh, stop whining and get

on with life.” Instead, the Bible tells us “his heart went out to her” in compassion.

That feeling of compassion hasn’t changed. When we face minor troubles or major tragedies, God still lingers nearby, and His heart still goes out to us with compassion and mercy and love. He does not scold us for not trusting Him or tell us to get over it. He understands our feelings, pains, and frustrations. We do not serve a sterile God, but a God with a heart.

Thought for Today: When we cry, so many times God cries with us.

Quicklook: Luke 7:11–17

If your church is not listed and if you are interested, call Randy Thompson at 540-389-9355 or email at advertise@ourvalley.org

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

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.oslc-cburg.org and our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/oslcchristiansburg 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.

St. Michael Lutheran Church, 2308 Merrimac Road, Blacksburg, VA 24060. Worship service each Sunday at 10 AM, Sunday School 9 AM. We are a community of God’s people where people gather for worship, learning and service. Visitors and new members are always WELCOME! Google comments: “Wonderful, welcoming congregation...A place where all are truly welcome... Nice, friendly, competent staff.” You will like our minister, The Rev. Michelle L. Stramiello. Her previous service was as Family Faith Formation Director at Cross and Crown Lutheran Church, Indianapolis, IN, Pastor of St Matthew Lutheran Church, Paducah, KY, and Hospice Chaplain in Largo, FL. St. Michael started and administers Micah’s Backpack which has great community impact, Micah’s Soup for Seniors, Micah’s Garden, Closet, and Mini Pantry. Also,

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

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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.

Compassion Church, 1820 Second Street, Radford, 639-6287, Our music is passionate, our worship is real, and Pastor Chandler Jones brings relevant messages for everyone at any place on their journey,

Sunday Worship Experience at 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM, Wednesday Family Night at 7 PM, Children Ministry provided for all services. Our vision is to see all Saved. Freed. Restored. Fulfilled. Find us on facebook and Instagram

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

UNITED METHODIST

Asbury United Methodist Church, 500 Stuart Street, Christiansburg. 540-382-0743. Rev. 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

VDOT ROAD WATCH

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

MONTGOMERY COUNTY
I-81 NORTHBOUND AT EXIT 105 NEW RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY – 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 605: Intermittent flagging operations will be present on Route 605, located under the New River Bridge, for work overhead on the bridge.

LANE CLOSURES: Nighttime alternating lane closures will be in place on I-81 northbound between mile markers 104-106 from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning.

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

ROUTE 615 CULVERT REPLACEMENT – The Route 615 (Pilot Road) culvert replacement is currently underway. It is located at the intersection of Pilot Road and Old Pike Road, across from the Pilot Post Office. tHE Pike is now open. Flagging operations may continue to be in place. Route 615 will be limited to one 10-foot lane.

ROUTE 8 EVENT TRAFFIC CONGESTION - Route 8 may experience heavy traffic on fall weekends due to congestion related to tourist events at local farms in the area. If possible, motorists should utilize detours to avoid traveling on Route 8 between Christiansburg and Riner during the peak hours of 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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. Starting in February and continuing into the early summer, 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. The shoulders will be built up before a barrier wall can be installed for road crews to work behind. A barrier wall will be installed along the shoulders in the spring and summer. 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:

WORK ZONE SPEED: With narrow spacing in lanes due to barrier walls, lack of shoulders and lane shifts in various locations, drivers should adhere to posted 60 mph speed limits in the work zone and allow space when following a vehicle.

RAMP CLOSURES: Ramp closures at exit 137 are possible during nighttime hours, 12 a.m., to 5 a.m. Drivers should watch for message boards dates and times the ramp will be closed.

LANE CLOSURES: Alternating left and right lane and shoulder closures during nighttime hours between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, are possible. Lane widths will be reduced to 11 feet.

- o Northbound lane closures from I-81 mile marker 136 to 141.
- o Southbound Lane closures from I-81 mile marker 141 to 136.

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 will remain closed until before Thanksgiving to support holiday travel. The opening scheduled for the end of September has been rescheduled due to the contractor encountering challenges with a slope on the project.

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.

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.

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.

INTERSTATE 581
ROUTE 581 BRIDGE WORK OVER WILLIAMSON ROAD –On Route 11 (Williamson Road) drivers can expect intermittent and alternating lane closures between the intersections with Rutherford Avenue and Wells Avenue. Intermittent daytime and nighttime lane closures between the intersections above might be required, and will be in place utilizing flagging operations. Any impacts to I-581 will be minimal. The project is expected to be completed by December 2022.

LANE CLOSURES:

- o A left lane closure will be in place on northbound and southbound I-581 from mile marker 0-1, Monday at 7 a.m. through Wednesday at 7 p.m.
- o A right lane closure will be in place on northbound and southbound I-581 from mile marker 0-1, Thursday at 7 a.m. through Saturday at 7 p.m.
- o A left and center lane closure will be in place on northbound and southbound I-581 from mile marker 0-1, Saturday at 5 p.m. through Sunday at 2 p.m.

A right lane closure may be in place on Route 11 northbound between the intersections of Rutherford Avenue and Wells Avenue periodically.

Nighttime left lane closures for both the northbound and southbound directions of Route 11 are possible between the intersections referenced above.

I-581/220 LANE & RAMP CLOSURES FOR PAVING AND MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS IN

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Obituaries

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Annetta, Sue, Robbie, and Megan for all their love and support.

The family received friends on Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2022, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services followed with the Rev. Joseph

Hollins, Jr. officiating. Interment followed in Mountain View Cemetery in Pulaski County.

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

Deisher, Sharon Lynn

Sharon Lynn Deisher, 45, passed away unexpectedly at home in Radford on Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2022. She was preceded in death by her father, Ronald Lee Rife.

Survivors include her mother, Diana Lynn Deisher; sons Tevin Black (Alli), Malik Toney, and Maurice Toney; grandchildren Jeremiess,



Jordyn, Jakobie and one on the way; and a host of other relatives and friends.

The family received friends on Friday, Oct. 28, 2022, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford.

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

Chrisley, Raymond Eugene “Gene”

Raymond Eugene “Gene” Chrisley, 79, of Radford, passed away Saturday, October 22, 2022.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Frances Chrisley; his parents, James Chrisley and Louise Turpin; a special brother and friend, Walter D. Chrisley; and a grandson, Cody Chrisley.

Gene served in Vietnam as a Navy Seabee. Upon his return home from Vietnam, he continued his work as a carpenter and contractor, traveling the United States doing various construction builds. While leaving his three sons with the knowledge of construction trades, Gene was always making jokes and never took anything too seriously. In his younger years he was



and Levi; three brothers, and one sister; a special nephew, Kent Chrisley; and many other relatives and friends.

The family received friends on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford.

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

Graham, Margaret “Judy” Crouse

Margaret “Judy” Crouse Graham, 78, of Radford, passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2022.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Eldridge and Margaret Crouse; and her brother, Douglas Crouse.

Survivors include her husband of 58 years, Windell L. Graham; daughters Amanda H. Graham and Judith Spangler; grandchildren Emma Graham and Kayla Peterson; brother



Mac Allen Crouse; and many other relatives and friends.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in her name to either Fairlawn United Methodist Church or to the Children’s Miracle Network.

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

Graham, Norma Jean

Norma Jean Graham, 88, went to be with the Lord on Oct. 24, 2022.

Born in 1934 in Crystal, W.Va., Norma attended McComas High School where she met Jack Graham, her future husband of 60 years. After graduation, she and Jack moved to Christiansburg in 1952, where they started a family that would include four children. She graduated from Radford University with a bachelor's degree in education in 1970 and began teaching first through fifth grade at Christiansburg Elementary, and eventually sixth grade English at Christiansburg Middle School.

She spent a year also teaching in the gifted and talented program and went on to earn a master's degree in education from Virginia Tech. Norma taught for 16 years in the Montgomery County Public Schools before retiring in 1986.

After retiring, Norma and Jack purchased a home in Shallotte, N.C., where they spent many years enjoying numerous family vacations at the beach with their children and grandchildren. Throughout her life, she shared her passion for travel with Jack, taking many vacations and visiting places such as Germany, Austria, Egypt, Canada, and Bermuda.

Norma was a proud patron of the Montgomery County Museum of Art and History in Christiansburg. She and Jack even found time to take flying lessons at the Virginia Tech Airport. In addition, Norma



was also an avid gardener. She loved cooking, sewing, knitting, and crocheting among her many hobbies. She was a member of St. Paul’s Methodist Church.

She is survived by her sister, Judy Grose; brothers Wayne and David Black; brother-in-law James (Dawn) Graham and special aunt Mitzi East, all of West Virginia; children Becky Graham Wirt, Joel Graham, Elaine (Bill) Campbell, and Tracy (Melissa) Graham; grandchildren Joshua Wirt, Ben Campbell, Jordan Campbell, Caleb (Tashe) Graham, Camron (Callie) Graham, and Pallah Graham; great-grandchildren Landon Helman and Chloe Graham, and several nieces and nephews.

Norma was preceded in death by her husband, Jack; a granddaughter, Lesley Wirt; a son-in-law Carl Wirt; and a brother, Ted Black.

The family wishes to express their heartfelt gratitude to the entire staff of the Radford Health and Rehab Center for the special care and kindness they gave Norma and to all of the family. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Montgomery County Museum of Art and History; 4 East Main St. Christiansburg, VA 24073 <https://montgomerymuseum.org>.

A private celebration of life will be held at Roselawn Memorial Gardens, followed by interment.

Borman, John Robert

John Robert Borman, 72, of Manfred Christiansburg, died Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2022, at his home.

He was born in St. Charles, Ill., on Aug. 23, 1950, to the late Robert Charles and Phyllis Bragg Borman. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army having served during the Vietnam Conflict.

John enjoyed working at the Lyric Theatre for many years.

He was a member of Leon and McCoy VFW Post 5311.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy Smith Borman; sons Danny Maxey, Jr., and his wife, Jeannie, and Robert



grandchildren Emmy and Ally; great-grandchildren Noah, Cade, and Sky; sisters and brothers-in-law Linda and Bob Koelman and Robin and Takashi Haruna; aunt Coanne Johnson; and several other relatives and special furry companions Cooper, Sweetie Pie, and Gibbs.

The family sends special thanks to Carilion New River Valley Hospice, especially to nurse Bruce and musical therapists, Kelly, Paul Smith, and Dan Maderic. Per John’s request, no services will be held.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY WEEKLY POLICE BLOTTER

Oct. 15 through Oct. 21	MCCORMICK, ZACHARY COMMIT DATE 10/15/2022 14:15 OFFENSE Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language	COMMIT DATE 10/16/2022 03:43 OFFENSE Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language	COMMIT DATE 10/18/2022 16:41 OFFENSE Narcotics selling, distributing over five pounds	HILL, TERRY, JR COMMIT DATE 10/20/2022 02:38 OFFENSE Extortion; threat by letter or electronic message	OFFENSE Assault; simple assault ASSAULT SIMPLE ASSAULT
NEAT, MITCHELL COMMIT DATE 10/15/2022 01:01 OFFENSE Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language	TRUMP, MICHAEL COMMIT DATE 10/15/2022 19:48 OFFENSE Traffic: driving with revoked license (first offense)	SLUSHER, DIANNA COMMIT DATE 10/16/2022 09:06 OFFENSE Assault; simple assault against family member GARDNER, FREDDIE COMMIT DATE 10/16/2022 09:16 OFFENSE Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language; resisting arrest; obstructing justice without threats of force	ADKINS, DAKOTA COMMIT DATE 10/18/2022 18:07 OFFENSE Failure to appear	SMITH, ROBERT COMMIT DATE 10/20/2022 06:47 OFFENSE Vandalism, intentional damage to property valued less than \$1,000; driving with revoked operator's license (first offense); driving commercial vehicles without commercial license; larceny auto theft; grand larceny; hit and run; failure to file accident report for damage over \$250	DICKERSON, ROGER COMMIT DATE 10/20/2022 17:34 OFFENSE Misdemeanor probation violation (2 counts); Felony probation violation (3 counts)
HILDING, WILLIAM COMMIT DATE 10/15/2022 01:38 OFFENSE Vandalism; damage to property intentionally; damage,destroy property or monument less than \$1,000; assault; simple assault against family member, third subsequent conviction	HASELBY, SEAN COMMIT DATE 10/15/2022 21:21 OFFENSE Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language	DAVIS, JONATHAN COMMIT DATE 10/17/2022 16:50 OFFENSE Failure to appear; driving while intoxicated; driving on suspended license after DWI conviction (two counts)	MEARS, SELENA COMMIT DATE 10/18/2022 23:21 OFFENSE Narcotics possession	POFF, LOGAN COMMIT DATE 10/20/2022 11:08 OFFENSE Felony probation violation (three counts)	ALBERT, KIMBERLY COMMIT DATE 10/20/2022 18:25 OFFENSE Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language
MYSORE, SURAJ COMMIT DATE 10/15/2022 02:03 OFFENSE Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language	COLE, LEO COMMIT DATE 10/15/2022 22:38 OFFENSE Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language	DEACON, DONNIE COMMIT DATE 10/17/2022 23:40 OFFENSE Felony probation violation (four counts); driving with a revoked license (first offense) secret narcotics possession with intent to sell	MCGHEE, JONATHAN COMMIT DATE 10/18/2022 23:43 OFFENSE Failure to appear to a felony/misdemeanor summons; good behavior suspended sentence violation (misdemeanor)	JOHNSON, COURTNEY COMMIT DATE 10/20/2022 11:35 OFFENSE Good behavior suspended sentence violation (misdemeanor)	CAMDEN, VASSAR COMMIT DATE 10/21/2022 00:14 OFFENSE Obscenity, drunk in public; profane language
CRUZ, JOSHUA COMMIT DATE 10/15/2022 03:22 OFFENSE Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language	MURPHY, ZACHARY COMMIT DATE 10/15/2022 23:23 OFFENSE Driving while intoxicated (first offense)	WOOLWINE, JAKE COMMIT DATE 10/18/2022 16:14 OFFENSE Weapons possession by violent convicted felon; possession of firearm with intent to transport; narcotics possession	JOHNSON, MIESHA COMMIT DATE 10/18/2022 23:57 OFFENSE Narcotics possession	WOODS, ZACHARY COMMIT DATE 10/20/2022 12:01 OFFENSE Felony probation violation; felony failure to appear in court for misdemeanor offense	YOUNG, AUSTIN COMMIT DATE 10/21/2022 17:16 OFFENSE Failure to appear for felony/misdemeanor summons
MARSH, HAYDEN COMMIT DATE 10/15/2022 03:53 OFFENSE Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language	MEREDITH, SARA COMMIT DATE 10/16/2022 00:39 OFFENSE Obscenity, drunk in public; profane language	SANCHEZ, LUIS COMMIT DATE 10/18/2022 02:36 OFFENSE DWI (second violation within five to 10 years; Blood alcohol content BAC .15-.20%; Prisoners federal (felony)	WILKINSON, GRAY COMMIT DATE 10/19/2022 00:11 OFFENSE Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language	LINKOUS, BRADLEY COMMIT DATE 10/21/2022 18:26 OFFENSE DUI (third offense within 10 years)	
MCCARTY, LATISHA COMMIT DATE 10/15/2022 11:35 OFFENSE Failure to appear to a felony/misdemeanor summons	SPURLIN, JOHN COMMIT DATE 10/16/2022 00:51 OFFENSE Alcohol purchase or possession by person less than age 21; alcohol false ID used to purchase of attempt to purchase	WOOLWINE, JAKE COMMIT DATE 10/18/2022 16:14 OFFENSE Weapons possession by violent convicted felon; possession of firearm with intent to transport; narcotics possession	WEI, JIAN COMMIT DATE 10/19/2022 01:08 OFFENSE Driving while intoxicated (first offense)	SWEENEY, DANNY JR COMMIT DATE 10/20/2022 12:25 OFFENSE Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language	PAYNE, SABRINA COMMIT DATE 10/21/2022 18:00 OFFENSE Felony probation violation
SNELL, ANDREW COMMIT DATE 10/15/2022 14:03 OFFENSE Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language	PARKS, QUENTIN COMMIT DATE 10/16/2022 02:04 OFFENSE Violation of a protective order	MCDONOUGH, CHRISTOPHER	BELL, SETH COMMIT DATE 10/19/2022 15:33 OFFENSE Failure to appear to felony/misdemeanor summons	TURMAN, COLE COMMIT DATE 10/20/2022 15:19 OFFENSE Assault, simple assault against family member; strange another causing wound/injury	PASCOE, CHRISTOPHER COMMIT DATE 10/21/2022 20:25 OFFENSE Felony probation violation (1 count) Misdemeanor probation violation (2 counts)
GREEN, ETHAN COMMIT DATE 10/15/2022 14:04 OFFENSE OBSCENITY DRUNK IN PUBLIC - PROFANE LANGUAGE	GARVER, SAMUEL COMMIT DATE 10/16/2022 02:47 OFFENSE Driving while intoxicated (first offense)		RAGAN, AMANDA COMMIT DATE 10/19/2022 19:17 OFFENSE Identity fraud; obtaining information with intent to defraud (second or subsequent offense); failure to appear to felony/misdemeanor summons	SHEPHEARD, RANDY COMMIT DATE 10/20/2022 16:27	HINES, DEKINNON COMMIT DATE 10/21/2022 23:33 OFFENSE Driving while intoxicated (first offense)

Road watch

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ROANOKE COUNTY– Weather permitting, crews will be milling and paving along Interstate 81. Right and left lane closures will be in place along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours. Drivers should expect possible delays.

I-581 BRIDGE REPAIRS – Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 581. Right,

center and left lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays. Scheduled traffic impacts include:

Left or right lane closures may be in place on I-581 northbound from Orange Avenue to Valley View

Boulevard from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Left or right lane closures may be in place on I-581 from Valley View Boulevard to Orange Avenue from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Flagging operations may be in place on Liberty Road NW from Lukens Street NE to Hunt Avenue NW from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Candy

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from heat and light at room temperature of about 70 degrees. Stored in this manner, the candy should last 6 to 9 months. If the packaging has not been opened, soft sweets will last approximately 12 months.

Candy corn – If the packaging has been opened, candy corn should be stored under the same conditions as soft candies and will last approximately 3 to 6 months. Unopened packages will last about 9 months.

Gum – As long as the packaging remains sealed, most gum products have a shelf life of 6 to 9 months. To maximize freshness, keep chewing-gum packages in a cool, dry place and out of any direct sunlight.

Caramel – Caramel treats should be kept covered, away from heat and light at room temperature. Stored properly, caramel should last 6 to 9 months and even up to 12 months in some cases.

As a rule of thumb, Hamilton said that partially eaten or opened candies should be stored in airtight containers, whether plastic storage bags or airtight containers, in order to increase its shelf life.

Homemade Halloween sweets, though, are best enjoyed shortly after concocted in the kitchen, such as caramel- or candy-coated apples, crispy rice treats, fudge, and more, Hamilton said.

“For items that are fully cooked to their crunchy and sticky best, these usually

last at room temperature for anywhere from four to seven days,” Hamilton said. “Coated apples are a risk if partially eaten and not kept in the fridge. These can be safely enjoyed for up to four days after partially eating them. Of course, these storage recommendations are only a factor if these aren’t gobbled up before they even make it to a container.”

Properly made fudge can be stored at room temperature for up to a week. Fudge, along with coated apples, jams or jammy-candies, and some fondant or cream-based candies could benefit from the added shelf-life of storing in the fridge, according to Hamilton, along with any candy that is partially eaten. Homemade food items – including those

in the fridge – should all be kept in airtight containers.

There are some easy ways to tell if items have gone bad, Hamilton says.

Off-odors or off-flavors.

If something fuzzy is growing, don’t eat it.

If a sealed package looks bloated, don’t eat it. The bloating likely means something is growing inside, especially if the package is pressed on and the bloating returns.

A recommendation as old as Dracula himself is when in doubt, throw it out.

If candy is left out to melt and stored in the fridge to resolidify, it is still generally safe to eat even if it looks like Frankenstein.

Events

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Church, 1020 Tyler Ave., Radford. All skill levels of quilters are welcome. For more information, call Anna Handy, 540-320-7791.

Sunday, Nov. 13:

Women’s only swim night

At the Christiansburg Aquatic Center, 6 to 8 p.m. This is a celebration of girl power. All participants, including the staff, will be women. The cost is \$6 and attendees must register by Nov. 7. Call 540-381-POOL to register.

Monday, Nov. 14:

Montgomery County Board of Supervisors meeting

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors will meet at the Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St. in Christiansburg with a closed meeting beginning at 6 p.m., followed by an open session at 7:15 p.m. Citizens are invited to attend and will be allowed to speak at each meeting. All regular meetings of the Board of Supervisors are rebroadcast on Montgomery County Comcast and Shentel Channels 190 daily.

Radford City Council meeting

The Radford City Council will meet in the Starnes Council Chambers at the Radford Municipal Building, 10 Robertson St.; 7 p.m. Agenda can be found at www.radfordva.gov.

Tuesday, Nov. 15:

Legislative update

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce will present a legislative update to discuss the chamber’s 2023 legislative agenda at Warm Hearth Village, 2387 Warm Hearth Dr., Blacksburg, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Several of the representatives from the Virginia House and Senate will be on hand.

Blacksburg Town Council meeting

The Blacksburg Town Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 S. Main St. These meetings are open to the public and are televised live on WTOB Channel 2.

Christiansburg Town Council meeting

The Christiansburg Town Council will meet at 7 p.m. in the council chambers of Town Hall (100 E. Main St.).

MONTGOMERY SPORTS

Big South media days: RU men picked sixth, women fourth

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Radford University's basketball programs were picked to finish in the middle of the pack as the Big South Conference released its preseason polls Wednesday during Media Days in Charlotte, N.C. High Point University and Gardner-Webb University on the women's side, along with the Longwood University men's basketball team, have been chosen as the favorites in the Big South Conference's annual preseason polls for the 2022-23 season.

For the first time since 2009-10 and just the second time in league history, two schools tied for the top spot in the women's poll. High Point, the 2021 Big South Champion, and Gardner-Webb each finished with 92 points from the voting panel.

HPU received five of the 10 first-place votes while GWU collected four top plaudits. The Panthers return five starters and 10 letterwinners from 2021-22, and

the Runnin' Bulldogs have four starters back along with 11 letterwinners. High Point is the preseason favorite for the second consecutive year and the third time overall while Gardner-Webb is in the top spot for the first time.

Receiving the remaining first-place vote, Campbell was voted third in the women's poll.

Radford placed fourth in the poll with 55 points, just ahead of UNC Asheville's 52 points.

Defending men's champion Longwood is the preseason favorite for the first time as the voting panel of head coaches and media bestowed 16 first-place votes and 195 total points upon the Lancers.

Winthrop followed in second place with 170 points and one first-place vote, followed by UNC Asheville in the third spot with 159 points and two first-place nods. Gardner-Webb landed in the fourth position with 136 points with High Point in fifth-place with 89 points.

Campbell and Radford tied for sixth with 88 points

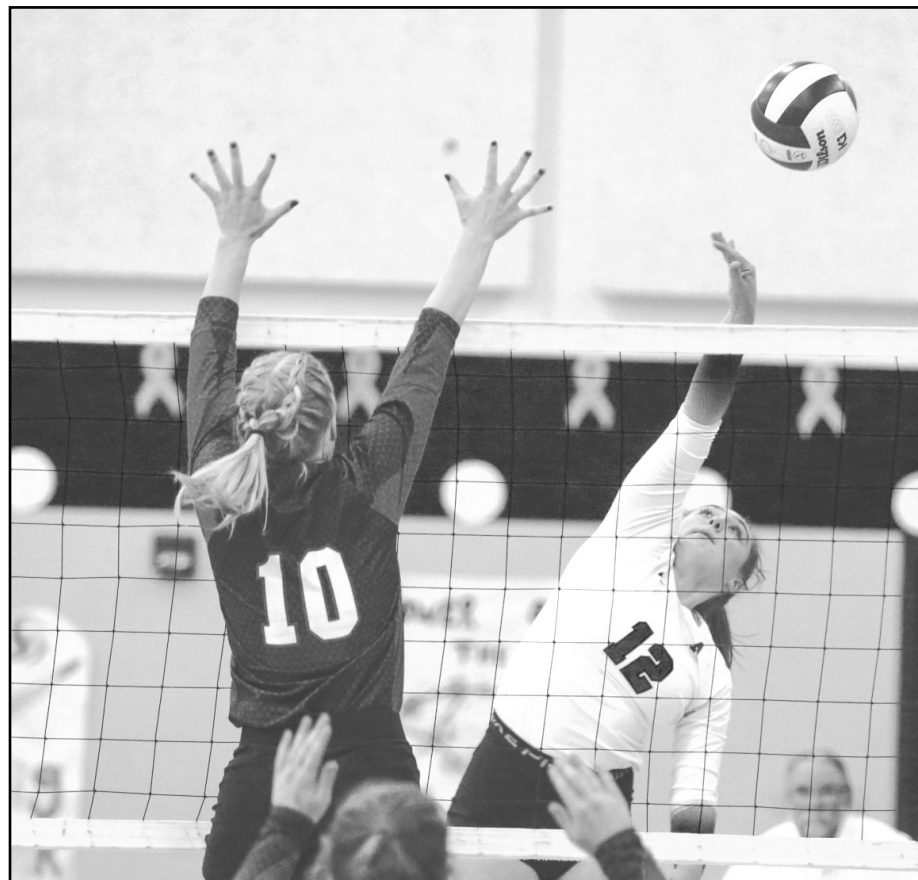
each,

For the third straight year, Radford did not have a player listed on the men's or women's preseason team list.

UNC Asheville senior forward Drew Pember (Knoxville, Tenn.) was voted the 2022-23 Big South Conference Men's Basketball Preseason Player of the Year by the league's head coaches and media panel. Pember is the fifth UNC Asheville student-athlete to be voted Preseason Player of the Year, the first one since 2011-12. In his first season in a Bulldog uniform in 2021-22, Pember was voted the Big South's Defensive Player of the Year and was named First-Team All-Conference.

Gardner-Webb junior forward Alasia Smith (Johnson City, Tenn.) was voted the 2022-23 Big South Conference Women's Basketball Preseason Player of the Year by the league's head coaches. Smith is the first player from Gardner-Webb to receive the conference's top preseason honor.

Auburn picks up volleyball win over Bland

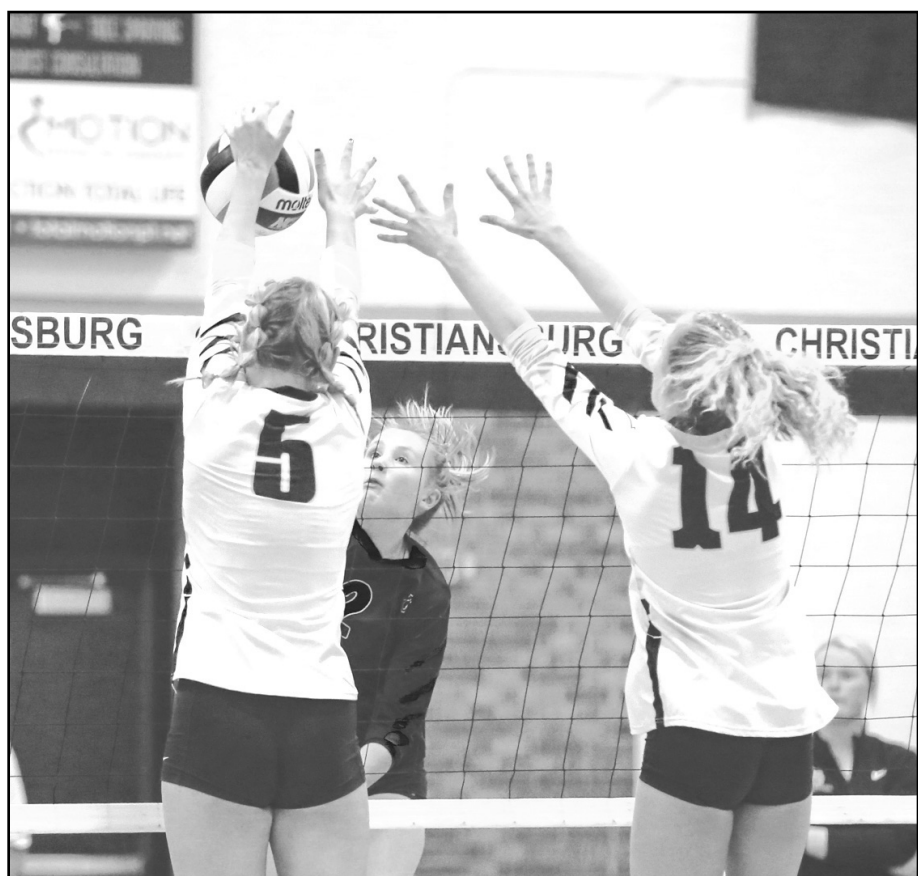


Auburn's Avery Zuckerwar hits the ball back across the net during this week's 25-16, 25-12, 25-21 win over Bland. Zuckerwar finished with 10 kills and 12 digs.



Madeline Lavergne passes the ball to an Auburn teammate during Tuesday's three-set defeat of Bland. Lavergne had 18 kills and eight digs in the win. Madison Ketterer added 33 assists.

Blacksburg volleyball defeats Christiansburg



Christiansburg's #5 Braelynn Williams and #14 Ela Shepherd go up for the block in the Battle of the Burgs Tuesday. Williams got credit for the block, but Blacksburg went on to win in three sets, 25-18, 25-23 and 25-22. Williams finished with seven blocks and eight kills.



Christiansburg's Sierra Campbell pops the ball up for a teammate during Tuesday's Battle of the Burgs, won by Blacksburg.

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WILDLIFE REPORT

CPOs find baited blind

During the course of the 2021 early duck season, Virginia Conservation Police Sergeant Rich Goszka and Master Officer Mark Sanitra attempted to locate an excessive amount of shots in Cedar Run Creek between Fauquier and Prince William Counties but did not find the source.

On October 7, 2022, the officers again heard an excessive amount of shooting and, after investigation, located the hunting area. Upon inspection of the hunting area, the officers located a water impoundment adjacent to the creek with a blind and a cell trail camera focused on corn placed in front of it. Another blind was located on a sandbar in the creek and another cell trail camera focused on corn in the creek. The officers located numerous empty shell casings, but the group had left the area.

During the early morning hours of October 8, 2022, Sgt. Goszka, Master

Officer Mark Sanitra, and Officer First Class Roger Palmisano navigated to the remote area and began surveilling the baited blinds. At 6:30 a.m., four hunters entered the creek blind and began their illegal hunt. At 7:30 a.m., and after 21 shots were fired, the officers contacted the group. The group was found to have killed seven wood ducks and two that could not be recovered. Each member of the group knew the area was baited. Further investigation revealed that on October 7, 2022, the same group hunted the baited area, killing 14 wood ducks, and those carcasses were recovered. All four subjects were charged with two counts of hunting a baited area and one subject was charged with exceeding their limit of wood ducks.

- Molly Kirk
Department of Wildlife Resources



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Financial Focus: How should you pay for short-term financial goals?

As you go through life, you will likely have long- and short-term financial goals. But how will your strategies for meeting your long-term goals differ from those needed for your short-term ones?

If you're like most people, your biggest long-term goal is achieving a comfortable retirement. And for this goal, a common strategy is putting away money in tax-advantaged retirement vehicles, such as your 401(k) and IRA.

So, how should you go about preparing for shorter-term goals, such as a family vacation, home renovation, a wedding or a major purchase?

For starters, determine what your goal is, how much you can spend on it and when you'll need the money. Even if you can't pinpoint a precise amount, you can develop a good estimate. Of course, the sooner you start this process, the better off you'll

be because you'll have more time to save.

Your next decision involves the manner in which you save for your short-term goal. Specifically, what savings or investment vehicles should you use? The answer will be different for everyone, but you need to make sure that your investments align with your risk tolerance and time horizon. And you'll want to ensure, as much as possible, that a certain amount of money is available for you at the specific time you'll need it.

If you aren't able to save enough to reach a short-term goal, you have other options: You can borrow what you need, or you can potentially sell investments to cover the cost. How can you decide which choice is best?

To help make up your mind, you'll first want to consider some of the most common borrowing options: credit cards, home equity loans, personal loans and margin loans. (A

margin loan lets you borrow against the value of investments you already own.) How might each of these loans fit into your overall financial strategy? Will the repayment schedule work with your cash flow and budget?

You'll then want to compare the costs and benefits of borrowing, in whatever form, against selling investments. For example, if you can borrow at a lower interest rate compared to the return you think you can get from your investments, borrowing might be a reasonable choice. You'll also need to consider other factors such as your credit score, taxes, fees associated with selling investments, and the time needed to repay debts. If, for instance, selling investments will trigger a large amount of taxes, borrowing might be preferable.

You'll also want to consider whether there is a penalty or high costs associated with selling investments.

In addition, if you have a long-time horizon for a loan, you may want to sell investments to avoid paying interest for a longer period of time and thus driving up the overall cost of borrowing.

Finally, keep in mind that you may have built an investment mix designed to align with your goals and risk tolerance. If you were to sell any of these investments to meet short-term needs, you would want to consider the need to rebalance your portfolio to maintain your desired asset allocation.

As you can see, there's a lot to think about when it comes to paying for short-term goals. But by carefully evaluating your options, you can make the choices that are right for your needs.

- Edward Jones Financial Advisor
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WalletHub: Virginia has ninth-most powerful voters in House elections

With the 2022 election approaching and voters' influence varying from state to state, the personal finance website WalletHub has released its report on 2022's States with the Most and the Least Powerful Voters.

WalletHub compared the relative clout of 2022 voters in swinging the House, Senate and gubernatorial elections. To do that, WalletHub calculated a Voter Power Score for each state and for each type of election.

The website determined that in the House elections, Virginia voters ranked as the ninth most powerful in the country.

The top 10 rankings by state clout were as follows:

Most Powerful Voters: House elections: 1. Minnesota 2. Alaska 3. Maine 4. Colorado 5. North Carolina 6. Georgia 7. Pennsylvania 8. Michigan 9. Virginia 10. Florida.

Most Powerful Voters: Senate elections: 1. Wyoming 2. Vermont 3. Alaska 4. New Hampshire 5. North Dakota 6. South Dakota 7. Delaware 8. Montana 9. Rhode Island 10. Maine

Most Powerful Voters: Gubernatorial Elections: 1. Wyoming 2. Vermont 3. Alaska 4. Maine

5. North Dakota 6. South Dakota 7. Delaware 8. New Mexico 9. Montana 10. Rhode Island.

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