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Montgomery Museum to open "Larry" Bechtel exhibit on Thursday, Nov. 17

The Montgomery Museum of Art and History will present an exhibit of Lawrence "Larry" Bechtel's sculpture beginning on Thursday, Nov. 17, and continuing through January of 2023.

The exhibit opens with a reception open to the public on Nov. 17 at the museum from 5 to 7 p.m.

Bechtel's sculptures always tell a story. The storytelling comes from teaching English at Virginia Tech and telling children's stories at the Blacksburg New School.

In 1971 Bechtel graduated from Wheaton College near Chicago where his father taught literature and his mother was a librarian. He earned a master's degree from Virginia Tech in 1985 and is a published author of the first two volumes of a historical fiction trilogy, "The Tinsmith's Apprentice," and a collection of short stories, "The House of Poetry" and other stories.

Among Bechtel's sculptures is "That I May Serve," a memorial to K-9's killed in action. The piece normally resides at the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Tech but will be moved to the Montgomery Museum especially for this exhibit.

A police dog from Virginia Tech, Boris was chosen as the model for "That I May Serve" not only because he was a large, handsome specimen of German Shepherd but also because he was especially well trained by his handler, Keith Weaver.

Bechtel spent time with the police officers and their dogs and got to know how they work together. He noticed the affection the officers had for their animals, who actually live with them. Once, when a student popped out of a residence hall unexpectedly, Bechtel saw Boris freeze and fixate on the stranger, ears pricked, waiting for any command.

Bechtel chose this pose at the point of maximum alertness for his sculpture. He made a small model called a maquette and showed it to the police officers, who suggested two changes: the dropped arched tail and one lifted paw to represent the dog's willingness to serve and obey any command.

The story behind another sculpture in the museum exhibit "Calling the Powers" springs from the sculptor's



PHOTO COURTESY OF LINDSEY HUGHES MCKINNON

"Calling the Powers" is among the sculptures featured at the Montgomery Museum of Art and History's exhibit featuring Lawrence "Larry" Bechtel's sculpture. It shows a woman who has climbed a mountain top during a windy storm. With thunder and lightning all around her, she drops to her knees, crying and beckoning to summon the spiritual powers that surround her.

own heart and mind, as it is not a commissioned work. A woman, a sort of shaman, strives to climb a mountain during a windy storm. When she makes it to the top, she drops to her knees, crying and beckoning amid wind, thunder, and lightning. The woman stretches



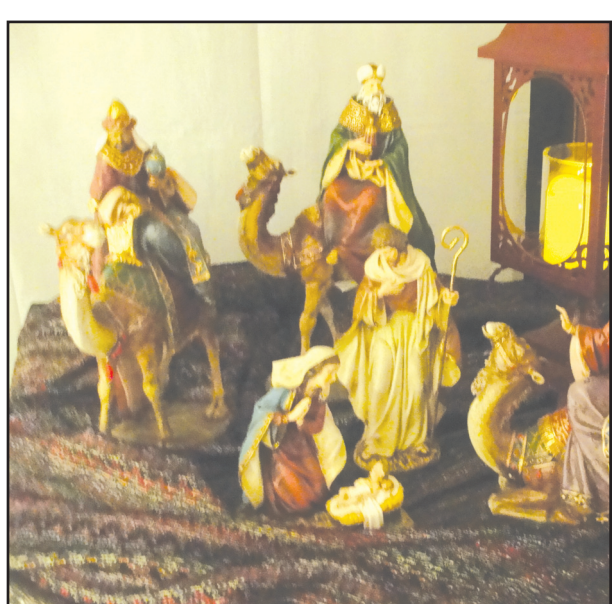
PHOTO COURTESY OF SUE FARRAR, FORMER MONTGOMERY MUSEUM OF ART AND HISTORY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

"Rapture" is another of Larry Bechtel's dazzling sculptures that will be on display at the Montgomery Museum beginning on Saturday, Nov. 17. Continuing through January, the exhibit will open with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m.

out her arms and communes with the powers, her hair flying behind her in the wind.

"Calling the Powers" is probably the most loved

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More than 70 vintage Nativity sets from around the world will be on display at the Festival of Nativities at Slusser's Chapel Church of God Dec. 2-4.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF DOTTIE BROWN

"A Charlie Brown Christmas" will be among the holiday displays in the fellowship hall at Slusser's Chapel Church of God Friday, Dec. 2, through Sunday Dec. 4.

Slusser's Chapel to display Festival of Nativities

Slusser's Chapel Church of God, 1543 Mt. Tabor Rd., Blacksburg will display more than 70 vintage Nativity sets from across the U.S. and around the world Friday through Sunday, Dec. 2-4.

Included in the display will be Waterford crystal figures from Ireland, Fantanini figures from Italy, Hummel figures from Germany, kitten and puppy manger scenes, and "A Charlie Brown Christmas."

The display will be available for viewing in the chapel's fellowship hall Friday, Dec. 2, and Saturday, Dec. 3, from 5 to 9 p.m. and on Sunday Dec. 4, from 3 to 8 p.m. Admission is free.

For more information call 540-951-1757 or check the church's website at www.slussers-themount.org.

Blacksburg Town Council to hold public hearings

The Blacksburg Town Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 S. Main St., Blacksburg, regarding the following items:

Ordinance 1994: An ordinance rezoning 3.08± acres of land at 1800 Whipple Dr. from Transitional Residential to Planned Residential Zoning (RZN 22-0002).

This is a request to rezone approximately 3.08 acres of land at 1800 Whipple Dr. from R-5 Transitional Residential to PR Planned Residential. The proposal consists of 34 two-story townhomes with

a total of 98 bedrooms. The proposed maximum residential density is 11 units per acre or 32 bedrooms per acre. The Future Land Use Designation for the property is Medium Density Residential, which allows for up to 20 bedrooms per acre. The proposed project represents an increase over the residential density envisioned in the future land use designation.

Ordinance 1999: An ordinance to repeal existing Article Five of Town Code Chapter Eighteen regarding sewer use standards and adopt new §§ 18-500, 18-501 and 18-502.

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One person charged in hit and run at CHS

Christiansburg police recently answered a call to the Christiansburg High School parking lot in response to a hit and run.

The subsequent investigation revealed that the hit and run occurred after a physical altercation between juveniles at the school. Officers found that as a vehicle was exiting the parking lot, the driver of that vehicle struck two staff members, one teacher and one administrator, resulting

in minor injuries.

The driver of the vehicle, Freddie Nicole McKenzie-Barnes, 45, of Christiansburg was charged with two counts of felony hit and run and one count of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

The investigation in conjunction with the Montgomery County School System is ongoing.

- Christiansburg Police Dept.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, Nov. 5:

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

Friends of the Library book sale
At the Meadowbrook Public Library, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Stock up on books (plus DVDs and CDs). Fill a paper grocery bag (provided) for \$5. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library.

PAWS to Read with Derek
At the Blacksburg Library at noon. Sign up for a 10-minute time slot to read with a therapy dog. Call the library at 540-552-8246.

Monday, Nov. 7:

English conversation for adults
At the Blacksburg Library; 6 p.m. English Conversation for Adults will be led by Carole and Bob Dellinger. Call the library at 540-552-8246 for more information. No childcare is provided for this class.

Free GED classes with NRCC
At the Radford Public Library; 9 a.m. to noon. Free GED Prep classes offered by New River Community College. Call (540) 674-3682 for additional information.

Crafting for the Holiday: Open crafting
At the Radford Public Library; 1 p.m. Participants can bring their own needlework, painting or other projects and work with others. These crafting afternoons are not guided and are at participants' leisure. Some craft items will be supplied (paper, coloring books for adults, crayons, etc).

Tuesday, Nov. 8:

Library closed
The Radford Public Library will be closed in observance of Election Day

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 is canceled. For further information, call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

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. A copy of the agenda can be seen at www.rcps.org.

Mug dessert
At the Christiansburg Library at 3 p.m. Participants will learn how to make affordable, simple mug desserts. This program is co-sponsored by the Virginia Cooperative Extension. Recommended for ages 8 and up. Registration is required.

Wednesday, Nov. 9:

Plaque dedication
The Board of Directors of the Radford Heritage Foundation invites the public to the New River Train Observatory Plaque Dedication at 10:30 a.m. at the Mary Draper Ingles Cultural Heritage Park, 800 Unruh Dr., Radford. The plaque honors the roles of Professors Kay Edge and Edward Becker in leading their students from the Virginia Tech School of Architecture and Design in the design and construction of the New River Train Observatory.

Montgomery County Chamber Buy Local Business Showcase
The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce Buy Local Business Showcase will be held at The Inn at Virginia Tech & Skelton Conference Center, 901 Prices fork Rd., Blacksburg. Members interested in purchasing a booth should reach out to programs@montgomerycc.org. Business After Hours is being held in conjunction with Showcase at the Inn at Virginia Tech. Come for the showcase, stay for the mixer. Prize giveaways will take place throughout the day. This event is free and is open to the public from 3:45 to 7 p.m. It is also open to the public during the Chamber Business After Hours session from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

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At the Radford Public Library; 9 a.m. to noon. Free GED Prep classes offered by New River Community

College. Call (540) 674-3682 for additional information.

Loops group
At the Blacksburg Library at 2 p.m. Bring a project and join the Loops Group for community and conversation. Everyone is welcome.

Art Club: Takashi Murakami
At the Christiansburg Library at 2 p.m. Explore the art of Takashi Murakami and create collaborative art pieces in his style. For ages 8 and up. Registration is required.

Thursday, Nov. 10:

Tech bytes: Internet basics
At the Blacksburg Library at 2 p.m. Literacy Volunteers and the library are teaming up to teach some basic Internet skills. Registration is required. Call (540) 552-8246 for assistance with registration.

River City Quilt Guild
The River City Quilt Guild will meet at 9:30 a.m. at Grove United Methodist Church, 1020 Tyler Ave., Radford. All skill levels of quilters are welcome. For more information, call Anna Handy, 540-320-7791.

Radford Photo Club
The Radford Photo Club will meet at 6 p.m. at the Radford Public Library. The program will be about travel photography, presented by Michele Borgarelli of Blacksburg. The November photo challenge will be Still Life. The club is made up of professional and amateur photographers from throughout the New River Valley. Meetings, events, and outings are open to the public.

Community quilting bee
At the Blacksburg Library, 10 a.m. Attendees can bring their supplies and join the group for quilting and sewing.

Saturday, Nov. 12:

Bingo! Bingo!
At the Meadowbrook Public Library at 1:30 p.m. This is an afternoon of fun Bingo. Children are welcome, but they must be accompanied by an adult.

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Lost & Found



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Light Brown, 10-12in, just had pups. Lost on 8th St. West End, Radford. Call anytime, Larry Prescott H(540)745-5154 C(540)285-0179

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Part Time Newspaper Production Help
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.

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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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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 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.

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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.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Before the Council of the Town of Christiansburg for Execution of a Naming, Advertising, and Sponsorship Agreement with the Town of Christiansburg for Naming, Advertising, and Sponsorship at the Christiansburg Huckleberry Park Facility. Pursuant to

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the requirements of §§ 15.2-2100, 15.2-2101, 15.2-2102, et seq., Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, the Town of Christiansburg, Virginia (Town) hereby gives notice that the Town is inviting bids from qualified bidders to enter into a Naming, Advertising, and Sponsorship Agreement (Naming Rights Agreement) with the Town. Under the Naming Rights Agreement, the successful bidder will have the right to have its name on the facilities at the Christiansburg Huckleberry Park complex located at Booker T. Washington Parkway, N.W., adjoining Peppers Ferry Road, N.W., Christiansburg, Virginia (a portion of Montgomery County Tax Map No. 435 – ((A)) – 3A; Parcel ID 270079), subject to certain terms and conditions of such Naming Rights Agreement. The term of the Naming Rights Agreement shall be ten (10) years, starting on April 1, 2023 and ending March 31, 2033. The term of the Naming Rights Agreement is also subject to termination as set forth in the Naming Rights Agreement or in accordance with the law. The Naming Rights Agreement will also allow the successful bidder to have certain exclusive advertising rights at the Christiansburg Huckleberry Park Facility within the successful bidder's Product Category, as that term is defined in the Bid Form and Naming Rights Agreement. Any such agreement, use, and advertising being subject to approval of the Town. If the Town elects to award a Naming Rights Agreement, Town Council will be requested to adopt an ordinance granting such an award, which ordinance will provide in substance for a Naming Rights Agreement as set forth above. A copy of the full text of the proposed Ordinance and a draft of the Naming Rights Agreement are on file and may be reviewed in the Office of the Town Manager, Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. Any interested entity is invited to submit a written bid, including a completed bid form, for a Naming Rights Agreement as set forth above. Each bidder shall submit at a minimum the following information:
1. The legal name of the entity submitting the bid, including the Identification Number issued to it by the

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Virginia State Corporation Commission.
2. The aggregate amount of the annual payments for the naming right to be made to the Town of Christiansburg for such Naming Rights Agreement. The minimum acceptable amount is \$750,000.00.
3. The amount of the payments for each year of the term of the Naming Rights Agreement. The minimum acceptable amount for the first year of the term of the Naming Rights Agreement is \$200,000.00.
4. The agreement of the bidder to make payments during each year in accordance with the schedule of payments set forth in the Naming Rights Agreement.
5. The identification of the bidder's primary business which will constitute the bidder's Product Category for all purposes in the Naming Rights Agreement. The term "primary business" is defined in the Naming Rights Agreement.
6. The name proposed by the bidder for the Christiansburg Huckleberry Park facility.
7. The financial ability of the bidder to make the payments that will be due during the first year of the term of the Naming Rights Agreement.
8. Information that (i) demonstrates the character, judgment, integrity, experience, and reputation of the bidder in the conduct of its business and performance of its contracts and agreements, and (ii) demonstrates the bidder's ability and commitment to collaborate with the Town in the promotion of the Christiansburg Huckleberry Park facility.
9. The agreement of the bidder to execute the Naming Rights Agreement.
10. The bidder acknowledges that this process is subject to § 15.2-2100, et seq., Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, the bidder agrees, if its bid is accepted, to post a bond with surety in favor of the Town pursuant to § 15.2-2104, Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.
12. Other information as the bidder deems appropriate. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope or container to the Town Manager at the address noted herein on or before 7:00 p.m., local time, Tuesday, December 13, 2022. The outside of the bid envelope should be marked as follows: "Bid for

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Naming Rights Agreement with Town of Christiansburg for Naming, Advertising, and Sponsorship at the Christiansburg Huckleberry Park Facility, Not to Be Opened Until the Bid Opening at 7:00 p.m. on December 13, 2022." The bid should be addressed to the Office of the Town Manager, Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, 24073. All bids received will be held by the Town Manager, unopened, until 7:00 p.m., local time, on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at which time they will be opened in the Council Chambers, Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, 24073, and thereafter be publicly opened and read aloud in accordance with § 15.2-2102, Code of Virginia (1950), as amended. The Town reserves the right to cancel this Invitation for Bids and/or to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality or irregularity in the bids received, and to accept the bid which is deemed to be in the best interest of the Town. The necessary bid form, a copy of the proposed Naming Rights Agreement, and the proposed Ordinance may be obtained from the Town Manager's Office at the above address after Tuesday, November 1, 2022. Pursuant to the requirements of §§ 15.2-2100, et seq., Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, notice is hereby given that the Council of the Town of Christiansburg will hold a public hearing on the above matter at its regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., local time, or as soon thereafter as Council is available, in the Council Chamber, Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, 24073. The bids received will be announced and any additional bids may be received at this time. All parties and interested persons may appear on the above date and time and be heard on the matter. For further information on this matter, you may contact the Office of the Town Manager at (540)382-6128. If you are a person who needs accommodations for this hearing, please contact the Town Manager's Office at (540) 382-6128 before 12:00 noon on the Thursday before the date of the hearing listed above.

Longtime Blacksburg postman has always said, 'It's all hard work.'

By Ruth Cooper-Mosley
Staff Writer

Bob "Rip" Hill has never been stayed by rain nor heat nor gloom of night, but he has been steered off course by an irate rooster and snow drifts chest high.

Longtime Blacksburg postman Hill laughed about the day a rooster kept him from delivering mail to one house on a substitute route. He marked the mail "bad rooster" and put it back in his bag for the regular carrier to take care of later.

But "dogs aren't mean like they used to be," said Hill. He had several tetanus shots over the years, but only one "bad" bite that left a small scar.

He remembers the snow of March 1960 when Blacksburg mailmen were given a vacation due to unusually high drifts along their routes. This is the only time mail has been stopped by weather in his 28 years with the Blacksburg Post Office, and "People understood," Hill said.

Aside from the perils of inclement weather and mailman-eating pets, Hill hates junk mail, licks stamps, and forgets to mail things his wife gives him, "just like other husbands," he said. His

likes include fall weather, commemorative stamps, and delivering Social Security and income tax checks and Christmas cards.

Working for the U.S. Post Office has been Hill's lifelong career. He was one of two walking Blacksburg postmen when he began delivering mail on the north end of town in 1950, carrying a maximum of 40 pounds on his back.

In 1968, Hill began driving a truck on the campus route, delivering goodies from home to students, books to the library, and masses of soil samples to Virginia Tech Extension.

Last year Hill transferred to what he considers his best and easiest route so far. His first stop in his Jeep is Gilbert Linkous Elementary School. Then it's on to 80 Terrace View buildings

where he was recently filmed by Virginia Tech cable TV for a postal service special.

Among the array of love letters and bills, Hill has handled packages containing cremated bodies. Some living and breathing mail has also passed through his hands like alligators, salamanders, and lizards. A lizard escaped in the post

office one day creating havoc among some of the women.

Hill loves to don work clothes on his days off and said he has been in uniform most of his life first as a Virginia Tech cadet. He said the army is where he got the nickname, "Rip" because his sleeping habits were likened unto those of Mr. Van Winkle.

To some he's Mr. Mailman or Mr. Postman. To others, he's the man who brings the bills. "I've had several act like it's my fault" (that they get bills), Hill said, but they know it's not my fault."

One of the major complaints Hill contends with is the "This person hasn't lived here for years; we don't want any more of his mail" problem. This mail goes back to the forwarding department where it may end up in "forwarding, expired, unclaimed, or unknown." Forwarding addresses are kept for one year, Hill said.

His torment comes when he forgets and gives a person some more mail for the same former occupant. This move may prompt another nasty note, he said.

When people ask why stamps have gone up, Hill said his explanation is "Everything else has gone

up. It's just the times." Hill said his salary does not rise every time stamp prices go up, and in the past, he thought stamps would be higher than they are now.

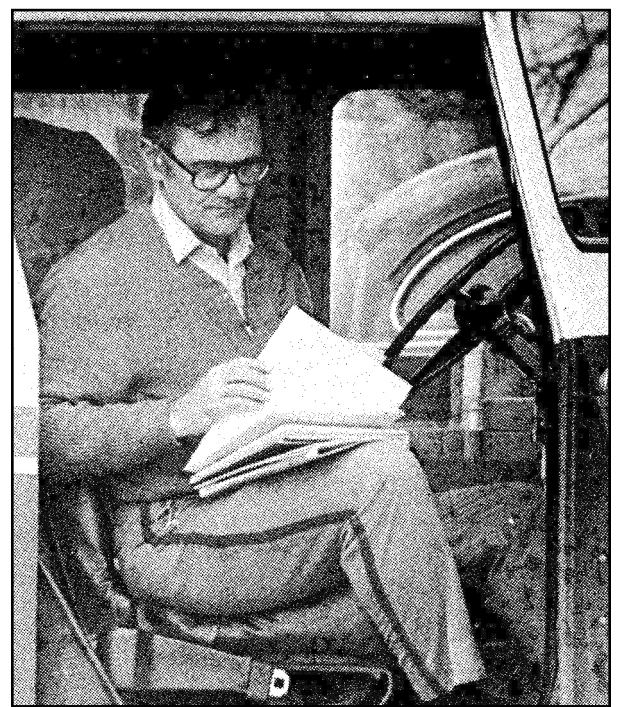
"One in a million" letters get lost, according to Hill, who could think of only one past-due piece of mail found in the Blacksburg office during his time there. It was an old postcard lodged in an out-of-the-way crevice.

Hill works a five-day-week with rotating days off. He clocks in at the post office at 7:30 a.m. and "works" his share of mail, sorting and loading it in his jeep. He usually leaves the office at 10:30 a.m. and delivers until about 4 p.m. with a half-hour lunch break.

One day last week he had to knock on 84 Terrace View doors with 84 certified letters and ask for signatures, a task that, not surprisingly, lengthened his delivery time. After his deliveries, it's back to the post office to "work" some more mail. He is required to clock out by 6 p.m.

"It's all hard work. You have to stay with it all day as fast as you can," Hill said.

Although he thought his first day in 1950 would be his last, Hill has stuck with it and



FILE PHOTO
Bob "Rip" Hill began delivering the mail in 1950, which makes him the longest-serving employee of the Blacksburg Post Office.

"caught on right fast," he said. He enjoys the outdoor exercise and the independence the job offers, but it's not easy keeping up with everybody at Terrace View with its student turnover, he said.

His postmaster, Harland Little, who was the town's first postman in 1949, said Hill's work has always been "beyond question." Little commended Hill's attendance record and

said, "He's here every day and does a terrific job."

Hill has given longer continuous service to the mail-getters of Blacksburg than any other present post office employees. He says he has made some lifelong friends on his routes. Sometimes he spies people watching for his arrival. Sometimes children want to inspect the inside of his jeep, and sometimes senders write on the brightly colored envelopes, "Hi, postman."



Influenced by Bill Monroe and the Stanley Brothers, the Java Brothers will offer bluegrass music that is a mix of standard bluegrass and newgrass at the free NRCC concert on Saturday, Nov. 12.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF KELLY KAISER, NRCC PUBLIC RELATIONS ASSISTANT
New Ballard's Branch Bogtrotters have been playing old-time mountain music in the Galax area since 1986. The band was named for the small stream in Galax where band leader Dennis Hall grew up and still lives.

NRCC series to present free concert on Nov. 12

The music of the Java Brothers and New Ballard's Branch Bogtrotters will be featured during New River Community College's Concert Series event on Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022.

The music will begin at 6 p.m. in 117 Edwards Hall at NRCC in Dublin.

The Java Brothers' bluegrass band members met during a Monday Night Radford Fiddle and Banjo jam. Their musical influences include Bill Monroe, Stanley Brothers, Jimmy Martin, Old and In the Way, The Seldom Scene, Sam Bush, Tony Rice, JD Crowe and

Doyle Lawson.

The Java Brothers mix standard bluegrass and newgrass with fiery original tunes in their live shows. The band includes Joe Abercrombie on banjo, Ralph Berrier on fiddle, Chris Burgoyne on mandolin, Doug Capobianco on string bass, and Wayne Frye on guitar.

The New Ballards Branch Bogtrotters have been playing old time mountain music in the Galax area since 1986. Dennis Hall is the founder of the band and continues to serve as band leader.

The band was named for the small stream in Galax where Hall grew up and still resides, as well as in honor of Uncle Eck Dunford, a member of the original Bogtrotters band from the 1920s.

The current group includes Hall on guitar, Eddie Bond on fiddle and vocals, Bonnie Bond on bass and vocals, Josh Ellis on banjo and vocals, and Caroline Noel Beverley on mandolin and vocals. The band has played at festivals across the U.S. and participated in the Friends of American Old Time Music and Dance Festival in Gainsborough, England.

Several of the band members have played internationally in Scotland, England, Ireland, and Australia. Since 1986, the band has placed first at the Galax Old Fiddlers Convention 10 times.

The doors open at 5 p.m. for the show. Admission is free; however, donations will be accepted to help offset the travel expenses for the musicians. The music events are typically held the second Saturday of each month at NRCC, a Crooked Road affiliated venue.

Food City kicks off Race Against Hunger campaign

Food City, which has a store in Radford at 1701 Tyler Ave., kicked off its Race Against Hunger program today, Wednesday, Nov. 2.

Since 1992, Food City has hosted the campaign, which raises a substantial amount of money each year for local hunger relief organizations.

"Hunger is a serious problem throughout our region and our Race Against Hunger program provides vital support to numerous hunger relief organizations throughout our market area," said Steven C. Smith, Food City's president and chief executive officer.

This year's program will continue through Nov. 29. Food City customers are invited to make a \$1, \$3, or \$5 contribution as they check out or round up their order total to the next dollar amount. 100% of the proceeds

raised will benefit local hunger relief organizations. Approximately four meals are provided for every dollar donated.

Customers who contribute using their ValuCard will be electronically entered to win their choice of a season race package at Bristol Motor Speedway or a \$2,500 contribution made to the charity of their choice.

"Million of Americans need food assistance each year. Food City's Race Against Hunger program is one way we can help those in need right here in our own community," said Kevin Stafford, Food City's vice president of marketing.

"Thanks to the support of our loyal customers and associates, last year's program raised more than \$597,700, and we hope to raise even more this year to benefit our friends and neighbors in need," said Smith.

EARLY DEADLINES FOR THANKSGIVING PAPER

There will be early deadlines for the November 23 issue because of Thanksgiving.

Please send your news items, photos and church news by **Thursday, November 17 at noon** to community news@ourvalley.org. Send ads by **Thursday, November 17 at noon** to advertise@ourvalley.org. The paper will be printed on Tuesday, Nov. 22 in order for subscribers to receive it by mail before Thanksgiving. You may also drop off news items and ads at our offices at 1633 W. Main Street, Salem, VA 24153.

The offices of the News Messenger and Radford News Journal will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24 for Thanksgiving.

Poetic dance and vibrant music inspire enchanting onstage culture exchange

An inspired cultural collaboration flourishes onstage through movement and live music when renowned Indian dance company Nriyagram Dance Ensemble is joined by Sri Lankan Chitrasena Dance Company for an enchanting performance featuring Odissi classical dance and traditional Kandyan dance.

With elegant and poetic dances in rhythm, lyrical interludes, physical expression, vibrant colors, and music, "Āhuti" comes to the Moss Arts Center on Saturday, Nov. 12, at 7:30 p.m. 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.

The second cross-cultural production from these two acclaimed companies, "Āhuti" pushes the boundaries of creative dialogue, engaging in a

conversation between the distinct dance traditions and movement vocabularies of each country. Live music is essential to the work with skilled percussion, flute, and harmonium performers driving the rhythms of the dance and accentuating its lyricism. Nriyagram considers live music intrinsic to its practice.

Originally a sacred ritual dedicated to the gods, Odissi is one of the oldest dance traditions in the world. Its sinuous forms, languorous limbs, and rapt expressions tell of a past rich in dance, music, myth, and legend. Odissi speaks of love and union between human and divine, transporting viewers to enchanted worlds of magic and spirituality.

The robust Kandyan dance comes from Kandy, an area in the Central hills region in Sri Lanka. According to legend, the origins of the dance lie in

an exorcism ritual known as the Kohomba Kankariya, which was performed by shamans from India who came to the island at the request of a king suffering from a mysterious illness. After the performance of the ritual, the illness vanished and the local people adopted the dance, which was then adapted for the stage in the 1940s by Guru Chitrasena.

Nriyagram Dance Ensemble

One of the premier Indian dance ensembles performing today, the Nriyagram Dance Ensemble has the unprecedented distinction of making The New York Times' "Best Dance of the Year" list two consecutive years (2015 and 2016). The all-female ensemble's daily life of intensive training and meditation brings to the stage compelling captivating performances that are at once sensual and lyrical.

Located outside Bangalore, India, the Nriyagram dance village was founded in 1990 by Odissi dancer Protima Gauri, who converted farmland into a setting for the study, practice, and teaching of dance. This is a creative space where dancers, musicians, and choreographers live together, sharing their skills and developing their art.

Chitrasena Dance Company

Sri Lanka's oldest dance company, Chitrasena Dance Company was established in the 1940s by



PHOTO PROVIDED BY VIRGINIA TECH

Renowned Indian dance company Nriyagram Dance Ensemble will be joined by Sri Lankan Chitrasena Dance Company on Saturday, Nov. 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Moss Art Center's Anne and Ellen Fife Theater for an enchanting performance featuring Odissi classical dance and traditional Kandyan dance.

Guru Chitrasena, who was instrumental in bringing Sri Lanka's traditional dances from the village rituals to the modern stage. Today, the dance school and company continue to use traditional dance to create contemporary dance theater, innovating the ancient and robust Kandyan dance style practiced on the island. The popularity Chitrasena built for Kandyan dance helped reduce the caste barriers surrounding the dance and made it accessible to contemporary audiences.

For over seven decades Chitrasena Dance Company has given life to compelling performances, ranging from a rich repertoire of dance and drumming pieces to acclaimed original ballets and productions inspired by ancient rituals and contemporary culture.

This engagement of "Āhuti" is made

possible through the ArtsCONNECT program of Mid Atlantic Arts with support from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Related events Join the performers from Nriyagram Dance Ensemble and Chitrasena Dance Company for an open conversation moderated by Margaret Lawrence, Moss Arts Center director of programming, immediately following the performance.

A free matinee performance for public, private, and homeschool students from Blacksburg, Christiansburg, Floyd, and surrounding areas will take the audience on a journey through time and space to Eastern India, introducing them to the language of Odissi and Kandyan dance — from body positions and movement vocabulary to nuances such as walks,

spins, and jumps. This school-day performance includes excerpts from "Āhuti," a brief lecture/demonstration, a dance presentation, and a question-and-answer session.

During their visit to Blacksburg, members of the dance ensembles will participate in multiple activities with Virginia Tech students, including an introductory workshop in Odissi dance, a social with the Sri Lankan Student Association, and visits to dance, costume design, and women's and gender studies classes. Members of Chitrasena Dance Company will visit Springhouse Day School in Floyd to lead a private workshop in Kandyan dance.

- Virginia Tech

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Hearings

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This ordinance adopts the Pretreatment Rules and Regulations of Blacksburg-Virginia Polytechnic Institute Sanitation Authority, dated Nov. 26, 2019, as the town's sewer use standards.

All persons affected by or interested in the proposed items above

may appear and present their views. After each public hearing, the Blacksburg Town Council will consider action on the item. Copies of materials related to the above items are on file and can be obtained in the Office of the Town Clerk, 300 S. Main St., Blacksburg, weekdays

between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. For land use matters, copies of applications and all related items may also be found online at www.blacksburg.gov/publichearings or reviewed in person at the Blacksburg Planning and Building Department, 400 S. Main St., Blacksburg, Virginia. Individuals with

disabilities who require special assistance to attend and participate in this meeting should contact Lorraine Spaulding, Town Clerk at (540) 443-1025 or 443-1000 (voice or TDD).

- Town of Blacksburg

Museum

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of Bechtel's sculptures to date and can usually be found along the Roanoke Greenway behind Black Dog Salvage in Masters Memorial Park. Again, the sculpture has been moved from that location to Montgomery Museum.

Also included among the many works in the exhibition are "Addison Caldwell," depicting the first student to enroll in Virginia Agricultural

and Mechanical College, now called Virginia Tech, and "Officer Down," a memorial to fallen police officers, which is on loan from the Roanoke Police Department.

Sue Farrar, former executive director and current Art Coordinator of the museum said, "We have been trying for years to get an exhibition of Larry Bechtel's work. He is known nationally and internationally."

Bechtel is a member of the National Sculpture Society and has studied with some of the foremost sculptors, including Richard MacDonald, Louise Petersen, Janet Mauro, Garland Weeks, and Simon Kogan.

- Montgomery Museum

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 15. Swiss river
 16. South American nation
 17. Span. town Aranda de
 18. Yellow's complement
 19. Sun in Spanish
 20. Sharp slaps
 22. Cash dispensing machine
 25. Persistently annoying person
 26. Japanese rolls
 28. The woman
 29. Fiddler crabs
 32. Buddy
 33. Majuscule
 35. Lake in Oklahoma
 36. Airborne (abbr.)
 37. Physician's moniker (abbr.)
 38. Lincoln's state
 39. Doctors' group
 40. By way of
 41. Coated with tobacco residue
 44. Collect information
 45. Smallest whole number
 46. Honey (abbr.)
 47. Luggage containers
 49. Nine banded armadillo
 50. Malaysian isthmus
 51. Very heavy hammer
 54. Cry made by sheep
 57. Gorse genus
 58. Chilean pianist Claudio
 62. Table supports
 64. Insect feeler
 65. Pointed fork part
 66. Periods of time
 67. Harvard's league
 68. Affirmative! (slang)
 69. An open skin infection
- CLUES DOWN**
1. Draw beer
 2. Bird class
 3. Ballpoint pen
 4. Soft palate extensions
 5. Not good
 6. __ Dhabi, Arabian capital
 7. One point E of due S
 8. Old fashioned upholstery fabric
 9. Stop short
 10. Large extinct European wild ox
 11. Important pollinator
 14. Magnum P.I. star
 15. Basic
 21. Indicates position
 23. 4th day (abbr.)
 24. Underground phrase
 25. 23rd Greek letter
 26. Live polio vaccine developer
 27. Forearm bones
 29. An edict of the Russian tsar
 30. Tent places
 31. Not home
 32. Peafowl genus
 34. Bog berry
 42. A shag rug made in Sweden
 43. __ Constitution Hall
 48. Soft black furs
 49. Atomic #46
 51. Defense to the Queen's gambit
 52. Dutch painter Peter 1618-1680
 53. UK rock band
 55. About aviation
 56. Used as a culture medium
 57. Int'l. news organization
 59. Fish eggs
 60. Tennis star Ivanovic
 61. Exclamation: yuck!
 63. Point midway between S and SE

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OBITUARIES

Reed, Martha Marie Sifford



Martha Marie Sifford Reed, 86, of Farris and Greg Chetcuti, and Mark Belspring, passed away on Friday, Oct. 28, 2022.

All who knew her knew that she was a lifelong, dedicated fan of the New York Yankees.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harman Frank Sifford and Barbara Sifford Harkrader; her beloved husband, Garnett Lee Reed, and her daughter and son-in-law, Deborah and Bill Griffith.

Survivors include her sons and daughters-in-law, Garnett and Katie Reed, Dennis and Anita Lynn Reed, and Randy and Cathy Reed; grandchildren and their spouses, Lindsey and Leigh Smith, Amanda and Daniel Warburton, Thomas and Whitney Reed, Adam Griffith, Crystal

and Chasity Lawson; great-grandchildren Reed, Towns, Elliot, Lyndon, Anoria, Skylar, and Ally; and many other relatives, and friends.

The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022, at the Fairlawn United Methodist Church. A celebration of life will begin at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Mark Miller officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to R.E.M.S.I. in Fairlawn, 5999 Belspring Road, Fairlawn, VA, 24141.

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

MONTGOMERY COUNTY WEEKLY POLICE BLOTTER

Oct. 22 – Oct. 28, 2022	COMMIT DATE 10/23/2022 02:13
SAYLORS, SUE; COMMIT DATE 10/22/2022 02:40	OFFENSE Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language
VENTH, PAUL III; COMMIT DATE 10/22/2022 09:37	OFFENSE Driving while intoxicated (first offense)
MUSSELMAN, WILLIAM; COMMIT DATE 10/22/2022 23:39	OFFENSE Influence of drugs (first conviction)
CARPENTER, SAMUEL;	ARROYO, ALFREDO; COMMIT DATE 10/24/2022 00:00
	OFFENSE Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language
	SURFACE, CRYSTAL; COMMIT DATE 10/24/2022 01:00
	OFFENSE Weapons brandish or point firearm;

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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 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

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 540-533-5365 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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WORSHIP DIRECTORY

CONSEQUENCES

Read 2 Kings 14:26–29;
Amos 1:1 through 2:16

Perhaps we learned it in the principal's office after committing a misdeed or when a traffic court judge determined the fine for our traffic infraction. But at some point, we all learned that our actions have consequences.

God judged Israel's neighbors for atrocities they committed. When His attention turned to His chosen people, their "crimes" centered on how they had treated the living God as well as their fellow countrymen. Judah and Israel were living in moral deterioration. Because they have rejected the law of the Lord and have not kept his decrees, because they have been led astray by false gods, the gods their ancestors followed, I will send fire on Judah that will consume the fortresses of Jerusalem (Amos 2:4,5).

Our attitude toward God and His Word has consequences. If we follow the instructions He has so plainly laid out for us, He promises blessing. The reverse is also true. If we persist in ignoring what He wants us to do, we will have to live with the consequences which may not be very pleasant. God leaves the choice to us.

Challenge for Today: Keep what God says in His Word front and center in your life.

Quicklook: Amos 2:4–16

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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-va.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@stmcl.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.

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

Virginia Tech earns approval for new Blackwood Department of Real Estate

Building on a foundation of success as one of the nation's best undergraduate real estate programs, Virginia Tech's new Blackwood Department of Real Estate on Wednesday, Nov. 2, gained approval from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and will move ahead with delivering world-class educational and growth opportunities to develop generations of real estate leaders.

As of Nov. 1, the Blackwood Program in Real Estate within the Pamplin College of Business officially became the Blackwood Department of Real Estate.

Departmental designation will help the Blackwood Department of Real Estate

expand enrollment, enhance academic and experiential learning offerings, and recruit top faculty talent to advance research programing.

"When we started out, our goal was to be an innovative, interdisciplinary program, and it has differentiated us from other programs around the country which were more finance oriented," said Kevin Boyle, Willis Blackwood department head. "Becoming a department will enable access to more resources that will enrich the educational experience for our students and raise our profile externally among other universities and industry professionals who hire our students."

Established as an academic program in 2013 with four first-year students and named in recognition of the Blackwood family in 2021 through a \$10 million philanthropic gift, the new department progresses on a trajectory of tremendous growth. Today, about 400 students are enrolled in three majors that focus on the commercial, residential, and financial areas of real estate.

The department is garnering national recognition. It is ranked first for best bachelor's in real estate by the Bachelor's Degree Center; third among the nation's top 25 real estate programs by Great Business Schools; and is ranked the fourth most

popular real estate school by College Factual.

"The stature of the program becoming a department in Pamplin is critical for its growth and recognition," said Willis Blackwood '72. "It affirms the value of the degree and the high level of expertise and broad background students gain in all facets of real estate. This is a proud achievement for Virginia Tech and for all Hokies making a positive impact in the real estate industry."

As the size of the global real estate market is expected to climb to nearly \$5.85 trillion by 2030, the opportunities to develop spaces where people live, work, shop, and play across every sector of the economy are limitless.

Arrests

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assault; simple assault

TOWNSEND, KAREN; COMMIT DATE 10/24/2022 01:27

OFFENSE
Assault; simple assault against family member

ALBERT, PAMELA; COMMIT DATE 10/24/2022 11:12

OFFENSE
Narcotics possession

ROBARE, KYLE; COMMIT DATE 10/24/2022 14:09

OFFENSE
Narcotics possession

FRANCISCO, MARCO; COMMIT DATE 10/25/2022 05:28

OFFENSE
DUI (first conviction) less than .20; prisoners federal felony

HENDERSON, KAREN; COMMIT DATE 10/25/2022 14:46

OFFENSE
Larceny shoplifting; altering price tags less than \$200 (first conviction) (two counts)

BEALE, MATTHEW; COMMIT DATE 10/25/2022 15:30

OFFENSE
Traffic: driving with revoked operator's license; driving while intoxicated (first offense)

BROCK, KALVEN; COMMIT DATE 10/25/2022 15:52

OFFENSE
Probation violation felony (3 counts); narcotics possession with intent to sell/distribute (3 counts)

LONGRIE, FRANK II; COMMIT DATE 10/25/2022 18:59

OFFENSE
Assault; simple assault against family member

JONES, AMBER; COMMIT DATE 10/26/2022 01:39

OFFENSE
Driving while intoxicated (first offense)

CHILDRESS, TIMOTHY; COMMIT DATE 10/26/2022 01:53

OFFENSE
Assault; simple assault against family member (third subsequent conviction)

SPILLANE, CONNOR; COMMIT DATE 10/26/2022 02:16

OFFENSE
Obscenity, drunk in public; profane language

GRAHAM, JAVON; COMMIT DATE 10/26/2022 03:30

OFFENSE
Driving while intoxicated (first offense)

DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED - FIRST OFFENSE

RAINES, AUSTIN; COMMIT DATE 10/26/2022 10:45

OFFENSE
Probation violation felony (three counts)

BRAMMER, JOANNA; COMMIT DATE 10/26/2022 15:11

OFFENSE
Larceny shoplifting; altering price tags less than \$200 (first offense); narcotics possession

STUMP, TABITHA; COMMIT DATE 10/26/2022 17:09

OFFENSE
Weapons brandish or point firearm (2 counts)

MCKENZIE-BARNES, FREDDIE; COMMIT DATE 10/26/2022 17:36

OFFENSE
Hit and run; driver failed to stop and report victim injured (2 counts)

PASCOE, CHRISTOPHER; COMMIT DATE 10/26/2022 21:20

OFFENSE
Probation violation felony (2w counts)

PRITCHARD, ALISHA; COMMIT DATE 10/26/2022 23:57

OFFENSE
Influence of drugs (first conviction)

NEPOMUCENO, JOSEPH; COMMIT DATE 10/27/2022 03:20

OFFENSE
Driving while intoxicated (first offense)

POPE, FAITH; COMMIT DATE 10/27/2022 04:47

OFFENSE
Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language

CURRY, DEIRDRE; COMMIT DATE 10/27/2022 10:09

OFFENSE
DUI (first conviction) .15 TO .20

MCGHEE, JONATHAN; COMMIT DATE 10/27/2022 12:27

OFFENSE
Narcotics possession; larceny auto theft; grand larceny

MOHLER, ASHLEY; COMMIT DATE 10/27/2022 13:31

OFFENSE
DUI (first conviction) .15 to .20
DUI-1ST CONVICTION - .15 TO .20

ALCORN, CHRISTOPHER; COMMIT DATE 10/27/2022 16:21

OFFENSE
Larceny firearms regardless of value not from person; larceny less than \$200 not from person (3 counts);

weapons convicted felon (non-violent; possession/transporting firearm; vandalism/damage to property vehicle, aircraft, or boat; tampering or destroying fire equipment;

Vandalism, damage/destroy property or monument intentionally; reckless handling of firearm

WEBB, NICOLE; COMMIT DATE 10/27/2022 16:24

OFFENSE
Probation violation felony; failure to appear felony/misdemeanor summons

NICHOLS, ERIC; COMMIT DATE 10/27/2022 18:11

OFFENSE
Larceny receiving stolen good \$200 or more (2 counts) sell/possess stolen property with value \$200 or more; larceny \$200 or more not from person

WHITE, BRIEN; COMMIT DATE 10/27/2022 21:58

OFFENSE
Strangle another causing wound/injury

BROWN, TATIANNA COMMIT DATE 10/28/2022 02:18

OFFENSE
Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language

MAYWEATHERS, RODNEY; COMMIT DATE 10/28/2022 02:32

OFFENSE
Failure to appear felony/misdemeanor summons

KEITH, NATHAN; COMMIT DATE 10/28/2022 04:29

OFFENSE
Obscenity, drunk in public, profane language

PINGSHAW, IAN; COMMIT DATE 10/28/2022 04:41

OFFENSE
Driving while intoxicated (first offense)

WETZEL, RYAN; COMMIT DATE 10/28/2022 07:26

OFFENSE
Obscenity, drunk in public, profane language

RUPE, WILLIAM; COMMIT DATE 10/28/2022 11:08

OFFENSE
Influence of drugs (first conviction)

CHRISLEY, KENNY; COMMIT DATE 10/28/2022 18:00

OFFENSE
Traffic: Driving with revoked operator's license; driving while intoxicated (first offense)

STRICKLER, BLAKE; COMMIT DATE 10/28/2022 21:47

OFFENSE
Vandalism, damage/destroy property or monument intentionally

Events

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Winter wreath workshop

At the Blacksburg Library at 2 p.m. A holiday-themed wreath workshop is the perfect way to welcome the winter. This hands-on event has all materials provided for attendees to make a grapevine wreath complete with a ribbon bow. This workshop is recommended for adults, but families can work together if they wish. One wreath per family please. Registration is required, but only one person needs to register for a family group. Spots are limited.

Sunday, Nov. 13:

Women's only swim night

At the Christiansburg Aquatic Center, 6 to 8 p.m. Celebrate an evening of girl power as all participants, including the staff, will be women. The cost is \$6 and registration by Nov. 7 is required. Call 540-381-POOL to register.

Knit and chat

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

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. Closed sessions begin at 6 p.m. if needed. Open sessions begin at 7:15 p.m. Citizens are invited to attend and are 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. The 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.).

Wednesday, Nov. 16:

American Business Women's Association luncheon meeting

The American Business Women's Association will hold its November luncheon meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Christiansburg-Blacksburg Holiday Inn, 99 Bradley Dr. in Christiansburg. The cost is \$14.25. During the meeting, the association will present coats collected from their annual coat drive to the Women's Resource Center. The association also requests that those attending bring a nonperishable food item to donate to the Montgomery County Christmas Store. Susan Brickhouse is the speaker sponsor for this event. Those planning to attend should RSVP by Nov. 14 by contacting Terri Welch at christiansburg@wineanddesign.com or Paige Godwin at godwinpaige@gmail.com.

Thursday, Nov. 17:

Community quilting bee

At the Blacksburg Library at 10 a.m. Participants may bring their supplies and tools and join in the conversation.

Ongoing:

Holiday parade registration

Registration is now open for Blacksburg's Annual Holiday Parade to be held on Friday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. This year's theme will be "Hometown Holidays." The registration deadline is Friday, Nov. 18, at 5 p.m. For more information, contact David Goodman at dgoodman@blacksburg.gov or 540-443-1106.

Hand-in-Hand playground design concepts

The Town of Blacksburg has received design concepts from playground designer Leathers, Inc. for the new Hand-in-Hand playground. Check them out at <https://letstalkblacksburg.org/hand-in-hand> and provide feedback by Monday, Nov. 7.

Radford Holiday Parade registration

Radford's Holiday Parade, themed "Jingle All the Way," will take place on Thursday, Dec. 8, 2022, at 7 p.m. Lineup will begin at 6 p.m. on East Main Street between Tyler Avenue and University Drive Bridge and will proceed westward along Main Street to the Central Square Shopping Center. Go to www.radfordva.gov to register. The deadline to register is Nov. 30.

Help veterans with donations

The Meadowbrook Public Library is a collection point for items needed at the VA Medical Center in Salem. During November, bring donations of the following items to the library for veterans: deodorant, denture adhesive, 3-in-1 body wash/shampoo/conditioner, body lotion, toothpaste, nail clippers, sweatpants, sweatshirts, T-shirts (size M, L, XL), and new baseball caps. Co-Sponsored by VFW Post 5311 and Montgomery-Floyd Regional libraries. Throughout the month of November.

East Mont volleyball claims regional tournament win over Bland Co.



East Montgomery senior Lilly Underwood had 13 kills, 27 digs, and three aces in the win over Bland County.



Senior Mustang Logan Boone had 12 kills, 11 digs, and five blocks in East Mont's four-set defeat of Bland County.



East Mont senior Allison Bower registered eight kills and five blacks against Bland County.



Senior Anna Ryan accumulated 43 digs in East Mont's defeat of Bland County.

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Family's company contributes to project for VT women's basketball

Culture is what attracted Adam and Dawn Boitnott to Virginia Tech women's basketball. Ultimately, it's what led their company, Hylaine, to move forward with a generous philanthropic contribution to the team's locker room renovation project in the Hahn Hurst Basketball Practice Facility.

"Coach Brooks understands relationships, not only with his players, but with alumni and other coaches at the university," said Adam Boitnott, a 1998 Virginia Tech graduate and CEO of Hylaine. "We talk about that a lot at Hylaine. Relationships with our employees and the community. So, we like to give back to the community."

Boitnott founded Hylaine, a software consulting firm, in 2017 in Charlotte with the help of friend and Tech alum T.J. Eberle ('89). In the span of the short, yet prosperous history of the company, Hylaine has opened additional offices in Raleigh, Atlanta, and Dallas to coincide with the demand of their project-based technology approach to finding IT solutions.

Even before the success of Hylaine, the Boitnotts fostered a special relationship with Virginia Tech women's basketball. Dawn

and Adam's oldest daughter, Hylton, began attending basketball camps in Blacksburg even before Kenny Brooks was hired in 2016. Adam and Dawn were appreciative of the way Coach Brooks connected with Hylton during the youth camp, and the family began to closely follow the team in the years after.

The Boitnotts made the trek from Charlotte to Cassell Coliseum on a regular basis as season ticket holders, all the while keeping in mind the possibility of one day making a substantial contribution to the program.

"The opportunity to be a part of something bigger was huge to us," Adam Boitnott said. "Virginia Tech gave a lot to us in life. We thought, 'When we can do more, we would like to do more.' Now is one of those times."

Kenny Brooks, who led the Hokies to their second consecutive trip to the NCAA Tournament in 2022, has nothing but high esteem and praise for the Boitnotts and their generosity.

"The gift is really the cherry on top of what they really do for us," said Brooks, who

met the Boitnotts several years ago at an event in Charlotte. "They do a tremendous job of spreading the word for us to other Hokie fans and donors who might not know everything about us yet."

This contribution to women's basketball will provide the bulk of resources needed for a full renovation of the team's locker room in the Hahn Hurst Practice Facility. This will include a completely renewed dressing area, meeting room, and team lounge. This particular area of the facility is the epicenter of development for the team culture. Women's basketball student-athletes often complete their schoolwork, recover after practice, and host team bonding movie nights all in this space.

"It's an arms race so to speak to run with other programs that are consistently upgrading their facilities," Brooks said. "For them to step up and give us this gift really allows us to compete and show the new space to recruits. It's also where our current team spends 80% of its lounge time, so it gives them the comfort level to go in and enjoy a really great space."

Dawn Boitnott, a 1999 graduate of Virginia Tech and native of Southwest Virginia, built a successful career in the

insurance industry after she left Blacksburg.

"It's incredibly important," said Dawn, who most recently served as Vice President and Chief Underwriter at Legal & General America. "There have been many times where I've been the only female in the room. To be able to support women's basketball, to support their careers, to support their growth, to give them the opportunity to do whatever they might want to do, whether or not it's continuing basketball after a college degree, is really important to our family."

As for Adam, he hopes that this contribution will galvanize more support for women's athletics in Blacksburg from other successful alumni of the couple's generation.

"I want to encourage them to reach out and start a relationship," Adam said. "The part I like about women's sports here at Virginia Tech, and even extended to the pros, is accessibility and how much they appreciate a gift. That's why I'd say form a relationship, whether it's with the Hokie Club or the team. Start paying attention to what's happening and what they need."

Renovations for the locker room are set to begin in the spring of 2023. The Hokies will tip off their season on Nov. 7 at home vs. Mount St. Mary's.

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