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NOV 26

Small Business Saturday
10AM-4PM

DEC 3

HOLIDAY Farmers' Market
11AM-3PM

DEC 10

Handcrafted Holiday POP-UP Market
11AM-3:30PM

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Glencoe Mansion presents three weekends of holiday shopping beginning today

Glencoe Mansion, Museum & Gallery is presenting three weekends of shopping and holiday cheer in conjunction with The Radford Farmers' Market and MountainTrotter Arts.

Today, Saturday, Nov. 26, will be Small Business Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Featured will be gift ideas from local artisans and authors and Radford souvenirs. Additionally, Yvonne Alderman's exhibit, "Visions in Mixed Media and Wood," will open with a reception from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Glencoe gift shop will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to allow time to get a head start on Christmas shopping.

Saturday, Dec. 3 will be the Holiday Farmers Market from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the field adjacent to Glencoe Mansion. The market will feature gift items from farmers, crafters, and artisans. Pictures

with Santa will be available. A food truck from Bluegrass BBQ will be set up.

Concluding the three weekends of shopping on Saturday, Dec. 10 will be the Handcrafted Holiday Pop-Up Market from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The pop-up market will be hosted by MountainTrotter Arts and will feature local artisans and crafters. The food truck Empanada Nirvana will be onsite.

Visitors can enjoy the mansion's Holiday Open house from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The rain date for the Pop-Up Market will be Sunday, Dec. 11.

All three weekends of activities are open to the public, are family friendly, and are free.

- Glencoe Mansion, Museum, & Gallery

Montgomery Co. Rotary members address childhood winter clothing needs

Montgomery County, VA — Members of the Rotary Club of Montgomery County recently raised \$3,000 through its Coats for Kids program to donate to area schools to meet the outerwear needs of the students. The \$3,000 was donated to Auburn Elementary School, Belview Elementary School, Eastern Montgomery Elementary School and Prices Fork Elementary School.

In addition to its Coats for Kids project, the club and its members support the Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry, Micah's Backpack, the Montgomery County Christmas Store, Wonder Universe, the county's Broomin' and Bloomin' cleanup, the Montgomery Museum of Art and History, and a number of international projects.

Rotary International's top priority is the global eradication of polio. Rotary launched its polio immunization program, PolioPlus, in 1985 and in 1988 became a leading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

- Rotary Club of Montgomery County



Prices Fork Elementary School Principal Melanie Harrell stands with Rotarian John Tuttle. Prices Fork was one of four elementary schools the Montgomery County Rotary Club donated money to from its Coats for Kids program.



PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY ROTARIAN BOB POFF
The Montgomery County Rotary Club raised \$3,000 through its Coats for Kids program and donated the money to four local elementary schools, among them Auburn Elementary School. Auburn's principal, Kim Rygas, is pictured with Rotarian John Tuttle.

Veterinary college launches revolutionary cancer studies

By Kevin Myatt
Virginia Tech

The Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine has garnered national attention with the launch of a center specializing in the treatment and study of cancer in companion animals, and M. Daniel Givens, dean of the college, is guiding plans to expand the college's existing teaching hospital to enhance the college's dual mission to educate students and provide clinical care for animals.

In 2020, the veterinary college opened the Animal Cancer Care and Research Center in Roanoke. The center was recently featured in the journal Nature for its cutting-edge treatment and potentially revolutionary studies of cancer in dogs that may translate to advancements in the treatment of cancer in human patients.

The 18,680-square-foot cancer center, located beside and sharing some equipment with the Fralin Biomedical Research Institute at VTC in Roanoke, treated 2,188 dogs and 333 cats in 2021

referred by veterinarians and currently has 62 dogs enrolled in experimental clinical trials free of charge to the pet owner.

Two facilities geared for large animal treatment and clinical education — the Animal Physiology and Reproduction Building and Outdoor Equine Lameness Arena — are open behind the college's main building on the Blacksburg campus.

Local government approvals are in hand for a \$6 million, 20,000-square foot indoor arena at the Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center in Leesburg targeted for completion in late 2023. The equine center sees what Givens described as a "uniquely high caseload" of more than 2,000 horses each year, and when added to about 800 seen in Blacksburg, Virginia Tech's veterinary college has one of the highest equine caseloads of any teaching hospital in the U.S.

The linchpin of future facility plans is the college's proposed approximately 42,000-gross-square-foot addition and renovation for its Veterinary Teaching Hospital in Blacksburg. The need exists because of a doubling of students and



PHOTO BY ANDREW MANN FOR VIRGINIA TECH
The \$3.28 million linear accelerator positions the Animal Cancer Care and Research Center as the region's only radiation oncology service for pets.

nearly threefold growth in the number of small animal specialties offered since the current teaching hospital facility was built in 1987.

The funding plan for the estimated \$45 million project, Givens said,

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Llamas doing well after emergency C-section at Veterinary Teaching Hospital

By Kevin Myatt
Virginia Tech

A pregnant llama with a twisted uterus. Even with the best of care, there are a lot of things that can go wrong when an emergency cesarean section is needed in that situation.

Mother or child, or both, could die. The mother, known as a dam, might reject the child, known as a cria, not understanding that it is her child, delivered in a surgical process during anesthesia rather than the normal standing-up birth. The cria can go into cardiac or respiratory arrest coming out of anesthesia. The cria can be vulnerable to infections without the first initial nursing of colostrum.

But none of those things did go wrong when personnel at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital faced just such an emergency in



PHOTO BY ANDREW MANN FOR VIRGINIA TECH
A female llama, named Jewel of the Nile, and her daughter cria, Cairo, get care at the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine after the successful emergency C-section.

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Children befriend robots in playful after-school research program



PHOTO BY LUKE HAYES FOR VIRGINIA TECH
A student at Eastern Montgomery Elementary School talks to Pepper, the robot, during an after-school robot theater program led by Virginia Tech researchers.

By Jenny Kincaid Boone

With the touch of a screen, Pepper, the robot, came to life.

Jentry Wetmore, 7, was there for it.

She started moving her hands like a musical conductor as soon as the

4-foot-tall robot began talking, playing music, and waving its plastic

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, Nov. 26 and Sunday, Nov. 27:

Radford Public Library closed

Closed for the Thanksgiving holiday

Monday, Nov. 28:

Crafting for the Holiday: Open crafting

At the Radford Public Library; 1 to 2 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 the participants' leisure. Some craft items will be supplied.

Tuesday, Nov. 29:

Game on!

At the Christiansburg Library; 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Gamers of all ages are welcome to play a variety of Nintendo games. Participants are encouraged to bring their portable device, but it is not required. Snacks will be provided.

NaNoWriMo Event: We draw what you write

At the Blacksburg Library; 6 p.m. Each group will have an image to write a description about and the rest of the group will draw the image based on the description. All ages are welcome. Snacks will be provided.

Wednesday, Nov. 30:

Sustainable Blacksburg Lunch & Learn: Energy check

At the Blacksburg Library at noon. An introduction to home energy audits. Home owners can learn how to make their homes more comfortable and energy efficient while maximizing returns from current tax incentives. The speaker represents Blacksburg Home Energy Improvement Company: Energy Check.

Thursday, Dec. 1:

American Legion meeting

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

Friday, Dec. 2:

Blacksburg holiday parade

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." For more information, contact David Goodman at degoodman@blacksburg.gov or 540-443-1106.

Friday, Dec. 2 – Sunday, Dec. 4:

A Festival of Nativities

Slussers Chapel, located at 1543 Mt. Tabor Rd.,

Blacksburg, will be displaying over 70 vintage Nativity sets from across the U.S. and around the world. Included in the display will be Waterford crystal figures from Ireland, Fantanini figures from Italy, Hummel figures from Germany and many others. The children will enjoy seeing the kitten and puppy manger scenes and of course "A Charlie Brown Christmas." The Christmas crèches will be on display in the 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 out the church's website at www.slussers-themount.org.

Saturday, Dec. 3:

Ron Peterson, Jr., at Meadowbrook Library

At 2 p.m. Best-selling author, Ron Peterson, Jr., will discuss his latest book, "Eyes of a Monster," as well as updates to his previous books, "Under the Trestle," and "Chasing the Squirrel." Books will be available for sale and for signing.

Sunday, Dec. 4:

Puppet kingdom

At the Meadowbrook Library; 3 p.m. The Puppet Kingdom presents "The Christmas Express." This joy-filled musical is set on a train and uses a large cast of colorful puppets to discuss the meaning of Christmas. The performance will be by the youth from Hope Valley Church.

Blacksburg Chamber Orchestra fall concert

Blacksburg Community Strings and Chamber Orchestra presents a fall 2022 concert at 2 p.m. in the Christiansburg High School Auditorium. Selections include Mozart Symphony 25, Crusell Concerto No. 2 for Clarinet (featuring soloist Bruce McGarvey), Buxtehude Chaconne in E minor, a Back to the Future medley, and 'Happy' from Despicable Me 2. Admission is free and is open to the public.

Tuesday, Dec. 6:

RSVP holiday recognition party

A holiday recognition party for RSVP volunteers will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Christiansburg Recreation Center in Multipurpose Room 2. RSVP will collect Toys for Tots from anyone wishing to donate to this holiday project.

Montgomery County School Board meeting

The Montgomery County School Board will hold its regularly scheduled meeting at 7 p.m. at the Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg.

Thursday, Dec. 8:

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. The guild welcomes all skill levels of quilters. For more information, call Anna Handy, 540 320 7791.

Radford holiday parade

Radford's holiday parade, themed "Jingle All the Way," will take place at 7 p.m. The lineup will begin at 6 p.m. The parade route will line up on East Main Street between Tyler Avenue and University Drive Bridge and proceed westward along Main Street to the Central

Square Shopping Center.

Monday, Dec. 12:

Radford City Council meeting

The Radford City Council will hold its regularly scheduled meeting at 7 p.m. in the council chambers of the Radford Municipal Building, 10 Robertson St., Radford.

Montgomery County Board of Supervisors meeting

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors will meet in 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.

Tuesday, Dec. 13:

Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet at 7 p.m. at Aly's Italian Family Restaurant, 3204 Riner Road. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are invited to the meeting. If Montgomery County Public 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.

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 Street). The public is welcome and is encouraged to attend with a citizen hearing time reserved at each meeting for residents to bring any matter they desire before the council.

Radford City School Board meeting

The Radford City School Board will meet at 6 p.m. unless otherwise noted. All meetings are held at the School Board Office, 1612 Wadsworth St., Radford, unless otherwise noted.

Wednesday, Dec. 14:

Page to screen movies: Rebecca

At the Radford Public Library. A movie screening of the 1940 Hitchcock classic "Rebecca" will be shown on the library's big projector. The movie starts at 5:45 p.m. and has a 130-minute run time. This film is rated PG. Popcorn from Lil'Bit Corny LLC will e provided while supplies last.

Ongoing:

Help the Veterans with donations

The Meadowbrook Public Library is a collection point for items needed at the VA Medical Center in Salem. Donors can bring their donations of the following items to the library all during November: 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.

Free GED Classes

At the Meadowbrook Public Library, 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. New River Community College is offering free GED classes every Tuesday and Thursday until Thursday, Dec. 15. For more information or to sign up, call the library at 540-268-1964.



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Legals - Montgomery County

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, December 13, 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 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.

Legals - Montgomery County

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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MONTGOMERY COUNTY ARREST LOG

MONTGOMERY COUNTY JAIL
ARREST LOG Nov. 4 through Nov. 11

BERTKA, JAMES COMMIT DATE
11/04/2022 18:16

OFFENSE
DUI (third offense in five years)

HUGHES, BLAKE COMMIT DATE
11/05/2022 00:47

OFFENSE
Sexual assault, intercourse with victim by force, threat, or intimidation (five counts)

AUSTIN, ROBERT COMMIT DATE
11/05/2022 01:36

OFFENSE
Sexual assault, victim under age 13

O'CONNOR, RYAN COMMIT DATE
11/05/2022 02:51

OFFENSE
Obscenity, drunk in public, profane language

CAPPUCCI, ANNA COMMIT DATE
11/05/2022 03:09

OFFENSE
Falsely ID'd oneself to Leo, obscenity, drunk in public, profane language
FALSELY ID ONESELF TO LEO

ZAMPIELLO, DEVON COMMIT DATE
11/05/2022 03:23

OFFENSE
Obscenity, drunk in public, profane language

MILLER, THOMAS, JR., COMMIT DATE
11/05/2022 03:43

OFFENSE
Failure to appear in court for misdemeanor offense

HALE, CHRYSTAL COMMIT DATE
11/05/2022 03:52

OFFENSE
False statement during investigation of another's crime; riot and unlawful assembly; resisting or obstructing execution of legal process; narcotics possession with intent to sell; secreting unlawful chemical compound

SPENCER, MICHELLE COMMIT DATE
11/05/2022 04:21

OFFENSE
Driving while intoxicated (first offense); failure to stop for police;

SLUSSER, RACHEL COMMIT DATE
11/05/2022 05:24

OFFENSE
Narcotics possession

WHITE, BRIEN COMMIT DATE
11/05/2022 05:44

OFFENSE
Felony probation violation (2 counts)

BURLESON, TRAVIS COMMIT DATE
11/05/2022 17:10

OFFENSE
Good behavior suspended sentence misdemeanor violation (2 counts)

BOGEMANN, KAYLEY COMMIT DATE
11/05/2022 20:15

OFFENSE
Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language

REED, AUSTIN COMMIT DATE
11/05/2022 22:06

OFFENSE
Narcotics sale for profit

GODSEY, MEGAN COMMIT DATE
11/05/2022 23:45

OFFENSE
Narcotics possession (2 counts); traffic: driving with a revoked operator's license (first offense)

COLESTOCK, MADISON COMMIT DATE
11/06/2022 00:50

OFFENSE
Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language

EDMONDSON, SHANE COMMIT DATE
11/06/2022 01:37

OFFENSE
Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language

NEWELL, CANNON COMMIT DATE
11/06/2022 04:23

OFFENSE
Driving while intoxicated (first offense)

MCGUIRE, LINDBURG COMMIT DATE
11/06/2022 04:48

OFFENSE
Simple assault

GRAHAM, WILLIAM COMMIT DATE
11/06/2022 06:20

OFFENSE
DWI (first conviction) .15 TO .20

JONES, MATTHEW COMMIT DATE
11/06/2022 08:41

OFFENSE
Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language; vandalism: intentional damage to property less than \$1,000

THOMAS, CHANERA COMMIT DATE
11/06/2022 23:49

OFFENSE
Driving while intoxicated (first offense)

JONES, FELICIA COMMIT DATE
11/07/2022 06:35

OFFENSE

Failure to appear in court for misdemeanor offense; false information to avoid arrest; impede investigation

NEICE, MIRANDA COMMIT DATE
11/07/2022 13:08

OFFENSE
Failure to appear in court for misdemeanor offense

GILES, KAYLA COMMIT DATE
11/07/2022 14:19

OFFENSE
Felony probation violation

HONAKER, JOHN, SR. COMMIT DATE
11/07/2022 15:02

OFFENSE
Failure to appear in court for misdemeanor offense

BURTON, ANTHONY COMMIT DATE
11/07/2022 16:14

OFFENSE
Failure to appear in court for felony/misdemeanor summons

ACEVEDO, BERNA COMMIT DATE
11/07/2022 16:50

OFFENSE
Larceny, unauthorized use of animal, auto, boat worth \$200 or more

YOUNG, BRIAN COMMIT DATE
11/08/2022 02:25

OFFENSE
Felony probation violation (five counts)

FERRELL, BRYAN COMMIT DATE
11/08/2022 04:38

OFFENSE
Narcotics possession; larceny, receiving stolen firearms; possession of concealed weapon; assault against family member

PHOENIX, ADAM COMMIT DATE
11/08/2022 11:13

OFFENSE
Narcotics possession

PRICE, JOSHUA COMMIT DATE
11/08/2022 11:37

OFFENSE
Narcotics possession

HESLER, CRYSTAL COMMIT DATE
11/08/2022 15:01

OFFENSE
Felony probation violation

HESLER, GARY, JR. COMMIT DATE
11/08/2022 15:05

OFFENSE
Narcotics possession; felony probation violation

SAWYERS, KIMBERLY COMMIT DATE
11/08/2022 17:26

OFFENSE
Larceny shoplifting; altering price tags less than \$200 (2 counts)

HELMONDOLLAR, JOHN COMMIT DATE
11/08/2022 19:18

OFFENSE
Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language

CLARK, RENEE COMMIT DATE
11/08/2022 21:44

OFFENSE
Attempted stabbing, cutting, wounding with malicious intent; reckless handling of firearm (2 counts); brandish or pointing firearm (2 counts)

CROCKETT, CHRISTOPHER COMMIT DATE
11/08/2022 22:19

OFFENSE
Felony probation violation (eight counts) narcotics possession; failure to appear to felony/misdemeanor summons; burglary of structure with intent to commit larceny; trespass with intent to damage/interfere with property rights; larceny less than \$200 not from person; vandalism/damage/destroy property less than \$1,000 intentionally

LINK, ROBERT COMMIT DATE
11/09/2022 01:10

OFFENSE
Assault: stab, cut, wound with malicious intent; brandishing or pointing firearm; vandalism/ damage, destroy property intentionally less than \$1,000

DODSON, KAITLYN COMMIT DATE
11/09/2022 10:52

OFFENSE
Violation of conditions of pretrial release.

HUGHES, MICHAEL COMMIT DATE
11/09/2022 11:15

OFFENSE
Felony probation violation

PETTUS, KENNY COMMIT DATE
11/09/2022 13:36

OFFENSE
Possession of narcotics with intention to sell/distribute (2 counts)

MAHAR-MILANI, LIAM COMMIT DATE
11/09/2022 19:07

OFFENSE
Fraudulent coins or bank notes; fraud,

obtaining money under false pretenses more than \$200

WIRT, CHRISTOPHER COMMIT DATE
11/09/2022 22:12

OFFENSE
Failure to appear in court for misdemeanor offense

SNELL, KENNETH COMMIT DATE
11/10/2022 03:10

OFFENSE
Narcotics possession (2 counts)

MILLER, JAMES COMMIT DATE
11/10/2022 11:57

OFFENSE
Felony probation violation (5 counts); felony vandalism, damage to property; vehicle, aircraft, or boat; trespass with intent to damage property; interfering with property rights

LOCKHART, MARK COMMIT DATE
11/10/2022 14:39

OFFENSE
Failure to appear; narcotics possession

SUMMERS, BRITTANY COMMIT DATE
11/10/2022 16:32

OFFENSE
Violation of conditions of pre-trial release; contempt of court; resistance of an officer of the court

LOVETTE, SHABAZ COMMIT DATE
11/10/2022 17:07

OFFENSE
Violation of conditions of pre-trial release; failure to appear to felony/misdemeanor summons

NEIGHBORS, BARBARA COMMIT DATE
11/10/2022 21:50

OFFENSE
Larceny \$200 or more not from person

CHRISTIAN, SHAWN COMMIT DATE
11/10/2022 22:24

OFFENSE
Obscenity, drunk in public, obscene language

PRATT, THOMAS COMMIT DATE
11/11/2022 03:06

OFFENSE
Failure to appear in court for misdemeanor offense

DRAPER, JOHN COMMIT DATE
11/11/2022 12:52

OFFENSE
Fraud forgery; fraud uttering; felony arrest without warrant (state police)

RAILEY, JAHMEL COMMIT DATE
11/11/2022 13:36

OFFENSE
Assault; simply assault against family member

LONG, TIMOTHY COMMIT DATE
11/11/2022 16:18

OFFENSE
Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language; indecent exposure; simple assault on law enforcement, fire/rescue personnel

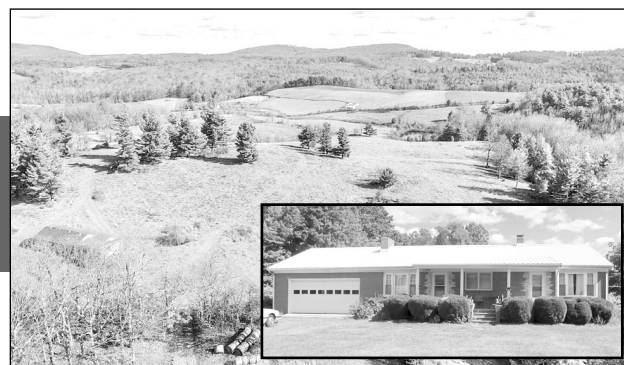
STUDEBAKER, KENNETH COMMIT DATE
11/11/2022 20:05

OFFENSE
Obscenity; drunk in public; profane language

ONLINE AUCTION

Ends Thursday December 15th @ 3 PM
Beautiful Farmland for Sale in Floyd VA!
707 Fairview Church Rd., Floyd, VA 24091

Bid Now at VaAuctionPro.com



You can purchase this beautiful farmland for sale in Floyd VA at Online Auction. There are 6 offerings being sold simultaneously. Tracts are located on Fairview Church Road and/or Spring Dale Rd just minutes from the Town of Floyd. Great location convenient to the Town of Floyd VA, Christiansburg VA, Blacksburg VA, Radford VA, and Hillsville VA. Only 2 miles from the scenic Blue Ridge Parkway. Land is mostly open farmland with country views. Property is great for a country home, farm or recreational use. They would be great for building your dream home! Bidders desiring multiple tracts will need to be high bidder on all tracts desired. Each offering will stay open until all bidding is complete and all offerings will close simultaneously.

OFFERING #1 - 6.592 acres. Mostly open land on Fairview Church Rd. Has a spring on the property which supplies water to water box for livestock and to a hydrant on Offering 2.

OFFERING #2 - 12.915 acres. Mostly open with some wooded acreage on Fairview Church Rd. Has an old barn and large building on the property. Multiple home sites with great long range views. Hydrant located on this property and is supplied with water from spring on Offering 1.

OFFERING #3 - 2 BR, 1 BA, 1,276 sq.ft. brick ranch & 12.355 acres. Has a heat pump, newer metal roof and partial basement. Double attached garage and storage building on the property. Has spring water which is located on Offering 5. Acreage consists of mostly open pasture or hay land with some mature hardwood along back boundary.

House address is 707 Fairview Church Rd.

House Preview: Thursday, December 1st @ 4 PM

OFFERING #4 - 47.910 acres. Mostly open land with some wooded areas. Has creek frontage and 1,583 feet of frontage on Spring Dale Rd. Multiple building sites on gentle to level slope with long range views.

OFFERING #5 - 36.793 acres. Mostly open with some wooded land and long range views. Has a pond and creek frontage. Fronts on Fairview Church Rd and Spring Dale Rd. Spring rights will convey to Offering 3.

OFFERING #6 - 34.031 acres. Mostly wooded and level with some timber value. Has a small spring branch running along the northern boundary and discontinued State Route 715 along southern boundary. Fronts on Spring Dale Rd. Has an old pole shed on the property.

Directions - To Fairview Church Rd - From Floyd Stoplight, take Rt 8 South to right on Rt 717 (Fairview Church Rd) to property on both sides of the road. To Spring Dale Rd - From Floyd Stoplight, take Rt 8 South to right on Rt 714 (Spring Dale Rd) to property on the right.

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human-like arms, fingers, and hands. Eventually, the second grader broke into a dance right there in the library at Eastern Montgomery Elementary School in Elliston.

"It's so fun," Wetmore said after she slowed down to catch her breath. "I like robots."

Her reaction matched many of the other students in the midst of a loud library scene on a recent Wednesday afternoon. Some sat on the floor trying to coax Aibo, a robot dog, to fetch a ball and walk toward them. Others experimented with oranges and a tomato that, when hooked up to a laptop, made different sounds at the touch.

There was lots of laughing, even squealing.

That's actually the purpose of the program, which is meant to help students become familiar with the science, technology, engineering, arts, and math fields.

A team of Virginia Tech researchers is studying the ways that children process technical information while learning the fundamentals of robotics, such as controls and basic programming. But there's more than just technology on the table.

At the end of the 13-week program, students perform a theatrical production for their families, using the robots as acting companions. The program, in partnership with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southwest Virginia, includes sections that allow the students to act, dance, draw, and listen to music. A Halloween play is planned as the finale of this Eastern Montgomery experience.

"We wanted to help children exercise their creativity and have fun while learning about robots," said Koeun Choi, assistant professor of human development and

family science at Virginia Tech and one of the leaders of the project. "My main goal is to better understand development happening earlier in life and how we can use the digital environment to support children's learning."

The idea for a robot theater program started with Myounghoon "Philart" Jeon, an associate professor in the Grado Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering at Virginia Tech. Jeon previously worked on a similar project with robots and children at Michigan Tech, before he joined Virginia Tech five years ago.

Last year, Jeon decided to bring the program to Virginia Tech, working with mostly schools in rural and underserved areas, and he recruited Choi to help. Together, the two are continuing the program beyond its initial one-year period, which was funded by the Institute for Creativity, Arts, and Technology (ICAT) and the Center for Human-Computer Interaction at Virginia Tech.

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early November.

The llamas did indeed get the best of care from veterinarians, residents, technicians and veterinary students at the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine. And the care providers and the llamas' owners were blessed with a heart-warming outcome.

"It was great. The cria's lovely and absolutely adorable. And everything went super well, no complications or unexpected things have arisen with her," said Catherine Jula, of Columbus, Ohio, a large animal internal medicine resident at the teaching hospital.

Mama llama, named Jewel of the Nile, and her daughter cria, Cairo, are

back at Three Ladies and Me llama farm in North Carolina, operated by Michael and Patricia West, owners of the Divine Llama Vineyards and Farm at East Bend, North Carolina.

Michael West, a 1980 architecture graduate from Virginia Tech, said there was never any question where he would take Jewel once he made an assessment on his farm that the dam likely had a uterine torsion that was beyond his ability to treat.

"We have for almost 20 years utilized the services of the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine," West said. "I started with them because of my affiliation with the university, but

every experience has been tremendously positive so we would never consider going anywhere else.

"The staff has always given our llamas the utmost care and expertise," West said. "They are great communicators, professional, knowledgeable, and caring. We have gotten to know a number of the staff over the years and trust their judgment."

The diagnosis of the Production Management Medicine veterinarian on call, Sierra Guynn, clinical assistant professor, confirmed West's assessment of a uterine torsion, and a team was quickly called in and assembled to perform surgery on Jewel both to remove the cria and

untwist the uterus.

Getting a live birth out of a C-section for large animals — horses and cows are seen far more regularly at the teaching hospital — is not the usual experience.

"It's not common, in our equine service, that we have a C-section that results in a live baby, because foals are much more fragile and usually do not survive long if something goes wrong during the delivery process," said Katie Wilson, clinical assistant professor for large animal internal medicine. "Unfortunately, by the time somebody has looked at a horse on the farm and gotten it in here, the foal's usually dead, so it's nice to have a win."

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includes about \$12 million saved by the college and \$15 million from philanthropy, with the remainder financed, the debt paid off through existing facilities fees and revenue generation from the teaching hospital along with university support.

"We have so many exciting

developments occurring at our Equine Medical Center at Leesburg and the Animal Cancer Care and Research Center at Roanoke, and so much potential to see even more at those sites," said Givens, who spoke at the November meeting of the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors about the veterinary college's

progress and projects. "But, please understand, we are predominantly, programmatically located in Blacksburg. This is where we have a Veterinary Teaching Hospital, and this is where Doctor of Veterinary Medicine students principally receive their primary training within the veterinary medical curriculum."

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OBITUARIES

Baber, Shirley Mae

Shirley Mae Baber, 81, of Blacksburg, finished her earthly work on the 19th day of November, 2022.

She was born in the community of Level Green in Craig County, Va. on August 13, 1941, to the late Billy Thomas and Christine Baber.

She is survived by her three loving and diverse sons, Ashley Thomas Dudding of Yorkville, Ill., Travis Clark Dudding of St. Catherine's Ontario, Canada and Jonathan Clay Dudding of Christiansburg; daughters-in-law, Kristin Dudding, Roya Mir and Deborah Kirby; grandchildren, Kaitlyn Brooke Dudding, Caleb Thomas Dudding and William Thomas Dudding; her sister, Barbara Baber-Martin and brother-in-law, Larry Martin of Christiansburg; niece Sally Ann Howard; and nephews Chris Myers and Brad Martin. Barbara was a pillar of support and compassion in the months and days leading up to her sister's passing. William Thomas Dudding, her ray of sunshine and gift from God was a blessing in Shirley's life. The two spent the last eight years molding their special friendship and strengthening each other's walk through life.

Shirley worked 42 years for Virginia Tech, including



time spent as former University President Dr. T. Marshall Hahn's secretary. She was proud to grow her career with the university and spoke often and fondly of her friends, colleagues, and students that she met throughout her tenure. The joy she felt from her work with Virginia Tech was something that prevailed in her mind, even up until her final few days, despite her retirement years prior from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

She was welcomed to Heaven into the loving arms of those that preceded her in death: her grandfather and grandmother, Benton P. and Dove Mae Fisher; her parents, Billy Thomas (who she had been anxious to see again for a long time) and Christine Baber; her sister, Judy Myers; and grandson, special angel, Joshua William Dudding.

The family received friends on Friday, Nov. 25, 2022, at McCoy Funeral Home, 150 Country Club Drive SW, Blacksburg, Virginia 24060 and a service followed. Graveside service followed at the Level Green Christian Church Cemetery in Newport, Va.

Shirley's two most favorite things, Carol Lee Donuts and coffee, were served prior to the service.

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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

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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.

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Read Acts 25:1 through 26:32

Late at night, a burglar attempted to enter a home by crawling head-first down the chimney. A few feet into his endeavor he found himself stuck. His cries for help went unanswered because the residents were sound asleep. In the morning, sounds of whimpering coming from the family room led to the man's discovery, and the police were summoned. After the demolition of a few bricks, the perpetrator was in handcuffs. The man claimed not to remember anything. "I'm innocent," he said. His actions spoke much louder than his words.

At this point Festus interrupted Paul's defense. "You are out of your mind, Paul!" he shouted.

"Your great learning is driving you insane." "I am not insane, most excellent Festus," Paul replied. "What I am saying is true and reasonable" (Acts 26:24-25).

Not everyone who hears of our hope will accept our message. The evidence of our lives—the joy we have and the peace we know—speak loudly on our behalf. When we are caught living our faith, some will see our trust in Jesus as true and reasonable.

Prayer Suggestion: Lord, help me to be innocent of sin and guilty of living my faith for all to see.

Quicklook: Acts 26:19-31

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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@stmclc.us or visit our Website www.st-michael-lutheran-church.org

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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.centralmethodistchurch.com.

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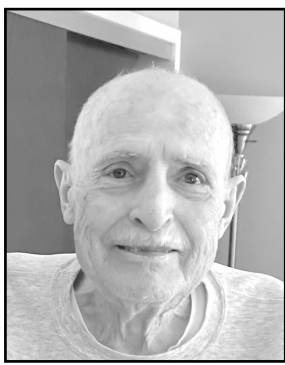
Christ Wesleyan Church, 525 Harkrader Street, Christiansburg. Public Worship service at 11:00 AM. Sunday School for adults - 10:00 AM. Pastor: Gale Janofski 540-510-0952. The building is totally handicapped accessible. Website: christwesleyanchurch.org

Obituaries

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Boothe, Danny L.

Danny L. Boothe, age 86, went a Christ-like life. Enveloped in the arms of family, Danny passed into another set of arms, those of Jesus.



He was born on Feb. 10, 1936, to Doc and Opal [Quessenberry] Boothe in Montgomery County.

Danny was a life-long Virginian, having only recently moved to Independence, KY to be closer to family.

He worked and retired as an examiner and administrator for the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles. Danny loved to read, and his family described him "as smart as a tack." He kept up with current events and relished discussing politics with his son, Scott.

Danny's favorite meal of the day was breakfast, and he cooked for himself every morning, making his signature biscuits. A longtime member of Greenridge Baptist Church, he was a prayer warrior and an avid student of the Bible. He enjoyed traditional Southern gospel music, especially The Gaithers.

Danny was what his family called "a walking miracle," having survived multiple cancers and illnesses in his golden years. He knew the depths of God's grace and with a tender and thoughtful heart did his best to live

life. Enveloped in the arms of family, Danny passed into another set of arms, those of Jesus.

Danny was the father to Scott Boothe (Shannon) and Susan Morgans (David); a treasured friend and former husband to Nancy Speedy; a prized papa to his "butterflies," Madison Boothe and Olivia Boothe; a brother-in-law to Edmund Kirtner (Ruth); a cousin to Zelda Vaughn; and an amazing co-worker, relative and friend to many.

Those preceding Danny in death are his parents; his stepmother Clara [Reed] Boothe; and a stepsister Dot Kirtner.

In keeping with Danny's wishes, he will be cremated. He will be laid to rest at a future date at home on the beach in Florida in a private family ceremony.

Please consider giving memorial donations to the International Missions Board (IMB) at www.IMB.org.

To share an online condolence for the family or to share a memory or photo of Danny, visit www.chambersandgrubbs.com.

Hayes, Patricia Lee

Patricia Lee Hayes, 70, of Salem, Patricia was known for her infectious laugh and smile. She loved to have a good time and spend it talking with family and friends. Her son and grandchildren were her pride and joy. She enjoyed watching her grandchildren play and grow and her face lit up when they were around. She loved her church family and made many friends, whom she was very close to at church and in her Bible study group.



She was born in Glade Spring, Va., on Jan. 17, 1952, to the late George Preston Hayes, Sr., and Flora Trent Hayes. She was preceded in death by her sisters, Dorothy (Dot) Brown, Rose Marie Goode, Shirley Hill, and Leona Washington, and her brothers, Robert (Rocky) Hayes and George (Gabby) Hayes, Jr.

She leaves to cherish her memory her only son, Sedrick Charles Hayes; his wife Cheryl; grandchildren Zella Trent, Corra Leigh, and Preston Rush; and an older brother, David Hayes and his wife, Veronica of Upper Marlboro, Md. She also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

made many friends, whom she was very close to at church and in her Bible study group.

A celebration of her life will be held today, Saturday, Nov. 26, 2022, at Shiloh Baptist Church, 201 S. Market Street, Salem, VA 24153 at 2 p.m., officiated by Pastor Adrian E. Dowell. The family would like to thank Intrepid Hospice for their care and guidance over the past few months.

Lucas, Genevieve Sue Moore

Genevieve Sue Moore Lucas, 85, law, Susie Worles and Parrish; her son-in-law, David Lopez; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and one on the way; brother and sister-in-law Jimmy Willey and Deanna; and many other relatives, and friends.



She was preceded in death by her husband, Bobby Jennings Lucas; her parents, Paul Cecil Moore and Margaret Ann Lowe Willey; her stepdad, Doug Willey; her son, Timothy Lucas; her daughter, Teri Lopez; and her brother, Doug "Jr." Willey.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, David Lucas and Grace; her daughter and son-in-

date.

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

Shrewsbury, Randall Wayne

Randall Wayne Shrewsbury, 79, and many other relatives and friends.



of Snowville, passed away Saturday, Nov. 19, 2022, at Cozy Home Haven in Fairlawn. He was a U. S. Army veteran and was employed with the U. S. Navy. Randy was preceded in death by his father, Every Shrewsbury and mother, Fay Elaine Vancamp; and infant son, Jesse.

Randy loved Bluegrass music, especially the guitar.

Survivors include his son, Kenneth Shrewsbury; sisters, Janice Faye Brannon, Donna Katherine Whisman, and Letha Carol Ratcliff; nieces, nephews, and church family;

The family received friends on Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2022, at the Snowville Baptist Church. Funeral services followed with Rev. Tony Hart officiating. Interment followed with full military honors in the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin.

Pallbearers were Dwayne, Trevor, Elijah and Ty Simpkins, and Chad Fox.

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

Stanger, Lois Olene Richardson

Lois Olene Richardson Stanger, which she retired as head nurse of the newborn nursery. The hundreds of newborns she cared for over the years were a source of pride for her.



Lois was preceded in death by her husband, Billy N. Stanger; her parents, the Rev. P.A. and Maggie Smith Richardson; a sister, Arlene Harbert; a brother, Percy Richardson; and a son-in-law, Donald Osborne as well as several nieces and nephews.

Lois is survived by her children, Cynthia Slaughter and husband Lewis, Leisa Osborne, and Bruce Stanger; grandchildren Brent Slaughter and wife Laura, and Andrew Slaughter; sisters Frances Bower, Hazel Talley, Mary Essmann, Martha Laper, Sue Rackley and husband Ron, and Linda Koalkin, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Lois was born and raised in Shawsville. She received her RN degree from Roanoke Memorial Hospital School of Nursing and began her nursing career at New Altamont Hospital in Christiansburg. Later she went to Radford Community Hospital from

the LewisGale Hospital Montgomery Palliative Care Unit. Special thanks also go to Patricia Gordon, Hannah Abate, and Jessica Chestnut.

Visitation was held at Horne Funeral Home on Saturday, Nov. 5. The funeral service was held at the Christiansburg First Church of God on Sunday, Nov. 6. An interment service was held on Monday, Nov. 7, at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Christiansburg.

Donations in Lois's memory may be made to the Roanoke Memorial Alumni Association and sent to Sarah Janney, 469 Winding Way Road, Boones Mill, Virginia 24065.

Arrangements with Horne Funeral Home & Crematory 540-382-2612.

Weeks, Charlie Bascom

Charlie Bascom Weeks, 79, wife Kimberly, Kyle Bascom Cupp, and Ryan Cupp; sister Mary Weeks Musick; and numerous extended family.



He was born in Russell County, Va. on June 19, 1943, to the late Dewey and Artie Kegley Weeks. He is also preceded in death by brothers Guy, Raymond, and Willie; and sisters Frances, Margie, and Leona.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years Frances Cupp Weeks; brother-in-law Everett Scott Cupp and wife Colleen; nephews John Weeks and

and fierce supporter of the feline population.

Charlie was a quiet, dapper gentleman, and he will be missed.

Dawson, Doris Ellen Southern

Doris Ellen Southern Dawson, 78, Pulaski Middle School. Doris was the Director of Personnel for the Pulaski County School Board and retired as Assistant Principal from Pulaski Middle School. After retirement, she remained active in senior activities, playing badminton, doing yoga, traveling, and helping maintain the family farm.



Survivors include her daughter, Tanya; granddaughter, Tiffany; grandson, Austin; brother, Ron; former husband, Lansford; and many other nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Doris attended Newbern Elementary, Pulaski High Class of '62, Madison College, and graduated with her master's degree from Radford University. She worked in the public school system for over 30 years; teaching at Max Meadows in Wythe County, Central Elementary in Pulaski, and as a counselor at

Interment will take place in Newbern Cemetery on the family plot. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Master Gardeners in your area, or to a charity of your choice.

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

Elliott, Barbara Clark

Barbara Clark Elliott, 89, passed of Andersonville, Tenn; a great-niece and great-nephew, Elizabeth and Travis Bingham; and beloved friends Sally Elliott and Liz Lindon, both of Blacksburg.



She was reunited with her husband and true love Bobbie Joe "BJ" Elliott. Barbara and BJ were married September 15, 1951, in Prices Fork.

Leaving behind to cherish her memory are her son Robert Steven Elliott and his wife, Sheila, of Pembroke; her daughter Susan Elliott-Reed and her husband, Phil, of New Castle; her grandson and the apple of her eye, Robert William Elliott and his wife, Kenley, of Radford; dearest sisters Pat Linkous of Andersonville, Tenn. and Maggie Clark of Stanleytown, Va.; nieces Kathy Bingham (Ted) and Cindy Smith (Nathan), both

her friends. She also enjoyed reading, watching game shows, furry friends, and her fish ponds.

The family received friends, on Tuesday Nov. 22, 2022, at McCoy Funeral Home. A funeral service was also held at McCoy Funeral Home, and interment followed at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Christiansburg.

Flinchum, Nancy Gearhart

Nancy Gearhart Flinchum, 77, of Bond; her nieces and nephew, Linda Kaye Bond, Joy Bond Wimmer, Wendell Lee Bond and his wife, Jamie Moran Bond; and many other family and friends.



She was born in Montgomery County on Dec. 18, 1944, to the late John Russell and Nanola McGuiness Gearhart. She was preceded in death by her son, Russell Ross Flinchum; her brother-in-law, William Lee Bond, Jr.; and a nephew-in-law, James Wimmer.

She is survived by her husband, Eugene Hamilton Flinchum, Sr.; her son, Eugene Hamilton Flinchum, Jr.; her grandson, Jeremiah Ross Flinchum; her sister, Eunice Elizabeth

officiating. Interment followed in Roselawn Memorial Gardens.

The family received friends on Monday, Nov. 21, 2022, at the Seneca Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Seneca Baptist Church.

MONTGOMERY SPORTS

CHS pole vaulter commits to James Madison University

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Madelyn Moles, one of the state's top pole vaulters, is taking her talents to James Madison University. The Christiansburg senior announced her commitment this past week.

In Harrisonburg, Moles will follow in the footsteps of another former Christiansburg vaulter in Rachel Lloyd, who is first on the JMU all-time top-10 list in both the indoor pole vault and the outdoor vault (3.91m/12-8ft). Lloyd is a senior this current track season.

It was Lloyd's record Moles grabbed this past year at 12' (3.65 meters) as she won the 2022 titles in both indoor and

outdoor. "I chose JMU because I felt very welcomed there," Moles said. "They seem to care about their students, unlike other colleges where you are considered just a number. JMU is also fairly close to home so I will still be able to see my family and friends. I believe the JMU track team has a good dynamic and I wanted to be a part of that."

JMU won their first-ever Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Outdoor Track & Field Championship in May of 2022.

Moles plans to major in nursing at JMU with her ultimate goal of qualifying for nationals.

Alumnae take aim at building a brighter future for women's soccer



PHOTO COURTESY OF BRITTANY GROPP

FutboLISTAS, led by Founder and CEO Brittany Gropp '11, is an extracurricular activity for Spanish girls ages 5 to 12 that teaches English and life skills through soccer and mentorship.

Countries from around the world will turn their eyes to Qatar in late November for the 2022 FIFA World Cup. Thirty-two teams will compete to be crowned the top of the class in men's soccer.

Even so, the playing field for women's soccer continues to grow. Two alumnae of what is now the School of Communication at Virginia Tech are taking their own shots at goal with a mission to grow the women's game.

Brittany Gropp '11 and Betsy Haugh '16 are scoring at building the game in unique ways.

Gropp long has been a soccer fan. She grew up playing the sport competitively, claiming to hang with the best of them. While studying abroad in Malaga, Spain, in 2010, Gropp was shocked to learn that the idea of a girl playing soccer was foreign to most in the area.

"Everyone thought it was so strange that I knew so much about soccer," Gropp said. "They didn't believe that I knew how to play well. I was laughed at when I asked about playing co-ed. People thought it was so absurd that women would play with men."

Still, Gropp loved the culture of Spain and eventually moved to Madrid for two years, where she taught English and participated in volunteer work to transition into the nonprofit sector. While there, the country's women's team competed in the World Cup for the first time in 2015. It opened a lot of doors for Gropp to begin planning the future of more girls playing soccer in Spain.

"I started planning the idea," Gropp said. "I wanted to do something, not only because I love soccer, but because it's a total injustice if we're not allowing girls to play. You're learning so many valuable life skills through the sport. It prepares them to do whatever they want to do in life, whether they go pro or not."

The seeds of FutboLISTAS were planted. While still working for a nonprofit organization in Washington, D.C., Gropp started building the

foundations of an extracurricular activity for Spanish girls ages 5 to 12 that would teach English and life skills through the game of soccer.

In the summer of 2018, Gropp found herself considering a move back to the U.S. in search of career advancement opportunities. She decided to embark on the Camino de Santiago, a renowned network of ancient pilgrim routes across Europe, and had her "aha" moment.

At the conclusion of the pilgrimage, it was clear that she didn't need to leave Spain for her next career move. Her business venture, FutboLISTAS, became a reality, forever changing the trajectory of girls' personal development in Spain.

"I was like, 'You know what. I'm going to give this nonprofit a try,'" Gropp said. "I couldn't see myself leaving [Spain] if I didn't at least give it a chance."

Gropp found a local business partner to navigate the bureaucracy and legalities. She launched a crowdfunding campaign in concert with the 2019 Women's World Cup. With a successful campaign, FutboLISTAS' first 10-week pilot program took place in 2019.

"There are so many other amazing skills that girls can and will learn if given a chance to play," Gropp said. "Every parent should want their daughter to play because of these skills — leadership, teamwork, communication, perseverance - the list goes on and on."

Plus, learning English is valuable.

"For those parents who aren't convinced enough about how those life skills will help their daughters to develop into incredible humans, in Spain, the English language is huge," she said. "School age kids under 12, 99 percent of them are in English-Spanish bilingual schools. Anyone who has tried to learn a foreign language knows it's so much easier to learn that language when you're immersed in it and doing fun stuff versus in a classroom reading a textbook."

- Virginia Tech Athletics

Bruins sign letters of intent for college

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Three student-athletes from Blacksburg High School have signed national letters of intent to further their sports careers at the collegiate level.

Megan Anderson, a swimmer, is headed to George Mason University. Also a swimmer, David Roethlisberger signed with Colorado Mesa University, and golfer Samantha Skinner committed to the College of William & Mary.

The trio signed during a ceremony last week at the school.

Anderson swims butterfly and individual medley and is a 4-year varsity team member of the Bruins' swim and dive team. She played a significant role when the BHS girls' swim and dive team won the 2021 Class 4 State Championship. She is a three-year state

qualifier, scoring points in all of her events each year in state competition. She has been a part of the H2Okie Aquatic Swim Team since she was four years old and is a part of their national team.

Anderson plans to study kinesiology at George Mason University.

Roethlisberger has also been a member of the BHS swim team for the past four years and helped the Bruins to consecutive state championships in 2020 and 2021. While diving during the BHS season of his junior year, he won the state competition, set a new school record and has also competed on a national level while diving with the New River Diving Club.

Roethlisberger plans to study computer science at Colorado Mesa.

Skinner will continue

her career at the College of William and Mary. She has been a part of the Blacksburg golf team that won state championships the past two years.

Her junior and senior year, she made the all-state team and was named a member of the Roanoke Valley Hall of Fame Team. Skinner placed seventh in the girls' State tournament in 2021 and finished in ninth place in 2022 competing against the best girls in the state.

In addition to golf, she was a member of the varsity girls' swim team her freshman and sophomore years, contributing to their state title in 2021. Skinner is an officer for the Blacksburg DECA, is president of the National Technical Honor Society and is a member of the National Honor Society with a 4.0 GPA. She plans to major in business at William & Mary.

Student-athletes sign with RU, Virginia Tech

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Cave Spring's Trey Ludy, one of the area's top baseball stars, has signed a letter of intent to continue his playing career next season at Radford University.

Grace Addison of Abingdon will compete for the golf team at Radford.

West Virginia's Amber Wolfe will play softball at Radford. A catcher, Wolfe was a member of the two-time state champions of the past two years and tied for her high school career home run record of 16.

Patrick Henry golfer Caroline Gilreath will also bring her talent to Radford. She finished third in the Valley Junior Girls tournament that was held at Hunting Hills Country Club.

Virginia Tech also landed several student-athletes from the area. Lord Botetourt golfer Ashton Harper will bring his talents to Blacksburg. In 2021, he won the VHSL Class 3 golf state title.

Abingdon's Ethan Gibson will come to Blacksburg as a member of the baseball team.

In his junior season at Cave Spring, Ludy batted .459 with eight doubles, two triples, and three home runs. He also notched an earned run average of 2.16 from the mound.

For his effort, Ludy was named First

Team All-Region outfield and Second Team All-Region pitcher. This past summer, he also played at the Virginia Commonwealth Games, going eight for 11 at the plate over the entire tournament.

Last week, he put his commitment to pen and paper in front of family, friends, and teammates in the Cave Spring auditorium.

Radford was always one of his top choices. "The location was perfect (just under an hour from home), the coaching staff was all were very positive and had great energy, the facilities are great and having the New River right on campus is great for me. I love fishing and kayaking in my spare time. Also, the size of Radford was exactly what I was looking for, not too big or small," Ludy said.

He is undecided on a major, but admits Geospatial Science stands out to him. "It is one of the fastest growing fields, and I can see myself enjoying this field," Ludy said.

His goal is to contribute anyway he can to the team. "I want to win a championship. I want to earn a starting spot as quickly as possible. I am very excited to face D1 competition. My first year I really want to grow as a player and gain as much experience as possible, get stronger, get better."

At Radford, he will be a two-way player.

RU baseball adds volunteer grad assistant to staff

Radford University baseball has announced the addition of Corey Singh to the coaching staff as a volunteer graduate assistant. He will work primarily with hitters and infielders.

"First of all, I want to thank Alex Guerra for offering me this unbelievable opportunity," said Singh. "Coach Guerra coached me and taught me so much when I was a freshman on the James Madison University

baseball team. It's great to be back together with him in this environment.

"In addition, I get to work with and learn from three other outstanding coaches," Singh said. "I'm honored to be a part of the Radford University baseball program. It's exciting to help build a championship culture where everyone has

the same end goal. Let's get to work."

Singh comes to Radford from Norfolk State University where he spent the past four years playing for the Spartans. As a junior in 2021, he hit a team-high seven home runs while collecting 28 RBI. For

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Jayron Thompson hauls in a 49-yard catch for a touchdown in Christiansburg's 28-0 defeat Friday night of Staunton River.



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The one-two punch of Tanner Evans (left) and Curtis Altizer led Christiansburg on the offensive side of the ball in the win over Staunton River. The Blue Demons advanced to the Region 3D finals Friday at Lord Botetourt.

Christiansburg advances, Radford upset in state round two

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Then there was one. Radford was knocked from the state Class 2 playoffs this past week when Appomattox rolled into town while Christiansburg routed Staunton River 28-0 to continue its path in Class 3.

Radford's Landon Clark threw four touchdown passes and ran for another, but it wasn't enough as the Bobcats fell 38-33 to finish the season 10-2.

Christiansburg used a steady dose of running left, running right, and then right up the gut, to pick up the win over Staunton River. The Blue Demons will now face Lord Botetourt in the Region 3D championship game.

The scouting report on Botetourt (11-1) is fairly simple: They like to run. In this past week's win over Bassett, the Cavaliers rushed for 448 yards and scored six touchdowns.

Jakari Nicely rushed 25 times for 239 yards and four scores, and Cade Lang and Tristan Overbay completed the trifecta with 100 yards between them.

As part of the game plan of running the ball, Botetourt also tries to control the time of possession. In all 11 wins this season, they have doubled up that mark compared to the opponents. This past week against Bassett, Botetourt ran 75 plays.

Christiansburg will lean heavily on Tanner Evans, who threw a touchdown pass and ran an interception back for another. Evans has rushed for more than 700 yards this season.

The matchup with Botetourt is nothing new for Christiansburg as the two have faced twice in the past four years in the regional playoffs. Botetourt has played in six straight region title games, losing one to Abingdon last season. Last year, Botetourt beat Christiansburg enroute to the regional championship game.

At the beginning of the season, Christiansburg coach Alex Wilkens said Botetourt is the tale of the tape his team was striving to move through. "They are the team to beat," he said.

Last year, Christiansburg used the word "disappointment" after the clock

ran out in the 28-27 loss to Botetourt in the second round of the playoffs.

The contest was delayed for more than an hour when Botetourt's team buses were stuck in traffic on Interstate 81 when three tractor-trailer accidents slowed movement. Kickoff was pushed back to 8 p.m. before finally getting underway by 8:15.

On the field, Christiansburg jumped out to an early 7-0 lead, but Botetourt answered score for score with a 14-14 game at halftime. But it was the first 10 seconds out of the locker room in the third quarter that changed the ball game.

Botetourt took the opening kickoff and ran it back 91 yards for a touchdown. The visitors then used a tough defense to force two Christiansburg fumbles and an interception. The biggest might have been a stop with less than three minutes remaining in the game after Christiansburg scored a touchdown to trail 28-27.

Wilkens rolled the dice and went for two and the win. Officials on the field ruled running back Stephan Mythril

was stopped at the goal line.

But with time remaining, Wilkens rolled the dice a second time and executed an inside kick to perfection. In a play, he calls jail break, the Blue Demons bunched everyone up at the 50-yard line and tapped the ball off a Botetourt receiver.

After a 15-minute discussion by the officials, Christiansburg was awarded the ball. Ten seconds later, Tanner Evans tossed a long halfback pass to Travis Altizer to set up last minute heroics at the Botetourt 3-yard line. But the Christiansburg ball carrier fumbled the ball on the next play with Botetourt recovering and running out the final 90 seconds for the win.

The Blue Demons will now make a trip down to Daleville for a Friday night contest that should feature plenty of yardage with two teams that can light up the scoreboard.

Kickoff will be at 7 p.m. at Botetourt High School. For those not attending the game, it will be broadcast live beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Hot 100 FM radio.

FROM THE SIDELINES

By Marty Gordon

Canceling UVA game was the right decision

This week's announcement to cancel Saturday's Virginia Tech-Virginia football game was no surprise. What happened at the

University of Virginia two weeks ago was a tragedy that reminded us the world is cruel and plenty of problems must be dealt with.

Gun violence has ripped society at its foundation, and mental health is a bigger part of the problem than we all have admitted for a long time.

Sports is a big part of the world and is not immune to this problem. Too many media reports this past week centered around what happened on the UVA campus and similar incidents in Idaho and New Mexico. Young lives have been taken too soon.

Hokies have poured out their support for the Hoos. I can remember when the Hoos did the same for the Hokies in the wake of the previous shooting massacre. The two incidents have brought together fans whose different loyalties make them intense rivals.

We must remember the football players and other individuals who were affected by the shooting.

The decision to cancel the game was made following communication

between the Atlantic Coast Conference and Virginia Tech athletic department administrations.

The ACC and Virginia Tech continue to support UVA following the tragedy that resulted in the deaths of three members of the Cavalier football team: Devin Chandler, Lavel Davis Jr., and D'Sean Perry, and injuries to students Mike Hollins (also a Virginia football student-athlete) and Marlee Morgan.

No good reason exists to play this game. Neither team was planning to play in a bowl game. Both are in a rebuilding year under first-year coaches.

Yes, ticket holders were bummed. But again, this is bigger than just one game. This is bigger than the Commonwealth Cup.

We cannot imagine what the UVA coaches and players are going through. I would think that all of us shed a tear or two this past week when we watched a memorial service that should never have happened. But it did.

Thus, let's take a moment to remember that "it's just a game."

Life is more important than what we tailgate, celebrate, and cheer for every Saturday in the fall.

So take a moment to hug your loved ones. Remember the person you pass in Walmart or in other public places more than likely is battling his or her own inner turmoil. Smile and say excuse me. Say hello and treat people with more respect.

We must respect the world one football game at a time.




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his career, Singh played 104 games in a Spartan uniform, driving in 58 runs.

In the classroom, Singh was named to the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Academic Honor Roll as well as the Norfolk State University Athletic Director Honor Roll and dean's list. He graduated from Norfolk State University in 2021 with a bachelor's degree in mass communication, and is currently pursuing a Masters of Arts in Media and Communications.

A native of Sangre Grande, Trinidad and Tobago, Singh started his collegiate

career at James Madison University where he played under Guerra, who served as the Dukes' assistant coach and recruiting coordinator. Singh redshirted as a freshman in 2017 before transferring to Patrick Henry Community College the following season, batting .291 with eight home runs and 29 RBI.

In the summer of 2022, Singh worked as an assistant coach with American Legion Baseball, an amateur organization that gives players an opportunity to develop skills and leadership qualities.