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Officers engage in five-hour standoff with suspect at Radford's Second Street 2000 block

RADFORD — On Jan. 1, 2023 at approximately 10:15 a.m., officers with the Radford City Police Department were dispatched to the 2000 block of Second Street to respond to a report that a male was threatening to shoot law enforcement and himself if police were called to the residence.

Upon arrival at the residence, officers established a perimeter and attempted communication with the barricaded male subject within the residence. The on-scene investigation revealed that the male subject had assaulted a female victim prior to the

disturbance call being placed.

The Radford City Police Department SWAT team was called to the scene along with crisis negotiators from the Virginia State Police. The Virginia Tech Police Department officers also provided resources during the incident.

After nearly a 5-hour standoff, the subject was taken into custody without incident. No injuries resulted from this incident to the suspect or to the officers involved.

Jonathan N. Jarels, 20, of Radford was charged with one misdemeanor count of

domestic assault and battery. He is being held at the New River Valley Regional Jail.

Radford City Police Chief Jeff Dodson said, "I am truly appreciative for the Virginia State Police and the Virginia Tech Police Department for their assistance during this incident. I am thankful for the skill and the training of our SWAT team members in working to bring this critical incident to a peaceful resolution."

~ News Messenger staff report



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE CITY OF RADFORD

Jonathan N. Jarels, 20, of Radford was charged with one misdemeanor count of domestic assault and battery after being arrested in Radford on New Year's Day. He is being held in the New River Valley Regional Jail.

Virginia Skyline Girl Scouts kick off 2023 cookie season

This week, Girl Scout cookies are rolling into the Virginia Skyline Council region, and booth sales officially begin this weekend. New to the 2023 cookie season, the online exclusive raspberry rally cookie joins the iconic lineup, alongside classic family favorites such as thin mints, Samoas, tagalongs, and do-si-dos.

Consumers can support their local Girl Scout troops by purchasing their favorite varieties and trying the new, online exclusive Raspberry Rally, a thin crispy cookie infused with raspberry flavor and dipped in the same delicious chocolate coating as the thin mints cookies. This new cookie will be the first in the Girl Scout cookie lineup to be exclusively offered for sale online and direct shipment only. Local troops will be selling them online starting Feb. 27.

The Girl Scout cookie

program is the world's largest entrepreneurial program for girls. Girl Scouts' newly updated financial literacy badges offer entrepreneurial playbooks for every age level. From the Cookie Goal Setter badge earned as a Daisy Girl Scout to the Entrepreneur Accelerator for girls in high school, the Girl Scout cookie program teaches girls financial literacy, planning, budgeting, teamwork, innovative thinking, and confident decision making.

The Girl Scout cookie season will run until March 31 in the Virginia Skyline Council region. Fans of Girl Scout cookies can support Girl Scouting by purchasing cookies for \$6.00 a box in a few different ways:

Anyone knowing a registered Girl Scout can reach out to her to find out how she's selling cookies this year.

Consumers who don't know a Girl Scout can visit www.gsvsc.org/cookies to use the official Girl Scout Cookie Finder and find cookie booths in the area.

Beginning Feb. 27, consumers may enter their zip code into the Girl Scout Cookie Finder at www.girlscoutcookies.org to purchase from a local Girl Scout troop online for shipment directly to the home or to donate cookies to first responders and local causes.

Girl Scouts in grades K-12 can start their journey to fun, friendship, and new experiences by joining the world's largest entrepreneurial organization for girls at any point in the year. Girls can join, and adults can become a volunteer at www.girlscouts.org/join.

~ News Messenger staff report

'Good Morning America' films segment with Virginia Tech Transportation Institute



PHOTO BY ERIC HOLBROOK FOR VIRGINIA TECH

Virginia Tech Transportation Institute researcher Matt Camden speaks with "Good Morning America" reporter Stephanie Ramos.

By Jacob Levin

Research shows that car, pickup truck, and SUV drivers, including teens, initiate more than 75 percent of incidents involving heavy trucks. "Good Morning America" visited the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute (VTTI) to provide its viewers with a first-person perspective of what it is like to drive a truck on the road and tips on how to safely drive around them during the busy holiday travel season. The segment aired on Dec. 23.

The segment featured the Sharing the Road with Trucks program — which has reached more than 15,000 students since its inception in 2018. During the filmed segment, reporter Stephanie Ramos climbed into the driver's seat to report on what she could and couldn't see from the perspective of a truck driver. She

could not see multiple cars surrounding the truck because of its large blind spots.

Matt Camden, Mark Golusky, and Scott Tidwell lead the VTTI Sharing the Road team that travels to high schools across the mid-Atlantic to provide engaging learning opportunities for new teen drivers. During the demonstration, teen participants have the opportunity to see a truck up close and experience the large blind spots from a driver's perspective behind the steering wheel to reinforce how difficult it is to see surrounding objects. This teaches teens how to pass these trucks safely and efficiently.

Currently, the program operates in five states — Virginia, Delaware, West Virginia, North Carolina, and Maryland — with hopes of expanding nationwide.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF ANDI BATCHELOR, SENIOR MEDIA & PUBLIC RELATIONS SPECIALIST | U-HAUL

According to U-Haul's growth index analyzing customer moves in 2022, Virginia is the No.-5 growth state in America.

U-Haul ranks Virginia the No. 5 growth state in the country in 2022

Due to fewer people leaving Virginia, the commonwealth netted a larger percentage of arrivals to climb 26 spots from its No. 31 growth ranking in 2021 to the No.-5 spot in 2022.

Do-it-yourself movers arriving in Virginia accounted for 50.5% of all one-way U-Haul truck traffic in and out of Virginia (49.5% departures) to make it a top-10 growth state for the first time since 2015.

"Within the last six to eight months there has been steady migration into Virginia, particularly in the rural areas," stated Clinton O'Neill, U-Haul Company of Richmond president. "I see a lot of people moving here from New York and other northern states. Virginia had fewer restrictions during the pandemic, and that appealed to a lot of people and businesses. There are a lot of new businesses opening.

"The ability for people to work from home has brought more residents to Virginia," according to O'Neill. "In speaking with some of our customers, that's one of the reasons they've moved here. People can be away from the hustle and bustle but still have access to the things they need. You can hike in the mountains or relax on the beach here. Everything you could want is accessible in just over an hour from central Virginia. There's something for everyone."

The U-Haul Growth Index is compiled according to the net gain of one-way U-Haul trucks arriving in a city or state, versus departing from that city or state, in a calendar year. Migration trends data are compiled from more than 2 million one-way U-Haul truck transactions that occur annually across the U.S. and Canada.

Texas is the No. 1 growth state for the fifth time since 2016. Florida, South Carolina, and North Carolina round out the top four growth states. California ranks 50th and Illinois 49th for the third year in a row, indicating those states saw the largest net losses of one-way U-Haul trucks.

Virginia's top growth market is Henrico. Other notable net-gain cities include Charlottesville, Fredericksburg, Williamsburg, Lynchburg, Roanoke, Alexandria, Blacksburg, Suffolk, Hampton, Midlothian, Martinsville, Winchester, Harrisonburg, Danville, Chantilly and Springfield.

While U-Haul migration trends do not correlate directly to population or economic growth, the U-Haul Growth Index is an effective gauge of how well states and cities are both attracting and maintaining residents.

2022 U-Haul growth states

1. Texas
2. Florida
3. South Carolina
4. North Carolina
5. Virginia
6. Tennessee
7. Arizona
8. Georgia
9. Ohio
10. Idaho
11. Colorado
12. Utah
13. Nevada
14. Indiana
15. Missouri
16. Wisconsin
17. Minnesota
18. Montana
19. New Mexico
20. Alabama
21. Iowa
22. Oregon
23. Washington
24. Pennsylvania
25. West Virginia
26. Kentucky
27. Delaware
28. Connecticut
29. Maine
30. Vermont
31. South Dakota
32. Nebraska
33. Wyoming
34. Mississippi
35. Louisiana
36. Washington, D.C.
37. South Dakota
38. New Hampshire
39. Kansas
40. Rhode Island
41. Alaska
42. Oklahoma
43. Arkansas
44. Maryland
45. New Jersey
46. New York
47. Massachusetts
48. Michigan
49. Illinois
50. California.

~ U-Haul Media Relations

Miss America 1979 donates pageant gown to Virginia Tech's historical costume collection

Written by Gabby Taylor

Virginia Tech has gained a new source of sparkle.

Kylene Barker McNeill '78, the first Miss Virginia to be crowned Miss America, has donated her winning gown to the

university's Oris Glisson Historic Costume and Textile Collection.

During the university's Homecoming celebration in 2021, McNeill, a former member of the Virginia Tech Alumni Association Board, donated her Miss America crown for

display in the Holtzman Alumni Center.

"Camille Schrier became Miss Virginia and posted a photo in front of my Miss America display in the Holtzman Alumni Center," McNeill said. "I stopped in my tracks and

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Monday, Jan. 9:

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

Public meetings are the second and fourth Monday of each month 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 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, Jan. 10:

At the Radford Public Library; 5 – 7 p.m. A free eight-week parenting class presented by NRV Cares. FREE dinner is provided from 5-5:30 p.m., and free childcare will be included for the duration of the class. Please register by email at Keli@nrvcare.org or by text to Julie at (540) 494-0806.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet at 7 p.m. at Aly's Family Italian Restaurant at 3204 Riner Rd. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to attend. UDC member Cindy Akers will speak on the "Union Prison at Rock Island, Illinois". If Montgomery County Public Schools are closed on Tuesday or Wednesday of this week due to weather, the meeting is cancelled. For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

Town Council meets in regular session the second and fourth Tuesdays of each

month 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 televised live on WTOB Channel 2.

Regular Town Council meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month beginning at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers of Town Hall (100 E. Main Street). The public is welcome and encouraged to attend, with a citizen hearing time reserved at each meeting for residents to bring any matter they desire before the entire council.

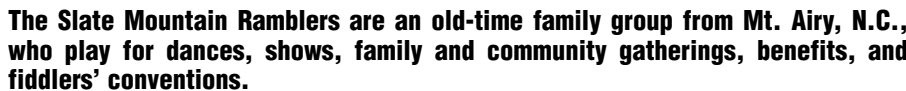
Thursday, Jan. 12:

The River City Quilt Guild meets the second Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in Grove United Methodist Church, 1020 Tyler Ave., Radford. If you are willing to share your knowledge and learn from others, this guild is for you. We welcome all skill levels of quilters. For more information call Anna Handy, 540 320 7791.

On-going:

The Meadowbrook Public Library is a collection point for items needed at the VA Medical Center in Salem. Bring your donations of the following items to the library during December: 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.

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



The Country Boys have been playing traditional bluegrass and bluegrass gospel music for more than 40 years.

NRCC Concert Series continues with free concert on Jan. 14

The music of The Country Boys and the Slate Mountain Ramblers will be featured during New River Community College's Concert Series event on Sat., Jan. 14, 2023. Music will begin at 6 p.m. in 117 Edwards Hall at NRCC in Dublin.

The Country Boys have been playing traditional bluegrass and bluegrass gospel music throughout North Carolina and Virginia for over 40 years. The band originally formed in the late 1960s, with several lineup changes throughout the years. The present band is made up of Donald Clifton, Johnny Joyce, Hersie McMillian, Billy Hawks, Marsha Todd, and Doug Joyce. The band cites the Country Gentleman and the Osborne Brothers

as some of their musical influences.

The Slate Mountain Ramblers are a family old-time group from Mt. Airy, N.C. The members are Richard Bowman, Barbara Bowman, Marsha Bowman Todd, and Randy Hiatt. The Slate Mountain Ramblers play for dances, shows, family and community gatherings, fiddlers' conventions, and benefits. The group has traveled as far as Gainsborough, England to perform

Corporate sponsors of the jamboree include Anderson Audiology, Dublin; August Jewelers & Boutique, Inc., Radford; CCKY, LLC – Fazoli's, Dublin; Deanie Hall – State Farm Agent, Dublin; Estes Auto & Truck Parts Inc., Pilot; First Community Bank, Pulaski; Gregory Seedling

and Landscaping Company, Pulaski; King Tire Service, Pulaski; Lee's Body Shop, Pearisburg; Martin's Pharmacy, Pulaski; Pepsi Cola Bottling Co., Dublin; Pulaski Patriot, Pulaski; SERVPRO, Montgomery & Pulaski Counties; and Southern Furniture Warehouse, Radford.

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 through April at NRCC, a Crooked Road affiliated venue.

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Chamber to present panel discussion with reps from VT, RU athletic departments

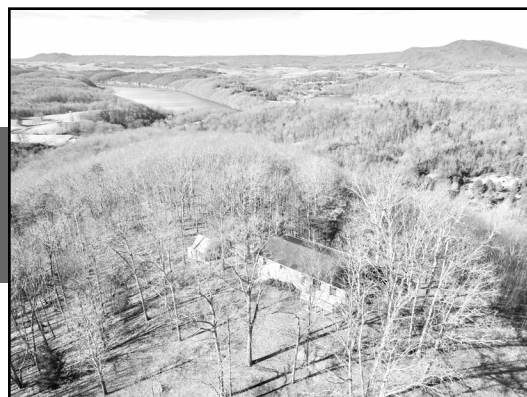
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Chamber of Commerce

NRCC to offer machine technology night classes in spring

Christiansburg
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~ Submitted by Lorraine Carli, NFPA
Public Affairs

Gown

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said, “That’s where my crown belongs.”

The same week she donated her crown, she considered donating her dress to the Oris Glisson collection.

“The thought later occurred to me that since I’d been a fashion major maybe I should consider donating my winning gown as well,” she said.

From an early age, McNeill knew she wanted to be a Hokie. She enrolled in 1974 with aspirations of majoring



Kylen Barker McNeill (at center) was crowned Miss America in 1979.

PHOTO COURTESY OF KYLENE MARKER MCNEILL

in physical education. Yet when she learned the university offered a major in clothing, textiles, and related arts — today the fashion merchandising and design major — she switched disciplines.

“I loved fashion and actually made my first garment when I was in the sixth grade,” McNeill said. “After that, my mother never had to sew for me again.”

During her time as a student, she made a multitude of memories as a cheerleader, an experience that boosted her gymnastics routine during the Miss America competition.

Within months of her 1978 graduation from Virginia Tech, McNeill was named Miss Virginia

and, soon after, Miss America 1979. Upon completion of her one-year reign, she opened her own dress shop, which she ran for 13 years. She went on to co-author a book, serve as a corporate spokesperson, and produce fashion shows.

It was while McNeill was in the clothing and textiles program that the Oris Glisson Historic Costume and Textile Collection was named in honor of its founder, who taught fashion at Virginia Tech for three decades. Glisson donated many of the collection’s original items, including designer dresses from the 1950s-70s.

The collection — which now contains more than 5,000 pieces

of clothing, accessories, and textiles, some dating to the 19th century — serves as a key teaching and research resource for students and faculty.

“I am excited for this gift,” said Dina Smith-Glaviana, director of the collection and an assistant professor of fashion merchandising and design in the Department of Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management. “To me, the gown is significant because it’s tied to the history of Virginia Tech and our program.”

McNeill’s gown was designed by Stephen Yearick, a celebrated designer of couture gowns for pageants, weddings, and events for many celebrities. It is a slim, white dress with beaded detailing.

McNeill originally donated the gown to the Jeff Matthews Memorial Museum in her hometown of Galax. A large photo of McNeill wearing the gown now stands in the museum’s Miss America exhibit.

Schrier, a 2018 graduate with degrees in biochemistry and systems biology, was named Miss America 2019. Together, she and McNeill served as grand marshals of Virginia Tech’s Homecoming parade in 2021.

“Virginia Tech has always been so good to me,” said McNeill, who is retired in Muskoka, Ontario, and Naples, Florida. “As the years go by, being the first Miss Virginia to win the title of Miss America becomes even more special.”

GMA at VT

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When the Sharing the Road truck can’t be brought to a school demonstration, members of the team will partner with a local trucking organization to bring in a driver and truck from that area to the school, enabling

the program to reach students across the country. The program has been extended for an additional three years with a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation’s High Priority Grant program.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. ___ Dhabi, Arabian capital

4. Invests in little enter-prises

8. Stalk of a moss capsule

12. Beach material

14. Maneuver in a game

15. A castrated male chicken

16. Write bad checks

17. Sewer inhabitants

18. Farewell (Spanish)

19. Player makes 3 goals in one game

22. Greek rainbow goddess

23. Tax collector

24. Make unhappy

27. Hygienic

32. Double-reed instrument

33. Beetle Bailey's dog

34. Fee, ___, foe, fum

35. One dish meal

38. Goatlike antelope

40. Consumed food

41. Peels

42. Emerald Isle

43. Duties helpful to others

45. Fragments of cloth

47. Frozen water

48. Spanish river

49. Stated an inquiry

56. Laid-back California county

57. Fearless and daring

58. Sound after its source has stopped

59. Blackboard rock

60. A domed or vaulted recess

61. Six (Spanish)

62. French city

63. Herringlike clupeid fish

64. Oriental sauce

CLUES DOWN

1. Requests

2. Spoken in the Dali

3. Up to the time of

4. Common ankle injury

5. Tedium

6. 9th Greek letter

7. Abnormal closed body sac

8. One who obtains pleasure from other's pain

9. Long narrative heroic poem

10. Possessed by force

11. Autonomic nervous system

13. Treats with contempt

15. Bears

20. Before

21. Light ringing sound

24. Blends of soul and calypso

25. Fall off in intensity

26. Gives medicine

27. Gross receipts

28. Square measures

29. Ablaze

30. Incapable of flexibility

31. Bears, sheep or goats

33. An open skin infection

36. Effeminate

37. Competed in a speed test

39. Supplies with air

44. Short stays

45. Sown a lawn

46. 60 min. units (abbr.)

48. Second largest Okla-homa city

49. Fence picket

50. 2nd largest Algerian port city

51. Camel or goat fabrics

52. 19th Hebrew letter

53. Frosts

54. 17th state

55. Inquisitorial

56. Manuscripts (abbr.)

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OBITUARIES

Akers, Joseph Cleveland

Joseph Cleveland Akers, 77, of Bond; and many other relatives and Christiansburg, passed away Tuesday, January 3, 2023. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army having served during the Vietnam War and spent over 20 years in the Reserves. He was owner and operator of A&S Home Repair. Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Daniel and Beulah Akers; brother, Oscar Akers; and sister, Eula Brammer.

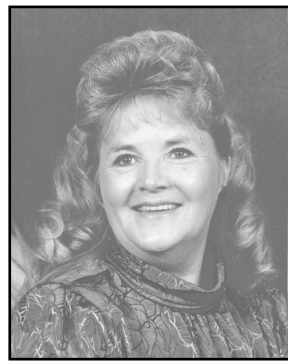
Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Shirley H. Akers; son, Ricky Bond and Brittany; daughter, Ashley Williams; grandchildren, Kelsey and Emily Bond; close family friends, Jerry and Sandra



with full military honors will follow in the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin. The Akers family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford.

Barton, Janice Marie Hill

Janice Marie Hill Barton, 79, Thode (Ralph), Barbara Stump (Bob), and Betty Oxley; and many other relatives and friends.



She was retired from AT&T and was preceded in death by her husband, Samuel Rufus Kent Barton, Jr.; her parents, Woodrow Wilson and Thelma Elizabeth Hill; and five brothers: Bob, Frank, Lowell, Kenny, and Jack Hill.

Survivors include her sons, William, Larry, and Ronald Barton; a daughter, Patricia Barton; 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; sisters Helen

The Barton family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory in Radford.

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ANGLICAN CATHOLIC

St. Peter the Apostle Anglican Church, 230 W. First St., Christiansburg, VA. Fr Peter Geromel OHI Th.M., Vicar, Fr. Alex Darby, "Associate", 540-382-0432/540-270-9166. Sundays: 8:00 am & 10:00 am Holy Eucharist followed by Christian Education and refreshments. Holy Communion most Thursdays at 12Noon, other Holy Days as announced. Traditional services use the 1928 Book of Common Prayer and 1940 Hymnal. Handicapped accessible. All are welcome. Come worship with us! Website: www.stpetersacc.org. Follow us on Facebook

St. Philip's Anglican Church, 306 Progress Street, NE, Blacksburg, Virginia 24060, (540) 552-1771, www.stphilipsblacksburg.org. Reverend Fr. Wade Miller, Priest. Eucharist Sundays at 11am and Wednesday's at 12pm.

St. Thomas Anglican Church - located at 4910 Hubert Rd, NW Roanoke, Va. Traditional Liturgical Lenten Services, Sunday at 10:30 am. Call (540) 589-1299 or visit www.sttofc.org for midweek masses and events. (In Roanoke, go E on Hershberger, L on Hubert to 4910).

BAPTIST

First Baptist Church on 3rd Ave., 215 Third Ave at the corner with Downey St. We nurture meaningful connections to God and others through worship, spiritual growth, and community ministry. We celebrate the dignity and worth of all persons, created in the image of God. Sunday Bible Study Groups - 9:45, Sunday Worship - 11:00. Website: fbcradford.org 540-639-4419. Worship is in-person and live-streamed on Facebook and on our YouTube channel: First Baptist Church Radford.

Trinity Community Church, 1505 N. Franklin Street, C'burg. John Altizer, Lead Pastor, Brian Cockram, Associate Pastor, 382-8121. Worship at 10:45 a.m., Outreach Ministries - 6:00p.m. Wednesday, Growth Groups - 5:00p.m. Sunday, Youth and Children's Ministry - 5:00p.m. Sunday, www.trinitycburg.org

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Blacksburg Church of Christ, 315 Eakin St., 552-1331. Sun. Bible Classes 9:30 a.m., Sun. Worship 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m., Wed. Bible classes, 7 p.m., Outreach Minister Curt Seright, Community Minister Tom Gilliam, Dean Meadows, Campus Minister.

Faith Christian Church of Christ, 305 3rd Street, Christiansburg, David Rhudy, Minister, 382-4628, Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am; Evening Worship 6:30 pm; Wednesday night Bible Study for Women and Men 6:30 pm. We welcome you to any and all of our services.

CHURCH OF GOD

New Hope Church of God, 1404 Mud Pike Rd., C'Burg. Rev. T. Michael Bond, pastor, 731-3178. Sun. School 10 a.m., Worship 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m. Thurs., 7:00 p.m.

West Radford Church of God, 1824 West Main Street, Radford, VA 24141, Sunday School- 10:00A.M. Morning Worship- 11:00A.M., Children's Church 11:00A.M. Sunday Evening - 6:00P.M., Wednesday Night - 7:00P.M., Pastor Danny Newman, Church Office - 540-639-6562 or 804- 921-0828.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Christiansburg Church of the Brethren, 310 South Franklin Street. Pastor: Hal Sonafrank, 1-336-583-4822. Sunday School 10 a.m.; Morning Worship 11 a.m.; Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Website: www.christiansburgcob.org. A loving family, fueled by the Holy Spirit, grounded in God's Word, and delivering Jesus forgiveness and love to all people. Come as you are... you are welcomed!

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

ECKANKAR

Eckankar, the Path of Spiritual Freedom, is a simple teaching that focuses on the Light and Sound of God to help people find more love in their life. The Roanoke Eckankar Center is located at 1420 3rd St. SW, Roanoke, VA 24016. The Center was closed during the COVID crisis but is now open. A spiritual event is held on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Since contracting COVID-19 may still be possible, please take the health steps that are best for you. It is appreciated that by attending you are taking responsibility for your own health. Visit www.eck-va.org, www.meetup.com/Roanoke-Spiritual-Experiences-Group or call 540-353-5365 for other Eckankar programs and for more information about how the teachings of Eckankar can 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.

Montgomery County WORSHIP DIRECTORY

Almighty God

Read Genesis 40:1 through 41:57

Joseph spent two years in a dungeon after interpreting the dreams of Pharaoh's cupbearer. Joseph had asked this man to mention him to the king upon being reinstated, but, as each day dragged on, no communication came from the Pharaoh. When Pharaoh had a dream and told it to all his wise men, no one could interpret it. The cupbearer finally remembered Joseph and told Pharaoh about him.

So Pharaoh sent for Joseph, and he was quickly brought from the dungeon. When he had shaved and changed his clothes, he came before Pharaoh (Genesis 41:14).

Joseph was going to be taken into the presence of the nation's highest ruler. His first order of business was to make himself presentable. His prison clothing and his haggard appearance were hardly appropriate to stand before royalty. Joseph prepared to see the king, honoring the authority and majesty of Pharaoh.

We have the privilege of an audience at any time with our King, Jesus Christ. May we never forget His majesty or approach Him with less than honor and adoration.

Thought for Today: Consider the majesty of God.

Quicklook: Genesis 41:1-14

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

Fellowship and refreshments follow services. Find us on Facebook: Grace Episcopal Church and www.graceradford.org.

LUTHERAN

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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.centralmethodistchurch.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.

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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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Burke, Bernard Anthony

Loving and cherished husband, father, brother, and grandfather Bernard Anthony Burke, 79, of Blacksburg, went home into the arms of the Lord on Jan. 2, 2023.

Born in Chester, Pa., Bernie worked for Sun Oil Company for 30 years. He enjoyed raising World Class White Tail Deer at his Raptor Ridge Deer Farm in Breezewood, Pa. In his spare time, he enjoyed creating ecosystems to support wildlife, especially frogs, fish, and waterfowl. He enjoyed visits from family and friends and was always the life of the party. His sense of humor and infectious laugh always filled the room with spirit and cheer. He will never be forgotten.



Bernie was the beloved son of the late Thomas Joseph and Florence Myra Conrad; cherished brother of Thomas Burke and the late Genevieve Schmidt. He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Sarah; daughter Shannon (Rory Maguire), son Bernie (Shelby), and son Brian (Lauren); and grandchildren Erin,

Alison, Connor, Flynn, Joshua, Shane, Ava, Camilla, Mackenzie, and Hannah.

In lieu of flowers, trees can be planted in Bernie's name at alivingtribute.org. A Memorial Mass will be held, today, Jan. 7, 2023 at St. Mary's Catholic Church at 11 a.m.

Hammond, The Reverend Donald Michael

The Reverend Donald Michael Hammond, 70, of Radford, and formerly of Bluefield, W.Va., died Saturday, Dec. 31, 2022, at his home surrounded by his family.

Deacon Don was born Sept. 10, 1952, in Bluefield, W.Va. and was preceded in death by his parents, John Samuel Hammond and Carol and Robert Stafford, Sr.

Don graduated from Bluefield High School in 1970, attended Marshall University, served in the U. S. Navy from 1972 to 1977, and was then employed by Mountaineer Bowling Center and Sandy Valley Lanes.

In October 2004, Don was ordained a permanent deacon in the Roman Catholic church in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, W.Va. He was employed as Catholic Campus Minister at Concord University, Athens, W. Va. by the diocese and was also employed by Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Bluefield, W. Va. as pastoral associate. After retiring and moving to Radford,, he was incardinated in the Diocese of Richmond in 2021 and assigned to St. Jude Catholic Church in Christiansburg.

Don had a charismatic gift of prayer and praise and, along with the Sacred Heart Music Ministry, led many to the heart of Jesus with his music. In 2011, he wrote "Mass in the Key of Praise" that has been used throughout the United States.

Pastorally, Don served Bluefield and Princeton Sacred Heart churches by witnessing marriages, visiting the sick, celebrating funerals and wake services, and baptizing parishioners.



In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Sean Michael Hammond and Sean's wife, Heidi.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Loretta; daughters Amy Hammond of Radford and Laura Hubble (Eric) of Christiansburg. He was Nonno to Andrew and Natalina Hubble

of Christiansburg. His siblings are Julie Francisco (John) of Scott Depot, W. Va., Lori Dorencamp (Craig) of Lantana, Fla., Robert Stafford, Jr., of Tazewell, Va., Sarah Bosco (Jay) of Lake Charles Shores, Fla., and John Hammond (Donna) of Dalton, Ga. He is also survived by his uncle, James Hammond of Richlands, Va.; his father's wife, Linda Hammond of Dalton, Ga.; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Monday, Jan. 9, 2023, at 11 a.m. at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Bluefield, with Celebrant Father Paul Wharton. Visitation will be one hour prior to the Mass.

A Memorial Mass will be held at a later date at St. Jude Catholic Church in Christiansburg where inurnment will be at St. Jude's Columbarium.

In lieu of flowers, Don has requested donations be made to the Sacred Heart Food Pantry, PO Box 608, Bluefield, WV 24701 or St. Jude Catholic Church, 1740 Tyler Road, Christiansburg, VA 24073.

The Hammond family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford, Virginia. www.mullinsfuneralhome.com.

Lancaster, Dot Phillips

Dot Phillips Lancaster, 87, passed away at her home in Dublin on Saturday, Dec. 31, 2022.

She retired from Kollmorgen. Dot was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Elizabeth Phillips; sisters Barbara Phillips, Ann Baker, and Helen Monroe; a brother, Davis Phillips; and her first husband, John H. Midkiff, Jr.

Survivors include her husband, Lowell L. Lancaster; daughters Jonna Midkiff McGraw (Gary Joyce), and Cindy Midkiff Hartmann; a stepdaughter, Elizabeth B. Lancaster; a stepson, Jonathan P. Lancaster (Janet); grandchildren, Jonathan McGraw (Olivia) and Aaron Hartmann (Steph); three great-grandchildren and one on the way; a brother, John R. Phillips, PhD; a dear friend, Diane Lovern; and

many other relatives and friends. Dot was a hard worker all her life. She could fix anything that was broken and was a creative problem solver. She was an excellent seamstress and cook who enjoyed going on cruises, dancing, sitting on the beach, gardening, farmers' markets, and being with her family.

The family received friends on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford, followed by funeral services with Dennis Kinnan and Jim Holt officiating. Interment followed in West View Cemetery in Radford.

The Lancaster family is in care of Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory in Radford.



Green, Aldora Keys

Aldora Keys Green, of Blacksburg, Heroine Award, an award for perfect attendance; the In the Limelight Award; the Black Caucus Outstanding Award; and the Ring Dance Appreciation Award. She also won Radford's President's Volunteer Service Award.

A memorial service was held in McCoy Funeral Chapel in Blacksburg on Friday, the Jan. 6, 2023.



Selby, Peggy Ann

Peggy Ann Selby, 79 of Blacksburg, Hubbell Lighting in Christiansburg. went to join her heavenly Father on Friday, Dec. 30, 2022. Peggy is survived by her daughter, Lourie and Lester Shaver of Blacksburg; sons, Leroy Linkous Jr. of Christiansburg, and Richard Linkous and Robert Croote of Riner; grandchildren, Bridgette Strup and husband Dan, and Amber Linkous; great grandchildren, Georgia and Penelope Strup; sister Lois and Malcom Woolwine; and best friend, Gloria Hilton. She leaves to cherish her memory, several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Kit Linkous; husband, Leroy Linkous; brother, William Linkous; and sisters, Nancy Wright and Linda Sweeney. Peggy retired after 34 years at

Our mom was a great inspiration in the way she gave of herself in caring for others. She was a wonderful cook, enjoyed gardening and loved her pets.

A memorial service will be held, Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2022, at the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel, 150 Country Club Drive, Blacksburg, Va., at 3 p.m. Visitation will be prior to the service from, 2- 3 p.m. A special thank you to her caregivers, Laura Bentley, Penny Thompson, her furry companion Razz, and Good Samaritan Hospice caregivers, Brittany, Connie and Karen. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Good Samaritan Hospice can be made in Peggy's name.



Virginia Tech National Security Institute taps top talent to form inaugural advisory board

By Isabella Rossi - Virginia Tech

Virginia Tech's National Security Institute (VTNSI) is engaging with national security leaders to form its inaugural advisory board.

This new advisory board was created with the Ted and Karyn Hume Center for National Security and Technology advisory board as its foundation, combining the 10 existing members with 10 new members.

"We are extremely grateful for the enthusiastic support from both the returning and new board members," said Eric Paterson, executive director of the Virginia Tech National Security Institute. "Many of the returning members have long experience advising the Hume Center and witnessed its remarkable growth over the past 15 years. The new members also bring a wealth of experience, especially looking through the lens of industry partners and government agencies who hire Virginia Tech students and look to us for our contributions to some of the most pressing issues facing our country today."

The board, composed of high-profile experts who represent government

and higher education institutions, works with the institute's team to gain new insights, anticipate opportunities and future challenges, forge new connections, explore sustainable growth strategies, and cement the institute as the destination for talent, research, and innovation in the Commonwealth of Virginia and beyond.

"Over the next few years, advice from our advisory board will be critical as we scale up the vision so clearly defined by the founding of the Hume Center with an intentional focus on the intersection of research execution with student experiential learning," said Paterson. "We endeavor to see our model deployed to thousands of Virginia Tech students. The guidance from our board will be very important to make sure we align our faculty expertise with critical and emerging technologies that serve the needs of industry and government."

New advisory board members:

David Appel, vice president, national security division of Amazon Web Services

Timothy A. Barton, Dynetics Group chief technology officer, Leidos

Kenneth Bible, chief information security officer, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Valerie M. Browning, vice president for research and technology, corporate technology office of Lockheed Martin

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Robert Wilkie, former secretary of Veterans Affairs

Returning advisory board members, previously serving on the Hume board:

Charles Clancy, senior vice president, general manager, MITRE Labs and chief futurist, MITRE

Bob Flores, founder and

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Blacksburg's Sarah Weatherspoon named to Trine University dean's list

Blacksburg's Sarah Weatherspoon of Blacksburg earned Dean's List recognition for the Fall 2022 term at Trine University in Angola, IN.

Weatherspoon is majoring in elementary education/special ed dual licensure.

To earn Dean's List honors, Trine University students must complete a minimum of 12 hours and have a grade point average of 3.500-3.749.

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MONTGOMERY SPORTS

Blacksburg player commits to play volleyball at RU



FILE PHOTO
Rylee Sloss had 281 assists and 271 kills this past season for Blacksburg High School's volleyball team.

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Rylee Sloss is coming off an outstanding senior season at Blacksburg High School and this past week, she announced her intentions to continue her volleyball career at Radford University.

This past season, Sloss had 281 assists, 271 kills, 134 digs and 43 blocks and was named to the first-team All-River Ridge District and Region 4D lists.

Sherisa Livingston is entering her third season as the head coach of Radford volleyball, becoming the 11th head coach in program history in 2020.

Livingston came to Radford with nearly seven years of coaching experience following a phenomenal

career as a student-athlete and a professional career. Most recently, she was the assistant coach at Big South Conference institution Winthrop University.

This past season, Radford finished 12-16.

Sloss said she chose Radford for a couple of reasons. "Being closer to home was extremely appealing to me when making my decision. Also, after visiting with Coach Livingston and Coach Forman, I felt welcomed and knew Radford was the best fit for me."

Sloss plans to major in communications with a goal on the court to build a strong connection with teammates. "My main goal on the court is to contribute to the team's success in whatever role possible."

Radford Bobcats win holiday tourney title



PHOTO COURTESY OF RADFORD BOBCATS

The Radford High School boys varsity basketball team won the First Community Bank Christmas Tournament this past week at Ft. Chiswell High School. Radford won all three games over East Wilkes 50-27, Narrows 58-34, and George Wythe 56-42. Pictured (left to right) are Max Kanipe, Mekih Martin, Conner Young, Sincere Taylor, Jeremiah Eaves, Gavin Cormany, Luke Woodard, Elijah Kelly, Parker Prioleau, Thomas Grant, Koreyon Ferguson and Daniel DeHart-Lewis.

Broadcasts of Kenny Brooks Show to return on Jan. 9

The Kenny Brooks Show, which did three in-person shows in November and December, returns for the rest of the 2022-23 season, as its dates for the months of January and February are now set.

Evan Hughes, the voice of Virginia Tech women's basketball and a Jim Nantz award winner, returns to host the show and will continue to interview head coach Brooks, assistant coaches, and players.

Seven shows will be broadcast, starting on Monday, Jan. 9 at 6 p.m. and ending on Monday, Feb. 27. The shows will be a mix of in-person and virtual with fans being able to tune in to the virtual shows on the HokieSports app.

In-person shows will take place at the University Club, which fans do not have to be a member of to attend, and those shows will take place on Jan. 9, Jan. 24, Jan. 31, and Feb. 27, while the other shows on Jan. 17, Feb 7. and Feb. 20 will be virtual.

Kenny Brooks Show schedule

Date	Location
Jan. 9	University Club
Jan. 17	VIRTUAL
Jan. 24	University Club
Jan. 31	University Club
Feb. 7	VIRTUAL
Feb. 20	VIRTUAL
Feb. 27	University Club

Collegiate official to lead Auburn girls basketball

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Collegiate basketball referee Jennifer Rezac is trading in her whistle to take over as the head coach of the Auburn High School girls basketball team.

Basketball has been a part of her life since she was a youngster. After her involvement with the sport as a player and as a recreational sports and striped official on the NCAA hardwood, she hopes to continue to impact the lives of young players through coaching and teaching the game.

"This game, both as a player, a professional, and as an official has provided so much for me in my life in teaching me lifelong skills such as leadership, time management, problem solving, communication, decision making, and good health,

I wanted to be able to continue to provide other young players those same skills through the game for their futures," she said.

While this is her first "real" coaching experience, Rezac has related to "coaching" for several years as an official.

She is originally from Nebraska where she went to school at private catholic schools in Omaha.

She was a multi-sport athlete growing up throughout high school, playing softball, soccer, volleyball, and basketball. Due to several knee injuries in high school (three ACL tears between both right and left knees) as well as ankle injuries, she walked on at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln basketball

program. Injuries kept her sidelined, and she turned to a recreational sports career and to officiating.

Looking at her new adventure, Rezac believes the Auburn High School athletics program is strong, but the girls' basketball program has not proven to have success for any number of reasons.

"I want to change the mindset around the girls' program not only within the school but also in the Riner area," Rezac said. "Our plans not only are geared toward the high school but also toward the development of the girls' youth program in the Riner area for the future of the middle school."

Auburn is 3-6 in the 2022 part of its season as the New Year opens with the Mt. Empire District schedule.

FROM THE SIDELINES

By Marty Gordon

NFL incident reminds us of '97 incident

The cardiac event involving NFL player Damar Hamlin earlier this week brought back memories of a 1997 Roanoke Victory Stadium event that affected us here in Southwest Virginia.

I was there the night 6-1, 250-pound Pulaski County High School offensive lineman Lee Cook fell to the turf early in the second quarter against William Fleming. He was pronounced dead at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital, according to hospital officials. We watched as emergency personnel worked to revive him.

No really knew how serious Cook's injury was as he was rushed to the nearby hospital

Watching this week's incident on television rushed all those concerns back. I knew exactly what had happened and how quickly those emergency staffers were working to save his life.

Hamlin's life-threatening injury during Monday night's game against the Cincinnati Bengals resonated around the league and the world of

sports.

In the first quarter of the game, Hamlin, a 24-year-old safety, tackled Bengals receiver Tee Higgins, taking him to the ground. Hamlin stood up after the tackle and took two steps but then collapsed to the turf.

He went into cardiac arrest, was administered CPR, and his heartbeat was revived on the field. He was then taken to the hospital in critical condition.

Cook, who was a high school junior back then, was injured on the first play after Pulaski got the ball back on downs. The game was halted for about 15 minutes as rescue workers and trainers attended to Cook. He was carried off the field on a stretcher.

Neither team was told of Cook's death until after the game, won by William Fleming, 8-6.

Cook died from what the medical examiner called a rare event.

According to the autopsy, Cook was hit as his heart was recharging for another beat, causing his heart to scramble its signals and stop.

The result, a condition called Commotio Cordis,

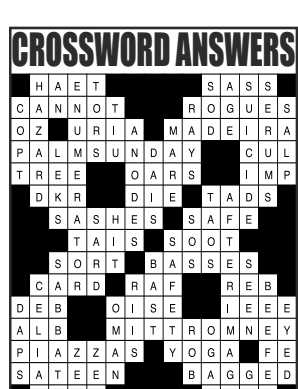
occurs when an individual experiences a trauma to the chest that can cause additional waves of electricity to pass through the heart muscle. The extra waves throw off the normal heart rhythm, which can be deadly.

According to the American Heart Association, Commotio Cordis is a term applied to sudden death resulting from non-penetrating chest wall impact in the absence of injury to the ribs, sternum, and heart, thereby differing from cardiac contusion. The common causes include the impact of baseballs, footballs, lacrosse sticks, and hockey pucks.

Resuscitation within three minutes typically results in a survival rate of 25% (17 of 68 cases). Survival drops to 3% when resuscitation is delayed beyond three minutes.

In the last decade, Commotio Cordis events have primarily occurred in sports, and thus, this

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Craig downs East Montgomery 57-46



Grayson Caldwell lines up a jumper for Eastern Montgomery against Craig County in Pioneer District action.



East Mont's Talon Bruce scores on a fast break layup over Craig County's Seth Parsons.



Eastern Montgomery's Xavier Brown drives in for a layup against Craig County.



Eastern Montgomery's Camden Sutphin takes a shot over Craig County's Drew Duncan.

PHOTOS BY JON FLEMING

Hokie lineman signs with Frankfurt Galaxy

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Virginia Tech lineman Danijel Miletic has signed a professional contract with the Frankfurt Galaxy. The 6-3, 290 Miletic was a redshirt freshman and was expected back into the fold until his announcement on Monday.

He was listed as a backup offensive guard and was one of Tech's first international signees when he came to Blacksburg.

Previously, he played for the Darmstadt Diamonds club team near Frankfurt, Germany, and was a member of the PPI Recruits program that has placed more than 60 players in major Division I programs. He is originally from Serbia.

At the time of his signing in 2021, Miletic was ranked as the No. 2 player coming out of Germany. He chose Tech over East Carolina and the University of Central Florida.

The Frankfurt Galaxy is an

American football team that plays in the European League of Football (ELF).

The franchise was announced in November 2020 as part of ELF's inaugural season. In March 2021, ELF announced it had reached an agreement with the NFL to be able to use the team names from the days of NFL Europe.

Frankfurt finished 8-4 this past season and was 9-1 in 2021 when the Galaxy won the league championship.

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phenomenon has become more well known to the sports communities and physicians.

So far, doctors have not said that is what happened in the recent Buffalo Bills contest.

Prayers are with the NFL player and hopefully he can recover from his incident. But for now, it is just a freak accident that took place in a very violent sport, which we have to admit is dangerous. Football is sometimes a distraction from life, but this week it reminded us there is so much more in life.

Annual Marty awards, early '22 predictions

The remains of COVID continued to haunt the sports world this past year, making it tough to determine who deserved to receive our own version of the EPSY, in this case, a "Marty."

The first one is given to Christiansburg High School's offensive line for an outstanding season. Pass out the seven combination Martys. Also, hand another over to their coach, Alex Wilkens. He deserves to add one to his trophy cabinet.

Let's give a Marty to Auburn football coach David Seabaugh, who has coached two seasons but has yet to finish one. He deserves an award for sticking it out.

Former Virginia Tech kicker Joey Slye has found a home with the Washington Commanders. He deserves one of our special awards for his effort.

Blacksburg's Rebecca Minnick continues to move up the

national rankings for frisbee golf and deserves a Marty.

Former Radford University athletic director Chuck Taylor passed in the fall and deserves a Marty posthumous award.

Former Christiansburg Recreation athletic supervisor Chuck Muncy retired from his longtime position but has taken the position as the new Christiansburg High School golf coach where he continues to build a program that really didn't exist until this year. He deserves a Marty.

Longtime Radford Recreation Director Kenny Goodyear announced his retirement after more than 25 years. Thanks, Kenny, for everything you have done for youngsters in the Radford area. You also gain a special Marty for all the programs you helped to make successful. Enjoy retirement.

We also said goodbye to Pulaski County football voice Dan Callihan, who made a difference for the entire area and this sports reporter. He receives a Marty for his support of local athletics. Pulaski County High School has placed his name on the press box, which he called home for so long.

The injury bug hit Christiansburg football player Thaxton Henley in the third game of the season, knocking him out of his senior season after not playing in his junior year because of a similar knee injury. When he played, Henley made a difference for the team and deserves his own Marty.

Another Marty is given to the Auburn High School volleyball team for another state title. Sherry Millirons is close to having a Marty specially named after her.

A Marty also goes to the Eastern Montgomery girls' soccer team that has been playing the sport for only the past three seasons for winning the 2022 state title.

Raena Worley is one of the top gymnasts in the country

Docs for Morgan fundraiser to return to in-person basketball game

Jan. 3, 2023 --The Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine (VTCOM)'s annual Docs for Morgan fundraiser will feature, for the first time since 2020, an in-person basketball game pitting medical students against Carilion Clinic residents and physicians. The event, which supports the Morgan Dana Harrington Memorial Scholarship Fund at VTCOM, has been held in different formats in recent years because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Docs for Morgan will be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 1 at the Patrick Henry High School gymnasium at 2120 Grandin Road in Roanoke. Admission to the public event is free, and donations to the scholarship fund are encouraged.

"It really means so much that we can be back in person and welcome a crowd to cheer on the students and physicians as they battle it out on the court for a great cause," said Tracey Criss, associate dean for clinical science years 3 and 4 at the medical school. "This event is really about honoring Morgan and supporting the Harrington family. Over the years it has brought together the medical school, community, and Carilion Clinic. It's something we look forward to every year."

Dan Harrington recently retired from his role as vice dean of VTCOM, where he played an integral role in establishing the school. His daughter Morgan worked as an intern at VTCOM while a rising junior at Virginia Tech.

After Morgan's tragic death in 2009, the outpouring of support from VTCOM, Virginia Tech, Carilion Clinic, and the community helped the Harringtons on their path of healing. In honor of Morgan's life, they created the Morgan Dana Harrington Memorial Scholarship at the medical school, funded the Morgan Harrington Educational Wing at OMNI Village in Zambia, and founded Help Save the Next Girl, a national nonprofit that educates children and young adults about the need for safety and personal responsibility.

The first Docs for Morgan basketball game was held in 2013. The game and other fundraising efforts have helped the Harrington Memorial Scholarship generate more than \$500,000 to benefit students at VTCOM.



PHOTO COURTESY VIRGINIA TECH MEDIA RELATIONS

For the first time since 2020, the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine's Docs for Morgan fundraiser will feature an in-person basketball game with medical students taking the court against Carilion Clinic residents and physicians. The event will be held at 7 p.m. on Feb. 1 at the Patrick Henry High School gymnasium in Roanoke.

at the University of Kentucky. She is from Christiansburg and deserves a Marty for her outstanding year.

These awards don't come with a little trophy like the EPSY. Instead they simply come with bragging rights.

Tampa Bay and Tom Brady will make the NFL playoffs, playing the Eagles in the NFC championship game.

Virginia Tech's baseball team will dominate competition and win an ACC tournament title. This comes on the heels of the Tech women's basketball team winning their own tournament title.

This all sets the stage for the Tech football team to record an eight-win season for Brent Pry.

Other predictions:

A dog from the New River Valley will make it to the finals in the Westminster Dog Show.

The Washington Commanders will be sold for a record \$9.5 billion with one of the investors having a New River Valley connection.

The Virginia Tech golf course (on-campus) will officially close to allow for the future construction of a new residential community for the school.

A national flag football league will announce expansion to the New River Valley with plans to play in Christiansburg.

The Salem Red Sox will branch out and play several exhibition games throughout southwest Virginia.

A new sporting goods store will open in Christiansburg.

No matter what, enjoy the world of sports no matter your particular favorite. Make 2023 a memorable season to remember.

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