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Blacksburg High School student selected for National Youth Orchestra of United States



PHOTO COURTESY OF CARNEGIE HALL PUBLIC RELATIONS

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Blacksburg High School senior Sam Woolsey is among the 109 teens invited to tour this summer as a timpani player/percussionist with the National Youth Orchestra of the United States.

Carnegie Hall began the National Youth Orchestra program 10 years ago, and the ensemble has served as cultural ambassadors around the world ever since. NYO is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year and will be touring North America with stops from Carnegie Hall to San Diego.

The members of the 2023 orchestra, ages 16 through 19, hail from 31 states plus Puerto Rico and have been recognized by Carnegie Hall as being

among the finest players in the country following a comprehensive and highly selective audition process.

This summer's orchestra features 13 musicians who previously played with the National Youth Orchestra and 35 musicians who gained experience through NYO2, a program for younger players ages 14-17. Both NYO-USA and NYO2 are offered free of charge, ensuring that all invited musicians have the opportunity to take part.

Woolsey is one of only three students from the commonwealth to be selected for the tour. The other two are cello player Kyle Ryu from Burke, Va., and bass player Joshua Thrush from Vienna,

Va. Conductor Sir Andrew Davis will lead the national youth orchestra at Carnegie Hall and on its North American Tour that will feature a trip to New York in early July for an intensive two-week training residency at Purchase College, State University of New York (SUNY).

Davis will also lead the teen orchestra at the annual Carnegie Hall concert (July 14). The tour will include stops in Groton, Mass.; Joliette, Quebec; Dallas, Texas; Jackson, Wyoming; Stanford, Calif.; and San Diego, Calif.

Violinist Gil Shaham is the guest soloist for the orchestra's performance at Carnegie Hall and for five performances

on the tour. Violinist Hilary Hahn joins as guest soloist for two tour performances.

The orchestra's tour repertoire will include a new work written for the ensemble by Valerie Coleman, commissioned by Carnegie Hall; Berlioz's *Symphonie fantastique*; and Barber's and Tchaikovsky's violin concertos.

Tickets for the Carnegie Hall concert will go on sale for the general public on Monday, April 24. Tickets can be purchased at the Carnegie Hall Box Office and/or by calling CarnegieCharge at 212-247-7800.

- Submitted by Carnegie Hall Public Relations



PHOTO COURTESY OF NRCC

The Blue Ridge Girls – Martha Spencer, Jamie Collins, and Brett Morris – will offer traditional mountain music at NRCC's free concert today, March 11, at 6 p.m.

NRCC Concert Series presents Blue Ridge Girls, Adam McPeak & Mountain Thunder

The music of Adam McPeak & Mountain Thunder and the Blue Ridge Girls will be featured during New River Community College's Concert Series event today, Saturday, March 11, 2023, with the music beginning at 6 p.m. in 117 Edwards Hall at NRCC in Dublin.

Adam McPeak & Mountain Thunder is composed primarily of young bluegrass musicians from Virginia, with mandolin player Adam at the helm. Members of the band are Mike McPeak, Adam's father, who plays guitar and sings lead and harmony vocals; Nikki Wright who plays fiddle and sings lead and harmony vocals; David Chrisley who plays bass and sings harmony vocals; and Steve Chrisley, David's

father, who plays banjo. The group began playing at fiddler's conventions and then went on to play their own shows and participate in competitions. They placed ninth and tenth at Society for the Preservation of Bluegrass Music in America National Band Championship events in Nashville. They have also appeared on public television's "Song of the Mountains."

The Blue Ridge Girls, like their name, invoke a picturesque simplicity with their take on traditional mountain music. The trio features Martha Spencer, Jamie Collins, and Brett Morris and features a variety of old time, bluegrass and country songs, flatfooting to fiddle and banjo tunes, original songwriting, and

unique takes on other familiar crowd-pleasers. All three women grew up in musical families and are working to preserve and promote the Blue Ridge's rich musical heritage. The Blue Ridge Girls traveled to historic Muscle Shoals, Alabama, during the summer of 2021 to record their first album.

Corporate sponsors of the jamborees 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 Seeding and Landscaping Company, Pulaski; King Tire Service, Pulaski;

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Radford Easter Egg Hunt in Bisset Park

RADFORD VA EASTER EGG HUNT

MARCH 25 11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. BISSET PARK, RADFORD

12:00 p.m. Ages 3-5
12:15 p.m. Ages 6-8
12:30 p.m. Ages 9-12
12:45 p.m. Ages 3 and Under

Bounce Houses, Petting Zoo, Food Trucks, Face Painting, Lots of Sweets, and Pictures with the Easter Bunny!

Radford VA THE NEW RIVER CITY Please bring a basket Radford Chamber Commerce

PHOTO COURTESY OF CITY OF RADFORD

The Radford Easter Egg Hunt will be at Bisset Park, March 25, beginning at 11:00 a.m. There will be an Egg Hunt, food trucks, bounce houses, police cars, fire trucks, and pictures with the Easter Bunny.

- Radford Tourism

After being shut down by COVID, the NRV's Intellectual Disability Agency schedules fundraisers

The Intellectual Disabilities Agency of the New River Valley (IDA), established in 1965, supports therapeutic, educational, social, and recreational programs for persons with Intellectual

Disabilities in the New River Valley. During COVID, IDA had to cancel all programming for its clients as they were more vulnerable to the disease. The lack of outside activities negatively affected them physically and mentally as well. Funding for the programs was greatly restricted.

Under new Executive Director Denise Helland, expanded activities are underway including two fundraising events: the annual wine/beer tasting and silent auction on Friday, April 21, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and the annual golf tournament on Monday, Aug. 14, in the afternoon.

Both events will take place at the Blacksburg Country Club in Ellett Valley. The IDA is seeking auction items for the silent auction as well as tee sponsors and prizes for the golf tournament.

Earl Brown, President of the IDA's Board of Directors, says the IDA provides important quality of life benefits for its clients.

"The children and adults who participate with this agency will always need these services," Brown said. "When children begin participating with IDA, they will most likely be accessing these activities for their lifetime. In fact, most adults have been participating with IDA since they were children. Participation has steadily grown over the years, which reflects the quality of the

activities and programs."

In the upcoming weeks, IDA members will be contacting business owners and individuals regarding donations for the two fundraisers.

Anyone interested in assisting, donating, or attending these events should contact executive director Denise Helland at denise@idanrv.org. or by text/phone 540-381-0310.

- Submitted by The Intellectual Disabilities Agency of the New River Valley



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

The Town of Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on, Tuesday, March 28, 2023, 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 Rockstep Christiansburg LLC, Property Owner, to allow a Carnival from April 29, 2023 through May 17, 2023 on the property located at 782 New River Road NW, Tax Parcel 435 - ((A)) - 41, Parcel ID 007741, zoned General Business District B-3. The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan. Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comment in-person at the time of this Public Hearing. A copy of the application, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Benjamin Tripp, Planning Director, at (540) 382-6128 Ext. 1120 or by email at btripp@christiansburg.org, with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Virginia Department of Transportation and the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, in accordance with Section 33.1-70.01 of the Code of Virginia, will conduct a joint public hearing in the Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia at 7:15 p.m. on Monday, March 13, 2023. The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comment on the proposed Secondary Six-Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2023/2024 through 2028/29 in Montgomery County and on the Secondary System Construction Budget for Fiscal Year 2023/24. Copies of the proposed Plan and Budget may be reviewed at the Christiansburg Residency Office of the Virginia Department of Transportation, located at 105 Cambria Street, Christiansburg, Virginia or at the Montgomery County Government Center located at 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia. All projects in the Secondary Six-Year Plan that are eligible for federal funds will be included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), which documents how Virginia will obligate federal transportation funds. Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate in this hearing should contact the Virginia Department of Transportation at (540) 381-7201. Persons wishing to speak at this public hearing should contact the Montgomery County Government Center at (540) 382-6954.

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

The Town of Christiansburg Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 20, 2023, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning: A. Rezoning

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request by Jones Real Estate Investment & Recycling Company, Inc., Property Owner, to rezone an approximately 1.1 acre portion of a 2.002 acre parcel located between the south side of Scott Street NE and the north side of Roanoke Street, and identified as Tax Parcel 499 - ((A)) - 10, Parcel ID 008134; and approximately 1.21 acres located at 1413 Scott St. NE, identified as Tax Parcel 529-7-76, Parcel ID 008136; from General Business District B-3 to Multiple-Family Residential District R-3. The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan. Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comment in-person at the time of this Public Hearing. A copy of the application, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Benjamin Tripp, Planning Director, at (540) 382-6128 ext. 1120 or by email at btripp@christiansburg.org with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR INVITATION FOR BIDS AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

Pursuant to the requirements of §§ 15.2-2100, 15.2-2101, 15.2-2102, et seq., Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, the Town of Christiansburg, Virginia (Town) hereby gives notice that the Town is inviting bids from qualified bidders to enter into a Naming, Advertising, and

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Sponsorship Agreement (Naming Rights Agreement) with the Town. Under the Naming Rights Agreement, the successful bidder will have the right to have its name on the facilities at the Christiansburg Huckleberry Park complex located at Booker T. Washington Parkway, N.W., adjoining Peppers Ferry Road, N.W., Christiansburg, Virginia (a portion of Montgomery County Tax Map No. 435 - ((A)) - 3A; Parcel ID 270079), subject to certain terms and conditions of such Naming Rights Agreement. The term of the Naming Rights Agreement shall be ten (10) years, starting on July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2033. The term of the Naming Rights Agreement is also subject to termination as set forth in the Naming Rights Agreement or in accordance with the law. The Naming Rights Agreement will also allow the successful bidder to have certain advertising rights at the Christiansburg Huckleberry Park Facility. Any such agreement, use, and advertising being subject to approval of the Town. If the Town elects to award a Naming Rights Agreement, Town Council will be requested to adopt an ordinance granting such an award, which ordinance will provide in substance for a Naming Rights Agreement as set forth above. A copy of the full text of the proposed Ordinance and a draft of the Naming Rights Agreement are on file and may be reviewed in the Office of the Town Manager, Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. Any interested entity is invited to submit a written bid, including a completed bid form, for a Naming Rights Agreement as set forth above. Each bidder shall submit at a minimum the following information:

1. The legal name of the entity submitting the bid, including the Identification Number issued to it by the Virginia State Corporation Commission.
2. The aggregate amount of the annual payments for the naming right to be made to the Town of Christiansburg for such Naming Rights Agreement. The minimum acceptable amount is \$500,000.00.
3. The amount of the payments for each year of the term of the Naming Rights Agreement. The minimum acceptable amount for the first year of the term of the Naming Rights Agreement is \$100,000.00.
4. The agreement of the bidder to make payments during each year in accordance with the schedule of payments set forth in the Naming Rights Agreement.
5. The identification of the bidder's primary business which will constitute the bidder's Product Category for all purposes in the Naming Rights Agreement. The term "primary business" is defined in the Naming Rights Agreement.
6. The name proposed by the bidder for the Christiansburg Huckleberry Park facility.
7. The financial ability of the bidder to make the payments that will be due during the first year of the term of the Naming Rights Agreement.
8. Information that (i) demonstrates the character, judgment, integrity, experience, and reputation of the bidder in the conduct of its business and performance of its contracts and agreements, and (ii) demonstrates the bidder's ability and commitment to collaborate with the Town in the promotion of the Christiansburg Huckleberry Park facility.
9. The agreement of the bidder to execute the Naming Rights Agreement.
10. The bidder acknowledges that this process is subject to § 15.2-2100, et seq., Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, the bidder agrees, if its bid is accepted, to post a bond with surety in favor of the Town pursuant to § 15.2-2104, Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.
12. Other information as the bidder deems appropriate. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope or container to the Town Manager at the address

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noted herein on or before 7:00 p.m., local time, Tuesday, April 25, 2023. The outside of the bid envelope should be marked as follows: "Bid for Naming Rights Agreement with Town of Christiansburg for Naming, Advertising, and Sponsorship at the Christiansburg Huckleberry Park Facility, Not to Be Opened Until the Bid Opening at 7:00 p.m. on April 25, 2023." The bid should be addressed to the Office of the Town Manager, Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, 24073, and thereafter be publicly opened and read aloud in accordance with § 15.2-2102, Code of Virginia (1950), as amended. The Town reserves the right to cancel this Invitation for Bids and/or to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality or irregularity in the bids received, and to accept the bid which is deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

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The necessary bid form, a copy of the proposed Naming Rights Agreement, and the proposed Ordinance may be obtained from the Town Manager's Office at the above address after Tuesday, April 25, 2023. Pursuant to the requirements of §§ 15.2-2100, et seq., Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, notice is hereby given that the Council of the Town of Christiansburg will hold a public hearing on the above matter at its regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., local time, or as soon thereafter as Council is available, in the Council Chamber, Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, 24073. The Bids received will be announced and any additional bids may be received at this time. All parties and interested persons may appear on the above date and time and be heard on the matter. For further information on this matter, you may contact the Office of the Town Manager at (540) 382-6128. If you are a person who needs accommodations for this hearing, please contact the Town Manager's Office at (540) 382-6128 before

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12:00 noon on the Thursday before the date of the hearing listed above.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 & 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on March 27, 2023 at 7:15 p.m. in the County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to hear citizen comments regarding the Board of Supervisors' intention to act on the following Ordinance: A request by Fotheringay LLC (Agent: CF VA Solar 105 LLC) for a Special Use Permit to construct a 5-megawatt ground mounted solar array on approximately 35 acres, consisting of a 2 acre portion of Tax Parcel 072-156, a 24 acre portion of Tax Parcel 072-A 2, and a 9 acre portion of Tax Parcel 072-A 4. The use is defined as "solar energy system, major" in the

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Zoning Ordinance, which is permitted in the A-1 Agricultural Zoning District only by Special Use Permit. The properties are located along Roanoke Road (US Route 11), approximately 0.07 miles southwest of the intersection of Roanoke Road and Eastern Montgomery Lane (State Route 9257). The properties are further identified as Tax Map 072-156 (Parcel ID: 013681), 37.824 acres, Tax Map 072-A 2 (Parcel ID: 023523), 53.343 acres, and Tax Map 072-A 4 (Parcel ID: 013680), 188.1 acres, all zoned A-1 Agricultural in the Shawsville Magisterial District. The property is located in an area designated as Resource Stewardship in the 2025 Comprehensive Plan. Copies of the proposed plans, applications, ordinances or amendments may be examined at the Department of Planning and GIS Services, County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Suite 2A, Christiansburg, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or at <http://www.montgomerycountyva.gov/pendingapplications>.

LEGAL NOTICE County of Montgomery, Virginia Synopsis of Advertised Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

This budget synopsis is prepared and published pursuant to Section 15.2-2506 of Code of Virginia, for information and fiscal planning purposes only.

A hearing will be held by the Board of Supervisors on April 13, 2023 at 6:15 P.M. at the County Government Center Board Room, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia at which time any citizen of the County shall have the opportunity to attend and state his or her views on the advertised budget.

A copy of the Advertised Budget is available for inspection at the County Government Center, in the County Administrator's Office, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg; the Blacksburg Library, 200 Miller St., Blacksburg; the Christiansburg Library, 125 Shelton St., Christiansburg; the Meadowbrook Library, 267 Alleghany Springs Road, Shawsville; the Blacksburg Community Center, 725 Patrick Henry Dr., Blacksburg; the Christiansburg Recreation Center, 1600 N. Franklin St., Christiansburg; the Blacksburg Municipal Building, in the Town Manager's Office, 300 S. Main St., Blacksburg; and the Christiansburg Town Hall, in the Town Manager's Office, 100 E. Main St., Christiansburg.

EXPENDITURES:	FY 2023	FY 2024	Increase (Decrease)
	Budget	Advertised Budget	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Board of Supervisors	\$ 282,655	\$ 283,596	\$ 941
County Administration	\$ 3,518,233	\$ 4,735,935	\$ 1,217,702
County Attorney	\$ 403,822	\$ 423,582	\$ 19,760
Finance	\$ 1,161,985	\$ 1,188,354	\$ 26,369
Insurance	\$ 230,695	\$ 236,870	\$ 6,175
Information Technology	\$ 2,308,466	\$ 2,390,394	\$ 81,928
Commissioner of the Revenue-State	\$ 666,661	\$ 650,130	\$ (16,531)
Assessment-100% County	\$ 510,354	\$ 549,683	\$ 39,329
Treasurer-State	\$ 521,929	\$ 518,522	\$ (3,407)
Collections-100% County	\$ 487,938	\$ 512,062	\$ 24,124
Electoral Board/Director of Elections	\$ 568,583	\$ 596,795	\$ 28,212
Commonwealth Attorney	\$ 1,444,390	\$ 1,676,293	\$ 231,903
Courts	\$ 285,292	\$ 285,076	\$ (216)
Clerk of the Circuit Court	\$ 833,505	\$ 870,079	\$ 36,574
Sheriff-State	\$ 9,146,417	\$ 9,073,193	\$ (73,224)
Sheriff-100% County	\$ 7,677,929	\$ 8,255,363	\$ 577,434
Fire Departments and Rescue Squads	\$ 1,528,181	\$ 1,551,481	\$ 23,300
Animal Care and Adoption Center	\$ 761,120	\$ 814,394	\$ 53,274
General Services	\$ 7,237,776	\$ 8,018,350	\$ 780,574
Children's Services Act	\$ 1,651,969	\$ 1,651,969	\$ -
Human Services	\$ 429,417	\$ 470,714	\$ 41,297
Public Health Department	\$ 615,000	\$ 629,014	\$ 14,014
Social Services	\$ 7,176,927	\$ 7,190,742	\$ 13,815
Parks & Recreation	\$ 1,481,548	\$ 1,575,386	\$ 93,838
Regional Library	\$ 2,486,565	\$ 2,473,036	\$ (13,529)
Planning & GIS	\$ 1,035,299	\$ 969,410	\$ (65,889)
Economic Development	\$ 519,490	\$ 559,975	\$ 40,485
Other Agencies	\$ 2,860,159	\$ 3,130,357	\$ 270,198
Contingencies-General	\$ 583,307	\$ 651,307	\$ 68,000
Contingencies-Special	\$ 116,216	\$ 4,117,308	\$ 4,001,092
Revenue Refunds	\$ 195,000	\$ 227,000	\$ 32,000
Subtotal:	\$ 58,726,828	\$ 66,276,370	\$ 7,549,542
Law Library	\$ 17,600	\$ 17,600	\$ -
SCHOOLS:			
School Operating	\$ 126,380,044	\$ 136,079,300	\$ 9,699,256
School Capital	\$ 2,259,973	\$ 2,350,864	\$ 90,891
School Nutrition	\$ 4,633,474	\$ 5,205,010	\$ 571,536
Subtotal:	\$ 133,273,491	\$ 143,635,174	\$ 10,361,683
County Capital	\$ 3,644,973	\$ 3,735,864	\$ 90,891
Debt Service	\$ 24,722,725	\$ 25,838,885	\$ 1,116,160
Economic Development	\$ 380,000	\$ 380,000	\$ -
COUNTY TOTAL	\$ 220,765,617	\$ 239,883,893	\$ 19,118,276

RESOURCES:	FY 2023	FY 2024	Increase (Decrease)
	Budget	Advertised Budget	
REVENUE:			
General Undesignated Revenue:			
Current Property Taxes (1)	\$ 107,793,451	\$ 113,392,859	\$ 5,599,408
Delinquent/Other Property Tax Revenue	\$ 3,656,502	\$ 4,096,000	\$ 439,498
Sales and Use Tax	\$ 11,153,109	\$ 12,947,491	\$ 1,794,382
Undesignated Consumer Utility Tax	\$ 1,563,000	\$ 1,540,000	\$ (23,000)
Motor Vehicle Licenses	\$ 800,000	\$ 855,000	\$ 55,000
All Other Local Taxes	\$ 1,470,000	\$ 1,525,000	\$ 55,000
Interest on Investments	\$ 142,553	\$ 2,778,499	\$ 2,635,946
All Other Undesignated Revenue	\$ 616,384	\$ 717,124	\$ 100,740
Total Undesignated Revenue	\$ 127,194,999	\$ 137,851,973	\$ 10,656,974
General Designated Revenue	\$ 16,494,213	\$ 17,568,563	\$ 1,074,350
Law Library Designated Revenue	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ -
School Operating Designated Revenue	\$ 70,811,431	\$ 76,510,687	\$ 5,699,256
Other School Designated Resources	\$ 4,633,474	\$ 5,205,010	\$ 571,536
Debt Service Designated	\$ 1,613,900	\$ 1,613,900	\$ -
Total Designated Revenue	\$ 93,568,018	\$ 100,913,160	\$ 7,345,142
Law Library Fund Balance	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,600	\$ -
Debt Service Fund Balance	\$ -	\$ 1,116,160	\$ 1,116,160
Total Fund Balance	\$ 2,600	\$ 1,118,760	\$ 1,116,160
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$ 220,765,617	\$ 239,883,893	\$ 19,118,276

(1) Real Estate Tax Rate based on \$0.73 per \$100 of Assessed Valuation. Personal Property Tax Rate Based on \$2.55 per \$100 Assessed Valuation. By Order of the Board of Supervisors: F. Craig Meadows, County Administrator County of Montgomery, Virginia

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, March 11:

Seth and the Secret of the Butterfly

At the Radford Public Library; noon to 2 p.m. Author Sally Chinn and Illustrators Harriet Anderson, Carolyn Turner, and Cindy Moore will sign books and speak informally about their new book, "Seth and the Secret of the Butterfly." Chinn is a former middle school English teacher. Anderson is a biology professor at New River Community College. Together and with the help of illustrators Turner and Moore, they have published a book about children with disabilities and the many gifts they have despite challenges that face them. The event is free, and its encouraging message is to love the gifts that make you YOU! Books will be available to purchase for \$12 (cash or check only).

Grownup Board Game Club

At the Radford Public Library; 2 to 4 p.m. Participants can bring a friend and a board game, or just themselves to get some quality board-gaming time. The library has a collection of board games on hand, but players are welcome to bring a game from home.

Kitchen supply swap

At the Meadowbrook Library, 1 to 3 p.m. The kitchen supply swap provides a space to meet up, give away items no longer needed, and find items that need a new home, all while participating in sustainable living. The event is free and is open to anyone and everyone. Participants can bring any kitchen items, utensils, gadgets, and thingamabobs that are in good condition, clean, and usable to swap for other items. Participants may also bring a recipe to share. Any leftover items will be donated to the Eastmont Thrift Store, a part of the Eastmont Community Foundation.

Monday, March 13:

Radford Community Garden signups

Radford Community Garden will begin signup for the 2023 season on March 13, 2023, in the City Administration Building. Previous gardeners will have priority for a plot. Plots cost \$20 for a 20 x 20-foot plot and \$10 for a 10 x 20-foot plot.

Radford City Council meeting

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

Montgomery County Board of Supervisors meeting

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors will meet in open session at 7:15 p.m. in the Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St. in Christiansburg. Closed sessions begin at 6 p.m. if needed. Citizens are invited to attend and will be allowed to address the board with any issues or concerns they may have. All regular meetings of the Board of Supervisors are rebroadcast on Montgomery County Comcast and Shentel Channels 190 daily.

Virtual Author Talk with David Epstein

This is an online event from 1 to 2 p.m. What's the most effective path to success in any domain? Participants are invited to find out during a conversation with New York Times bestselling author David Epstein as he chats about his most recent book, *Range: Why Generalists Triumph in a Specialized World*. Register at <https://libraryc.org/radfordlibrary/24580>.

Starlight Storytime

At the Radford Public Library; 6:30 to 7 p.m. This is an evening storytime for children with stories and friends. Pajamas and stuffies are encouraged.

Tuesday, March 14:

Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting

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

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 Christiansburg 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 entire council.

New Tuesday night zumba class

Blacksburg Parks and Recreation is offering a Tuesday night Zumba class with Jui-Ling. Classes will be held from 6 to 7 p.m., will begin March 14, and will continue through April 25. Passes can be purchased at the Blacksburg Community Center for \$35 for residents and \$45 for non-residents. The passes are good for 13 visits and are interchangeable with morning and evening classes (excluding Yoga Flow). For more information, call 540-443-1142.

Thursday, March 16:

Radford Photo Club meeting

At the Radford Public Library; 6 p.m. The program is the final session on Street Photography led by Adi Ben Senior. The photo challenge for March is Street Photography. The Radford Photo Club is made up of professional and amateur photographers from throughout the New River Valley. Meetings, events, and outings are open to the public. Email Lucy Gilmore at lucyg.gilmore@gmail.com or mborgarelli@gmail.com with any questions.

Saturday, March 25:

Spring children's consignment sale

Blacksburg United Methodist Church will hold its spring children's consignment sale from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Whisner Building at the Church Street campus, accessed through the rear entrance at Lee and Penn Streets. Families will be able to get great deals on seasonal kids' clothes and shoes, toys, books, baby gear, sports equipment, maternity clothing and more. Many items are like-new (some even brand-new). Some items will be half-price between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. Cash or checks only. No card or electronic payments.

Wednesday, April 5:

Coping Techniques for Caregivers

Commonwealth Senior Living at Radford will host a seminar, "Coping Techniques for Caregivers." The seminar will discuss ways to care for a senior loved one while also caring for yourself.

Wednesday, April 12:

Coping Techniques for Caregivers

Commonwealth Senior Living at Christiansburg will host a seminar titled "Coping Techniques for Caregivers." The seminar will discuss ways to care for a senior loved one while also caring for yourself.

Thursday, April 13:

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.

New River Valley Chapter of Virginia Master Naturalists

At Radford Library; 6 to 7:30 p.m. Learn about becoming a Virginia Master Naturalist and the training program that begins in August 2023.

Ongoing:

Lifeguard training

The Christiansburg Aquatic Center is hiring high school students age 16 and above for the summer season. A lifeguard training course is mandatory and will be held March 17-19. If students are hired, the training class is free. Enroll at www.cacpool.com.

Cap and gown drive

The Town of Blacksburg Sustainability Office is partnering with Blacksburg High School and Sustainable Blacksburg to encourage re-use of previous years' graduate gear for the 2023 senior class. Gowns (blue only - from 2018 and later), caps, stoles, and cords are accepted. Donations can be made between 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at the main entrance of Blacksburg High School. Dry-cleaning materials that need it will be appreciated, but this is not required. For more information, contact the Town of Blacksburg Sustainability Office at 540-443-1617 or sustainability@blacksburg.gov.

Blacksburg 2023 Citizens Institute

The Town of Blacksburg is sponsoring a citizens institute beginning April 6. Classes will be held on Monday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. Participants will meet town staff and learn about how Blacksburg's government functions. Participants must be 18 years of age or older, and residents of the Town of Blacksburg. To register, call the Community Relations Office at 540-443-1090 or email cro@blacksburg.gov.

Free GED Classes

New River Community College is offering free GED classes at the Meadowbrook Library every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 5 to 8 p.m. The classes are now in session and will end on Thursday, May 11. For more information or to sign up, call the Meadowbrook Library at 540-268-1964.

Peterson Companies expands self-storage footprint in Montgomery County

Privately owned real estate development company Peterson Companies has acquired 35 acres in Montgomery County to expand its self-storage portfolio.

Plans include the development of a three-story, 119,250 square-foot, 977-unit, climate controlled self-storage facility, with four additional one-story buildings (totaling 24,000 square feet

and 76 RV/boat/vehicle storage parking spaces at the Cinnabar Road site.

"We've identified this location as an opportunity to extend our self-storage footprint," said Jim Mertz, Peterson Companies' senior vice president. "We're excited to deliver another state-of-the-art storage facility offering a variety of accessible and affordable storage solutions to meet the diverse needs of the market."

With an expected opening next summer, Peterson Companies' newest self-storage facility will be located at 650 Cinnabar Road in Montgomery

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The County of Montgomery proposed to increase property tax levies.

1. Assessment Increase: Total assessed value of real property, excluding additional assessments due to new construction or improvements to property, exceeds last year's total assessed value of real property by 29 percent.
2. Lowered Rate Necessary to Offset Increased Assessment: The tax rate which would levy the same amount of real estate tax as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of real estate with the exclusions mentioned above, would be \$0.70 per \$100 of assessed value. This rate will be known as the "lowered tax rate".
3. Effective Rate Increase: The County of Montgomery proposes to adopt a tax rate of \$0.73 per \$100 of assessed value. The difference between the lowered tax rate and the proposed rate would be \$0.03 per \$100, or 4.3 percent. This difference will be known as the "effective tax rate increase". Individual property taxes may, however, increase at a percentage greater than or less than the above percentage.
4. Proposed Total Budget Increase: Based on the proposed real property tax rate and changes in other revenues, the total budget of the County of Montgomery will exceed last year's by 8.7 percent.

A public hearing on the increase will be held on April 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the County Government Center's Board Room, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, at which time any citizen of the County shall have the opportunity to attend and state his or her views on the proposed real property tax increase.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 TAX LEVIES AND BUDGET

Pursuant to Section 58.1-3007 of the Code of Virginia, notice is hereby given that a public hearing be scheduled for 6:00 P.M. April 13, 2023 on the proposed intention to address the below listed local tax levies for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 upon which matter citizens will have the opportunity to be heard. Said hearing will be held at the Montgomery County Government Center Board Room, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia.

FURTHER, notice is given of the Board's intention to propose the following tax levies for Fiscal Year 2023-2024:

Real Estate Property tax levy increased from \$0.70 (which is the revenue neutral rate based on the 2023 General Reassessment) to \$0.73 per \$100 of assessed value.

Personal Property tax levy remains at \$2.55 per \$100 of assessed value.

Machinery & Tools tax levy remains at \$1.82 per \$100 of assessed value.

Mobile Homes tax levy increased from \$0.70 (which is the revenue neutral rate based on the 2023 General Reassessment) to \$0.73 per \$100 of assessed value.

Aircraft tax levy remains at \$1.23 per \$100 of assessed value.

Notice is also given that the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County scheduled a public hearing for 6:15 P.M. or as soon thereafter, April 13, 2023 on the **Advertised Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget** in the amount of \$239,883,893. Said hearing will be held at the Montgomery County Government Center Board Room, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia.

BY THE ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
F. CRAIG MEADOWS
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

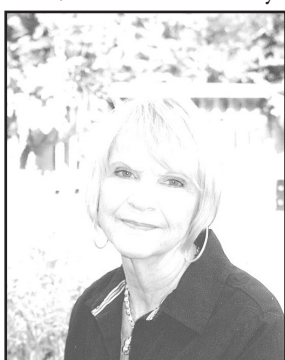
OBITUARIES

Austin, Cheryl Hagy

Cheryl Hagy Austin, 72, of Christiansburg, passed away at her home on Monday, March 6, 2023.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Bertha Hagy; and her siblings, Mary, Harold, Betty, Lois Ann, Bobby, Opal, Sanford, and Martha Hagy.

Survivors include her husband of 52 years, Charles William Austin; her son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Michelle Austin; grandsons Tyler William and Coy Landon Austin;



nieces, nephews, and other family members and friends.

The family will receive friends today, Saturday, March 11, 2023, at the Lighthouse Family Ministries Church, 365 Union Valley Road, Riner, from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. A memorial service will begin at 11 a.m. with Pastor Buford Linkous officiating.

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

Cyre, Walling R.

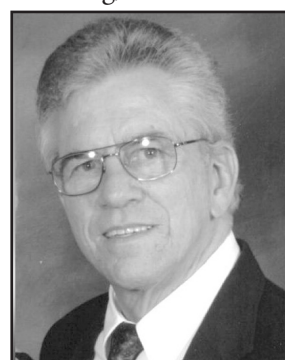
Walling R. Cyre, of Fredericksburg, passed away on Feb. 19. He was 80 years old.

Cyre was an associate professor in the Bradley Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) at Virginia Tech from 1989-2005. Upon his retirement from Virginia Tech in 2005, he was conferred the title of associate professor emeritus of electrical and computer engineering in the College of Engineering.

Cyre is survived by his wife of 56 years, Susan; sons and daughters-in-law James and Julie, and Jeff and Kristin; five grandchildren; brother-in-law George and wife, Ellie; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was predeceased by his brothers, Kenneth and Ronald.

Cyre was born in New Jersey and grew up in Jacksonville, Fla. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering and eventually his Ph.D. from the University of Florida.



Prior to joining Virginia Tech, Cyre was a consultant for Control Data Corporation, a mainframe and supercomputer firm. Based in Minneapolis, Control Data Corporation was a major developer of computer systems. Cyre also served as an assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, early on in his career.

In the late 1980s, Cyre was part of the initial ECE faculty group at Virginia Tech that implemented and taught the department's new computer engineering degree. Prior to that time, the department was known as the Harry Lynde Bradley Department of Electrical Engineering.

Cyre was a pioneer in the broad research field of electronic design automation and authored nearly 50 scholarly publications during his time at Virginia Tech. He was also one of

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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. 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. Fellowship and refreshments follow services. Find us on

Montgomery County

WORSHIP DIRECTORY

WALK IN HIS STEPS

Read Deuteronomy 32:1 through 34.12

"What would Jesus do?" Pastor Charles Sheldon of Topeka, Kansas, asked his congregation this question in 1896 when he preached a series of messages on the topic. Sheldon then wrote a book of fiction titled *In His Steps*. The book asks what Jesus would do when confronted with poverty, racism, pride, and homelessness. In the 1990s the motto was revived and people wore bracelets and T-shirts with the letters WWJD?

Before he died, Moses reminding the Israelites to consider God's truths.

"Take to heart all the words I have solemnly declared to you this day, so that you may command your children to obey carefully all the words of this law. They are not just idle words for you—they are your life" (Deuteronomy 32:46-47).

Teaching the next generation is the responsibility of the present generation. We do this best by leading by examples. When we face tough issues, we can be sure people are watching our reactions. At these times, it is good to ask ourselves, "What would Jesus do?"

Prayer Suggestion: God, with Your help, I will walk as Jesus walked.

Quicklook: Deuteronomy 32:44-47

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

Facebook: Grace Episcopal Church and www.graceradford.org.

LUTHERAN

Luther Memorial Lutheran Church ELCA, 600 Prices Fork Rd, Blacksburg. Weekly Online Worship at www.lmlc.org. We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation that welcomes and affirms all people just as they are. For information on Bible studies and Wednesday Vespers, email luthermemorialblacksburg@gmail.com, or contact the church office, (540) 951-1000. Rev. Monica Weber, pastor.

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

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

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

MULTI-CULTURAL NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Christian Growth Center, 1850 Electric Way, Christiansburg, VA 24073 (beside Hubbell Lighting). Sunday Worship: 9:30am Prayer, 10:00am Service *Nursery Available. Lead Pastor: Todd Hallinan. Founding Pastor: Rob Sowell. Mission: Sow, Grow, & Go Sow Faith! Grow in Righteousness! Go into all the world in the authority of the believer! 540-382-2908.

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS

Merrimac Pentecostal Holiness Church, Rev. Richard Hall (540) 552-7194. pastorhall29@gmail.com. Sunday School at 10 a.m. and morning worship is 11 a.m. Evening service at 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Compassion Church, 1820 Second Street, Radford, 639-6287, Our music is passionate, our worship is real, and Pastor Chandler Jones brings relevant messages for every-

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

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

UNITED METHODIST

Asbury United Methodist Church, 500 Stuart Street, Christiansburg. 540-382-0743. Rev. Dr. Patricia Jones. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., Sunday Worship, 11:00 a.m. All are welcome.

Central United Methodist Church, 803 Wadsworth Street, Radford. 639-3529. 8:30 a.m. Sunday Services: 8:30am (interpreter provided); 9:45am Sunday School (interpreter provided); and 11:00a.m. Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30p.m. Child care is provided. www.centralmethodist-church.com

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 220 W. Main St., C'Burg. Rev. Mike Derflinger (540) 382-2410. Sunday Worship 10 a.m., Sunday School 9 a.m. Live streaming Sunday Service - www.twitch.tv/stpaulumc

Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, 350 Stafford Drive, Christiansburg, VA 24073, Sunday School 10am, Sunday Worship Service 11am.

WESLEYAN

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

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the co-inventors on the department's cognitive engine patent alongside Christian Rieser, Tom Rondeau, and Charles Bostian.

He also served on several professional societies and committees, including IEEE and the Technical Committee on Artificial Intelligence

and Expert Systems for the International Association of Science and Technology for Development. Additionally, he counseled numerous master's and doctoral students, helping them achieve their career goals in the electrical and computer engineering profession.

Eaton, John LeRoy

John LeRoy Eaton died on Saturday, March 4, 2023.

Born December 21, 1939, in Decatur, Ill., he was the son of the late George Wesley Eaton and Hazel Katie Eaton.

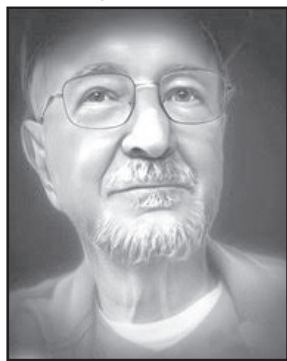
He is survived by his wife of almost 62 years, Margaret A. "Peggy" Eaton; a brother, Steve Eaton, and his wife, Charlotte, of Sonora, Calif.; sons Marc Eaton and his wife, Diann, of Christiansburg, and Kent Eaton and his daughter, Leah, also of Christiansburg; a granddaughter, Eliza Eaton Kerr and her husband, Morgan, of Asheville, N.C.; and a grandson, Neal Eaton and wife, Stephanie, of Christiansburg.

John was preceded in death by a son T. Scott Eaton, who died in 2001.

John spent his childhood in Decatur, Ill. His free time was spent in the fields exploring the woods and the waters of nearby Stevens Creek. Through this experience he developed a lifelong love of outdoor activities, which ultimately led him to the career as an insect physiologist.

Upon graduating from Stephen Decatur high school in 1957, John served active and reserve duty in the Army. He began college at Millikin University where he met Peggy, and they were married on Sept. 3, 1961. John transferred to the University of Illinois in 1960 where he received B.S. and Ph.D. degrees in entomology.

His first position was as an assistant professor of biology at Kalamazoo College in 1966. In 1969, he accepted the position of assistant professor of entomology at Virginia Tech where for the next 18 years he conducted basic



research on the anatomy and physiology of Lepidoptera and rose to the rank of professor. In 1988 he accepted the position of Associate Dean of the Virginia Tech Graduate School. Serving there he was part of a team that conceived of and led the implementation of the electronic dissertation project.

John retired in 2002 as professor of entomology and graduate dean emeritus. He then took on his most important role as Papa, a position that he excelled at for the rest of his life.

The family would like to thank the caring folks who helped John with his struggle with Parkinson's: Christy, Emma, Ashley, Atasha, Reba, Crystal, Yana, Sabrina and Misti, and hospice providers Teresa and Morgan.

A gathering to celebrate John's life will be held at the Warm Hearth Village Center on Sunday, March 19, at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please consider contributing to the T. Scott Eaton Memorial Scholarship Fund through the Community Foundation of the New River Valley of Virginia.

"Do not stand at my grave and weep. I am not there, I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow. I am the diamond glint on snow. I am the sunlight on ripened grain. I am the gentle autumn rain. When you wake in the morning hush, I am the swift, uplifting rush of quiet birds circling in flight. I am the soft starlight at night. I live in the memory of all who knew and loved me. Only when they die will I too be gone." *Mary Frey, 1932, amended by John L. Eaton 2012*

Flynn, Bobby Rollins

Bobby "Pannie" Rollins Flynn, 86, of Radford, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, March 5, 2023.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Edward Flynn; her parents, William McKinley and Annie Virginia Nelson; brothers Garnett Wymms, Idian (Owens) Wymms, and Walter (Ray) Wymms; sisters Paulita Snell, Christine Lewis, Francis Wymms, and Chrystal Nelson; nieces Elrica Parker and Eugenia Anderson; and nephews Walter (Tiny) Wymms, Paul Wesley Snell, and Johnny Wymms.

Survivors include her first husband, Archie Rollins; sons Larry Rollins (Brenda) and Bobby Nelson, all of Radford; daughters Paula Moore (James) of Accokeek, Md., Tena Fisher of Radford, Anita Dawn Woodson (James) of Radford, Rosalind Nelson (Phillip



and Stacie Nelson of Radford; step-children Rosemary Flynn Hodge, Roy Flynn, and Micheal Flynn; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from noon until 1 p.m. on Friday, March 17, 2023, at the Radford Church of God in Christ. Funeral services will begin at 1 p.m. with the Rev. Jerry Wymms officiating. Interment will follow in Sunrise Burial Park in Radford.

In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions to the American Heart Association.

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

Flynn, James T., Jr.

James T. Flynn, Jr. passed away on March 5, 2023 in Richmond. He was born on July 4,

1941, in Queens, New York, to the late James T. Flynn, Sr. and Margaret Flynn.

He is joining the love of his life and wife of 54 years, Gretchen Aulbach Flynn, in Heaven along with his parents, his brother, Bill Flynn and his sister, Mary Kate Flynn.

Jim was the loving father to Gretchen Flynn Morris of Richmond (Michael Morris) and Jamie Flynn of Dallas, Ga. He is survived by his grandchildren: Claire, Spencer, Keagan, Colton, and Amelia. He leaves behind many more family and good friends.



A visitation in his honor was held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 10, 2023, at Bliley's Staples Mill (8510 Staples Mill Road, Richmond). A service will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Blacksburg at 11:00 a.m. on March 23, 2023 followed by a burial with military honors at Southwest Veterans Cemetery, in Dublin at 2:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, gifts in Jim's memory can be made to the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets

Class of 1964 Vietnam Memorial Scholarship Fund or the VTCC Gretchen A. & James T. Flynn, Jr. M Co. & 64 Scholarship #860732.

Gravely, Jr., Richard Arnold

Richard Arnold Gravely, Jr., 71, of Radford, passed away on Friday, March 3, 2023.

He was preceded in death by his father, Richard Arnold Gravely, Sr.; and his grandmother, Alma Blevins.

Survivors include his mother, Charlotte Blevins Gravely; children and their spouses, Stephanie Holton (Greg), Richard Gravely, III (Amanda), Joshua Gravely, Benjamin Gravely (Meredith), Matthew Gravely, Grace Gravely, Elijah Gravely, Faith Gravely, and Zachary Gravely; grandchildren Kamryn, Kaleb, Chelsey, Parker, Bryce, Maddison, and

Payton; great-grandchildren Kylie, Deven, Renesmae, and Willow; sister and brother-in-law, Wanda Shepherd (Jerry); brother Randall Gravely; and many other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at the Abundant Praise CH Church on Denby Street in Radford. Interment will follow in Highland Memory Gardens.

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

Horne, Rev. Richard Hubert

Rev. Richard Hubert "Dick" Horne, of Christiansburg, went to be with his Lord on March 3, 2023. He was 76 years old.

He is survived by his daughter, Dr. H. Leveta Horne and her husband, Eric Brown; his four granddaughters, Rachel Altizer and her husband, Daniel Altizer, Grayce Woodrum and her husband, Preston Woodrum, Quinn Horne, and Makenna Horne; two great-grandchildren, Theo Horne and Rory Altizer; sister-in-law, Katinka Hawley and her husband, Dale Hawley, and their children John Hawley and Jeff Hawley; brother-in-law, Michael Knowles; cousin, Linda Stone; and loving caretakers who became family, Dora Byrd, Brooklyn McDonald, Brittany Townley, and Brianna Lambeth.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hubert and Louise Horne; aunts, Ernestine Slusher and Donna June Baber; his wife, Patricia Horne; and his son, Brian Richard Hubert Horne.

The son and honorary grandson of funeral directors, he grew up in the profession. He and his parents lived in the funeral home until his teenage years. Dick was licensed by the Virginia Department of Health Professionals in 1969 and, in 2019, he was awarded his "Golden License" for 50 years of service to the profession. He considered it an honor to serve his community through his profession.

Dick was born and raised in Christiansburg and was a member of Christiansburg High School's class of 1965. He continued his studies earning degrees from Ferrum College and Lynchburg College. He was ordained as a minister in the Southern Baptist Church in 1968 and preached at a variety of churches and different denominations including Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian. Dick felt led to return to the church of his childhood, Christiansburg Presbyterian Church, and served as a faithful member for several decades until the time of his death. He



performed more than 940 funerals and performed dozens of weddings.

Dick was dedicated to community service and began first in the Ambulance service through the funeral home and, in 1969, joined the Christiansburg Life Saving Crew, later known as the Christiansburg Rescue

Squad when they took over the ambulance service. He served there for eight years as chaplain and training officer. He was certified as a Basic and Light Duty Rescue instructor by the Virginia Association of Rescue Squads and was an American Red Cross First Aid instructor for many years. He also served as a Disaster Response Coordinator for FEMA. He also served for more than four decades on the Christiansburg Fire Department as a proud volunteer firefighter and in officer positions of chaplain and secretary-treasurer. The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors presented him with a 50-year service award.

A longtime local history buff, Dick served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Montgomery Museum.

Dick was a member of the Christiansburg's Chapter # 86 McDaniel Mason's lodge for more than 50 years.

Dick and his wife Pat were animal lovers and their home often became a refuge for many stray animals who somehow knew they would find a loving home with them, and they did. In lieu of flowers, Dick requested donations be sent to the Humane Society of Montgomery County.

The family received friends on Friday, March 10, 2023, at Horne Funeral Home. There was a Masonic Rites Service Friday evening in the Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral Services will be Saturday, March 11, 2023, at 11 a.m. in the Funeral Home Chapel, with Father Alex Darby officiating. Graveside Services will be private in Sunset Cemetery.

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THE NRV MPO SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT FOR THE VISCOE ROAD CORRIDOR STUDY

Find out about the study and potential safety improvements along Viscoe Road in Pulaski County. The meeting will be held at the Pulaski County Innovation Center in the New River Room located at 6580 Valley Center Drive, Suite 305 in Fairlawn on March 22, 2023 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. In addition to the in-person meeting, public meeting materials can be found on the New River Valley's website at www.newrivervalleympo.org. It is also available for review at the offices of Pulaski County and the New River Valley MPO. Give your written comments at the meeting or submit them via USPS to the NRV MPO's office, located at 755 Roanoke St. Ste. 21, Christiansburg, VA 24073. You may also e-mail your comments to viscoeroadstudy@rkk.com. Please reference "Viscoe Road Study" (Pulaski County) PH Comments in the subject line. Comments for this study will be received until 5:00 PM, March 31, 2023.



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MONTGOMERY SPORTS

Local schools release '23 football schedules

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The high school football season might be five months away, but several area schools released their 2023 schedules this week.

Auburn, who has yet to complete a full-season in almost two years because of the lack of players, will open Aug. 24 at home versus Narrows. Out-of-district games this season will include Craig, Eastside, and Bath County. The annual battle with crosscounty rival Eastern Montgomery is set for Sept. 15 at home.

Galax, Giles and Grayson will all travel to Auburn

for games..

Blacksburg will face Glenvar in a benefit game on Aug. 25 at Glenvar. Perennial state power Lord Botetourt will invade Bill Brown Stadium on Sept. 1.

On the Blacksburg schedule are home games against Rockbridge County, Pulaski, Hidden Valley, and the season finale against Salem on Nov. 3.

Blacksburg will hit the road for games at Floyd, Cave Spring, Patrick Henry, and Christiansburg.

Christiansburg will have two interesting games on the schedule this fall at Riverheads (Sept. 29) and at Abingdon (Sept. 1).

Home games for the defending 3D region winners

are Floyd (Aug. 25), William Byrd, Cave Spring, Blacksburg, and Patrick Henry.

CHS will hit the road for games against Pulaski, Hidden Valley, and Salem.

The Blue Demons will benefit from an open date on Nov. 3 to help prepare for future playoff appearances.

One of the biggest changes will be in the realignment of Class 3's Region D, which will have 13 total teams with the addition of Pulaski County. The region lineup will now be Christiansburg, Pulaski, Abingdon, Bassett, Carroll County, Cave Spring, Hidden Valley, Lord Botetourt, Magna Vista, Northside, Staunton River, Tunstall, and William Byrd.

Bobcats to play #1 team in country in tonight's state finals

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Radford High School's boys basketball team is headed back to tonight's (March 11) state championship, and they will have their hands full against an undefeated John Marshall squad that is ranked number one in the country.

JM is only a Class 2 school but has dominated opponents this year with only three wins by fewer than 40 points. The Justices have also scored 100 points 11 times this season including last week's 112-49 win over Brunswick.

Radford is coming off a 17-point comeback that ended in an overtime win over Floyd this past Monday.

Radford High's Rick Cormany is the winningest active coach in the commonwealth, but for Radford to win, he will have to figure out how to slow down an offense that definitely knows how to score.

JM did have three close games this season, all in big invitational tournaments, including 69-62 over Dematha and 65-53 over Greensboro Day School. For the season, the Justices outscored their opponents 2,307 to 1,335.

Three players are shooting 38 percent or better from behind the three-point arc. 6-8 freshman Latrell Almond had 83 blocks this season to go with 214 rebounds. His average is 3.5 blocks and nine rebounds per game.

The school is located in downtown Richmond, which means tonight's (Saturday's) championship game will be a home one for JM, which has won three titles in the past five years. Of course, JM dropped from Class 4 to Class 2 over the past seven years.

Last year, JM was 22-4 and beat Radford for the trophy by an 82-42 score. In 2019-20, JM downed Gate City for another championship.

Facts about John Marshall:

- The school has 496 students, which places them in Class 2.
- John Marshall had 15 dunks and 16 three-pointers in the team's defeat of Brunswick.
- Coach Ty White helps run one of the state's popular AAU programs.
- N.C. State commit 6-4 Dennis Parker averages 20 points per game with the team going 10 deep on the bench.
- As a team, John Marshall averages 62 percent shooting from the field this season.
- In the region championship, John Marshall forced 23 turnovers. In most of their big wins, they have double figure takeaways.

Radford and John Marshall will square off at 6:30 p.m. tonight at the Virginia Commonwealth University basketball arena. Those unable to attend the game can listen to it on BobcatsLive or watch on the NFHS.com website.



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Radford University and Blacksburg High School alum Jessica Wollmann has been awarded an NCAA postgraduate scholarship.

Blacksburg, RU's Wollman receives NCAA postgraduate scholarship

Radford University's women's soccer alumna Jessica Wollmann '19 was one of a select few student-athletes in the nation to be awarded an NCAA postgraduate scholarship.

The NCAA awards up to 126 postgraduate scholarships annually. The scholarships are awarded to student-athletes who excel academically and athletically and who are at least in their final year of intercollegiate athletics competition.

The one-time non-renewable scholarships of \$10,000 are awarded three times a year corresponding to each sport's season (fall, winter and spring). Each sports season 21 scholarships are available for men and 21 scholarships are available for women for use in an accredited graduate program.

All former student-athletes who earned an undergraduate degree from an NCAA member school are eligible to be nominated by that school for an NCAA graduate degree scholarship, regardless of when they received their undergraduate degree.

"In order to provide Ms. Wollmann with the best reference possible, we had a series of Zoom interviews

and email exchanges," said Radford Athletics' NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative Holly Cline. "I have enjoyed getting to know Jessica on a personal level," Cline said. "She is smart, kind, and extremely impressive. She has a clear vision as to why she is pursuing a PhD. And it is no wonder why she competed so fiercely in her sport. Within ten minutes of talking to her, I could tell that she was driven to achieve her graduate degree and destined to be successful."

Wollmann finished her undergraduate studies with a perfect 4.00 GPA while majoring in anthropological studies. She was named the 2019 Virginia Collegiate Honors Council (VCHC) Scholar of the Year, the Big South Woman of the Year, and the Scholar-Athlete of the Year. She was also named an Academic All-America First Team member by the college sports information directors of America. Most recently the Big South honored her as its Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

Wollmann was a Top-10 Finalist for

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Orndorff, Elizabeth

Elizabeth "Betty" Orndorff, 84, of Christiansburg, passed away peacefully on March 5, 2023.

Betty is survived by her husband of 56 years, P. Barry Orndorff; their three children and spouses, Stephen and Carrie Orndorff (Bailey, Emily, and Chase) of Christiansburg, Jon and Jennifer Orndorff (Evan) of Winston-Salem, N.C.; and Paul and Deborah Amos (Carter and Griffin) of Chesterfield, Va.; and her very special great-granddaughter, Lilli Elizabeth Davis.

She is also survived by her sister, Margaret Heberlein of New Bern, N.C., as well as numerous nieces and nephews spread out across the country. Betty was preceded in death by her parents, George and Mildred Steeb.

Betty was born in Buffalo, N.Y., on February 12, 1939. In 1960, Betty graduated from Syracuse University with a bachelor of music (Organ) degree and a master of music (Organ) degree in 1963. Additionally, she studied under the world-renowned organist and Johann Sebastian Bach scholar, Helmut Wacha, in Germany.

Betty taught music and German at Marion College in Marion, Va., in the mid-1960s. While at Marion, Betty's life changed after being set up on a blind date with Barry. The two were engaged five days later, married in 1967, and spent the last 56 years together



with moves to Florida, Michigan, West Virginia, and finally back to Virginia.

She served for several years as the organist and choir director at Ebenezer Lutheran Church in Marion, and Calvary Episcopal Church in Ashland, Ky., as well as an organist at other churches. Upon her first visit to Christ Episcopal Church in Blacksburg in 1994, she was offered and accepted the organist and choir director positions in the church. She was a member of The Order of the Daughters of the King and the American Guild of Organists.

Betty was a faithful volunteer at LewisGale Hospital Montgomery. She was a fixture at the front information desk for 28 years and was proud of her 5,200 hours of service. That dedication earned her recognition as a LewisGale Volunteer of the Year.

In remembrance of Betty Orndorff and in lieu of flowers, the family asks that any donations be directed to Christ Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 164, Blacksburg, VA 24063-0164; Website: Giving | Christ Episcopal Church (christchurchblacksburg.org).

A service will be held at Christ Episcopal Church, 120 Church Street NE, Blacksburg, at 1 p.m., on March 18, 2023. The family will receive guests at a reception at the church immediately thereafter.

Price, Earl Mason

Earl Mason Price, 85, of Christiansburg, passed away at his home on Saturday, March 4, 2023.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Oliph Oren Price and Lois Louverie Reed; his wife, Wilma Odham Price; his son, Earl Larry Price; his granddaughter, Lexie Elizabeth Stump; and his brother, Charles Price, Sr.

Survivors include his daughter, Lori Christine Price (Brian Barrett); his grandson, James Mason Stump (Charles Edmonds); a special niece, Catherine Linkous (Damon); brothers Henderson and Robert; a sister, Nancy; and many other relatives and friends.

Earl lived a full life. He loved his family and friends and worked his entire life in the

construction field. He worked on many local historical landmarks but enjoyed cabinetry the best.

The last few months were hard on him. He lost his son and most of his lifelong friends. Yet he found happiness in spending time with his daughter, Lori, and her husband Brian, cooking and going on local adventures.

We also filled the time with stories about Daddy's years in the service. About all the adventures and unusual places his commitment took him. Daddy took such pride in his service to his country and proudly wore his

Korean Vet hat every day.

Earl also loved sunshine, being out in the yard growing random things like rhubarb. I am thankful to God for his blessings of the last year with Earl Mason Price: Daddy, soldier, friend, cook.

The family received friends on Friday, March 10, 2023, at Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. A graveside service followed at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Christiansburg.

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

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Radford advances to state finals with defeat of Floyd



Max Kanipe scores in the paint against Floyd as the Bobcats rallied in overtime to win and advanced to the state Class 2 finals tonight, March 11, in Richmond.



Mekih Martin glides in for a layup in the Bobcats' victory in front of a home crowd at the Radford University Dedmon Center.



Parker Prioleau sweeps in for an easy basket to help Radford advance to the state championship game.

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Lady Hokies win ACC championship

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Virginia Tech's women's basketball team won their first championship of the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) Sunday by defeating Louisville 75-67 Sunday at Greensboro Coliseum and is now headed to the 2023 NCAA basketball tournament, possibly as a number one seed. But that will not be known until the seedings are announced later this week.

This is the Lady Hokies' third straight appearance in the NCAA tournament. VT head coach Kenny Brooks and the Hokies will be part of the live broadcast of the NCAA Selection Show from Cassell Coliseum on Sunday, March 12.

Doors will open at 7 p.m. with the event beginning at 7:30. The Selection Show will air live on ESPN at 8 p.m.

Coach Brooks and his team will host

NCAA action in Blacksburg for the first time since 2004. The Hokies are expected to be playing at home during the postseason.

In the finals against Louisville, Georgia Amoore collected 25 points and Elizabeth Kitley added 20 to lead the Hokies to the tournament crown and the clinching of an automatic bid for the NCAA Tournament.

The Hokies (27-4) entered the tournament as the No. 3 seed and defeated Miami (Fla.), Duke and Louisville enroute to the league tournament championship. Tech's defense was fantastic yet again, holding Louisville shooters to only 37.3 percent from the field.

The Hokies never trailed after taking a 21-14 first-quarter lead. Amoore, Kitley, and Taylor Soule combined to account for 77 percent of the Hokies' points.

Virginia Tech had a 35-34 edge on the boards in the win and got a team-high seven rebounds from Cayla King.

Amoore made 14 three-pointers during Tech's three games in Greensboro, setting a new tournament record and clinching tournament MVP honors.

The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame and the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) announced the five finalists for the 2023 Lisa Leslie Award, and for the second straight season, Elizabeth Kitley was a finalist.

Named after three-time All-American, 1994 National Player of the Year, and Class of 2015 Hall of Famer Lisa Leslie, the annual award in its sixth year recognizes the top centers in women's NCAA Division I college basketball.

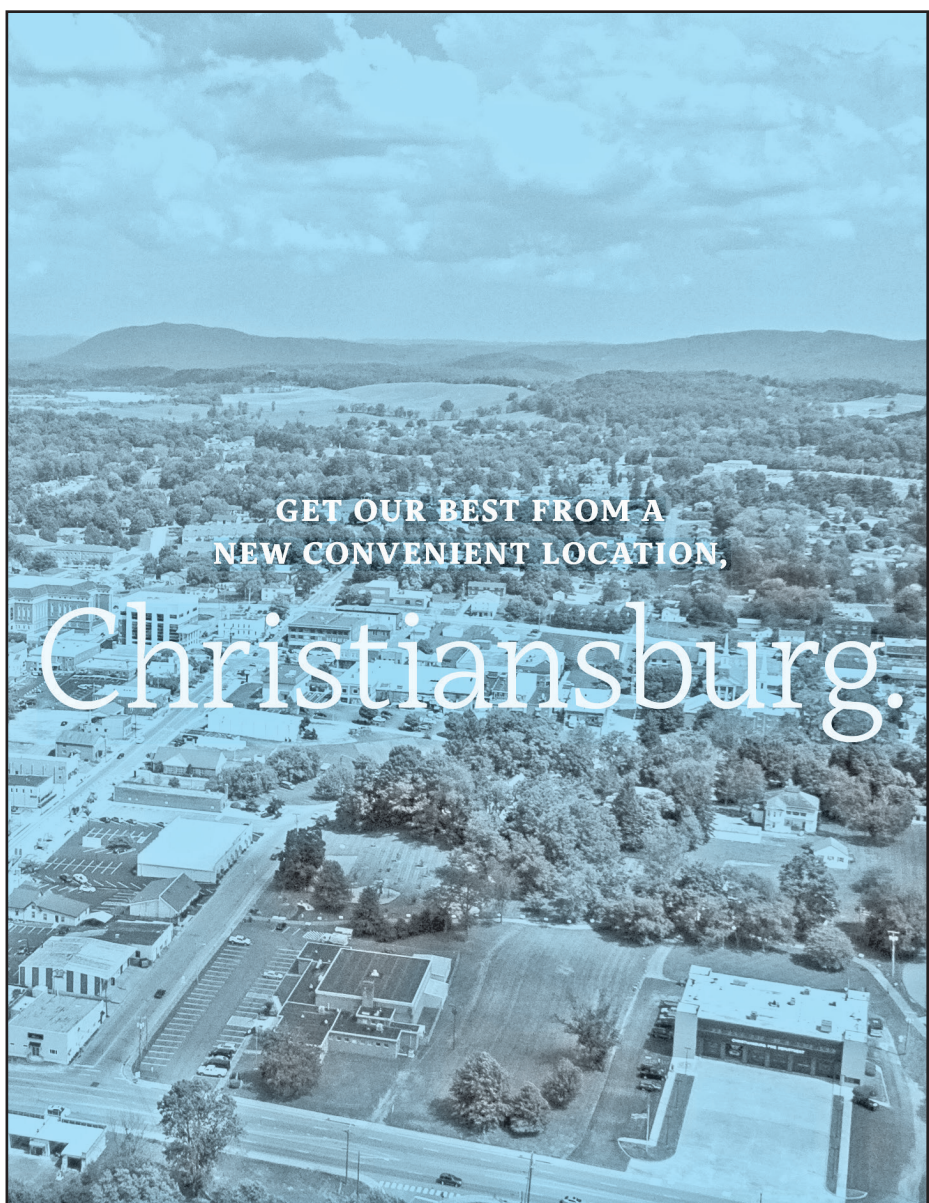
The other four finalists are Mackenzie Holmes (Indiana), Monika Czinano (Iowa), Jessika Carter (Mississippi State),

and Aliyah Boston (South Carolina).

Kitley was named the ACC's Player of the Year for the second consecutive season, the conference office announced Tuesday evening. She became the tenth woman in ACC history to win the award in consecutive seasons.

The Summerfield, North Carolina, native ranks fourth in the conference in scoring per game (18.78), second in field-goal percentage (.569), first in rebounds per game (10.74), first in blocks per game (2.3), first in double-doubles (18) and is the only athlete in the conference to record a 20-rebound game.

She won ACC-Player-of-the-Week honors four times, the most of any athlete, including each of the last two weeks as she has recorded four consecutive 20-point double-doubles while shooting 60.2% from the field.



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the Senior CLASS Award and is a recipient of the Big South's prestigious Christenberry Award for Academic Excellence.

The Blacksburg native

was also awarded the Radford Artis College of Science and Technology Outstanding Student Award at the end of her senior year. Wollmann's

volunteer activities include the Blacksburg Girls Soccer Program, Martin Luther King Day of Service, the Montgomery County Special Olympics, and Fear 2 Freedom – student-made kits for when sexual assault survivors are released from the hospital. She was also involved in the Radford University community with the Center of Accessibility Services, Student Government, the Anthropology Club, and the Board of Visitors.

Wollmann finished her playing career at Radford University with 63 starts across 69 games played. She scored 20 career goals and added 19 career assists for 59 total points in her career.

Since leaving Radford, Wollmann has been working toward a graduate degree at the University of Toronto and will pursue her Ph.D. as well. Among her many passions, she hopes to inspire future scientists by curating museum exhibits geared to scientific and creative inquiry.

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