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Board of Supervisors approves rezoning for solar arrays and a new travel center

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Contributing writer

In a regular meeting Monday, March 27, 2023, the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors approved a special permit allowing a parcel of land in the Elliston Valley to be rezoned, from agricultural use to general business, in preparation of a ground installed solar array that will provide a proposed alternative energy source to the area at a decreased rate.

According to project details presented at the meeting by Brea Hopkins, Director of Planning and GIS Services, a total of 10,560 solar PV panels, equal to a capacity of five megawatts, will be placed on the 35-acre property near Eastern Montgomery Elementary School, owned by Fotheringay, LLC. Existing vegetation,

along with additional vegetative buffers, will conceal the majority of the solar panels that are 12 feet in height at full tilt. Hopkins spoke to the board and community at the public hearing portion of the meeting, responding to concerns previously addressed by the community.

"An all-weather road will provide access to the array," she said. "The project was shifted from the original application as stated. It did increase the total distance of the project from 128 feet from Roanoke Road to 359 feet from Roanoke Road."

No new roads will be installed to gain access to the property and minimal construction staff will be permitted on the property to mitigate increased traffic in the area during installation of the solar panels. A roadway plan will be submitted to VDOT. Additional comments addressed that stormwater

management will be determined as well as a comprehensive plan to provide the least disturbance to the natural resources on the property.

Although Appalachian Electric Power (AEP) has not approved a share program yet, it was noted by the presenter that the solar panel array must be in place prior to approval by AEP. However, the General Assembly would have to approve the solar share program with AEP within 36 months.

In a later discussion during the meeting, additional special use permits were approved by the Board of Supervisors in Montgomery County that will allow for the construction of a Love's Travel Center along North Fork Road, Route 603 in the Elliston area.

The parcel of land totaling 32.963 acres has been approved to be rezoned

from agricultural use to general business use. The property is located at 5241 North Fork Road, at the intersection of North Fork Road (State Route 603) and Pedlar Road (State Route 635), as discussed in the resolution on the www.montva.com website.

An additional special use permit was approved to allow a comprehensive sign plan "pursuant to Section 10-45(a)(3)e of the County Zoning Ordinance for a travel center that exceeds the maximum number of allowed signs, maximum allowed height of signs, and maximum allowed square footage for total signage" as stated in the resolution posted by the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors.

The comprehensive sign package

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF TAYLOR LAYTON

Golden retriever Buttercup (at left) at the Animal Cancer Care and Research Center in Roanoke after treatment. Veterinary student Taylor Layton (at right) is Buttercup's owner.

Cancer treatment gives Christiansburg veterinary student perspective as pet owner

BLACKSBURG - A dog owner, a veterinary clinic assistant, and a veterinary student might see advanced radiation treatment of a pet from somewhat different perspectives.

But Taylor Layton sees it from all three at once.

Layton's 10-year-old golden retriever, Buttercup, was diagnosed with a cancerous mass in the nose last year and

underwent five days of radiation treatment with the cutting-edge linear accelerator at the Animal Cancer Care and Research Center in Roanoke last June.

Nine months later, Buttercup has exceeded the general three- to six-month life expectation pronounced when the cancer was diagnosed. Buttercup recently had a leg amputated after the

discovery of a tumor and will soon start chemotherapy after small tumors were found in the dog's lungs.

"She acts like nothing's wrong with her," Layton said. "So, I'm very thankful for that."

Layton is a fourth-year student at the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine

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Play Scrabble with friends for a great cause April 27



PHOTO COURTESY OF LVNRV

The Annual Scrabble Tournament for Literacy has teams of players raise funds for Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley. Pictured, from left, Susan Arrington, Laura Belmonte, and Peter Potter.

Love playing Scrabble? Here's your chance to play for a good cause with friendly competition!

The 15th Annual Scrabble Tournament for Literacy will raise funds for Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley (LVNRV) to help local adults learn to read, speak English, and reach their goals for personal independence and family self-sufficiency. The friendly word play competition will be held Thursday, April 27 at Sinkland Farms in Christiansburg from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Emceed by WDBJ7's Andrew Webb, the evening will kick off with a selection of local food offerings and Scrabble play will commence at 6:15 p.m. Teams of three will play two games of Scrabble against

two different teams with the scores from both games added together to determine the winner. Awards will be given to the Top Scorer, Longest Word, Highest Score Word, Most Creative Team Name, and more. Register as a team of three for \$100 or sign up as an individual for \$35 and the organization will match a player with a team. Teams may choose from "competitive" or "just for fun" play categories. Players can buy a "peek" at the dictionary for \$3 or purchase a "cheat sheet" for \$5. To find out more and register, visit www.lvnr.org or call 540-382-7262.

Approximately 20% of New River Valley residents, ages 16 to 74, have below basic literacy skills, and 24,000

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Kollmorgen sold to new company

Radford's Kollmorgen plant has new owners and signage was changed Wednesday.

No local announcement has been made, but business insiders say that Regal Rexnord has acquired Alta Industrial Motion, the parent company of Kollmorgen.

According to RR, the combined company will offer improved service capability breadth, technology content and domain expertise.

"The addition of Altra will mark an important milestone in Regal Rexnord's ongoing journey to become a higher-

performing enterprise, and one with a more balanced portfolio of differentiated products and solutions that solve our customers' challenges by "energy-efficiently converting power into motion," said Regal Rexnord CEO Louis Pinkham.

Altra designs and manufactures a wide range of highly engineered motion control, automation, and power transmission solutions. The combined company's enhanced power transmission portfolio creates an even more compelling

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Frances Keene named vice president for Student Affairs at VT

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She will continue to lead a division known for

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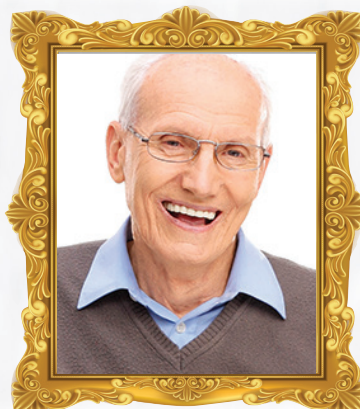


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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, April 1:

Skipper cannon firing

Skipper, the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets cannon, will be fired once between 10:30 and 10:45 a.m. on the Drillfield as part of the opening celebration for The Big Event at Virginia Tech. The Big Event is a student-run day of service. Thousands of students and university employees come together to complete nearly 1,200 community service projects throughout Blacksburg, Christiansburg, and the New River Valley.

AARP Tax Aide Assistance

At the Meadowbrook Library; 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. AARP Tax Aide is the nation's largest free volunteer-run tax counseling and preparation service, preparing tax returns and answering tax questions free of charge. You don't have to be a member of AARP nor a senior to use this service. AARP Tax Aide offers free electronic filing using IRS provided tax preparation software. No business or farm returns will be done. Registration required by calling the library at (540) 268-1964.

Free Tax Assistance with NRCA

At the Christiansburg Library; 1 – 4 p.m. Come in for free tax prep assistance through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program and NRCA. Income limits may apply. Walk-in only. For more information visit <https://newrivercommunityaction.org/vita> or call 540-320-3217.

Tuesday, April 4:

Author Talk with Matthew Vollmer and Soraya Palmer

At the Blacksburg Library; 6:30 p.m. Join us for Matthew Vollmer's book launch, *All of Us Together in the End*. Blacksburg Books will be on hand to sell copies of the book. Matthew will be joined by, and in conversation with author and former student Soraya Palmer whose debut novel, *The Human Origins of Beatrice Porter and Other Essential Ghosts*, comes out this March. Visit the book's website for more info about *All of Us Together in the End*.

Wednesday, April 5:

VR Wednesday

At the Radford Public Library; 2 – 3 p.m. Come take a hike, paint a masterpiece, or explore the international space station at the library! Try all these things and more using our new Meta Quest 2 VR headset, or just come spectate and learn about VR.

Coping Techniques for Caregivers

Commonwealth Senior Living at Radford will be hosting seminar titled "Coping Techniques for Caregivers." Seminar will discuss ways to care for a senior loved one while also caring for yourself.

Spring Eggstravaganza

At the Meadowbrook Library; 4:45 – 5:30 p.m. Children are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt in the courtyard. There will also be take-home crafts and an Easter Basket drawing. Don't forget your basket and camera.

Thursday, April 6:

American Legion meeting

The American Legion, Harvey-Howe-Carper Post 30 will meet at 6 p.m. at the VFW Post Home on 102 Watts St. in Radford. For further information, please call 540-250-2283 or 540-239-9864.

Community Quilting Bee

At the Blacksburg Library; 10 a.m. – noon. Join us for our weekly quilting and sewing group. Bring your supplies and join us for conversation.

Friday, April 7:

Skipper Cannon Firing

Skipper, the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets cannon, will be fired once between 4:30 and 4:45 p.m. on the

Drillfield during the opening ceremony for Relay for Life. Relay For Life at Virginia Tech is a student-run yearlong fundraising initiative for the American Cancer Society focused on raising funds for critical research as well as lifesaving patient support programs.

Saturday, April 8:

Spring Plant Swap

At the Blacksburg Library; 2 -3 :30 p.m. Bring plants, bulbs, and seeds to swap. Vegetable plants, house plants, landscape plants, flowers, and empty plant pots all welcome. Bring plants in from 2-2:30 p.m. and the first swap will begin at 2:30 p.m., then 2:45 p.m. for the second round.

NRCC Campus Cruise-in

New River Community College's Campus Cruise-In will be held 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in parking lot H at NRCC in Dublin, featuring classic cars from regional car club members. Event is sponsored by the NRCC automotive technology department. Automotive students will judge the cars. Trophies awarded for the first three places. Event is family-friendly, open to the public and free of charge. Registration will be held on the day of the event and is \$5 per car to enter the competition. Call (540) 674-3600, ext. 4285 for more information.

Monday, April 10:

Radford City Council meeting

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.

Montgomery County Board of Supervisors meeting

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, April 11:

Blacksburg Town Council meeting

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.

Christiansburg Town Council meeting

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.

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 on 3204 Riner Rd. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to attend. Camp Member James Evans will speak on "Life in a Northern Prison Camp". For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

Kids Cooking Club

At the Radford Public Library; 2- 3 p.m. Join us for our very first program with our mobile kitchen, the Charlie Cart! We will be making Johnnycakes, and kids should be ready to assist in the kitchen! Registration is required, and spots are limited. Please email morgan.esterhuizen@radfordva.gov or call 540-731-3621 to register. For kids ages 7-12.

Wednesday, April 12:

Coping Techniques for Caregivers

Commonwealth Senior Living at Christiansburg will be hosting 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 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.

New River Valley Chapter of Virginia Master Naturalists

At the Radford Public Library; 6-7:30 p.m. Join us to learn more about becoming a Virginia Master Naturalist and our upcoming training program which starts in August 2023.

Saturday, April 22:

Montgomery County/ Blacksburg Kiwanis Club Brunswick Stew fundraiser

At Prices Fork Elementary School (PFES), 4021 Prices Fork Rd., Blacksburg; noon – 2 p.m. Fundraiser benefits programming at PFES and local youth charities supported by Kiwanis. Pre-orders are encouraged by calling (540) 951-5834 or emailing pfesstew@gmail.com. Payment accepted by cash or check upon pickup. Kindly make checks payable to PFES. Drive-thru service will be available the day of pickup. Price is \$10/quart or \$9 /quart for five quarts.

Sunday, April 30:

Christiansburg Presbyterian Church Spring Concert

Christiansburg Presbyterian Church will offer its annual Spring Concert at 4 p.m. This year's guest artist will be classical guitarist Justin Craig. Justin is a graduate of Radford University with a Master of Music degree in classical guitar performance. He is a busy regional guitarist, jazz performer, recording artist, and teacher. He performs often as a soloist and leads a variety of groups including a modern jazz and Brazilian group. This concert is free and open to the public.

On-going:

Registration open for annual Scrabble tournament for literacy

Registration is now open for the Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley 15th Annual LVNRV Scrabble Tournament, which will be held Thursday, April 27, 2023 at Sinkland Farms in Christiansburg. All proceeds from the fun evening support free tutoring for adults to provide them with the skills they need for personal independence and family self-sufficiency. Programs include one-on-one tutoring, Skill Up NRV and Family READS programs, GED and U.S. Citizenship preparation classes, and Bridge to Digital Learning initiative. Register at www.lvnrv.org or call 540-382-7262.

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. -2:30 p.m., Monday-Friday at the Main Entrance of Blacksburg High School. It is appreciated if materials are dry-cleaned, but not required. For more information, contact the Town of Blacksburg Sustainability Office at 540-443-1617 or sustainability@blacksburg.gov.

Free GED Classes

New River Community College is offering free GED at the Meadowbrook Library every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 5 – 8 p.m. The classes began on Tuesday, Jan. 17 and end on Thursday, May 11. For more information or to sign up please call the Meadowbrook Library at 540-268-1964.

Kick off home projects this weekend at the 2023 NRV Home Expo

CHRISTIANSBURG — The New River Valley Home Builders Association's (NRVHBA) annual Home Expo takes place this weekend April 1-2, 2023 at the Christiansburg Rec Center, 1600 N Franklin St.

Looking for inspiration to kick off your home projects? The NRVHBA has put all your home care needs into one convenient location. This is the place to be if you are looking to build a new home, remodel your current home, find your mortgage lender or real estate agent, or meet service providers to help you with your current project list. "As springtime approaches, we are excited for our annual Home Expo weekend," said Justin Boyle, President of the NRVHBA, "This is such a great event every year that gives our NRV Community the chance to come out to meet our local vendors to see what's new about the services they offer. Whether you are looking to build a new home, remodel a room or just some updating, the show will have plenty to offer!"

The Expo will have a floor full of local,

trusted professionals who are available to answer your home care questions, provide you reliable resources and quick quotes, as well as show you samples of their skills and services. Exhibitors include builders, remodelers, landscape designers, flooring specialists, home product and service providers and more. A full list of exhibitors can be viewed online at www.nrvhomeexpo.com.

In addition to meeting exhibitors, attendees can also vote for their favorite LEGO home in the LEGO Home Building Contest and bid on items in the Silent Auction, featuring items such as home appliances, service gift certificates, sports experiences and more. Online bidding is available. Activities for the kids will also be available on Saturday April 1, including a building station, provided by Lowes, and a painting station, provided by Paint n' Fun Ceramics.

The 2023 event will also highlight building trades education and a job center, sponsored by Capps Home Building Center. There will be informational materials about potential construction



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE NRV HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION

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career paths and from local trades education programs available onsite. In the Job Center booth, available jobs from NRVHBA member companies, along with event exhibitors, will be posted.

The event hours are Saturday, April 1 from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. and Sunday April 2, 2- 5 p.m. Admission is \$7 for adults on the day of the event, but \$5 if you purchase your ticket online before

the event. Children under 18 are free when accompanied by a paying adult. Be sure to look for \$2 off coupons online, in stores, and in your mailboxes. Tickets can be purchased online at www.nrvhomeexpo.com.

Submitted by the New River Valley Home Builders Association

Board of Supervisors approves subdivision plat

Lori Graham
Contributing writer

Montgomery County Board of Supervisors met on Monday, March 27, 2023 making appointments to three separate positions as well as passing resolutions affecting the communities of Riner and Blacksburg.

\$791,325 to be added to the General Funds of the budget, was accepted by the board. The funds will support county actions which include: maintenance of the county's radio cache program, voting precinct equipment, materials, and training, insurance proceeds for Price Mountain Tower's rebuild, software and hardware maintenance, and modifications to stormwater erosion issues.

The resolution reads as follows:

Located in the Riner Magisterial District, the Cloverlea subdivision's final plat was approved by the board, which will provide 16 additional residential lots.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia does hereby approve the Final Plat of "Major Subdivision Plat Showing Cloverlea Phase II-B, Lots 20 Through 35", (Balzer and Associates Job Number 04190034.00, dated March 21, 2023) Riner Magisterial District.

As previously presented by the

Montgomery County Planning Commission to the Board of Supervisors in a memorandum dated February 15, 2023, the proposed and approved site for the Preserve of Walnut Springs has met with the board's approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia does hereby approve the Final Plat of "Major Subdivision Plat of the Preserve of Walnut Springs, Section 2", (Foresight Design

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facilitating one of the most robust and comprehensive student life experiences in the country.

Student Affairs at Virginia Tech oversees more than 3,000 faculty, staff, and student employees, over 20 departments, and a number of critical student life programs — including dining and residential life, student organizations, counseling, health and well-being, international student services, student conduct, and learning partnerships.

"Frances brings extensive knowledge and experience to the leadership of Student Affairs and an unwavering dedication to the advocacy, success, and welfare of all Virginia Tech students," said Executive Vice President and Provost Cyril Clarke. "Her commitment to providing students with diverse and dynamic campus life experiences, co-curricular programs, and support services is critical to Virginia Tech achieving its strategic goals and fulfilling its land grant mission. I look forward to continuing our work together on behalf of our students and their success."

"I am tremendously honored to serve as Virginia Tech's vice president for Student Affairs," said Keene. "I am committed to working with my colleagues to advance our Aspirations for Student Learning, and we will continue to strive collectively to do whatever it takes to support the individual success of every student."

During her tenure as interim vice president, Keene utilized her considerable background in student affairs to navigate the division's strategic priorities and programmatic efforts.

She deeply values her work with students and educators who prioritize student learning and development in a residential context. As a 2016 recipient of the Aspire! Award recognizing her commitment to embracing Ut Prosim (That I May Serve) as a way of life, Keene was honored for her exemplary work in the community and her spirit of service.

"Frances is a valued member of our senior leadership team and has been an advocate for our students for two decades," said Virginia Tech President Tim Sands. "Her depth of experience and spirit of service will advance our commitment to support the success of every Virginia Tech student."

Keene began her career at Virginia Tech in 2002 as a victim services adjudication coordinator in what was then called the Office of Judicial Affairs. She later became the director of student conduct, a position she held until 2012. Keene also held a part-time position in the university's Long Range Planning Office as an assistant director, which concluded in 2012. From 2012 to 2020, she served as chief of operations for the senior associate vice president for Student Affairs and then went on to serve as assistant vice president and chief of staff to the vice president for Student Affairs from 2020-2022.

"I look forward in continuing to lead Student Affairs as we have a strong commitment to promoting student success and well-being for our students," said Keene. "Our division has a strong focus on holistic development and

collaborative partnerships that deliver superior service to, and care for, students in the spirit of Ut Prosim (That I May Serve)."

Keene earned a Ph.D. in higher education from Virginia Tech, a master's degree in counselor education from the University of Virginia, and a bachelor's degree in psychology from the College of William & Mary.

Tracy Vosburgh for Virginia Tech

NOTICE OF RELOCATION MONTGOMERY COUNTY VOTER REGISTRAR OFFICE

The Montgomery County Voter Registrar Office which is currently located at 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Va is moving to 1546 N. Franklin Street, Christiansburg, Va (Food Lion Plaza) effective April 10, 2023.

Starting April 10, 2023, citizens who need assistance from the General Registrar office will need to go to the new office located at 1546 N. Franklin Street, Christiansburg, Va. The Registrar's Office can be reached at 540-382-5741.



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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 2680 MADISON AVE, CHRISTIANSBURG VA 24073.
In execution of a

certain Deed of Trust dated May 5, 2014, in the original principal amount of \$273,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No 2014002921

The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Montgomery County, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia on May 1, 2023, at 3:45 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL OF LOT NO. 4 AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF FOX HOLLOW SUBDIVISION, PHASE I, PREPARED BY MARKS & ASSOC., LTD., DATED 19 AUGUST 1988, WHICH MAP IS OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGE 22, AND TO WHICH MAP REFERENCE IS MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY HEREBY CONVEYED. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwvsales.com.

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Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsales.com. VA-362147-1.

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

The Town of Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on, Tuesday, April 11, 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. Rezoning 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)-A, Parcel ID 008135; and approximately 0.26 acres located adjacent to the east side of 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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The Town of Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on, Tuesday, April 11, 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 Jones Real Estate Investment & Recycling Company, Inc., Property Owner, to allow a Planned Housing Development for 49 single-family attached townhouses on the property located at 1413 Scott St. NE, further identified as Tax Parcels 499 - ((A)) - 10; 529 - (7) - A; 529 - (7) - 76; 499 - (17) - 48 through 56; 529 - (7) - 44 through 47; and 529 - (7) - 75; Parcel IDs 008134, 008135, 008136, and 210197, zoned 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.

Summons and Notice: Child in Need of Protection or Services Matter (CHP-114)

State of Minnesota District Court County of: Pine Judicial District: 10th Judicial District Court File Number: 58-JV-23-32 Case Type: CHIPS In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child of: Christine Carole Holman and Heath Allen Hamilton Skinner Summons and Notice Child in Need of Protection or Services Matter (CHP-114) NOTICE TO: Heath Allen Hamilton Skinner, Above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s). 1. A Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition has been filed in the Juvenile Court alleging that the child(ren) of the above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s) is/are in need of protection or services. 2. This is your notice that this Child in Need of

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Protection or Services case is scheduled for a remote hearing before the Juvenile Court located at 635 Northridge Drive NW, Suite 320 Pine City Minnesota 55063, on April 14, 2023 at 10:30 AM or as soon after as the case can be heard. Please contact court administration to get the remote hearing information. 3. YOU ARE ORDERED to appear before the Juvenile Court at the scheduled time and date. 4. You have a right to be represented by counsel. 5. If you fail to appear at the hearing, the Court may still conduct the hearing and grant appropriate relief, including taking permanent custody of the child(ren) named in the Petition. BY: Jessica Howe Dated March 7, 2023 Pine County Court Administration 635 Northridge Drive NW, Suite 320 Pine City Minnesota 55063 320-591-1500

Trustee's Sale PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN: The Riner Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia Containing 1.586 acres, more or less Commonly Known as: 3395 Radford Road, Christiansburg, Virginia

IN EXECUTION OF A CERTAIN DEED OF TRUST OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AS INSTRUMENT NO: 202000295, DATED FEBRUARY 1, 2008, SAID DEED OF TRUST WAS MODIFIED BY MODIFICATION OF DEED OF TRUST DATED FEBRUARY 6, 2020, RECORDED IN THE AFORESAID CLERK'S OFFICE AS INSTRUMENT NO: 2020002980, AND BY SUBSTITUTION OF COLLATERAL AND RELEASE DATED MARCH 10, 2020, RECORDED IN THE AFORESAID CLERK'S OFFICE AS INSTRUMENT NO: 2020002979. DEFAULT HAVING BEEN MADE IN THE PAYMENT OF THE DEBT THEREIN SECURED AND BEING REQUIRED TO DO SO BY THE NOTEHOLDER, THE UNDERSIGNED SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, AFTER GIVING FOURTEEN (14) DAYS DUE NOTICE TO THE OWNERS OF THE REAL ESTATE OF THE DATE, TIME, PLACE AND TERMS OF SALE, WILL OFFER FOR SALE, AT PUBLIC AUCTION, IN FRONT OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 55 EAST MAIN STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA, ON WEDNESDAY, April 12, 2023, AT 10:00 A.M., THE REAL ESTATE WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON KNOWN AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS. All that certain tracts or parcels of land, with the

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improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate, lying and being in the Riner Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia, and described as follows: All of the 1.586 acres as shown on plat pf survey entitled "Plat of Boundary Line Adjustment Between Tax Parcels 90-(A)-34A & 90-(A)-34E situated along Radford Road, U.S. Route 11 Near Plum Creek Riner Magisterial District Montgomery County, Virginia" dated June 28, 2016 prepared by Ralph O. Clements, L.S. for Gay and Neel, Inc. recorded in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office of Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument Number 2016004742. Tax Map No: 090-A 34A; Parcel No: 0245474 More commonly known as: 3395 Radford Road, Christiansburg, VA 24073 SALE WILL BE MADE SUBJECT TO ALL EXISTING EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS AS THE SAME MAY LAWFULLY AFFECT THE REAL ESTATE. TERMS OF SALE: CASH, SETTLEMENT WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS OF SALE. A BIDDERS DEPOSIT OF TEN PERCENT (10%) MAY BE REQUIRED. PLACE OF SALE: FRONT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, AT 55 EAST MAIN STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA. DATE OF SALE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2023 TIME OF SALE: 10:00 A.M. Daniel D. Hamrick, PC Substitute Trustee FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel D. Hamrick, P.C. 104 South Franklin Street Christiansburg, VA 24073 (540) 382-0131

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 April 10, 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 Derek M. Lytton (Owner) to rezone property identified as Tax Map 07-A 72D (Parcel ID: 032267), totaling 1.228 acres in the Riner

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Magisterial District. The applicant requests a rezoning with proffered conditions of 1.228 acres from Residential (R1) to Agricultural (A-1) to place a manufactured home on the lot. The subject property is addressed as 3040 Spaulding Road, and is located approximately 0.15 miles off of Walton Road (State Route 663) and 0.47 miles west of Switchback Road (State Route 719). The property lies in an area designated as Rural in the 2025 Montgomery County 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>.

Notice of Hearing

Notice is hereby given to Troy Thomas Cox that a hearing will be held in the Family Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia on June 6, 2023, at 1:00 pm at the Family Court of Pocahontas County, 900 10 th Ave. #D Marlinton, WV 24954 on Petitioner's Abby Snead Cox Petition for Modification of Parenting Plan. In Civil Action 20-D-9 In Re: The Matter of Abby Snead Cox and Troy Thomas Cox. Copies of the Petition may be obtained from the Pocahontas Court Circuit Clerk, 900 Tenth Avenue Marlinton, WV 24954 Phone Number 304-799-4604. Answer to the Petition shall be served upon the Pocahontas County Circuit Clerk and served upon counsel for Abby Snead Cox, Christine B. Stump, Attorney at Law, 230 West Randolph St., Lewisburg WV 24901

Storage Auction at Tuckit in Storage

Sale April 8, 2023 at 9am. 3950 South Main St Blacksburg (540)953-4022 Unit B35 belonging to Crystal Bennett Unit C1 belonging to Matthew Price Unit C34 belonging to Cheyenne Daugherty Unit D8 belonging to Tia Litz Unit J105 belonging to Arjae Willey Unit I4 belonging to Elizabeth Cook Unit I37 belonging to Madelyn Gobble Unit I91 belonging to Christina Pack

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 & 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Montgomery County Planning Commission hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on April 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to hear citizen comments regarding the Planning Commission intention to act on the following Special Use Permit request: A request by the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors for a Special Use Permit (SUP) on property owned by the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors to allow a lighted park. The proposed Special Use Permit would allow the installation of lighting at Auburn Park. The proposed lighting plan consists of twenty-one (21) 60-foot light poles, one (1) 70-foot light pole, and eight (8) 80-foot light poles on the athletic fields currently under development. A total of one hundred forty-four (144) individual LED downcast lighting fixtures would be installed on the poles, with fixtures installed at a height of 16 feet and/or at the maximum pole height. The property is located at 3595 Riner Road (St. Rt. 8), and is located approximately 0.1 miles North of the intersection of Riner Road (Route 8) and Turnberry Ln. The property is further identified as Tax Map 119-A 23 (Parcel ID: 019113), 45.683 acres, zoned Agricultural (A-1) in the Riner Magisterial District. The property currently lies 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>.

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adults struggle with very basic reading and even higher proportions struggle with numeracy skills. Although most adults in our area are employed, the need for basic skills in most of the population makes keeping a job or getting a better job challenging.

LVNRV, a United Way partner agency, provides free instruction in reading, writing, math, basic computer skills, ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages), and assistance preparing for exams such as the GED, U.S. Citizenship test, and driver's license to help adults achieve their goals. Tutoring is provided by trained volunteers through one-to-one, small group, and class instruction at the Christiansburg learning center as well as public locations throughout the New River Valley. LVNRV also provides family literacy programming to help parents learn to read to their children and support their children's education.

To purchase tickets for the Scrabble Tournament or for more information on LVNRV, please go to www.lvnrv.org, email info@lvnrv.org, or call 540-382-7262.

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Services Job No. 2196.2 dated 11/7/2022), Price's Fork Magisterial District.

These resolutions, approved by the board, may be read in detail at the Montgomery County website at www.montva.com.

Additionally, the Board of Supervisors approved the following

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partner for distributors, and better positions Regal Rexnord to offer industrial powertrain solutions in a broader set of end markets.

"This acquisition opens up many new avenues for profitable growth. In particular, Altra's Automation & Specialty platform transforms our existing automation portfolio – namely ModSort and Automation Solutions (formerly Arrowhead) – into a meaningful, global automation solutions provider. The automation business has highly attractive growth prospects and margins, serving many markets that have anticipated secular growth tailwinds, including factory automation, medical, aerospace, and warehouse and logistics," Pinkham said.

"The transaction also significantly enhances our power transmission portfolio, in particular our industrial powertrain offering, by adding complementary products in brakes, gears, and clutches,

positions during Monday night's meeting:

Jude Cochran is appointed to the position of Zoning Administrator for the purposes of carrying out the responsibilities of administering the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance.

Toby Akers, Jr., is appointed to

the Agricultural and Forestal District (AFD) Advisory Committee with an effective date of March 28, 2023.

Angela Joyner has been appointed as Radford University's representative to the Montgomery Regional Economic Development Commission effective April 1, 2023 and expiring April 30, 2026.

while extending the number of end markets in which we actively participate. Both organizations prioritize integrity, customer success, continuous improvement and a passion to win. We share a commitment to teamwork, and a belief in the power of diversity, engagement & inclusion. For all these reasons, we are excited to welcome Altra associates to Regal Rexnord and look forward to all that we can accomplish together once we complete the transaction," Pinkham added.

Based in Braintree, Massachusetts, Altra has more than 9,000 associates and 47 production facilities in 17 countries around the world.

Kollmorgen had two key offices in the U.S., in Radford and Santa Barbara, Calif. This year marks the 108-year anniversary of the company started by Dr. Freidrich Kollmorgen and over the years has been known as Inland Motors,

serving as a major employer in Radford and the New River Valley.

The company's history says: "Attracted to the City of Radford, Hugo decided to move farther inland into a city-owned building formerly occupied by a ribbon mill. On November 1, 1958, an advance party of six employees from the Pearl River plant, including Hugo, set up shop on 501 First Street. At the time, Hugo thought the facility was much larger than what he needed. Little did he know that in just four years, Inland would not only use up all of the building's space, and would still need more space for offices. By the end of 1960, all of Inland Motor was in Radford."

The local facility employs an estimated 400 people at two locations.

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who expects to graduate in 2024 after going on medical leave this academic year. From Christiansburg, Layton did her undergraduate studies at Radford University and has worked at the Riner Animal Clinic for the past six years.

"I was lucky enough to get into vet school at Blacksburg, and I want to practice small animal medicine," said Layton, who hopes to join the clinic for which she has been working when she becomes a veterinarian.

It was at the Riner clinic that Layton learned of Buttercup, who was being treated for skin allergies. Layton acquired Buttercup from the previous owners in January 2022.

In the months after taking ownership of Buttercup, Layton noticed a nasal swelling. She took the retriever to internal medicine at the college's Veterinary Teaching Hospital. Biopsies revealed cancer, a type called histiocytic sarcoma.

That led to Buttercup being referred to Animal Cancer Care and Research Center (ACCRC), one of the veterinary college's three teaching hospitals in Virginia, where a CT of the whole body was performed to check for spread of the cancer and for radiation therapy planning.

"Our options were either radiation or surgery," Layton said. "But the surgery would

take most of her maxilla. Most of the top of her nose would be gone. They said it could be all the way back to her molars. So I elected for the radiation therapy, because she loves to eat. I didn't want to risk the incision not healing."

Under the care of radiation oncologist Ilektra Athanasiadi, Buttercup received radiation therapy on five consecutive days last summer. That has extended the golden retriever's life, and quality of life, beyond what would have been likely without it.

Layton said experiencing her own pet going through the advanced cancer treatment at the Roanoke center and attending one

of Buttercup's treatment sessions personally was eye-opening for her.

"I've had most of the oncologists give lectures, but it's different when you're a client," Layton said. "Seeing their approach to care and how they do client communication was really something special that I wouldn't have experienced if my dog wasn't going through this."

"I feel like it just helped me realize how great of a tool they are at the ACCRC and how lucky we are to have such amazing oncologists locally. So, I know in the future, I won't hesitate to refer any of my patients to them."

Andrew Mann for Virginia Tech

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would include placement of a high-rise sign with a height of 190 feet, a street sign of 25 feet, and an additional free-standing sign of 20 feet. The total proposed square footage is also in excess of the maximum allowed.

The high-rise sign, the tallest of the three proposed free-standing signs, would be very visible from the interstate, directing traffic to the Love's Travel Center at exit 128. Board of Supervisor members had a brief discussion and shared

comments on the special permit request.

Supervisor Sara Bohn suggested, "there are billboards to rent...if this passes, hopefully they have the opportunity to rent".

"We have an ordinance for a reason," Supervisor Todd King responded after confirming that developers were requesting special permits that were in conflict with all current signage ordinances.

"I think they have done a good job in laying this whole location out and

it's a good economic development opportunity," said Supervisor Steve Fijalkowski.

Further discussion of the board determined also that, without the special use permit allowing the placement of the largest and most visible sign off the interstate, the project would not likely move forward.

Board members approved the special permit signage with a vote of five in support and two rejecting approval.

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 15. Jeff Bridges' brother
 16. Past participle of be
 17. SE Iraq seaport
 18. Paddles
 19. Biotechnology: ___ omics
 20. Perfectly
 22. Japanese sash
 25. Flower stalk
 26. Bosnian ethnic group
 28. Longest division of geological time
 29. Hoover's organization
 32. Thigh of a hog
 33. Fabric woven from flax
 35. Upper limb
 36. Basics
 37. Satisfies to excess

CLUES DOWN

 1. Founder of Babism
 2. "A Death in the Family" author
 3. One who feels regret
 4. Maine's Queen City
 5. Research workplace
 6. A division of geological time
 7. Paid media promos
 8. Abdominal cavity linings
 9. Apportion cards
 10. Ranking above a viscount
 11. Not idle
 14. Former SW German state
 15. Constrictor snake
 21. Pica printing unit
 23. Where wine ferments (abbr.)
 24. Egyptian goddess
 25. Boils vigorously
 26. Oral polio vaccine developer

27. Master of ceremonies
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 30. Scottish hillsides
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 34. TV show and state capital
 38. A citizen of Belgrade
 42. Supervises flying
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 47. Conditions of balance
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 50. Part of a stairway
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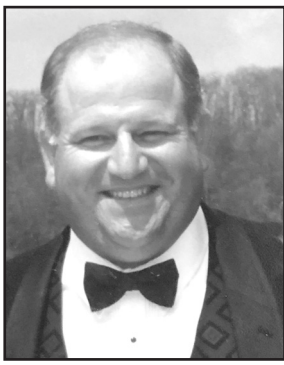
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OBITUARIES

Compton, Brian Quintin



Brian Quintin Compton, 65, other loving friends and relatives. of Knoxville, Tenn., formerly of Radford, succumbed to cancer while in medical care surrounded by his family on March 26, 2023.

Brian was preceded in death by his father, Reynard Ray Compton. He was born in Bluefield, Va. and is survived by his mother, Ruth Barbour Compton along with his three children, daughter Sarah (Tom) Compton Wright of Knoxville, Tenn.; son, Tucker Compton of Whispering Pines, N.C., and son, Liam Compton of Whispering Pines, N.C.; brothers, Barton (Bev) Compton of Chesapeake, Va. and Aaron (Dawn) Compton of Lynchburg, Va.; sister, Brenda (John) Compton Lech of Greensboro, N.C.; two grandsons, Cooper Thomas and Mason Edward Wright; nephews, David and Luke Compton, and many

Brian was a loving father, grandfather and friend to so many who enjoyed his sense of humor and big-hearted laugh. He was a 1984 graduate of the University of Tennessee with a Bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering. He also received a Master's in Business Administration from Kaplan University in 2012.

He was a member of Southern Pines Lodge #484 AF&M. He retired from Weir Mineral after holding the position Vice President of North American Operations. Brian was a member of the 1972 Radford Bobcats State Football Championship Team. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Police Benevolence Fund. Condolences are welcome at weaverfuneralservices.com.

Earthman, Dr. Glen Irving



Dr. Glen Irving Earthman, Associate Professor Emeritus in Educational Leadership at Virginia Tech, passed away peacefully at his home in Blacksburg on March 26, 2023.

He was born on Aug. 13, 1927, in Denver, Colo. to the late Clyde and Christina Earthman. He was preceded in death by his three sisters, Arlene Fletcher, Lucille Lehrer, LaVerne Turner; and daughter Barbara Sieloff, all of Denver.

He attended South Denver High School, graduating in 1945. He immediately joined the Merchant Marine and subsequently the US Naval Reserve. Following the war, he attended The University of Denver receiving his B.A. in history/English and M.A. degree in English/Education. He was awarded his EdD degree in Educational Administration from The University of Northern Colorado. Glen loved life and his family very much and worked his entire life in a profession he enjoyed and admired.

He started teaching in 1950 and never quit the profession for over 70 years.

He spent 46 years at Virginia Tech teaching Educational Leadership and Planning and advising doctoral students. He also compiled an impressive record of research. He was recognized both nationally and internationally. He made many presentations of his work, including to the European Development Bank.

He was awarded the Researcher of the Year in 2015 by the Virginia Educational Research Association for outstanding research efforts in Virginia. Glen's research is listed in several Internet sources and is accessed by many students and professors worldwide. He chaired over 80 doctoral dissertations in his tenure.

He was involved in legal suites in several states concerning fiscal equity of state funding of school facilities. He presented his research in the famous

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ANGLICAN CATHOLIC

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

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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

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REPUTATION

Read Psalms 3:1-8; 69:1-36

Whenever a Christian public figure sins, or any of God's people sins, unsaved people inevitably cry, "Hypocrite! I won't be a Christian if that's what they're like!" As the body of Christ, when one of us sins, we all share in the bad characterization. Because we represent Christ to the world, our good or bad reputation reflects on Him.

May those who hope in you not be disgraced because of me, O Lord, the Lord Almighty; may those who seek you not be put to shame because of me, O God of Israel (Psalm 69:6).

David had sinned before God, and was deeply repentant. David's main concerns were not that his transgression be concealed or that his reputation be saved. One of his foremost prayers was that God's reputation and that of God's people would be protected from disgrace and shame. Perhaps this is one of the many reasons why David was called "a man after God's own heart."

Prayer for Today: Holy Spirit, please help me to remember that secret sins are not secret. Please help me to focus on giving You a good name before the world and my fellow believers.

Quicklook: Psalm 69:1-6

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

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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-

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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/stpaulum 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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Williams vs California landmark case of funding equity.

In 1997-98 he served as the first Director of the National Clearinghouse on Educational Facilities for school facility planning. Prior to Virginia Tech, Glen served as the Executive Director for School Planning in the Philadelphia Public Schools for almost a decade. Glen also served as an Assistant Professor at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, and also served as a teacher and elementary school principal in Denver before he received his terminal degree at The University of Northern Colorado in Greeley.

Glen maintained membership in both the Council of Educational Facility Planners, International and The International Society for Educational Planning. He served on the Governing Board of both organizations for numerous years. He also served as President of the International Society for Educational Planning. Glen was an accomplished pianist and organist. He substituted for organists in several churches in the Blacksburg area.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Julie Gilbertson Earthman, to whom he owes so much for his health and happiness; his beloved children, Erik Earthman and his wife, Carrie Earthman, Andrew Earthman and his wife, Victoria Earthman, Catherine Reinhardt, Douglas Mackall, and Suni Mackall, who were the delight of his existence. He is also survived by his wonderful grandchildren; Sorrell Perka, Mimi Perka, Gunder Perka,

Bronwyn Earthman, and Gillian Earthman, all of whom were a very special and enduring part of his life. In addition, he has surviving nieces and nephews, Joan Mackey, Sandra Woetz, and Paul Fletcher all of whom live in Denver.

Glen and Julie loved to travel and visited many exotic places such as Tibet, China, Taj Mahal, Petra, Jordan, South Africa, Timbuktu, The Grand Bazaar in Istanbul, Machu Picchu, sailed The Amazon River and the Yangtze River, rode camels on the Sahara Desert, visited the Soke in Marrakech, the Salt Mines in Poland, Hungarian castles, and almost every country in Europe and Scandinavia. They spent many Easter Sundays attending services in the Dome in Berlin, Germany. They also spent considerable time in northern England every year for at least 30 years where they rented a cottage in Kirkby Lonsdale for weeks upon end just to spend time together.

Glen was an active member of both Luther Memorial Lutheran Church and Christ Episcopal Church in Blacksburg. During his 50-year membership, he held different church offices.

The funeral service was held at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church Thursday, March 30, 2023, with The Revs. Monica Weber and Scott West officiating. A reception greeting family and friends was held immediately following the service. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Luther Memorial Lutheran Church Memorial Fund.

Long, Thelma Frances

Thelma Frances Long, of Long, Renee (Ronald) Keister, and Laurie Blacksburg, died Sunday, March 26, 2023.

She was born in Floyd County on September 9, 1933, to the late Fred and Annie Thompson. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Maury Richard Long, Jr.; son, Vernon Long; daughter, Jeannette Hatcher; grandson, David Lee Long; son-in-law, Jack Graham; sisters, Geraldine, Jenny, Barbara, and Reba; and brother, Fred.

She is survived by her children, Jerry (Pat) Long, Ronnie (Sandra) Long, Darrell Long, Danny Long, Diane Graham, Cathy (John) Hughes, Gail



(Terry) Dove; special grandchildren, Brandon, Justin, Michael, Scott, Billy, John, Michael Wayne, Tracey, Brandy, Shannon, Hanah, Sarah, Bethany, and Sabrina; sister, Ann Yopp; brother, Harvey Oliver; and very special granddaughter, Makena "Princess."

Funeral services were held, Wednesday, March 29, 2023 in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Jimmie Lee Price officiating. Interment followed in the Zack Price/ James R. Long Cemetery. Visitation was held before the service.

Naff, David Arnold, Sr.

David Arnold Naff Sr., 93, Nancy Naff; 14 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

He was born to the late Archie and Melissa Naff on Oct. 11, 1929.

Preceding him in death was his wife of 72 years, Dorothy Christine Rutter Naff; six brothers: Preston Naff, J.T. Naff, Elbert Naff, Paul Naff, Bill Naff, and Harold Naff; and three sisters: Ruth Ziegler, Melba Bryant, and Dianne Trump.

Those left to cherish his memory include five children: Stephen Naff (Leisa), David Naff (Peggy), Darryl Naff (Beckie), Joan Handy (Kenny) and Byron Naff (Missy); three sisters: Helen Altizer, Joyce Moore, and Lola Clower (Harless); two sisters-in-law: Dorothy Rutter and



A celebration of life service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 8, 2023, at Christiansburg Church of the Brethren. Following the service, the family extends an invitation to a reception and visitation with family and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Music Department at Christiansburg Church of the Brethren Post Office Box 3050 Christiansburg, VA 24068.

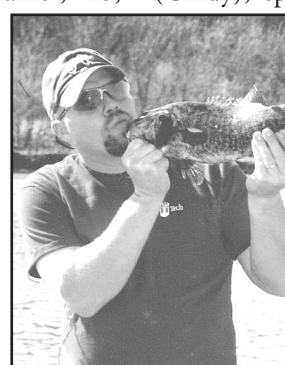
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Walker, John Clinton "JC"

John Clinton "JC" Walker, 48, (Cindy); special aunt, Joyce Rickey; passed away Sunday, March 26, 2023, at his home in Dublin.

He was formerly a Volunteer Firefighter for the City of Radford and enjoyed fishing in his spare time. He was preceded in death by his father, Johnny Lee Walker; and his son, Connor Douglas Walker.

Survivors include his son, Peyton Andrew Walker; daughter, Shawna Grace Walker; his mother, Wanda Louise McCraw; brothers, James Tracy Walker (Jamie), and Tony Travis Pritchard



the love of his life, Dawn Walker; and many other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

The family received friends Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. A memorial service followed.

The family would like to thank Carilion and Good Sam Hospice for the care that they provided "JC".

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

Beta Sigma Phi donates baby items



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Beta Sigma Phi sorority donates layette items to the Pregnancy Resource Center of the New River Valley. The donations were presented to Donna Christian and other staff members by Kristen Talley and Doris Caldwell (center in red) on behalf of Alpha Mu Master Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority in Christiansburg.



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Mimic Bot is one of the camps children can enjoy this June in Radford through Camp Invention.

Camp Invention coming to the NRV

Nationally recognized summer STEM camp makes innovation fun

Camp Invention, a nationally recognized, nonprofit summer enrichment camp program, is coming to the New River Valley in June.

The camp will be held at Falling Branch Elementary School the week of June 5 - June 9 and at Radford University the week of June 19 - June 23, 2023.

A program of the National Inventors Hall of Fame in partnership with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Camp Invention challenges children in grades K-6 to tap into their natural curiosity and use their creativity to solve problems. Through hands-on activities, Camp Invention promotes STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) learning; builds confidence, leadership, perseverance and resourcefulness; and encourages entrepreneurship — all in a fun and engaging environment.

Each year, the program features a new curriculum inspired by some of our nation's most world-changing inventors — the National Inventors Hall of Fame Inductees. This year's Wonder program encourages children to be confident in their ideas and explore

their innovativeness through hands-on activities including:

Catching Air: Taking a confidence-building ride through physics, engineering and art, children design and build their own skate park.

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MimicBot: Children show their unique style when they transform a robot that mimics sounds into a one-of-a-kind animatronic stuffer.

Pop-Up Venture™: Big ideas come to life as campers design their own mini pop-up business.

All local Camp Invention programs are facilitated and taught by qualified educators who reside and teach in the community. Camp Invention serves 118,000 students every year and partners with more than 2,200 schools and districts across the nation. For more information or to register, visit invent.org/camp.

Submitted by Camp Invention

to apply for this scholarship of \$750 per semester by lending their voice and gifts to the choir and congregation. The deadline to submit applications is April 15, 2023, and scholarship award announcement will be made on May 15, 2023, for the fall semester 2023.

In addition, through the Luther Memorial Education Endowment Scholarship, the church is also offering two \$500 scholarships; both are for high school seniors entering college, university, or technical school in the fall of 2023, or for any student already enrolled in a higher education program. The first scholarship is for any student

who is a member of an ELCA Lutheran congregation; the second scholarship is for any BIPOC (Black, Indigenous Person of Color) student in the Blacksburg community. The application process begins March 1st; applications are due on May 1st and will be reviewed in May and awarded in June, payable directly to the student's learning institution.

"We are so blessed to be able to offer these scholarships through the generosity of our parishioners," said Reverend Monica Weber, pastor at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church. "Scholarships help provide more students with

the opportunity to earn an education they may not otherwise be able to and allow them more time to concentrate and focus on their studies. Without scholarships, many students who could most benefit from higher education are finding it harder and harder to afford. We encourage all students in the Blacksburg community to apply."

For more information, and to download an application form for any of these scholarships, please visit <https://lmlc.org/scholarships>.

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Luther Memorial offering scholarships to area students

BLACKSBURG - Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, through the generosity of its parishioners, is offering several scholarships in 2023 to area high school and college students.

Luther Memorial Lutheran Church has a strong history of choral excellence and a deep appreciation for quality music. The former choir director of 30 years, Thomas Greenwood Wilson, left a generous endowment for the music program and we hope to create meaningful connections with music students in the area with the establishment of a voice scholarship for college students in our area. This year for the first time, Luther Memorial is offering the Thomas Greenwood Wilson Memorial Voice Scholarship. Music students at Virginia Tech or Radford University, who maintain a GPA of 3.25 and can commit to sing with the LMLC choir and/or perform solos for 10 Sundays and/or special choral events or worship services per academic semester, are eligible

MONTGOMERY SPORTS

Brooks has led Lady Hokies in six consecutive winning seasons

Who is this guy named Kenny leading Hokies to promised land?

Kenny Brooks was named the seventh head women's basketball coach in Virginia Tech women's basketball history on March 28, 2016 and concluded his sixth season at the helm of the Hokies' program in 2022.

Since Brooks' arrival in Blacksburg, the Hokies have enjoyed six consecutive winning seasons, and made consecutive appearances in the NCAA Tournament. Tech has posted numerous records when it comes to ACC win totals, ranked wins and athletes earning postseason accolades.

For the first time in program history, a Hokie, Elizabeth Kitley earned a place on an AP All-American Team in 2022. She also became the school's first ACC Player of the Year and Kay Yow Scholar Athlete of the Year and for the second straight season was a Lisa Leslie Award finalist.

Brooks recruited and developed guard Aisha Sheppard, who graduated in 2022 as the program's all-time leader in points with 1,883 and the ACC's leader in career 3-point field goals with

402. She earned three All-ACC awards and earn honorable mention AP All-America accolades in 2021. She owns the top three single season totals in 3-point shooting in program history and played in the most games and most minutes of any Hokie.

In 2022, the Hokies set a program record with 13 ACC victories and five ranked wins. The squad advanced to the ACC Tournament Semifinals for the first time ever.

Brooks won his 450th career game with a 65-54 win at No. 16 Duke earning a sweep of the Blue Devils for the first time in program history.

Tech's 2020-21 season was a special one in several regards, with the Hokies winning their First Round NCAA Tournament game against Marquette, the team securing the program's first win over an AP top four team, a program record six-game winning streak in ACC play, and for the first time, two student-athletes were honored as First Team All-ACC performers. Brooks was awarded VaSID Coach of the Year honors in 2021. He won his 100th game as a Hokie at the 2021 ACC Tournament with a 72-64 victory over



Kenny Brooks has climbed the ladder winning game after game in six seasons in Blacksburg.

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Miami.

The 2019-20 Hokies accomplished numerous milestones that included the program's first ever ACC Freshman of the Year, ACC Sixth Player of the Year and five players named ACC All-Academic. On the court, Tech won a record 11 ACC games, won four ACC contests in a row for the first time, had a three-game road winning streak for the first time, and went 13-2 defending their home floor at Cassell Coliseum. Along the way, Tech collected the program's first win at Notre Dame and earned the highest ACC Tournament seed after finishing tied for fourth.

To begin his tenure, Brooks and the Hokies reeled off 15 straight wins to open the 2016-17 season, Tech's strongest

start to a season in 18 years. Behind that strong start, Tech climbed to as high as No. 15 in the AP Poll.

Brooks has ushered in a new era of up-tempo basketball at Virginia Tech, as his Hokies have reset the team scoring record in each of his first two seasons as well as reset the mark for most 3-pointers made each season.

During his time in Blacksburg, Brooks has recruited and developed All-ACC performer Taylor Emery, who set the single season scoring record in 2017-18 at 667 points. She also scored the most field goals in a single campaign with 236. Emery became the first Hokie to ever earn first team All-ACC honors with her selection in 2019. She would go

on to be undrafted but sign with the Minnesota Lynx of the WNBA.

Brooks' tenure has also seen numerous players score their 1,000th career point, including forward Regan Magarity who became the program's all-time leading rebounder during the WNIT run in 2018. Magarity set the ACC record with 1,299 career rebounds. She was a third round WNBA Draft pick in 2019, going to the Connecticut Sun with pick number 33.

In 2019, Brooks won his 400th career game, an 85-63 rout of Wake Forest in Greensboro, North Carolina at the ACC tournament.

With the Hokies, Brooks has coached nine student-athletes who earned All-Conference honors, including ACC

Freshman of the Year Elizabeth Kitley (2020) and numerous players have received All-ACC Academic accolades, including the entire starting five in 2020.

In Blacksburg, Brooks is 5-0 in the annual ACC/Big Ten Challenge with victories over Nebraska, Illinois, Rutgers, Purdue and Wisconsin in consecutive seasons. In those games, the Hokies have won by an average margin of 19 points.

Brooks joined the Hokies after an impressive 14-season stint as head coach at James Madison University where he compiled a record of 337-122 (.756), making him the winningest coach in that school's history. Brooks guided the Dukes to 11 consecutive

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FROM THE SIDELINES

No respect for Hokies

Marty Gordon
Contributing writer

The Virginia Tech ladies are a number one seed and have won 30 games this season, but throughout the NCAA tournament, announcers have dished the Blacksburg team.

Rodney Dangerfield once said it best in one of his movies, "No respect. They give me no respect."

The deep end should not be in play, but during the Ohio State contest this past week, the announcers kept singing OSU's praises and making excuses for why they were losing to the ladies called Hokies, which they kept asking the listeners "What is a Hokie?"

Virginia Tech is doing its best to make everyone in southwest Virginia proud. I guess the NCAA cannot find any neutral announcers that do their research and homework. The tournament has lost its glitter because the broadcasters seem to be one-sided.

Doing our research, there was nothing to be found they were Ohio State alumni. But you would never know it.

This was also true in the previous two games as Rodney could be heard repeating himself over and over.

No one seems to believe in the Hokies except the Hokies and its faithful fans. Maybe, the athletic department can find the color broadcaster's home addresses and send them a Christmas card.

Of course, all of it could be silent if the ladies can pull off another one or two upsets, as the announcers said.

Upsets. The Hokies might not call them that. It would give them a little national attention. Respect might still be a long way off.

The university will have to continue to prove itself in every sport. Another ACC title and who knows, a national one could cure all of this bad medicine. It might not come this year, but it will somewhere in the near future.

Let's just hope whatever the tournament is, they can find some neutral voices that care about their profession. National collegiate sports need more ones who can talk sensibly in a neutral environment and maybe sound intelligent. Not this week.

Rodney, we feel you.

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This billboard is located 1/2 mile north of American Airlines Center off of I-35E in Dallas, Texas near this weekend's Final 4.

Hokies have written their own story

The words 'first time' sure have been said a bunch the last few weeks for Virginia Tech women's basketball.

The first time in its history making the Final Four. The first time ranking up 31 wins in a single season. The first time Tech has had a two-time ACC Player of the Year, just to name a few.

But what comes with success is more pressure, and that pressure hasn't gotten to the Hokies.

Facing just a one-point lead with six minutes left in its Sweet 16 game against No. 4-seeded Tennessee Saturday, Tech didn't back down, going on an 8-0 run to punch back, as it never relinquished its lead. In fact, Tech led for its first 128 minutes (!) in the NCAA Tournament, before No. 3-seeded Ohio State took the lead at the 1:49 mark in the first quarter Monday.

So, how would they handle that? They haven't had their backs against a wall in a hole in quite some time, with the Buckeyes owning a five-point advantage early on in the second quarter. And even though a two-possession game is not

insurmountable, it had been a bit since they had to claw back into one.

But that fight. That will power. That drive has been a pleasure to watch. If you look at social media recently, countless fans have shown their support of these hard-working women and how they represent Virginia Tech the right way. And, hey, even one of the best point guards of all-time was hyped for the Hokies.

That fight got questioned when one of the best point guards in college basketball, Georgia Amoore, had to leave Monday's game momentarily due to an apparent head injury. She got clocked twice in the head the first two quarters and Hokie Nation wasn't quite sure if she was going to return.

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After a few possessions that felt like eternity with her not on the court, the Australian came back and then scored 22 of her 24 points the rest of the way to lead the Hokies to the impressive victory.

Adversity is going to happen during a game, but it's how you handle it that defines you. This team, led by seventh-year head coach Kenny Brooks, has been able to get in rhythm after going cold for a stretch and next thing you know, they go on an 8-0 run with ease - through tremendous ball movement and tough-as-nails

defense.

It was interesting how Monday's game started. It truly felt like a track meet out there, with both teams running and gunning, as the two combined for 31 points at the first media timeout (4:26). It will be fascinating to see how No. 3-seeded LSU handles Tech and its first punch thrown, in what should be a heavyweight fight, those first few minutes into Friday's game. A game that all of Hokie Nation will be watching.

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Tickle to run at Concord University

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Andrew Tickle, who helped Auburn High School win the 2021 state outdoor track champion and third place finish last season, will continue his career at Concord University.

He signed a letter of intent this past week in front of family, friends and teammates in the Auburn Library.

"I chose Concord because, ultimately, they have a great running program led by Coach (Mike) Cox who I instantly took liking to, and they have what I want to study, and being one of the top schools in the state of West Virginia for my specific program, that definitely aided my decision," he said. "It just felt like the right fit for me and my needs."

Concord University is a public university in Athens, West Virginia with a current enrollment of 1,452 students, and in athletics, is an NCAA Division II school, and a member of the Mountain East Conference.

During this past indoor season, the Concord University men's track & field team placed fifth at the Mountain East Conference Championships.



Auburn's Andrew Tickle (seated, center) will continue his track and cross-country career at Concord University after signing a letter of intent this past week. Also, pictured: (from left) his mother, Kathi Tickle and father Donnie Tickle. Standing is his brother Eddie Tickle.

Tickle will join a group of student-athletes, which includes Alex Watty and Caleb Hatcher, both from Christiansburg.

Tickle will compete in both indoor and outdoor track at Concord, as well as cross country. He hopes to be a social studies secondary education major at Concord.



Curtis Altizer was this past year's All-county/All-city defensive player of the year.

Christiansburg LB to play at Bluefield

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Christiansburg High School was one game away from a state Class 3 title chance this past season, and one of the reasons was the play of linebacker Curtis Altizer.

Earlier this week, he announced his intentions to continue his career at Bluefield University.

Altizer tallied 128 tackles with 86 solos and two interceptions. For his effort, he has been named the 2022 all-county, all-city defensive player of the year. Additionally, he totaled 623 yards from his running back position and even played quarterback for five snaps this season. He scored four touchdowns on offense.

But it's on defense where he excelled, a

position he expects to play at Bluefield. He felt at home when he visited the school's campus.

"I really connected with the defensive coach, and it's close for my family to attend my games," he said.

Bluefield University is a private university in Bluefield, Va. It offers 22 majors and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The 82-acre campus is about 150 feet from the state line between Virginia and West Virginia and has a current enrollment of 982 students.

The school had been known as Bluefield College until 2021 when it was accredited officially as a university. The Bluefield athletic

teams are called the Rams. The university is a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), primarily competing in the Appalachian Athletic Conference (AAC) for most of their sports since the 2014-15 academic year (which they were a member on a previous stint from 2001-02 to 2011-12); while its football team competes in the Mid South Conference (MSC) since the 2014 fall season. This past season, the Rams finished 8-3 on the gridiron.

At Bluefield, Altizer will join former Christiansburg running back Stephen Myrthil and hopes to major in physical therapy.



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postseason appearances, including six NCAA bids and five trips to the WNIT.

Over an 11-year stretch (2005-2016), Brooks' squads never won fewer than 24 games, averaging 26.3 wins per year. The Dukes won three consecutive CAA championships (2014-2016) under Brooks' tutelage and captured a total of five conference titles over a seven season span.

During those final three seasons in Harrisonburg, Brooks and the Dukes compiled an impressive 60-3 record in conference play.

He was named CAA Coach of the Year for a fourth time in 2015-16, while his student-athletes also garnered CAA Player and Rookie of the Year honors.

Brooks registered winning campaigns in 13 of his 14 seasons in Harrisonburg, ascending to No. 23 in the AP Poll and

No. 21 in the USA Today Coaches Poll in 2014-15 as his squad tied a school record with 29 victories. In 2013-14, he led the Dukes to their first NCAA Tournament victory since 1991 when his 11th-seeded Dukes knocked off sixth-seeded Gonzaga 72-63 in the first round. In 2007, the Dukes earned an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament, marking only the second time a CAA team had received an at-large berth.

Under Brooks, JMU tallied six CAA Players of the Year, three Rookies of the Year and two Defensive Players of the Year. The Dukes also recorded 31 All-CAA selections, 11 Defensive team and nine All-Rookie team selections during his tenure.

The Waynesboro, Virginia, native has coached five WNBA Draft picks; first-rounder Tamera Young, as well as Lauren Okafor and Jazmon Gwathmey, in addition to several other players who have signed professional contracts. Regan Magarity and Aisha Sheppard have been selected in the Draft as well.

A 1992 graduate of James Madison, Brooks played for three seasons under legendary coach Lefty Driesell and made two NIT appearances while earning a degree in business management. He began his coaching career as a part-time assistant for the 1993-94 JMU men's squad that won the CAA Tournament and advanced to the NCAA Tournament.

After four seasons as an assistant for the men's program at VMI (1994-98), he moved back to his alma mater as a men's assistant from 1998-2002. He was named interim women's head coach on Dec. 6, 2002 before taking over those duties on a full-time basis on March 21, 2003.

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