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LewisGale Hospital Montgomery breaks ground on emergency room in Christiansburg

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CHRISTIANSBURG — A new multi-million-dollar stand-alone emergency room broke ground in Christiansburg Tuesday, which will provide another option for emergency medical care.

LewisGale Hospital Montgomery representatives, local officials and members of the community gathered for a groundbreaking ceremony signifying the start of construction for LewisGale Hospital Montgomery Christiansburg ER, located at 1205 West Main St., Christiansburg.

“The freestanding emergency room will be the third of its kind in southwest Virginia, following Cave Spring ER and Blue Hills ER in the Roanoke Valley,” according to LewisGale. “The nearly 10,000-square-foot freestanding emergency room will be staffed by board-certified emergency room physicians and nurses 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. It will provide the same services provided in an emergency room that is housed within

the walls of a hospital.”

Christiansburg Mayor Michael Barber said the new ER will lessen the time it takes to get patients to the emergency medical care they need.

“The importance of this is to provide a serve that has been needed in this town and the surrounding area for many years,” said Barber. “We have two fine hospitals, but this enables our emergency personnel to have an alternative to take 10, 20 minutes off their time.”

“In an emergency situation, minutes matter in relation to patient outcomes,” said Chris Smith, MD, emergency department medical director. “We are poised to offer unparalleled medical care in a convenient location. This can help save lives and enhance patient recovery.”

According to LewisGale, the new ER will feature both walk-in and ambulance entrances with “11 patient rooms, including a fully equipped trauma bay. It will house advanced imaging equipment for CT scans, X-rays, and ultrasound imaging. The ER will also feature onsite

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LewisGale leaders and town officials hold an official ground-breaking ceremony for a new emergency room facility set to open in Christiansburg in 2024.



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Christiansburg Mayor Michael Barber (left) and Lauren Dudley, LewisGale Hospital Montgomery chief executive officer at Tuesday's ground-breaking ceremony.

NRV citizens call for a permanent ceasefire and peace for all

Lori Graham
Contributing writer

As weapon attacks continue in Gaza, local community members are speaking out for an end to the loss of life and wounded civilians resulting from the Hamas terrorist attacks on Israel and their response.

On Tuesday, Dec. 4, students along with members of the New River Valley communities, gathered on the Virginia Tech drill field for a peaceful demonstration. As names of some of the dead were read over a megaphone, the loss was described as devastating by demonstrators.

Speaking on anonymity, one demonstrator said the names reflected whole



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The Palestine flag with a fist is flown at the demonstration, representative of standing in strength and solidarity as well as resistance to oppression.

families that have been destroyed, with ages ranging from senior citizens to babies, some sharing the same family name.

“Kids in Gaza are writing

their names on their arm in the case they are under rubble and unidentifiable or dismembered by bombs.

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Montgomery County School Board recognizes achievements

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Special recognitions for Montgomery County Public Schools' seniors of the month and MCPS Board members were presented during the Board's regular meeting on Dec. 5, 2023.

Seniors of the Month from the four strands of Montgomery County Schools were presented for both November and December, considering the coming holidays.

Auburn High School student Stacy Lewis is the November Senior of the Month for Auburn High School, who is exceptionally gifted in arts, leadership, and athletics. Lewis has been named to the First Team All-State Volleyball Team, with AHS volleyball team winning state championships every year of Lewis' high school career. She has also been a member of the Indoor and Outdoor Track teams, earning additional state championships and breaking school records.

RaeAnna Weeks was named the December Senior of the Month, a student at Auburn High School. Weeks is a positive role model with strong leadership skills and is a member of both

the marching and concert bands. Weeks has also played on the AHS Tennis team for the previous three years in which they earned a state championship. Weeks has also earned a position with All District Band and Choir and All-State Choir, and a member of the National Beta Club.

Both AHS students plan to pursue a college education following the completion of high school.

Christiansburg High School student Brody Blount was named November Senior of the Month, excelling in academics, athletics, and leadership roles. Blount has been accepted to both University of Virginia and Virginia Tech University but plans to join VT next year as a student.

CHS student Ruby Bolling was recognized as December Senior of the Month and is described by one of her teachers as “kind, dedicated, respectful, and a hardworking student,” Principal Shane Guynn said.

Bolling has completed an associate degree from NRCC and will attend Roanoke College in the fall of 2024 to pursue a major in exercise science, with

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Help us “ReCrown” the Castle



Ingles Castle, a landmark and treasure in Radford, Virginia, has weathered many storms over the years. Unfortunately, the roof of this historic building has sustained significant damage and is in desperate need of repair. This beautiful castle, brimming with history and countless stories, is calling out for help.

Ingles Castle has been a symbol of our community, hosting numerous events and tours that brought our community together and helped us delve into our shared past. Now, it's our turn to give back and ensure this important piece of local heritage continues to stand tall and proud for generations to come.

The repair costs are substantial, and we're reaching out to you, our community and beyond, to help us raise the necessary funds. Every donation, regardless of size, brings us one step closer to preserving this historic gem. Your support will not only help restore the roof but also ensure the castle continues to be a place of learning, exploration, and community bonding.

Your contribution to the "Raise the Roof" fund will be much more than a donation - it's your personal stamp in the history of Ingles Castle.

Let's come together and help restore the glory of Ingles Castle. Thank you for your kindness, generosity, and commitment to preserving our shared history. For more information scan the QR code below with your smartphone's camera or go to: <https://www.gofundme.com/l/raise-the-roof-historical-preservation-ingles>

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Built in 1892 by Captain “Billy” Williams Ingles along the New River in west end Radford, the architectural wonder is a Radford treasure.

Ingles Castle-La Riviere: a historic landmark that needs the community's help

Lori Graham
Contributing writer

The story of Mary Draper Ingles is well known by many in the New River Valley region.

She was taken by Native Americans along with her two sons after the Draper Meadow Massacre, escaped, and returned home on foot over many hundreds of miles, barely

surviving her journey.

What many may not know is that her descendant, Captain “Billy” William Ingles, built an extraordinary home in 1892 along the New River in Radford that still stands today. However, this home, with its astounding curved interior walls, beautiful fireplaces, grand staircases, and unique

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, Dec. 9:

Jolabokafloð Book Exchange

At the Christiansburg Library; 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. The Icelandic tradition of giving, receiving, and reading books on Christmas Eve, often while enjoying chocolate and warm drinks. Literally translates into Christmas Book Flood. You're invited to bring a new or gently used book to participate in a book exchange, then receive a new-to-you book! Also, enjoy light refreshments, a craft, and more!

Meet the Grinch and Movie

Come to the Meadowbrook Library to meet the Grinch, Max, and Cindy Lou; 1 – 3 p.m. Bring your own phone or camera to take photos with the characters. Refreshments provided. Watch the short Grinch film with us at 2:30 p.m.

NAACP year-end meeting

The NAACP will hold its year-end meeting 9 -11:30 a.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 500 Stuart St., Christiansburg. Douglas Asante will speak about Ghana and the slave trade.

Sunday, Dec. 10:

Rubik's Cube Club

At the Blacksburg Library; 2- 3:15 p.m. Learn how to solve rubik's cubes! Instructional sessions for beginners and enthusiasts, led by experienced Cubers. Speedcubing: Friendly competitions to foster skill improvement. And help solve your unsolved cubes: assistance to anyone struggling with unsolved cubes.

Monday, Dec. 11:

Spiced Salt Dough Ornaments Workshop

At the Radford Public Library; 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Join us for a kids' crafting workshop. We'll be making spice dough ornaments to take home and decorate for the holidays.

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.

Quilting Party: Community Quilting Bee

At the Christiansburg Library; 6- 9 p.m. Come and join in the fun of quilting with the Quilting Party. Bring your sewing machine and/or supplies for what you are making. Do you need help with a quilt or want to learn about making a quilt? Drop on in. If you have any questions please contact Mary Lough at mrmlough@gmail.com.

Tuesday, Dec. 12:

School Board meeting

Radford City School Board will convene for its regular meeting Dec. 12, 2023, at 6 p.m., to be held at the School Administration Building. The agenda for the meeting can be viewed at www.rcps.org.

Blacksburg Town Council meeting

The 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 the 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.

Sunday, Dec. 17:

Luminary display

The annual Stroubles Mill Neighborhood Association Luminary display will begin at 5:30 p.m. in Blacksburg

(Hethwood). Rain date is Monday, Dec. 18.

On-going:

Blacksburg stormwater utility credit application deadline

Deadline for Stormwater Utility Credit Applications is Jan. 1, 2024. If you are located within the Town of Blacksburg and have a stormwater management facility on your site, you may qualify for a credit on your monthly stormwater utility fee. Go to www.blacksburg.gov/stormwaterfund and review the Stormwater Utility Credit Manual to know more. Stormwater management facilities are typically ponds (either dry ponds/dry detention basins or wet retention basins). Other types include underground storage structures (usually located under parking lots in commercial areas), vegetated areas like bio-retentions, and mechanical filters that remove oil and sediment from stormwater runoff. Questions, contact stormwater@blacksburg.gov or call 540-443-1354.

Blacksburg Comprehensive Plan Amendment application process

In 2021, Town Council adopted the updated Comprehensive Plan. As part of the mid-way evaluation between five-year updates, the town accepts privately initiated applications for amendments to the plan. Amendments include changes to Future Land Use Map designations or the text of the Plan. Applications due on Jan. 15, 2024. A pre-application meeting is required prior to submittal. Contact Maeve Gould, Comprehensive Planner, at (540) 443-1300 or CompPlan@blacksburg.gov, with questions, or to schedule a pre-application meeting.

Eligibility applications for Christmas Store 2023

Online applications are being accepted and reviewed now through Dec. 6, 2023 to shop at the Montgomery County Christmas Store in December. Go to the Christmas Store website at www.mcchristmasstore.org and click on Apply to Shop. First, you will see the documents you need to have ready to upload before beginning the application process. Then scroll down some more to see the criteria you must meet to see if you are eligible to apply to shop at the store in December. If you qualify to shop at the store Dec. 5-9, you will receive the link to select your shopping appointment.

VT Electric scam alert

The Virginia Tech Electric Service (VTES) has received numerous calls indicating that the public phone number for the VTES business office, 540-231-6437, has been used for scam calls by scammers pretending to be VTES. In the reported scams, scammers are attempting to get personal information by selling a product. Please note that VTES will never call requesting payment over the phone, nor sell products of any kind.

Common scams perpetrated against the Virginia Tech community and other general safety tips can be found at police.vt.edu/scam-alerts and police.vt.edu/safety-security/safety-tips/socialmediascams.

You should never give out personal identifying information over the telephone, by text, or email, to anyone demanding money or financial compensation.

You should be apprehensive of situations where someone overpays you by check and then asks you to wire money, utilize a prepaid card or visit a bitcoin ATM for payment.

You should be

suspicious if you receive an unsolicited letter or email requesting you to deposit a check and wire money back to an individual that you did not request and have not met personally.

You should never provide personal information such as dates of birth, Social Security numbers, and bank account/credit card numbers.

No law enforcement or other government agency in the U.S., including the IRS, will ever call you on the phone and threaten you with arrest if you do not immediately send them money, provide them with the number of a gift card, or transfer money into a bitcoin account.

Scammers commonly use scare tactics and promote urgency when attempting to defraud others.

Community members should report all crimes and suspicious activity/ persons anywhere on campus immediately to the Virginia Tech Police Department at 540-382-4343 or by dialing 911.

Anonymous tips can be reported online at police.vt.edu/anonymouse.

Town of Blacksburg



Nobody's Business



Mountain Blessings

PHOTOS COURTESY OF NRCC

NRCC Concert Series to hold free concert today, Saturday, Dec. 9

The music of Mountain Blessings and Nobody's Business will be featured during New River Community College's Concert Series event on Sat., Dec. 9.

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

Mountain Blessings is a bluegrass and bluegrass gospel band stationed out of Mount Airy, N.C. and surrounding towns. The band plays mostly classic bluegrass such as Flat and Scruggs, Reno and Smiley, and many more, while including a couple of newer artists such as LRB and Balsam Range. Mountain Blessings members say they came up with the band name because they all grew up on a mountain, and God gave them the ability to play. The band includes Travis Watts, banjo; Brad

Wood, mandolin; Nevaeh Coffee, bass; and Elijah Bulman, guitar. Grammy-winning fiddle player, Hunter Berry, will be joining the band for the December concert.

Nobody's Business is an old-time band from the Grayson Highlands mountain region of Southwest Virginia where the state meets North Carolina and Tennessee. The band is steeped in the traditions of rural old-time mountain music that have been passed down through generations in this unique area of the Blue Ridge mountains. All of the band members have spent their lives playing, performing and teaching traditional mountain music. Nobody's Business shows feature a diverse and entertaining collection of hard driving fiddle/banjo tunes, mountain ballads, old time sacred songs and square

dance music. The band includes Jackson Cunningham, guitar and mandolin; Trevor McKenzie, fiddle; Corbin Hayslett, banjo; and Jesse Morris, bass.

Corporate sponsors of the music events include Anderson Audiology, Dublin; August Jewelers & Boutique, Inc., Radford; CCKKY, 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; Lee's Body Shop, Pearisburg; Martin's Pharmacy, Pulaski; Pepsi Cola Bottling Co., Dublin; Pulaski Patriot, Pulaski; SERVPRO, Montgomery & Pulaski Counties;

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Radford University announces launch of provisional to professional pathway K-12 teachers in Virginia

RADFORD - To create a convenient way for Virginia teachers with provisional licensure to earn full credentials, Radford University launched the Provisional to Professional Pathway project Dec. 1.

Through a collaborative partnership between Radford's College of Education and Human Development and the Vinod Chachra IMPACT Lab, the Provisional to Professional Pathway allows provisionally licensed teachers to complete Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) professional studies licensure requirements in as quickly as

one year. Provisionally licensed teachers can benefit from the online and self-paced courses, allowing professionals to continue their work in the classroom while building credentials.

"We are proud to support our K-12 school division partners in developing and retaining excellent teachers for the Commonwealth of Virginia's children," said Tamara Wallace, Ph.D., dean of the College of Education and Human Development. "Through our Provisional to Professional Pathway, provisionally licensed teachers can attain their goals of

full teacher licensure in a format that is conducive to their busy lives as working professionals and with the resources and support needed to ensure their success."

"This innovative approach builds upon Radford University's 113-year history of preparing educators by empowering teachers for the future with research-based classroom skills," said Matthew Dunleavy, Ph.D., executive director of the IMPACT Lab. "Our faculty have decades of classroom experience and expertise delivered directly to teachers online, so they can continue serving their

students in their communities."

Teachers who progress through the Provisional to Professional Pathway will earn graduate-level credits while experiencing expertly designed modules complete with engaging multimedia elements and a rich library of resources that will improve their effectiveness on the job. In addition, these courses are transferrable to Radford University's Master of Education Program.

The Provisional to Professional Pathway project is part of Radford

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Concert

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and Southern Furniture Warehouse, Radford. The doors open at 5 p.m. for the show. Admission is free; however, donations will be accepted to help offset travel expenses for the musicians. The music events

are typically held the second Saturday of each month through April at NRCC, a Crooked Road affiliated venue.

Series, please contact Tim Jones at (540) 674-3625 or visit www.nr.edu/concerts.

For more information about the NRCC Concert *Submitted by NRCC*

Peace

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This American lady was telling her kids this story at the demonstration. She started to write her name on her arm, the kids then wrote their names on their arm, and everyone started laying down at the demonstration," one demonstrator said.

Another demonstrator speaking on anonymity said, "What is happening against children is heartbreaking."

A group of local citizens, still in the process of organizing, is forming to provide grief support to those impacted by the tragedies that are ongoing in the Gaza/Israel attacks. Additionally, the group is aiming to spread their message to politicians that they feel are not hearing the voice of the United States citizens wishing for a permanent cease fire. United Nations members have also called for a permanent ceasefire.

According to the United Nations website at press.un.org, the number of children killed in this conflict has reached incredible numbers.

"In a matter of weeks, a far greater

number of children have been killed by Israeli military operations in Gaza than the total number of children killed during any year, by any party to a conflict, since I have been Secretary-General," António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations said.

Virginia Tech University's Students for Peace and Justice in Palestine (SPJP) posted a statement on October 12th on their organization's Instagram account.

"We implore our peers to empower themselves with education, awareness, and steadfast humanity during this time. We mourn the unnecessary loss of life and we reject the notion that one death toll holds greater weight than another," the Instagram posting read.

The women's group now organizing during this difficult time is open to those interested in joining to provide grief support and in seeking politician support for a peaceful end because of the conflict. Contact Brittany at brittany@alum.mit.edu for more information.

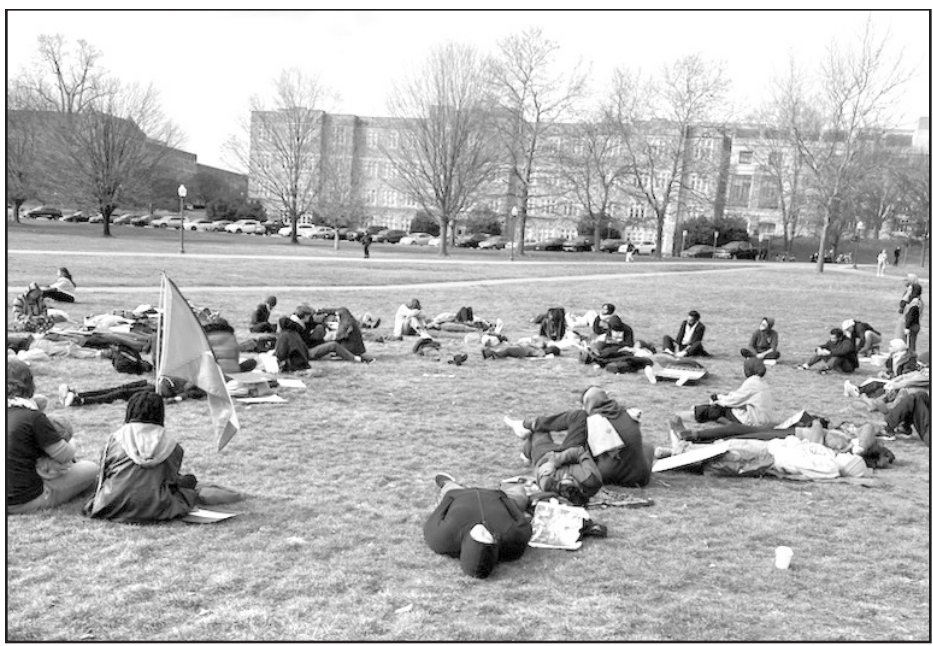


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Demonstrators lay on the ground of the Virginia Tech Drill Field as the names of some of the Palestinian people who have died during the Hamas/Israel conflict are read.



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<p>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING DISPOSITION OF REAL PROPERTY</p> <p>Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 15.2-1800, 15.2-1813, and 15.2-2100, the Radford City Council will hold a public hearing on December 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the City Municipal Building, 10 Robertson Street, Radford, VA 24141.</p> <p>The purpose of the public hearing will be to receive public comment on the proposed marketing and sale by the City of property commonly known as Prospect Hill in the City of Radford, Virginia, Tax Parcel Numbers 19-(1)-9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 9-(7)-Sec20-1 thru 4, 19-(7)-Sec21-1 thru 13, 19-(7)-Sec22-1 thru 8, 19-(7)-Sec22 13 & 14 containing 20.89 acres, more or less.</p> <p>Copies of the proposed ordinance to approve the disposition of real property may be obtained by contacting the Office of the City Clerk at (540) 731-3603 or Jenni.Goodman@radfordva.gov</p> <p>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED VACATION OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY</p> <p>Pursuant to Virginia Code § 15.2-2006 et seq., the Radford City Council will hold a public hearing on December 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the City Municipal Building, 10 Robertson Street, Radford, VA 24141.</p> <p>The purpose of the public hearing will be to receive public comment on the proposed vacation by the City of the unimproved portions of Oakland Avenue, Prospect Avenue, and Elmwood Street that extend into the real property commonly known as Prospect Hill in the City of Radford, Virginia, Tax Parcel Numbers 19-(1)-9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 9-(7)-Sec20-1 thru 4, 19-(7)-Sec21-1 thru 13, 19-(7)-Sec22-1 thru 8, 19-(7)-Sec22 13 & 14 containing 20.89 acres, more or less.</p> <p>Copies of the proposed ordinance and preliminary sketch of the unimproved portions of Oakland Avenue, Prospect Avenue, and Elmwood Street proposed for vacation may be obtained by contacting the Office of the City Clerk at (540) 731-3603 or Jenni.Goodman@radfordva.gov</p> <p>ADVERTISE!</p>	<p>TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 1813 7TH STREET, RADFORD, VA 24141.</p> <p>In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated August 12, 2013, in the original principal amount of \$94,106.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Radford City, Virginia as Instrument No. 201301075. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for the City of Radford, 619 Second St., W., Radford, VA, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on January 8, 2024, at 2:45 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND IN RADFORD CITY, COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, AS DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 168, PAGE 435, ID# 1643, ID# 14 -(8)-SEC 14-2-3, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS: LOT 2 AND SOUTH 1/2 OF LOT 3, SECTION 14, PLAN H, RADFORD LAND AND IMPROVEMENT CO SHOWN ON PLAT 168, PAGE 437. 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.bwwsales.com. 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</p>	<p>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.bwwsales.com. VA-360519-1.</p> <p>VIRGINIA:</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY</p> <p>In Re: The Adoption of a Minor Child Under Eighteen Years of Age, to be known as SERITA DANIELLE TICKLE BY: MILDRED ANNE TICKLE, FRED LEE TICKLE, JR. Petitioners ORDER Case No. CA23000019-00</p> <p>ORDER OF PUBLICATION</p> <p>The object of this cause is to obtain an adoption of the minor child, Serita Danielle McLemore, by your petitioners, Mildred Anne Tickle and Fred Lee Tickle, Jr., husband and wife. An affidavit having been made and filed, pursuant to Virginia Code §8.01-316(1950), as amended, showing that the biological father, Kenneth McLemore (aka Kenneth Sturdivant), despite the exercise of due diligence on behalf of Petitioners, could not be personally served with legal process for this action and his last known address is unknown, though he is known to be residing in and around the Montgomery County, Virginia area. It is therefore ORDERED that Respondent Kenneth McLemore, appear at this Court on or before January 12, 2024 at 1:00 pm before the Montgomery County Circuit Court and do what is necessary to protect his interest thereby. And, it is further ORDERED that this Order shall be published once a week for four (4) successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation, serving the area of Montgomery County, Virginia, the locality of father's last known whereabouts, and contemporaneously posted in a conspicuous location at the Montgomery County Courthouse. Enter this 1st day of November, 2023. Robert M. D. Turk, Judge</p> <p>I ASK FOR THIS: R. Cord Hall, Esq., VSB 77637 R, CORD HALL, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, P.C. 106 S. Franklin Street, Suite B-2 Christiansburg, VA 24073 (540)381-0707 (540)381-0505-Facsimile Counsel for Petitioners</p>	<p>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION</p> <p>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 December 13, 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's intention to act on the following request: To amend the 2025 Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan by adding information concerning Large-Scale Solar Energy Systems to the Utilities chapter of the Comprehensive Plan. The proposed amendments include adding background information to the Current and Historical Conditions and Trends section of the Utilities chapter, and by establishing a new section 2.4 of the Utilities chapter to outline proposed goals for Large-Scale Solar Energy Systems within the County. The proposed goals to be added include: establishing a maximum of 4,500 acres of allowed acreage for the development of large-scale solar energy projects within the County, promoting shared agricultural uses within large-scale solar energy projects, considerations related to project scale and project siting, and consideration of natural resources in the approval of large-scale solar energy systems.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION</p> <p>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 December 13, 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's intention to act on the following Ordinance: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10 ENTITLED ZONING OF THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA RELATING TO SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM USES IN THE COUNTY BY AMENDING SECTION 10-61 DEFINITIONS BY DELETING SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM MAJOR AND SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM MINOR AS DEFINED USES AND CREATING NEW DEFINED USES SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM COMMUNITY SCALE WHICH HAS THE CAPACITY TO PROVIDE FIVE OR LESS MEGA WATTS, SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM UTILITY SCALE CAPACITY TO PROVIDE MORE THAN FIVE MEGA WATTS AND A NEW DEFINED USE BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM WHICH TEMPORARILY STORES ENERGY BEFORE GOING TO THE DISTRIBUTION NETWORK; AND BY ADDING SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM COMMUNITY SCALE AS A USE PERMISSIBLE BY SPECIAL USE PERMIT IN SECTIONS 10-21(4) A-1 AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT, 10-23 (4) R-R RURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, 10-28 (4) GB GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, 10-30 (4) M-1 MANUFACTURING DISTRICT, 10-31 (4) M-L MANUFACTURING LIGHT DISTRICT, 10-33 (4) PIN PLANNED INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, 10-34 (4) PUD-COM PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, AND 10-35 (4) PUD-RES PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT; AND BY DELETING THE NO LONGER DEFINED USE SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM, MAJOR AS A USE PERMISSIBLE BY SPECIAL USE PERMIT IN SECTIONS 10-21 (4) A-1 AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT, 10-30 (4) M-1 MANUFACTURING DISTRICT, 10-31 (4) M-L MANUFACTURING-LIGHT DISTRICT, 10-33 (4) PIN PLANNED INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, 10-34 (3) PUD-COM PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT-COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, AND 10-35 (3) PUD-RES PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT; AND BY DELETING THE NO LONGER DEFINED USE SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM, MAJOR AS A USE PERMISSIBLE BY SPECIAL USE PERMIT IN SECTIONS 10-21 (4) A-1 AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT, 10-30 (4) M-1 MANUFACTURING DISTRICT, 10-31 (4) M-L MANUFACTURING-LIGHT DISTRICT, 10-33 (4) PIN PLANNED INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, 10-34 (4) PUD-COM PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT-COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, AND 10-35 (4) PUD-RES PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT. 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Pathway

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University's commitment to addressing teacher shortages throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. VDOE's Staffing and Vacancy Report showed 3,573 teacher vacancies statewide for the 2022-23 school year. By giving individuals with a bachelor's degree who have been hired by a school division the opportunity to enhance their knowledge and skills, the Provisional to Professional Pathway supports high quality educators for K-12 schools across the state.

The Provisional to Professional Pathway will launch

in southwest Virginia through a strategic partnership with Pulaski County Public Schools.

Interested teachers and school divisions can learn more about this project or enroll at the Provisional to Pathway website.

The Vinod Chachra IMPACT Lab at Radford University delivers online, self-paced, competency-based education (CBE) in high-demand workforce areas throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia and several neighboring states. The IMPACT Lab's CBE approach

focuses on teaching specific job-related skills needed to complete a critical task within the workplace and is built upon Radford University's established and award-winning programs.

The IMPACT Lab, which opened on Oct. 1, 2017, established Radford University as the first Virginia four-year public institution to offer CBE certificates in cybersecurity and geospatial intelligence.

Patrick Reed for Radford University

Ingles

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exterior architecture, needs the community's help.

A.C. and Lucy Wilson are currently the owners of the Scots-Irish styled home, along with another historic landmark in Radford called "The Harvey House". Wilson is also a descendant of the Ingles family, and says that house has stayed mostly unaltered in 100+ years. Only required maintenance and work has been done. Wilson, having a love of history and a special connection to the Radford area, bought the house. He bought more than a house though, he bought a trip back in time.

The incredible courage and determination Mary Draper Ingles showed in returning home was just the beginning,

according to Wilson.

"Mary Ingles, after she returned from captivity, she and her husband got that ferry going and he didn't live but only ten more years and then she was on her own, running the ferry which, she did and lived till 1815, after she returned in 1755," Wilson said. "She was on her own all those years and lived in a cabin on the river down there because of she was afraid of another Indian attack and just loved the security of a log cabin, but she got on they say about 900,000 people across the New River at Ingles Ferry in her time, and you know, some of the original buildings are over there across the river."

Other individuals, also deeply impacted and touched by the beautiful home and the family's story, have taken up the cause to help bring the home back to its original grandeur. One of whom is Judith Ayers.

"I have gone in on the coattails of all these important people," Ayers said. "To me, I am enthralled by what is there."

Ayers' nephew, Joe Caldwell, and his wife Angela Caldwell have also become involved in protecting the home and

its history. Both teachers in the area have participated in fundraising events to raise money for the restoration of the home. However, the priority currently is the roof.

The slate roof is in desperate need of repair and the costs are significant, but the importance of saving this home is even more substantial.

Some may also not know that famous architects like Stanford White and Frank Miles Day constructed some of the buildings in the city of Radford, Wilson said.

Keeping the home available for the next generation to enjoy and know the history of our community is what Wilson is hoping for.

"I didn't want to see it destroyed for a parking lot," Wilson said.

A crowdfunding page has also been established to help "ReCrown" the Castle. A QR code can be accessed for monetary donations, or interested parties can visit the website at www.gofundme.com/f/raise-the-roof-historical-preservation-ingles to make donations toward the roof repairs needed.

Board

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the goal of becoming a physical therapist.

Blacksburg High School's Nesreen Kadiri was named November Senior of the Month. She is currently in AP Level 5 French, and has also shown exemplary leadership in roles as President and Vice President of the BHS Muslim Student Association, National Honor Society Secretary, an officer of the Random Acts of Kindness Club, Co-captain of the BHS Varsity Girls Soccer Team, and a member of the Blacksburg Volunteer Rescue Squad.

BHS student Felix Hooper was named December Senior of the Month as a student

who has shown care and support to fellow students as well as a passion and gift for Fine Arts while performing in the theater program. His acting skills were extended to the Constitutional Convention where he performed a rendition of Ben Franklin.

November Senior of the Month for Eastern Montgomery High School is Caiden Roupe. Roupe has been successful in academics, sports, and involved in many school clubs.

One of Caiden's teachers, Lisa Bissey, said, "She is friendly, funny, and so very genuine. She is just a great all-around person and I love being able to be her teacher."

Zay Guthrie, EMHS student, was named December Senior of the Month. Guthrie is described as displaying a positive attitude that is supportive to others he interacts with each day. He has also solely maintained the EMHS recycling program for the past two years. Guthrie will attend Virginia Tech's transition program in the fall of 2024 and hopes to work with younger children or help others in some way in health care.

Jenny Brown, teacher at EMHS said, "He always displays grace and kindness. Zay is creative and works hard in and out of class."

Superintendent Dr.

Bernard Bragen presented three Montgomery County School Board members with recognition awards during the meeting as well, naming their years of service and positions they have held during that time.

Board member Sue Kass has served on the MCPS Board since 2020 and served as Board Chair for 2022.

Board chair Mark Cherbaka has served on the MCPS Board since 2016 and as Board Chair in 2023.

Marti Graham has served MCPS as a Board member since 2015, twice as Vice Chair in 2020 and 2023, and Board Chair in 2021.

LewisGale

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laboratory testing and will be directly linked to LewisGale Hospital Montgomery as a fully integrated department of the hospital."

"This is wonderful for the community," said Lauren Dudley, LewisGale Hospital Montgomery chief executive officer. "This is an extension of LewisGale Hospital Montgomery. We will

have the same board-certified physicians, extraordinary medical professionals, who are currently in our ER."

"With a commitment to community care, we are happy to fill the gap by bringing high-quality emergency services to this part of Christiansburg and the New River Valley," Dudley said. "This

facility is located just off Interstate 81, equipped to serve its tens-of-thousands of daily travelers, and the growing communities along Route 8 to the south."

The facility will employ more than 30 staff, including emergency physicians and nurses and is slated to open later in 2024. Hiring is expected to begin early next year.

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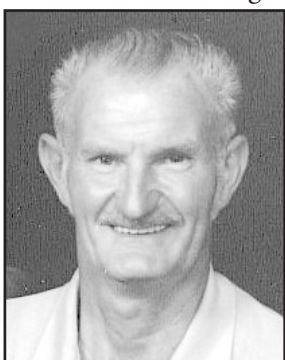
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OBITUARIES

Coleman, Robert Stewart



Robert Stewart Coleman, 87, of Christiansburg, went to be with the Lord Friday, Dec. 1, 2023, at Roanoke Memorial Hospital surrounded by his children and grandson.

Born in Buchanan County, Va., Robert was the son of the late William Anthony Coleman and Delsa (Conn) Coleman. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Mariam (Coleman) Wright and his brother, William Anthony Coleman, Jr.

Survivors include his wife of 68 years, Mary Magdalene (Justice) Coleman; daughter, Deborah Wells of Christiansburg; sons, Stewart Coleman and wife Amy of Radford, and Robin Coleman and wife Karen of Riner; brothers, Douglas Coleman and wife Lois of Tazewell and Bennie Coleman of Wolf Creek, Va.

He is also survived by his beloved grandchildren and great grandchildren, Brandon Hurley and daughter Layla, Anthony Wells, Chancey Coleman and wife Jessica

his illness. He was an avid outdoorsman loving to hunt, fish and swim. He also enjoyed gardening. He especially loved sharing the fruits of his labor with family and friends.

The family received friends Thursday, Dec. 7, 2023, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services followed with Retired Minister Bob Templeton officiating. Interment followed in Sunrise Burial Park in Fairlawn. Pallbearers will be his sons and grandsons.

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

Delaney, Catherine Mae Lewis



Catherine Mae Lewis Delaney, 92, Delaney, and Trevor Delaney; five of Radford, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2023, at Onslow Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville, N.C. She was a member of First Baptist Church on Rock Road.

Catherine was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph C. Delaney; parents, Walter and Lillie Lewis; son, Terrance L. Delaney; infant daughter; brother, Walter Lewis; sisters, Ivory Booth and Carrie Brown; and grandson, Joseph "Joey" Delaney.

Survivors include her sons, Joseph Lopez Delaney (Bonnie) of Jacksonville, N.C., and Anthony Delaney (Pam) of Radford; daughter-in-law, Kelly Delaney of Richmond; grandchildren, Toni Watson, Shannon Delaney, Brent "B.A." Delaney, Alex

great grandchildren; three children that she considered her own, Bill, Miranda, and Bobby Keck; daughter she never had, Doris Dobbins; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The family received friends Friday, Dec. 8, 2023, at Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Graveside services followed in Highland Memory Gardens with grandson, Rev. Trevor Delaney officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to First Baptist Church on Rock Road.

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

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ANGLICAN CATHOLIC

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

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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

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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.

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

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Central Church, 803 Wadsworth Street, Radford. 639-3529. 8:30 a.m. Sunday Services. 8:30am; 9:45am Sunday School; and 11:00a.m. Child care is provided. www.centralmethodistchurch.com.

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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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Huddle, Virginia "Jenny" Rae Colbert

Virginia "Jenny" Rae Colbert Huddle, 79, of Belspring, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2023.

She attended Radford University, graduating with her degree in Education. Jenny was a member of Belspring United Methodist Church for over 50 years, as well as a teacher in the Pulaski County Public School system for over 30 years. She was preceded in death by her parents, Lester Anthony and Barbara Hawkins Colbert; her son, Jason Andrew Huddle; brothers, Gary, Phillip and Tony Colbert; and her sisters, Jo Richardson and Bobbie Cunningham.

Survivors include her husband of 56 years, David Crockett Huddle; sons and daughter-in-law, Scott (Lynnette) Huddle and Nick Huddle; grandchildren, Max, Erin and Logan; sister and brother-in-

law, Patsy (Dan) Lawton; sister-in-law, Terry Colbert; brothers-in-law, Keith Cunningham and Don Richardson; and many other family members and friends.

The family will receive friends 12 - 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9, 2023, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services will begin at 2 p.m. with Rev. Rachel Collins officiating. Interment will follow in Brown Cemetery in Belspring.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to Belspring Memorial Fund or Nick's Helping Hand at Belspring United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 190, Belspring, VA, 24058.

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

Kirby, Victoria Amanda Bowling VanBuskirk

On Nov. 20, 2023, Amanda Bowling VanBuskirk Kirby passed away at the age of 97, in Martinsville.

Mom was born in Franklin County, Va., Jan. 23, 1926, the tenth child out of her eleven siblings to Toka Jane Thomas and James Leonard Bowling. To her family, she was Victoria, a spitfire of a youngster, who as the story goes, skipped two grades in elementary school, and whose main job on the farm was the chicken chaser. Mom loved reading, and attributed it to her mother, Toka, who took time to read to each and every one of the 11 children every day!

After graduating from Henry High School in 1941, and Ferrum Junior College in 1943, she moved to Arlington with her sister, Nora. Here she took on the nickname Vicky or Vic, and from 1943 to 1962 she was employed (when possible) primarily by the Military Intelligence Division - Armed Forces Security Agency. While working in Arlington, she met Earle Knight VanBuskirk, Jr., a career CPO in the Navy from Stowe, Mass., just outside of Boston.

Vicky and Van married May 15, 1950, with Van's Naval career leading them to places far from Franklin County, like Recife, Brazil; Adak, Alaska; and Winter Harbor, Maine. It was in Maine that their daughter, Jane Lee, joined the family in 1957. All three of them lived in Cyprus and in Panama, and Maine, until Van's retirement, when they moved to Riverdale, Md.

Shortly after they moved, Van was killed in an automobile accident, and Vicky and Jane Lee moved back to Ferrum, Va.

In 1963, with support from her siblings, Vicky went back to school, earning a Master's in Counseling from Radford College in 1966, beginning her career in education.

In 1967, she married James Arnold Kirby, then in 1971 they moved to Springfield, Va., returning to Radford, Va. in 1974.

In 1982 she became a mother-in-law to Karl Miller, Jane Lee's



spouse. This led to her next role in 1983 and 1986 when her granddaughter, Amanda, and her grandson, Tyler were born. She was so tickled and proud to be called Grammy. Both grandkids spent summers in Radford, and eventually went to Virginia Tech and Radford University, enjoying many meals,

concerts, movies, and adventures with their Grams. She was so proud of their accomplishments, and loved the people they chose to marry, Fernando Avila (Amanda), and Michelle Sibert (Tyler).

One of her biggest wishes was to meet her great grandchildren, and become Great-Grammy. Thankfully, she was able to meet all four great grandkids, Sebastian and Javier Avial, and Abigail and Haley Miller.

Vicky spent 40 years in Radford, enjoying many friends, clubs, activities, events, and family.

Leaving in 2014 was bittersweet, but the staff at King's Grant made Mom's last nine years full of fun, care, and love - she felt at home. Mom dearly loved all of her family, her friends, her adventures, her travels, and her never ending gain of knowledge, whether it be cultural, intellectual, or just fun. Her legacy will be carried on by all who knew her, especially her family.

In her own words, "I've lived a good life, just about as good as anyone can ask for."

A Celebration of Life will be held in Radford, and an Internment at Arlington National Cemetery.

The dates are undetermined at this time.

In honor of Mom's belief in education, and love of reading, donations to the Radford City Public Library, in her name are greatly appreciated. They accept checks or cash and should go to the Radford Public Library Lamplighters, 30 W Main Street, Radford, VA 24141 to support the volunteers with special programs for children, etc.

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

and helps those pursuing a degree in education to fulfill their dreams. It was one of Dor's great joys to meet the scholarship recipients each year. Dot has also arranged for the creation of the Dorothy Strader Moore Memorial Scholarship in Physical Education at Radford University.

Dot was a woman of great faith and was a living example of Christ's presence on Earth. She was always giving, always forgiving, never expecting anything in return. Dot was a member of Grace United Methodist Church for 68 years, and she enjoyed participating in many of the church ministries over the years, the most recent being "Caring and Sharing."

Dot prioritized service to the community. She was an active member for 58 years of the Alpha Mu Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, an organization for Leading Women Educators.

In 2020, Dot was recognized with the "Honor Our Own" award for years of service to Alpha Mu at the local and state levels.

Dot volunteered at Prince William Medical Center (PWMC) for 24 years, greeting generations of visitors at the Front Desk of Guest Services. She earned a Lifetime Associate Membership of the UVA Health System PWMC Auxiliary in 2017 in recognition of her 4,488 hours of service.

Similarly, Dot enjoyed giving her free time and energy volunteering with the Manassas 501 Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary for a countless number of years. In 2017, she earned the "Mattie Parrish Auxiliary Life Member" award. She also contributed her time and talents to Volunteer Prince William's Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, doing whatever

was needed. Dot greatly enjoyed and supported the arts, history, and culture of Manassas. She was a Friend of the Hylton Performing Arts Center and loved going to many of the performances there. Dot was also a Friend of the Manassas Museum Associates. She also enjoyed attending the Manassas Chorale concerts and all the events at the Harris Pavilion.

Dot spent the last eight years of her life at Caton Merchant House, presently Commonwealth Senior Living at Manassas, where she reconnected with dear friends and loved making new ones too. Dot was especially thankful for the extraordinary care she received from all the nurses and staff there, including Ayo, Brenda, Nadia, Joyce, Theresa, Tina, GG, Mary, Gifty, and Joy, among others. Dot was also grateful for her personal loving caregivers, Georgina and Ben, and so appreciated Shelley, her special hospice nurse, for her tender palliative care over the past six months.

Dot's 25-year marriage to her former husband, Buddy, brought her many blessings, especially her cherished family bonds with the extended Moore family.

Dot was preceded in death by her parents, Charles William and Ethel Strader; stepmother, Gladys Smith Strader; mother-in-law, Eula Moore; brothers, Claudius and Joe Hutchison; her infant sister, Mary Malinda Strader; sisters, Virginia Strader Nunn (Ralph), Margaret Strader Bradford; aunts, Lucille and Mary Strader, Nancy Shannon; uncles, Albert and Cecil Shannon; former husband, Ralph "Buddy" Moore.

Dot was a loving; sister to John and Rosalee Strader; sister-

in-law to Betty Jo Heldt; dear aunt to Joseph and Stephen Bradford, J. Charles Strader, Gwen Bickley, William Heldt, Charlie and Mary Moore, Sue and John Miller, Nancy and Gary Mack, Tom Moore, Bob Moore, Barbara and Greg Krull; great aunt to Ainsley and Carlyn Bradford; great-great-aunt to Bella Bradford, Marceline May Cooke, and many other great nieces and nephews of the Moore family.

Dot was a loyal lifelong friend to many from Manassas and Radford, including the Buchanan, Burke, Burroughs, Colgan, Dawson, Dyer, Hollins, House, Lawston, McKenzie, Miles, Parrish, Pfohl, Pope, Rodgers, Ross, Rule, Uzzle, Vetter, and Wallace families, among many others. She will be greatly missed by all family, friends, former students, and scholarship recipients.

Visitation was held at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, Va., Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2023. Visitation continued at Grace United Methodist Church, 9750 Wellington Road, Manassas Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2023, followed by a Service of Death and Resurrection. A light reception followed the service in the Grace UMC narthex.

Visitation was again held at Mullins Funeral Home, 120 W. Main Street, Radford, Friday, Dec. 8, 2023.

Dot will be laid to rest alongside family at a graveside service to be held at West View Cemetery, Radford, Saturday, Dec. 9, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Memorial donations may be made to Grace United Methodist Church in Memory of Dot Moore.

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

Price, Ella Sue Painter

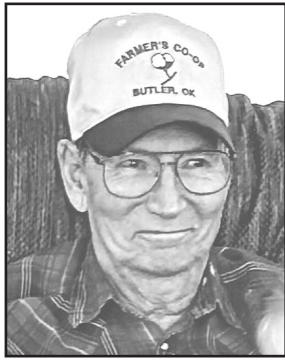
It is with great sorrow that we announce the departure of Ella Sue Painter Price from this life to the next. She lived a very full life from March 31, 1941 - November 22, 2023, and is survived by her granddaughter and two younger sisters. She is and will be greatly missed.

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



Ray, Douglas MacArthur

Douglas MacArthur Ray, 78, of Charity (little miss); four great grandchildren; special nieces and nephews, Myra Burrows, Linda Pruitt (William), Earl Walton, Leslie Walton, Karen (Randy) Cravens, Danny Huddleston, Rick (Karen) Mitchell, Buster (Kim) Walker, Dale (Roxy) Ray, Angela (Kirk) McKay, Taffy (Chad) Rigsby, and Tim (Bonnie) Davis; and many other relatives and friends.



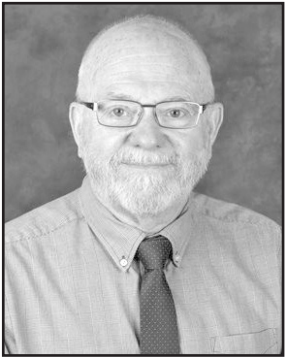
Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Linda Joyce Ray; son and daughter-in-law, Todd Ray and Sarah; sister and brother-in-law, Loretta Foust and Darin; grandchildren, Randi, Zoe, Micah, Destiny and

Stickley, Dr. Robert FitzSimons

Dr. Robert FitzSimons Stickley (Dr. Bob), loving husband, father, and grandfather, passed away peacefully on Dec. 2, 2023, at his home in Christiansburg.

Born on Jan. 29, 1951, in Asheville, N.C., he dedicated his life to his family, and to bettering the human condition.

Fortunate to have lived numerous places in his early years while his father was in the Army, his fondest childhood memories were those he made in Greece. Joining the Boy Scouts at this time provided him



During this time, he met the love of his life and wife of 51 years, Sharon,

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Moore, Dorothy May Strader

Dorothy "Dot" May Strader Moore went peacefully to the Lord on Nov. 27, 2023. Dot was born in Drift, Ky. on June 6, 1928, and grew up in Radford. She graduated Radford High School and earned her Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Physical Education and a minor in English and Social Studies from Radford University. She participated in many extracurricular activities while at Radford University, including Alpha Sigma Alpha, Choral Club, German Club, YWCA, and she taught others to play tennis. Some years later, while teaching full time, she earned her master's degree in education from Virginia Tech.

Dot's teaching career spanned 40 years,



beginning at Shawsville High School, where she taught physical education and coached girls' basketball and volleyball. She then moved to Brentsville Middle and High schools where she devoted 35 years to teaching physical education, health, and driver's education. She also coached numerous girls' sports teams, including basketball, softball, track, volleyball, gymnastics, and tennis. Dot was a dedicated teacher and coach who instilled in her students not only the importance of physical activity, but also the ideals and standards that would help them lead healthy and successful lives. She led by example, staying active and playing tennis with the Sudley Tennis Club well into her 60's,

likely contributing to her longevity.

When Dot wasn't playing tennis, she would enjoy swimming, gardening, needlepoint, knitting latch-look, and sewing. She was an avid fan of Virginia Tech football and the Washington Commanders.

Dot felt at home in both Radford and Manassas. She and her deceased sister Virginia, "Ditty", would regularly travel to and from Radford, making friends at every restaurant, motel, and gas station along the way. Dot especially enjoyed attending Radford class reunions and the Radford University Highlanders Festival.

Dot comes from a long line of teachers, including her deceased Aunt Lucille, who helped raise her and Ditty. After 40 years of teaching, Dot said she would do it all over again. Her love of education and dedication to students is exemplified by her decision in 2006 to establish the Virginia Strader Nunn Memorial Scholarship in Education at Radford University. The scholarship honors the legacy of her sister

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MONTGOMERY SPORTS



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ADDISON LINKOUS

Addison Linkous of Christiansburg High School enters the spring softball season already knowing her plans after graduation. She will continue her career as a student-athlete at West Virginia Wesleyan.

Linkous to play softball at West Va. Wesleyan

Marty Gordon
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The recent announcements by several high school softball players in our area is a testament to the success on and off the field.

Monday, Christiansburg's Addison Linkous announced plans to play softball and attend West Virginia Wesleyan. She joined four from Blacksburg who repeated similar intentions over the past week.

Linkous chose the school because of its amazing campus and as she says, gives her an opportunity to major in nursing.

Linkous hopes to play third or first base at the higher level after averaging a .413 batting average this past year as a junior at Christiansburg, while tallying a .647 field percentage.

West Virginia Wesleyan College is a private college in Buckhannon, West Virginia. It has an enrollment of about 900 students from 35 U.S. states and 26 countries.

The college's athletics teams are the Bobcats, which compete in the NCAA Division II Mountain East Conference,

of which it was a founding member in 2013.

This past year, the West Virginia Wesleyan Softball team lost to East Stroudsburg 1-0 in the Atlantic Regional Pod 1 Championship, putting an end to a remarkable season (45-17) for the 'Cats.

Coach Steve Warner is one of the elite softball coaches in NCAA Division II and ranks fifth nationally among active NCAA Division II coaches in victories with a 1,133-426-2 record during his 30 years at West Virginia Wesleyan. He won his 1,000th game in 2017 at the NCAA Division II World Series as his team finished third in the nation.

Consistency has led Warner's Bobcat teams to win 20 regular season WVIAC/MEC Championships and 17 WVIAC/MEC Tournament titles. WVWC softball has been a mainstay in postseason competition. Warner's squads have appeared in 19 NCAA Regionals and five NCAA Super Regionals (2012, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017).

In 2008, Warner assisted Scot Thomas, former head coach of Virginia Tech with the Salem All-Star Team, which competed against the USA Olympic team.

First look: Virginia Tech versus Tulane

For the first time in the Brent Pry era, Virginia Tech football is going bowling.

The Hokies, who went 6-6 (5-3 ACC) in the regular season, will face No. 23 Tulane (11-2, 8-0 AAC) in the Military Bowl on Wednesday, Dec. 27 at 2 p.m. ET on ESPN at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium.

V: The game will be televised on ESPN. The announcing crew will be released at a later date.

Radio: The Virginia Tech Sports Network, including its flagship station 105.3 FM "The Bear" in Blacksburg, will carry the contest over the airwaves. Bill Roth will handle play-by-play duties while Mike Burnop provides color commentary and Zach Mackey reports from the sideline.

Streaming: Catch the game online at ESPN.com and in the ESPN mobile app.

Live Audio: Listen to live audio coverage of the matchup at HokieSports.com/Watch or in the HokieSports mobile app.

Tech's upcoming game marks its 35th bowl appearance in its storied history, starting way back in 1947. Six Virginia Tech head coaches have coached in a bowl game, which includes interim head coach J.C. Price in

the Hokies' most recent bowl in 2021. Pry will try to start his bowl record on the right side, which Tech's last two full-time head coaches were able to do. He has coached in 14 bowl games over the course of his career as an assistant or GA, including two with the Hokies - 1995 Sugar Bowl and 1996 Orange Bowl.

James Kitts 1947 (L, 18-6 Cincinnati in Sun Bowl)

Jerry Claiborne 1966 (L, 14-7 Miami in Liberty Bowl)

Bill Dooley 1981 (L, 20-10 Miami in Peach Bowl)

Frank Beamer 1993 (W, 45-20 Indiana in Independence Bowl)

Justin Fuente 2016 (W, 35-24 Arkansas in Belk Bowl)

*J.C. Price 2021 (L, 54-10 Maryland in Pinstripe Bowl)

*interim Familiar Stage

The Hokies are familiar with the Military Bowl, with their third appearance taking place later this month. Tech is 1-1 in the bowl game and, ironically, played Cincinnati twice (2014, 2018). With a lot of Virginia Tech alums living near Annapolis, Hokie Nation has always shown out and is expected to be in attendance once again at Navy-Marine

Corps Memorial Stadium (34,000 capacity).

Keeping the Momentum

In its last outing, Tech put on a clinic offensively, racking up a season-high 55 points on its way to an emphatic 55-17 win over in-state rival Virginia in the Smithfield Commonwealth Clash. The point total was also the most scored by the Hokies in their series versus Virginia. Tech hopes to keep it going, coming off of its best game yet. Earlier in the season, Tech played well following its 30-13 win over Wake Forest, with defeating Syracuse 38-10 the next game.

Defensive end Antwaun Powell-Ryland: Known as APR, the 6-foot-3, 244-pound specimen earned All-ACC honors after an impressive regular season. Powell-Ryland recorded the most sacks by a Hokie since 2014 (9.5) and led the team in TFLs (13.5), forced fumbles (3) and quarterback hurries (7). This past weekend, he posted on social media that he will be returning for another season in Blacksburg and not enter the NFL Draft. Expect him to be a difference-maker in the Military Bowl.

Virginia Tech Athletics



Christiansburg's Katy Hoover scores a fast break layup ahead of James River's Jalen Thompson during a Wednesday night home game. The Blue Demons would pick up the win 53-33.

Christiansburg girls defeat James River



PHOTOS BY JON FLEMING

Christiansburg's Blythe Akers scores from the low post against James River. Christiansburg is now 3-0 on the season.

Blacksburg boys prevail over Auburn



Blacksburg senior Trey Saville drives baseline against an Auburn defender during the second half of Wednesday's contest. Saville scored 17 points to lead the Bruin offense in a close 61-59 victory over the Eagles.



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Auburn's Coahan Gordon slips by Blacksburg's Wade Bland and scores a layup. Gordon had 19 points for the Eagles.

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Botetourt downs Blacksburg High



Blacksburg center Riley Price scores against Lord Botetourt's Gracie Huffard. Price had eight points in the home loss Tuesday night. Behind constant full court pressure, Lord Botetourt would come away with a 65-38 win over Blacksburg in girls' basketball.



Blacksburg point guard Brynn Ferguson dribbles against full court pressure by Lord Botetourt's Madilyn Winterton. Ferguson scored nine points to lead the Bruins' offense.

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PHOTOS BY JON FLEMING

Auburn's Landen Marrs drives and scores late in the Fourth quarter to cut into Blacksburg's lead.

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as well as many lifelong friends. After medical school, he completed his residency at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital at the University of Michigan.

Dr. Stickley returned to Virginia, practicing pediatrics in Warrenton with the business he established, Child Health Associates, and then again in Radford with New River Valley Pediatrics. He devoted his life to medicine and was proud to serve the small communities which he chose to call home. He cherished working alongside the myriad doctors, nurses, and medical professionals, all of whom he respected so much, during his rewarding career. Philanthropic by nature, he took it upon himself to mentor UVA nurse practitioners and sponsor medical initiatives in Africa.

With fine woodworking as a passion, he was always eager to design furniture in the Craftsman style for family and friends. As a lifelong British car enthusiast, he often spent long nights in his garage working on his beloved Austin-Healey. When he wasn't busy as a physician, he loved to take his friends and family traveling to beautiful natural places around the globe.

Dr. Robert FitzSimons Stickley is survived by his wife Sharon Smallridge Stickley, his daughter Anna Stickley Harrison (husband Matthew) of Charlottesville, his son Robert Smallridge Stickley of Richmond, and his son Dr. Samuel FitzSimons Stickley (wife Emily) of Urbana, IL. He shared a special connection with his granddaughter, Emma Lillian Harrison. He is preceded in death by his mother Anne Sabina FitzSimons, for whom he cared deeply. He is survived by his father, Dr. William Sproul Stickley (wife Betty) who instilled in him an industrious mindset and a value for education. He is predeceased by his brother, Edward Lee Stickley. He held his maternal uncle, William Huger FitzSimons, in highest regard, as he did his cousin Jennifer FitzSimons. He also had a special affinity for his in-laws, the Koonce and Smallridge families of Winchester, Virginia, who provided a loving family for him.

Dr. Stickley lived a full, peaceful life and, in every of his endeavors, strove to make the world a better place than he found it. Gracious, loyal, kind, and gentle, he will be missed by all of those who knew him.

A visitation for the local community is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2023, 4 - 7 p.m., at Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. A celebration of life for friends and family will be held at his home in the summer of 2024. In lieu of flowers, his family kindly asks that you consider donating to the National Pediatric Cancer Foundation.

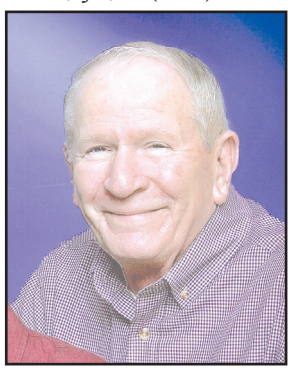
The Stickley family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford.

Whitt, Jr., Harry Beckwith

Harry Beckwith "H.B." Whitt, Jr., (Lori) and Johnny Whitt (Karen); 82, passed away Monday, Dec. 4, 2023, at his home in Radford. He was a member of Unity Christian Church and taught at River Heads High School, Pulaski County High School and retired from VA Tech.

H. B. was preceded in death by his parents, Harry Beckwith, Sr. and Alma Virginia Linkous Whitt; and his brother, Robert "Bob" Whitt.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Janet Whitt; sons, Scott Whitt



grandchildren, Justin (Bailey), Dillon (MaKayla) and Riley; brother, Cabby Whitt (Diane); and many other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends 2 - 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2023, at Unity Christian Church in Radford. Memorial services will follow at 4 p.m. with Rev. Wendy Wilson officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959.

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

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