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RADFORD UNIVERSITY

Students plan Friday rally

Event planned after two women alleged sexual assault by fraternity members

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RADFORD — Radford University students plan to hold a rally Friday afternoon to “demand accountability” after two women alleged they were sexually

assaulted by fraternity members and that the university’s response was inadequate. Kristina Wagner, a senior at Radford, organized the event and said she took action because she doesn’t “want people to stop talking about it.” “If they do — because we’re not as notable as Cornell — the story will just die down, and no change will happen, and the same problem will keep happening over and over,” Wagner said, referencing similar allegations made by a student

against members of a fraternity at Cornell University. Notices for Friday’s rally use the phrase “I stand with Jane Doe,” another reference to the Cornell case, in which the alleged victim has been referred to as Jane Doe in legal proceedings. Some media outlets have also used the pseudonym in their coverage of the Radford incidents. The first student to publicly share allegations of sexual assault at Radford said the incident happened at an off-campus

home in March 2025 and involved two members of a fraternity. The second student, whose allegations are separate and were first reported Tuesday by WDBJ (Channel 7), also said the incident happened off campus and involved a member of a different fraternity. Neither woman is being identified publicly because of the nature of the allegations.

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ROANOKE COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER

NEW CAREER-TECH CENTER WELCOMED



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The new Roanoke County Career and Technology Center on Peters Creek Road is pictured during a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Wednesday.

It will open to students in January, replacing Burton Center for Arts and Technology

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The new Roanoke County Career and Technology Center moved one step closer to serving the county’s students Wednesday after it wrapped up construction with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The \$75.8 million project will replace the Burton Center for Arts & Technology in Salem and add roughly 34,000 square feet in additional space for the division to provide career and technical education. Together with renovations at W.E. Cundiff and Glen Cove Elementary schools, it represents the county’s largest ever funding commitment to

Roanoke County Public Schools. “This new center will expand programs, open doors for more students and help meet the needs of employers throughout our community,” board of supervisors Chair Tammy Shepherd said during the ceremony. “Ensuring our children’s success and sustaining our local economy are priorities we all share.” School board members, county supervisors and staff, industry partners and Burton Center teachers all gathered at the new building for a program that, along with celebrating the end of construction, also announced additional

commitments to the division’s Campaign for Excellence. Advance Auto Parts Foundation, Virginia Credit Union, Steel Dynamics and New Millennium joined the list of industry partners that have given to the campaign, which will fund equipment and technology upgrades at the center as well as support an endowment for scholarships. “When companies partner with a school like RCCTC, we help make sure the training matches what the industry actually needs,” said New Millennium Building Systems

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‘MARCH FOR A MORATORIUM’

Valley residents rally against data centers

Rally part of statewide effort calling for moratorium on development

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Roanoke resident Katie Deneault brought her kids and said she was tired of fighting for resources. Denise DeHart and Jane Beasley, both of Botetourt County, hitched rides into the city and wore red clothing to represent “stop.” Sarah Vincent, an environmental studies major at Roanoke College, held up a sign demanding transparency. They were among the crowds of people that took over the corner of Grandin Road and Memorial Avenue in Grandin Village Wednesday to rally for a data center moratorium as part of

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The BrightSide

Kendig Awards honor artists, programs in Roanoke Valley

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The Roanoke Times

A healing arts program, the director of a youth film lab and the vice chair of the Roanoke Arts Commission are the 2026 winners of the annual Perry F. Kendig Arts and Culture Awards, which celebrate artistic excellence in the Roanoke Valley. Roanoke College and Hollins University co-hosted the awards, which get their name from arts advocate and former Roanoke College president Perry F. Kendig. This year’s award ceremony was held at Hollins.

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