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Radford professors, students perform Music for a Cause



Four Radford University Music Department faculty performed with students in a concert May 1 to benefit Ukraine. From left to right: Matt Cataldi, Dayl Burnett, Wayne Gallops, and Robert Trent.

RADFORD - Music regularly echoes within the walls of the First Baptist Church in Radford, but on May 1, a special concert took place.

Radford faculty and students marshaled their talents in a benefit for Ukraine that earned over \$1,900.

Dayl Burnett and Matthew Cataldi, assistant professors in Radford's Music Department, organized the event.

"A few of our instrumental performance faculty have been out giving recruitment concerts in high schools and universities around the region this semester," Cataldi said, "and Dayl Burnett suggested we bolster that program with student performances and attach it to a good cause."

"I quickly took the idea to one of the churches in Radford I play for, and the leadership team immediately invited us and helped

organize the concert."

Burnett said the project came together fast, but everyone was motivated to help and worked as a team even though it happened just a few days before exams began.

"I am very proud of our students who agreed to perform their solos at a very busy part of the semester," Burnett said.

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Increased COVID cases affect schedule for RHS, Dalton Intermediate

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RADFORD - Due to increased COVID-19 cases in the New River Health District, Radford High School and Dalton Intermediate Schools will keep students home on SOL testing days if those students are not testing on a particular testing day.

"As we prepare for our state-mandated Standards of Learning (SOL) tests beginning next week at the secondary level (grades 7-12), we acknowledge that COVID-19 cases are increasing slightly within the New River Health District," said Radford City Public Schools Superintendent Robert Graham in a recorded message to the school community on Friday.

"As many of you know, in grades 7-12, we generally have to stage holding centers with large groups of students who do not test on particular days so those students who are testing have the space

and comfort they need to achieve and succeed at high levels," Graham said. "This is not an optimal environment in a normal year, and certainly not during a pandemic."

SOL testing will proceed as scheduled at Radford High School and John Dalton Intermediate on May 19, 24, and 25.

"However, those two schools will temporarily transition to asynchronous virtual learning for those test dates for non-testing students only to ensure that students who are testing have ample space to safely complete their required SOL assessments in a comfortable testing environment," Graham said. "This will also ensure that RCPS is not congregating large groups of non-testing students as they wait for the test sessions to conclude. While SOL scores are an important indicator of our students' learning, RCPS

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Radford residents earn nursing degrees

Three Radford residents – Amanda Donley, Erika Hall, and Sarah Minnick – are among the 47 recent graduates of the 2022 associate degree nursing (ADN) class at New River Community College.

The students received their NRCC nursing pins and associate degrees at a ceremony at the college in Dublin on May 11.

This is the 19th graduating class of associate degree nurses at NRCC. The graduates are now eligible to take the registered nurse licensing exam.

Dr. Lorrie Coe-Meade, coordinator of nursing programs at NRCC, presided at the event. Nursing student Justine Farlow presented remarks on behalf of the 2022 nursing class.

Other nursing faculty participating in the ceremony were Wendy Hay, Michelle Keister, Debra Massaro, Caitlin Reed, Jessica Windle, and Helen Wolfe.

Ending the program, Dr. Graham Mitchell, professor of psychology and religion, led a "Blessing of the Hands" ceremony with nursing faculty and students to bring "healing and wholeness" to the nurse's touch.

Receiving their associate nurses degrees were Alaina Lauren Anderson, Savannah Elizabeth Bandy, Kayla Oliver Blankenship, Ashley Tolley Bower, Amber Dawn Caldwell, Kierston Emily Chandler, DruAna Blaise Dalton, Serena Michelle Davis, Mariam Ibrahim Dean, Scotti Briann



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Nichols, Paul Camillo Papadatos, Lauren Jessica Patteson, Kelly Nicole Perdue, Ariana Yessenia Perez, Christie Dawn Perry, Stephanie Erin Quesenberry, Shametrius Deseree Raymond, Julie Ann Rhudy, Hanna Nichole Rucker, Ivy Elizabeth Schafer, Baylee Annmadison Short, Alyssa Belle Smith, April Dawn Smith, Jonathan Thomas Springfield, Caitlyn Brianna Stepp, Sara Nicole Trent, Nicholas Joseph Troitino, and Claire Neupert Wilson.

City seeks citizens to serve on boards and commissions

RADFORD - The City of Radford is looking for citizens to get involved in local government by serving on boards and commissions.

The city has any number of boards and commissions that guide the city's operations, and city officials are seeking citizen representatives to serve on those boards and commissions. The following organizations have members whose terms are coming to an end and thus have positions that will need to be filled:

Agency on Aging (two openings), one-year appointments ending 6/30/2023.

Airport Commission (one opening), a four-year appointment ending 6/30/2026.

Economic Development Authority (two openings), four-year appointments ending

6/30/2026.

Library Board (two openings), four-year appointments ending 6/30/2026.

Library Board teen rep (one opening), a one-year appointment ending 6/30/2023.

Recreation Commission (two openings), three-year appointments ending 6/30/2025.

Building Code Board of Appeals (one opening), a one-year appointment ending 6/30/2023.

City/University Joint Advisory Commission (City Rep) (one opening), a one-year appointment ending 6/30/2023.

Tourism Commission (two openings), two-year appointments ending 6/30/2024.

Planning Commission (three openings), four-year appointments ending 6/30/2026.

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One of 11 newly commissioned officers from Radford University's ROTC program participates in the ceremony held May 6.

ROTC commissioning ceremony welcomes new U.S. Army officers

RADFORD - Radford University's United States Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) commissioned 11 officers Friday, May 6, 2022, in a ceremony in the Hurlburt Student Center Auditorium.

The officers, who also graduated from Radford University during commencement ceremonies over the weekend, have earned the rank of second lieutenant and were granted authority by the U.S. Army to carry out their duties as newly commissioned officers.

The officers, their majors,

and their branch of duty are Mia K. Bender, Exercise Sport and Health Education, Quartermaster; Ethan L. Caldwell, Criminal Justice, Transportation Corps; Allison C. Csont, Criminal Justice, Military Police; Chloe R. Gayle, Nursing, Army Nurse Corps; Rachel P. Hunter, Exercise, Sport and Health Education, Quartermaster; Andrew M. Hurrle, Business Management, Transportation Corps; Parker Z. Hutchinson, Philosophy and Religious Studies, Field Artillery; Jeffrey J. Jenkins, Political Science,

Military Intelligence; Emily G. Shelton, Criminal Justice, Military Intelligence; Shantayanna I. Simmons; Criminal Justice, Signal Corps; and Seth C. Stanford, Criminal Justice, Military Police.

"This is an exciting day. Not only are you about to graduate from Radford University, but you are also going to become commissioned officers in the United States Army," said guest speaker Retired Brig. Gen. James Bilenien '90. "Today marks a major milestone in your lives

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Now through May 31:

Photography show and sale at Long Way Brewing
 During the month of May, Long Way Brewing is showcasing a display of photos that talented members of the photo club have available for sale. Each photo is priced, some as low as \$25.00, and proceeds from the sales go to the Lamplighters, which are Radford Public Library's volunteer fundraisers. Long Way Brewing is located at 501 Second St. in Radford.

Wednesday, May 18:

American Business Women's Association May luncheon meeting
 At the Holiday Inn Christiansburg-Blacksburg, 99 Bradley Dr., Christiansburg from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$14.25. The featured guest speaker is Caitlyn Scaggs, who will share an uplifting message on how we can brag about our successes, without being boastful.

Art Club: Helen Frankenthaler and soak-stain art
 At the Christiansburg Library at 2 p.m. Come explore the art of Helen Frankenthaler and create soak-stain art inspired by her art style. For ages 8 and up. Registration is required.

Thursday, May 19:

Black and white photography at Radford Photo Club
 Charles Lynch of Radford, a longtime member of the Radford Photo Club, will discuss black and white photography at the club's May 19 meeting at 6 p.m. at the Radford Public Library. As a follow-up to the March meeting about night photography, at 5:15 p.m., Adi Ben Senior will answer questions about night photography and offer suggestions for photographers who bring their photos, either prints or on a computer. The Radford Photo Club, which includes professional and amateur photographers from across the New River Valley, meets monthly at the Radford Public Library. Programs, events, and outings are open to the public.

Friday, May 20 through Sunday, May 22:

Friends of the Library book sale
 At the Meadowbrook Public Library during regular library hours. Stock up on books (plus DVDs and CDs) at the library's three-day book sale. Fill a paper grocery bag (provided) for \$5. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library.

Friday, May 20:

Radford Church of God of Prophecy ladies evening ministry
 The Radford Church of God of Prophecy will hold a ladies evening ministry at 6:30 p.m. with Phyllis Cooper. The night will feature song, devotions, prayer, praise, message, and refreshments. The church is located at 811 6th St. in Radford.

Saturday, May 21:

2022 Radford summer concert series

Radford's 2022 Summer Concert Series will begin on Saturday, May 21, and will be held once a month throughout the summer. The kickoff concert will feature "The Legacy Motown Revue," a fan favorite. Gates will open at 6 p.m. and concerts will begin at 7 p.m. Food trucks will be on hand for each concert, and the Radford Chamber of Commerce will provide adult beverages for purchase. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and children under 12 are free. Concert goers are encouraged to bring a chair or blanket.

Friends of the Library Book Sale
 At the Blacksburg Library from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Fill a plastic grocery bag for \$5. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library.

Caturday
 At the Christiansburg Library at noon. Sign up at the front desk for a 15-minute slot to read to a cat from the Montgomery County Animal Care and Adoption Center to practice reading and to socialize shelter cats. All ages may take part. Email shodges@mfrl.org for more information.

Music on the Lawn: American Roots
 At the Christiansburg Library at 6 p.m. This is the first show in the library's Music on the Lawn concert series. The featured performers are Southwest Virginia's own American Roots. The concert is free and will be held rain or shine.

Sunday, May 22:

NAACP meeting
 The May general body meeting of the Montgomery-Radford-Floyd branch of the NAACP will be held from 3:30 to 5 p.m. The speaker will be Kim Niewolny, Program Director for the Center for Food Systems and Community Transformation. Everyone is welcome.

Monday, May 23:

Eighth annual Radford Chamber of Commerce golf tournament
 The Virginia Tech River Course will host the Radford Chamber of Commerce's annual golf tournament again this year with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Radford Chamber Executive Director Dan McKinney said, "The traveling trophy is back at the chamber office ready to be presented to this year's winning team. We are truly appreciative of the businesses that support this fundraiser for us. We are looking forward to a full field again this year; we have several spots for teams still available. We also have sponsorships available. A special part of this year's tournament will be a Closest to the Pin on the new golf simulator that the River Course recently acquired. A portion of the money for this contest will go to our scholarship fund, and we have a great winning prize. We are inviting both the players and others to compete in this contest. Visit <https://radfordchamber.com/annual-golf-tournament> for more information."

Teen gaming
 At the Meadowbrook Public Library at 1 p.m. Spend a fun afternoon with video games, board games, and other activities. Snacks and drinks will be provided while supplies last. For ages 11 through 17.

Talking about Books: "Kindred"
 At the Blacksburg Library at 11 a.m. To be discussed is "Kindred" by Octavia Butler. Call (540) 552-8246 for more information or to reserve a copy.

Tuesday, May 24:

Bad art afternoon
 At the Christiansburg Library at 3 p.m. The library will provide a variety of supplies so participants can draw, paint, and glue to create the best worst art. A trophy will be given to the creator of the best bad art. All ages are welcome. Registration is required. Contact Spahl@mfrl.org for more information.

Edible STEM: DNA
 At the Blacksburg Library at 4:30 p.m. Participants are invited to come make some yummy edible DNA models.

Wednesday, May 25:

Lunch & Learn: Growing medicinal herbs
 At the Blacksburg Library at noon. Learn how to grow, harvest, and use several common medicinal plants with Herbalist Sarah Gibbs. Several plants that grow in yards and fields and some gardeners can grow on their own will be discussed.

Thursday, May 26:

Scrabble Tournament for Literacy
 The 14th annual Scrabble Tournament for Literacy will raise funds for Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley (LVNRV) to help local adults learn to read. At the German Club Manor on Virginia Tech's Blacksburg campus from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Radford City Mayor David Horton will serve as the event's emcee. Local food offerings will be available. 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, the longest word, the highest score word, and the most creative team name. Register as a team for \$100 or sign up as an individual for \$35, and the organization will match a player with a team. To register, go to www.lvnrv.org, email info@lvnrv.org, or call 540-382-7262.

Friday, May 27:

Reception for Blacksburg Museum and Cultural Foundation "End of the Line" exhibit
 The Blacksburg Museum and Cultural Foundation has on display the exhibit "End of the Line" through June 25, 2022, in the Alexander Black House main galleries, 204 Draper Road SW. Admission is free; the hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A reception that is open to the public will be held on Friday, May 27, from 5 to 7 p.m. "End of the Line" is a multi-media exhibition by Bill Ratcliffe that examines the final destination for most consumed goods: the landfill. The exhibit allows for the viewing of sites rarely seen by the general public.

Monday, May 30:

MFRL closure
 The Montgomery-Floyd Regional Li-

brary will be closed on Monday, May 30, for Memorial Day. All library branches will be closed on Sundays from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day.

Thursday, June 2:

American Legion meeting
 American Legion Harvey-Howe-Carpenter Post 30 will meet at 7 p.m. at the VFW Post Home on 102 Watts St. in Radford. For further information, call 540-250-2283 or 540-239-9864.

Saturday, June 4:

Blacksburg Museum annual Gospel Sing
 Blacksburg Museum and Cultural Foundation's annual gospel sing will be held from noon to 6 p.m. on the Alexander Black House lawn, 204 Draper Road SW. Admission is free; donations are encouraged to support the museum's educational programs. Area choirs, soloists, and praise dancers will sing current and old-time gospel favorites. Everyone is welcome to bring an instrument and join in the group sing. The schedule for the musical groups is as follows: Noon to 1 p.m.: Bob and Claudia Goldstein; 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.: the Glorylanders; 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.: Joann's This and That Singers; 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.: Simple Gifts; 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.: Indian Run Gospel Trio; 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.: Alexis Johnson. The sing is sponsored by the Virginia Tech Foundation.

Thursday, June 9:

River City Quilt Guild
 The River City Quilt Guild meets the second Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at Grove United Methodist Church, 1020 Tyler Ave. in Radford. The guild welcomes all skill levels of quilters. For more information call Anna Handy, 540 320 7791.

Tuesday, June 14:

Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting
 The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet at 7 p.m. at Aly's Italian Family Restaurant on 3204 Riner Rd. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy are invited to attend. For further information, call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

Saturday, June 18:

NAACP Juneteenth Commemoration
 The local NAACP will celebrate Juneteenth, the traditional African-American commemoration of freedom from slavery from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Rosa Peters Playground, 300 Depot St. NE, Christiansburg. Music will be presented and food will be available to purchase. The NAACP Youth Council will be selling hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks, and other snacks. An ice cream truck courtesy of Freedom First Credit Union will provide free ice cream. All proceeds will benefit local youth educational activities and programs. The program will begin at noon, followed by swimming, children's games, a silent auction, a raffle, and door prizes. Various talents will be shared by youth and

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Ends Thursday, May 26th @ 4 PM

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Beta Sigma Phi bestows honors on sorority members

The Golden Circle Ritual was recently bestowed on Libby Pettigrew of Blacksburg, honoring her for completion of 50 active years of membership in Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, the largest women's organization in the world.

Pettigrew has been an active member since pledging in April 1972 while living in Honolulu, Hawaii. She was able to transfer membership when she relocated to South Carolina and Tennessee before joining the Alpha Mu Master Chapter in Christiansburg.

During her 50 years of membership, Pettigrew has held all chapter offices and has served on numerous committees. She has been awarded the Order of The Rose and has been honored as Chapter Valentine Queen. She is currently serving as the chapter extension officer, the chair of

the program committee, and as a member of the social committee. She is a retired accountant living in Blacksburg.

Pettigrew was presented with a dozen yellow roses and a 50-year pin during a candlelight ritual conducted by Officiant Sue B. Warden assisted by Phyllis Durham and Carolyn K. Sowers.

A second honor, the Ritual of Jewels, was bestowed by the sorority on Kristen Talley.

Talley pledged to the chapter on Nov. 19, 2019, and has successfully completed pledge training. A candlelight ritual was conducted by Officiant Robin Grove with Sue B. Warden assisting.

Talley currently serves as a member of the sorority's service and social committees. She is employed by Virginia Tech and resides in Christiansburg.



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Radford requests public comments regarding West Precinct polling place change

All Radford citizens are invited to comment on a planned change to the Radford City, West Precinct polling place.

The Electoral Board and the Director of Elections have recommended to the Radford City

Council that the West Precinct Polling place be moved from Carter Street United Methodist Church at 1223 2nd St., (the corner of Carter and Second) to Compassion Church, Radford, at 1820 2nd St., (the corner of Ingles

and Second).

The move is intended to provide better traffic flow, more parking, and a larger polling room to accommodate the increasing numbers of West Radford voters. No other polling places will be affected

by this change.

Public comment will be accepted through July 5, 2022. Written comments may be directed via email to tracy.howard@radfordva.gov or by mail to Radford Elections, 619 Second St., Radford,

VA 24141.

These comments will be compiled by the registrar and will be presented to the Radford Electoral Board and the Radford City Council prior to their joint meeting on July 11, 2022.

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community members. Information booths from the NAACP and other community organizations will be on hand. If an organization wants to have a booth, contact info@mrf-naacp.org or call the bBranch at 540-382-6751. Entry is free.

Friday, June 24:

Blacksburg Museum sunset rhythms 2022

The summer music series sponsored by the Blacksburg Museum and Cultural Center kicks off from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on the lawn of the Alexander Black House. Singer/songwriter Grace Campbell will provide the music. Spoons' shaved ice truck will serve treats, and guests are welcome to bring a picnic or other snacks as well. Tickets are \$5 for adults. Children ages 13 and under are free. All proceeds help support the work of the Blacksburg Museum and

Cultural Center. For more information, visit www.blacksburgmuseum.org.

Ongoing:

Radford-Fairlawn Daily Bread volunteer names

Radford Fairlawn Daily Bread (RFDB), and its sister program, Meals on Wheels, are searching for the names of everyone who has volunteered with either service. Anyone who knows of past volunteers, especially those over the programs' first two decades, should contact feherzog66@gmail.com or by mail, addressed to Herzog, at RFDB, P. O. Box

3323, Radford 24143.

Free GED classes with New River Community College

At the Radford Public Library; 9 a.m. to noon. Free GED prep classes offered by New River Community College in the library's community room. Call (540) 674-3682 for additional information.

Grab & Go Meals

At the Meadowbrook Public Library. Free grab-and-go lunch and snack meals. Children and youth 18 and younger can come and get a week's worth of lunches and

snacks every week. Sponsored by Feeding South-west Virginia,

Glencoe Mansion calls for art for Mary Draper Ingles Show

Glencoe Mansion is calling for art for its July through August 2022 gallery exhibit, "Follow Her Journey," a multi-artist show themed on Mary Draper Ingles. Artwork should reflect or be based on the life and times of

Mary Draper Ingles including depictions of local landmarks (for example, Ingles Farm, the Cultural Heritage Park, Ingles Tavern and ferry site), and Colonial style art. All fine arts and fine craft media will be considered. Artists may submit up to three artworks for consideration.

Applications will be accepted through 5 p.m. on June 3. Participation, which is subject to accep-

ance, is open to artists in and around the NRV area, ages 16 and up. Artists will be notified via email no later than June 15. The show will be on display throughout July and August with an opening reception during the Mary Draper Ingles Festival of July 29-31. For more information, go to www.GlencoeMansion.org or email gallery coordinator at art@glencoeMansion.org.

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Offering # 1
 This property features a house built in 1946 and has over 1,100 sq. ft. of living space plus a full basement. Features an oil furnace and has a flu for wood stove. Roof is approximately 8 years old. Has private well and septic. House is in need of improvement. Nice level lot with mature apple trees, white and red grape vines.

Offering # 2
 This property is a vacant land tract behind the home. It features 0.71 +/- acre and has over 147 feet of road frontage. Beautiful lot with mature apple trees. Has 3 phase power available. Would make an ideal lot for storage buildings or small business location. Purchaser expected to perform their own due diligence in regards to perk and land uses.

Preview Date - Monday May 23rd at 4 PM

Terms - 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to final high bid to arrive at contract price. Earnest Money Deposit of \$5,000 per tract required on day of sale (June 3rd 2022). Close on or before July 18th 2022. Subject to seller confirmation. Property sold as is, where is with any and all faults. Buyer is expected to complete their own due diligence. Tracts are being offered individually and if bidder wishes to purchase both tracts, bidder will need to be the high/winning bidder on both tracts. Download Bidder Pack at VAAuctionPro.com

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Preview: Saturday, May 14th from 9 AM - NOON

Terms: 10% Buyers Premium and Sales Tax will be charged. Cash or Certified Check at Pick Up. All items being sold "as is, where is." Lot #7, 8, 21, 22, 23, 24, 33 and 45 are subject to seller confirmation. Seller will detach and disassemble Automotive Lifts prior to pick up. Lot 170 is also subject to seller confirmation and can be removed from the property or can continue lease with Norfolk Southern at \$2,174 per month. Building must be removed or the new lease assumed with Norfolk Southern within 60 days from end of auction (which is July 26th, 2022). If the buyer is to remove building they must have proper insurance and license to do so. No Shipping.

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OPINION

Virginia gas prices unchanged last week

Average gasoline prices in Virginia were unchanged last week, averaging \$4.31/g Monday according to GasBuddy's survey of 4,081 stations in Virginia.

Prices in Virginia are 37.5 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand \$1.36/g higher than a year ago. The price of diesel rose three cents

per gallon nationally in the past week and stands at \$5.55 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Virginia was priced at \$3.66/g Monday while the most expensive was \$5.69/g, a difference of \$2.03/g.

Likewise, the national average price of gaso-

line was unchanged last week, averaging \$4.46/g Monday.

"Those filling their tanks last week saw another jolt at the pump, as both gasoline and diesel prices continued their multi-week rally," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "New records continued to be set on a

near-daily basis as the national average edges even closer to \$4.50 per gallon. Prices later this week could be closer to \$5 per gallon than \$4, as demand continues to edge higher and inventories of both gasoline and diesel continue to decline," said De Haan. "Temperatures warm and motorists get back outside and we near

the Memorial Day weekend, the start of the summer driving season. While the increases may start to slow in the days ahead as pump prices catch up to oil, there isn't much reason to be optimistic that we'll see a plunge any time soon."

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices

and the only source for station-level data spanning nearly two decades. GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country. GasBuddy data are accessible at <http://prices.GasBuddy.com>.

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One of those students, soprano Savannah Halstead, had personal reasons motivating her participation. Her mother's side of the family is Ukrainian and the culture, food, and traditions of Ukraine have been a part of her life since birth.

"I remember that night I found out that Russia attacked Ukraine," Halstead said. "It was about three a.m.

and my phone was blowing up with headlines about the attack. As the day went on, that was all I could think about."

She felt rather helpless at first, but the concert was an opportunity to use her musical talent to contribute to helping out her homeland.

"Using my gift of music to aid my people seems like the most I can do currently," Halstead said, noting the struggle

Ukraine has faced since attaining independence in 1991.

"We will continue to fight for everything that we made: our culture, our people, and our country," she said.

Trombonist Michael Magnum did not have the personal connection to Ukraine Halstead has, but he was eager to join the cause.

"I participated in the benefit concert just to help out,"

he said. "I had no idea how I could make a difference prior to this and was thrilled to make a change for the better."

Six Radford University students and four Radford University faculty performed. The concert was free and open to the public with audience donations of cash, checks, and online contributions going to Care.org and raising a final total of \$1922.50.

This was the second time in three months that Radford Music Department faculty have participated in a Ukraine relief benefit. In early March, a scheduled performance with the NOVA Alexandria Band became an impromptu benefit just a few days after the war began.

by Sean Kotz
Radford University

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continues to emphasize the health and safety of our students over test scores," the superintendent said. "Your child will be notified by their school as to which days

they are expected to report to the building for required testing. Otherwise, teachers will post asynchronous virtual lessons or reviews for non-testing students only to

complete while learning virtually."

The change does not affect Belle Heth or McHarg elementary schools. Those schools will continue normal

school schedules.

"We appreciate your flexibility and understanding as we work to complete SOL testing in a safe and healthy manner," Graham said.

ROTC

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and it represents the challenges you've met, the dreams and aspirations you have attained, and the possibilities realized."

As part of the commissioning ceremony, cadets took the Army's oath of office before the traditional pinning of insignia on their uniforms. Next, cadets made their first salute, which, like the pinning, was carried out by family members, friends, and colleagues of each cadet's choosing. Many of the cadets were from families whose parents, grandparents, and

siblings had also served or are currently serving in the U.S. military.

In his remarks, Bienlien encouraged the cadets to "truly say thank you to all of those who have supported and helped you get to this point."

In Radford's Army ROTC, cadets learn teamwork and team-building skills and gain valuable life experiences as they prepare for a military and/or professional career. The university's Army ROTC program is part of the New River Battalion Virginia Tech. The four-

year program consists of a two-year basic course and a two-year advanced course.

The program was established in 1978 under a cross-enrollment agreement between the presidents of RU and Virginia Tech. In 1980, an agreement between RU and Cadet Command allowed the RU ROTC program to offer two-, three-, three-and-a-half- and four-year scholarships.

By Chad Osborne
Radford University

Virginia Department of Transportation road watch

The following is a list of forecasted highway projects

that may impact traffic traveling in the 12-county Salem Transportation District this week. Work schedules and construction project timelines are always subject to change and weather dependent. The Salem District covers Bedford, Botetourt, Carroll, Craig, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Henry, Montgomery, Patrick, Pulaski and Roanoke counties

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

I-81 NORTHBOUND AT EXIT 105 NEW RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY - Traffic on northbound I-81 has been switched onto the newly constructed bridge over the New River at the Montgomery/Pulaski County line. Lane and shoulder closures may be in place near exit 105. Lane closure may be in effect during the week from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Shoulder closures may be in effect at any time during the week. Slow rolls may be performed on I-81 in the north and southbound lanes from mile marker 98 to 109. Speed limit is reduced to 60 miles per hour in the work zone. Shoulder closures will remain in place though the duration of the project. Project completion is estimated by summer 2023.

ROUTE 615 CULVERT REPLACEMENT - Route 615 (Pilot Road) is undergoing a culvert replacement located at the intersection

of Pilot Road and Old Pike Road, across from the Pilot Post Office. Lane closures on Route 615 maintained by utilizing temporary traffic signals will be in place through August 2022. Route 615 will be limited to one 10 foot lane. Expected completion is October 2022.

ROUTE 617 CLOSURE FOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT - Route 617 (Brushy Creek Road) will be closed beginning Monday, May 23 for bridge work. Message boards will alert drivers. Drivers will need to seek alternate routes. Residents will be able to access their homes. The road will reopen on Thursday, May 26.

UTILITY WORK ON ROUTE 460 - MMI will be installing fiber optic along Route 460 and Route 8 from the Giles County line to the Floyd County line. This work will be ongoing. Motorists should expect shoulders and/or lane closures for travel in both directions.

PAVING OPERATIONS - Weather permitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various routes. Lane closures may be in place and flaggers may control traffic at times during daylight hours. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

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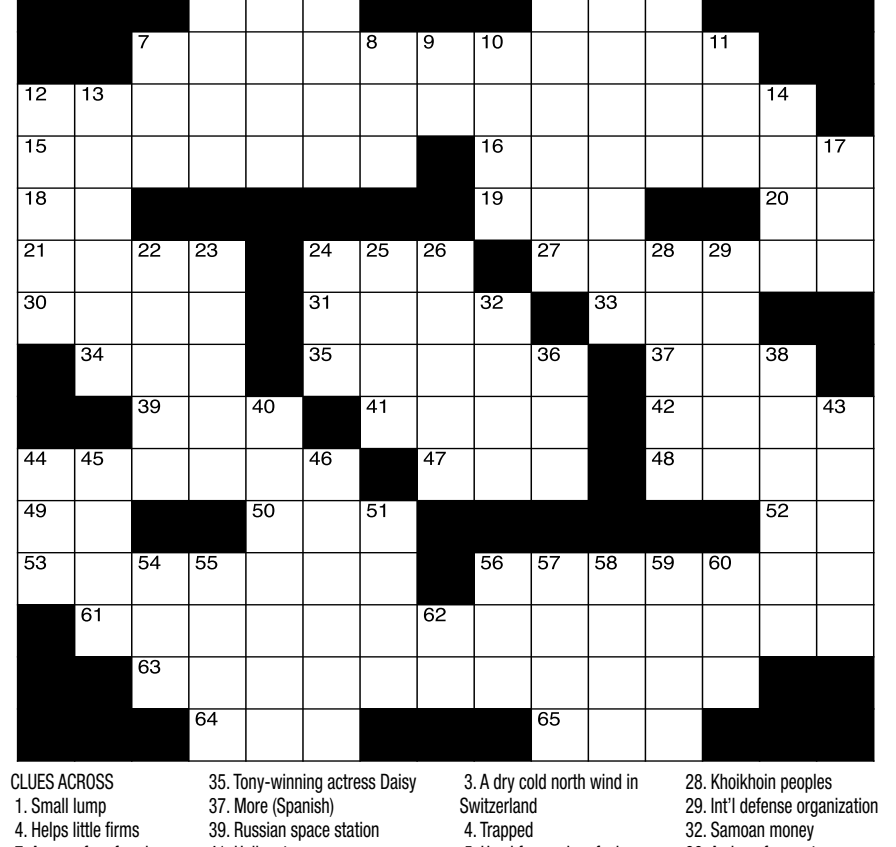
EXIT 141 - A \$179 million design-build project to widen both directions of I-81 between mile markers 136.6 and 141.8 from two to three lanes is set to begin. Continuing into the early summer, work will be performed on the inside and outside shoulders along a five mile section of both northbound and southbound Interstate 81 in Roanoke County and the city of Salem. The shoulders will be built up before a barrier wall can be installed for road crews to work behind. The barrier wall will be installed along the shoulders in the spring and summer. Two lanes of I-81 traffic in each direction will remain open during the project with periodic lane closures scheduled during nighttime hours or outside of peak travel times as needed. Drivers can expect the following lane closures and upcoming impacts on northbound and southbound I-81:

BARRIER WALLS: Barrier wall installation is in process. Nighttime lane closures will be in place and lane widths will be reduced to 11 feet.

TRAFFIC SHIFT: Drivers should expect a traffic shift towards the shoulder of the roadway the week of May 9 for southbound,

Until mid-June, nighttime right lane and shoulder closures between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- CLUES ACROSS
- 1. Small lump
 - 4. Helps little firms
 - 7. A way of performing
 - 12. Lawyers
 - 15. Stirred up
 - 16. Believed in
 - 18. The Bay State (abbr.)
 - 19. Makes computers
 - 20. Sodium
 - 21. As fast as can be done (abbr.)
 - 24. Institute legal proceedings against
 - 27. More compact
 - 30. Ethiopian river
 - 31. Quantitative fact
 - 33. No (Scottish)
 - 34. A concession of no great value
 - 35. Tony-winning actress Daisy
 - 37. More (Spanish)
 - 39. Russian space station
 - 41. Helicopter
 - 42. At the peak
 - 44. Makes ecstatically happy
 - 47. Excellent
 - 48. Material body
 - 49. The Golden State (abbr.)
 - 50. A unit of plane angle
 - 52. Argon
 - 53. Fancy
 - 56. Fried mixture of meat & spices
 - 61. How green plants use sunlight
 - 63. Without wills
 - 64. Unhappy
 - 65. Meat from a pig's leg
 - CLUES DOWN
 - 1. Mentor
 - 2. Lyric poems
 - 3. A dry cold north wind in Switzerland
 - 4. Trapped
 - 5. Used for road surfacing
 - 6. Cuckoos
 - 7. Prefix "away from"
 - 8. Seth McFarlane comedy
 - 9. Not out
 - 10. "The Simpsons" bus driver
 - 11. Popular HBO drama (abbr.)
 - 12. Acclaimed Indian physicist
 - 13. Removes
 - 14. One-name NBA player
 - 17. Revolutionary women
 - 22. Small
 - 23. Ground-dwelling songbird
 - 24. Midway between south and southeast
 - 25. American state
 - 26. Keen
 - 28. Khoikhoi peoples
 - 29. Int'l defense organization
 - 32. Samoan money
 - 36. A sign of assent
 - 38. One from Somalia
 - 40. Boat race
 - 43. Trims
 - 44. French coins
 - 45. Indigenous Scandinavian
 - 46. Flew alone
 - 51. Loch where a "monster" lives
 - 54. Japanese title
 - 55. Pros and ___
 - 56. Present in all living cells
 - 57. Something to scratch
 - 58. Branch of Islam
 - 59. Appear
 - 60. Former CIA
 - 62. Yukon Territory

Local college students receive honors, graduate

Blacksburg's Spencer Amacher earns dean's list recognition at Ohio Wesleyan
 Spencer Amacher of Blacksburg has been named to the 2022 spring semester dean's list at Ohio Wesleyan University. To earn dean's list recognition, Ohio Wesleyan students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale in all applicable classes.

Blacksburg student Michael Cruz graduates from Cumberlands, named to Cumberlands president's list
 Michael Cruz of Blacksburg

has been named to the president's list for the spring 2022 semester at University of the Cumberlands. He has also graduated from Cumberlands with a Bachelor of Applied Science in Business Administration degree.
 University of the Cumberlands held commencement ceremonies recently to celebrate its newest graduates. Participants in this year's commencement ceremonies included graduates from 49 states and territories and the countries of Canada, India, Brazil, Spain, New Zealand, and Italy. A total of 2,068 graduates received their degrees

from Cumberlands.
 To be eligible for the president's list, students must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours (a full course load), maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 4.0, receive an "A" grade in UC Engage, and be in good academic standing. (Note: All students who are named to the president's List automatically make the dean's list, which requires a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5; however, Cumberlands only lists students on either the dean's list or the president's list, to avoid overlap.)
 Located in Williamsburg,

Kentucky, Cumberlands is an institution of regional distinction offering quality undergraduate, graduate, doctoral, and online degree programs.
 Aaron Greenough graduates from Utah State University
 Aaron Greenough was among the May 5 graduates from Utah State University. He received a Bachelor of Science in Aviation Management and a Bachelor of Science in Aviation Technology. He was among the 6,588 students who received degrees and certificates. The 2022 graduating class included graduates

from summer and fall 2021 and spring 2022 semesters.
 Blacksburg's Brandon DeLorenzo recognized by Ohio University College of Business with leadership excellence and sports scholarship awards
 Ohio University's College of Business has announced that Blacksburg's Brandon DeLorenzo has received the 2022 Excellence in Leadership and Scholarship Award in sports.
 DeLorenzo, who is set to graduate in 2022, is studying sport management and marketing with a certificate in sales.

PET OF THE WEEK



Dusty would purr-fer the simple life without a lot of commotion. He is an independent and shy boy but he has lived with other cats. Come by the Animal Care and Adoption Center to see if Dusty is the cat for you.



Evie is a very good girl! Always up for a walk, she would be a great hiking buddy and would do best in a home where she is the only pet. She's a smart girl and knows "sit," "shake," and "high-five." Stop by the ACAC and meet her. She could be the paw-some pup you have been looking for.

Virginia Tech team works to address legacy nutrient issues affecting water quality

Excess nutrients in water can affect human health, the environment, and the economy, costing federal, state, and local governments billions of dollars per year to minimize the impacts. In order to evaluate and measure nitrogen — one of the key nutrients — a group of scientists from Virginia Tech is developing and evaluating nitrogen removal programs at a test site in Virginia.

The team, which is made up of researchers

from the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics and others at the university, is investigating options for "pay for demonstrated performance" programs that compensate agricultural landowners for nutrient reduction removal success in local water systems. This program would create incentives to manage bioreactors to maximize removal performance.

The four-year project is funded by a \$499,627

grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Harmful algal blooms, dead zones, and fish kills are the result of eutrophication, which begins with the increased load of nutrients to fresh and coastal waters.

An important source of nitrogen is historical applications of fertilizers and manures, called legacy nitrogen. This nitrogen leaches through soils and into groundwater. Legacy nitrogen may have been stored in groundwater

aquifers for decades before being discharged in springs.

Although the water is clear from the Shenandoah Valley spring where the team is working, it contains relatively high levels of nitrate. The levels are not high enough to be of concern for human

health, but the nitrogen does contribute to eutrophication, most notably the Chesapeake Bay.

One of the few technologies available to treat legacy nitrogen is using bioreactors to remove the nitrogen from the water by chemical reduction.

Bioreactors are lined beds filled with carbon material, typically wood chips. The carbon provides energy to microbes that convert nitrates into dinitrogen gas, which is biologically unavailable for plant growth.

By Melissa Vidmar



Pictured is a side view of the Shenandoah Valley spring bioreactor. The water inlet pipe is on the right, and the bioreactor is outlined by dotted line. Beneath the surface is 3 feet of wood chips. Photo illustration by Kurt Stephenson for Virginia Tech.

VDOT

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Thursday.
 To mid-June, alternating left and right lane and shoulder closures during nighttime between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday.

Nightly lane closures may be in place along the right lane with possible nightly ramp narrows as needed for guardrail and shoulder strengthening.

Northbound I-81 lane closures from mile marker 138 to 142

Northbound I-81 exit and entrance ramp narrows possible at Route 311.

The project also includes replacing six bridges, widening two bridges, installing approximately 2.6 miles of

sound barrier walls along northbound I-81, improving the southbound exit 137 off-ramp intersection at Wildwood Road and adding interchange lighting at exits 137, 140 and 141 are also included in the project. Expected completion in early 2026.

I-81 TROUTVILLE REST AREA CLOSURE - The Troutville Rest Area located on southbound Interstate 81 near mile marker 158 in Botetourt County will be closed from late May 2022 until early September 2022. Signage indicating the closure has been posted in the rest area. During the closure, a temporary concrete barrier wall will be installed in front

of the facility, so motorists will not be able to enter the rest area or use the parking lot and restrooms. This project will extend the ramp into the rest area by 500 feet and the ramp out of the rest area by 2,100 feet. It will also include expanding the truck parking area at the facility by about 10-13 spaces. Visitors to the rest area may see some preliminary work, such as drainage improvements, as early as this spring. However, the major construction will begin after Memorial Day, and the rest area facility, ramps and parking lot will be closed to the public from late May until early September. Work is expected to be completed in early fall 2022.

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OBITUARIES

Lloyd, Sylvia Miller Medley

Sylvia Miller Medley Lloyd, 79, of Radford, passed away on Wednesday, May 11, 2022.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Irving Lloyd, Jr.; and her parents, Richard and Winifred Miller.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Angela and Scott Hill; grandchildren Michael and Matthew Hill; stepchildren and their spouses, Dianne and Timothy Clark and Benjamin and Laura Lloyd; grandchildren Zachary and Nicholas Clark, and Caleb and Isaac Lloyd; sister and brother-in-law Cheryl and Neil Rogers; a brother, Kent Miller; special caregivers Amy Rhodes, Lou Ellen White, Paulette Walling, and Ava Bayne; and many other nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Sylvia was a loving wife, mother, grandma, sister, friend, teacher, follower of Jesus and child of God. She was a graduate of Radford High School and Radford College and received a Masters



of Science Degree in December 1991 from Radford University. She loved teaching and taught thousands of students over her 32-year teaching career before retiring in 1998. She began teaching at Dublin High School and went on to teach sixth and seventh grade English and social studies at McHarg Elementary School and then Dalton Intermediate

School. The family received friends on Saturday, May 14, 2022, at Central United Methodist Church in Radford. Funeral services began at noon with the Rev. Don Smith officiating. Interment followed in Fairview Cemetery in Narrows.

Donations can be made to Central United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 611, Radford, VA, 24143, or Valley Junction Camp, 4500 Adam's Way, Randleman, N.C., 27317.

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

Long, Mabel Elizabeth

Mabel Elizabeth Long, 94, of Blacksburg, died Thursday, May 12, 2022, at her home.

She was born in Alleghany County, Va., on January 25, 1928, to the late Guy M. and Jessie Friddle Landrum.

She was predeceased by her husband of 63-and-a-half years, Ralph Woodrow Long, Sr.; a brother, Guy Landrum, Jr.; a sister, Margaret Roberts; brothers-in-law, Aubrey Shaw, Don Roberts, and Randal Keister; a daughter, Phyllis Mabry; a son-in-law, Gerald Mabry; a great-granddaughter, Jessie Kessinger; and a great-grandson, Morgan Phillips.

She is survived by her sisters, Virginia Keister and Shirley Shaw; daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Glen Phillips,



Donna Linkous and Calvin Meadows, and Lois and Mike Caldwell; sons and daughters-in-law, Ralph, Jr., and Susie Long, and Johnny and Shelby Long; 14 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; a special niece, Louise Saville; as well as several nieces and nephews. The family would like to give special thanks to Carilion

New River Valley Hospice. Funeral services were held on Monday, May 16, 2022, at 2 p.m. in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Jimmie Lee Price and the Rev. Rocky Huff officiating. Interment followed at Zack Price/James R. Long Cemetery. The family received friends prior to the service at McCoy Funeral Home.

Cook Jr., Haven Robert

Haven Robert Cook Jr., 84, of Blacksburg, went to be with the Lord, Sunday, May 15, 2022, at LewisGale Hospital-Montgomery. He was born in Blacksburg on July 20, 1937 to the late Haven Robert Cook, Sr. and Lillie Mae Cook. He is also preceded in death by his brothers, Cecil Caldwell, Doc Caldwell, and Richard Caldwell; and sisters, Eva Craighhead and Estee Hunter. He is survived by

his wife, Wanda Cook; daughter, Angie Linkous (Dewayne); sons, Greg Cook and wife, Karen; Scott Cook and wife, Melissa; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild, brother, Bob Caldwell.

Graveside service will be conducted Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 2 p.m. at Roselawn Memorial Gardens, Christiansburg. Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

Moss, Allyn Marilyn "Alwyn"

On April 21, 2022, at the age of 95, Alwyn Moss left this life and the Earth she loved so deeply. She leaves behind several cousins and a multitude of friends who cherished and loved her. These include members of the Quaker community of the Blacksburg Friends Meeting and neighbors at Warm Hearth Village.



Alwyn had a long, rich, and interesting life as a writer, an artist, a teacher, and an activist.

She was born and grew up in New York City. She graduated from Antioch College having majored in English and theater, then studied anthropology at the University of California in Los Angeles. Back in New York, she worked as a staff writer for Mademoiselle and freelanced for other magazines as well. She was married briefly.

When she was around 30, she went to live in Italy to write and to study art. She published her first book at age 36: "Shaping a New World, a Biography of Margaret Mead." She also lived in England for a time where she worked at the London Zoo next to the wolf enclosure. She also trained in the Waldorf method of education, which stresses art and nature in educating young children.

After having been away for 11 years, she returned to the United States and embarked on a new journey. She was now a Quaker, an artist, and a kindergarten teacher. She became a founding teacher of the Blue Mountain School in Floyd and was one of the first people to bring Waldorf education to the area. She also became a tireless crusader for environmental and animal rights.

After she moved to Blacksburg in 1987,

she began writing her famous commentaries for The Roanoke Times and other papers. One of her most important accomplishments was forming the Friends of the Brown Farm group, which resulted in the preservation of a large acreage of farmland which became Heritage Park.

Over the years she took on many issues, such as the protection of old stately trees, beavers, songbirds, and public transportation and the opposition to hunting, cruelty to animals, war, and waste. One of her great loves was cats—especially feral cats, whom she fiercely protected, defended, fed, and wrote about.

She was particularly prolific in her 80s despite struggling with many health issues. Her booklet, "To Love the Earth: A New Way of Being Human on This Planet" came out when she was 82, followed by "Remembering their Names," a collection of nature poems.

Also at 90, Alwyn published her notable book "Never Love a Feral Cat," a subject particularly dear to her heart. Later she added a section of personal poems to her volume of nature poems, renaming the collection, "Remembering their Names: A Gathering Time."

Alwyn was a true original, always doing things on her own terms. She even died according to her principles, at home, in her own bed. She was buried, un-embalmed, in a cardboard box, so she could be close to the earth.

Donations may be made in Alwyn's honor at maraelephantproject.org. The Mara Elephant Project was Alwyn's most recent cause. Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

Dunagan, James "Jamie" Ellis

James "Jamie" Ellis Dunagan, 64, of Dublin, passed away at his home, surrounded by his family on Friday, May 13, 2022. He worked for F&W for Willow Woods as a maintenance man for 15 years. Jamie then went on to work for Flow Labs for 10 years. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lisa Cook Dunagan; his parents, Margaret and Robert C. Dunagan; and his brother, Daniel Dewayne Rorrer.

Survivors include his sister and brother-in-law, Teresa and Gary Bailey; brothers and sisters-in-law, Dennis Rorrer

(Donna), Daniel Dunagan (Carol), and David Dunagan (Cora); special canine companion, Buttons; and many other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

A celebration of life was held on Sunday, May 15, 2022 at Bread of Life/Assembly of God Church in Pulaski.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Bread of Life/Assembly of God, Attn: Pastor Mabel Caudill, 3104 Mt. Olivet Road, Pulaski, VA, 24301.

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

Rowan, Benjamin John Chesley

Benjamin John Chesley Rowan, 43, of Christiansburg, passed away May 7, 2022.

He is survived by his parents, David and Linda Rowan; uncles and aunts John and Natalie DeWalt of Kane, Penn., Jay and Chris Rowan of Warren, Penn. and Bill and Theresa Rowan, also of Warren. He is also survived by cousins Mike, Andrew, Jake, Karen, Deidra, Robin, Jamie, and Sandy; god-sons Ethan and Gavin; and



special friends Jeremy and Becka Jackson of Floyd. He leaves behind his beloved pets, Daisy, Rusty and Tom. He was loved by all of those who knew him in his job at Rainbow Riders.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2022, at 2 p.m. at Christian Fellowship Tabernacle with the Rev. Stephen Coffey officiating. Arrangements with Horne Funeral Home & Crematory.

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Fox, John W.



A celebration of life for John W. Fox will be held on Sunday, May 22, 2022, at 2 p.m. at Unity Christian Church, Radford. Anyone wishing to visit with the family is welcome to the family home after the 2 p.m. service.

On Monday, May 23, 2022, at 11 a.m. John's ashes will be interred at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin. A short service with military honors will be held. All are welcome to attend.

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RU and VT benefitting from transfer portal

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The words “recruiting” and the “transfer portal” have become interchangeable.

Both Virginia Tech and Radford University are benefitting from players who like the idea of a change of scenery. The schools announced major transfers this past week who provide some depth and experience to squads depleted by graduation.

The NCAA transfer portal is a compliance system created in October 2018 by the National Collegiate Athletic Association to manage and facilitate the process for student athletes seeking to transfer between member institutions.

Many schools like Virginia Tech and Radford University have devoted an assistant coach who watches the database of those players wishing to transfer.

Tech managed to grab two players, Justin Mutts and Keve Aluma, who were instant starters in Blacksburg. The Hokies are hoping the same will be true with two players who announced this past week.

The Virginia Tech men’s basketball team has added depth to its frontcourt with the addition of Rice transfer Mylyjael Poteat who has three years of eligibility remaining. The 6-foot-9, 260-pound forward comes to Blacksburg after competing for two seasons with the Owls.

The Reidsville, N.C., native averaged 7.7 points and 4.2 re-

bounds per game last season at Rice. He shot 62.0% from the floor, which was the seventh-highest mark in school history.

The Hokies also gained some experienced front court help in Wright State forward Grant Basile, a two-time All-Horizon League second-team pick.

More than 50 schools had contacted him before he picked the Hokies over the likes of Wisconsin, Notre Dame, and Iowa State.

The 6-foot-9, 225-pound Basile averaged 18.4 points, 8.5 rebounds, 1.6 blocks, and 32.6 minutes as a fourth-year junior this year. He started every game for Wright State, which won 22 games and the Horizon League tournament title.

John Camden, a transfer from Memphis, has signed with Virginia Tech and will be immediately eligible to compete beginning with the 2022-23 men’s basketball season.

A former 4-star recruit, Camden battled injuries throughout his freshman campaign at Memphis. Camden and the Tigers finished the 2021-22 season at 22-11 and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

Across the river, Radford has added junior college transfer D’Auntray Pierce from Western Wyoming Community College, DaQuan Smith from Murray State University, junior college transfer Justin Archer from Florida Southwestern State College, and Madiaw Niang from Florida Atlantic University.

D’Auntray is a 6-9 center hailing from Denver. Pierce will add immediate size and strength to the Highlanders’ roster. In 25 games this season, he averaged 11.0 points, 5.6 rebounds, 2.0 blocks, and 1.2 assists per game.

Those numbers came with an impressive efficiency to them, as Pierce shot 60.1% from the field, 33.3% from 3-point range, and 69.0% from the free-throw line. He posted season-highs of 23 points, 12 rebounds, eight blocks, and three steals over the course of the year as well.

After redshirting the 2018-19 season, Smith appeared in 90 games during the 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 seasons, including 30 starts in 2020. He finished his Murray State career with 13 games in double-figure scoring while providing strong numbers in both steals and assists.

In his lone season with Florida Southwestern, Archer appeared in 17 games, starting six, providing 6.3 points on 65.6-percent shooting and 4.1 rebounds per game.

Niang has made 97 appearances and 19 starts thus far in his collegiate career, collecting 242 points, 278 rebounds, 34 steals, and 30 blocks. His best season while playing for the Owls came in 2019-20 when he made 10 starts out of 31 games played and averaged career highs of 2.6 points and 3.5 rebounds per game.

The Virginia Tech women’s

team also gained an important transfer from Boston College as All-ACC standout Taylor Soule is headed to Blacksburg. A 5’11” guard, Soule is a former winner of the ACC’s Most Improved Player award. She is the second player from BC to join the Hokies. Soule will reunite with center Clara Ford, who announced her destination in April.

Soule was one of the most consistent players for Boston College during her time in Chestnut Hill. In the COVID-19 shortened 2019-2020 season, she averaged 14.5 points and seven rebounds per game for the Eagles. She continued her strong play in 2020-21, averaging more than 14 points and seven rebounds per game. She averaged 16 points per game this last season.

“I am very excited to add Taylor to our team,” Virginia Tech Coach Kenny Brooks said. “Her versatility on both sides of the floor along with her leadership abilities will be a huge benefit. Her energy, defensive prowess and athleticism add dimensions that can make us better. We are thrilled to have her.”

Ford is a graduate transfer who played for four years at Boston College and will utilize her fifth year of eligibility in Blacksburg.

“We are extremely excited to add Clara and her family to our team,” Brooks said. “She will add much needed depth to our front court, and her maturity and leadership qualities will be

an asset for our group.”

In 2021-22 Ford played in 30 games, starting once. She averaged 2.2 points and 1.3 rebounds and shot 59% from the field.

For her Boston College career, she played in 91 games tallying a career-high 19 points in 2020 against Syracuse and secured 16 rebounds vs. UMass, also in 2020.

They will join Maryland transfer, 6-0 guard Ashley Owusu. With the Terrapins for the last three seasons, she was a 1,000-point scorer and a two-time AP All-America and was honored as the Ann Meyers Drysdale Award winner in 2021.

“I am thrilled to add Ashley to our already talented and experienced squad,” Brooks said. “Ashley’s experience and abilities will tie directly to the philosophies we desire. Her versatility will give us the ability to play multiple people in multiple positions. She adds an element that we haven’t had here before. Her desire to win and willingness to do what’s best for the team will elevate our program.”

This past season, Owusu averaged 14.3 points, 3.1 rebounds, and 3.6 assists per game while shooting 42% from the field. She scored in double figures in 20 of 27 games and registered eight 20-point games, scoring a season-high 30 points vs. Stanford in November.

In 2022, Owusu was named to the Big Ten’s Second Team.

Blacksburg boys soccer downs Christiansburg 4-0



Blacksburg goalie DJ Garza (right) snags a save from a left side kick as Caleb Yopp (left) watches. The Bruins picked up a 4-0 shutout Friday against Christiansburg.



Sean DeLorenzo makes a goal attempt that is saved on the line by goalie Mason Sowers.



Micah Meyer (center) weaves his way up the sideline with tight double coverage from Straun Baker (left) and Luke Milauskas (right) in Friday’s Battle of the Burgs.



Mason Sowers (left) and Kendall Britt (right) attempt to make a save, but Sean DeLorenzo (center) succeeds in scoring his first of two goals in Blacksburg’s defeat of Christiansburg.

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Blacksburg wins boys and girls titles at Saturday's Invitational

Blacksburg High School claimed both the boys and girls titles at Saturday's Blacksburg Invitational. The boys' team tallied 114 points to second place Pulaski's 100. Glenvar was third with 50 points and Christiansburg finished fourth with 51 points.

Radford finished sixth in the boys' competition with Auburn eighth and Eastern Montgomery twelfth.

On the girls' side of the field, Blacksburg totaled 142 points to Glenvar's 76 and Christiansburg's 61. Floyd was fourth at 59 with Auburn finishing in eighth place and Eastern Montgomery winding up in eleventh place.

Radford's David Woodward claimed the long jump field event with a leap of 20.75. Teammate Elliott Grayson was third.

Christiansburg's Tyrique Taylor won the boys' discus with a mark of 155' 2". Woodward finished fifth.

Grayson followed up his long jump finish with a first in the high jump at 6' 6". Woodward also took the triple jump at 43' 6". Grayson was fourth.

Taylor finished third behind teammate Ayden Conley who had a throw of 49' 1".

Daniel Graham led the boys' 110-meter hurdles for Auburn while Blacksburg's Conner Rutherford led the 1,600 meters to the line. Bruin runners also took positions three through eight in the event.

Andy Vaughn of Auburn took the pole vault at 11 even, and Blacksburg's Linden Ambrose finished second at 10' 6".

Christiansburg's Lawson Mecom rolled to the boys' 3,200 meters with a time of 9:53.96.

The Eastern Montgomery 4X800 relay team of Alec Elkins, Camre Samp-

son, Greg Richardson, and Lance Elkins took second in the event as Floyd finished first.

Blacksburg was first and third in the 400 meters as Ben Hager led the group to the tape. Isaac Shimozono gave the Bruins a top finish in the 200 meters. The Christiansburg 4X400 meter relay team of Spence Conner, Braid Beckner, Donald Richardson and Jonah Bremner finished in first place.

Blacksburg dominated the girls' competition, doubling up second-place Glevnar.

Blacksburg's Amy Fugate finished third in the girls' long jump with a mark of 16' 3.5". Christiansburg's Madelyn Moles was fourth.

Auburn's Haley Hollins continued her dominance in the shot put with a throw of 38' 5.75". Her teammate Kenzie Swicewood was fourth. Hollins also won the girls' discus with a mark of 113' 8.5".

Christiansburg's Madelyn Moles sailed to a mark of 12' 0" in the pole vault to give the Blue Demons a first place. Blacksburg's Maggie Zier and Sarah Duetsh were second and third with Auburn's Kylee Turman fourth.

The Blacksburg competitors finished two through five in the girls' high jump. Blacksburg's Katja Kehlenbeck was second and Christiansburg's Blythe Akers was third.

Christiansburg's Hannah Parker won the 3,200 meters with Blacksburg's Ele Norton second.

Blacksburg dominated the girls' 100-meters with first (Sophia Krouscas) and second (Maggie Zier). Christiansburg's 4X100 relay of Madelyn Moles, Summer Hamlin, Leila Hale, and Lilli Shepherd finished first.



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VT's Cole Beck earns track MVP



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Blacksburg native Cole Beck had three podium finishes at this past week's ACC outdoor track championships.

Cole Beck of Virginia Tech visited the podium three times Saturday en route to winning the men's most valuable performer on the track at the 2022 ACC Outdoor Track and Field Championships at Morris Williams Stadium on the campus of Duke University.

He became the first Hokie to win the award at the outdoor meet.

Beck's strong showing fueled the Hokies to a second-place finish in the team race on the men's side. He helped account for 26 of Tech's 93 points scored. The Blacksburg native captured a gold (4x100 relay) and two silvers (100 and 200).

Florida State won the men's title with 149

points. Virginia finished third with 83 points. With the second-place finish, the Hokies added another point to their side in the Commonwealth Clash presented by Smithfield.

On the women's side, Miami won the team title with 108 points, edging host Duke (100.5 points). UVA clipped Tech 54.25-54 to take seventh, leaving the Hokie women in eighth place.

The day started with a bang as the men's 4x100 relay tandem of Kahleje Tillmon, Torrence Walker, Kennedy Harrison, and Beck ran the third-fastest time in the country at 38.69 to win the program's first-ever ACC title in the event. In addition to the national attention, the time was a school record, a facility record, and a meet record.

Leigha Torino (4:18.09) and David Whitfield (3:45.75) recorded a pair of eighth-place showings in the 1,500.

Barbora Malikova and Tyreke Sapp both earned All-ACC second team honors by placing fourth and sixth, respectively, in the 400. Malikova clocked a 53.22 in the women's division while Sapp was timed at 46.49 in the men's race.

In the women's 800, Grace Boone secured All-ACC second

team recognition by crossing the line in fifth place at 2:05.96. Seb Anthony also placed fifth in the men's race, stopping the watch at 1:48.21.

This set the scene for a 1-2 finish by the Hokies in the men's 200. Tillmon edged teammate Beck at the finish line for the ACC crown, posting a 20.41 to set a school record and a facility record. Beck's 20.47 is the third-fastest time in the 200 in program history.

Antonio Lopez Segura rounded out the scoring for Tech with his fifth-place finish in the men's 5,000. He crossed the line in 13:40.38 to earn All-ACC a second-team distinction.

In the field events, Essence Henderson took fourth in the women's discus to secure her second All-ACC honor of the outdoor championships. She unleashed a throw of 175' 6" on her fourth attempt of the event.

Aidan Clark clinched four points in the men's standings for the Hokies by placing fifth in the high jump. He cleared 6' 11.5" on his fifth attempt to garner All-ACC second-team honors.


Tech now turns its attention to the NCAA East Region Championships, May 26-28 in Bloomington, Ind.

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