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Remembering Brooklyn: AHA campaign gives opportunity to memorialize Radford baby



Gale Collins (left) and Kristen Graves, with Brooklyn Graves, who was born in 2012 with a congenital heart defect and passed away in 2013.

Heather Bell

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RADFORD - Brooklyn Graves was born June 15, 2012 with a congenital heart defect known as Tetralogy of Fallot and her story tugged at the heartstrings of many people in Radford.

The granddaughter of former Radford City Council member and Vice-Mayor Gale Collins, Brooklyn died just before she turned seven months old, on Jan. 7, 2013. Brooklyn would have turned 10-years-old earlier this month and her story is being featured in the American Heart Association's Life is Why fundraising campaign, a partnership with Walgreens. A YouTube video produced by the AMA features Brooklyn's story, and the journey her parents, Kristen and Donnie Graves, took with their daughter. Kristen is now a pharmacist with Walgreens.

"There needs to continue to be research and the funding provided to

the American Heart Association that provides that research is going to one day prevent moms and dads from going through what we went through," said Kristen in the video. "And so, if me telling Brooklyn's story helps just one person, I feel like I've achieved my goal."

The Life is Why campaign to raise funds for heart research is concluding on Sunday, June 26, so people have just a couple of days to support the effort. Collins said they can do so by visiting the Christiansburg Walgreens, or by simply giving her a call and she will deliver donations to Walgreens tomorrow (Sunday, June 26). Collins said her granddaughter is continuing to touch lives.

"Brooklyn's life has touched so many people since her birth," said Collins. "She is our little angel and her story was followed by people all over the world. She fought so hard to overcome so many

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Radford Photo Club announces June winners

RADFORD - Robert Daniels, of Snowville, and Sydney Altizer, of Radford, tied for first place in the open theme category of the Radford Photo Club's June contest.

Daniels took a sunrise photo from his deck and Altizer photographed a friend's horse in a sunny pasture.

Michele Borgarelli of Blacksburg won the Photo Club's black and white photo challenge with a night photo of a concrete factory near Glen Aldon. The image was taken after a rainy day. The camera was hand

held. It was originally in color and then transformed to black and white to create a dark, moody, mysterious atmosphere.

The Radford Photo Club is made up of professional and amateur photographers from throughout the New River Valley. It meets monthly at the Radford Public Library. Meetings, events, and outings are open to the public. At the July 21 meeting at 6 p.m., Borgarelli will present a program on taking landscape photographs, followed by an outing to practice his advice.



"Red Horse" by Sydney Altizer



"Sunrise" by Robert Daniels

Radford University hires interim provost, deans of two colleges

RADFORD - Marten L. denBoer, Ph.D., has been named Radford University's interim provost for the 2022-2023 academic year, effective July 1.

According to Interim President Carolyn "Lyn" Ringer Lepre, Ph.D., the university "worked with The Registry, an agency that assists universities as they seek temporary [interim appointments] for senior leadership positions, and denBoer was selected from a pool of more than 20 candidates.

J. Orion Rogers, Ph.D., has served as interim provost and vice president for academic affairs for the last year, stepping in for Lepre, who led the university as interim president during that time. "Rogers's impending retirement and Lepre's announcement of her new post as president of Salisbury University in Maryland "created an immediate need to fill the critical role for academic leadership," according to a statement from the university.

"With the ongoing turnover in Radford's provost position, Marten brings a wealth of direct experience to the role to assist us through the transition to my presidency," said Bret Danilowicz, Ph.D., who will become Radford University's eighth president on July 1. "He has kindly agreed to serve Radford until the search for the permanent provost is complete."

DenBoer was provost, then special assistant, at DePaul University for six years, and was provost at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, for seven years. His previous leadership experience includes associate provost at Queens College of the City University of New York and physics department chair at Hunter College CUNY.

As provost at DePaul University, denBoer led academic affairs, enrollment management, and student affairs. He oversaw ten colleges that ranged from large multidisciplinary units in the liberal arts and social sciences, science and health,

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Blacksburg Police respond to three-vehicle accident with injuries

Wednesday June 22, 2022, at approximately 10:50 a.m., the Blacksburg Police Department's Crash Reconstruction Team responded to the scene of a motor vehicle crash involving three eastbound vehicles between the Route 460 bypass and Southgate Drive, near Prices Fork Road.

Multiple patients were subsequently treated for injuries at LewisGale Hospital Montgomery. Other patients were taken to Carilion New River Valley Medical

Center. Two patients with more serious injuries were flown to Roanoke.

The crash scene was cleared for traffic about mid-afternoon Wednesday.

Assisting the Blacksburg PD in its investigation of the crash were the Blacksburg Fire and Rescue Squad, Virginia Tech Police and Rescue, the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, Montgomery County Emergency Management, and the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Radford University named a 2022-2023 College of Distinction



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Radford University has been named a College of Distinction and one of the best public schools in the state.

Radford University has been named a College of Distinction for 2022-2023 for its commitment to empowering students' success through engagement, innovation, and support as they follow their educational paths.

In addition, Radford University was named one of the best public schools in the state and one of the best overall in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Radford's academic programs in business, education, and nursing were singled out for individual recognition, along with student support services for career development and military support.

"Being recognized nationally as a College of Distinction again highlights our faculty and staff's dedication to providing Highlanders with innovative, student-centered education," said Radford University interim President Carolyn Ringer Lepre. "These accolades are a testament to the passion that our community has for preparing students to succeed on campus and beyond for years to come."

Colleges of Distinction is a trusted, unique resource for guidance counselors, parents, students, and hundreds of colleges and universities across the country, helping

students find the right college to meet their educational and career goals.

The organization relies on more than just an overview of institutional data, statistics, and endowment size. The Colleges of Distinction selection process comprises a sequence of in-depth research and detailed interviews with the schools, accepting only those that adhere to four distinctions: engaged students, great teaching, vibrant community, and successful outcomes. Founder Wes Creel created Colleges of Distinction to draw more attention to schools like Radford University where student success and satisfaction are primary goals and student-centered education prevails while fostering a dynamic learning community.

"When we focus all of our attention on how schools stack up against one another, we lose track of what really matters, which are the students themselves," said Creel. "Every student has individual needs and their own environment in which they're most likely to thrive. We want to extend our praise to the schools that prioritize and cater to students' goals."

"We're inspired by the ways in which Radford

University immerses students in their fields, all while fostering a welcoming community that will support them through and beyond their college years," Creel said.

In addition to the institution-wide recognition, Colleges of Distinction highlighted several academic programs and student services at Radford University for their excellence. Among the markers of quality that each program or service had to meet were stability, accreditation, practical experience opportunities, collaborative learning experiences, courses in ethics, high-impact practices, industry connections to help build professional relationships and multidisciplinary, or offering multiple majors and minors to meet the diverse needs of students.

The academic programs recognized by Colleges of Distinction were

The undergraduate business program, which excels at graduating students into the workforce with solid, well-developed critical thinking skills as well as the ability to adapt to an ever-changing society.

The undergraduate education program,

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, June 26:

Free sustainable garden tours

Free tours of Blacksburg sustainable gardens featuring native plants, wildlife-friendly plantings, edible landscaping and beauty will be hosted by the Sustainable Blacksburg nonprofit community organization on fourth Sunday afternoons through September. Light refreshments will be served at these drop-in tours. Two residential gardens featured Sunday, June 26 from 2-5 p.m. will showcase a delightful mix of native and non-native plants that nurture local birds, butterflies, and other wildlife. The Glaser garden at 901 Mason Drive is a habitat garden with abundant flowers and remarkable shrubbery that mimic the natural landscape. Pet owners will love the “catio,” where furry family members can enjoy the outdoors without threatening wildlife. Rebekah Paulson’s garden at 913 Kentwood Drive in Fiddler’s Green is certified as a Monarch waystation and a National Wildlife Federation Wildlife Habitat. She has planted nearly 20 species of trees and shrubs and 55 native perennials on the 0.2-acre lot.

Monday, June 27:

Mother and daughter book club

At the Radford Public Library from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The library offers a monthly Mother and Daughter Book Club with Youth Services Librarian Morgan. Mother and daughter (ages 8-11) duos read the selected book of the month and have a conversation together as a group about the book. Light refreshments are made available. The next book selection is “Greenglass House” by Kate Milford. The meeting will be in the library’s youth area. Contact Morgan at morgan.esterhuizen@radfordva.gov with questions or to reserve a copy of the book. Registration is not required.

Nature walk/Library talk

At 10 a.m. at the Meadowbrook Public Library Courtyard. Walk with babies or children in strollers, slings, or carriers. Participants will get together and walk, make new friends, talk about nutrition and feeding babies and toddlers, and learn more about the library. Sponsored by the Family Nutrition Program of the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service of Montgomery County.

Pokémon club

At the Christiansburg Library at 4:30 p.m. Pokémon

fans can bring their DS or Pokémon cards and get ready to battle, trade and make new friends. All ages.

Monday, June 27 – Friday, July 1:

Vacation Bible School

Mystery Island Vacation Bible School will be held at the Fairlawn Church of God from 6 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. each evening with dinner served at 5 p.m. Activities are for all ages.

Tuesday, June 28:

Summer backpack program

At the Meadowbrook Public Library at 3:30 p.m. The summer backpack program is intended to help families with children and teens stretch their grocery budget. The bags are filled with nutritious food with one bag per child per week. This is a drop-in program with crafts for the kids each week in addition to the bags of food. The program is drive-thru only at the curb side of the library. It is open to residents of Eastern Montgomery County only. For more information, call the Meadowbrook Library at 540-268-1964.

Chess club for teens and pre-teens

At the Radford Public Library from 6 to 7 p.m. Teens can test their chess skills by playing against a friend or Dave, the library’s youth services specialist. Chess club takes place in the teen area of the library. Ages 8-17.

Shark Attack

At the Christiansburg Library at 3 p.m. Participants can come celebrate sharks. Learn more about these impressive creatures of the deep and create some killer crafts..

Wednesday, June 29:

Beach party

At the Blacksburg Library at 3 p.m. Participants can check out the beach, right here at the library. Dig through the sand and make some ocean slime. Some supplies are limited.

Monday, July 4:

Spirit of America celebration

The City of Radford’s Independence Day celebration at Bisset Park from 1 to 10 p.m. The day will feature live music, food and craft vendors, children’s games, and fireworks.

Thursday, July 7:

American Legion meeting

American Legion, Harvey-Howe-Carper 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.

Tuesday, July 12:

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 at 3204 Riner Rd. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are invited to attend. For further information, call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

Thursday, July 14:

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 Avenue, Radford. All skill levels of quilters are welcome. For more information, call Anna Handy, 540-320-7791.

Ongoing

United Way Emergency Food Pantry in need

The United Way NRV Emergency Food Pantry supply is critically low. Anyone who is able to donate some pantry items, please drop them off at the United Way office at 111 West Main S. in Christiansburg.



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THURSDAY NIGHT CONCERTS

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

701 Church St SE / 7:00-8:00pm

July 7 Alex Hassan, novelty pianist

July 14 Victorian Madness (Brian Thorsett, tenor)

July 21 Bach Cello Suites (Ben Wyatt, cellist)

July 28 Mozart Requiem (Community Sing)

THEATRE

THEATRE 101

200 College Ave

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July 16 7:30pm - Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*

July 17 3pm - Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*

July 18 7:30pm - Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*

ART EXHIBIT

PERSPECTIVE ART GALLERY

Squires Student Center - 290 College Ave

12-6pm, Monday-Saturday

VT School of Visual Arts Non-Majors Exhibit

June 12 - Aug 27

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FRIDAY NIGHT OUTDOOR CONCERTS

HENDERSON LAWN / 6:00-7:30pm

July 8 Domino Band (Rhythm & Blues)

July 15 Gerry Timlin (Irish Folk)

July 22 Root Down (Jazz, Funk, & Blues)

July 29 Lua Project (Mexilachian)

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION DISTRICT

185 Kent St / 12pm OR 2pm (two options)

July 9 Interactive Storytime with Joelle!

July 16 Interactive Storytime with Joelle!

CLASSIC FILMS

THE HISTORIC LYRIC THEATRE

135 College Ave / 3pm

July 2 *Casablanca*

July 6 *Casablanca*

July 9 *Wayne's World*

July 13 *Wayne's World*

July 23 *Buster Keaton Classics* - silent film with live accompaniment

July 23 *Wings* (7:30pm) - silent film with live accompaniment

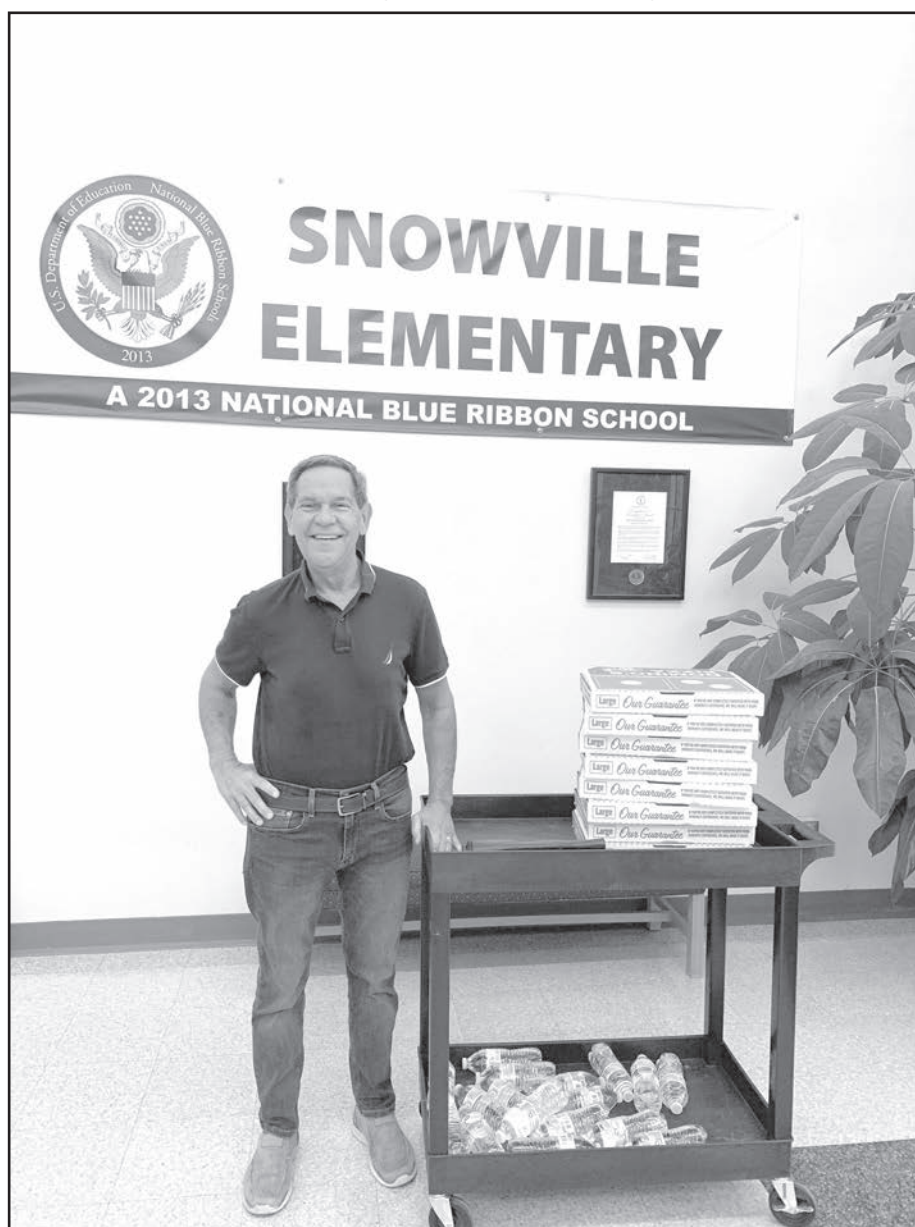
July 30 *The Godfather*

Aug 3 *The Godfather*

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE

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Snowville pastor delivers pizza to Snowville Elementary faculty



Jerry King, pastor of Snowville Christian Church, delivered pizzas to the faculty of Snowville Elementary School the last week of school.

Jerry King, Pastor of the Snowville Christian Church, delivered several pizzas to the faculty at Snowville Elementary School the last week of school.

In making the delivery, King said that he knows this has been a very stressful year for school leaders and staff and that he and the church wanted to show their appreciation for all their hard work and dedication to help students become their best.

School Principal Amy Shrewsbury said that she appreciated the love and support of Pastor King and the church and said their support is a blessing for the school.

NRV Literacy Volunteers hold open house Wednesday

Every day, through the efforts of New River Valley Literacy Volunteers (NRVLV), adults throughout the New River Valley are improving their workplace readiness with digital literacy, studying for the GED and U.S. Citizenship exams, managing their budget with financial literacy, learning to speak English, and changing legacies through family literacy. With literacy, dreams come

true.

NRVLV invited the community to help them celebrate dreams coming true with an open house from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 22, the day of the community-wide GiveLocalNRV, at the LVNRV Learning Center at 195 W. Main St. in Christiansburg. The celebration included games, prizes, giveaways, and dreamsicles.

Jessie Peterman Memorial Library schedule of events July 2022

Tuesday, July 5

Red Cross Blood Drive from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 6

Crafternoon at 2 p.m.

Participants will make a variety of ocean-inspired crafts. All ages are welcome though supplies are limited.

Thursday, July 7

Ice cream in a bag

At 1:30 p.m. A STEM program to demonstrate making ice cream in a bag.

Monday, July 11, July 18, July 25

Literature in the garden

At 3 p.m. This is a junior master gardener program for ages 8-11.

Monday, July 11, July 18

Fin-tastic food

At 4 p.m. Participants will learn how to make healthy foods. Families and kids of all ages can make an ocean-themed dish in partnership with Virginia Cooperative Extension.

Tuesday, July 12

Bubble brigade

At the Warren G. Lineberry Community Park at 10:30 a.m. All ages are invited to join the foamiest bubble party this summer.

Curious Craft Club

For adults from 4:30 to 6 pm. Participants will explore printmaking, which will be fun no matter how messy it may get.

Wednesday, July 13

Teen goldfish challenge

From 2 to 3 pm. The challenge is to identify different goldfish flavors while blindfolded. A prize will be awarded to the winner. This program may not be

suitable for those with food allergies. Registration required. Ages 11 and up.

Thursday, July 14

Teen trivia

At 3:30 p.m. Teens will play Kahoot, a test of all things Star Wars, anime, video games, sci-fi, horror and fantasy. Participants are encouraged to bring a device such as a computer, a phone, or a tablet to play and to wear their geek merch.

Friday, July 15

Shark attack

At 3 pm. Take a bite out of summer and celebrate sharks. Learn more about these impressive creatures of the deep and create killer crafts.

Wednesday, July 20

Crafternoon Faux Stained Glass

At 1:30 pm. Turn a simple picture frame into a beautiful stained glass creation with just a couple of supplies, which will be provided. Ages 10 and up. Registration is required.

Monday, July 25

Creative writing group

At 5:30 p.m. New members are welcome.

Tuesday, July 26

Birthday party for Miss Jessie Peterman

She was born on July 26, 1879. Celebrate with cake, crafts and more. Learn what life was like in Floyd when Miss Jessie was a kid.

Wednesday, July 27, Thursday, July 28

DMV Connect from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. They close for lunch from 12:30 to 1:30 pm. No appointment is necessary except for those applying for a learner's permit.

National collegiate sportscasters program recognizes two Hokies for work behind the microphone

Every year, hundreds of college students submit their sports broadcasting reels for the Sportscasters Talent Agency of America (STAA) All-America program, which recognizes the nation's outstanding collegiate radio and TV sports broadcasters.

The program culminates every spring with the Jim Nantz Award to honor the nation's outstanding colle-

giate sportscaster. On May 27, STAA streamed its announcement show to reveal these top sportscasters as chosen by a panel of judges.

STAA CEO Jon Chelesnik announced 14 names that made up the second and third team All-Americans. But 2022 Virginia Tech graduate Kevin DiDomenico did not hear his name.

Chelesnik started reading off the

first team All-Americans in alphabetical order and began with Nick DeLuca, a senior from Fordham University. DiDomenico quickly ran through the alphabet in his head. Phew. 'E' in DeLuca comes before 'I' in DiDomenico, so there was still hope.

"Another senior, from Virginia Tech, Kevin DiDomenico," Chelesnik said.

It was official. DiDomenico, a 2022 sports media and analytics graduate from the School of Communication, was named one of the top five collegiate sportscasters in the country.

"I was thrilled when my name was called," DiDomenico said. "It was just an unreal experience. To have another Virginia Tech guy up there in the top five was awesome. For the program, it just shows what we're doing and what we're going to continue to do."

Evan Hughes, a 2021 multimedia journalism graduate, earned All-American honors as a junior in 2020 and was named the top collegiate sportscaster in the country by winning the 2021 Jim Nantz Award. The talent stemming from students in the School of Communication continues to be recognized on the national stage.

DiDomenico transferred to Virginia Tech as a sophomore largely because of a conversation he remembered with Bill Roth, a professor of practice in the school of communication, as a high school senior. Roth encouraged DiDomenico to think of himself as a sports broadcaster five, 10, and 15 years down the road because of the experience he would be able to garner at Virginia Tech in conjunction with the sports media and analytics major.

As Roth noted, over the past three

years, DiDomenico has found himself calling all kinds of sporting events as the play-by-play voice for the Salem Red Sox, Pulaski Yankees, Radford University men's basketball on ESPN+, and all sorts of Virginia Tech athletics assignments on the ACC Network Extra.

"I want to say I called over 200 games throughout my time at Tech," DiDomenico said. "There's no way I would be the broadcaster I am without that experience. I'm not Jim Nantz or Mike Tirico. I didn't come out of the womb with a microphone in hand. Without that experience, I wouldn't be where I am. It felt like that hard work paid off."

The good news didn't end there. Giovanni Heater, a Virginia Tech freshman majoring in sports media and analytics, was named an honorable mention All-American. It marked the first time that Virginia Tech had two students honored by STAA in the same year.

"Gio is our first-ever freshman honoree," Roth said. "He is a really talented broadcaster. I'm looking forward to watching him develop over the next three years at Virginia Tech."

Heater immediately jumped into the action, getting involved with 3304 Sports, the multimedia platform for student sports journalism at Virginia Tech. In his first year on campus, Heater was calling games for football, basketball, and the ACC Women's Basketball Tournament in Greensboro, North Carolina. These opportunities are offered to freshmen entering the sports media and analytics major at Virginia Tech.

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Agricultural safety experts urge proper sizing when shopping for an ATV or UTV, and when choosing personal protective equipment.

The rider's physical size, strength, experience level, coordination, visual perception, maturity, and reasoning also should be taken into consideration. This is as important as the vehicle manufacturer's minimum age recommendation, Neenan added.

Farms and work sites can be spread out for several acres, leaving workers alone for long periods of time, he added. Employers should know the operator's destination, estimated time of return, contact information and alternate routes, and have check-in procedures in place.

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"I am very excited to join the great community of teacher-scholars and students within the Artis College of Science and Technology," Bachrach said. "The college is blessed with committed faculty and staff, fantastic teaching and laboratory space, generous alumni, and

“Dr. Caulder describes administrative work as a

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The undergraduate

The student services

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"Now she would be 10 years old and her life is still raising money to help people," Collins concluded. "We should all live our lives and hope that we can contribute so much good to the world. That's my granddaughter."

Learn more about the Life is Why campaign at www.heart.org/lifeiswhycampaign. Learn about Brooklyn's story on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/pdOijJv8ES-o>

CLUES ACROSS	a south	CLUES DOWN	29. English football squad
1. Stores	38. Egg of a louse	1. Draw out wool	30. Fish-eating aquatic mammals
6. Worthless entertainment	39. Once-ubiquitous department store	2. Give someone a job	32. South Pacific island region
9. Where scientists work	41. Portray precisely	3. Chemical and ammo manufacturer	34. Unaccounted for
13. Pretty flower	44. Thick piece of something	4. Footsteps	35. Small taste of whiskey
14. A way to act	45. Period between eclipses	5. The Palmetto State	37. Ventilated
15. Double-reed instrument	46. Indicates near	6. Books have lots of them	40. Helps little firms
16. Type of acid	48. Investment account	7. Diverse Israeli city	42. One of means
17. Famed astronomer	49. England, Scotland, N. Ireland, and Wales (abbr.)	8. It's mightier than the sword	43. Fencing swords
18. Smooth, shiny fabric	51. Beak	9. Confines	47. Inches per minute (abbr.)
19. Profited from	52. Void of skill	10. First month of the Jewish ecclesiastical year	49. Turn upside down
21. Secret clique	54. Walked back and forth	11. Idaho's highest peak	50. S. African semi desert
22. Infections	56. A display of passion	12. Prevents from seeing	52. Dutch names of Ypres
23. Crony	60. Geological times	14. Determine time	53. Instruct
24. Teens go here every day (abbr.)	61. Type of restaurant	17. Father children	55. Oily freshwater fish
25. Suitable	62. Spacious	20. Tab on a key ring	56. Italian river
28. Fresh Price of ___ Air	63. Edible seaweed	21. Dog genus	57. Sneaker giant
29. Ancient city of Egypt	64. Utah city	23. Peter's last name	58. The men who man a s
31. Basketball move	65. Tropical tree	25. Request	59. Some need glasses
33. Polished	66. Nervous tissue compound	26. Walk heavily	61. Body part
36. There's a north and	67. Body part	27. Allowances	65. Indicates position
	68. Muscles and tendons		

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OBITUARIES

Davis, Keley Michael

Keley Michael Davis, 30, of Blacksburg, died Saturday, June 18, 2022. He was born in Greensboro, N.C., on Nov. 2, 1991. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Keley and Rena Boothe, and his maternal grandfather, Gale Nolen. Keley was operations manager at Owens Dining Hall at Virginia Tech. He was a member of the Boonie Goonies and enjoyed spending time with his brothers. He is survived by his mother and fiancé, Brenda Nolen and Carlos Webb, II; his father and stepmother, Michael and Anzata Davis; a brother, Marcus Webb; a step-brother, Alexander Miller; step-sisters Chloe Webb and Shaniece Graham; his paternal grandfather, Eugene Davis; his paternal grandmother, Carolyn Martin, for whom Keley was one of her original Grammy Bears; and Carlos’ parents, Carlos and Patricia Webb. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 25, 2022, at 10 a.m. in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Carl Simmons officiating. Interment followed at Memorial Gardens of the New River Valley. The family received friends Friday evening, June 24, at McCoy Funeral Home, 150 Country Club Dr. S.W Blacksburg.



Perdue, Janis Dickerson

Janis Dickerson Perdue, 90, High School where she excelled in the Beta Club. She is survived by her sisters and brother-in-law, Norma Wall and Toni and Jimmy Fain; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Harvest Baptist Church, 201 Lucas Drive, Blacksburg, VA 24060.



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ANGLICAN CATHOLIC
St. Philip’s Anglican Church, 306 Progress Street, NE, Blacksburg, Virginia 24060, (540) 552-1771, www.stphilipsblacksburg.org. Reverend Fr. Wade Miller, Priest. Eucharist Sunday’s at 11am and Wednesday’s at 12pm.
St. Thomas Anglican Church- located at 4910 Hubert Rd, NW Roanoke, Va. Traditional Liturgical Lenten Services, Sunday at 10:30 am. Call (540) 589-1299 or visit www.sttofc.org for mid-week masses and events. (In Roanoke, go E on Hershberger, L on Hubert to 4910).
BAPTIST
First Baptist Church, 555 West Rock Road, Radford, 639-3873. Rev. Corwin C. Casey, Pastor. Worship with us: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.; Praise and Worship: 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service; Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Corinthians 15:58.
First Baptist Church on 3rd Ave., 215 Third Ave at the corner with Downey St. We nurture meaningful connections to God and others through worship, spiritual growth, and community ministry. We celebrate the dignity and worth of all persons, created in the image of God. Sunday Bible Study Groups - 9:45, Sunday Worship - 11:00. Website: fberadford.org 540-639-4419. Worship is in-person and live-streamed on Facebook and on our YouTube channel: First Baptist Church Radford.
Trinity Community Church, 1505 N. Franklin Street, C’burg. John Altizer, Lead Pastor, Brian Cockram, Associate Pastor, 382-8121. Worship at 10:45 a.m., Outreach Ministries - 6:00p.m. Wednesday, Growth Groups - 5:00p.m. Sunday, Youth and Children’s Ministry - 5:00p.m. Sunday, www.trinitycburg.org.
CHURCH OF CHRIST
Blacksburg Church of Christ, 315 Eakin St., 552-1331. Sun. Bible Classes 9:30 a.m., Sun. Worship 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m., Wed. Bible classes, 7 p.m., Outreach Minister Curt Seright, Community Minister Tom Gilliam, Dean Meadows, Campus Minister.

CHURCH OF GOD
Childress Church of God, 4187 Piney Woods Rd., C’Burg. 381-3693. Sun. School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m. & Wed. 7 p.m.
New Hope Church of God, 1404 Mud Pike Rd., C’Burg. Rev. T. Michael Bond, pastor, 731-3178. Sun. School 10 a.m., Worship 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m. Thurs., 7:00 p.m.
West Radford Church of God, 1824 West Main Street, Radford, VA 24141, Sunday School – 10:00A.M. Morning Worship – 11:00A.M., Children’s Church 11:00A.M. Sunday Evening – 6:00P.M., Wednesday Night – 7:00P.M., Pastor Danny Newman, Church Office – 540-639-6562 or 804-921-0828

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Radford Church of God in Christ, 206 Russell Ave., Radford. Supt. Ronald A. Watson, Sr.; Elder, 639- 5948. Sun. School 9 a.m.; Prayer 11:30 a.m.; Worship 6 p.m.
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Snowville Christian Church, 5436 Lead Mine Rd., Hiwassee, VA 24347, Pastor: Jerry King, Website: www.SnowvilleChristianChurch.com (and Facebook), Office: 540-633-3761, Email: office@SnowvilleChristianChurch.com, Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 a.m., Sunday School: 10:00 a.m., Thursday Bible Study: 6:00 p.m., We are: “Inspiring hope, helping people grow their faith, and sharing God’s love with others!”
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WORSHIP DIRECTORY

I Need Help

Read Psalms 11:1 through 18:50

Many of the Psalms are full of praise to God. We sometimes visualize David as peacefully strumming a harp as he quietly watches a flock of sheep grazing on a grassy slope. Psalm 13 presents a different picture.

David apparently had doubts, troubling thoughts, and enemies. Things did not always go well for him. In the first part of this psalm, David, in authentic transparency, expressed some real concerns. He apparently had enemies who were getting a little too close for comfort. The amazing part is how, in spite of the chaos around him, David made a decision to trust God.

But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation (Psalm 13:5).

Everything does not always go well for us either. We face challenges that seem overwhelming, and we do not always see a clear path through the jungle of everyday life. But God is our Source of help, and we can trust Him to get us through!

Prayer Suggestion: Father, I do not feel up to the task that is before me at times, but I have decided that I will trust You.

Quicklook: Psalm 13:1–6

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day worship with communion at 10am; fellowship & snacks at 11am. All are welcome. Upcoming events and fellowship opportunities (Senior Brunch, Faith & Film, Rough Draught, etc.) detailed in weekly email and on website: clcradford.org. 540-639-2671.
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@stmcl.us or visit our Website www.st-michael-lutheran-church.org
PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS
Merrimac Pentecostal Holiness Church, Rev. Larry Christopher (540) 552-7194. l.christopher695@comcast.net. Sunday school at 10 a.m. and morning worship

is 11 a.m. Evening service at 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m.
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Asbury United Methodist Church, 500 Stuart Street, Christiansburg. 540-382- 0743. Rev. Ryan Schaeffer. Sunday School, 10:15 a.m., Sunday Worship, 11:30 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7pm, alternating month’s with Schaeffer Memorial Baptist Church, Senior Bible Study Thursday, 10:30 a.m. All are welcome.
Central United Methodist Church, 803 Wadsworth Street, Radford. 639-3529. 8:30 a.m. Sunday Services: 8:30am (interpreter provided); 9:45am Sunday School (interpreter provided); and 11:00am. Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30pm. Child care is provided. www.centralmethodistchurch.com.
St. Paul United Methodist Church, 220 W. Main St., C’Burg. Rev. Moonsup “Paul” Song (540) 382-2410. Sunday Worship 10am, Sunday School 9am. Live streaming Sunday Service - www.twitch.tv/stpaulumc.

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VDOT 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 REPLACEMENTINMONTGOMERY 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.

LANE CLOSURES: Nighttime alternating lane closures will be in place on I-81 northbound between mile markers 104-106 from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning.

SLOW ROLLS: Slow rolls may be utilized periodically on both the northbound and southbound lanes from mile marker 98-109 for structural steel deliveries and setting beams.

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. Flagging operations may be in place. Route 615 will be limited to one 10 foot lane. Expected completion is October 2022.

ROUTE 641 CULVERT REPLACEMENT – Route 641 (Wayside Drive) is closed for a culvert replacement over Spring Branch. Drivers should watch for signage. The road will reopen on July 22 at 5 p.m., weather permitting.

ROUTE 114 TURN LANE CONSTRUCTION - Road improvements on Route 114 (Peppers Ferry Road) have begun for the construction of a new entrance to Belview Elementary School. Motorists should expect daily lane closures controlled by flagging forces. Work is expected to last until August 2022.

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.

Route 765, both east and west lanes, will have a flagging operation in place for paving from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

INTERSTATE 81 INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDENING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT EXIT 137 TO 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.

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 is currently closed until Sept. 2, 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. The rest area facility, ramps and parking lot will be closed to the public. 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. Work is expected to be completed in early fall 2022.

REST AREA OPTIONS: While the Troutville Rest Area is closed, southbound I-81 drivers can use the Fairfield Rest Area at mile marker 195 in Rockbridge County or the Radford Rest Area at mile marker 108 in Montgomery County. In addition, the Troutville Weigh Station, located on southbound I-81 at mile marker 149, will have portable toilets and parking will be temporarily available for commercial vehicles.

INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDENING CONSTRUCTION EXIT 141 TO EXIT 143 – A project

to widen the lanes on I-81 in Roanoke in both northbound and southbound directions between Exit 141 to Exit 143 has been underway. All lanes are now open and will remain open through winter with periodic lane closures at night as needed. The final surface paving and markings for northbound traffic will resume this summer. Drivers can expect rough pavement. Estimated completion date of the project is summer 2022.

I-81 PAVING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various routes. Lane closures may be in place during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

I-81 BRIDGE DECK REPAIRS – Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 81. Between mile markers 138 to 152, right and left lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

I-81 POTHOLE PATCHING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, crews will patch potholes along southbound and northbound Interstate 81. Mobile right and left lane closures will be in place and moving along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for moving vehicles and equipment. Expect possible delays.

INTERSTATE 581 ROUTE 581 BRIDGE WORK OVER WILLIAMSON ROAD –On Route 11 (Williamson Road) drivers can expect intermittent and alternating lane closures between the intersections with Rutherford Avenue and Wells Avenue. Intermittent daytime and nighttime lane closures between the intersections above might be required, and will be in place utilizing flagging operations. Any impacts to I-581 will be minimal. The project is expected to be completed in the fall of 2022.

LANE CLOSURES:

- o A left lane closure will be in place on northbound and southbound I-581 from mile marker 0-1, Monday at 7 a.m. through Wednesday at 7 p.m.

- o A right lane closure will be in place on northbound and southbound I-581 from mile marker 0-1, Thursday at 7 a.m. through Saturday at 7 p.m.

- o A left and center lane closure will be in place on northbound and southbound I-581 from mile marker 0-1, Saturday at 5 p.m. through Sunday at 2 p.m.

A right lane closure may be in place on Route 11 northbound between the intersections of Rutherford Avenue and Wells Avenue periodically.

Nighttime left lane closures for both the northbound and southbound directions of Route 11 are possible between the intersections referenced above.

I-581/220 EXPRESSWAY PAVING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various routes. Lane closures may be in place during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

I-581/220 LANE & RAMP CLOSURES FOR PAVING AND MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS IN ROANOKE COUNTY– Weather permitting, crews will be milling and paving along Interstate 81. Right and left lane closures will be in place along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours. Drivers should expect possible delays.

I-581 BRIDGE REPAIRS – Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 581. Right, center and left lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays. Scheduled traffic impacts include:

- Left or right lane closures may be in place on I-581 northbound from Orange Avenue to Valley View Boulevard from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

- Left or right lane closures may be in place on I-581 from Valley View Boulevard to Orange Avenue from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Flagging operations may be in place on Liberty Road NW from Lukens Street NE to Hunt Avenue NW from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ROANOKE COUNTY ROUTE 311 AND ROUTE 419 ROUNDABOUT AT HANGING ROCK - A road project to replace the signalized intersection of Route 311 and Route 419 in Roanoke County at Hanging Rock with a roundabout is set to begin. During construction, lane closures and a road closure with a detour will be in place through August. Drivers should expect the following:

Closure & Detour: A portion of the Route 419 and Route 311 intersection is closed and a detour is in place for approximately four to six weeks. It is scheduled to reopen in August or

September. Motorists should be aware of the following impacts:

Traffic will not be able to turn left from Thompson Memorial Drive (Route 311) onto Catawba Valley Drive (Route 311)

Thompson Memorial Drive traffic will not be able to drive straight through the intersection onto Route 419.

Route 419 traffic will not be able to continue straight at the intersection onto Thompson Memorial Drive.

During the partial intersection closure, drivers will need to use alternate routes and can detour using Interstate 81 exit 140 onto Thompson Memorial Drive and exit 141 onto Route 419. Using Main Street in Salem to reroute onto Route 419 or Thompson Memorial Drive around the partial intersection closure is another option.

August through November: The new roundabout is expected to be open to traffic in August or September. Drivers should still expect nighttime lane closures with flaggers between 9p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday around the roundabout for final paving, pavement marking and sign installation.

ROUTE 628 CULVERT REPLACEMENT – Route 628 (Greenridge Road) is undergoing a culvert replacement located .25 miles east of the road’s entrance from Route 780 (Cove Road). Lane closures on Route 628 maintained utilizing temporary traffic signals will be in place through August 2022. Expected completion is October 2022.

ROUTE 760 (DIUGUIDS LANE) BRIDGE REPLACEMENT & DETOUR – A project to replace the Route 760 (Diuguids Lane) bridge over the Roanoke River is underway with preliminary work. The bridge is located at the Salem city limits near Route 760’s intersection with Route 639 (West Riverside Drive). The 45-day detour is now expected to go in place July 5. Signs will be posted two weeks in advance of the road closure. Drivers will use Mill Lane or West Riverside Drive to detour and return to Diuguids Lane. Typical work hours are expected to be Monday through Saturday during daytime hours with occasional work on Sunday. Flagging operations may be in place periodically and occasional night work is possible. Drivers can expect short-term lane closures with flaggers controlling traffic on West Riverside Drive periodically. Access to Green Hill Park, private entrances and businesses will be maintained at all times. Completion is expected in the winter of 2022.

Flagging operations will be in place, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., on southbound Diuguids lane as well as the intersection of Harborwood Road/W Riverside Drive. A right lane closure northbound may also be in place, Monday through Friday.

BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY CLOSURE – The Blue Ridge Parkway is repairing slope failures. Detour signs to detour traffic around the Bent Mountain section of the Parkway will be in place. Traffic will be rerouted to Route 220 south to Route 419 north to Route 221 south. Traffic traveling north on the Parkway would be reversed. The detour is expected to be in place through June 2022.

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.

Crack seal operations will be performed on Route 419 South near Route 1699 and Salem City Limits.

Milling and paving operations will take place from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. with single lane flagging, in Roanoke County. These will include Route 605 (Shadwell Drive / Old Mountain Road) from Roanoke City Limit to Route 627 and Route 601 Hollins Road from Route 115 to Route 627

SURFACE TREATMENT OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, crews will begin surface treatment operations 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. The road surface may be rough for several weeks after surface treatment is applied. Once it packs down, the road surface will be brushed and return to a more smooth surface.

FLOYD COUNTY ROUTE 221 UTILITY WORK – Citizens will be installing fiber optic along Route 221 north. This work will be performed through June 20, 2022. Shoulder and lane closures possible.

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.

- Route 221 northbound, milling and filling operations will be in effect 7 p.m. to 6 a.m.

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RADFORD SPORTS

East Mont’s Bruce, Auburn’s Neal named Class 1 soccer players of year

The Virginia High School League has announced that Eastern Montgomery midfielder Maddie Bruce is the Class 1 women’s soccer player of the year, East Mont coach Whitney Shaver is the coach of the year, and Auburn midfielder Chris Neal is the Class 1 boy’s soccer player of the year.

Bruce capped her junior season with two goals in the Mustangs’ 4-0 win over Auburn for their second straight state championship. 18-0 this spring, under Coach Shaver’s leadership, the Mustangs have won 32 straight games. Eastern Mont-

gomery did not allow a goal in either the state semifinals or the finals.

Bruce finished 2022 with 27 goals and 36 assists and has 61 career goals and 59 career assists in just two seasons (COVID canceled her freshman season in 2020).

Sixteen players are selected first-team all-state and second-team all-state (four forwards, four midfielders, four defensive players, one goalie, and three at-large from any position). Only those players selected to the first-team all-region teams are eligible for selection to the all-state team.

Each all-state selection committee

is made up of eight soccer coaches (two from each region).

Eastern Montgomery placed nine players on the first team: Aija McHone, Madeline Mirolli, Lilly Underwood, Laken Smith, Morgan Bahnken, Nayda Hubbard, Mackenzie Kidwell, Logan Boone and Bruce.

Auburn’s Katie Light and Katelyn Lafon were also named to the all-state first team. Eastern Montgomery’s Yesenia Mercado and Hannah Blankenship were joined on the second team by Auburn’s Logan Mundy and Stacy Lewis.

The Virginia High School League

has also announced its 2022 Class 1 All-State boys soccer team. Auburn senior midfielder Chris Neal is the Class 1 Player of the Year, and Galax head coach James Kohl was named the Class 1 Coach of the Year.

Neal, who will play soccer at Mars Hill University (NC) in the fall, made 21 appearances for Auburn this spring, scored 22 goals, and had a school-record 15 assists. He finished his high school career with 32 assists.

First-year head coach, James Kohl, led Galax to a 14-8-2 overall record and a 2-0 win over Northampton in the Class 1 state finals.

Radford U upgrading broadcast capabilities

Marty Gordon
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Radford University is looking to expand its efforts to produce sporting events with the addition of a new broadcast trailer.

This past week, the university announced a campaign to raise money for the trailer, which would expand the Highlanders’ Digital Broadcast Network.

Nathan Wise is the communications director for the athletic program at

the school. He said this is something RU has wanted for a long time.

Wise said it can be a challenge to broadcast all of the RU sporting events, especially when broadcasting equipment needs to be moved around to all of the Highlanders’ athletic facilities.

“The main benefits would be to stream more of our games on ESPN Plus to give a better learning experience to students at Radford University

who are helping us out in those plans,” Wise said. “The truck will also let us give more exposure to Radford Athletics and our sidelines whether it is for fans or alumni or the general public to support the fan base and family all around the world,” Wise told members of the media this past week.

The university has not announced a timetable, but there is some hope the truck could be in place by the fall.

Moris leaving VT for Northern Iowa

Pete Moris, the communication leader for Virginia Tech’s athletics program, is leaving to head up university relations at the University of Northern Iowa, according to an announcement from the school and pending approval from the school’s Board of Regents.

Moris has more than 15 years’ experience leading strategic communications, marketing, and public relations in the higher education, entertainment, and elite sports sectors.

He will take high profile media relations and marketing experience to Northern Iowa. Since 2015, Moris has served as Associate Athletics Director for Strategic Communications at Virginia Tech where he led marketing and communications campaigns to grow the donor base and increase the national profile of VT athletics. In 2021, he was part of a campus team that launched the \$400 million Reach for Excellence fundraising campaign.

At the University of Oklahoma, Moris led a public relations and media campaign to unveil the \$370 million renovation project of Oklahoma Memorial Stadium. As Associate Director of Public Relations for the Kansas City Chiefs, Moris coordinated public relations and event management for four Super Bowls. He has also served on the media relations teams for the NCAA Final Four, the College Football Playoff Championship Game, and multiple major collegiate bowl games.

“Pete’s public relations background and leadership experience are exactly what UNI needs to enhance our marketing and recruitment strategies to prospective students and their families, and to continue to expand UNI’s



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Pete Moris is on his way to Northern Iowa to head up university relations.

reputation for serving the needs of our students and the state,” said UNI President Mark A. Nook.

“I am grateful to President Nook and his leadership team at the University of Northern Iowa for placing their trust in me,” Moris said. “I am excited to begin this role and promote the great work being done by so many talented people at UNI. In addition, I’m looking forward to collaborating with UNI’s faculty, staff, and alumni to recruit a diverse student body to an institution with such a strong academic tradition and history.”

Moris holds bachelor’s degrees in public relations and writing from Loras College, and he is a graduate of the Disney Customer Service Training Program.

He will join the UNI community beginning July 1.

CHS grad Tyrique Taylor wins discus national gold medal



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Christiansburg High School graduate Tyrique Taylor recently won a national gold medal in the discus. His throw of 165 feet earned him the title of Adidas National Elite Champion. Taylor has committed to Emory and Henry College to play football.

SPORTS NOTES

New assistant at RU women’s basketball

The Radford University women’s basketball program announced Friday afternoon that Alex Tomlinson has joined the team as an assistant coach for the upcoming 2022-23 season.

Tomlinson brings to the New River Valley an impressive résumé including most recently being named the Women’s Basketball Coaches Association’s Division III Assistant Coach of the Year last season with Christopher Newport. Tomlinson helped guide the Captains to a 26-1 record as the team won 26 straight games to advance to the NCAA Sweet 16.

Tomlinson was also part of the staff that collected Coast-to-Coast Athletic Conference Coaching Staff of the Year honors.

She spent three seasons in Newport News with Christopher Newport. While there, the team had a 51-5 record that included two

tournament and regular-season titles. The program won four NCAA Tournament games over that span. The 2021-22 season was a historic one for the program as the Captains earned a number-one ranking for the first time in program history and had a 43-game winning streak, the ninth-longest in Division III history.

Before her tenure at Christopher Newport, Tomlinson was a graduate assistant with the University of North Carolina. She was a part of the coaching staff with the Tar Heels that guided the team to its first NCAA Tournament since 2015.

While at North Carolina, she helped grade film with the coaching staff, filmed all games, and assisted with game-day film exchange. She also assisted coaches with on-court preparation prior to practice and facilitated the UNC Women’s Basketball Summer Camp production. While she was on staff, the Tar

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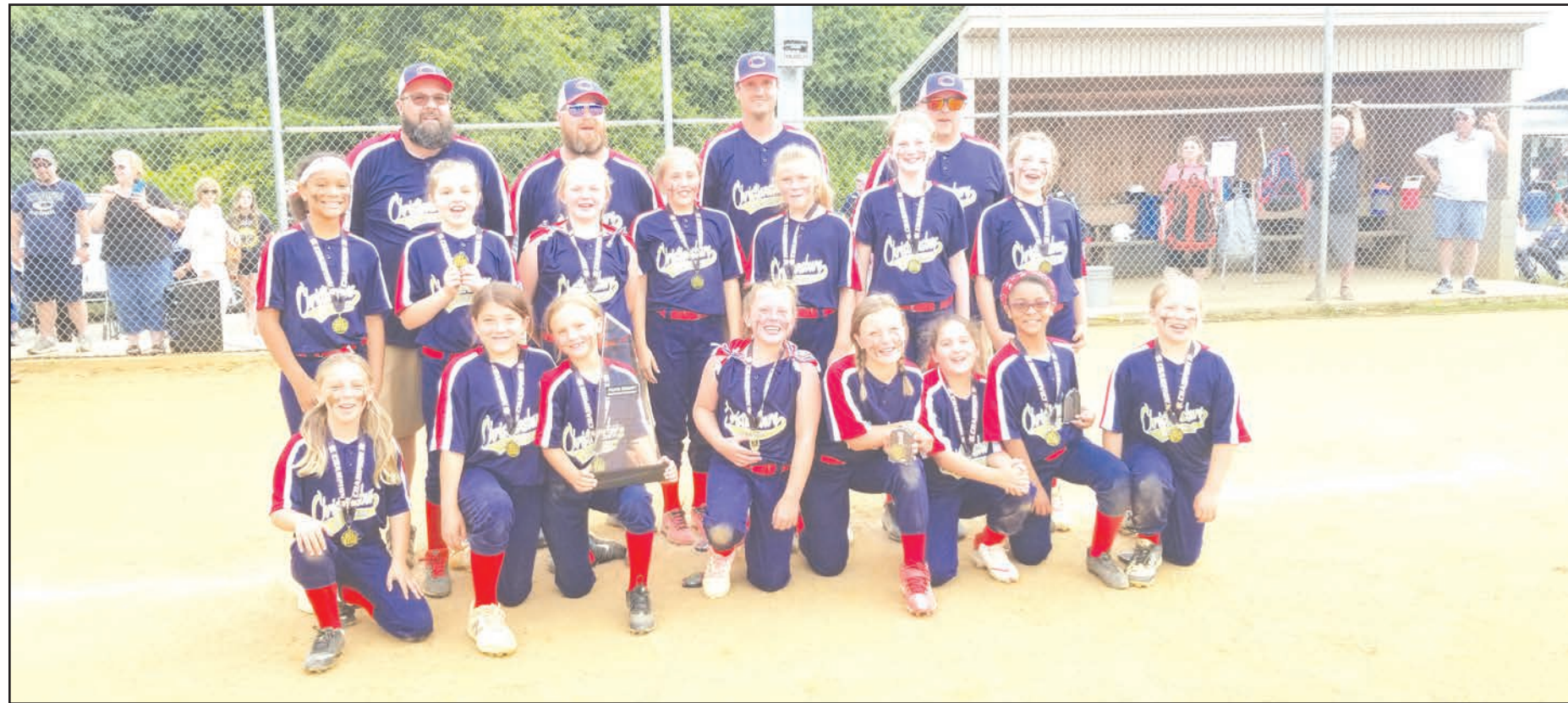
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Local rec league all-stars place in tournaments



The Christiansburg Parks and Recreation Department's Under-10 all-stars won the District 10 Babe Ruth tournament held this past weekend in Floyd.



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The Blacksburg Parks and Recreation Department's Under-12 all-stars placed second this past weekend in the District 10 Babe Ruth tournament held in Floyd.

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Heels defeated a pair of top-ten programs, including the number-one team in the country at the time, Notre Dame, in 2019.

As a student-athlete at Wingate, Tomlinson spent four years with the program. She was a two-year team captain and helped guide the Bulldogs to four straight NCAA Tournament appearances with three South Atlantic Conference Tournament championships.

Ace Custis inducted into Hall of Fame

Former VT basketball player and current assistant coach Ace Custis has been inducted into the Northampton High School Hall of Fame.

At Northampton High School, Ace was part of cross-country, basketball, and baseball. He grew

in stature, eventually reaching 6'8', and excelled on the basketball court.

At Va. Tech, Ace was the third player (fourth overall) in VT men's basketball history to score 1,000 points and bring down 1,000 rebounds. His No.-20 jersey was retired in 1997, just the third player in the history of the program to achieve such an honor.

Oklahoma State, Tech to play in Brooklyn

Virginia Tech and Oklahoma State will clash as part of the 2022 Basketball Hall of Fame Invitational at Barclays Center in Brooklyn, NY. The fifth all-time meeting between the two schools is part of a quadruple-header on Sunday, Dec. 11, that will also feature Tennessee vs. Maryland, Iona vs. St. Bo-

naventure, and UMass vs. Hofstra.

The game marks the second straight season the Hokies will play at Barclays Center. In addition to winning the 2022 ACC Tournament in Brooklyn, Tech played in the NIT Season Tip-Off last November at the same arena.

Oklahoma State concluded its 2021-22 season at 15-15, which included three top-25 wins – headlined by a 61-54 upset of then-No. 1 Baylor on Jan. 15.

Tech is 4-0 all-time against the Cowboys. The teams played a home-and-home series in 2011 (Stillwater) and 2012 (Blacksburg). They have also squared off in New York before – a 59-57 Tech win at Madison Square Garden on Nov. 25, 2011.

The Basketball Hall of Fame Invitational is one event in the Hall of Fame's series of collegiate events that continues to grow in an effort to celebrate the game outside the museum walls.

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