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## Radford City School Board honors beloved Josh Green with street name

**Heather Bell**  
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RADFORD - Anyone who has had the chance to be around Josh Green knows there is not anyone quite like him.

Green served as the custodian and

head maintenance person at McHarg School for 37 years, retiring last month, and his impact on decades of students and parents, his co-workers and the community-at-large has been vast, going well beyond keeping the

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A new street circling the renovated McHarg School will be called Mr. Green's Way, depicted in this mock up of the street sign.

## Fine Arts Center offers multiple opportunities for NRV artists to showcase work

*The Fine Arts Center is inviting artists from the New River Valley and beyond to participate in one or more opportunities to share their art.*

NEW RIVER VALLEY - With its mission to support the arts and artists of the New River Valley, The Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley is announcing multiple opportunities for local artists to showcase their talents.

Applications are available on the center's website at [facnr.org/artist-opportunities](http://facnr.org/artist-opportunities).

The first is an expansion of the popular Rhythm & Ribs concert event to be held in Jackson Park in historic downtown Pulaski on Saturday, Aug. 13, called Art in the Park. In addition to a day of food, fun, and musical performances,

the event will include an opportunity for local artists to display and sell their original, handmade art. The musical lineup will include Billboard chart toppers Nu-Blu opening at 11 a.m. followed by Virginia Hollow, the Thrillbillyz, The Kind and other community performers throughout the day.

August will mark the opening of the community art exhibit Menagerie, one of the center's most popular exhibits that has been on hiatus the past two years. All interested NRV area artists 18 years or older are encouraged to apply. Multiple forms of art will be accepted.

Because of the challenges for all artists the past two years, the application price has been reduced to \$5 for nonmembers and free for members, and fee-waivers are available upon request. The center's goal is to showcase the wide range of talented artists from the area and does not want cost to be a barrier. Participating artists are encouraged but not required to offer their works for sale. Deadline for application is July 31, 2022, and this year's show will feature a \$100 prize for the People's Choice Award.

Artists who would like to establish a longer term

relationship with the arts center may want to apply to sell their work in the center's newly renovated Artisan Gift Shop or to teach a class. To be considered for the gift shop, art work must be original, hand-crafted, and ready for display. The center has long offered classes for children and adults, and artists interested in teaching a class or workshop can apply online. The sessions can be a two-hour workshop, a one- or two-day class, or a series of workshops or classes over several weeks. Applications for all of these opportunities are available on

the center's website at [facnr.org/artist-opportunities](http://facnr.org/artist-opportunities).

The Fine Arts Center is located at 21 West Main St. in historic downtown Pulaski. The center is supported, in part, by funding from the Town of Pulaski, Pulaski County, the C. E. Richardson Benevolent Foundation, the Randolph Foundation, and the Virginia Commission for the Arts and through membership and donations. For more information about the Fine Arts Center and to view other events or to sign up for a class, visit their website at [FACNRV.org](http://FACNRV.org).



RADFORD UNIVERSITY PHOTO

Boys from across the state participate in the annual American Legion Boys State program, held recently on the Radford University campus.

## Boys State program brings students from across the state to Radford campus

By Chad Osborne,  
Radford University

RADFORD - Four hundred young men, all decked out in traditional white T-shirts and blue shorts, scattered and scurried across the Radford University campus the week of June 19-25, 2022, to learn all about Virginia state and local governments and the roles they can serve as citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

These young men were all part of the weeklong 79th session of the American Legion Boys State of Virginia, a leadership program offered to rising high school seniors who are sponsored by various American Legion posts and are selected based on their academic achievements, leadership ability, civic engagement and citizenship.

This is the ninth year Radford University has hosted Boys State.

"We're excited to bring students to the campus every year and introduce them to the Radford campus," Boys State media director Collin Lee said. "The students come from all corners of the state, from Southwest Virginia to Virginia Beach and Northern

Virginia and everywhere in between. It's quite impressive where all these guys are coming from, and this is a great way to introduce them to Radford."

The longstanding partnership between Radford and Boys State acquaints participants with the university's modern facilities, services and amenities, its in-demand academic and athletic programs and its engaging faculty, staff and students.

"Radford has been a great partner for us the entire time we have been here," Lee said. "Radford works with us and provides excellent service for our students. They provide great meals every year and have an excellent staff to help us. Everyone at Radford is super helpful."

Each day for the "citizens," as they are referred to throughout the week, began with a 7 a.m. breakfast in Muse Hall. There's also band and chorus rehearsal for the musically inclined and then the daily flag-raising within the 8 o'clock hour at the Heth Hall flagpoles. They attended religious services at 9 a.m. and then hurried across campus for

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## Christiansburg Institute, University Libraries collaborate to preserve African American storytelling, history

The Christiansburg Institute now has the power to tell its rich, century-long story through its self-managed Christiansburg Institute Digital Archive thanks to a \$251,052 Digitizing Hidden Collections: Amplifying Unheard Voices grant from the Council on Library Information Resources.

Virginia Tech is collaborating with the institute on its grant-funded project, "Changing the Narrative: Modeling Equitable Stewardship of African American Storytelling and History," to digitize stories, photos, and documents of Christiansburg Industrial Institute, the first high school in Southwest Virginia to educate the formerly

enlarged (1866-1966).

The grant funds will support digitization of 38.65 linear feet of Christiansburg Institute Museum and Archives' collections and two new institute staff positions to digitize and process materials on site at the Christiansburg Institute. University Libraries

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## Virginia wine contributes \$1.73 billion to Virginia economy

A new study finds the economic impact of Virginia wines to be an estimated \$1.73 billion.

"We're excited by the growing impact of Virginia wines and are proud to provide over 10,000 jobs and contribute almost \$200 million dollars in taxes to the state," said Kirk Wiles, Chairman of the Virginia Wine Board. "First and foremost, Virginia wine is an industry of people — business owners, farmers, wine lovers — and we're fortunate to be able to give back to the commonwealth through the local economy."

"The agriculture and tourism sectors are the biggest contributors to Virginia's economy, thanks in large part to industries like Virginia wine," said Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry Matt Lohr. "I'm proud to represent and help support local, craft products as they remain a staple in the commonwealth — and in this case, both for the quality of the wines and the evident impact to our economy."



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Saturday, July 16:

### End of Summer reading ocean bash

At the Meadowbrook Public Library at 10:30 p.m. It's time to celebrate the end of another fun summer reading program. The celebration will have all kinds of fun stations, including crafts, a water slide, cool refreshments, games, prizes, and face painting. The event is free.

### Caturday

At the Christiansburg Library from noon to 1 p.m. 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 are welcome. Email shodges@mfrl.org for more information.

### Teen DND

At the Blacksburg Library at 2 p.m. Dungeons and Dragons for ages 11 to 17.

## Tuesday, July 19:

### Business seminar: Building business efficiency

At Long Way Brewing, 501 Second St.; 8:10 to 9:15 a.m. Presented by Robert Towle, the Founder and CEO of 636 Advisors, a Radford-based company. He has held many roles in both small and large, national and international organizations and government agencies. He has enjoyed helping both small and large businesses alike. Those attending will receive a copy of Towle's book, "Don't be Dumb," a leadership playbook to help readers be smarter, overcome obstacles, and rise rapidly. Register via email at radfordchamber@gmail.com.

### Family board game night

At the Blacksburg Library at 6 p.m. Participants will enjoy an evening of board games. For all ages and skill levels with no experience necessary. Families are welcome. They may choose from a variety of games or bring their own to share.

## Thursday, July 21:

### Photography presentation

Experienced photographer Michele Borgarelli will discuss the topic of landscape photography at the July 21 meeting of the Radford Photo Club. The meeting is at 6 p.m. at the Radford Public Library. It will be followed by an outing to a nearby park to practice landscape photography. The Radford Photo Club is made up of professional and amateur photographers from throughout the New River Valley. Meetings, events, and outings are open to the public. Learn more about the club by searching for "Radford Photo Club" on Facebook.

## Friday, July 22:

### Enjoy the national forest

At the Blacksburg Library at 2 p.m. Join us as Ranger Beth Christensen gives a brief overview of the Eastern Divide Ranger District/George Washington-Jefferson National Forest and the Forest Service.

## Saturday, July 23:

### City of Radford concert series

Eighties band Cassette Rewind will be featured at a concert on the grounds of Glencoe Mansion, Museum, and Gallery. Gates open at 6 p.m.; the concert begins at 7 p.m. Concertgoers may bring a chair or a blanket. Food and beverages will be available for sale. The cost is \$5 per person. Children under 12 are free.

### Adult yoga

At the Blacksburg Library at 3 p.m. Follow along with a video from Yoga with Adriene. Adults of all fitness levels and experience are welcome to participate in this judgment-free, no-stress even. Don't forget a yoga mat and comfortable clothes. Registration is recommended. Call or stop by the circulation desk to register.

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### Music on the Lawn: Andy and Judy Daigle

At the Christiansburg Library at 6 p.m. This is the third show in the library's Music on the Lawn concert series. Concertgoers should bring lawn chairs and blankets. This free concert will go on rain or shine.

### Seashell bath bursts - DIY

At the Meadowbrook Public Library at 1 p.m. Adults and teens are invited to make a bath burst in a seashell mold. Registration is required for this free event. All supplies will be provided.

### Eight Point Star

At the Meadowbrook Public Library at 5 p.m. Eight Point Star features Mike Gangloff and Matt Peyto, as songwriters. Mike plays fiddle and banjo and an eight-string, Norwegian Hardanger-style fiddle. Matt plays guitar, dulcimer, and sometimes theremin. Isak Howell plays banjo, guitar, and harmonica. Tim Thornton plays bass, dulcimer, and sometimes guitar.

## Sunday, July 24:

### Free sustainable garden tour

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 the fourth Sunday afternoons through September. Light refreshments will be served at these drop-in tours. The July 24 tour from 6 to 8 p.m. at Arlean Lambert's garden and the Hale Community Garden at 215 Maywood St. highlights edible landscaping and vegetable gardening. Lambert enjoys figs, strawberries, kiwis, nuts, greens, and other edibles, including edible flowers, at her north Blacksburg home.

## Monday, July 25:

### Talking about books

At the Blacksburg Library at 11 a.m. To be discussed is "All the Ways We Said Goodbye" by Beatriz Williams. Call (540) 552-8246 for more information or to reserve a copy.

## Ongoing:

### United Way Emergency Food Pantry in need

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

### Alexander Black House Farming Exhibit

Blacksburg Museum and Cultural Foundation announces Virginia is for Farmers: Agriculture in Southwest Virginia, Then and Now, an exhibit through Aug. 18, in the Alexander Black House main galleries, 204 Draper Road SW, Blacksburg. Admission is free; hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A reception open to the public will be held on Saturday, Aug. 6, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The exhibit explores pre-settler agriculture in Southwestern Virginia, Blacksburg-area farms in the 18th and 19th centuries, the birth of the Future Farmers of America at Virginia Tech in the early 20th century, and brings agriculture and farming to the present day local farmers' market and Blacksburg's neighborhood gardens. The exhibit will include agricultural tools from the late-19th and early-20th century, adapted farm tools for farmers with disabilities, Future Farmers of America and Virginia historical items, maps, photos, and interviews. For more information, contact Janean Williams, Communications & Visitor Services Manager at 540-443-1602 or jlwilliams@blacksburghistory.org or visit blacksburgmuseum.org.

# Upward Bound awarded \$5.7 million to support low-income, first-gen students

By Diane Deffenbaugh

Potential first-generation students from across Southwest Virginia are seeing a world of new possibilities through Virginia Tech's Upward Bound program.

When LaTayja Bell enrolled in the program's six-week summer session, the rising junior at William Fleming High School in Roanoke had plans to follow in her family's footsteps and join the military after high school.

"I really did it for the college experience, to see if I wanted to change my mind and go to college instead of the military. And I think I might. I like the routines and that you get to really be you and grow into an adult," Bell said.

Upward Bound is part of the university's TRIO Programs, part of Outreach and International Affairs. The programs have been supporting low-income, first-generation students in the region for more than 50 years. The U.S. Department of Education recently awarded Virginia Tech \$5.7 million to continue its three Upward Bound programs for another five years.

TRIO Programs will receive about \$1.1 million each year to serve more than 200 students through programs in Salem and Roanoke City and a regional program for seven other school divisions in Southwest Virginia.

To qualify, students must be first-generation students, meet income-eligibility requirements, or be considered at high risk of academic failure.

Some students need to improve their grades or take more rigorous courses to be considered for college admission. Tutoring and other academic

resources give them the extra boost they need. Others may be honors students who need to gain confidence through financial aid workshops, college tours, and cultural field trips.

"It's difficult for many students to know what to do and when to do it," TRIO Programs Director Frances Clark said. "Upward Bound offers an intensive program that helps them gain access to higher education."

According to the U.S. Department of Education, 86 percent of Upward Bound participants enroll in postsecondary institutions immediately following graduation.

Clark said, "The intent of our staff is to help students make choices that will give them options. For example, if you don't take enough foreign language courses you aren't going to be able to get into some colleges. Same thing with math. You have to have enough math — and the right math. We give them that advice and support so they can be successful."

Upward Bound's unique summer residency program gives students a taste of college life and, for many, the new experience of living away from home.

"Some students are really excited, really adventurous, and it's not much of an issue," Clark said. "But some students really struggle with that transition of being away from friends and family. It's better to have that experience before leaving for college, when there's much more on the line."

Students take classes aligned with a college preparatory curriculum and designed to strengthen their academic skills. Classes are taught by faculty members, graduate students, and high school teachers.



PHOTO BY DIANE DEFFENBAUGH FOR VIRGINIA TECH

High school students LaTayja Bell (from left), D'naya Paschal, Cameron Rinker, and Landon Routt listen to instructions from Spanish teacher Reina LaForce about how to craft their own Guatemalan worry doll during a class in Lavery Hall.

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Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 24.2-306 and 24.2-129, the Radford City Council will hold a public hearing on July 11, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the City Municipal Building, 10 Robertson Street, Radford, VA 24141. The purpose of the public hearing will be to receive public comment on an ordinance to amend Section 27-32 of the Radford City Code to change the polling place for the West Precinct from Carter Street United Methodist Church, 1223 2nd Street, Radford, Virginia 24141 to Compassion Church, 1820 2nd Street, Radford,

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Virginia 24141. Copies of the proposed ordinance, a map of the West Precinct's boundaries, and a description of the polling place change may be obtained or inspected by contacting the Office of the City Clerk at (540) 731-3603.

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and that 6 months have elapsed since the qualification of the Executor, on motion of the Executor it is ordered that the creditors of, and all others interested in, the estate do show cause, if any they can, at 8:45 a.m. on August 5, 2022, before this Court at the Radford Circuit Court against the payment and delivery of the Estate of Margaret B. Plymire, deceased, to the beneficiaries, without requiring refunding bonds.

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It appearing to the Court that a report of the accounts of Penna Rogers, Executor of the Estate of Margaret B. Plymire, deceased, and of the debts and demands against her estate, have been filed in the Clerk's Office,

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# Virginia sweet corn flourishing despite blistering heat



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**Despite persistent hot, dry weather, Virginia farmers have used irrigation to remain optimistic about their corn harvest.**

Sweet corn season is here, and despite persistent dry, hot weather, Virginia farmers are expecting a plentiful harvest.

“For a lot of people, there’s nothing better than fresh-picked sweet corn,” said Mike Cullipher, a Virginia Beach produce farmer.

“Whether you’re making it for a meal in the house or you’re having a cookout, it’s really hard to beat,” added Cullipher, who also serves on the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Specialty Crops Advisory Committee. “I think sweet corn also symbolizes summer because it’s really the only time it’s available.”

Primarily growing Kickoff, Nirvana, and Rosie bicolor sweet corn varieties, he said his crop at Cullipher Farm largely is in good condition.

However, his farm had experienced unseasonably cool weather in May and excessive heat in June, causing him to lose some of his first planting. Despite the setback—and dry conditions he’s had to mitigate with irrigation—Cullipher said he’s still in good shape to harvest a quality crop.

“It’s going to be hit-and-miss whether we have enough to get through the (Fourth of July). But after that, we should be smooth sailing right on through October.”

Kenneth Crews, who grows sugar-enhanced Incredible sweet corn at Crews Family Orchard in Pittsylvania County, also said he’s had to irrigate to alleviate heat stress on his crop.

Dry conditions aside, Crews noted his crop is “looking really good,” and

anticipates his season continuing well into October.

Mike Parrish, a Virginia Cooperative Extension agent in Dinwiddie County, said farmers in the area have contended with drought for most of the growing season.

According to National Agricultural Statistics Service crop reports for Virginia, the Richmond region was operating at a 3-inch rainfall deficit from normal following the week of June 19. Heavy rainfall during the week ending June 26 decreased the deficit to 1.9 inches.

“The corn looks pretty good for those farmers who’ve been able to irrigate,” Parrish said. “The early plantings suffered the most for those who couldn’t irrigate, but there will be corn coming.”

Parrish and Crews both agreed their respective areas could use about an inch of rain per week for the rest of the summer to help produce high-quality sweet corn.

For corn that’s already available at farmers markets and farm stands, Cullipher offered some advice to help shoppers find quality ears.

He said buyers should look for a husk that’s bright green and tightly wrapped around the cob, and should feel through the husk to be sure the cob has filled out from top to bottom.

Cullipher also recommended eating fresh corn within a few days, otherwise the sugar content in sweet corn can begin to convert to starch.

# Comfort your canine with these expert summertime tips

By Jordan Fifer

Summer is a great season to have fun with your dog, but as with humans, it’s important to keep some safety and comfort tips in mind when planning your pal’s day.

Mark Freeman, a veterinarian and clinical assistant professor of community practice, offers this expert advice:

High temperatures

Take your pup for walks in the coolest hours of the day. Make sure to have shaded access to water when outside and available water when returning indoors.

Never leave an animal — or person! — in a hot car. Period. Even a few minutes can be deadly.

Just like you, dogs have more trouble sweating — and thus get hotter — when it’s humid.

“One of the biggest things that most owners don’t understand is that it’s not just heat; you have heat and humidity,” Freeman said. Pay close attention to smaller dogs with shorter snouts, which typically can’t manage humidity as well because their heat escape mecha-

nism through panting is less efficient.

Monitor for signs of heat exhaustion, which include:

— Suddenly lethargic or weak

— Diarrhea and/or vomiting

— Excessive panting

— Change in gum color (from pink to dark red or purple)

— Seizures or sudden collapse

If your dog has any of these symptoms, immediately move them under shade or indoors and offer cool water. Call your veterinarian; they may recommend further measures.

Storms and fireworks

As many as a third of all dogs suffer from noise anxiety connected to suddenness of the sound.

“When they are in a situation where they are being bombarded with noises that are causing a tremendous amount of stress for them, they are looking for any source of security, and that includes a ‘safe’ hiding place,” said Freeman.

There are a number of different techniques that can be utilized for

animals that have phobias associated with loud noises. “A general rule is to approach any phobia through behavior modification therapy, if that’s an option; desensitizing animals to the loud noises so they pretty much ignore them.”

Medications such as sedatives can be effective in preventing dogs from experiencing anxiety during stressful events such as fireworks and lengthy storms with lightning and thunder. Sileo is a sedative available in an oral gel that is absorbed through the gum tissue, and produces an effect within 30-60 minutes. “It has been very effective for reducing anxiety in dogs with noise phobias.”

**About Freeman**

Mark Freeman is a veterinarian and assistant professor of community practice in the Department of Small Animal Clinical Sciences at the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Tech. His research interests include animal behavior and molecular biology.



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**Veterinarian and professor Mark Freeman has some tips for helping dogs avoid problems with the summertime heat.**

## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

**Blacksburg’s Robert Young named to dean’s list at Wofford**

Blacksburg’s Robert Davis Young has been named to the spring 2022 Dean’s List at Wofford College.

To be named to the Dean’s List, a student must be enrolled for at least 12 semester hours of graded courses and attain a semester grade point average of 3.6 or higher.

Established in 1854, Wofford College is a four-year, residential liberal arts college located in Spartanburg, S.C. It offers 27 major fields of study to a student body of 1,775 undergraduates. Wofford is recognized consistently as a “best value” and for its commitment to student success and accessibility for low- and middle-income students. The college community has 12 sororities and fraternities as well as 19 NCAA Division I athletics teams.

**Blacksburg’s Brian Bush named to Western Carolina’s chancellor’s list**

Brian Bush of Blacksburg has been named to the Spring 2022 Chancellor’s List at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, N.C. To qualify for the Chancellor’s List, students must earn a GPA of 3.8 or higher while completing a minimum of 12 credit hours.

As the westernmost institution in the University of North Carolina System, WCU attracts students from around the globe for its nationally ranked programs, affordability through NC Promise and exceptional student support. WCU offers residential, hybrid, and online programs for undergraduate and graduate degrees at its main campus in Cullowhee, in Asheville located at Biltmore Park, and wherever students are through distance learning.

**Blacksburg’s Kaimai Shi makes dean’s list at Georgia Tech**

Kaimai Shi of Blacksburg made the dean’s list for the Spring 2022 semester at the Georgia Institute of

Technology. This designation is awarded to undergraduate students who have earned a 3.0 or higher academic average for the semester.

The Georgia Institute of Technology, or Georgia Tech, is a top 10 public research university developing leaders who advance technology and improve the human condition.

The institute offers business, computing, design, engineering, liberal arts, and sciences degrees. Its nearly 44,000 students, representing 50 states and 149 countries, study at the main campus in Atlanta, at campuses in France and China, and through distance and online learning.

**Allen Briggs of Blacksburg named to Rochester dean’s list**

Allen Briggs of Blacksburg was named to the dean’s list

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school clean and maintained. Green remembers the names and faces of nearly every student who has walked the halls of McHarg School for nearly four decades. During his years of service, he sought out kids who looked like they needed a smiling face or a gentle push back to good behavior and choices. His positivity, kindness, and strength permeated the school.

Now, his presence will forever be a part of the McHarg campus. On Tuesday, the Radford City School Board and Superintendent Robert Graham unveiled Mr. Green’s Way, a new street that

wraps around the school building and will serve to drop off and pick up students.

In unveiling the plan for the street name, Graham lauded Green for his impact on the community.

“Your title was custodian and head maintenance supervisor, but really you wore more hats than that, serving as a teacher and a mentor, school nutrition worker, counselor, physical educator, all sorts of things,” said Graham. “You mean so much to this community.”

“We’re hopeful that when folks travel this street there will be

some sort of osmosis and our students will absorb the positivity, humility, energy, and all of those wonderful characteristics that you brought to us every day.”

Green received a standing ovation at the meeting and thanked those on hand.

“I’m just thankful and blessed,” he said. “This is quite an honor. I don’t take it lightly.”

Also at Tuesday’s meeting, the board elected Jenny Riffe as the new board chair and Dr. Jody Ray the new board vice-chairperson. The school board’s next meeting is set for Aug. 9 at 1 p.m.



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**Josh Green (center), his wife, Diane, and Superintendent Robert Graham gather at Tuesday’s school board meeting after Green found out a street at McHarg School will be named in his honor.**

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instructional sessions at 9:40 a.m. In those sessions, participants learned from leaders from across the commonwealth about the political process through a simulation of Virginia government. They participated in mock legislative sessions and held elections, court proceedings, and other hands-on activities based on their respective interests, such as band, chorus, athletics, and journalism. "Boys State is basically an instructional program during which the citizens are learning the workings of Virginia state and local governments," said Lee, who attended Boys State as a citizen in 2017 and has been involved with the program since. "It

is designed to teach them their roles in the community, and it allows them to get involved in learning how to work in state government from the top levels to city and town governments." The young men also attended speeches with top leaders in local and state government, including judges, elected representatives and law enforcement officials. Virginia Attorney General Jason Miyares, Lt. Gov. Winsome Earle-Sears, former Virginia Gov. George Allen, and former Lt. Gov. Bill Bolling spoke to the boys on various days throughout the week. "It is an absolute joy to be here with the future leaders," Miyares said to the boys after

a rousing welcome to the stage from the Boys State band and chorus. "You wouldn't be where you are now if you weren't a future leader of the commonwealth. I have no doubt that we have future state delegates or state senators or attorney generals and even governors right here in this room." The week wrapped up with a two-hour College Day on Friday in the Student Recreation and Wellness Center. Representatives from numerous higher education institutions, including Radford University, were there to provide information to the young citizens as they prepared to continue academic pursuits beyond high school.

On Friday evening, the talented Boys State musicians paraded through campus, then held a special musical presentation later that night. Boys State also inducted new members into its hall of fame during a ceremony in the Bondurant Auditorium. The citizens graduated from Boys State Saturday during a ceremony that included awards for various areas such as parliamentary procedures, athletics, moot court, best reporter, best citizens, and best city, as well as the Dr. George Blume Best Citizen Award. "It's been a very packed week, and every day is a full day," Lee said. "They get up early, and they are definitely tired at night."

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has access to specific experience, funding, technologies, and bandwidth to create additional avenues of discovery for the collections. The materials will be freely available to anyone with an internet connection through the Christiansburg Institute Digital Archive and the University Libraries' Southwest Virginia Digital Archive. "Christiansburg Institute's rich 100-year history of African American education and empowerment represents a succinct

cultural tradition of learning and innovations expressed in rural Appalachian communities throughout the 19th and 20th centuries," said Chris Sanchez, executive director of the Christiansburg Institute, Inc. "This story is important because it is emblematic of the racial repression and injustices experienced by generations of African Americans, who nonetheless built institutions and communities that thrived and who called Americans of all races to a higher moral standard."

The unheard stories gleaned from 870 photographs, 60 slides, 15 diplomas, 48,000 typed pages, and 3,300 handwritten pages from the school's principals, teachers, and students are invaluable in spotlighting the Black Appalachian experience throughout the ages. "These voices speak and bear witness to the ancestral traditions, intergenerational genius, and immense creativity manifested at Christiansburg Institute — building a mecca of African American education, culture, and life for centuries," said Sanchez. "We feel that the Digitizing Hidden Collections: Amplifying Unheard Voices grant represents a powerful opportunity to amplify the many unheard voices and stories throughout the Christiansburg Institute's century of life." "This history has been largely inaccessible for the past 50 years," said Christiansburg Institute (C.I.) Archivist Jenny Nehrt. "Digitizing Christiansburg Institute's archives is also important because many of the African Americans who either attended C.I. or had family members attend C.I. do not live in the New River Valley anymore. For a variety of economic and social reasons, there is a network of C.I. alumni and descendants across the country. And as many of us know, getting to Southwest Virginia can sometimes be a challenge. I

hope the Christiansburg Institute Digital Archive will reunite families with their material history, regardless of their distance. "We mindfully built a grant proposal that prioritized the autonomy of C.I. to tell its story and preserve its material history while also furthering the work of the University Libraries' Southwest Virginia Digital Archive," said Nehrt. Sanchez said this community-based partnership allows subject-area experts within the community to be more involved in preserving, organizing, and presenting past experiences without risk of misinterpretations or miscategorizations. "Christiansburg Institute partnering with the University Libraries represents a much-needed model of equitable collaboration between university institutions and grassroots non-governmental organizations that engages historical research, analysis and interpretation, and preservation from a community-based perspective and grassroots methodology," said Sanchez. University Libraries' Digital Preservation Coordinator Alex Kinnaman said this project fits into Virginia Tech's land-grant mission. "We have an obligation to support our community in any way we can, including supporting local community collections through our funding and expertise without removing autonomy and ownership from the original owners," said Kinnaman. Kinnaman said she hopes this collaboration is the first of many community partnerships. "I hope that this project encourages partnerships with other cultural heritage organizations in a way that is mindful of past experiences, meets their needs and expectations, and enriches the University Libraries' collections to be more diverse and representative of the region in which we live and work."

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17. "The Raven" author  
18. Chiefs' tight end  
20. Removes  
22. Pesto dish  
23. One who roots against  
24. Type of writer  
28. Old woman  
29. Early multimedia  
30. This (Spanish)  
31. Part of a play  
33. Elephant's name  
37. Home of the Flyers  
38. Builder's trough  
39. Tell  
41. Google certification

42. Electric current  
43. Belonging to them  
44. Nostrils  
46. Arranges  
49. Commercial  
50. Skywalker's mentor couple  
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51. Single-reed instrument  
55. Voodoo  
58. World of Warcraft character  
59. Paddling  
60. Most agreeable  
64. Chafed  
65. A way to analyze  
66. Remove  
67. Metal-bearing mineral  
68. Remains as is  
69. Large predatory seabirds  
70. The Science Guy

**CLUES DOWN**

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41. Football field  
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53. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
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# OBITUARIES

## Collier, Blanche Marshall Walker

Blanche Marshall Walker Collier, 97, of Radford, passed away Monday, July 11, 2022.

She was born Nov. 9, 1924, in Indian Valley, the daughter of the late Griffie H. and Lillie C. Marshall.

She was a longtime member of the Radford Worship Center where she served as President of the Women's Ministry and as the Sunday school treasurer. She was also a member of the past Inglewood Garden Club and volunteered at the Radford Clothing Bank. She retired from T. C. Brittan Co. in Decatur, Ga., and B&J Construction in Blacksburg where she was the payroll clerk for 20 years.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husbands, Lawrence E. Walker and James R. Collier; a daughter and son-in-law, Anita W. and Harless L. Bain; a sister and brother-in-law, Agnes and Cobern Phillips; and a



Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Brenda Walker; granddaughter Renee Walker; great-grandson Dakota Young; and many nieces and nephews including a special nephew, Phillip Owens; and many other relatives and

friends.

The family received friends from 1 until 2 p.m. on Friday, July 15, 2022, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services began at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Chris Blackburn officiating. Interment followed in Sunrise Burial Park in Radford.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Joy Ranch, PO Box 727, Hillsville, VA 24343 or at www.joyranch.org.

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

## Croy, Sue Lucas

Sue Lucas Croy, 89, of Christiansburg, passed away peacefully on Mon., July 11, 2022.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Waskey and Margaret Shelton Lucas; her daughter, Becky; her husband, Dean; her brother, Charlie Lucas; and her son-in-law, Joey Martin.

Left to cherish her many memories are her daughter, Kathy Croy Martin; her grandson, Lucas Dean Martin; nieces Elly Lucas LeMaster, Eileen Lucas Spinella, Linda Lucas Spear, Carolyn Croy, Sandra Gearheart Cruise, Sharon Gearheart Graham, Donita Croy Price, and Cindy Croy Shrader; and a nephew, Chris Croy.

A graveside service was held Friday, July 15, at Sunset Cemetery in Christiansburg with Pastor Mike Derflinger presiding.

As a lifelong member of St. Paul



United Methodist Church, the family asks that in lieu of flowers please consider making a donation in Sue's memory to St. Paul United Methodist Church, 220 West Main St., Christiansburg VA 24073 or to The Alzheimer's Association, https://www.alz.org.

Kathy and Lucas would like to acknowledge and express their heartfelt gratitude to Sue's lifelong angels on earth: Peggy Chafin, Marietta Hanks and Lois Jean and Marvin Jones. The family would also like to send a special thank-you to the staff at Highland Ridge Rehab and Intrepid Hospice for their kindness, patience, and compassionate care of Sue.

Arrangements are being handled by McCoy Funeral Home, 150 Country Club Drive S.W., Blacksburg.

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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 midweek 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 steadfast, 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: fbcradford.org 540-639-4419. Worship is in-person and live-streamed on Facebook and on our YouTube channel: First Baptist Church Radford.

**Trinity Community Church**, 1505 N. Franklin Street, C'Burg. John Altizer, Lead Pastor, Brian Cockram, Associate Pastor, 382-8121. Worship at 10:45 a.m., Outreach Ministries - 6:00p.m. Wednesday, Growth Groups - 5:00p.m. Sunday, Youth and Children's Ministry - 5:00p.m. Sunday, www.trinitychurch.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!"

### EPISCOPAL

**Grace Episcopal Church**, 210 4th Street, Radford, 639-3494. A friendly, mission-oriented spiritual community sharing the Word of God. ALL ARE WELCOME. In person and live-streamed services 10:30AM Sundays. Holy Eucharist twice a month. Morning Prayer twice a month. Fellowship and refreshments follow services. Find us on Facebook: Grace Episcopal Church and www.graceradford.org.

### LUTHERAN

**Christ Lutheran Church**, 201 Harvey St. Sunday 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-

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## WORSHIP DIRECTORY

### Honor in Work

Read Proverbs 5:1 through 8:36

In past generations, parents taught their children the value of hard work and faithfulness to their families. People had at least one job. When a person lost a job, he worked very hard to get a new one as soon as possible. He knew hard work honored his family and God.

Maybe times and values have changed, but today it seems like more and more young adults would rather not work at all. An entire generation of young people have been lured away by different types of leisure activities. Scripture warns against neglecting one's work:

A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest—and poverty will come on you like a thief and scarcity like an armed man (Proverbs 6:10-11).

God created people to work hard with the giftedness and talents He gave us. Like no other generation in the world, we have access to education and job training to prepare us for our work. It is good for parents to provide for the needs of their family through the work God has provided.

Prayer Suggestion: Thank God for your talents and abilities and for the work He has placed before you.

Quicklook: Proverbs 6:6-11

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**Our Saviour Lutheran Church ELCA**, 1845 Cambria St NE, Christiansburg. Worship each Sunday at 10 am, in person and online at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMsB-gbyjmV5ce9mr43dbCw. Please visit our website at www.oslc-cburg.org and our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/oslcchristiansburg to learn more about us. Little Free Pantry and Little Free Library located in our parking lot. Pastor Joshua L. Copeland; church office 540-382-2223.

**St. Michael Lutheran Church**, 2308 Merrimac Road, Blacksburg, VA 24060. Worship service each Sunday at 10 AM, Sunday School 9 AM. We are a community of God's people where people gather for worship, learning and service. Visitors and new members are always WELCOME! Google comments: "Wonderful, welcoming congregation...A place where all are truly welcome... Nice, friendly, competent staff." You will like our minister, The Rev. Michelle L. Stramiello. Her previous service was as Family Faith Formation Director at Cross and Crown Lutheran Church, Indianapolis, IN, Pastor of St Matthew Lutheran Church, Paducah, KY, and Hospice Chaplain in Largo, FL. St. Michael started and administers Micah's Backpack which has great community impact, Micah's Soup for Seniors, Micah's Garden, Closet, and Mini Pantry. Also, partnering with Rainbow Riders and Total Action for Progress, we opened open the first Early Childhood Head Start in our community (6 weeks to age 3), and have numerous other programs including a Justice & Mercy Fund providing assistance for those needing emergency assistance with critical bills. Further St. Michael sponsors an awesome Scouting program of Boy & Girl Scouts 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@stmlc.us or visit our Website www.st-michael-lutheran-church.org

### PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS

**Merrimac Pentecostal Holiness Church**, Rev. Larry

Christopher (540) 552-7194. lchristopher695@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.

**Compassion Church**, 1820 Second Street, Radford, 639-6287, Our music is passionate, our worship is real, and Pastor Chandler Jones brings relevant messages for everyone at any place on their journey, Sunday Worship Experience at 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM, Wednesday Family Night at 7 PM, Children Ministry provided for all services. Our vision is to see all Saved. Freed. Restored. Fulfilled. Find us on facebook and Instagram

**Walton Pentecostal Holiness Church**, 4003 Morning Glory Rd., off Walton Rd. on Rt. 114. 731-1755. Lee Sarver, pastor. Sun. School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m. & 6: p.m., Wed., 7p.m.

### PRESBYTERIAN

Join us at **The Presbyterian Church of Radford**, 201 4th Street, at the corner of 4th & Randolph. Sunday school at 10am; worship at 11am in the sanctuary. Phone 639-2585. Watch the service live on Facebook: The Presbyterian Church of Radford. www.pcradford.org. We are called to share the love of Christ in this community & beyond.

### UNITED METHODIST

**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.

# Obituaries

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## Harper, Faye D.

Faye D. Harper, of Blacksburg, completed later in life at Radford University. Always the caregiver, she worked in cardiac nursing at Montgomery Regional Hospital and at the Cardiac Therapy and Intervention Center at Virginia Tech. She enjoyed the change of pace that being a school nurse brought at the end of her career.



She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 56 years, Wilson G. Harper, her father Wayne C. Handwerk, and her mother, Dorothy A. Handwerk.

Left to cherish her memory are her brother, The Rev. Larry Handwerk (Vicki); her children, Heidi Harper Christopher, Thomas Harper (Marisa), Rebecca Harper Randolph (Chad) and Catherine Harper Deml (Jorey); and her grandchildren, Matthew Christopher, Haley Harper, Jack Harper, Jake Randolph, Ella Randolph, and Mason Deml.

Faye graduated from Virginia Intermont as a registered nurse and met the love of her life, Wilson, at WVU while pursuing her bachelor's degree, which she proudly

spent time with her family especially in Hilton Head, SC, where she and Wilson watched their children and grandchildren grow up. A celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, July 23, 2022, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Blacksburg Country Club. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the American Heart Association or to the Montgomery County Christmas Store. Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

Faye cherished spending time with her family especially in Hilton Head, SC, where she and Wilson watched their children and grandchildren grow up. A celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, July 23, 2022, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Blacksburg Country Club. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the American Heart Association or to the Montgomery County Christmas Store. Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

## Jordan, Kay Irene Kirkpatrick

Kay Irene Kirkpatrick Jordan, 75, of Littleton, Colo.; her son and of Radford, passed away Friday, July 1, 2022.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ruth E. Kirkpatrick and Charles H. Kirkpatrick.

Kay was a full professor for over 30 years at Radford University in the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies.

She enjoyed exploring and teaching others about world religions, religions in India, and women and religion. Kay had a Fulbright Scholarship and lived in India for a year. She became especially interested in women's roles and well-being in Hinduism and society. Her book "From Sacred Servant to Profane Prostitute" resulted from her research on-site in India.

She was very proud of her daughter's and son's obtaining their PhDs (Sociology of Aging, Family, Lifecourse; Astrophysics) and dedicating their lives to serving Americans and others in their own way.

Survivors include her husband, Philip D. Jordan, of Radford; her daughter, Anne Jordan (Kevin)



daughter-in-law, Mead and Jeana Jordan of Brookline, N.H.; grandchildren Ellie and Sophia Jordan; sister Linda Weaver (Walt) of Charlottesville; brother Bill Kirkpatrick (Kathy) of Vancouver, Wash.; and numerous beloved nieces, nephews,

cousins, and friends.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 23, 2022, at the Luther Memorial Lutheran Church in Blacksburg, (600 Prices Fork Road). The Rev. Monica Weber will officiate. The service will be live-streamed at [www.lmlc.org](http://www.lmlc.org) and recorded for those unable to attend. A simple reception will be held outdoors after the service.

In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions to the Women's Resource Center in Radford, ([www.wrcnr.org](http://www.wrcnr.org)) or to Luther Memorial's Social Ministry Outreach (in Kay Jordan's name).

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

## Kanode, Betty Lamb

Betty Lamb Kanode, 65, of Vaught, all of Blacksburg; and sister Snookie Lamb Caldwell (Doug) of Lexington.

Born on Sept. 5, 1956, in Radford, she was the daughter of Burley Edward and Dorothy King Lamb.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Andrew Karlton Kanode.

Surviving are her husband, Kermit Karl Kanode of Christiansburg; daughter Courtney Kanode Vaught (Josh); grandson Camron Karlton Kanode; granddaughter Lilly Annabelle



A funeral service was held on Wednesday, July 13, 2022, in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Sarah Hill officiating. Interment followed at Sunset Cemetery. The family received friends on Wednesday prior to the service at McCoy Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the charity of your choice.

## Lemmon, Rebecca Campbell

Rebecca Campbell Lemmon, 98, of Salem, passed away Sunday, July 10, 2022 at Snyder Nursing Home. She was a longtime member of Fairlawn Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her parents, Samuel and Angie Campbell; her husband, Robert Harvey Lemmon; sons Andrew Harvey Lemmon and Fil Lemmon; a sister, Geneva Waters; and a brother, Luke Campbell.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Carlyle and Steve Richardson of Salem; daughter-in-law Nina Lemmon; sister Mary Stokes; grandchildren Donnie,

Jonathan, Travis, Raven and Laura; six great-grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends.

The family would like to express their appreciation to Snyder Nursing Home for all the gentle and loving care given during her stay with them.

The family received friends on Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at the Highland Memory Gardens Mausoleum in Dublin. Funeral services followed with Pastor Roger Counts officiating.

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

# HOME AND COUNTRY

By Slim Randles

Doc didn't expect any patients before 10 o'clock this morning, so he was up and coffee'd and gone by 6:30. Lewis Creek. The Lunker's hole on Lewis Creek.

The Lunker is a huge rainbow trout that everyone knows about and no one has caught. So far he has resisted flies, worms, salmon eggs, spinners, and even an imitation mouse that Dud tossed in there one time just to see if the Lunker had a bass's appetite.

Fish aren't really all that bright, but the Lunker seems to deserve membership in Fish Mensa. No matter how fine the leader a guy used, it didn't fool him. Trying to figure out what to use and how to use it has fueled arguments for several years now.

But Doc thinks he has it figured out now. He has a super-fine tippet on his fly line, and he used his magnifying glasses to tie a midge that is so small that if he dropped it, it would be gone forever. Doc realizes that with that fine a line, he stands a good chance of having the Lunker simply snap it off and swim

away. But that would be all right with Doc if the fish just came and took that fly because no one else had come that close to catching him yet.

And there's that wonderful new fly rod that Doc made himself from a Sage blank he bought himself at Christmas. With that rod, he believes, he should be able to feel a fish breathe in that creek.

He was in the Mule Barn before 9 a.m., holding court at the philosophy counter, and told the boys what happened.

"The Lunker came up from under that big rock ledge, you know?" Doc said. "And he came within ... maybe four inches of my fly as it went by."

"Four inches!" said Dud. "Hey, Doc, can you show me the pattern you tied for that?"

"Sure thing, Dud," said Doc, grinning.

Sometimes there can be great glory in failure.

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## WalletHub: Virginia is state with 8th-least at-risk youth

With 12.6% of young Americans neither working nor in school, exposing them to greater risk of poverty and violence, the personal finance website WalletHub Thursday released its report on 2022's States with the Most At-Risk Youth.

The rankings were good for the commonwealth as Virginia wound up as the state with the eighth-least at-risk young people.

According to WalletHub, 12.6% of individuals nationwide between the ages of 16 and 24 are neither working nor attending school. Others suffer from poor health conditions that hinder their ability to develop physically or socially.

Such issues not only affect young people later in life, the website notes, but they also prove harmful to society as a whole. For instance, at least 70% of young adults today are ineligible to join the U.S. military because they fail academic, moral, or health qualifications. In addition, research shows

that when youth grow up in environments with economic problems and a lack of role models, they are more at risk for poverty, early pregnancy, and violence, especially in adulthood. The environment is even more difficult for these young Americans in 2022 with soaring inflation and other economic difficulties.

To determine where young Americans are not faring as well as others in their age group, especially in a year made extremely stressful by inflation and the continued presence of the COVID-19 pandemic, WalletHub compared the 50 states and the District of Columbia across 16 key indicators of youth risk. The data set ranges from the share of disconnected youth to the labor force participation rate among youth to the youth poverty rate.

The rankings for Virginia for some key indicators of youth risk (with the higher numbers indicating the best conditions) included percent of disconnected youth (41);

percent of youth without a high school diploma (43); percent of overweight and obese youth (22); percent of youth drug users (44); youth labor force participation rate (33); youth poverty rate (40), percent of homeless youth (49); and share of population aged 12 and older fully vaccinated (41).

According to WalletHub, the ten places with the worst conditions for their young people are 1) Louisiana 2) Mississippi 3) Alabama 4) West Virginia 5) Wyoming 6) Arkansas 7) South Carolina 8) Oklahoma 9) Kentucky 10) District of Columbia.

WalletHub ranked the following states as the places with the most favorable situations for their youth: 42) Minnesota

43) Hawaii 44) Virginia 45) Vermont 46) Rhode Island 47) Maryland 48) New Jersey 49) New Hampshire 50) Connecticut 51) Massachusetts.

## Achievements

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at Rochester Institute of Technology for the Spring 2022 semester. Briggs is in the game design and development program.

Full-time degree-seeking undergraduate students are eligible for the dean's list if their term GPA is greater than or equal to 3.400; they do not have any grades of "Incomplete," "D," or "F"; and they have registered for, and completed, at least 12 credit hours.

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**Radford's Nathan Cox receives degree from Washington and Lee University**

Nathan Thomas Cox of Radford received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Washington and Lee University on May 26.

Commencement ceremonies for 444 Washington and Lee seniors were held on the university's historic Front Lawn. Cox majored in politics.

Washington and Lee University, the nation's ninth oldest institution of higher education, is among the nation's premier liberal arts colleges and universities.

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# RADFORD SPORTS

## Blacksburg High School's Jake Albert wins national golf tournament

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15-year-old Blacksburg High School golfer Jake Albert is a national champion after winning this week's high school golf national invitational at Pinehurst, N.C.

Albert's 10-under for the three-day, 54-hole event was the lowest score in the tournament's history. He finished the event with 16 pars.

Benjamin Siriboury of Maryland finished 8-under, two strokes back of Albert.

The invitation-only tournament field featured more than 330 of the top high

school boys' golfers from across the country. They had each won their respective state championships as a team or as individuals.

Individual and team national champions were crowned following the stroke-play event, the fourth straight year for the tournament.

Competition rounds took place on Pinehurst's No. 5, No. 6, and No. 7 courses.

In team competition, Blacksburg finished in eighth place overall. The team of Pierce Campbell, Sean Ruan, David Zhang, and Albert shot a combined 309 for the tournament.



PHOTO COURTESY OF JAKE ALBERT

**Jake Albert of Blacksburg brought home the national championship trophy from Wednesday's boys high school golf national invitational at Pinehurst, N.C.**

## State SID's name Cole Beck as men's track athlete of year

On Tuesday the Virginia Sports Information Directors (VaSID) announced the All-State University Division Outdoor Track & Field teams with 22 Hokies earning recognition. Former Blacksburg High sprinter Cole Beck and Kahleje "KJ" Tillmon took home Men's Track Athlete of the Year and Rookie of the Year awards respectively for their efforts this season.

On the men's side Virginia Tech took home nine first-team honors and four second-team honors, led by Beck and Tillmon, as the women's team picked up seven first-team honors and two second-team nods.

Beck earned Men's Track MVP honors at the ACC

Championships, anchoring the title-winning 4x100m relay team and taking second in both the 100m and the 200m.

Tillmon earned Men's Rookie of the Year honors as awards for his outstanding freshman year continue to accumulate. The freshman from Tucker, Ga., also took home the ACC Men's Co-Freshman of the Year award as his first year with the Hokies saw the sprinter win the ACC 200m title, set the Virginia Tech school record in the event, and run the leadoff leg on the title-winning 4x100m relay team.

Several Hokies have earned multiple appearances on the All-State teams in their careers, most notably

Rachel Baxter who earned inclusion on her fifth All-State team. Baxter finished her career at Virginia Tech with the rare distinction of appearing on every VaSID All-State team since its inception in 2020. Five other Tech athletes have appeared on at least three teams: Beck, Chauncey Chambers, and Essence Henderson (four), and Antonio Lopez Segura and Sara Killinen (three).

VaSID's All-State teams are divided by event group with three sprints, two mid-distance, two distance, four jumps (including pole vault), four throws, one multi, two hurdles, and one 4x100m and 4x400m relay on both the first and second teams.



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**Blacksburg native Cole Beck had an outstanding year on the track for Virginia Tech, and this week, he was recognized by Virginia Sports Information Directors as the Men's Track Athlete of the Year.**

## Blacksburg youngsters dominate Blue Ridge Junior Golf

Call it home court advantage earlier this week when several Blacksburg golfers claimed wins on the Blue Ridge Golf Tour during a stop at the Blacksburg Country Club.

Here is a summary of the results:  
 17-18 Age Group Par 72 6364 Yards  
 Major Ewing of Blacksburg fired a 4 under par 68 to win the age group. Ewing made five birdies along the way posting the lowest round of the day, and of the BRJGT season. Ewing said, "I hit it well off the tee and made a lot of putts."  
 McKenzie Weddle of Floyd posted a score of 2 under par 70 to finish second. Samantha Skinner of Blacksburg shot a round of even par 72 to finish third.

15-16 Age Group Par 72 5903 Yards  
 Jack Skinner of Blacksburg shot one under par 71 to win the age group. Skinner got off to fast start making the turn at 3 under. Though the second nine holes wasn't as productive, it was enough to hold on for the win. Connor Catterson also of Blacksburg shot 74 to finish

second three shots back. Josh Cummins of Christiansburg and Carson Iroler of Galax tied for third with scores of 76.

13-14 Age Group Par 72 5665 Yards  
 Rocky Frye of Bramwell, WV fired a 2 under par 70 to win the age group. Frye made five birdies on his way to victory. Ryan Highfield of Blacksburg shot 74 to finish second. Cooper Hurst of Richlands was third with a score of 79.

10-12 Age Group Par 36 2474 Yards  
 Rylan McGinnis of Blacksburg shot 38 to win the age group. Liam Smith of Elliston posted a score of 42 to finish second. Anderson Lilly of Oak Hill, WV was third with a score of 44.

9 and Under Age Group Par 36 1562 Yards

JJ Robertson shot 3 under par 33 to win the age group. Robertson made an eagle and two birdies on his way to victory. Marco Beato of Blacksburg shot 39 and finished second, while Adrian Wallace of Floyd finished third with a score of 46.

## CHS, BHS basketball schedules

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Christiansburg and Blacksburg high schools have released their upcoming boys' and girls' basketball schedule with a few surprises for out-of-district opponents for this year.

The Christiansburg girls will face Staunton

River, Auburn, William Byrd, Abingdon, Northside and Radford (twice, Dec. 7 and Jan. 27).

The boys' squad will face out-of-district opponents: Staunton River, Auburn, James River (twice), William Byrd (twice), Glenvar (twice) and perennial Radford on December 7 and January 26.

The Blacksburg boys' squad has a schedule that includes Lord Botetourt, Auburn, Carroll County, Glenvar and George Wythe.

On the girls' side of the court, out-of-district opponents for Blacksburg include: Northside, Lord Botetourt, Carroll County, Glenvar and two against George Wythe.

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# CLASS OF 2022

## INDUCTEES

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# Virginia Tech's new Hall of Fame class

The Virginia Tech Sports Hall of Fame continues to grow in prestige and tradition as a pair of NCAA champions and two Super Bowl champions, along with multiple ACC title holders were selected as part of the seven-member 2022 class.

To be inducted on Nov. 4 in a ceremony at The Inn at Virginia Tech, followed by a recognition ceremony at halftime of the Georgia Tech football game as the Hall of Fame Class of 2022 are Bruce Arians, a former Virginia Tech quarterback (1971-74) with over eight years of head coaching experience in the NFL. In 2021, he lifted the Lombardi Trophy with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Kam Chancellor, a two-time ACC champion who

recorded 208 total tackles in his Virginia Tech career. Chancellor went on to be a Super Bowl champion and two-time All-Pro player.

Mike Gentry, a staple in the growth of Virginia Tech football as the strength and conditioning coach. The 29-year servant of the athletics department became a member of the USA Strength and Conditioning Coach Hall of Fame in 2010.

Dorotea Habazin, a three-time All-American who was the second woman to ever win a national championship at Virginia Tech. Habazin claimed four ACC titles in her career, including three in the hammer throw and one in the weight throw.

Vince Hall, a four-year starter who holds the

Virginia Tech record for consecutive games started (44). Hall was the 2006 recipient of the Dudley Award, which recognizes the top college football player in Virginia.

Marcel Lomnický, one of the most accomplished Virginia Tech athletes ever with two national championships and three appearances in the Olympics. Lomnický became the third Hokie to win multiple NCAA titles in 2012 with his weight throw championship.

Sara Smith, a six-time ACC champion who earned All-American honors in 2007. Smith was also named the 2008 ACC Swimming and Diving Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

## 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. New information is noted by "NEW" and updates are noted when a current project has had an update added to the listing. 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 through 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. 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) for the construction of a new entrance to Belview Elementary School have begun. Motorists should expect daily lane closures controlled by flagging forces. Work is expected to last until August 2022.

### 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:

**ROUTE 635 (GOODWIN AVENUE) CLOSURE** – As part of the ongoing I-81 project from exit 137 to 141, Route 635 (Goodwin Avenue) is closed for approximately 30 days for reconstruction to accommodate the widening of the interstate. Drivers will need to seek alternate routes as traffic will not be able to pass underneath the interstate during this time.

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 is 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.

**PAVING OPERATIONS DELAYED:** Paving operations northbound have been delayed. In addition, the outermost right lane northbound currently has pavement that is approximately 1-1/2" higher than the inner two lanes of travel for 0.8 mile (mile marker 141.9 to 142.7). Drivers should use caution and slow their speed. Message boards are in place to notify drivers. When paving resumes, it will remain during

nighttime hours, 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., for the next three weeks. Weather permitting, this paving operation will finish the project with final paving that will smooth out the rough surface.

### 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:

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.

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.

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.